



Sunflower Sunshine

CUSTOMERS with “hidden disabilities” will find shopping in Hethersett a little easier thanks to a new scheme being introduced by Tesco Express.

The village store is recognising that not all disabilities are visible by issuing special sunflower lanyards to help staff recognise customers that need a little more assistance while they are shopping.



“We have launched Sunflower Lanyards to help customers with hidden disabilities to have an easier shopping trip. These are to help staff recognise customers that need a little extra assistance during their shop, but may not feel comfortable asking for help.

“This isn’t about treating people differently, just adapting the service we provide for them. Whether it be a sight or hearing impairment, autism, chronic illness or mental health,” Tesco state.

Member of staff Chloe is wearing one of the lanyards in the photograph above. The lanyards can be collected from the till area or from a member of staff. See also page 4.

Give Us Our School Buses: Fight Goes On—See Page 9.

Staying Open

HETHERSETT Post Office will not be closing, despite rumours that it would shut its doors after Christmas.

Postmaster Kevin Salmon took to social media to refute the rumours.

You can read what he had to say on page seven.

Tories Returned

THERE were no surprises as South Norfolk once again turned blue in the General Election on December 12th.

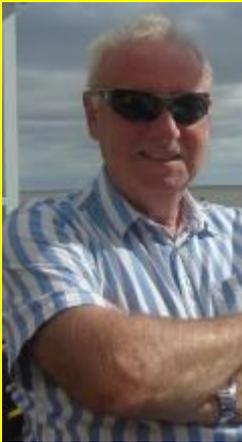
Conservative candidate Richard Bacon was returned with an increased majority as his party won an overall majority in the country.

You can see the full result by turning to page eight.

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A Message From The Editor



IT sounds like a terrible cliché but hasn't this year flown by so fast?

I always cringe when I read editorials talking about the passing of time and the weather etc. But now I find myself moving into the same territory.

Hopefully you will read this edition before Christmas really takes over and there is little time to do anything much.

Christmas for me is a time of reflection—thinking of people that are no longer with us. I was saying to a friend the other day that it would be good to make a list of as many people as we remember from our time of living in Hethersett and in particular those no longer with us. It would be a long list of people who have

helped to shape our village.

To me there are currently two very different sides to Hethersett. Firstly there are the wonderful people who make our village what it is. The people who give their time without asking for anything back. There is an absolute legion of them and they expect nothing tangible for all they do.

Then sadly there's the other side of things. The people who seem to delight in annoying others through bad driving, bad parking and aggressive behaviour that perhaps is now part of our modern society.

At Christmas we all need to take a step back and think of all the things we have and focus on all the good things that happen on a daily basis in our village. We need to focus on the hundreds of people that help to keep the village wheels turning and groups and societies running. Without them we would be considerably poorer. Just think of the things that would grind to a halt if volunteers withdrew their service. At Christmas we need to celebrate these people.

In covering Hethersett throughout the year we feature a mix of positive and negative stories and it does seem that at times the negatives outweigh the positives. This month there is a preponderance of good news, however. Just look at our front page and you will read of an innovative idea to help people with "hidden disabilities." Then there is news that the village post office is definitely staying open and that the King's Head is due to be refurbished and re-opened early in the new year. Thank goodness for some Xmas cheer. Seasonal best wishes to all our readers.

Peter

Lanyards to Highlight Hidden Disabilities

(continued from the front page)

THE caring side of Hethersett Society is shown in a new initiative launched by Tesco Express in the village to issue sunflower lanyards to people with “hidden disabilities.”

The colourful lanyards will tell staff members that wearers may need extra help and understanding when they are shopping.

It will be the first time the idea has been used in Hethersett, although it isn't new. Gatwick Airport was the first place to use hidden disability lanyards back in 2016 and they have also been used by Sainsbury's, Marks and Spencers and Argos.

The immediate response to the idea on social media was one of total support with posters agreeing that the lanyards are “a great idea.”

There are also many caring organisations in Hethersett for those needing support. Two that spring immediately to mind are the Dementia Support Group which meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10 am in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall and the Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group which meets on alternate Tuesdays from 5.30 pm in the lounge of Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road.

Meanwhile Tesco Express is holding its annual Christmas raffle and there is still time to enter if you are very quick.

This time the raffle is raising money for a team of people who would like to put on a summer holiday club for children with additional needs in the Christchurch Centre, Norwich.

Tickets are £1 and can be obtained from members of staff. The winner will take away the trolley full of Christmas goodies pictured opposite (including the massive Mickey Mouse). The draw will take place on December 23rd.

Tesco Express has fast become an integral part of the Hethersett community, regularly supporting local groups with donations. Just some of these are listed here.

In the past year the outlet has provided raffle prizes and cake donations to events



at Woodside School, Hethersett Primary School, Hethersett Social Club, Woodcote Sheltered Housing, Respect Yourself Charity and Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club.

It provided Easter eggs for a Zumba Kids' fundraiser in aid of the Finnbar's Force charity and refreshments for patients taking part in flu vaccination day in the village hall. It has sponsored the Hethersett Pantomime website and provided tubs of sweets which were thrown into the audience during performances.

Tescos also provided hot chocolate and fruit for a sponsored sleepout by Year Seven youngsters to raise money for a homelessness charity. Then there was milk, tea, coffee and biscuits for Hethersett Library Friends group for talks and other events.

The shop has also raised over £250 for Finnbar's Force from raffles.

If there are any charities or good causes in the village that would like support for an event they should get in touch with either store manager Keyleigh Dean or Sarah Lawrence.

Council Tax Rise For Village

Increase to fund infrastructure in village—parish council also to take out six figure loan for Memorial Playing Field Pavilion project.

HETHERSETT Parish Council has approved an increase in its parish precept for 2020/2021 designed to raise an additional £41,000 to help with the infrastructure of the village.

Members agreed unanimously at their final meeting of 2019 to increase the parish part of the council tax by 34% meaning that a Band D property will be paying £65.65p a year as opposed to the current charge of £48.86—an increase of £16.79 or just under £1.40 per month. There are currently 2,406 homes in the village meaning that the new rate will bring in just over £157,954 compared with the current £117,557 giving the council an additional £40,400 to spend on local services.

The proposed increase is still lower than rates imposed in Wymondham, Cringleford and Costessey and only slightly higher than Little Melton which is currently set at £57.57 for a Band D property. Mulbarton residents currently have the lowest payments in the immediate area with a rate of £39.22 but they have no street lighting.

“If we want proper infrastructure in the village there is no other way round than increasing the precept,” said council chairman Adrienne Quinlan.

Some of the money could fund a part-time village handyman/administrator post

to assist current council clerk Annette Palmer.

The parish council also agreed to take out a loan of up to £300,000 from the Public Works Loan Board to fund a major project in the village—a new pavilion on the Memorial Playing Field being the obvious beneficiary. The council is looking to take out a 20 year loan at an interest rate of between 2.5 and 2.7%, which is lower than taking out a bank loan with repayments only beginning once money from the loan is “drawn down” for a specific project.

It is anticipated that the new pavilion, with improved changing facilities for sports clubs and space for community involvement, will now cost £600,000. The parish council, which has taken on oversight of the project and is working with the playing field trustees, also has £115,000 available from housing development money and is applying for grants from the Football Foundation via Norfolk Football Association, the Cycling Association and other funding bodies.

For more news from the latest parish council meeting turn to page 53.

Footballers In Hunt For Runners-Up

HETHERSETT Athletic men’s Saturday football team are still on course to finish runners-up in the Barnes Print Central and South Norfolk League Division One.

A 4-1 victory over Dussindale Rovers Reserves thanks to a hat-trick from Sam Hanner, have kept Hethersett in the hunt, although they have dropped down into third place but have a number of games in hand on Hockering who are currently second.

Top three placings are:

	Played	Points
Briston	9	27
Hockering	12	22
Hethersett	9	21

Things are not looking quite as rosy for the Sunday teams with the first team anchored at the bottom of Division One of the Norwich Sunday League and the Reserves eighth out of 10 teams in Division Two.

Rumours of Post Office Closure Greatly Exaggerated

RUMOURS that Hethersett Post Office is closing in the New Year are simply that— just rumours.

Postmaster Kevin Salmon has scotched rumours on social media that the post office will close in February and at the same time has sent out his own Christmas message.

“Let me reassure everyone in Hethersett that I’m open as usual this Christmas at the Post Office. I have extra help in to deal with the Christmas rush and would ask that you pick up undelivered parcels as soon as possible as I’m somewhat restricted on space to say the least. Please be patient, we are working as hard as we can to give the best service we can. And I would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas.

“Please be assured that rumours of me closing in February are complete rubbish (where do these fake news stories come from?). I will continue as best I can to serve the people of Hethersett.”

News that the post office is not closing brought a raft of relieved comments on Facebook with over 300 likes and over 100 comments that must have had the postmaster reaching for the tissues:



“Rumours of me closing in February are complete rubbish”—Kevin Salmon.

“I’m overwhelmed by the kind comments from the folk of Hethersett,” he said.

Below are a sample of the comments left on Facebook

“Brilliant, hoped it was fake news doing the rounds. Keep up the great work.”

“So relieved to read this Kevin. You are greatly appreciated and do an excellent job. Thank you.”

“That’s great news would really miss you if you went.”

“So glad the rumours are false! The post office is an important part of the community, thank you for your hard work.”

“I have made regular use of the Post Office since moving to Hethersett in early 2018. It’s a wonderful asset. Thank you for all your hard work.”

Kevin’s comments came following a story in the Eastern Daily Press Newspaper quoting Post Office UK as saying Kevin had expressed an interest in “leaving the post office network subject to a suitable replacement being found to take on the branch.”

Tories Returned in South Norfolk

THERE was no upset in the General Election in South Norfolk with Conservative Richard Bacon being returned with an increased majority of 21,275 as the constituency mirrored the national result.

The Labour party beat the Liberal Democrats into second place with the Green Party trailing off in fourth.

The turnout in South Norfolk was a high 72.5% which means that just over seven out of every ten people eligible to vote did so.

It was Richard Bacon's sixth consecutive election victory and his highest number of votes ever. He increased his majority by almost 5,000.

His majorities have been—2019-21,275, 2017-16,678, 2015-20,493, 2010-10,940; 2005-8,782, 2001-6,893. The full result was:



Richard Bacon Conservative 36,258



Beth Jones Labour 14,983



Chris Brown Liberal Democrats 8,744



Ben Price Green Party 2,499

Parish Council Backs Bus Battle

HETHERSETT Parish Council has thrown its weight behind the battle to protect school transport taking children from Little Melton to Hethersett Academy.

At its last meeting of 2019, members agreed that the route along a country road between the two villages is not safe.

The meeting came on the day that parents, children and supporters came together to walk the route. They were accompanied by Hethersett's County Council representative David Bills, Hethersett's District Council representative Adrian Dearnley, a reporter from the Eastern Daily Press newspaper and Hethersett Herald.

You can read about the obvious dangers of the route on the next four pages.

The parish council agreed to fully support Councillors Bills and Dearnley in their efforts to overturn the decision to cut the bus route. It is likely that the matter will be further discussed by Norfolk County Council before Christmas.

We published many of our photographs taken on the walk along the route on a number of Hethersett-based Facebook pages and the parents immediately received considerable support with a number of people calling the current decision "ludicrous" and "dangerous."

The matter also received full coverage on the Eastern Daily Press and Norwich Evening News web sites where comments from Inspiration Trist who control Hethersett Academy and Norfolk County Council seem to contradict each other with the Trust stating: "We are pleased Norfolk County Council is reassessing the route. A workable and safe way forward needs to be found as soon as possible."

The county council on the other hand seems to suggest that the decision to end the transport lays at the door of the Academy. A spokesman told the EDP: "Following Hethersett Academy's decision to end home to school transport from Little Melton we are carrying out a reassessment of the walking route to ensure it continues to meet national road safety guidelines."

We doubt very much whether this route can meet any safety guidelines and whilst the school and county hall play politics the only people likely to suffer are the children.

Video Highlights Road Dangers

A video nasty showing the route children from Little Melton could be expected to walk and cycle in order to get to school at Hethersett Academy has been put online by campaigners fighting to stop their free bus service being cut.

Last month we highlighted the dangers of youngsters walking the route from Little Melton to Hethersett—a route that Norfolk County Council Highways has considered to be safe.

Now lead campaigner Jessica Cole has taken a video of a walk from Little Melton along the route.

“This will be what children are having to contend with from Little Melton. Not the drivers fault so no blame or vilification. Just making people see what the kids will have as a path.,” Jessica said.

The video which is available on the All Things Hethersett website shows the road covered in water after December rain. The grass verges are virtually mud and at one point a large goods lorry and a van turn right into the road the children are expected to walk.

The video can be viewed at:

<https://www.facebook.com/jessica.c.bastard/videos/10157355212510399/>

The video met with an immediate response with posters labelling the decision “crazy.”:

“I wouldn't want my children to walk on that road,” one stated.

Karen Stradling said: “This is a problem that's raised it's very ugly head before! Keep our children safe, today never really got light, it's a dangerous route (from any direction taken) especially this time of year, don't wait for tragedy before you do the right thing, give these kids the transport they deserve.”

As mentioned on page nine, parents concerned at the dangers of children walking the route took to the road themselves on December 16th to further check it out.

We accompanied them and you can see photographs taken on the walk on the next three pages.

A Walk On The Wild Side



A lorry approaches



Taking Up The Road

ON a relatively bright Monday morning, a number of concerned parents, children, friends and supporters, walked a section of the route from Little Melton Village Inn (where the existing bus picks up from) and turned left into an unpaved lane and then continued down as far as the edges of the new Hethersett housing development.

Herald Comment with Peter Steward

This is part of the route that youngsters would be expected to take twice a day, five days a week, mornings and afternoons, from next September if the school bus isn't reinstated.

To me some kind of reinstatement is what might be called a no brainer. During the walk, which took about 50 minutes there and back, we were passed by numerous heavy goods vehicles and vans, not to mention cars. As our photograph above on the right illustrates, a large lorry takes up the entire width of the road.

At times the vehicles had to stop to allow the walking party through, thus proving that the route would be hazardous for vehicles as well as the children.

We were a relatively orderly bunch of people which also included County Councillor and Hethersett resident David Bills and district councillor Adrian Dearnley. There is no doubt, however, that on their own the children wouldn't be so disciplined in their behaviour. What youngster doesn't want to run a bit, listen to music on headphones, send messages to friends from a mobile phone or generally lark around? We have all done it because we were all children once. Add this into the mix of lorries, vans, cars, diggers and you have a potentially potent recipe for disaster.



Some of the protestors prepare for their walk from Little Melton to Hethersett.



There is no way on earth this route is safe for children either walking or on bikes. Add to this the fact that at this time of the year they will be walking at times in the dark and also the mess left when it rains, snows or freezes and you can easily see why the decision to stop the school buses is simply barmy.

But don't take my word for it. Just look at the photographs on the previous page, on this page and on the next and make your own mind up as to whether you would want your son or daughter to walk or cycle along this road. County Councillor David Bills has promised to take the concerns of parents and supporters back to the county council which we understand is discussing the matter once again before Christmas. I really hope that common sense prevails and politics doesn't win over safety.



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Whole Street Gets Lit-Up



HUNDREDS of people crowded into a Hethersett street to see the entire road get lit-up for Christmas.

Games, mulled wine, carol singing and much more was on the menu as Great Melton Close and Park Green turned on the sparkle in memory of Hethersett youngster Finnbar Cork, who died from a brain tumour.

Since that tragic day, the Finnbar Force charity has raised thousands of pounds to support families with children suffering from brain tumours. It has also raised money for research into the terrible disease.

Finnbar's Force has raised the money through a feeling of joy and celebrating Finnbar's life and setting up a legacy that will help so many other children.

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Before the big switch on there was a special Christmas concert in St Remigius Church.

Great Melton Close and Park Green has never seen so many people as the Hethersett Christmas goodwill spilled over onto pavements and the road with families and people of all ages waiting for the big switch on which took place at 5.15 pm on Sunday, December 1st.



Afterwards the organisers said they had been overwhelmed by the response from local residents. The following thanks was posted on the Finnbar's Force Facebook page.

"Wow Hethersett! Thank you so much for coming out last night to show your support and remember our Finnbar at our Christmas Lights Switch On!

"We were totally overwhelmed by the truly incredible turn-out and the wonderful sense of community spirit in the air."



"We hope that you enjoyed the evening and that you will continue to enjoy the lights throughout December - they will be switched on daily at 3pm through till 11pm."

"If you have visited the lights and would like to make a donation to Finnbar's Force, please visit <https://l.ead.me/FFlights> or alternatively drop some pennies in the bucket at the Shed 7 barber shop in Park Green.

"Thank you to everyone who donated lights and money to make the lights happen, to the choir singers who came out to sing, to Tesco Express for donating some of the mince pies and to Norfolk Christmas Trees for supplying the beautiful Christmas Trees," the posting said.

It looks as if the area could become the Christmas capital of Hethersett. It certainly got everyone in the Christmas spirit.

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THE Hethersett switch on was prompted by a letter to the Good News village magazine from Freddie Ketley.

Freddie, who was a close friend of Finnbar's wrote:

"I am writing to tell you about an idea I have had. I would like to light up our street with Christmas lights for charity. The charity I would like to raise money for is Finnbar's Force. This charity is really important and close to my heart because Finnbar was my best friend since I was a baby. We met because we are neighbours and moved into the street at the same time.

When Finnbar was 5 he was diagnosed with a brain tumour which sadly took his life. Since then his family have been on a mission to raise awareness of the signs of brain tumours in children and offer support to other families going through a similar situation. I miss Finnbar every day.

To light up our street we need as many Christmas lights as we can. I wondered if you could help us please. We would like to turn the lights on at a special event on the 1st December. Finnbar would have loved to see our street lit up.

Please help us to make it SPECTACULAR so that we can raise lots of money for Finnbar's Force."

Freddie Ketley

Friday 25th October
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Yours faithfully
Freddie Ketley

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The First Day of Christmas?



YOU know when Christmas is just around the corner when Hethersett holds its annual Xmas Fair in the Methodist Church and Methodist Church Hall.

This year's event took place on the last Friday and last day of November with charity stalls in the hall and festive songs and carols in the church.

Charities represented included Finnbar's Force, Kett's Kabin, Priscilla Bacon Lodge, Star Throwers, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Norfolk Senior Network, PACT and the Friends of Hethersett Primary School. There were tom-bolas, book sales and refreshments provided by Hethersett Methodist Church.

The evening kicked off with carols from Hethersett Woodside Infants School and

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Other entertainment was provided by Hethersett Methodist Church Singing Fellowship, Hethersett Singers, St Remigius Church Choir and Great Melton Church Choir.

Our photograph on the previous page shows the Woodside Infant School choir in action. They kicked the evening off with plenty of festive cheer.



A few shots of the Christmas Fair evening. On the left one of the stalls— Finnbar's Force. Below left the Great Melton Church Choir who provided seasonal carols and songs in the main church and below right a couple of the stalls in the hall.



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Celebrating Christmas

DID you know that Schultz—the creator of the Peanuts cartoon strip was a Christian.

That is the question posed by the Rector of Hethersett, the Rev Derek McClean, in the latest edition of the village Good News Magazine.

In the December edition he writes:

“My first introduction to a serious study of how theology can interact with popular culture was the book, ‘The Gospel According to Peanuts’ - yup, the delights of Snoopy, et al, as seen through a Christian understanding. It was somewhat unsurprising, then, to find that Schultz, its creator, was a Christian.



“One of the many strips in the book is the infamous stand-off between Lucy and Charlie in his ongoing quest to kick the (American) football. Lucy is renowned for always pulling the ball out of his way, causing Charlie to land on his back. The strip centres on Lucy promising in every way possible to not pull the ball away this time, and Charlie’s undying affirmation of his belief in human nature. Lucy, of course, pulls the ball away again, and commends Charlie for having a belief in human nature that is an inspiration to all young people.

The Bible has much to say on human nature. Humans, created good by God, are wonderful. They can dream great dreams, be inspiring and achieve wonders in Art, Engineering and Science. But the Bible also talks about how human nature can be twisted. We turned from being other-centred, to putting ourselves first—that great thing called sin. This leads to the much darker aspects of human nature. The epitome of which we reflect on each November.

At Christmas, however, we reflect upon and celebrate the birth of Jesus—God’s solution to the problem of sin in human nature. Jesus, who lived the perfect life and left an example for us to follow—all for the simple price of his life on the cross. There is no greater gift. Why not join us in celebrating this great gift?”

NOTE: A list of church services over Christmas appears later in this edition.

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Gemma Willett sent us this picture of her home lit up for Christmas



BEST friends. Hethersett Herald columnist Hannah Harrison took this engaging photograph of her daughter Eva (left) and Sarah Lawrence's daughter at the pre-Christmas session of the First Steps Playgroup in Hethersett Village Hall. You can read more about this by turning to Hannah's monthly column which starts on page 57.

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THE annual treat that is the “Christmas House” lit up for the festive season at the home of Margaret and Tony Duntun in Firs Road. This year their display is raising money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.



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HETHERSETT
and District
Churches To-
gether
brought some
seasonal
cheer to a
cold Saturday
morning as
they sang
carols outside
Tesco Express
in Great Mel-
ton Road



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HETHERSETT Dementia Support Group enjoyed Christmas treats and carols at their final meeting of the year—held in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday, December 17th.

Carols were led by the church's Singing Fellowship. The dementia support group meets informally on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 am and, with a more formal programme of films, talks etc, on the third Tuesday of each month. January meetings will be on January 7th and January 21st.

Meanwhile another Hethersett caring group—the Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Support Group—enjoyed festive fair at a special social event held in the lounge of Hethersett Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road. The group meets on alternate Tuesdays at Woodcote. January meetings will be on January 7th and 21st and all are welcome. The group enjoys a mixture of talks, discussions and films aimed at supporting those who have lost loved ones. Meetings begin at 5.30 pm and last for approximately one hour.

New Year Spruce Up

King's Head set for New Year Re-opening following a major refurbishment programme.

TWO for one pizza evenings and a full range of locally sourced food could be on the way when Hethersett King's Head re-opens in the New Year

Refurbishment work will start soon and the venue could be open as soon as February if everything goes to plan.

The pub, which is owned by Ei Publicans, will be run by a relatively new pub chain Norfolk Table Ltd which has big plans to take on numerous pubs in the county over the next few years.

Norfolk Table has only been in existence for 18 months and is the brain-child of London publican Peter Whalley. At the present time, Norfolk Table runs Diss White Horse, Thurlton Queen's Head and Norwich Trowel



and Hammer. As well as Hethersett King's Head, Norfolk Table will be taking on the Gibraltar Gardens in Norwich.

Much of the emphasis at the refurbished King's Head will be on food. Head of Marketing for Norfolk Table James Neale told the Eastern Daily Press Newspaper that menus will in general be in line with company guidelines, food will be cooked from scratch on site and ingredients will be sourced from local suppliers.

Norfolk Table plan major internal changes to the King's Head.

"We want to create a recognisable brand and we'll add those touches wherever we can, for example in our colour schemes. The aim isn't to make it feel like a huge chain or like a Wetherspoons, but we want people to know they're in a Norfolk Table pub," James Neale said.

We have had a look at the menu for Diss White Horse which is likely to be similar to that provided at Hethersett King's Head. It features good solid British meals.

Norfolk Table Ltd told the Eastern Daily Press newspaper that months of sitting empty had left the pub looking neglected.

The refurbishments could see the King's turned into a 40 seater restaurant with a beer garden and two bar areas and also set it up as a venue for regular music events.

Norfolk Table have said that they recognise the difference between city and rural pubs:

"It's a fantastic location for a pub and obviously Hethersett is growing rapidly, so we want to ensure people have a quality venue close by," they told the EDP newspaper.

The company hopes to employ at least 30 new members of staff once the pub re-opens, and will extend the venue's opening hours to allow customers to drop in for morning coffee and pastries.

"We want the pub to feel like it's run by Norfolk Table Ltd, but we know there are differences between a city centre and village pub. The King's Head will definitely have its own unique feel," the company state.

Hopefully the King's will soon take on a refurbished look and pictures like those on the previous page taken in November will become just part of the past.

Hethersett Herald will keep you informed on progress made as we look forward to the re-opening of a community facility.

Hethersett En France

ONCE again Hethersett village pantomime promises to be a sell out. At the time of going to publication only a handful of seats remained for the production of the **Three Musketeers** which will run in Hethersett Village Hall from **January 18th until 25th** with **10 performances in all**.

The **Three Musketeers** will whisk the audience off to 17th century Paris with all the slapstick, comedy, colour and songs expected from what has become a shining beacon in the pantomime world.

It will be the 51st production in an unbroken run going back to 1970 when performances were held in the church hall in Henstead Road. The panto moved to its current home in Hethersett Village Hall in 1996.

In 2020 there will once again be two performances on the Sunday after the success of the idea last year. Dates and times for the 2020 panto are: Saturday 18th January 2pm and 7:30pm; Sunday 19th January 11am and 3pm; Monday 20th January - no performance; Tuesday 21st January 7:30pm; Wednesday 22nd January 7:30pm; Thursday 23rd January 7:30pm; Friday 24th January 7:30pm; Saturday 25th January 2pm and 7:30pm. All tickets are £7.50 which includes a cup of tea or coffee in the interval.

On the next two pages you can read about the group's success in a county-wide competition and also have a sneak preview of the stunning scenery for the 2020 production.



Ooh La La—We're Off to France

OVER the years the scenery for Hethersett village pantomime has transported us to many magical places throughout the world.

Fairy tale castles, village scenes, country houses and futuristic cities have all been part of the pantomime tradition and mix.

This year audiences will be taken from the cold of a Hethersett winter to the sunshine of the French countryside.



We caught up with artistes extraordinaire (note the piece of French there) Colin Wilson and Kevin Drinkwater to view their latest creation. In the past the duo have received gasps of admiration from the audience for their artistic backdrops.

This year will be no exception with scenes set in the Parish of 1625, in a French village, in a palace throne room and in a French dungeon during the reign of Louis XIII.

The duo's stand out creation this year is a massive depiction of the French countryside just outside Paris which covers the entire stage and which has taken them over three weeks of solid work to put together.

Our photograph shows Colin and Keith beside their massive work. Outside of the scenery, this year's production will also feature an illuminated working fountain and a few other special effects that we have promised not to divulge.

Colin and Keith have been able to re-cycle a few old backdrops but still produce up to three new ones for each production.

The pair admit that creating the stunning backdrops is a labour of love. Colin has been producing them since the show moved to the village hall in 1996—almost a quarter of a century ago. Keith joined the team in 2009 and *The Three Musketeers* will be his 12th production.

The duo work with writer Lloyd Parfitt and the rest of the cast to decide what backdrops are needed and then set to work. You can see the fruits of their labour in January.



Honour For Pantomime Group

HETHERSETT Pantomime Group was named as one of the runners-up in the Cultural/Arts Person of the Year category of the Stars of Norfolk and Waveney Awards.

At a sparkling ceremony at Norwich's Open venue, the pantomime group were one of three finalists in the category.

Despite not winning, chair of the group Neville Greenhalgh said: "We had an amazing evening and feel extremely honoured and proud to have been recognised as a nominee and one of the three finalists in the Cultural/Arts Person of the Year category."

"Congratulations to everyone who were winners in their category and to all of the finalists, we were truly humbled by the amazing stories of so many heroes in our community."

Reflections on a Successful Year

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club enjoyed a successful season both on and off the field, the annual meeting at Park Farm Hotel heard.

Presentations were made to Harriet Matthews, Richard Matthews, Tony Smith and Jane Morton who have retired from a number of key positions. They were thanked for their efforts on behalf of the club.

Chairman Mark Worley stated that the club's first team had "got the promotion we have been striving for over a number of years." The first team finished runners-up in Division Two of the Norfolk Alliance with the second, third and fourth teams finishing in comfortable mid table positions.

The club has developed a pathway to help key junior players and has also won two prestigious trophies as well as meeting with success in various indoor leagues. Hethersett and Tas Valley has been named coaching club of the year by the Norfolk Cricket Board:

"The success of our club reflects the work behind the scenes by so many people. The cups and trophies we have won are reward for every single person involved with the club," Mark Worley said.

Development Officer Matt Bird reported on plans to raise up to £35,000 from grants and donations to improve the cricket nets at the club's Flordon headquarters.

The meeting elected the following:

President, Richard Ellis; Honorary Vice-Presidents, Harold Kerslake, David Johnson, Duncan Pigg, Richard Matthews, Renee Broughton, Tony Smith and Peter Steward; Chairman, Mark Worley; Vice-Chairman, Tristan Hunt; Treasurer, Robbie Matthews; Minute Secretary, Helena Last; League Secretary, Damion Fahy; Welfare Officer, Helena Last; Deputy Welfare Officer, Claire Mathews; Membership Secretary, Jane Morton; Social Committee Chair, Linzi Amis; Club Development Officer, Matt Bird; Director of Senior Cricket, Ian Bryce; Director of Youth Cricket, Sara Worley; Director of Ladies Cricket, Claire Mathews; Youth Cricket Fixture Manager, Matt Bird; Bar Manager, Nick Morton; Groundsmen—Richard Ellis, Stuart Last, Stuart Cooper, David Osborn, Nick Morton and Peter Bakes.

First Team Captain, Ben France; Second Team Captain, Nick Burrett; Third Team Captain, Stephen Hayes; Fourth Team Captain, Sam Woodruff; Sunday

Captain, Sam Morton; Over-40s Captain, Damion Fahy; Ladies Captain, Primrose Rushen; Club House Manager, Paul Woodruff; Sponsorship Manager, Mark Worley.

Heidi's Spectacular Fantasy World

Hethersett's Heidi Hambley has just published her first book on Amazon. Hethersett Herald spoke to her about the fantasy world she has created.

WITCHES, drunken hobgoblins, good and evil shadows, a friendly fox with a whole host of one liners, dragons and magic crystals. Pop them into a pot, give them a good stir and you have the surreal world invented by a Hethersett author.

"Elva and the Legend of Odhram" took Heidi Hambley of Cann's Lane over two years to write—but it was a labour of love inspired by her daughter Elizabeth.

"Elizabeth loves foxes and when she was younger she wanted to have the ability to talk to animals," Heidi said. So Heidi decided to write a fantasy novel for her daughter with talking foxes and a mythical and magical world plucked from her own imagination but with many parallels with ancient Briton.

"My fantasy world is based on Old England and the names are Celtic in origin," she said.

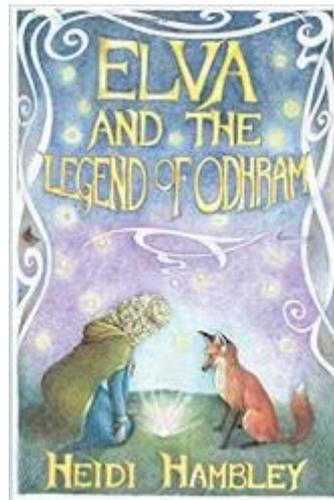


Heidi has always been fascinated by the Ancient Britons and by places such as Glastonbury Tor and Stonehenge. She has thought deeply about the meaning of

these and similar places and how they came about. So Heidi set to work on the novel which is now self published on Amazon and runs to well over 450 pages and a massive 202,000 words.

It tells the story of two girls journeying through magical lands meeting mystical creatures, on their quest to find the legendary Witch, Odhram. Their goal is to compete against one another, the winner being chosen as Odhram's next apprentice.

Heidi admits she is a sucker for mystical worlds and, with the success of Philip Pullman's "His Dark Materials" trilogy and George R. R. Martin's seven book "Of Ice and Fire" series (now better known as Game of Thrones), there has never been a better time to introduce readers to new worlds where they can escape to.



Heidi started with "a skeleton of an idea" and then added "meat to the bones" and then returned to certain sections to flesh them out.

"It took two and a half years to write the book and I tried to write two hours every day which increased towards the end," Heidi said. She submitted the book to several publishers but received a number of rejection slips (much like J.K. Rowling). She admits that having her book rejected was rather disheartening and so she self published on Amazon where the paperback book can be bought for £10.99. It can also be downloaded. The impressive artwork is by Heidi's friend and talented artist Catherine Cutts who now lives on the Norfolk/Suffolk border but who previously lived in Hethersett.

Heidi admits that when the book came out she found it "a bit emotional". "I said to myself this has been a dream for over two years and here it is."

The book is suitable for anyone over the age of eight but Heidi believes that her main audience will be teenagers. Heidi said that she has always been interesting in writing but other attempts to write novels never came to anything.

But she has no intention of resting on her laurels. She is already working on the follow-up novel which is likely to be the second part of a trilogy. She is about a quarter of the way through writing "Arlis and the Magic Crystal."

We will have a review of "Elva and the Legend of Odhram" in the February edition of Hethersett Herald along with an extract from the book.



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Hawks Presentation Night



HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages staged their Presentation Evening at Hethersett Social Club with over 50 members and families attending, emphasising the expansion of the club this season, particularly at Under-10 level.

Words by Mel Perkins

Pictures by Peter Steward

Various successes of the 2019 season were celebrated including individual achievements at club, local, regional and national level along with successes in Poland. A notable success was Charlie Lyth's third place in the British Under-16s.

The Club made a number of awards for the season and the most prestigious of these was the Sportsman of the Year and a new award - Young Sportsman of the Year for under-13s. These were voted for by their peers so the winners - Nigel Longlands and Jamie Baggaley - can feel especially proud.

Long-serving rider Leigh Cossey picked up two awards - Top Scorer and the Coach's award. The other awards went to Lola Martin (Best Newcomer), MacKenzie Loombe (Most Improved Junior), Lucy Leonard (Club Member of the Year), Henry Adderson (Hawk of the Future), Glyn Morgan (1st team Rider of the Year) and George Larter-Dixon (B Team Rider of the Year).

A special round of applause was given to Jenny Melvin who took on the role of

Hawks Presentation Night



Secretary and has taken the club forward in a number of areas with tireless efforts. She recently received a nomination for a British Cycling Eastern Region Volunteer award.

Looking forward the Club has entered an experienced team to the British Indoor Team Championships in Coventry early in January.



Presentations to the winners featured on this page were made by club chairman John Nelson.



Hawks Presentation Night



Meeting To Launch Toadwatch 2020

By John Heaser

SINCE 2004, people from Hethersett have helped to save many thousands of toads, frogs and newts from being squashed by cars during the annual migration to the breeding ponds at Little and Great Melton.

Without our help the local toad populations would now be severely depleted and, as a consequence, there would be many more slugs.

If you would like to help us in 2020, please come along to The Queen's Head in Hethersett on Monday 20th January at 8 pm when we will be meeting for a drink and a chat. There is more information at toadwatch.org or phone myself on 01603 812472. The Wymondham patrols are meeting on 21st January at 8 pm in The White Hart in the town centre.

Please take a look at your own fences and see if wildlife can migrate through your garden. Many hedges and old fences have been replaced with impenetrable concrete gravel boards. We suspect that the combined impact of all these fences is having a serious impact on hedgehogs, amphibians and even some insects! Please try and leave some gaps in or under your gravel boards.

Max Lived Life To The Full

WE were greatly saddened to hear of the death of Max Bode.

Max, who lived in Hethersett, was a keen sportsman despite suffering from a debilitating disease.

Max who was 25, suffered from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. A number of years ago we featured Max on our village web site and below is the transcript of that article.

HETHERSETT sporting youngster Max Bode will soon be aiming for the stars thanks to the support of local people.

Max suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, a severe muscle wasting condition, which has confined him to a wheelchair from the age of 13. That hasn't stopped him from enjoying sport – firstly basketball and now wheelchair football.



Max is a member of the Norwich City Power Chair Football team which pits its skills against some of the top teams in the country. Up to now he has competed in an electronic chair that has not had the necessary mobility to be really effective.

So in stepped the organisers of Hethersett's summer ball. They have donated over £1100 from this year's event and other donations from Norfolk Fire Service, Hethersett King's Head and the Joseph Patrick Trust – the welfare trust of the Muscular Dystrophy campaign - mean that shortly Max will take possession of a brand new sports chair.

Max, who is 16 and a student of fine arts at Norwich City College, played

Teen urges donations

By Lucy Knight
Illustration: Louise

A teenager from Hethersett is urging people to dig deep and support a charity which has changed his life. Max Blake, 13, who lives in Hethersett, is a member of Goodwill Children, a specialist football powered wheelchair team. Kerry, his mother, a specialist football powered wheelchair user, came from Goodwill Children but the charity took her to the grave in a recent week.

The new power chair which has a cutting wheel on the front will help Max, who has just finished his first year at the University of the Arts, with his studies and get on his independence. It will also mean he can stand and give presentations.

"It goes pretty quickly and you have an option on the spot. I had a few days to think about it and where to buy it. He also got an off-road version. I thought I would get a wheelchair like this," he said.

The teenager was diagnosed with Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy, a rare muscle wasting condition which only affects boys, when he was just four and Max now requires a wheelchair for the majority of his day. But determined not to let anything stand in his way, he is

been captain for Norwich City Football Club and competes with a team in Nottingham.

Mrs Blake, 45, Max's full-time mother, thanked the charity.

"We would like to thank Goodwill and everyone who will donate and help increase the lives of other young people," she said.

Trudi Bostwick, chief executive of the charity, said: "This special zone of support, which is not available on the NHS, is crucial to helping Max and his family in their day-to-day life, but our funds are running low and unless we get the support of the local community, Goodwill like this will disappear. We are appealing for kind-hearted members of the public who may be able to fundraise or donate to Goodwill Children and help local families like Max's. Donations can be made to Goodwill Children via our website: www.goodwillchildren.org.uk or by post to Goodwill Children, a charity for families caring for a disabled child, Marston Road, Bagenhall, Norwich, Norfolk NR11 1JH. We would be grateful if you could contact us on 01603 261111 or email info@goodwillchildren.org.uk.



PERSEVERANCE: Max Blake, 13, from Hethersett, who is encouraging people to raise money for Goodwill Children, a charity which helped him get his new power chair. Photo: LUCY KNIGHT

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wheelchair basketball for four years and was a member of the successful Norwich Lowriders team which reached the finals of a national competition.

"As my condition is progressive I realised I had only a limited time in which to play basketball. I was introduced to power chair football which I absolutely love and I get a real thrill from playing such a high speed game," Max said.

His new competition chair will be faster and have a smaller turning circle – ideal for the rigours of indoor four a side wheelchair football. It will also have a fan to cool the batteries and a special safety guard to lesson impact. There is a good chance that power chair football could be included in the paralympic games in the near future, which has already given Max an added incentive.

Max's mum Kerry is excited about the avenues the new chair will open up for her son and the additional freedom it will give him during the regular fixtures which see the top power chair football teams from throughout the country come together in Kettering for two days of competition every few months.

"We are really grateful to everyone who has contributed towards the new chair," Kerry said.

Max was also featured in the Wymondham Mercury (see the cutting above).

Join The Email Group

We currently use Social Media to inform residents when a new edition of Hethersett Herald is published.

We also post copies of new editions, along with an archive of editions from the past four years, on the website www.hethersettherald.weebly.com.

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The February edition of Hethersett Herald will be online at the end of January.

News, features and photographs should be with the editor by January 15th at the latest.

We are happy to consider items for publication which can be sent to

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Festive Season Bus Changes

First Buses have announced its changes for the festive season. Buses to and from Hethersett will be affected as outlined in the table below.

Monday 23rd December	Normal Weekday Service
Christmas Eve	Saturday Service with last bus at 7 pm.
Christmas Day	No Service
Boxing Day	No Service
Friday 27th December	Saturday Service
Saturday 28th December	Normal Saturday Service
Sunday 29th December	Normal Sunday Service
Monday 30th December	Saturday Service
New Year's Eve	Saturday Service with last bus at 7 pm
New Year's Day	No Service
Thursday 2nd January	Normal Service

MONDAYS

- 7.15AM: MIXED ABILITY PILATES THE STUDIO + GAIN
- 9.30AM: MIXED ABILITY PILATES THE STUDIO + GAIN
- 7.30PM: MIXED ABILITY PILATES. ROWAN HOUSE

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- 9.30AM: STRENGTH & STABILITY THE STUDIO + GAIN
- 6PM: STRENGTH & STABILITY THE STUDIO + GAIN

FRIDAYS

- 6PM: BEGINNERS PILATES COURSE THE STUDIO + GAIN

SATURDAYS

- 11AM: BEGINNERS PILATES COURSE ROWAN HOUSE

Coming Soon

A NUMBER of pilates classes are being lined-up at Rowan House Health and Well Being centre in the new year—starting from February. Details are opposite

A Community Snip

WHEN it comes to combining business with community spirit it will be hard to beat hairdresser Chris Ketley.

After years of travelling back and forth into Norwich to cut hair, Chris decided to take the plunge and open his own salon in Hethersett.

But this is not your usual hairdressers. Chris has put up, with the help of supportive neighbours, a shed in what was his garden and turned it into a beautifully cosy salon.

Chris' decision to open his own premises came when the landlord of his salon in Norwich (which was opposite John Lewis) upped the rent.

It was Christmas Eve, 2018, when Chris decided it was time to move on and he shut his Norwich door for the last time.

Slowly an idea began to emerge about having his own salon in Hethersett. "It wasn't a spur of the moment thing," said Chris who took business advice and weighed up all the possibilities which included renting existing space in the village.

"I shut the door on the Norwich premises on Christmas Eve and had to reassess my life. The idea of working Hethersett began to formulate in the Spring and as the idea grew I began to



get advice on costings etc. I was quite clinical about it as things began to fall into place. I asked myself why wouldn't it work and answered myself in a positive way," Chris said.

Gradually a plan fell into place and Chris, who still works part of the time at a friend's salon in Norwich, opened his doors in September and has been heartened by the response so far.

"After 15 years in Norwich my lease came to an end. People in Hethersett began to ask me to cut their hair and it has taken off from there," Chris said.

At present he is relying on a Facebook site and word of mouth to spread the word, but is looking at using different promotional channels in the new year.

Chris knows that there are plenty of men and boys in the village who will value not having to get in their cars

and travel to Norwich or Wy-
mondham for a haircut and
he firmly believes that he has
found a gap in the market
existing in Hethersett.

Chris has called his salon
Shed 7 which is appropriate
in two ways. Firstly he lives
at 7, Park Green and sec-
ondly he is a fan of the rock
group Shed 7.

“As a family we kicked
around ideas of what to call
it. We thought about Shed on
the Green but then Shed 7
was suggested and it seemed very
appropriate,” Chris added.

Chris is absolutely certain that he will
be able to tap into the “wonderful com-
munity spirit” that exists in Hethersett
and he should know all about that be-
ing a leading light in the big Christmas
switch on which saw the whole of
Great Melton Close and Park Green lit
up in aid of the Finnbar’s Force Char-
ity.

Chris’ eldest son Freddie was instru-
mental in bringing a sparkle to the two
roads (see our story on page 16).

Residents in the roads have a self help
mantra that not only saw them adopt
Christmas lights but also saw them
support and help to set Chris up in
business.

“It was wonderful to get the support of
our neighbours. At one point I think we
had 12 of them decorating the shed.”

Flexibility is a big part of Chris’ busi-
ness. He is quite happy adapting his
hours of business to suit his custom-
ers. That means working some eve-
nings and it’s not unusual for Chris to
have five cuts in one evening. Having



his own salon also gives him the
chance to organise his working life
around his family. He has two boys—
Freddy and Dougie who is seven.

“I like to be flexible as I know many of
my regulars work during the day,”
Chris said, adding that he is always on
the lookout for new customers and
would like to attract retired people who
can have their hair done during the
day.

Over many years Chris has built up his
own customer base. Recently a former
customer drove all the way to Heth-
ersett from Old Catton.

Anyone who knows Park Green (and
there will be many hundreds following
the Christmas lights switch on) will
know that it is an extremely pleasant
environment with a real neighbourly
feel to it. It is sometimes difficult to re-
alise that it is also just a few yards from
the centre of the village with good
parking facilities on the parish council
car park from where Shed 7 is less
than a minute’s walk.

There has been a lot of coverage in the
Media in recent months about the val-
ue to people of talking to their hair-

dressers and Chris has found it a privilege to get to know his clients and hear about both their good times and their bad:

“When you talk to people regularly you build up a relationship with them and you can sense when they are having a bad time and you also get to share their good times,” he said

Chris and family have lived in Hethersett for about 17 years of which 10 have been spent in their present home. In that time the village has continued to grow:

“Hethersett has changed a lot in the last 10 years and will continue to

change as it grows,” Chris said adding that he was keen to become an integral part of the larger community.

Bookings at Shed 7 can be made via the Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/Shed7BarberShop/

And for those still wondering—Shed 7 are a British Rock Band which was formed in York in 1990. They were one of the leaders of the Britpop scene. Ironically on the day we interviewed Chris for this feature the band were due to play at the University of East Anglia in Norwich:

“We might just go to that,” Chris joked.

NEWS



Neighbours transform close into winter wonderland in memory of 'little fighter'

Neighbours in a Norfolk village have called together to illuminate their street in memory of a little boy who lost his battle with a childhood cancer disease.

There are 100 people gathered for the event in the village of South Creake, Norfolk, to remember a young boy who died of a brain tumour in 2015. The boy, Freddie, was just 10 years old when he died. His family and friends have gathered to remember him and to raise money for the charity, Freddie's Friends.

Freddie's Friends is a charity that supports families who have lost a child to a brain tumour. The charity provides financial and emotional support to families who are struggling to cope with the loss of a child.

The event will include a street lighting display, a quiz, and a raffle. The proceeds from the event will go to Freddie's Friends. The event is free to attend and is open to all.



Freddie's Friends with the lights of South Creake in December.

and Freddie's Friends will be held on the 15th of December at 7pm. The event is free to attend and is open to all. For more information, visit www.freddiefriends.org.uk

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ON page 14 we highlight the wonderful lights in a special part of Hethersett with money being raised for the Finnbar's Force charity. Opposite is a cutting covering the story taken from the Wymondham Mercury newspaper.

Prince Inspires Harry Aged Six

HETHERSETT resident Helen Tyler gives us the latest news from Barking Mad South Norwich

Newly qualified assistance dog Prince, (pictured right) sponsored and named by Barking Mad Dog Care, has been officially matched by inspirational charity Dogs for Good to a six-year-old boy with autism, who in a twist of fate is called Harry.

Prince was born on 16th February 2018, with his name chosen in celebration of the upcoming royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

We are delighted to see Prince, the dog we have sponsored, go on to make such a life-changing difference to Harry and his family. With incredible support from our customers and host dog sitters, we are honoured to be able to contribute to the amazing work of this inspirational charity. I have held regular pupcake sales, a quiz night and a sponsored walk in the past year to help contribute to the fundraising for this amazing cause.



Time after time we see the emotional and physical effects that dogs have on the members of our host community, who care for our doggy guests whilst their owners are away. These beautiful canine creatures give so much to their human companions on a completely unconditional basis. It is our understanding of the benefits of dog companionship which has led us to become official supporters of Dogs for Good.

Dogs for Good and Barking Mad have been working together since October 2017 when the dog holiday specialists got involved in the charity's annual fundraiser 'Dogtober'. Following the great response to that and clear synergy between the charity and the business, Barking Mad decided to make Dogs for

Good their chosen charity to support longer term through the Puppy Partners programme. Prince was named and supported through his training and from October 2018 another puppy, Wendy, has also been receiving support. The current total raised nationally is nearly £19,000.

Cathryn Simpson, Corporate Partnerships Manager for Dogs for Good said:

“Dogs for Good relies entirely on donations to carry out its life-changing work. Partnerships with organisations like Barking Mad are important to the charity and we enjoy working with the incredibly enthusiastic team to increase awareness, and help in raising funds to enable us to change lives.

“Over the next five years, we’ll grow our assistance dog services to change the lives of more children and adults, develop our family dog services to support more families with autistic children, help more people overcome challenges in



their lives through the specialist support our community dog service can bring and share information and advice to enable more people to be supported by dogs.”

Barking Mad will be continuing to raise money for Dogs for Good to train more desperately needed assistance dogs throughout 2020, by holding local events and via their online fundraising page

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/barkingmad-dogsforgood>.

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Mystery Cake Breaker

WE have been contacted by Phil Wills who sent us the photographs on this page of a cake breaker that he has in his shed. It contains the words “Oil Cake Breaker” made by Harvey of Hethersett.

“My son is doing a school topic on Hethersett and in my shed I have a Harvey Hethersett cake breaker. We believe it was made in a foundry somewhere in the village. We think its date is 1920 to 1930. We would love to have more information,” Phil said.

Village archivist and Herald Associate Editor Gary Wyatt sprung into action with details you can read on the next four pages.

Two centuries of Harvey Businesses

Gary Wyatt gives us a brief history of the Harvey businesses in Hethersett taken from documents held in the Hethersett Archive.

THE Harvey family and their businesses have around 200 years association with Hethersett. The first mention I have found is in a Harvey family history file where John Harvey Senior, born about 1780 in Suffolk, is described as a “Machine Maker”. It is not clear when he moved to Hethersett but he married a Hethersett girl (Mary Lofty) in 1808 so probably also worked in the village from at least that date, possibly earlier.

His son, John Harvey Junior, was born in 1809 and is later described as an “Agricultural Machinery Manufacturer”. Both Johns appear in various census records as living in Lynch Green, Hethersett. It is known that for some of that time, at least, they lived in Lynch Green House, which still stands. The house has some lovely cast iron fencing bordering the front garden, which may well have been made by one the Harvey family.

Walter Harvey, son of John Junior, was born in 1844 and is recorded as an “Agricultural Engineer” of Harvey’s Corner, Hethersett. It seems very likely that this address is the same as the site of all subsequent versions of the business, on the corner of Cann’s Lane and Norwich Road.

Turning now to the various directories of Norfolk. The first and second editions of White’s Directory (1836 and 1845) list a John Harvey as a blacksmith, but it is not clear which John, although likely to be the senior of the two. The 1854 edition shows “John Harvey Jno.” (presumably meaning junior) as “Machine maker, smith and bell hanger” so it looks like the Junior John has taken over the business and extended its range. Subsequent directories expanded the description to “Agricultural machine maker” or “Agricultural implement maker”.

Harvey’s site at Cann’s Lane/Norwich Road corner



However, by 1937 "Harvey J & Co" were listed as "Motor engineers", so obviously adapting to the coming of the internal combustion engine. The business was sold out of the Harvey family in the 1940s, although it continued to use the Harvey name until closure in 2004. Blocks of flats now occupy the site.

On the previous page are photos of the Harvey site taken, I think, in the 1940s or 50s. Also below are the memories of two former employees of the business, John Lake and Brian Denmark. Note that John Lake mentions that examples of machinery made by Harvey can be seen in the Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse Museum near Dereham.

At least one other forge or foundry existed in the village during the same period, in Henstead Road, and this may well have had connections with the Harvey family. From photos taken in the early 20th century it seems this site, however, mainly dealt with horses and horse-drawn vehicles. It was closed in the 1960s and was replaced by a telephone exchange and housing, with one of the original buildings being converted to residential. Below is a document from the archives.

Personal memories of Brian Denmark

20/11/2018

HISTORY OF GARAGE IN HETHERSETT

John Harvey owned the first garage in Hethersett. They traded as Wheelwrights And manufactured a Hoe that was world famous.
The name they traded under was J Harvey & Co Motor & Agricultural Engineers.

It was later sold to Mr Sidney Back a village farmer who then in 1945 sold it to Mr Reeve who bought for his son Harry and his son – in –law Harry Thrower.

It was a thriving business with 3 blacksmiths forges. The building was a wooden Structure. The fuel pumps were situated beside the road which was then the main Road from London to Norwich known as the A11.

During the second world war the Norfolk Fire Service hired 3 hand pumps And the other 4 were electric and were kept for public use.
In the late 60's or early 70's the pumps were moved back on to a new piece Of land purchased from Mr Levine of Colney Lane Cringleford. Then a new Building was erected creating a Forecourt shop selling motorists needs.

In 1976 the 2 Harry's (as they were commonly known as) sold the business To Mr C M Watt who lived at Wychwood House Thickthorn Hethersett.
There was a new larger workshop built and the wooden one was demolished.
The blacksmiths shop was converted into offices.

The name changed again to Harveys Autos (Hethersett) Ltd and the business Continued as a petrol station and repair workshop until June 2004 when it Finally closed at a loss to the village to make way for housing.

As told by Brian Denmark *After 56 yrs service*

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Mr John W Lake.

Employed by Harveys Garage 1945 – 1996
Including National Service

I started my career in the Motor trade in 1945 at J Harvey & Co Hethersett thanks to P C Hurrell , who on hearing I wished to be a Motor mechanic said he knew of two Gentlemen who had just bought The local garage.

He arranged an interview for me with Mr Harry Thrower, who then Offered me a job. First day was spent grinding in valves on a Morris engine which gave me a few blisters.

The partners were Mr Harry Thrower and Mr Harry Reeve they were related as brothers in law.

In the blacksmiths shop Mr Maurice Howes worked on the famous Harvey hoes and other farm machinery.

Next to the blacksmiths shop was a carpenters and wheelwrights shop and above this was where the farm carts were finished off. Access to this was gained by two heavy wooden skids.

The mechanic to which I was assigned was Mr Wilfred Robinson from Norwich and he became a good friend and helped me in my career.

Shortly after starting I was joined by Mr Brian Denmark who previously Worked for Taylors of Cringleford. Part of our work involved one of us serving fuel from the pumps and the race to get there first was usually won by Brian.

The workshop was a wooden building with a corrugated roof situated opposite the blacksmiths shop with other various buildings at the top of the yard.

One room of the house on the site was used as an office and it was manned by a Mr Clifford Crowe who was disabled, later this room was converted into the M O T waiting room.

The fuel pumps were originally situated in front of the office near the roadside.

The staff at this time were as follows:

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In the blacksmiths shop : M Howes. C Perkins. G Neave. W Warnes and V Minns. In the Garage : W Robinson. B Denmark. J Clements. R Lord and one or two others which came and went but left their mark. Mr Thrower taught me the trade for which I often thanked him especially for the apprenticeship of 5 years starting in 1946.

At this time the telephone number for the business was 9 later changing to 209 and then on to the number 810209 when the business finished. I was told the business had been purchased from Mr Sidney Back a well known Hethersett family who possibly purchased it from John Harvey. Farm items which were made by J Harvey can be seen at Gressenhall Rural Museum.

Work was very varied and involved servicing vehicles every 1,000, 3000, 6000, and 12000, miles and engines were changed at 30,000 to 40,000 mile intervals. All this changed as lubricants and metals improved. One local farmer used his car for a year then brought it in for a complete overhaul.

Brian and I both did our National Service in Korea but I was allowed to complete my apprenticeship first. I think some extra land which ajoined the site was purchased in 1956 and a new forecourt was built with a forecourt kiosk and shop. At the back of the forecourt a new building was erected this was made up of 2 bays and was corrugated, later half of this was used for car sales and the other half was rented out to Mackintosh for storage purposes, and later used by light alloy utilities and a kitchen fitting firm before being turned into and paint and body repair shop.

In 1962 Spencers Garage situated at Norwich Common in Wymondham was bought by B P and the tenancy was offered to J Harvey & Co and was named Old Oak Service Station. I was offered the chance to manage the garage and build up trade I took this opportunity and was there for 17 years working closely with the Hethersett garage.

In 1976 the partners sold the Hethersett business and the tenancy of the Old Oak to MR C M Watt and the name was changed to Harveys Autos (Hethersett) Ltd. When a new A11 bypass was opened it was decided to close the Old Oak and I moved back to Hethersett as Workshop Manager where I stayed until my retirement in 1996 after 51 years service.

The reminiscences on pages 49, 50 and 51 are taken from articles in Hethersett's official archive.

Picture Perfect



THIS stunning picture was taken in December by David Bowden and reproduced with his kind permission.

The photograph was taken on the B1172 on December 14th at the junction with New Road: “We genuinely do live in a beautiful part of the country,” Dave said.

Hethersett Herald

Getting to the Heart of Our Community

And

Positively Free From Fake News

News From The Parish Council

Tracking Dog Mess

WHERE does dog mess waste go? That was the question posed by Hethersett Parish Council at its latest meeting

The council had asked one of its district councillors, Adrian Dearnley, to look into the matter and he reported back that dog faeces go together with other household waste and could be used to produce electricity either in the UK or in Holland.

Bagged dog mess can also be placed in household waste bins.

The council has over 30 dedicated dog bins placed around the village. The next issue of the parish council newsletter, expected in January, will contain a leaflet urging residents to continue to be responsible and clear up after their pets.

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The parish council has agreed to make grants to two sports clubs in the village. Hethersett Badminton Club and Hethersett Hawks Cycle Speedway Club will each receive £200.

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The parish council is to spend £738 on repairs to the village car park in Great Melton Close.

The money will help repair fencing at the front, repair signage, sort out a couple of potential trip hazards and do some re-concreting.

Members emphasised at their latest meeting that the car park is a village amenity provided by the parish council and not an overflow car park for Tesco Express.

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The council is to push for additional street lighting close to the King's Head and Queen's Head.

Get In Touch

If you have any stories or information you would like to see in the Hethersett Herald, please get in touch with us. You can find the contact details elsewhere in this edition.

News From the Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting Dates

HETHERSETT Parish Council meets on the third Monday of each month with full council meetings starting at 7.30 pm. They are preceded by meetings of the council's planning committee at 7 pm. The planning committee also meets on the first Monday of each month

Dates for meetings in 2020 are as follows:

January 20th, February 17th, March 16th, April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, September 21st, October 19th, November 16th and December 21st.

Members of the public have the chance to bring up issues at the beginning and also towards the end of full council meetings. Planning committee meetings are also open to the public.

How To Contact The Parish Council

PARISH clerk Annette Palmer can be contacted by telephone on 01603 810915 or via email at hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk.

The parish office is currently upstairs in the village hall and is open on Monday and Thursday mornings between 10 am and noon.

It is likely that the office will move into Hethersett Library in the near future. We will have dates and times as soon as they are available.

The council has a website at

www.hethersett-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

And also a Facebook page.

Screenings For 2020

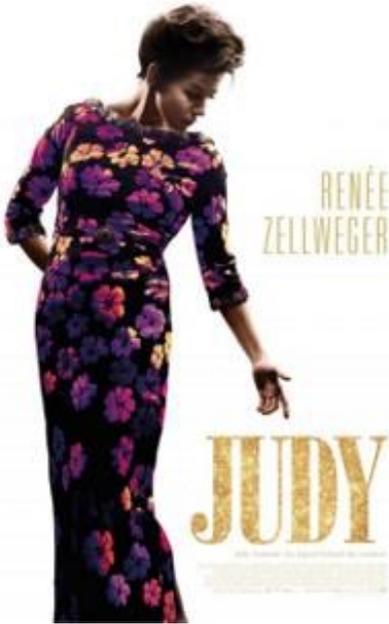
HETHERSETT Village Screen has announced its programme of films for the first five months of 2020.

The new year kicks off on January 5th with Rene Zellweger starring as Judy Garland in “Judy” (certificate 12A).

There’s bound to be a big audience on February 9th when the blockbuster film Downton Abbey (PG) is shown.

On March 8th, Helen Mirren and Ian McKellen star in The Good Liar (certificate 15) and the April offering on the 19th sees Keira Knightley, Matt Smith and Ralph Fiennes in “Official Secrets” (certificate 15). The run of films is completed on May 10th with the Royal Family drama “A Royal Night Out” (certificate 12).

All films are shown in Hethersett Village Hall at 3 pm and the main attraction is usually preceded by archive films.





A ROYAL NIGHT OUT



INSPIRED BY TRUE EVENTS

Focus On January's Film

January's film "Judy" is a must for anybody who loves the Wizard of Oz or is interested in the turbulent life of Judy Garland.

The film follows Judy Garland's career during the last year of her lifetime when she relocated her stage career to Britain. After some initial success with a run of sell-out concerts at the Talk of the Town in London, her efforts eventually stop making progress and even start to worsen due to health issues.

The film looks at Garland as an artist but also her personal life—she was married five times. One of the most poignant parts of the film sees Garland collapsing whilst singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Judy Garland died just six months after the collapse in the summer of 1969 at the young age of 47. She has since become a music icon and has influenced many subsequent artists including Rufus Wainwright and Marc Almond and many more.

Hannah's Hethersett Life

WELCOME to the latest column from Hannah Harrison—Hannah's Hethersett Life.

Weather Fails to Dampen Spirits of Litter Pickers

THE last litter pick of the year on 14th December went down well, the weather was atrocious but we still had 14 volunteers in total. It was a mix of rain, hail, wind, sun and rainbows. With the wind being particularly frosty, we didn't think anyone would join us, but we were soon proved wrong. The change of location seemed to work, lots of litter was collected and we were able to cover different areas of the village.

Hopefully, once the weather improves in the new year and once word spreads about regular litter picks, we'll see an increase in the amount of volunteers.

I'd like to say a massive thank you to Matt Knights and Prospect Handling Ltd who have been printing our flyers and posters for the past three months. We appreciate it so much and it really helps to spread the word about the picks.

Thank you also to the lovely volunteers who posted flyers with us, we couldn't post all of them if we didn't get help, so, thank you very much.



Hannah's Hethersett Life

Follow Hannah every month in Hethersett Herald as she takes her own unique look at the good things going on in our village.

Hannah's Hethersett Life

What Wonderful Community Spirit

ALONG with many, many others, my family and I went to the Christmas lights switch on at Park Green and Great Melton Close, in memory of Finnbar and in aid of Finnbar's Force.

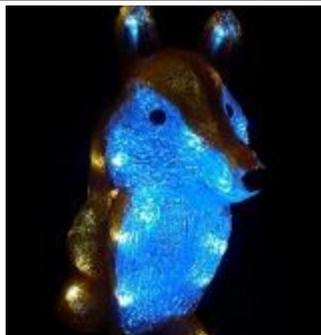
Along with an electric atmosphere (excuse the pun) there was mulled wine, mince pies, sausage rolls and carol singers. I was blown away by the community spirit and how everyone came together.



A few nights ago, we revisited the lights when it was less busy and it was equally as beautiful, if not more. It was so peaceful and quite emotional. If you haven't seen them yet then I urge you to do so! Donations towards Finnbar's Force can be handed in at Shed 7 barber shop or online at <https://lead.me/FFlights>.

I'm sure that most of you will be aware of the lights at the house on Firs Road, it's astonishing! They accept donations which I think go to the air ambulance. My daughter absolutely loved it, so much to look at! Even a nativity display in the garage.

Their dedication to putting on this display is second to none, the lady of the house even came out with a tub full of sweets for Eva to choose from which was so kind. Something as simple as lights can make such a difference and seemingly unite a village.



Christmas Cheer

We had a Christmas themed session at playgroup on the 17th of December which was fantastic. We had lots of delicious food (shortbread, mince pies, chocolate coins etc), and a hot chocolate station complete with marshmallows and squirry cream. We also had three tables full of crafts, Christmas colouring, Christmas paper chain making and paper Christmas tree decorating which all went down really well with the children.

There was a surprise for the children towards the end of the session, Father Christmas turned up! With a sack full of presents with one for each child and their siblings. The children were all delighted and it was wonderful to see such happy faces. A big thank you to George Lawrence (the husband of Sarah Lawrence who runs the group with Jade Smith) who stood in as Father Christmas whilst the real big man himself is busy in the north pole of course!

Thank you to Aviva and South Norfolk Council who have made it possible for First Steps Playgroup to continue running so smoothly and to allow us to have parties on occasions like this by providing us with funding. Also, a big thank you to each and every parent, child, grandparent and carer who joins us at playgroup on Tuesday mornings. We really appreciate it and we love watching your children learn, play and grow!

A very merry Christmas and a happy new year from all of us at First steps, we look forward to seeing you in the new year.



Hannah's Hethersett Life

Helping the Homeless

AS I've mentioned before, I've been volunteering with the Anon street team for a few months now. Unfortunately I was unable to make it to their Christmas meal on 15th December but I sent 56 pieces of home-made shortbread in to make up for it!

I've heard that it went really well, with lots of homeless people being provided with a Christmas meal, presents, clothing and sleeping bags. There was even a singer singing Christmas songs in front of the tunnel of lights (the stall just in front of the tunnel is where we feed the homeless).

You might wonder why I'm mentioning this in my 'Hethersett life' column considering it's in the city centre, but Hethersett is very much involved! Lots of you have donated items, cooked food, given money, volunteered your time and spread the word about Anon. Community spirit spreads far and wide. If anyone would like to be involved in any way then please let me know.



Pictures taken at the Church Farm shop. Read my comments on this by turning to the next page.

Mr Heckles the Hedgehog

I mentioned in the last edition about looking after an underweight hedgehog. I was nervous about embarking on another hedgehog rescue mission after how the last one ended, but I can report that it is going extremely well. Mr Heckles is thriving, weighing in at 730g (after being 324g when he came to me). It's now time to think about putting him outside in the hutch to encourage him to hibernate, or at least to overwinter him, then he'll be ready to be released in Spring 2020. I'm so grateful to the hedgehog experts that have been giving me lots of advice on what to do.



Kim Rout, the lady who brought Mr Heckles to me and who has now become a firm friend of mine, visited Mr Heckles today which was lovely, she was so pleased with his progress. Big thanks to Kim for all of your advice and for bringing him to me in the first place.

Church Farm Shop

I recently popped into the Church Farm shop where I chatted with Jake, the owner. Whilst I was there, he confirmed that the business is back up and running smoothly after the problems caused by the roadworks a few months ago. The shop was hit hard with the roadworks being right outside their doors, they just weren't getting the custom. Jake said they will never get those few months back but that things are great at the moment which is fantastic to hear. The shop is fully decorated for Christmas, complete with Santa hat chair covers in the dining area and an impressive Christmas tree at the front of the shop.

They have some fantastic produce as usual. As well as offering one free coffee per person on Sunday's in December. How nice is that? They are only open on Sundays until Christmas though. Usual opening times are Monday to Saturday.

You can view a couple of my photographs of the shop on page 60.

The Glory of Messy Church

THE Christmas messy church in St Remigius was brilliant. There were lots of crafts to do; Christmas tree decoration making, helping to decorate the Christmas tree, biscuit decorating, colouring, Play-Doh and lots more. Not to mention the scrumptious food! We were all given a cooked Christmas dinner then cakes and mince pies for afterwards. It's such a wonderful thing for the church to do and it's all free, although donations are optional.

I attempted to tidy up after the meal, but, for the second time, I was told to not lift a finger because that's not what it's all about. As much as I feel bad for not mucking in to help to clean up, it's so very kind of the volunteers to do it all.

I didn't go with my friends this time like I have the last few times and my daughter wasn't keen to join in so I started to feel quite lonely, which didn't last long! Numerous people came up to me to chat which meant a lot.

If you haven't been to messy church yet, please give it a go! It's on four times a year and very much worth attending.



That's all from me for this month, all in all a very Christmassy period which has made me love the village more than I already did.

Merry Christmas to each and every one of you, thank you for reading my ramblings and most importantly, thank you to the editor, Peter, for giving me this opportunity and for giving me a purpose.

Herald Health With Rowan House

Rachel Pailes from Rowan House Well Being Centre in Queen's Road, Hethersett, gives some tips on how to survive the pressures of Christmas.

IN this modern day and age the world seems to move so fast, we're constantly being bombarded with information - social media, news, adverts, deadlines and many other demands on our time.

No more so than at Christmas!

At this festive time of year we're spinning more plates than ever before, balancing the needs of family, friends, pets, kids work and... finances with Festive food shopping, choosing the perfect Christmas Day seating plan and figuring out how we're going to fit in all those fabulous seasonal TV specials.

No wonder so many of us feel so stressed out!

So what can we do to avoid the damaging mental and physical effects of festive stress and have a calmer, happier, Christmas instead?

Step forward self-care.

Wondering why the run-up to Christmas can stress you out So much?

Stress is a natural reaction and in some circumstances can actually be quite beneficial. Stress puts our body on instant high alert – rather handy if you ever need to jump out of the way of an errant vehicle heading your way (yes, kids on scooters and runaway sleds count), or run away from something or someone.

It isn't particularly helpful though when you feel overwhelmed by a huge pre Christmas break workload, worried about how to spread the cost of gifts or threatened by a looming Christmas lunch argument between your mum and mad uncle Bob. That kind of stress sucks. But there is good news. Self-care can help.

It's all about how we react to stress

Often our first reaction to stress is emotional. You might feel agitated, nervous and even angry. After a while that frustration can turn to feeling anxious, run-down, and even depressed.

This in turn causes physical symptoms. They may start a little later but often go

right along with how you're feeling mentally. Common symptoms of stress include:

- Feeling tense and taugth
- A sore neck and shoulder muscles
- Painful headaches
- Stomach pains, upset stomach and even diarrhoea.

And no-one wants to feel that way on Christmas Day, right?

Of course back in the Stone Age when stress was a reaction to a physical threat, all of this made sense. Tense muscles and agitation would help us run faster and fight harder if cornered by a scary sabre tooth tiger!

But today, many causes of stress are mental rather than physical, and our bodies simply haven't caught up yet. So, if left unchecked and untreated, emotional problems often manifest into physical health issues.

Add to this the fact that many of us are under constant stress in the run up to Christmas and it's no wonder that we're suffering adverse health effects.

So, what can you do to ease and even prevent stress from affecting your festive fun?

- First, be proactive and cut as much stress as you can out of your life. That's easier said than done, but even small, simple changes can help and will add up over time.
- Look at the daily events in your life and identify the trigger points. If you're stressed out in the morning because the kids aren't ready to head out the door on time, spend an hour in the evening getting book bags, lunches, and school clothes ready. If you get stressed out about not finding the work files you need, reorganise so you have everything at your fingertips when you need it.
- If you're a busy therapist who is stressing out over how you are going to fit in social media marketing over the holidays, consider setting aside some time to schedule posts in advance or investing in social media planning software.
- Get clear on your priorities and then delegate or cancel anything that's not important or essential.

Finally, take the time to indulge in a little self-care, a small but regular treat could be just what you need to de-stress in December. If you take care of yourself, you end up happier, healthier and in a much better frame of mind to serve those around you.

1 Make time for me time

2 You see by paying just a little bit of attention to your own self-care, the fog will lift, you'll feel more connected to yourself and the world around you and things won't seem quite as difficult as they did before.

3 What's more, creating a positive daily ritual helps us make the time to refuel our bodies and, when done regularly over a period of time (at least 30 days), actually helps re-programme our minds to be more positive.

4 Start by picking a time, place and activity that will help you relax. Don't be afraid to try different things until you find the ritual that feels right to you. It's something unique to you.

5 If calmness is what you seek, consider a daily meditation practice. Meditation helps us remember what's important and gives us a better perspective on life's ups and downs. It is also very soothing for the part of our brain that doesn't want to switch off and is endlessly trying to achieve or improve things.

6 Join a meditation class or download meditations to listen to in your own time, once you begin to feel the benefits you'll be hooked!

7 Need something a little more active? You might try to find a physical outlet for the pent up energy caused by stress. It could be something high energy like kick boxing or Zumba or something more relaxing like yoga or even Qi-gong.

8 Here are a few self-care ideas that might help you de-stress. Remember, it's important that your ritual is something you enjoy. Use these ideas as a starting point to get thinking.

Ways to practice a little self-care this Christmas

Free up some time by cancelling or rearranging unnecessary plans or appointments.

Take 30 minutes out to read a good book.

Run yourself a hot bath, pop in some Epsom salts and relaaaaaaaax.

Take a break. Yes really, even if you just fix yourself a nice cup of tea, and then give yourself a quiet five minutes to actually drink it!

Join a local group where you relax, chat and get support. If you are a new mum we'd love to see you at our regular Motherhood Matters pop-up Café!

Write a list of everything and everyone who has caused you stress in the last 24 hours, then bin it, burn it and release.

Take a nap, seriously, it really helps.

Give yourself permission to say no.

Meet a friend for coffee and cake or even better, meet a friend for a few glasses of wine.

Book a relaxing massage. A good massage can help relax tight and painful muscles, improve range of motion in the joints, enhance circulation and lower stress levels.

Go for a short walk, take in the sounds, sights and smells of nature.

Let go of other people's expectations of you. What other people think of you is none of your business

Treat yourself to your favourite magazine and head to bed an hour early to read it.

Actually, just head to bed an hour early anyway.

Pamper yourself with a DIY face mask.

Snuggle for a few minutes with your favourite pet. Kitty cuddles are the best!

Get up a few minutes earlier to have quiet time to drink your coffee and contemplate your day.

Take 10 minutes at the end of each day to write in a gratitude journal.

Be creative, take time out to practice your favourite hobby, sewing, knitting, and writing have all been shown to help eliminate stress

Listen to some soothing music.

On a sunny day, go cloud watching – find a peaceful spot, lie back, relax and simply watch the sky go by.

Switch off everything around you. The TV, your phone, everything, and just sit quietly and enjoy the peace.

Recognise that self-care isn't selfish. It is essential to festive season survival!

At the end of the day it doesn't really matter what you do as long as it's something you enjoy and it's something you do for yourself. Work it into your daily schedule and most importantly, give yourself permission to indulge in these little rituals. They are fuel for your soul and will make you a better person the rest of the day.

So, what can you do for yourself today?

CAFÉ Kin at Rowan House which we featured in the previous edition of Hethersett Herald is now open to the public.

An entrance door at the front of the building on Queen's Road has also been put into place to give direct access to the café.

We will have more about the café in future editions.



Hethersett Matters

WE regularly feature scams in this publication. In this edition we look at some of the latest to avoid. This column is put together in partnership with Norfolk Trading Standards and Norfolk Police.

Be aware of text messages stating that 'you have a pending Tax Refund from your council' and supplying a link to 'proceed with your application'.



These text messages are not genuine.

It is possible that several variations of this message could be circulating with different web links.

If you receive this, or a similar text message, delete it without clicking on any links.

If you require any information about your council tax contact your local council directly, their information can be located on the Gov.UK website at www.gov.uk/find-local-council.

Norfolk Police have also issued warnings to be on your guard after an elderly man was almost conned out of thousands of pounds by a telephone scammer pretending to be a police officer.

The man, aged in his 80s, received a call on his landline from a man claiming to be a police officer. The suspect told the victim that a member of his family was in trouble with the police and that in order to help him out, he would need to withdraw £5,000 from his bank account. The victim was told a plain clothed officer would be over the following day to collect it.

When raising his concerns about the legitimacy of the call with a neighbour, they both contacted the police who confirmed it was a telephone scam. No money

was stolen as a result of the incident.

Police are keen to hear from anyone who may have received a similar type of telephone call or has any information about these incidents. Anyone with information should contact Norfolk Police on 101 quoting crime reference number 36/86493/19.

Alternatively, contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Residents are reminded that the police never ask you to withdraw money or purchase items. In addition:

Your bank or the police will never ask for your PIN, bank card or bank account details over the phone – never give these details to anybody.

Neither the police nor the banks will send a courier to collect money from you.

Always request Photo ID and if unsure call the police.

If you're asked to telephone a bank, then always do it on a different phone to the one you were contacted on. Fraudsters will keep the line open and have been known to play ring tones, hold music, and a recorded message down the phone so the victim believes they are making a call to a legitimate number. Use a friend or neighbour's telephone instead.

Never download any software suggested by a caller.

Do not rush into complying to the scammer's demands/requests.

Friends, family, carers and neighbours are asked to spread the word to ensure everyone is aware of this scam and what they should do.

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As the weather gets colder it is vital if you use oil for heating that you do not become a victim of fuel theft.

Norfolk Police have the following advice:

Control switches that control the flow of oil should be turned off and the electricity supply isolated when the tank is not in use.

Purchase a good quality lock and check oil levels regularly. Many tanks can be filled with a gauge to monitor the levels that can be read inside the house.

Keep the tank in a position that is well overlooked.

If the tank is close to the house make sure you can see it from your windows.

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Above all at Christmas look after each other. If you have an elderly neighbour make sure they are safe and warm. Why not just pop in and say hello to them and spread a little bit of Christmas cheer.

Council/Government Contact Numbers

Below are the contact details for people you may want to get in touch with on village matters:

Member of Parliament

Our MP is Richard Bacon who can be contacted through the following:

Email - Richard@richardbacon.org.uk.

Address: Grasmere, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4LE.

Telephone: 01379 642097

Web site: www.richardbacon.org.uk

Facebook - Bacon4SouthNorfolk

Twitter - @Bacon4SNorfolk

Norfolk County Council

Our Norfolk County Council representative is David Bills who can be contacted on 01603 813041.

South Norfolk Council

Our South Norfolk Council representatives are Adrian Dearnley, Phil Hardy and David Bills. David can be contacted on 01603 813041 or at dbills@s-norfolk.gov.uk, Phil on 07985 695668 or at p Hardy@s-norfolk.gov.uk and Adrian on 07957139880.or at adearnley@s-norfolk.gov.uk.

Hethersett Parish Council

Clerk to the council Annette Palmer can be contacted on 01603 810915. Parish council chairman Adrienne Quinlan can be contacted on 01603 814379.

The Parish Council usually meets on the third Monday of each month at the Village Hall. The planning committee meets on the first and third Monday (depending on planning applications).

Agendas of meetings are displayed on village noticeboards at Churchfields, Hethersett Library, Hethersett Post Office, the Memorial Playing Field, and Hethersett Village Hall. Copies of minutes are held at the library or are available from the clerk. The parish council office is open at the Village Hall (upstairs) on Monday and Thursday mornings between 10 am and 12 noon.

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Website – hethersettpc.info

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Classics of Back Lane

The third in a series featuring a literary gem found in the Back Lane Book Swap. Books found during a wander along the lane. Of course by the time you read this the featured book may have gone.

No 3—Time and Time Again by Ben Elton—discovered on December 10th.

I have read all Ben Elton's books and this was one of the most intriguing. Elton has the ability to combine the amusing with just the correct amount of pathos—a kind of fiction writing to Bill Bryson's fact writing.

In many ways this is a strange but intriguing story which covers early 20th century Europe.

The main character travels back in time when no-one he knows or had ever known has been born. Yes it's that weird, but well worth the effort if you can get your hands on it from the book swap or anywhere else..

Back Lane book swap is the ideal place to get your next read from. Just pop along and exchange a book or take one that takes your fancy. Let's get Hethersett reading.

I have to say that when I passed the book swap on December 10th there weren't too many classics around and I just had to avoid "In Strictest Confidence" by Craig Revel Horwood which I should imagine cannot be considered a classic in any way. **P.S**



Herald Out and About

MANY Hethersett residents made the long trip to Wymondham for our neighbouring market town's Wynterfest and turning on of the Christmas lights. Below are just a few photographs from the event on December 7th.



Herald Out and About



Christmas at Blickling Hall



Pictures taken at Blickling Hall on Saturday 14th December.

The Scott Willoughby Column

IT'S that time of year again when we make New Year's Resolutions.

On a personal level, I try to make resolutions that are achievable and not "pie in the sky" promises that are neither realistic nor anchored in the world of reason.

But what of Hethersett? What do we wish for in the coming year and what will the coming year bring?

Let's start with the positives:

Firstly 2020 will see the King's Head re-open. We have written thousands of words about the venue in 2019 and, at times, it seemed a despairing hope that the pub would ever re-open. Thankfully Norfolk Table have stepped in and a re-furbishment programme should be completed for the venue to re-open by the Spring. This can only be good news and we really hope that the King's will once again become a vibrant venue.

Every year as I travel along the B1172 I glance to my left (or right depending on the direction I am travelling in) to view the Christmas lights on the King's. This year my gaze has just been met with darkness. Let's hope next Christmas we will have a sparkling light show to look at.

And talking about lights. I would like to express the Herald's gratitude to all those who have brightened our lives by lighting up properties at Christmas. In particular to all those living in Great Melton Close and Park Drive who have turned their roads into a winter wonderland in aid of the Finnbar's Force charity. I never tire of walking through this area on my way to the village centre.

Secondly 2020 should see the sale of the former Hethersett Old Hall School site. Let's hope it is purchased by somebody or something keen to be part of our community. I notice that the fire headquarters site is also coming up for sale and of course Woodside School will be moving to a new site on the North Hethersett development.

The last of these is an interesting development which will bring to an end the traffic chaos around the Recreation Road and Firs Road areas. That chaos has ruined grass verges and causes problems throughout the year. The year 2020 is likely not only to see the opening of a new school but also major development of the existing Hethersett Primary School in Queen's Road.

Thankfully education is one area that will be improved during 2020. Other services will find themselves coming under more pressure as village development continues.

There is no doubt in my mind that sadly facilities won't keep pace with development and that will put pressure on the health services, village parking and much

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much more.

Thankfully the parish council is moving ahead with plans to replace the dreadful pavilion on the Memorial Playing Field with a new purpose built £600,000 development that the village can be proud of rather than embarrassed by.

A new pavilion will enhance our standing as a community and provide excellent sports changing facilities as well as being a village hub.

As for my wishes for 2020—when the gloss has been brushed off Christmas and New Year's celebrations and we settle down to mundane matters again it is important that we continue to fight for facilities. Hethersett Herald will continue to campaign on issues it feels strongly about. Issues like supporting parents from Little Melton in ensuring their children are safe and do not have to walk from their village to Hethersett Academy along a narrow country road that is hugely dangerous.

Kindness—that's a word we hear a lot of today. Our world seems to be dominated by aggression and that spills over from national to local levels. We all need to be more tolerant of others and more helpful. Having said that we have been heartened this year by the number of people who have worked tirelessly to improve our village. This is brilliantly illustrated by the increase in numbers taking part in regular litter picks..

A few years ago pickers tended to be—well let's just say—of a certain age. Now younger people have come forward and families have been encouraged to take on clean-ups.

Let's hope the dog mess problem continues to improve. There have been signs towards the end of 2019 of matters getting better and of less poo being around and this is thanks to the tireless work of the PUP (Pick Up Poo) group. Long may it continue and long may people continue to realise that not picking up after their pets is both anti-social and potentially dangerous from a health point of view.

There is a saying that the only two things definite about life are death and taxes and also that there are lies, damn lies and statistics. You will read in this edition of the Herald that the parish council has agreed to increase its precept. Here the statistics become interesting. On the face of it this is a 34% increase which sound unreasonable but when you look at the figures it equates to a rise of under £2 a month for a Band D property.

Knowing the parish council the additional funds will be spent in a positive and responsible way.

Hethersett Hedgehogs *with Connie Tindale*

Experienced Foster Carers are always needed by Rescue Centres



Tiny hoglets with a variety of parasites now on the way to recovery.

THERE has been a glut of autumn juveniles this year. It could be a good sign in that there are more that could survive the winter but it is also sad as most of them will die as they are too small to survive hibernation.

Unfortunately the first hoglets that people care for also tend to die because they get stressed out by over attention. How would you feel if a massive Martian picked you up, put you in a box and then poked you about several times each day?

What do you need to do as a minimum to start being a foster carer? Well, the first thing you need to do is read everything you can about hedgehog care. Then you need a home for one to live in.

This should preferably be big enough for the hoglet to move about between its bed and its food and also for it to have separate eating and sleeping areas if possible. Rabbit hutches or guinea pig hutches are ideal.

So, now you have a hoglet and you have a hutch, where are you going to keep it? Ideally you need a spot in a shed or a garage which has an electric point in it. When you are small enough to fit in the palm of a hand, keeping warm is problematic. It can take more energy to keep warm than it is possible for a little hog to take in and maintain and so it can slowly waste away.

A vivarium heat pad is cheap and serves its purpose well. I use 5W pads until it gets really cold then I replace them with bigger 7W pads. They cost very little to buy and very little to run. If left on all the time when the weather is not freezing they can overheat so a timer is very useful too.

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Bedding can be whatever you want it to be. Many carers just use strips of newspaper. I do not use paper on its own as it does not retain heat well but is good when mixed with straw which is hollow and retains heat much better. Cut up old towels make good blankets to trap the heat in. They will get pooped on but are easily washed.

Food is easy to obtain. I do not use proprietary brands of hedgehog food as they tend to be expensive. Instead I use several different brands of kitten biscuits mixed together with a few meal worms.

It is not a good idea to give hoglets too many mealworms as they are 75% protein, have few calories and have no calcium in them but hedgehogs love them and I can see no harm in a small treat. Beaten eggs are loved by some hedgehogs but not by all of them.

Healthy hedgehogs can usually fight off most pests without intervention but when they are small, cold and hungry, they become victims to all sorts of vermin. Fleas and ticks are the worst external offenders with lung worms and round worms being the most common internal problems.

The fleas that infest hedgehogs are specific to that creature and do not like the taste of anything else. A simply spray with a small animal pest control spray will see them all fall off sometimes in the hundreds. Ticks are another matter altogether.

They are nasty blood sucking, disease carrying parasites and cling on as though they had been fixed in place with super glue.

A tick twister can help there but do not expect the little hog to help in any way by uncurling so you can get to them. The ticks on tummies and around faces can be impossible to get at. Worms can kill if left untreated so it may be necessary to take the hoglet to a vet. As it is a wild animal, many vets will treat it free of charge.

Apart from the death of one that you have cared for, the most traumatic part of being a foster carer is that you have to release it back into the wild. It is illegal to keep a European hedgehog as a pet.

When you release it will depend on the size of the hog and the state of the weather. However, it is not used to fending for itself and will need food and water providing until it can take care of itself. Lots of advice is available on the British Hedgehog Preservation Society website.

Groups and Societies

Hethersett Methodist Church

Hethersett Methodist Church holds shoppers' coffee mornings every Saturday from 10.30 am until midday. All are welcome with refreshments available. The art and craft group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10 am. Once again everyone is welcome and further details are available from Tina Greenhalgh on 810364.

The church has Bible Study sessions on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. More details are available from Leonie Pritchard on 812634.

Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group

The Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group was set up over three years ago to give support to those suffering bereavement or from depression and/or anxiety. The group is supported by Ivan Fisher Funeral Homes of Hethersett and meets on alternate Tuesdays at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road from 5.30 until 6.30 pm with light refreshments served free of charge. Members enjoyed a social evening on December 17th. The January meetings will be on 7th and 21st (see elsewhere in this edition for more information).

Hethersett Short Mat Bowls Club

The club plays all year round in Hethersett Village Hall and is affiliated to the English Short Mat Bowls Association. The club meets twice a week but inexperienced bowlers and newcomers are invited to attend the Friday evening sessions which take place at 7.30 pm. Sessions last for approximately two hours and take place on purpose-made bowling mats with refreshments served between games. Bowls can be provided. More information is available from Mick Wright on 07825 759162.

Hethersett Women's Institute

Members of Hethersett WI got together with neighbouring institutes when Andy Newman recalled his journey to become a "foodie" - becoming a food and wine expert writing for journals and local newspapers.

The group's monthly meeting was on the intriguing subject of the production of

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Marmite. John Hobson spoke of his life as a biochemist involved in the making of Marmite which is made from either baker's or brewer's yeast in what is quite a complex process.

Norfolk Association For The Disabled

By Angela Farrington

This is a group which encourages disabled people, their carers and friends to enjoy monthly social meetings and trips out. It covers Attleborough, Wymondham and Hethersett.

Our socials are held at the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road, Hethersett, on the first Thursday of the month at 2 pm, apart from January and August. Our meetings usually consist of games, quizzes and occasional visiting entertainment followed by our very well received tea, sandwiches and cake. We are a very friendly bunch and greatly enjoy our get-togethers.

We can arrange transport to and from the socials and outings for anyone who needs it.

Our outings include lunches, trips to the theatre and trips to the seaside and Drayton Players.

We welcome new members and anyone wishing to volunteer to help at the socials and on day trips. For more information please contact either myself as Transport Manager on 01603 810342 or Rob Reeve Chairperson on 01603 810440 or pop along to the meetings and we guarantee a friendly welcome.

January No social but we visit Hethersett Panto, details to be confirmed.

6th February Social at Methodist Church Hall. 2 pm, activity to be confirmed.

5th March Social at Methodist Church Hall 2 pm, activity to be confirmed.

22nd March Trip to Drayton Players, details to be confirmed.

Hethersett Parochial Charity

Funds are available for those in need in the village through the Parochial Charity. If you know somebody in need who lives in the village contact clerk to the trustees Stephanie Clarke on 811589 or in writing to 43, Lynch Green, Hethersett, NR9 3JT.

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Hethersett Workers' Educational Association (WEA)

The Hethersett branch has announced its 2020 spring programme which will feature "Art in the Round" with Fiona Fitzgerald. This will be an introduction to sculpture.

The nine week course will start on January 16th:

"Our world is littered with quiet stone and bronze inhabitants of buildings, parks and streets as well as museums," Fiona said.

Class members will be able to consider the styles, techniques and time frames to help them make sense of sculpture. The course will explain both classical and more modern works.

The meetings will take place in Jubilee Youth Club Hall in Back Lane on Thursday evenings from 7.30 until 9 pm and you can sign up online at <https://enrolonline.wea.org.uk/Online/CourseSearch.aspx> or on 0300 303 3464.

There are 19 branches of the WEA in Norfolk with the largest branch being in Norwich.

Hethersett Mothers' Union

Members enjoyed an interesting and enlightening talk by the Gambian Aid Through Education (GATE) charity.

The charity was started by Janet Clarke, who sadly died from cancer in July. It is hoped that the work of GATE will continue without Janet. The charity began when Janet and her husband were moved by living conditions and hardships of the local people. For many years they collected provisions, clothing and vital necessities and delivered them to various villages in the Gambia. A number of runs were made each year.

The charity has been able to supply school uniforms and much more including building materials for new wells for fresh water. Now the charity is looking for volunteers to continue its work.

Probus Club

Paddy Ainsty visited Probus Club to talk about Norfolk Railways, with particular focus on the Mid Norfolk Railway which was closed to regular traffic as part of the Beeching cuts in 1969, but which is now back operating thanks to the work of an army of volunteers.

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Preservation began in 1974 and the line was re-opened in the 1990s by the Mid Norfolk Railway Preservation Trust, a non profit organisation. Today the railway does a 22 mile round trip and runs from February to October. There are also special themed rides including the Polar Express in November and December. In the summer there are fish and chip specials and also events featuring jazz and folk music.

Hethersett Art Group 'Paint with Us'

By Ann Wright

The group meets on Thursdays from 1.30 to 4 pm in the Village Hall, Back Lane.

The group was formed in 2003 with 13 members. It has gone from strength to strength, now having over 30 members. About 15 members come each week from Hethersett and surrounding villages.

An annual exhibition of the artists' work is held in the autumn with no one under any obligation to exhibit their paintings, cards or small sculptures.

Artists of all abilities are welcome from beginners to experienced artists.

There is no formal tuition. We encourage each other and members are always willing to give help when asked.

The first session is free for new members. Contact email is suefhope@gmail.com or come on a Thursday to see if you would like to join us. Membership is payable on a six monthly basis to cover the cost of hiring the hall and miscellaneous expenses.



A very merry Christmas and prosperous New Year to all our readers—new and old. We look forward to serving the community in 2020.

Hearing Awareness

HETHERSETT was one of 27 centres across East Anglia that took part in Norfolk Hearing Care Month.

It was all part of the Hearing Care Centre's awareness month.

Norfolk audiologist Simon Myhill of the Hearing Care Centre travelled over 130 miles between special events held in Attleborough, Aylsham, Dereham, Harleston, Hethersett, Hoveton, Norwich and Watton.



Simon and his team carried out complimentary hearing assessments and ear health checks on 216 ears and offered expert advice to lead attendees on the path to better hearing.

Hearing loss affects one in six people in the UK and it takes 10 years on average before those who have noticed a loss in their hearing choose to seek help. Research has also proven that other than a reduced quality and experience of life, hearing loss can also lead to cognitive decline resulting in conditions such as depression and dementia.

Karen Finch, founder and lead audiologist at The Hearing Care Centre said "Hearing health is so important, without it our experience of the world around us and our general health would be severely impacted. I applaud everyone who took advantage of this chance to have their hearing tested and ensure they are hearing to their full potential."

For those who may have missed out on this awareness drive, The Hearing Care Centre is now offering half price hearing assessments at all 27 of its centres to enable everyone to improve their hearing in time for Christmas.

To find out more, visit hearingcarecentre.co.uk/mostwonderfultime or call 0800 096 2637 and quote 'HPXMAS19'.

The Hearing Care Centre has centres in: Ipswich, Aldeburgh, Attleborough, Aylsham, Beccles, Bury St Edmunds (2), Carlton Colville, Dereham, Eye, Felixstowe, Framlingham, Hadleigh, Halesworth, Harleston, Hethersett, Hoveton, Ipswich East, Needham Market, Norwich, Southwold, Stowmarket, Sudbury, Thetford, Watton, Wickham Market and Woodbridge.

Where To Eat In Hethersett

Church Farm Shop and Tea Rooms -

Norwich Road (B1172). Telephone 01603 814151

Open Mondays to Saturdays 9 am to 5 pm. Closed on Sundays.

Janey's Village Café -

32A Mill Road. Telephone 01603 811234. e-mail - janeyd11@yahoo.co.uk.

Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday 8 am to 3 pm.
Friday and Saturday 8 am to 5 pm.

Hethersett Queen's Head -

12 Norwich Road. Telephone 01603 810226.

Food served Monday to Thursday 11.45 am to 2 pm (lunch) and 6-8.30 pm (evening meal). Friday and Saturday 11.45 am to 2.15 pm and 5.30 to 9.30 pm. Sunday carvery sittings at midday and 2 pm. Evening meals 5 to 8.30 pm.

Park Farm Hotel

On the B1172 at Hethersett. NR9 3DL. Telephone 01603 810264. e-mail enq@parkfarm-hotel.co.uk.

Park Farm is a luxury country hotel with spa and fitness facilities and a number of places to eat throughout the day. For more information visit their website at <https://www.parkfarm-hotel.co.uk>.

Café Kin

Rowan House, Queen's Road, Hethersett.

The latest edition to Hethersett coffee culture, Café Kin is part of the Rowan House Health and Well Being complex on Queen's Road. Food and coffee served during the day from 8 am until 2.45 pm Mondays to Fridays.

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You will also find a variety of eating outlets close to the Thickthorn Services area off the B1172. These are technically in Hethersett, although they are two miles from the village centre.

Outlets include Greggs, Burger King, Subway and McDonalds and there is also a petrol station and Travelodge.

Early in the new year Hethersett King's Head is due to re-open with the emphasis on food.

Christmas Quiz 2019

Associate Editor Roger Morgan set this quiz. See how many of the questions you can answer. Answers are on the last page of this edition. No peeking.

Round 1 – All about Christmas

1. Alphabetically, which of Santa's reindeer comes first?
2. Driving Home for Christmas, was written during a car journey back to which town?
3. In the novel A Christmas Carol, which is the first ghost to visit Scrooge?
4. What stick would you put into a mulled wine?
5. How many drummers drummed?
6. Who wrote the Band Aid song 'Do They Know It's Christmas'?
7. In the Christmas song 'Let it Snow' what has happened to the lights?
8. Which wordless children's picture book by Raymond Briggs was first published in 1978?
9. In the song Christmas Alphabet what does the letter C stand for?
10. La Noche Buena refers to which time over the Christmas period in Spain?

Round 2 – The Year 2019

1. In June who became the first Australian woman (pictured opposite) in 42 years to reach the number one tennis ranking?
2. The 10 millionth of which car was produced in July in its 60th anniversary year in Oxford?
3. Who was the first guest editor in 103 years of UK Vogue for the September edition?
4. The wife of a famous politician, whose biography 'Becoming' sold over 10 million copies according to its publisher?
5. In February who became the oldest man to manage a Premiership Football Club?
6. The 2019 Eurovision Song Contest was held in which city?
7. Which British actress won the Best Actress award at the 2019 Os-

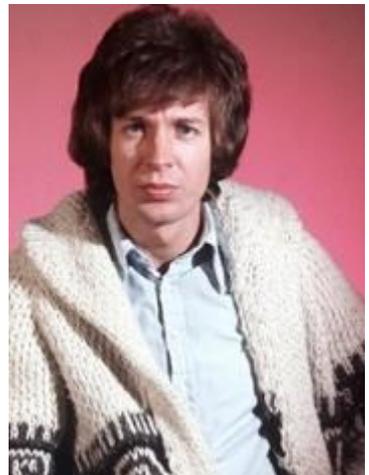


cars?

8. In August whose 'Divide' tour became the most attended and highest grossing tour in history after 893 days on the road?
9. In July who did defending champions, the USA, defeat in the final of the FIFA Women's World Cup?
10. Where was climbing banned in October 2019?

Round 3 – Gone but not forgotten. Identify these people who sadly passed away in 2019.

1. Film leading lady who died in May at the age of 97, starred in the title role of Calamity Jane.
2. Racing pundit known for his large deerstalker hat, sideburns, and brightly coloured matching suits.
3. English drummer and a co-founder of the rock band Cream who died in October.
4. Perhaps best known for playing Battery Sergeant Major Williams in the sitcom *It Ain't Half Hot Mum*.
5. Served as Prime Minister of Australia and Leader of the Labor Party from 1983 to 1991 died in May.
6. Arguably the best comedian of his generation whose long stand up shows were legendary.
7. This spiky haired chef died suddenly in Dubai, he was known for his love of British cuisine.
8. One of the greatest goalkeepers of all time, and was named FIFA Goalkeeper of the Year on six occasions.
9. He was creative director of the French fashion house Chanel a position which he held from 1983 until his death in February.
10. Born Noel Scott Engel, he had huge success with "Make It Easy on Yourself" (see picture opposite).



Answers on back page

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Thank you to everyone that has contributed to this edition of Hethersett Herald. If you have enjoyed reading this e-magazine please pass on details to friends and relatives so that we can increase our readership.

Hethersett Herald What's On

The following are just some of the regular events taking place in Hethersett. If you have an event you would like to see featured in Hethersett Herald, please send details including its date, time and venue to the following email address:

petersteward@lineone.net

Regular Events:

Hethersett Croquet Club meets on the Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm on Wednesday and Saturdays during the summer.

Hethersett Methodist Church Art and Craft Group meets in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am on Wednesdays. Further details available from Tina Greenhalgh on 01603 810364.

Hethersett Table Tennis Club meets in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 7 pm on Fridays.

Hethersett Methodist Church Shoppers' Coffee takes place on Saturdays from 10.30 am until midday.

First Steps pre-school Group meets in Hethersett Village Hall on Tuesdays from 10 am during school term time.

The Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meets in the lounge of Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex from 5.30 to 6.30 pm on alternate Tuesdays. All welcome, light refreshments available free of charge.

Hethersett Dementia Support Group's monthly café takes place in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am until midday every third Tuesday. There is also a social morning meeting on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 until 11.30 am.

Hethersett Short Mat Bowls Club plays two sessions each week in Hethersett Village Hall. The first is on Tuesday afternoons from 2.15 pm for a 2.30 pm start and the second is on Friday evenings at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

On the next page we have a list of just some of the events taking place in the village in January.

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January

Sunday 5th—Hethersett Village Screen presents Judy. Hethersett Village Hall, 3 pm.

Tuesday 7th—Hethersett Dementia Support Group informal coffee event, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

Tuesday 7th—Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group, Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex, Firs Road, 5.30 pm

Wednesday 8th—Friends of Hethersett Library meeting, Hethersett Library, 6 pm.

Monday 13th—Start of Alpha Course. For more details see the next page.

Wednesday 15th—Hethersett and District Horticultural Society—The How Hill Trust with Simon Partridge. Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 15th—Hethersett and Meltons' Sports Association (HAMSA) annual meeting. Park Farm Hotel 7 pm.

Monday 20th—Hethersett Parish Council meeting. Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm. Preceded by planning committee meeting at 7 pm.

Monday 20th—Toadwatch meeting, Hethersett Queen's Head, 8 pm.

Tuesday 21st—Hethersett Dementia Support Group monthly care, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10 am.

Tuesday 21st—Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group, Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex, Firs Road, 5.30 pm.

Monday 27th—Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm. Yeats' County with Grania Newton.

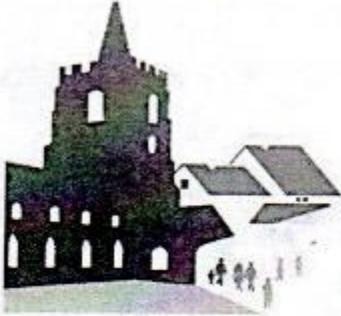
If you have an event you would like featured in Hethersett Herald's What's On section please send details to the editor at petersteward@lineone.net.

Coming In 2020

The re-formed Hethersett Players will be presenting their take on VE Day to celebrate the 75th anniversary. We will have more details of this and parish council led celebrations in future editions of Hethersett Herald.



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MAKING JESUS KNOWN

Life – is this it?

You are invited to join
us for our Alpha
Course.

When: Mondays
Time: 7:00 pm
Where: Sandra's
At: 5 Malthouse Rd.

Starting: 13th January

*For all who want to explore the
meaning of life, and know more
about Jesus and Christianity*

RSVP by 28th December

For more info, and to provide
dietary needs, contact Rev. Derek
on revdmac@gmail.com

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CHURCH Services in Hethersett, Great Melton and Little Melton over the Christmas period are as follows

Sunday 1st	10.00	Morning Worship	Methodist Church
Tuesday 24th	15.30	Crib Service	Little Melton
	15.00	Quiet Communion	Methodist Church
	16.00	Christingle	Methodist Church
	16.00	Crib Service	St Remigius
	18.30	Carols and Communion	Great Melton
	23.30	Midnight Communion	St Remigius
Christmas Day	09.30	All age family communion	St Remigius
	09.30	All age family communion	Little Melton
	10.30	Christmas Day Celebration	Methodist Church
Sunday 29th	10.00	Morning Worship	Methodist Church
	10.30	United Benefice Communion	Great Melton

There are a number of changes to refuse collections over the Christmas period and these are outlined below. Please note there will be no collection of garden waste bins from 25th December to 3rd January.

Usual Collection Day	Revised Collection Day	Change
Wednesday 25th December	Friday 27th December	Two days late
Thursday 26th December	Saturday 28th December	Two days late
Friday 27th December	Monday 30th December	Three days late
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Wednesday 1st January	Thursday 2nd January	One day late
Thursday 2nd January	Friday 3rd January	One day late
Friday 3rd January	Saturday 4th January	One day late

Hethersett Social Club



Coming attractions at Hethersett Social Club include the following:

Christmas Eve 24th December - Family Disco 4-8 pm

New Years Eve 31st December—Party night disco 7 pm to 1 am.

The club will also be showing Norwich City's home Premier Division match against Tottenham on December 28th (kick off 5.30 pm) and the home game against Crystal Palace on January 1st (kick off 5.30 pm).

Club Opening Hours

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - 7 pm to 11 pm

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Thursday - 7 pm to 11 pm

Friday - 5 pm to 11.30 pm

Saturday - 12 pm to 12 am

Sunday - 12 pm to 6 pm

For more information on club activities telephone 01603 811195 or visit the official website at:

www.hethersettsocialclub.co.uk/

Details of Christmas opening times are on the next page.



CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER	CLOSED
TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS EVE)	12.00PM - 11.00PM
WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS DAY)	11.30AM - 1.30PM
THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER (BOXING DAY)	CLOSED
FRIDAY 27TH DECEMBER	5.00PM - 11.30PM
SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER	12.00PM - 12.00AM
SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER	12.00PM - 6.00PM
MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER	CLOSED
TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER (NEW YEARS EVE)	12.00PM - 2.30PM 7.00PM - 1.00AM
WEDNESDAY 1ST JANUARY	2.00PM - 6.00PM

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO
ALL OUR MEMBERS FROM
SUE, IAN AND ALL THE BAR STAFF

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Time For That Quizzical Look

LOOKING ahead to the Spring, Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Bowls Club is organising a quiz on Friday, March 6th, from 7.30 pm for an 8 pm start.

The club is looking for teams of up to eight for the event in Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club Hall in Back Lane. Cost is £8 per person which includes a buffet. Tickets are available from Ron Butcher on 01603 813096.

Still on the theme of quizzes, the Friends of Hethersett Library will be holding one in Hethersett Village Hall in February. We will have more details of this in the next edition of Hethersett Herald.

WE are looking to improve and expand our groups and societies section. If you would like your organisation to be featured in Hethersett Herald please contact the editor via e-mail at petersteward@lineone.net.

Reports of events and meetings can also be sent to the above email address.

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Blooming Marvellous Time Ahead

IT could be a blooming marvellous 2020 in Hethersett with the village's participation in a well loved and highly colourful competition.

A small group has formed to enter Hethersett into the Britain in Bloom competition.

"We have some ideas already on three areas on which to concentrate our efforts. But we would welcome more people onto our steering committee. It's not essential to have gardening knowledge or experience. We want people who care about the environment of Hethersett and want to improve it," said one of the organisers Sue Cullum.

If you are interested, please email Sue at suecullum74@gmail.com.

Have You Missed an Edition?

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The Changing Face of Back Lane



Development in the Back Lane area of the village continues at a rapid rate and above the new primary school is beginning to take shape.

On the left is the new building on Hethersett Academy Land.

News From Hethersett Library

Library Opening Hours

The library will be staffed on the following days and times:

Monday: 1.30-7 pm

Tuesday: Open Access Only

Wednesday: 11 am - 7 pm

Thursday: 1.30-7 pm

Friday: 1.30-7 pm

Saturday: 11 am-4 pm

Sunday: Open Access Only



Open Library Users who have had their library cards activated for open access will now be able to gain entry to the building from 8 am until 7 pm every weekday and from 8 am until 4 pm on Saturdays and from 10 am until 4 pm on Sundays.

During Open Library Hours when the building isn't staffed residents will be able to return and borrow books, use computers but won't be able to borrow CDs or DVDs.

The poster on page gives an overview of coming events in Hethersett Library for December.

Hethersett Parish Council will soon have its own office in the library. Plans are now at an advanced state to provide a parish office for the public within the building.

We will let you know when this is up and running.

You will also find details of the latest meeting and coming events of the Friends of Hethersett Library elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

The traditional children's party scheduled for December 7th had to be cancelled due to lack of ticket sales.

Talks, presentations and games afternoons are just some of the events being lined-up by the Friends of Hethersett Library for 2020.

A games afternoon is being organised on the first Friday of each month. A whole host of games from chess and draughts to well known board games will be available and it's just 50p to take part.

Looking further forward the group will be organising a quiz in the village hall on February 29th, 2020. Tables of up to eight will be taking part and the cost will be £7 per person.

Events at Hethersett Library

January 2020

- Knit & Natter: Mon 13th, 20th & 27th 14:00-16:00
- Baby Bounce and Rhyme: Mon 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th 14:00-14:30
- Colour me Calm: Weds 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th 11:00-12:00
- Lego Club: Fri 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st 3:15-4:15
- Games Afternoon: Fri 3rd 2:30-4:30
- Learn My Way Computer Course: Weds 22nd 11-12:30

This Month Our Book Group Read "And the Mountains Echoed" by Kahled Hosseni.

Copies of this will be available in the library from 10th January alongside reviews and books by similar authors.

See staff at your local library for details,
visit www.library.norfolk.gov.uk or call 0344 800 8020



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Quiz Answers

Answers to our special Christmas quiz set by Roger Morgan.

Answers to our special quiz on pages 85 and 86.

Round 1- All about Christmas

1. Blitzen
2. Middlesbrough
3. Jacob Marley
4. Cinnamon stick
5. 12 drummers
6. Midge Ure and Bob Geldof
7. They've been 'turned down low'
8. The Snowman
9. C is for candy (trimmed around the Christmas tree)
10. Christmas Eve



Round 2 The Year 2019

1. Ashleigh Barty
2. The Mini
3. The Duchess of Sussex - Meghan Markle
4. Michelle Obama
5. Roy Hodgson
6. Tel Aviv
7. Olivia Colman
8. Ed Sheeran
9. The Netherlands
10. Uluru (Ayers Rock) Australia

Round 3 – Gone but not forgotten

1. Doris Day
2. John McCririk
3. Ginger Baker
4. Windsor Davies
5. Bob Hawke
6. Ken Dodd
7. Gary Rhodes
8. Gordon Banks
9. Karl Lagerfeld
10. Scott Walker