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Hethersett's Sparkling Night



IT was a sparkling night for Hethersett at the annual South Norfolk Community Awards.

Tristan Cork won the Special Recognition Award for his work with the Finnbar Force charity and Hethersett Pantomime Group was named Community Fundraiser of the Year.

It was also a special night for Wymondham's Tony Vale who is a member of Hethersett Writers' Group and has close links with our village. He was named Volunteer of the Year.

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Welcome to the latest edition of Hethersett Herald. Once again we hope that it reflects the diversity of the village and looks at just a fraction of what is going on. A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition. If you have any news or features about the village please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

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Top District Awards on Sparkling Evening

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IT was a proud evening as Hethersett individuals and groups stepped up to receive top awards from South Norfolk Council.

Tristan Cork was given a special surprise recognition award for (in the words of the judges) his “exceptional work in creating the charity Finnbar’s Force in memory of his son” and raising thousands of pounds to support children and families and research into childhood brain tumours.

The community fundraiser award went to Hethersett Pantomime Group which has been in existence for 50 years. The judges said: “The group started 50 years ago and has been producing and delivering professional family friendly panto every year and raising over £120,000 for good causes. “

Tony Vale (pictured above) was named Volunteer of the Year. Tony is the founder of Lemon Day in Wymondham, now an annual event to raise money for charity. The judges said: “Tony is passionate about the local community and is regularly seen in and around Wymondham.” Tony is a member of Hethersett Writers’ Group and an accomplished playwright. He is also a supporter of Hethersett Library and other village groups.

In our photographs on the front page - Tristan Cork receives his award on the left and on the right Barry Foster and Neville Greenhalgh receive the award on behalf of Hethersett Pantomime Group.

See also - Five year old Finlay fights tumour (page four) and Scott Willoughby’s column on page 53.



Finley's Successful Fight For Health



Pictured are Tristan Cork (in white t-shirt) with Mike and Holly Taylor, with Finley on the right and his brother Max on the left.

ON our front page we report on a special award given to Hethersett's Tristan Cork in recognition of his outstanding work in setting up the Finnbar Force Charity which we have covered extensively in the Herald.

Tristan's work to make people aware of childhood brain tumours and raise funds to support youngsters and families has been a perfect example of exceptional and selfless service.

Recently on the Finnbar Force Facebook page there was a heart-warming story of another Hethersett youngster who thankfully looks like making a full recovery from a brain tumour.

Tristan Cork takes up the story:

“We were absolutely delighted to be joined at our Jedi Walk by the Taylor family.

“When we held last year’s Jedi Walk, the family were blissfully unaware of our charity and the terrifying world surrounding the diagnosis of a brain tumour.

“But just a few month's later, five-year-old Finley became unwell, suffering with episodes of headaches and vomiting. After several visits to the GP, and worsening symptoms, he was eventually sent for an MRI scan at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. The scan revealed every parent's nightmare - he had a brain tumour - a large 8 cm mass in his cerebellum.

“A friend of the family contacted Finnbar's Force and we were able to offer some support throughout his initial investigations and treatment.

“Unbelievably, Finley was not only the same age as our Finnbar when diagnosed, but the family live in the same village and he attends the same school that Finnbar did.

“Fortunately Finley's tumour was a low grade tumour which was not aggressive and was operable - after emergency surgery to remove the whole tumour, Finley's prognosis is excellent. However, he suffered from the damage the tumour and the surgery caused and has needed extensive physiotherapy to get back on his feet - it's been a long journey for him and the whole family but it was great to see him running around and enjoying himself at the Jedi Walk - he was even able to show off his footballing skills to me.

“Being able to support families like the Taylors is what makes all the hard work fundraising and organising events worthwhile for us. Hopefully we can do even more to help families in the future, with your help in raising the huge amounts of money needed to do so.”

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.



Marathon Cycle Challenge

Four members of Norwich Amateur Bike Club took part in the huge challenge of cycling 300 miles in 24 hours to raise money for the Hethersett-based Finnbar's Force charity.

The ride took them across Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire. They set off from Hethersett on Saturday, 15th June, and arrived back on Sunday afternoon to correspond with the Force's Tour De Fox sportive cycle event.

The riders were welcomed home by a 'Finish Line Festival' at Hethersett Village Hall which included a barbecue, children's games, music and much more.

Pictured above are the intrepid cyclists (left to right) -Roy Websdale, Richard Penska, Andy Blackwell and Tony Goodall.

The day raised almost £3,000 for the charity and prompted the following message on the Finnbar Force Facebook page.

"Thank you so much to everyone that participated in our Tour de Fox - Father's Day Fifty and Fox 25 Cycle Event and the finish line festival - the riders, their supporters and families, all of our wonderful volunteers and all that turned out to make the festival a huge success. We had a truly fantastic turn out for the rides, with over 100 riders out on the day. Thanks to everybody's amazing support, the event has raised just under £3000."

The Future of Thickthorn Junction

MAJOR improvements and development of the Thickthorn interchange are necessary to stop the junction deteriorating in the future due to increased traffic and housing growth.

That is the view of Highways England which, in June, held a series of public consultation events to put forward plans for the future. Consultation events were held in Hethersett Village Hall, Ketteringham Village Hall and also at Cringleford and Wymondham. Displays of the plans are also available at Hethersett Library, North Wymondham Community Centre, the Willow Centre at Cringleford, Norwich Millenium Library, Norwich City Hall and Norfolk County Hall until the beginning of July.

“Studies have identified the unsuitability of the current junction layout to accommodate journeys between the A11 northbound to the A47 eastbound carriageway and the A47 westbound to the A11 southbound carriageway.

“This is predicted to worsen in the future years due to the growth in both traffic and large local residential development along the A11 corridor to the South West of Norwich,” Highways England states.

It is claimed that improvements will “reduce congestion, improve reliability of journey times and provide capacity for future traffic growth.” It will also “improve resilience of the road in coping with incidents such as collisions, breakdown and maintenance.”

Highways England also claims that the improvements will “improve road safety, protect the environment and provide a safer route between local communities for cyclists, walkers, horse riders and non motorist groups.

The “improvements” are part of a £15 billion programme of work nationwide: “The A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction improvement scheme is a critical part of this investment and will improve access to Norwich and journeys between Thetford and Great Yarmouth.

A previous consultation process was held two years ago when concerns were expressed about severing the existing access for Cantley Lane South, so a new underpass was suggested under the A47 to reconnect Cantley Lane South and Cantley Lane.

The investment also includes dualling sections of the A47 from North Tuddenham to Easton and Blofield to North Burlingham. The Thickthorn junction has been designated as a “Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.”

The consultation period runs until July 11th and comments can be made online at www.highwaysengland.co.uk/A47Thickthorn or by post to Freepost

So What Is The Latest Proposal?

ACCORDING to Highways England the proposals are:

“To build two new single lane free-flowing link roads connecting: the A11 northbound to A47 eastbound via three underpasses (under the A11, the A47 westbound and the A47 eastbound) the A47 westbound to A11 southbound.

Make improvements to the junction:

Introduce new traffic lights on the approach to the junction from the B1172 incorporating a 4th lane on the southern section of the roundabout.

To close the Cantley Lane South connections to the A11 and A47 as part of the works and introduce a new link road to connect Cantley Lane South with the B1172 to the north. This will require the construction of two new overbridges.

Make provision for walking, cycling and horse riding along the new Cantley Lane link road to provide access to local amenities as well as a link to other recreational routes. The existing Cantley Lane stream and nearby access track will be realigned to the west. This will require an extension of the existing stream culvert and provision of a new stream culvert underneath Cantley Lane South.

The construction of a new footbridge over the A47 for walkers, cyclists and horse riders approximately 200 metres east of the existing footbridge which is to be demolished as part of the scheme to facilitate the new link roads.

The widening of the western side of Cringleford Railway Bridge to accommodate the A47–A11 link road.

See the map on page 11 for more information.

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A47 Thickthorn (no stamp needed).

The immediate response to the proposals was mixed on Social Media and in comments made to the Herald. Also Hethersett Parish Council has issued a press release stating its position and you can read this on page 10.

One poster on social media bemoaned the amount of time the process is taking:

What Happens Next?

ONCE the consultation has closed on 11th July, Highways England state that they will review all the suggestions and comments received during consultation.

They will take time to analyse and consider feedback when making further refinements to the proposed design and to develop the planned mitigation measures.

They will set out a summary of the responses and describe how proposals have been informed by and influenced by them, in a consultation report. This will form part of the planning application and will also be available to the public following submission of the application.

It is expected to submit the application by winter 2019 and, provided it is granted, works are expected to start in 2021. In addition to this consultation process, Highways England states it will continue to engage with anyone interested in, or impacted by, the scheme.

“To help us shape the final design in preparation of our submission to the Planning Inspectorate, it is important you are involved now and submit your response by Thursday 11th July. Once we submit our application, the Planning Inspectorate (acting on behalf of the Secretary of State) will decide whether to accept the application for examination or not,” Highways England state.

“An examination of that application is likely to include public hearings. Following the examination, the Planning Inspectorate will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will decide on whether the scheme will be granted consent,” it concludes.

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“Just been to the Thickthorn roadworks exhibition at the village hall. By the time it's finished (IF ever it gets approval to start) I'll be pushing up daisies. Too little too late, yet again!”

Another post had the following to say:

“Allowing the flow of traffic to connect A11 and A47 should take significant

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pressure off the roundabout and definitely make the A47 from the Yarmouth/Broadland Business Park to Hethersett a lot safer. "The flow into Norwich though is only going to get heavier due to the new builds in Cringleford and Hethersett. The Park and Ride has really always been on the wrong side of the roundabout given the proposed residential builds."

Another comment on social media agreed that the time scale for the work could be a problem:

"A good idea, shame we're going to have to suffer traffic queues for at least two years, something needs doing though."

Hethersett Parish Council's Position

Hethersett Parish Council has issued the following statement on the Thickthorn junction.

AT the meeting of Hethersett Parish Council on Monday 17th June a long discussion took place about the proposed changes to the Thickthorn Roundabout. Many councillors had attended the consultation at Hethersett Village Hall during the previous week. We are broadly in agreement with the proposals however we have serious reservations about the proposed link road from Cantley Lane South to the B1172.

This new route will cut through farm and meadow land and requires the removal of some mature trees. It also disturbs Cantley Stream and requires two new bridges over the A11. We have concerns about the new junction with the B1172 and hope that traffic lights will be installed. The B1172 is a busy road carrying traffic between Wymondham, Hethersett and Norwich. The junction will undoubtedly become an accident black spot without some measures of control. We also discussed whether reinstating the broken route from Cantley Lane to the B1172 along Station Lane might have been a better choice.

It is important that as many people as possible give their views as we are told that the public attitudes to the project can affect the outcome.

Adrienne Quinlan - Chairman Hethersett Parish Council

Warning Over Suspicious Workman

POLICE have issued a warning after a woman was approached by a suspicious workman at a petrol station in the Hethersett area who offered to 'resurface her driveway'.

The advice from police is simple: "When looking to have work done on or around your property you should only deal with reputable companies you have researched and chosen yourself and have obtained a written quotation from."

In a separate incident an elderly Hethersett resident was contacted by telephone to be told that new Government regulations meant that she needed additional insulation in her loft and they wanted to come round to assess her situation. This was quite obviously a scam and the resident refused to take the matter further but was left shaken by the situation.

Anyone concerned about possible rogue trader activity in Hethersett can contact Trading Standards through their partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline by telephone on 03454 04 05 06.

You can also search out a trusted trader by visiting www.norfolk.gov.uk/trustedtrader where you can read feedback from customers.

For more news of some of the latest scams to avoid doing the rounds in Norfolk see our regular article later in this edition.

Pentecost Celebration

The United Benefice of Hethersett, Great Melton and Little Melton celebrated Pentecost at Great Melton Parish Church and were joined by other Christians in the area for a united act of worship entitled "Come Holy Spirit." Worship was led by the Rector the Rev Derek McClean, assisted by Methodist Minister the Rev Matthew Olanrewaju with contributions from the representative churches. Great Melton Church Choir sang and Holy Communion was celebrated. Refreshments were served at the end of the service by the young people of the church.

NOTE - The Christian holy day of Pentecost, which is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem.

Friendly Programme at Hethersett Library

THE new Friends of Hethersett Library group is lining up a number of events as it attempts to bring the library closer to the local community. At its meeting on June 12th, it was decided to launch the group's programme with a talk by Village Archivist Gary Wyatt on Norwich-based photographer Tom Nokes.

Entitled "Edwardian Hethersett Through The Lens", the talk with slides will take place at 6 pm on July 11th. This will be a free event with light refreshments available. Donations will be welcome.

Tom Nokes was Norwich-based but cycled around South Norfolk, including Hethersett, taking photographs. To view some of Tom Nokes' photographs turn to the next page.

This will be followed by a presentation by Wymondham-based Georgette Vale as Queen Victoria on September 11th. Tickets for this event will be £5 and once again light refreshments will be available.

The group is also looking to launch an indoor games afternoon on the first Friday of each month, starting on September 6th and there is also the chance of a children's traditional Christmas party in December.

The Friends' group is also keen to take part in a Societies' Day if one goes ahead in the Autumn and will also be organising some fund-raising events.

The aims of the Friends Group is to

- Promote Hethersett Library as a valued community asset.
- Arrange community-related events and activities.
- Actively raise funds in support of activities.
- Act as a community hub to bring the community closer together and
- Encourage all ages to use the library with the emphasis on youth and loneliness.

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The Hethersett Art of Tom Nokes



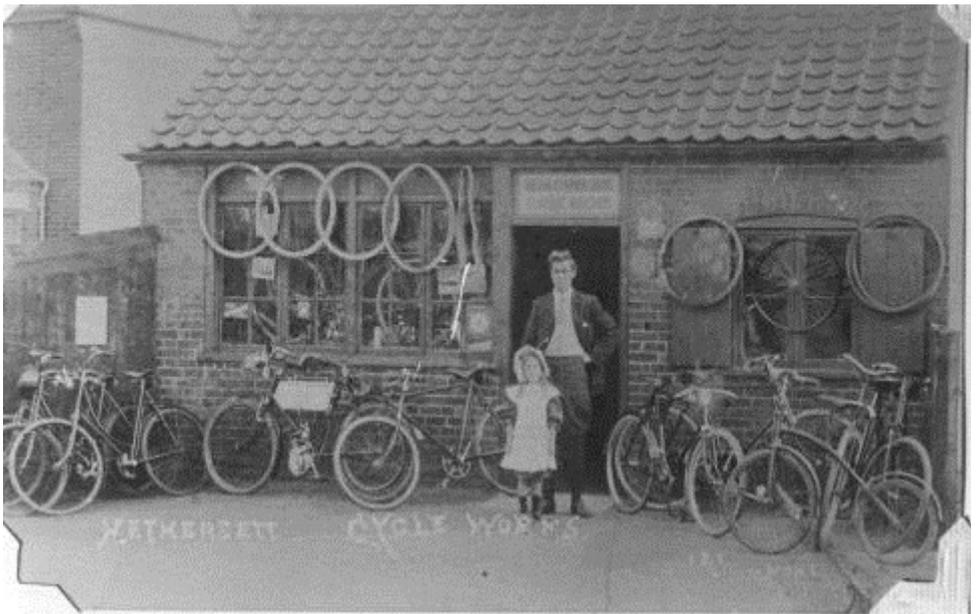
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Edwardian Hethersett through the lens of Tom Nokes

**Gary Wyatt, honorary
archivist**



The Hethersett Art of Tom Nokes



Tributes Paid to Alan



TRIBUTES have been paid to Alan Swain, a Norfolk police officer who served with the force for more than 50 years.

Alan, who lived in Hethersett, died at the age of 70.

He joined the police in Nottinghamshire as a cadet at 16 and became a police officer at 19 and transferred to Norfolk Police in his early 20s.

During his distinguished career Alan served in many areas of Norfolk including Cromer, Great Yarmouth, Norwich, Thetford, King's Lynn and Dereham, rising to the rank of Superintendent.

Alan continued working for the police after retiring as a serving officer - as a civilian case investigator.

He retired after 53 years' service in September, 2018.

Alan was also a keen fisherman and won the police national cup, fishing

all over the country with the police team. Space travel was another of his passions and he attended three manned shuttle take-offs at Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.

Alan's wish was that friends and colleagues should mark his life with a celebration.

This took place in Hethersett Village Hall with more than 100 police and civilian staff, fellow fishermen, friends and family attending. This was hosted by his wife Vanda, son Alan and daughter Abbe and included a video of his life put together by Vanda.

Many tributes have been paid to him by email and social media and one typical entry read: "I loved working with that man - he was such an extraordinary special bloke and whenever our paths crossed he left me feeling so much better. It's stalwarts like Alan that made policing Norfolk such a worthwhile and enjoyable way to spend one's working life."

Another former police officer left the following tribute: " Five years into my police service, I was moved from Swaffham to Thetford, which initially I was not happy about, because it was regarded as a punishment posting, but Alan Swain became my supervisory inspector, and it was the best thing that could have happened to me.

"Within six months I was trusted with a move to the Mundford beat where supervision was minimal, and spent eight wonderful years patrolling the Thetford forest and Stanta Battle area and surrounding villages, all thanks to him. 100% respect and affection for him."

We were also saddened to hear that another former police officer who lived in Hethersett died at the end of May. Lionel England was another very popular man. Tributes to him have included the following:

"Very sad news. Lionel was my first sergeant when I joined in 1996, great guidance amongst many laughs. Top bloke, will be missed, thoughts with his family. "

"Very sad news worked together at King's Lynn and later in Norwich, good man good cop."

"Very sad news. I worked with Lionel at B Division CID. A great bloke and policeman."

Do you remember Alan and Lionel. If so why not get in touch with your memories of these two Hethersett residents.

Hethersett Life

with Hannah Harrison

Well, what a month June has been! Summer is just around the corner (believe it or not) and I for one am so ready to see more of the sunshine. Although even then I'm sure I'll moan about it being too hot, because we wouldn't be British without moaning about the weather would we? But ever onwards. I hope you enjoy my Hethersett Life column this month.

Going Wild For Nature

SOME of you may have heard of 30 days wild. It's a month-long nature challenge run by wildlife trusts. It happens every June and it is SO much fun!

You can apply to have a pack posted out to you or you can download one from the website and print it off. The aim is to get people outdoors and taking notice of nature. It's really flexible, you can do as little or as much as you want. It can be something simple like hugging a tree or something big like building a pond for wildlife in your garden.

We've done three litter picks, we've put more recycled bag dispensers out in the village (attempt #2), we've done even more bird watching than we usually do, we've had an indoor beach day, we've splashed in puddles - so many puddles!

We've made bark rubbings, leaf rubbings, we've saved a bee, we've had breakfast lunch and tea in the garden and so very much more. I would do it even if I didn't have a child but especially because I do. I feel like it's so important to teach our children at a young age about nature and wildlife.

I also set up a Facebook page called 'All Things Wildlife' to share my wildlife photos and experiences. I have also documented every day of 30 days wild on the page. Please take a look if you're interested.



Wildlife (and Bella the Cat)

THE wildlife has been booming in our garden this month. We had a family of blue tits in our nesting box for the second year running. I missed the day that they fledged which was really sad, but they are all back now flying and feeding well and cascading down our large tree like a beautiful, clumsy, yellow, noisy and fluffy waterfall. I could watch them all day, they are so vocal and really taking advantage of mum and dad still being around to shove food down their throats.

We also have a family of great tits, the juveniles (like any juveniles) are so cute, their tummies still a dull yellow colour and their heads and necks not quite jet black like their parents. We still have around three grey squirrels coming in. I'm unsure if any of them are juveniles, all I do know is that they literally ate my new sunflower heart feeder! I will stick with the metal mesh ones from now on.

I'm yet to see any juvenile coal tits, wood pigeons and blackbirds, which we usually have an abundance of. Has anyone else noticed any breeding patterns changing in their gardens this year?

There's a really interesting survey going on at the moment which you may have heard of if you're a BBC Springwatch fan. It's called Gardenwatch and has been set up by BBC Springwatch, the British Trust for Ornithology and the Open University as the biggest citizen science project ever. Your answers will provide them with vital information about our nation's gardens. To join in, go to the



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Springwatch website.

I went for a walk to one of my friends' houses a few weeks ago. She lives near the water tower. I was pushing the pram and happened to look down on the path. I'm not even sure how I noticed it but there was the dearest little baby mouse on the ground. Its eyes were closed and it didn't look good. If I was on my way home rather than the other way round I would have taken it with me to look after. It did open its eyes and move whilst in my hand. It didn't have any visible wounds but was covered in mites or something similar. My daughter held it for a short time then we placed him under the hedge next to the path where we found him. When we went back a while later, we couldn't see it at all so we are really hoping it found its family and lived happily ever after.

I wonder how many of you are familiar with Bella the cat? I've seen her so many times and now refer to her as 'the school cat' because she is either on Woodside School grounds or hanging around outside and in the park. She is such a friendly cat and loves a fuss, her owners must be very proud to have her as a pet.

I've also seen a few posts on the popular Facebook group 'All Things Hethersett' regarding buzzard and red kite sightings, particularly near



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Old Hall School. I find this so exciting! Birds of prey are so fascinatingly beautiful and illusive. I have seen a buzzard a few times before, once hovering over the field next to the park on Admirals Way and once flying around a field next to Hethersett Hall care home. There's also been sightings of another bird of prey (can't remember what) over the pond on the field just off Admirals Way. I would love to see more of these marvellous birds and would especially love to photograph them.

Hannah's Hethersett Life

More Dispensers



As mentioned earlier in this column, part of our '30 days wild' was to give the recycled bag dispensers another go. My daughter Eva and I walked around part of the village (Churchfields/ Steepletower) and distributed four dispensers. We tried to put them in areas where dog walkers frequent. Two were put near the park on Admirals Way, one on Shop Lane and one on the walkway opposite the church. Fingers crossed that these ones will stay put a bit longer! If anyone sees any that need refilling just give me a shout and I'll get it sorted.

Litter Picks



Again, as part of '30 days wild' we purchased our own litter picker. This will enable me to pick up rubbish whenever I can. I've done three independent litter picks now and I am really enjoying it, although it angers me that people continue to litter. It's really satisfying to get rid of it all.

On my first litter pick I found SEVEN single use plastic bottles, the following pick I only found two but it's still quite shocking. Shocking that so much single use plastic is being used and that so much is being left laying around. The areas with the most litter are near to Hethersett Academy, Park Drive Stores and the car park area and field behind Woodside School.

The Fun of School Fetes

In June, we went to the fete at the junior school and then the week after, we went to the Woodside School fete. Both were so much fun! The junior school did a fantastic job considering it had to be moved indoors due to the appalling weather. Lots of people turned up and seemed to be really enjoying themselves. The doughnuts were a particular favourite of mine, so yummy.

Woodside School were much luckier with the weather, the sun was shining throughout with just a small shower of rain. Everyone who helped out was in good spirits and made it such a great day, the tractor bouncy castle was my daughter's favourite.

The Hethersett firefighters and a police officer turned out for both events which I think is brilliant. They were all very

kind and informative. It's so important for children to learn about the vital role the emergency services play in our lives and to know that they can trust them.

I noticed that the fire engine left the Woodside School fete early so I'm not sure if that was due to being called out to an emergency or not. We left the fete and walked home, only to be passed by the fire engine three times. I guess they were doing laps to allow the children to see them driving around, although I don't know that for sure. My daughter was delighted when they all waved back and loudly tooted the horn for her (and secretly I was pretty chuffed too).

Thank you to all of the volunteers, staff, emergency services and everyone who was involved in both fetes. Both events were fantastic and what a way to bring the community together.

That's all for now, I look forward to what next month will bring. Take care everyone.

Hannah



Bridging The Generations

HETHERSETT Hall Care Home has been bridging the generation gap by bringing together residents and young people.

The initiative has seen a partnership between Barchester Healthcare and the Friend In Deed Group with young people visiting the home to get to know the residents. Our photographs on this page show just one of the youngsters enjoying time with a Hall resident.

Friend in Deed is a Norfolk-based charity that creates friendships across generations through various inter-generational schemes with the aim of reducing loneliness and promoting kindness.

A spokesman for Friend In Deed said: "It is wonderful to witness these connections and friendships that seem to form so easily and to see the positive impact that they have on well being.

The little visitor sessions run every other Saturday at Hethersett Hall with up to six youngsters taking part in each session. The next session will take place on June 29th from 10.30 am until midday.

More information on Friend In Deed is available on www.friendindeed.org.uk



Successful Fete Despite The Rain

By Roger Morgan

On Saturday, 8th June, Hethersett VC Junior School held its annual Summer Fayre in far from summery weather.

Despite the wet and windy weather, the parents and families were not put off and the event was extremely well supported.

The organising committee wisely checked the weather forecast beforehand and moved the majority of the stalls inside. However, some hardy souls did brave the weather and carried on their activities outside. Hethersett Fire Service was on hand to entertain the children with a water squirt. There was a wide variety of things for both children and adults to do as well as a great selection of refreshments for people to try.

Chairperson Jane Cole was delighted with the day and said: "We didn't let the weather dampen our spirits. The majority of the stalls moved inside to the hall, library and classrooms. We also had two fire engines and a car squirt. Big thanks to the Archery and pro sport for braving the rain and wind to run their activities.



"We had lots of games, inflatables and messy church creating a giant poster. There were lots of opportunities to eat and drink with the cafe in the classroom with fresh filter coffee and cakes, through to falafel, BBQ, candy floss and hot doughnuts. The children entertained us with line dancing and sang 'A million dreams' from the Greatest Showman - not a dry eye in the house!

“All in all a fantastic event to brighten a miserable day. Huge thanks to everyone who came and supported us and helped run stalls,” she said.

With so many things on offer, from face painting to mixing their own silly putty as well as games and raffles, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The children were not disappointed and a great time was had by all.



Junior School Fete Pictorial



Turn to the next page for more photographs from the fete.

Junior School Fete Pictorial



Above - Fete chairperson Jane Cole toasts the fete's success.



More pictures from the Hethersett VC Junior School Fete



Junior School Fete Pictorial



More Junior School fete pictures on pages 49 and 71

Growing Spurt In Hethersett

Roger Morgan looks at the affects the warm and wet weather has on Hethersett hedges, verges and gutters.

THE warm temperatures at the start of June followed by the prolonged spell of wet weather certainly led to a growth spurt in the Hethersett hedges, verges and gutters. But who is responsible for maintaining them? Is it the home owners, the Parish Council or the District Council?



Several people have commented to me about hedges that are getting so wide that they force pedestrians to walk right on the edge of the pavements to get past them. This coupled with narrow paths and fast moving traffic creates dangerous situations. Surely it would be in everybody's interest if residents could keep their hedges trimmed. It has even been suggested to me that offending hedges should be cut back by the council

and the home owner presented with a bill for the work.

With regard to verges, the local authority usually keeps them cut. However, there seems to be a national movement which says that they should be left to grow in order to encourage wildlife like bees and other insects. In some areas of the village the area immediately next to road name signs was cut and the remainder left uncut. It is a delicate balancing act between keeping the village tidy and looking after nature.



Roadside gutters were also once cleared by the council either by apply-



ing weed killer or brushing them with a road sweeper. Presumably because of cut backs to budgets this no longer appears to happen. Wouldn't it be nice if we could all take a little time to keep our gutters clear of soil and weeds?

Footnote: Since some of these pictures were taken the verges and hedges shown have been cut.



New Woodside School Set For September Start

BUILDING of a new school for Hethersett Woodside is due to begin during the summer term and will take about 12 months to complete.

Writing in the latest edition of the village Good News magazine, Head of Hethersett Woodside Angela Jermy outlines the progress that has been made:

“From September 2019, both the Infant School and Junior School in Hethersett will begin their growth to two form entry Primary. Hethersett Woodside Infant and Nursery will be renamed as Hethersett Woodside Primary and Nursery. Hethersett VC Junior will become Hethersett VC Primary. Each school will take one extra year group each year until both schools have all year groups from Reception to Year Six i.e age four to 11 years.

“Hethersett Junior will have a new building added to their current site to accommodate the extra children and Hethersett Woodside will relocate to a new build north of the village behind the Village Hall.

“Planning has completed for the new build for Hethersett Woodside and building is expected to begin during the summer term of 2019.

“The new build for Hethersett Woodside is due to take 12 months and will be completed during the next academic year resulting in the new school building being open and occupied by September 2020.

“The head teachers at each school are working closely together as well as with the Local Authority to ensure any transition during this time does not affect standards within the schools,” Mrs Jermy told the magazine.



An artist's impression of the new Hethersett Junior School building. Pictures courtesy of Norfolk Property Services

THE Eastern Daily Press Newspaper reported on the proposed doubling in size of the existing Hethersett VC Junior School.

This will see the number of pupils increase from 240 to 420.

The centrepiece of the plan is a new fully accessible building with eight classrooms, a breakout area, library, staff rooms and studio hall, which will accommodate the school's younger pupils (reception to year three).

There will also be some minor refurbishments to the existing school.

The plan also includes access improvements for vehicles and pedestrians, including the creation of a second pedestrian access from Admiral's Way, remodelling the driveway and extending the car park at the front of the school.

Picture Perfect



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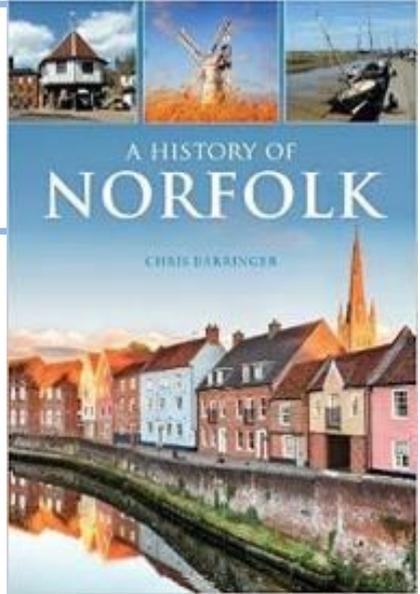


ONCE again we are very grateful to Angela Eden for sending us the colourful photographs taken at the Jubilee Youth Club in Back Lane and Hethersett Village Hall. The one on the right was taken after the recent spate of very wet weather.



Hethersett Herald Book Review

Last month we reported on a new book looking at the history of Norfolk by Chris Barringer who lived in St. David's Road, Hethersett, until his death in 2014. Chris' "Labour of love" is an impressive tome as Peter Steward explains



CERTAIN books ooze charm and class in equal measures and this is certainly one of them.

The Late Chris Barringer has produced a lavish history of Norfolk from the county's earliest days up to the 21st century and what a story it is.

This book is populated with stories about people and places and a wonderful array of photographs.

Chris was not born in the county, but came to love it and its idiosyncrasies as an adopted son. Chris was at heart an academic, but one who could communicate his love of history and, in particular, the Norfolk countryside and that comes out in abundance in the text of his "History of Norfolk."

The book runs to over 450 pages and is probably best summed up in the author's own words in his conclusion:

"This book has given an overview of the story of Norfolk and its people, a journey which started almost a million years ago on the foreshore at Happisburgh. It finishes in the early 21st century with many changes looming on the horizon.

In Chris' hands this story moves effortlessly from archaeology to road systems, people to places and the building of great houses, sweeping parks and large estates. Chris Barringer documents it all in a beautifully easy style.

It has been heralded as his last and greatest work and for once that is a statement that just cannot be challenged. It is as comprehensive as it is readable.

A History of Norfolk by Chris Barringer is published by Carnegie Publishing in paperback, priced at £25. It is available from good booksellers or direct from the publishers on 01524 840111 or by visiting www.carnegiepublishing.com.

Media Watch

Frightening Experience For Passengers

THERE was a fright for passengers on a busy commuter train when it hit a fallen tree on the line in Hethersett, the Eastern Daily Press Newspaper reported.

The 5.10 pm Cambridge to Norwich train on June 13th, which was travelling at around 75mph, hit the tree at about 6.30 pm on Thursday evening.

Windows were smashed in the incident, causing the 6.14 pm Cambridge to Norwich and the 8.19 pm Norwich to Cambridge services to be cancelled.

Talking of train problems the editor had an unusual experience when travelling on the 6.03 am train from Wymondham to Nottingham on June 3rd. The East Midlands train reached Ely where it was cancelled. There was nothing mechanically wrong with the train, there were no dangerous leaves on the line. This time the train was farcically cancelled due to a fault in the Public Address service. Apparently this was a safety issue. But cramming all the people from that train onto another to Peterborough was considered to be safe.

Power Cut In Hethersett

Homes in Hethersett were affected by a power cut on June 6th just before 10.40 am. UK Power Network said it believed the outage had been caused by faulty equipment on its overhead network and sent engineers to the area. They fixed the problem at around 11:10 am.

THE Eastern Daily Press had a heart-warming story about 90-year-old Ronnie Feek who returned to visit Hethersett Fire Station where he was one of the first firefighters.

Ronnie said that relatively little had changed and he was welcomed by a 1963 Commer Fire Truck, similar to the ones he would have driven. The visit was organised by father and son duo Kevin and Mikey Kiddell. You can read more on this story by visiting.

<https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/90th-birthday-surprise-for-hethersett-firefighter-1-6094800>

Herald Health With Rowan House

Rachel Pailles from Rowan House Well Being Centre in Queen's Road, Hethersett, gives some tips on how to ease stress and promote well-being.



Need to ease stress? There's an affirmation for that! Same for boosting your confidence, calming your mind, improving your relationships and even boosting your career! Here's a few of our favourites and how to use them to get maximum results.

An affir-what now?

An affirmation is a positive statement – usually just a single sentence or two – that enables us to focus and reflect on the people, feelings and things that we wish to change or draw into our lives. Practiced regularly, they can be an incredibly powerful way to increase your confidence, self-esteem and can even help you to ditch negative habits or thought patterns.

You can use them to start your day in a positive, reflective way, or as a way to ward off negativity by focusing only on the thoughts that make you feel good.

The most effective affirmations are focused on a single thought, aspiration or goal. They work best when written in the present tense and spoken aloud several times in a row.

“Every thought you think and every word you speak is an affirmation. All of our self-talk, our internal dialogue, is a stream of affirmations. You're using affirmations every moment whether you know it or not. You're affirming and creating your life experiences with every word and thought.”

Louise Hay

But how can an affirmation change my way of thinking?

When you say an affirmation over and over again, it sends a message to your Reticular Activating System (RAS) that this is something that's important to you. Your mind then reacts, pushing the thought to the forefront of your awareness and kicking your motivation into gear.

Affirmations can be a powerful tool to help you change your mood, state of mind, and manifest change. They work best if you can first identify the negative belief that you are trying to overcome.

To find the best and most effective affirmation for you, it can help to start by writing a short list of qualities and thoughts you have which you consider negative.

Things like...

- I'm really impatient with my children.
- I can't stop eating junk food.
- I'm not clever enough to succeed in my career.
- I never have enough money.

Once you've identified these negative thoughts you can find or create an affirmation to counteract them and transform those negative thoughts into positive energy!

Like this...

- I am a calm and patient parent.
- I fill my body with healthy food that nourishes me.
- I have everything I need to succeed in my career.
- My life is abundant, money flows easily to me.

See! It's pretty powerful stuff.

Try these affirmations to boost your self-confidence, welcome abundance into your life, attract love, lift your happiness levels or be a more mindful parent.

Out and About

Featuring events from close to Hethersett that might be interesting to local residents.

We start with the 389th Bomb

Group open day at Hethel.

TUCKED away in the South Norfolk countryside, just a stone's throw from Hethersett, is an intriguing memorial exhibition that brings to life the history of the American 389th Bomb Group during the Second World War.

It's not the kind of place you come across by accident. Situated on a working farm, a long un-made up road leads to the exhibition which is open on the second Sunday of each month. There is also an annual Gala Day in June and a memorial day ceremony in November.

The exhibition provides an historic collection of artefacts, reminiscences, photographs, medals, uniforms and much more of the time when this small Norfolk airfield was a little piece of America. There is also historic displays from the First World War, long before the Americans moved in.

The exhibition also features a collection of uniforms and other memorabilia from the RAF.

The 389th was the third B24 Liberator Unit to be assigned to the 8th United States of America Air Force (USAAF) in England. Their destination was the recently constructed airfield at Hethel. Local people were used to seeing American servicemen due to the close proximity of other airfields.

Up to 3,000 personnel began to move into Hethel only to find the group being re-assigned to North Africa to take part in bombing raids on oil refineries in Romania. In all



the 389th Bomb Group flew 321 missions over enemy territory between 1943 and 1945, losing 116 B24s to enemy action and flying accidents.

In their honour, a group of volunteers got together to restore original buildings at Hethel and put together the memorial exhibition to ensure that their memory lives on.

In 1977 Tim and Ann Howlett purchased the land on Potash Lane next to the former Hethel airfield with the idea of setting up a poultry farm. On the land was a derelict building with two large murals painted on the walls.

Local man Fred Squires paid the Howletts a visit and told them how, as a child, he was befriended by the crew of a B24 Liberator bomber that flew from the adjacent airfield which is today the home of Lotus Cars.

The land the Howletts purchased had been used as the main living area for the airfield and was covered in concrete and tin huts where the airmen slept and ate their meals. There were also clubs for relaxation and entertainment and a gymnasium and chapel.

Fred rounded up a group of local enthusiasts to help restore the buildings and preserve the art inside. Lotus





cars also had a collection of Second World War memorabilia which they were happy to hand over to be included in a display.

As a result of all this a 389th Bomb Group Charitable Trust was set up and the exhibitions were opened to the public. Many American veterans visited the site and today their children and grandchildren come to see what has become a lasting memorial to the skill and bravery of those magnificent men and their flying machines.

There is so much to see at the memorial exhibition, so set aside plenty of time for a trip down memory lane. Entry on open Sundays is free and the exhibition is run solely by volunteers, although donations are always welcome.

Much of the information on this page was taken from the 389th Bomb Group's official brochure which is available during open days. The photographs in this article were taken on the June Gala Day by Hethersett Herald editor Peter Steward.

INFORMATION - The Memorial Exhibition is located off Potash Lane at Hethel close to the Lotus car factory. It is open on the second Sunday of each month from April to October from 10 am until 4 pm.. More information is available from achowlett@aol.com or on the website www.hethel389th.wordpress.com

News From the Parish Council



HETHERSETT Parish Council is back to a full complement of 14 councillors with the co-option of three new members at the June meeting.

Pictured above are (left to right) - Paul Mallett, Samantha England and Andre Smith. All three said that they were proud to be able to serve the village and to help make it a “great place to live” and have the chance to shape its future.

Paul has lived in Hethersetts since 2015 and Samantha is Hethersetts born and bred and has returned to the village after a number of years away. Andre is already a well known figure in Hethersetts.

They were officially welcomed by council chairman Adrienne Quinlan.

News From the Parish Council

Parish Office Update

PLANS to provide a parish office for Hethersett in the village library are at an advanced stage, the June parish council meeting heard. An agreed lease is with solicitors and it is hoped that parish clerk Annette Palmer will soon be able to use the office which will be accessible to the public.

The parish council will pay rent of £2,000 a year for the facility which will replace the existing office upstairs in the village hall which has serious access problems for less mobile residents.

Road Updates

Letters will be sent to residents in Cann's Lane asking for their views on making the end of the road at the junction of Old Norwich Road one-way, parish councillors heard at their June meeting. Any decision to change the current two way system will be made by Norfolk County Council

It looks as if there will be a dual cycle path set-up for Hethersett. Additional Government money has made it possible to extend the existing cycleway along the B1172, avoiding Old Norwich Road, but it now looks likely that both routes will be included in county council plans.

There is no money available in the current financial year to extend double yellow lines further down Henstead Road from its junction with Great Melton Road. The parish council heard that, from a financial point of view, the suggested increased safety measures were "a non starter." Councillors agreed to keep the matter in mind for the next financial year.

News From the Parish Council

Council To Take Over Pavilion Project

By Peter Steward

HETHERSETT Parish Council is on the verge of taking over the future development of the pavilion on the Memorial Playing Field.

At its June meeting, members approved a request from the Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Trustees for the parish council to take over responsibility for the building.

In a complex move, a new committee consisting of parish councillors and existing memorial field trustees will be set-up to take the building of a new pavilion forward. This committee will be accountable to the parish council and its meetings will be open to the public.

Members passed a motion to agree in principle to take over responsibility for the pavilion development project. Firstly, however, the parish council has to check with South Norfolk Council that the £114,000 award given under the S106 housing money can still be awarded for the project. In effect the parish council will be awarding the money to itself.

Council chairman Adrienne Quinlan outlined the history of the Memorial Field which was purchased by public subscription in the 1950s to commemorate

Contacting The Parish Council

Parish clerk Annette Palmer can be contacted by telephone on 01603 810915 or by e-mail 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 midday.

Contact details for the village's parish councillors are available at <http://hethersett-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>.

The parish council also has its own Facebook page.

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those who lost their lives in the World Wars. The field is protected by law as an open space and cannot be built on.

The new set-up is a complex one. Technically the pavilion building belongs to the parish and the parish council acts as “custodian trustees.” Under the proposed new agreement the Memorial Playing Field Trustees will continue to be responsible for other areas of the field including the children’s play area.

Now the trustees have asked the parish council to step in to take on the grants process with a view to making a proposed pavilion the home for various sports clubs and also a focal point for community use.

It looks likely that the current pavilion plans will be amended to provide more community space.

Non action on the current pavilion is not an option as Councillor Mike Stark explained: “The pavilion is in an appalling condition and if nothing is done it will have to be condemned,” he said.

If and when the re-building is complete, the parish council will give it back to the Memorial Playing Field Trustees to run on a day to day basis.

The new set-up will see five members of the parish council and two non councillors form a committee with only the parish councillors having voting rights.

“Taking on the responsibility is something we must do as it is the right move for the village,” Adrienne Quinlan said.

The fear expressed at the meeting was that, without the parish council taking control, the whole project would fail. Now it could be that the new committee will “have to start from scratch” and begin again the process of applying for grants for an initiative that has already been going on for many years since planning permission was granted for a new building by South Norfolk Council.

Parish Shorts

Norfolk County Council cabinet meetings are now being broadcast on You Tube, members of the parish council were informed by their county council representative David Bills.

Work on repairing broken brickwork at the entrance to Steeple Tower has been completed with the cost met by Taylor Wimpey and South Norfolk Council.

Bringing Your Dog to Work is Far from Barking Mad!

IN today's pet-friendly climate, dogs appear to be made welcome in more ways than ever. Fancy a coffee with your pooch in tow? - Just visit a dog-friendly café. Want to book a holiday? - You will be astounded at the sheer volume of accommodation that now welcomes our four-legged friends. There are limits, however, or are there? Some forward thinking companies, such as Google, are now allowing employees to bring social dogs to work in their headquarters all year round, a sentiment endorsed by local dog sitters, Barking Mad South Norwich, whose dog Nellie plays a real role in their business.

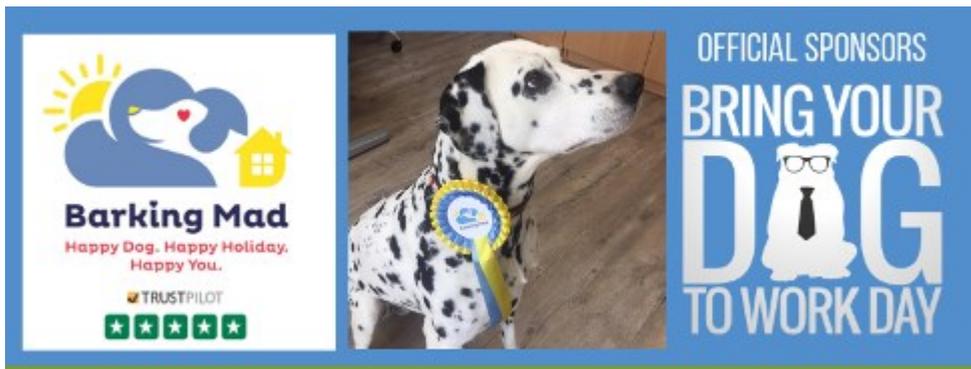


For everyone else, whose employers might not normally be so dog-friendly, the UK's sixth official Bring Your Dog to Work Day will take place on Friday 21st June, encouraging businesses to welcome employees' canine companions into the workplace for one day to raise money for charity.

The event was founded by and is organised by ethical dog grooming product company, HOWND and aims to raise money for All Dogs Matter, Animals Asia and other charities chosen by participants. www.bringyourdogtoworkday.co.uk states the benefits of taking part:

"Many scientific studies have concluded that the presence of pets can substantially reduce a person's stress levels in the workplace. Increased job satisfaction, team co-operation and morale have all been reported in employees that spend the workday with their pets."

A study published by the International Journal of Workplace Health Management (2010) adds weight to this argument, by concluding that the presence of dogs in



the work place even had a positive effect on those employees who didn't have a dog of their own.

As you might expect, professional dog sitters, Barking Mad South Norwich are a huge advocate and official sponsor of the special day. Owner/operator, Helen Tyler who lives in Hethersett said:



“We love the idea of being able to take your four legged best friend to work with you. Bring Your Dog to Work Day is a fantastic way to raise funds for animal charities and promote the positive effects of spending time with dogs.

“We would also like to make people aware that if you don't currently have a dog of your own and feel like you are missing out on companionship, exercise and fun, we offer a volunteer opportunity to be a host for dogs whose owners on holiday.

“Our hosts experience all the benefits of dog ownership without the full time commitment and with the reassurance of 24/7 support. Insurance, administration and transport are also all taken care of. We'd love to chat to you on 01603 340595 if you feel that this opportunity could benefit your life,” Helen said.

Hethersett Social Club



Hethersett Social Club will be holding its annual charity open day on Saturday, 27th July, from 10 am until midnight, raising money for the Norfolk Diabetes Trust.

The day will include a charity bowls tournament, a barbecue, tombola, cake stall, children's craft activities, Zumba, Scalextric, a variety of stalls and evening entertainment from Stardust Duo in the lounge.

Opening Hours

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - 7pm to 11pm

Wednesday - 7pm to 11pm

Thursday - 7pm to 11pm

Friday - 5pm to 11.30pm

Saturday - 12pm to 12am

Sunday - 12pm to 6pm

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

www.hethersettsocialclub.co.uk/

Hethersett Matters

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

Scam Alert – Identity Fraud – 31 May 2019

REPORTS have been received from Norfolk residents that bank accounts are being opened in their name.

The residents received a letter from a bank with information of a new account opened in their name. This was followed by a further letter with a bank card enclosed for the account. The resident was not a customer and did not have any dealings with the bank sending the letter.

If you receive bank letters that you know nothing about, contact the bank immediately. Keep a record of all conversations you have with the bank and copies of letters to do with the fraud.

For further advice and to report scams, contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline by telephoning 03454 04 05 06.

Police are asking residents to be aware of emails circulating claiming to be from UK Parking Control (UKPC).



The Parking Professionals

Reminder To Ticket Holder

By sending this reminder letter we let you know that the Parking attendant No. 48844 had (likely) reason to believe that the following violation of the terms and conditions of parking occurred on our client's private land (Details of which were clearly and prominently displayed and agreed to by the driver by the act of parking the vehicle).

Parking Charge Details	
Parking Charge Issue Date:	13/05/2019
Parking Charge Reference ID number:	J87J16CYL
Parking Charge Amount:	£90.00
14 Day Early Pay Discount:	£0.00
Additional Charges:	£0.00
Discount You Could Have:	£34.00
Total now due: £90.00	

All the details and photo are available for you:

[ALL PHOTOS AND PAYMENT OPTIONS YOU CAN FIND HERE](#)



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The convincing looking emails (see copy on the previous page) entitled “Parking Charge Reminder” claim you have parked on one of UKPC’s clients private land. The email then provides a link entitled ‘All photos and Payment Options you can find here’.

These emails are a scam and are not connected with UKPC in any way. Anyone following the link will be taken to a website which will attempt to infect your device with malware.

If you receive this or a similar email delete it without clicking on any links or opening any attachments.

You can report suspicious emails to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Finally this month there is a warning to be on guard against doorstep cold callers saying they have been “sent by the Energy Companies to see if you’re happy with your current energy supplier.” The cold callers then ask for details, including information about your current energy supplier. The advice is as usual “never deal with doorstep cold callers and never be pressured into sharing information on the doorstep, no matter what claims are being made.”

More Photos From Junior School Fete - Photos by Rebecca Appleton



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REFLECTIONS

IN a previous edition of Hethersett Herald, we commented on how time flies with many years having passed since the retirement of well known village GP Dr Michael Signy.

Now we have learned that it is 20 years since Vivien Horobin retired as Head of Woodside First School.



Vivien called it a day in June, 1999, after 15 years as Head. Friends, parents and pupils (past and present) got together to say farewell. The year 1999 also saw the death of well-known Hethersett resident Tony Curson.

Tony totally immersed himself in school and village life. He was fully involved in parish church activities for about 50 years. He was a church warden for many years and treasurer and chairman of numerous church committees.

He was also a long standing parish councillor and vice-chairman at the time of his death. Over the years he helped backstage with the annual village pantomime and was also involved with the Memorial Playing Field Committee and a parochial charity. He was a former chairman of the Middle School governing body and vice-chairman of Hethersett Choral Society.

Tony held just about every position within Hethersett Cricket Club, having notched up over 22,000 runs, taken over 2,500 wickets and held nearly 700 catches. He died whilst mowing the cricket square on May 10th.

The photograph on this page was taken in 2014 when Woodside School celebrated its 40th birthday. Former Head Vivien Horobin is on the right of the bottom row. Also in the picture are: Back row – original dinner ladies Monica Moore, Janet Frosdick, Brenda Grimes and Ruth Denmark. Front row – the then Head Nicola Cushion and former pupil Francis Dearnley. Elsewhere in this edition you can read about the closure of the current Woodside School site in Firs Road and the building of a new school in North Hethersett.

Hethersett School Watch

Doors Open at Academy

HETHERSETT Academy is opening its doors to families to give them a flavour of school life.

They are inviting parents and carers to explore the school through tours on the following dates:

Tuesday June 25th at 9.15 am.

Wednesday June 26th at 2 pm.

Tuesday July 2nd at 9.15 am.

Tours will take up to 90 minutes and will begin with a presentation by the principal Gareth Stevens. This will be followed by a tour of the school. Mr Stevens and other members of the senior leadership team will then answer questions.

Places on the tours are limited. Anyone wishing to attend should email: fiolahamilton@inspirationtrust.org to book a place.

Dancing Up A Storm

TALENTED dancers from Hethersett Academy took part in a magical fairytale-themed show.

Pupils from the Hethersett school joined pupils from Norwich Primary Academy and Jane Austen College to entertain a packed crowd at the Norwich School Sport Partnership's Once Upon a Time show at The Open in Norwich.

Hethersett Academy took inspiration from a classic fairytale with their Cinderella-themed dance.

We will have more news from Hethersett Academy and the other village schools in the August edition of Hethersett Herald.

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 and Phil on 07985 695668.

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.

Email: hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk

Website – hethersettpc.info

The Scott Willoughby Column

Selfless Hethersett

IT is always heart-warming to hear about Hethersett people and groups receiving awards for their selfless service to the village.

Over the past few years, a number have received awards and all have been well deserved.

This year a special award was presented to Tristan Cork to mark his work with Finnbar's Force - a charity he set-up in memory of his son who died from a brain tumour. Tristan and his family and supporters have thrown themselves into raising awareness of brain tumours in young children, raising funds for research and providing support for families.

By their selfless action Finnbar's memory will live on.

The other Hethersett award went to the pantomime group which was named Fundraising Group of the Year. In fact it's recognition for half a century of raising well over £100,000 for good causes.

Don't Be A Victim of Scams

Every month we highlight some of the latest scams to avoid. Very often these are scams that have taken place elsewhere in Norfolk but which we feel might find their nasty way to Hethersett. After all being forewarned is part of the battle. This month we came across a couple of incidents involving local people. All we can say is please be on your guard against unscrupulous men and women whose only aim is to con you out of money. If you live next door to an elderly person please help them to avoid these blood-suckers.

If you are concerned by cold callers calling at your door you can obtain a "no cold caller" sticker from the police or Hethersett Library. These point out that it is an offence to cold call at that particular property. Another way to avoid cold call telephone calls is to get a call blocker facility on your phone. I used to get two or three nuisance calls a day until I got Sky TV to put a free blocker on my telephone. In the two years I have had that in place I haven't received a single nui-

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sance call. It's a simple and basic procedure.

Those Thickthorn "Improvements."

You will read quite a bit in this edition of the Herald about the proposed changes/improvements to the Thickthorn roundabout. There was a public consultation event in Hethersett Village Hall during June where the plans were on display. This follows a previous public consultation exercise two years ago. Yes it's all a very drawn out and slow process.

I will leave it up to you to decide whether any notice will be taken of public comments this time around or whether this is just another "tick box" exercise. The cynic in me would claim the latter! I still remember when Hethersett parish councillors met with a representative of Highways England to point out the inherent dangers of the existing Thickthorn roundabout and the problems with various road markings. The man from Bedford decided there was no need to change a thing despite overwhelming local support for what the parish council was trying to achieve.

Oversplashing in Hethersett

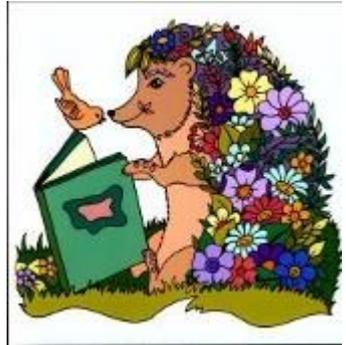
Finally this month a plea to motorists during wet weather. A resident told me of the perils of waiting for a bus in various parts of the village and in particular in the area around the Methodist Church. With puddles on the road, many drivers went straight through them without a thought of the oversplash (I think we've invented a new word there) onto those on the pavement. Those in the bus shelters had to take evasive action to avoid being drenched.

Please please please motorists be aware of the problems and drive slowly or try to avoid the puddles. Which reminds me, I understand that the new Speedwatch scheme is due to be launched in the near future. It will be interesting to see how many motorists are found to be exceeding speed limits in the village. I fear the number will be quite large. Of course we will keep you abreast of developments in this and other village initiatives as they happen.

Rain Rain Go Away Come Again Another Day

I am back to my usual moaning about the weather. First I complain that we are not having enough rain and then it threatens never to stop. My friends hate me.

Despite there being so much water leaking from the skies, the water dishes are still the first thing that the hedgehogs in my garden aim for. There are proprietary water dishes to be found but the best ones, and the most cost effective, are still the glazed ceramic flower pot dishes you can pick up in the garden centres. A good sized one



Happy hedgehogs
munching away.



should cost under £3 and be heavy enough not to tip over.

The same applies to other items that are sold specifically for hedgehog care. I bought a feeding station from the internet which cost more than £50 but the hogs do not like it and are nervous to enter it. The one that is a real success is a simple round hedgehog house that cost around £20. The cats find it hard to get in to steal the food but the hogs can nip in and out at will. It is not quite the same with hibernation houses as the simple round ones do not have a lift

Hethersett Hedgehogs

up lid which is needed for checks on any occupants.

Little Olly is still progressing well in care inside the new shed but I am now worried about his eyesight as I think that he might be blind. He is now more than 200 gms heavier than when he was brought in but I have never in all that time seen him with his eye open. He finds his way around his hutch and locates his food easily but I remain convinced that is due to a sense of smell and memory rather than sight. I will get him checked by the vet and if there is a sight problem I will take care of him permanently. He also had an attack of ticks. I am not sure where they originated but it could have been when he was being kept outside while the new shed was being put up. I took five off his body with a tick twister and found two that had fallen off his little body. I was mortified but he appears totally tick free now.



Hedgehog babies are tiny and are born without prickles. Photo from a Rescue Centre

My garden is still in disarray but we are getting it into some sort of order, sadly not in good enough order for the Village Open Garden event. The hedgehogs love all the weeds and the overgrown flower beds though. We are having many hog visitors but have not seen any babies at all. I see photos and videos of hoglets on Facebook but have never been fortunate enough to see them on home ground. Seeing how small they can be, I would be totally terrified of having to care for them.

Please take care when gardening as there may be several babies in your garden. Mum abandons them when they are only a few weeks old and they get themselves into all sorts of trouble.

We will have more from Hethersett Hedgehogs in the August edition of Hethersett Herald.

Groups and Societies

Hethersett Methodist Church

Hethersett Methodist Church's Singing Fellowship will be holding a summer music and tea afternoon in the church hall on Friday, 28th June, from 2.30 pm. The afternoon will include music, readings, poems and refreshments.

The church holds shoppers' coffee mornings every Saturday from 10.30 am until noon. All are welcome. The art and craft group meets every Wednesday from 10 am until midday. For more information on this contact Tina Greenhalgh on 810364.

The church also has regular Sanctuary events - a time for reflection, prayer and praise in an informal style. The next session will be on Wednesday, 26th June, at 7.30 pm.

Hethersett Women's Institute

Members of Hethersett WI enjoyed a service of celebration to mark the formation of the Norfolk Federation of Women's Institutes. The Cathedral was full as the movement reflected on the past and looked forward to the future. Over 80 banners and cloths used by individual institutes in Norfolk processed around the aisles.

Art Historian Genista Davidson gave a lecture on Art Deco. She referred to herself as an Art Deco Traveller, travelling the world, looking at museums, architecture and Art Deco hotels. She described the architecture and designs which appeared just before World War One and mentioned many buildings in East Anglia.

She featured the work of Clarice Cliff, the ceramic artist whose pottery is often innovative and gaudy, and Rene Lalique who created crystal as the ultimate symbol of French luxury and whose glass art, jewellery and perfume bottles are all highly prized.

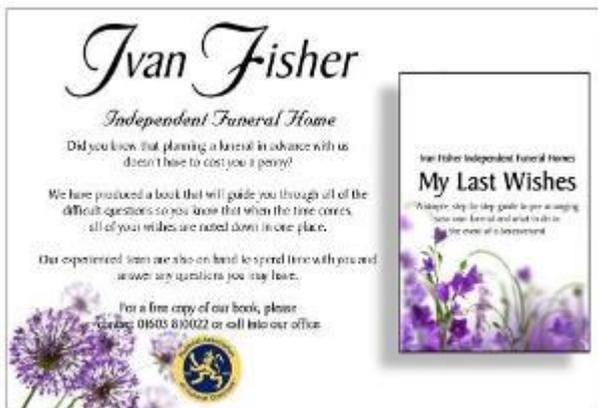
Many members remembered the Art Deco aspect of Odeon Cinemas.

Members rounded off a busy month with a walk through the fields to the south of Hethersett.

Groups and Societies

Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group

The Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meets every two weeks on a Tuesday in the lounge at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road from 5.30 until 6.30 pm and has a mixture of films, talks and social time. Coming meetings will take place on July 2nd, July 16th and July 30th.



The group also welcomes people who are lonely and/or suffering from depression and anxiety. It is supported by Ivan Fisher of Independent Funeral Home.

Hethersett Dementia Support Group

The Hethersett Dementia Support Group organises a cafe on the third Tuesday of each month in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am until midday.

Light refreshments are served free of charge. The café provides an opportunity for dementia sufferers and their carers to meet and chat over a tea or coffee, participate in activities such as singing and also listen to guest speakers.

The July café will be held on Tuesday 16th and will conclude with a sandwich lunch with strawberry scones and cream. In June Anna Ryan from Rowan House Well Being Centre led "chair exercises" and explained some of the science behind movement.

Further information is available by e-mailing hethersettdementia2016@gmail.com where you can leave a contact telephone number and somebody will get back to you within 48 hours.

Groups and Societies

Probus Club

Probus Club members were entertained by Norfolk's very own Lady Mole Catcher Louise Chapman. Before becoming a mole catcher, Louise was a teacher. She made a lifestyle change in 2010 when she trained in traditional wildlife management. Now she is one of only five female mole catchers in the country with a host of qualifications to her name. She explained in detail how moles live and work underground. She brought three different types of traps and demonstrated their use. She also brought along moleskins. Moles need 80% water in their diet and 50% die when there is no rain.



The mole has an extraordinary appetite eating its own weight in earthworms in a day. It has a delicate sense of touch and smell and can hear well despite not having ears. Louise is photographed above. Further details of her service are available on the website: <http://www.ladymolecatcher.co.uk/>

Norfolk Association for the Disabled

The Norfolk Association for the Disabled encompasses Attleborough, Hethersett and Wymondham.

It meets on the first Thursday of the month (apart from August and December) in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall. If you would like to join the group or help as a carer, friend or volunteer, please contact Rob Reeve on 810440 or Angela Far-

Groups and Societies

Good News Magazine

The village Good News magazine is looking for people to help distribute the publication. Anyone interested in delivering to various parts of the village should contact Monica Moore on 811731.

Hethersett Society

David Hook, Chairman of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Planning Committee, talked to Hethersett Society about keeping green spaces in Norfolk. The group's proposals would give Hethersett green space between the village and other communities. Mr Hook felt that too many houses are being built in Norfolk and, unless prompt action is taken, Hethersett will soon merge with Wymondham and a continuous corridor of houses would appear as far as Cambridge and even further on.

He told members that it is still possible to preserve a green belt around Hethersett and letters in support of this should be sent to South Norfolk Council.

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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If you enjoy reading Hethersett Herald please pass details on.

News From Hethersett Memorial Playing Field

Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Trustees update us on what is happening on the park.

Hethersett Memorial Playing Field had all six trustees re-elected at the annual parish meeting and they continue to work hard in maintaining this excellent facility for the village to be used by all ages.

We have recently commissioned repairs to the multiplay unit in the children's playground having previously replaced swings.

We are currently looking to replace the damaged matting under the multiplay unit and then consider other developments in this popular area.

The PING Table Tennis initiative by South Norfolk Council last summer proved popular and the trustees have taken over ownership of the table and regularly make bats and balls available, always subject to mis-use by a minority unfortunately.

The Non Turf Cricket Wicket provided by Norfolk Cricket Board last year is now ready for hire. We have all the equipment needed for softball cricket so any groups can hire the facility up until August 31st.

We also have stumps suitable for hardball cricket but any groups wishing to use the facility for that will need to bring their own bats, balls, etc. In all circumstances we are charging a launch fee of just £10 an hour for this season.

We continue to support the excellent clubs that operate on the field - Bowls, Croquet, Cycle-Speedway and Football - and details of their activities can be found on the calendar on our website.

A main focus at the moment is working on the progress towards a new pavilion. We are working with the parish council to progress this with some haste.

We are currently one short on our trustee body so if anyone wants to make a useful contribution to the field then please get in touch.

For more information visit our website www.hmpf.co.uk.

We will have more news from Hethersett Memorial Playing Field in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.

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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 events taking place in Hethersett in late June and July. 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.

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. See our groups' section for details of June meetings.

Hethersett Dementia Support Group's monthly café takes place in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am until midday every third Tuesday.

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.

Specific June Events

Monday 24th - Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club. A Wood Affair, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

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Saturday 29th - Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club fete and dog show, 12 to 3.30 pm.

Sunday 30th - Hethersett Open Gardens 10 am to 4 pm.

July Events

Thursday 4th - Methodist Singing Fellowship at Hethersett Hall, 3 pm in the main lounge. Songs of praise and worship.

Monday 8th - Hethersett Society - Patagonia By Bike with Martin Philpot, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

Monday 15th - Hethersett WI The Wonderful World of Stinging Nettles with Fay Jones. Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 17th - Hethersett and District Horticultural Society Weeding of the 5,000 with Two Hoes and Five Wishes with Jaime Blake, Hethersett Methodist Church, 7.30 pm.

Sunday 27th - Hethersett Social Club Open Day from 10 am. For more details see elsewhere in this edition.

King's Camps Re-Visited

HETHERSETT Old Hall School will once again be teaming up with King's Camps this year to launch Summer holiday sports camps for young people..

Summer camps will run from 5th to 9th August and 12th to 16th August. More information is available by telephoning 01142 632 160.

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With the fete and dog show at Jubilee Youth Club fast approaching, Gillian Saunders discusses the final arrangements.

**We are very nearly there at the event of the Year!
The Fete and Fun Dog Show is Saturday 29th June 12-3:30.**

The registration for the Dog Show starts at 11:50 am with group one classes and then at approximately 12:30 we will register for group two as well.

Then Marshall (from Paw Patrol) will open the event at 12 noon. The Ghostbusters car will also be there for you to sit in and have your photo taken.

There is plenty to do with or without the dog, with stalls (lots of outside providers from Tropics, Bodyshop to animal cushions and books), food, (filled rolls, BBQ, refreshments), games and paddling pools for dogs and children. Greyhound Rescue and PAT dogs will be there and we are running a stall to raise money for Cancer Research. This is alongside the Tombola, bottles, white elephant and raffle.

Come and have lunch and enjoy the afternoon and finish off with tea and cakes. Dogs are welcome in the hall so you can enjoy the stalls inside and out and have a cup of tea and have your dog with you!!

At approximately 3:10 we will crown the 2019 BEST IN SHOW! Will it be your dog?

Then at 3:20 we'll draw the raffle and close the fete after what we hope will be a busy and successful afternoon.

Entry is Free

We look forward to seeing you there and help us raise the £1000 we need for the club next year.

Gillian



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Star Throwers' Dates

OVER the years numerous Hethersett people have been helped by the Wymondham-based cancer charity Star Throwers. So we are always happy to promote their coming events.

They will be holding an open day on Friday, August 2nd, from 10 am until 4 pm at their centre - 30 Melton Road, Wymondham. It will give the public a chance to see how the charity supports local people affected by cancer. There will be a chance to meet staff, volunteers and therapists and to hear talks about Star Throwers and its services.

Eight days later the charity will be holding a garden party from 11 am until 2 pm. There will be garden games, refreshments, a Pimms tent, stalls, entertainment, raffle and tombola as the charity celebrates its 10th anniversary. Entry is by a suggested donation of £2 for adults and £1 for children and this includes a free hot drink or squash.



 **Star Throwers**
-Protects Cancer Support Charity

Star Throwers Garden Party

Saturday 10th August

11am - 2pm
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Raffle & Tombola**



Entry
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(Suggested donation - includes free hot drink or squash)

To book a stall or donate or a raffle/tombola prize or would like to book a stall: call 01955 423304 or email vicaria@starthrowers.org.uk

www.starthrowers.org.uk

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Open Gardens Sunday

FOURTEEN gardens have signed up for the Hethersett Open Garden event which will be held from 10 am until 4 pm on Sunday, 30th June.

Entry to all the gardens is just £3 and maps showing the location of the gardens will be available from Hethersett Social Club.

Money raised from the event will be shared between the PACT animal charity and the Hethersett-based Finnbar's Force. The event is organised by Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT).



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Hawk Talk with Mel Perkins

June 1st/2nd

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages gave a much improved performance against title-chasing Ipswich who had beaten them the previous week.

Using home track advantage, Hawks were able to contest most of the heats with some clever tactics and were unlucky not to register more points than the 69-109 defeat.

Leigh Cossey won heat four and he and Harley Hamill continually troubled the visitors.

Hethersett 69, Ipswich 109. Hethersett scorers - L. Cossey 13, H. Hamill 12, D. Longlands 10, D. Adams 9, C. Lyth 9, G. Morgan 8, K. Adams 5, L. Smith 3.

The "B" team then took on Sussex side Hellingly in Division Two and a close match ensued. The visitors went ahead in heat six and followed that with a 7-3 win but straight after the interval Glyn Morgan shepherded Daniel Longlands home for a 7-3 win to narrow the gap. The former Division One side just had enough in depth to protect their slender lead and ran out winners. Charlie Lyth was outstanding but Rider of the Match went to nine-year-old Lewis Smith who filled in for both A and B teams at the last minute.

Hethersett 77, Hellingly 83. Hethersett scorers - C. Lyth 23, G. Morgan 16, D. Longlands 15, D. Adams 12, L. Smith 6, K. Adams 5.

Leigh Cosey and Daniel Longlands were both in action the previous day - while Leigh was finishing third in the 35-40 category at the Eurovets round at Eaton Park, Daniel was finishing fourth in the final regional round of the British Junior League series in Sussex. Charlie Lyth won the Under-16 Go Ride round at Eaton Park in midweek.

June 8th/9th

Hawks successfully staged their first national event for four years when the South-East and Eastern Region took on the North and Scotland at the Memorial Playing Field. The junior match was a bit disappointing with the visitors a rider down but the remaining five put in a spirited effort. Hethersett's Charlie Lyth made his regional debut with seven points in his three rides. Score - South-East and Eastern 100, North and Scotland 74.

The Senior match was much more competitive with former British Champions in the line-up for the Northerners. The home side built up an early lead only for this



to be reduced to three points in heat eight following an exclusion. After the interval the home team again pulled away with Matt Hill leading the way and two late heat wins for the visitors came too late. Score - South-East and Eastern 106, North and Scotland 92.

Daniel Longlands made the long trip to Newport to contest the Welsh Junior Open. He finished 11th but the experience will be a good part of his development.

Below and opposite are photographs from the senior South East and Eastern v North and Scotland representative match.

June 15th/16th

Hawks were hit by late call-offs for their Division Two match with Kesgrave so had little chance of victory against the former Division One side who tracked a good blend of experienced veterans and top quality youngsters. B team rider-



manager David Adams tried his hardest to create openings, notably a brilliant 5-5 with young George Later-Dixon who was named rider of the match.

Charlie Lyth was in the thick of the action but it was Paul Delaiche who reeled off four wins after two disappointing rides.

Result: Hethersett 64, Kesgrave 91. Hethersett scorers - P. Delaiche 20, C. Lyth 18, D. Adams 13+1, G. Larter-Dixon 8, K. Adams 5.

Four of those five riders were at East London the previous day for Round Five of the South-East and Eastern Grand Prix series. In the Juniors, Lyth finished second and Delaiche fifth while Larter-Dixon excelled to finish third in the Under-12s. Katie Adams had a couple of races in the Seniors before withdrawing. The next round is at Hethersett on 13th July.

Sunday June 23rd sees both Hawks' teams at home to Great Blakenham (2 pm) and then on Wednesday 26th its a Division One local derby against Norwich Stars at Eaton Park (7 pm).

The Norfolk Go Ride and Senior Practice Grand Prix Round Four was held at Spixworth.

Under-9s - 1 Will Blackmore, 2 Connor Jarrett, 3 Luca El Labany, 4 Henry Adderson.

Under-14s - 1 McKenzie Loombe, 2 Shaun Kell, 3 Josie Kell. Under-16s - 1 Charlie Lyth, 2 Paul Delaiche, 3 Tom Blackmore. Senior - 1 Leigh Cossey, 2 Ben Loombe, 3 Owen Wells, 4 Jamie Medler.

Another Photo From Junior School Fete - Photos by Rebecca Appleton



New Facilities Business Plan

Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association (HAMSA) is taking a leading role in looking into the possibility of additional sports facilities in the village, paid for from development money.

Here HAMSA chairman Sharon gives her thoughts on the latest position.

“Following on from the last HAMSA meeting it was highlighted to members that Hethersett Parish Council had potential Section 106 monies from the housing developers (Taylor Wimpey) for providing football pitches and a sports pavilion.

“There was no clarification on what exactly was being made available to the community. Both myself and HAMSA vice-chairman Rebecca Jermy, in our newly appointed roles, agreed to take this matter forward and seek a meeting with the parish council to find out more about what was being made available in terms of community infrastructure and how, if possible, HAMSA could assist in securing access to these future facilities.



“We met with the Chairman of the parish council and the parish clerk and discovered that there is no definitive clarity on what is available except that there is a piece of land off Coachmaker Way being made available as part of the ‘strategic gap’.

“On the Taylor Wimpey website under the Heather Gardens Phase A2 Community Benefits section it identifies that they would be providing financial contribu-

tions towards the local community under the terms of the Section 106 agreement including 'sports pitches and recreational space'. There is the outline of a football pitch and an additional green space on existing maps.

"Given we don't exactly know the extent of what is available we have managed to negotiate the opportunity for HAMSA to submit a business plan on how this land might be used by our clubs and societies.

"The Chairman of the Parish Council agreed that she would update the parish council that they had met with us and that we had expressed an interest in making representations for how the sports pitches and informal recreational space might be utilised. Once more detail is forthcoming we can then put forward a business case for the parish council to consider with regards to this funding.

Promotion Push Stutters

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley's promotion push suffered a setback in June when the first team lost its first league match of the season in a low scoring game at Martham.

The defeat saw them drop to second place in the Norfolk Alliance Division Two.

The June 14th match saw Martham bat first and they were restricted to 145-9 in their 45 overs. It seemed a reasonably small target for a strong Hethersett batting line-up but some good bowling from the Martham strike force and a difficult pitch saw Valley bowled out for 113 in 41.3 overs. Tom Collishaw continued his rich vein of form with 48 but none of the other batsmen were able to stay with him long enough to force a victory.

The previous week, Valley Firsts inadvertently took advantage of the bad weather as their nearest rivals struggled in the damp. Valley were without a game following Wanderers pulling out of the league. So they sat and watched as their rivals were either restricted to just five points from abandoned games or struggled to make an impact.

The club's Saturday second team eased their relegation worries in Division Four of the Norfolk Alliance with a 121-run victory over Beccles Second. Valley batted

first and hit an impressive 272-9 with Nick Burrett top scoring with 51. Beccles were then bowled out for 151 with Robbie Clarke taking 4-30.

First team league fixtures for July are: July 6th away to Garboldisham, July 13th home to Mattishall, July 20th home to Norwich, July 27th away to Downham.

Long and Winding Road Is Over

HETHERSETT'S dreams of going to Lord's have been dashed by old adversaries Foxton.

They bowed out of the National Village competition at the hands of the Cambridgeshire side.

Foxton hammered 240-6 at exactly a run a ball with Robbie Matthews taking 2-29 and Sam Morton 2-52. Valley were then bowled out for 141 in 33 overs with Damian Fahy top scoring with 35.



Hethersett and Tas Valley's Fourth Team before a recent match.



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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.

In 2019, the library will be closed on the following dates: 26th August - Summer Bank Holiday

The poster on the next page gives an overview of coming events in Hethersett Library for June.

It also looks as if 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. You can read more about this elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

For a report of the latest meeting of the Friends of Hethersett Library turn to page 13.

Hethersett Library Events July 2019

- **Knit & Natter: Mon 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th 14:00-16:00**
- **Colour me Calm: Weds 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st 11:00-12:00**
- **Summer Reading Challenge: Who's in Space Python Coding Workshop: Weds 31st 4-5**
- **Baby Bounce and Rhyme: TBC**
- **Lego Club: Fri 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, 3:15-4:15**
- **Open Library Access Unavailable: Tues 9th 1:00-3:00**

Keep an eye out for more Summer Reading Challenge events coming soon!

Book of the Month

Our book group read *White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga this month. Come and take out a copy and see what our book group thought!

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



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