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Charity Shop To Close

HETHERSETT'S MacMillan Cancer Support shop in Great Melton Road is to shut.

Volunteers who work at the shop throughout the week were informed during the month of the impending closure, despite raising more than £1 million to help people affected by cancer.

MacMillan UK has stated that charity shops are no longer part of its plans for local fundraising in the future.

“MacMillan Cancer Support has a duty to invest in the most efficient fundraising activities and to review how they best do this on a regular basis.

“In order to manage operations most effectively, shops require substantial financial and personnel resources to provide policies, procedures and guidance. Therefore, following a fundraising review, Macmillan has taken the



decision to close the handful of remaining volunteer-run Macmillan shops,” the charity states. A press release issued by Macmillan UK goes on: “We value every penny that members of the public raise for Macmillan and, with the number of people living with or beyond cancer in the UK estimated to rise from two million to four million by 2030, the need for that support is growing. However, we have a responsibility to fundraise in what we believe are the most efficient ways locally and we believe this decision will help us to do so more effectively in the long term.”

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Fun Run Form Available - The form for this year's village funrun on Sunday 8th July is now available in this e-magazine and online at www.hethersett.org.uk. To find the form for this year's event turn to page 10.

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Investment Money for Hethersett Education

MORE than £33 million is to be invested in Hethersett and Wymondham to create more school places in our ever-growing communities.

Norfolk County Council has announced a number of measures as part of an extensive capital project to support expanding communities and ensure that there are sufficient school places in growing villages such as Hethersett.

The latest county council programme includes more than £33 million of investment in Hethersett and Wymondham where good and outstanding schools are continuing to grow and facing increases in pupil numbers.

The money will allow for the following changes to education in Hethersett

- Hethersett Woodside Infant School converting to a primary school and moving to an £8 million, 420 place, building behind the current village hall
- Hethersett Junior School converting to a primary school and increasing in size with a £4.6 million extension programme.
- An £8 million project to expand Hethersett Academy and develop new playing field space.

Penny Carpenter, Chairman of the Children's Services Committee at Norfolk Council, said:

"I'm very proud of our school investment programme. Thousands more children in Norfolk growing up in rapidly expanding communities are now learning in modern school buildings.

"The programme isn't just about bricks and mortar, but also about investing in our children's education and supporting our schools to provide the best possible start in life for our youngest residents. We want to support our children to achieve their full potential in the years ahead.

Pantomime Fundraiser

THIS year's Hethersett Village pantomime Robinson Crusoe was not only a sell-out but raised over £7,000 for charities and good causes from ticket sales and a bucket collection at the end of each performance.

The bucket collection was in aid of the Nook appeal for the new East Anglian Children's Hospice being built in Framingham Earl. This raised a record £2,852.14p and was made up to £2,900 from pantomime funds.

The pantomime group's annual meeting also approved the following awards:

£2,500 for the Finnbar's Force charity in memory of five-year-old Finbar Cork which is supporting the fight against childhood brain tumours.

£1,000 towards the cost of improvements to the car park at St Remigius Church.

£500 to the Caroline Lindley Trust which supports Hethersett residents between the ages of 18 and 25 wanting to go on to further education.

£500 for the Norfolk and Norwich Association for the Blind.

The awards brings the amount given by the group to charity over the past 49 years to £114,750.

"Next year sees our 50th production which we hope to be something special. So please continue supporting us and our charitable causes," said Neville Greenhalgh, Chairman of Hethersett Pantomime Group.

The Finnbar Force charity expressed their appreciation of the donation on social media:

"We had no idea that this donation was coming and it was a lovely surprise to receive the cheque. We actually went along to the show and it was fantastic. We are especially pleased that the panto also chose to support the East Anglian Children's Hospice this year too. As many of you will know this is a fantastic charity that has been there for us and Finnbar."



MacMillan Charity Shop To Close

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Since its opening, the Hethersett shop has raised £1,025,356. It is likely that the shop will close at the end of the year. It is not clear as yet whether it will continue as a retail outlet.

The shop will continue to accept goods until November when MacMillan will announce where donations can be sent in the future.

The decision will be a disappointment to many local residents who shop there, support the charity and donate goods for sale. The building, at the corner of Henstead Road and Great Melton Road, has had an interesting history, having had many owners/users including a newsagents and the national headquarters of a coffee outlet.

One resident who regularly shops at the charity shop said she was "extremely saddened" by the news.

"The charity shop is an integral part and one of the focal points of the village and it will be incredibly sad to see it go," she said.

Another resident left the following notice on a social media site:

"The charity shop closing is very bad news. It's such a great resource in the village. Macmillan say they have to look at other ways to

raise money as the shop is not viable anymore. But the shop has raised on average over £40,000 a year for the last 25 years! That's over a million pounds for the cancer charity. That's with all voluntary staff. Those staff have now been told they can take a well-deserved break :Will the shop be replaced by another funeral parlour or estate agent or something equally as dull and devoid of community spirit? Anyone up for a petition?"

Other comments on social media included the following:

"Very sad. I love to go over and take my grandchildren especially because the volunteers are so welcoming. The children have learnt how to spend their pocket money and the Ladies have helped them understand their change and even manners. I think they have given MacMillan over £60,000 a year so to me it has and is a great success. Very well done Ladies - so what's the next move? I agree we need a petition."

If the volunteers are willing there are other charities that might take it over. EACH the Children's Hospice and Break (support for bereaved children) both run good shops and try to make it somewhere people pop in regularly."

A Dancing Extravaganza

Review by Peter Steward

A GLORIOUS showcase of Hethersett dancing talent was once again in evidence with a bi-ennial show at Norwich's Theatre Royal on Sunday, May 6th .

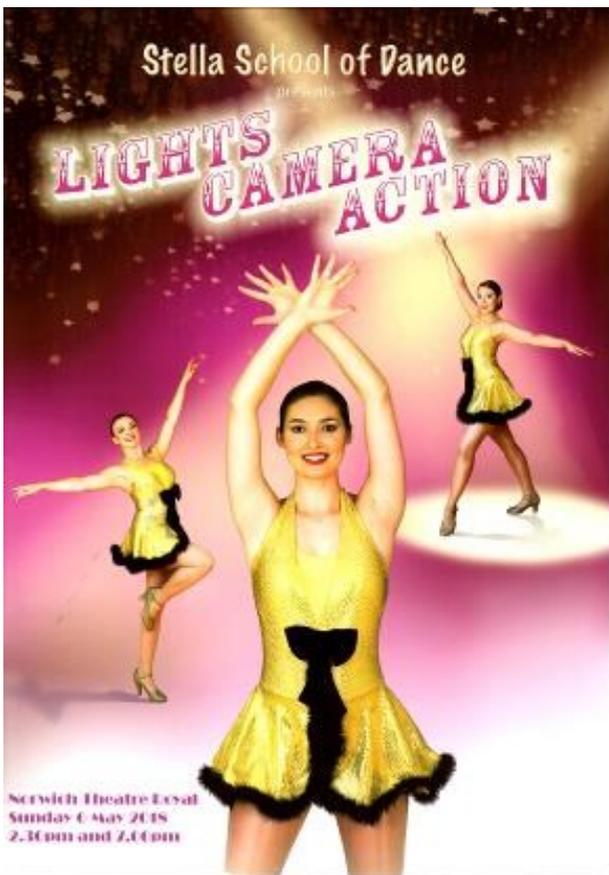
The Stella School of Dance's production of "Lights, Camera, Action" featured over 200 dancers of all ages from tots to adult and produced a colourful extravaganza, showcasing not only their ability but also their enthusiasm. This was hugely appreciated by an equally enthusiastic audience of families, friends and lovers of dance.

The two shows (at 2.30 pm and 7 pm) were produced and directed by dance

school owner Stella McLoughlin who pulled out all the stops over the two hour show that produced seamless transitions between numbers.

"Our uplifting and inspiring show presents the talents of over 200 pupils from tots to adults showcasing ballet, tap, modern theatre and acrobatic dance. A wide variety of music amalgamates an eclectic combination of songs from musicals, films and chart-topping tracks," Stella McLoughlin said in her programme's welcome notes.

Musical numbers were as follows: First Half - Little Shop of Horrors, Puttin' on



the Ritz, Truly Scrumptious, With You, You Two, Jet Set, If I Didn't Have You, Writings on the Wall, Let's Face the Music and Dance, Steam Heat, Me Ol' Bamboo, We Went as Far, Sleeping Beauty, This Land, I Just Can't Wait To Be King, They Live in You, Circle of Life.

Second Half - A Party For Me, Addams Family Groove, Days in the Sun, Hometown Glory, Juicy, 42nd Street, We're in the Money, The Movie in My Mind, One Brick at a Time, Reflection, Hushabye Mountain, End of Time, Dancin' in the Street, Rhythm of the Night, One Vision.

Many of the highly colourful costumes - and there must have been several hundreds of them - were paid for by the Hethersett Dance Show Fund with money raised from fund-raising events as Stella explained:

"Our committee members have been incredibly busy organising fund-raising events over the past year. I would like to thank pupils along with their families and many people in our local community who have supported race nights, quiz nights, pamper evenings and more, helping us to raise funds.

"We endeavour to inspire and nurture a genuine love of dance in all our pupils - whatever stage they are at. Over the past two years, pupils have performed at the Walter Roy Theatre and in the Lord Mayor's procession and have between them taken over 250 exams in four genres of dance, achieving a 100% pass rate."

Stella also paid tribute to the hard work of fellow dance teacher Katie Andrews who helped to choreograph the show: "Katie worked so very hard to produce many superb routines for this show and her enthusiasm has inspired many of our pupils to achieve everything that they have," Stella said.

She also thanked the dance school's founder Yvonne Cutting who retired following the previous show in 2016:

"Yvonne continues to take a huge interest in the dance school that she founded and I am very grateful to both Yvonne and her husband Steve for their continued support."

On the next two pages you can see an excerpt from the programme giving the names of dancers taking part.

An end of performance bucket collection was taken in aid of the Stroke Association.

PRIMARIES

Lola Batch, Daisy Bennison, Evie Bisset,
Grace Brown, Emilia Bulluck,
Jessica Clark, Maisie Cole, Isabella Collier,
Poppy Collins, Charlotte Convery,
Nell Cork, Maisie Davies,
Megan Demetriou, Isabel Downing,
Isy Dowson, Tavia Durant, Bethany Dye,
Mia Edwards, Victoria Ellis,
Clementine Endicott, Sophie Fountain,
Chloe Fox, Lily Ganley, Mimi Garner,
James Garner, Laila-Grace Godfrey,
Sophia Gonzalez, Adele Grapes,
Verity Hamilton, Elsie Hatt,
Emilia Hindmarsh, Evelyn Holt,
Grace Howse, Amelia Hudson,
April Hurn, Emilia James, Rebecca King,
Emma Lawrenson, Zak Lawrenson,
Isla Macfarlane, Alice Munday,
Jessica Norton, Pippa Pearson,
Esmae Preston, Ella Quadling, Amy Scott,
Mia Summerfield, Lucy Sykes,
Isabelle Varga, Juan-Camillo Valero,
Paula Valero, Mara Walsh,
Ava Walsh,
Emilia Woodhead, Amelia Wonnacott,
Ella Wright.

TOTS

Isabelle Appleton, Verity Brandon,
Tegan Breese, Phoebe Benterman,
Ketty Burner, Mathilda Darlow,
Daisy Dawson, Nyla Durant,
Lucy Edwards, Amelia Frappell,
Ruby Grant, Elsie Helps, Sophia Hilliam,
Leila Kong, Emily Lamb, Daisy Mackie,
Sofia Metcalf Cariello, Jade Mitchell,
Olivia Mottershead, Tenuli Nanayakkara,
Lily-May Newell, Maggie Pearson,
Jessica Pullinger, Jemima Rokodinono,
Grace Samacicci, Caitlin Scott,
Lacie-Mae Stearman, Hattie Thompson,
Isabel Vyse, Amalie Young.

JUVENILES

Zoya Bokhari, Poppy Bradbury, Meena Bulluck, Georgina Davies, Mia Demetriou,
Summer Endicott, Darcy George, Isla Hamilton, Sophie Harrison, Chloe Hayes,
Tabitha Hearn, Camilla Henri, Edith Jacobson, Isla Johnson, Lucy Kenny,
Isabelle Kleinberg, Eve Macbeth, Isali Nanayakkara, Teagan Nku, Emily Norton,
Eleanor Paling, Ruby Preston, Fiona Qiao, Tilly Robinson, Imogen Small,
Jasmine Swenson, Eliza Vanhinsbergh, Rose Watson, Taryn Watts,
Daisy Wilson, Lucy Wright, Lily Youngs.

JUNIORS

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Isabelle Benton, Amy Blyth, Jude Bunn,
Martha Carolan, Alana Chaney, Lily Cole,
Elizabeth Cook, Daisy Farrow,
Mia Gibson, Amelia Graver,
Elizabeth Green, Constance Harrold,
Lydia Hawker, Matilda Jacobson,
Alexandra King, Erin Lartey,
Milly Lightwing, Betsy Marsh, Lilia Mercer,
Sophie Morgan, Beth Ottaway,
Holly Paling, Olivia Partner, Zoe Rodgers,
Eve Smart, Libby Steedman,
Emily Sykes, Romalie Sylvester,
Keira Thompson, Gemma Walford,
Lauren Watts, Milly Wilson,
Chloe Youngs.

Emma Bayat, Bethany Bridgewood,
Ashlea Cane, Quenby Cooper,
Tara Daynes, Hannah Davies,
Emma Denmark, Jessica Eldred,
Georgia Finch, Sorcha Keane,
Jacob Kenworthy, Rachel Lowe,
Ellie Luther, Jessie McGee,
Isobel Morgan, Kirstie Orford,
Carrie Payne, Sally Reeder,
Phoebe Smedmor,
Emily Steedman, Grace Tilford,
Bethany Tuckwood, Leah Turner,
Katie Wade, Rosie Watts,
Cathy Wilson, Olivia Youell.

INTERMEDIATES

Emily Applegate, Katie Banfield,
Maisie Beckett, Freya Boden,
Beatrice Boyce, Gracie Brand,
Maddison Brooks, Sophie Chamberlin,
Rebecca Cracknell, Lily Farrow,
Eley Gare, Lucy Gare, Amy Gorman,
Erin Houlihan, Rebecca Ingham,
Maria Kenny, Hannah Lightwing,
Johanna Mollan, Lucy Morgan,
Kate Ottaway, Megan Partner,
Evie Sayer, Freya Scott,
Ellen Whiting, Charlotte Williams,
Ellie Wilson.

ADULTS

Sue Alden, Rebecca Appleton,
Karen Convery, Julie Curson,
Rebecca Curson, Rachel Goddard,
Amy Harrison, Maxine Molloy,
Helen Nku, Beverley Orford,
Sally Richardson, Sue Ridge,
Helen Wade, Ann Wilson.

Summer Event at Woodside

HETHERSETT Woodside Infant and Nursery School is appealing for businesses and families to back its main fundraising event by donating a raffle or tombola prize.

Every year the school holds a summer fayre which attracts parents, relatives, children and local residents.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, June 16, from 11am to 2pm.

The entrance will be via the memorial playing field and admission is £1 for adults and free for children.

There will be a bar, barbecue, disco, tombola, lots of fun stalls for the kids, bouncy castle, coconut shy, ice cream, and much more. Last year the event raised more than £3,000.

Kim Powles, secretary of the Friends of Woodside School, said: "This fantastic amount was partly due to generous gift



donations from local companies which were used on our popular tombola stall and raffle draw.

"The school would be extremely grateful for any donations for our Summer Fayre this year."

If you are able to offer a donation then please send it to the school at Woodside Infant and Nursery School, Firs Road, Hethersett, or contact Kim Powles on

kimberleypowles@hotmail.com

Collection can be arranged.

COMING in July - In our July edition we will have an article on the Wymondham Heritage Museum written by Hethersett-based author Neil Haverson. The July edition will be available from www.hethersett.org.uk from the ned of June.

Fight to Have Tip Charges Dropped

Special Report by Roger Morgan and Peter Steward

THE decision by Norfolk County Council to implement charges for taking do-it-yourself waste to household tips throughout Norfolk has become something of a hot potato with North Norfolk MP Norman Lamb claiming the charges are “illegal.”

Many Hethersett residents use “the tip” at Ketteringham but now face hefty charges for disposing of their unwanted goods.

This has led to a fear that it will lead to more fly tipping with people littering the countryside with their unwanted goods such as toilets, doors, glass etc.

An online petition has already attracted over 6,500 signatures asking for the charges to be rescinded.



The new charges for dumping domestic DIY waste appear to be having an affect on the number of people taking material to Ketteringham Recycling Centre. Operatives working at the site have noticed a significant reduction in the number of people taking this type of rubbish to the site.

The definition of DIY waste has caused some confusion amongst householders and appears to be a bit of a grey area. Basically any material that has been part of the fabric of your home or has been attached to it is liable to be charged for. This will include things like doors, windows/glass, built in furni-

ture, floorboards, bathroom fittings, brick rubble etc. as well as garden structures like fences and sheds. Oddly carpet, which is usually attached to the floor, will not be charged for. All other domestic waste like furniture, mattresses etc. can still be dumped free of charge. Other materials which are free of charge include electrical goods, cardboard, scrap metal and garden waste, although there will be a charge for turf and soil.

The minimum charge payable is £3 for a small bag of rubble or timber, rising to £5 for flat glass and so called 'general waste'. Plasterboard will cost £9 or £15, depending on which centre you use. For amounts of under £10 you can pay with cash or card, but over £10 only card payment is accepted.

Norfolk County Council introduced the new charging scheme on the 1st April 2018. In order to justify the new charges they claim that they are receiving less money from central government and need to balance their budget. The cost of waste disposal from household waste recycling centres was £7.5m last year and the new fees will be used to offset this.

They also claim that they are not legally required to take people's DIY waste. In the past, householders were allowed to deposit one 80 litre bag free of charge but Norfolk County Council estimates that, by removing this concession, they will make a saving of £280,000 per year.

Many local residents have expressed concerns about the new charges and think that it will inevitably lead to greater fly tipping of DIY materials. Surprisingly, this has not yet proved to be the case and there has been no increase; however it is still early days. Most things that are fly tipped are materials like furniture and electrical items which can be left for free at recycling centres anyway.

Unfortunately, despite the reduction in people visiting the Ketteringham centre, the amount of verbal abuse directed at the workers there has increased. There can be no justification for taking frustration out on them as they are merely applying the rules laid down by the council. They themselves are subject to the same charges as everyone else.

What happens in the longer term remains to be seen. Will fly tipping gradually increase or will people's black bins suddenly get a lot heavier as they get filled with DIY waste? Watch this space.

The petition against the charges was set-up by Lydia Hall from Cromer who posted the following message online:

"First of all, thank you to everyone who has signed this petition and to those of you who have gone the extra step and shared it too!

"I am also really heartened by the fact that nearly everyone is marking their reason for signing as fly tipping as the priority with costs the second. Of

course we don't like the cost, but it throws away (excuse the pun) the idea that this is about money for us, the electorate. We love our countryside and we take pride in our beautiful surroundings and dispose of all of our waste responsibly; from recyclables to furniture.

“One of the many trends I have noticed through the reasons for signing, and in conversation with residents today, is the inconsistent charging that is taking place. It seems that someone is being charged for one thing at centre X and another not at centre Y. I am also really sad that so many of you are already reporting a noticeable increase in fly tipping in the short time frame from when the charges were enacted.

Whilst we gather more signatures and try to raise awareness of this issue, please can you report any fly tipping through your district council environmental services.”

The number of signatures on the online petition means that the matter must be discussed again by Norfolk County Council at a meeting in July.

Comments on the matter on social media have included the following:!

“We already pay towards this in our council tax. We have a garden waste bin that we pay for each year that the council recycles and sells back. A lot of people will not pay these fees and the fly tipping will only get worse.”

“I have seen more fly tipping and it looks more like general waste and building materials, all the rubbish that now costs money. We are encouraged to recycle and dispose of waste in a responsible manner but the NCC charge us for being responsible citizens! Shame on them and ultimately is it legal for them to do so?”

“I also believe people will also burn things to avoid paying to dispose of things that councils charge extra for. This is potentially more dangerous to the environment and our health than fly tipping. There are cancer causing chemicals in many plastics and if these are burnt in back gardens as a way to avoid payment could have a serious impact on our health and to the already over stretched NHS.”

“We have burned more waste! Not happy about it but I see no other way. Budgets are stretched already and our council tax should cover this!”

To date we have found no comments in favour of the charges.

Norman Lamb MP said:

“The routine charges of householders for depositing DIY waste at recycling centres is contrary to law and the county council should rethink its decision to impose these charges.”

Fun Run Sunday

THE entry form for this year's village fun run on Sunday, 8th July, is now available. You can print it from our village web site at www.hethersett.org.uk or from page 15 of this edition of Hethersett Herald. Copies are also available from Hethersett Library, Rowan House and Hethersett Social Club.

Well over 200 runners/walkers are once again expected to take part in the two mile course starting and finishing outside Hethersett Junior School.

The course will once again take runners along Queen's Road and part of Great Melton Road before turning left to go the length of Mill Road.

It will then turn left again into New Road and left onto the B1172 and then past the King's Head and Queen's Head and back to the start.

The event will start at 11 am and village roads along the route will be closed for the duration



of the run - expected to be about one hour. Honorary starter will be local environmentalist and parish councillor Dr Anne Edwards.

Once again this year, Rowan House Health and Welfare Centre and Hethersett Social Club will be hosting fitness-related events at the end of the run until 3pm in the afternoon.

Attractions will include stalls, fitness classes, South Norfolk's recycling and energy information bus and much more:

"The event is an opportunity for clubs and groups to promote what they do," said Rachel Pailes from Rowan House.

Any group wishing to play a part in the day can contact Rachel on 01603 813999 or via e-mail at Rachel@rowanhousecentre.co.uk.

Entry fees for the run have been kept at the same level as last year - £3 for adults, £1.50 for Under-16s. There will be a £1 supplement for entries on the day. Everyone finishing will receive a commemorative medal. As usual there will be a warm up session for those taking part on Hethersett Junior School field before the event.

HETHERSETT "RUN THE SQUARE"

Sunday 8th July 2018.

Sponsored by: Hethersett Social Club

Start from Hethersett Junior School, Queen's Road, Hethersett. Registration is between 9am and 10:30am, warm up routines from 10:30, run starts at 11am.

2 mile fun run on a flat course through the village of Hethersett. * Certificate and special Hethersett medal for all finishers.

Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. * Fancy dress allowed - prize for best costume.

Digital finish clock & gantry. * Car parking at Hethersett Academy.

Honorary Starter – Dr Anne Edwards B.E.M. * Water Station – free to all runners.

Free Massage pre/post race available at Registration from Colin McDermott.

First Aid & Marshalled course on closed roads.

Nominal entry fee to cover insurance and first aid costs - £3 for adults, £1.50 for under 16`s.

£1 supplement for entry on the day.

ENTRY FORM.

Full Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Age on run day.....Name of Club (if applicable).....

Telephone.....

Emergency contact/next of kin

Name.....Telephone.....

Do you have a medical condition that organisers should know about

Applications can be handed into Hethersett Library, Hethersett Social Club & Rowan House with the entry fee. Cheques payable to "Hethersett Run the Square." There will be no acknowledgement of entries in order to reduce costs - just report to Registration on the day.

I understand that I enter the run at my own risk and that no person(s) or organisation(s) will be held responsible for any accident, injury or loss to me, prior to, during or after the event. I understand the organisers' reserve the right to delay, postpone, cancel or not officially time the run in the event of adverse weather conditions or other events outside the organisers' control. Photographs and video images of the race will be taken for publicity purposes. I understand that my image may be used and give permission freely for it to be used. Data above is requested for insurance and Health & Safety purposes only and will be destroyed by shredding within 48 hours of safe conclusion of the event.

Signature.....(Parent if under 8 years old.)

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It takes a village

A Family Wellbeing Day brought to you by Run the Square and Hethersett Partners

Sunday 8th July 2018

10.30 am - 3 pm

After Run the Square, follow the trail through Rowan House, the Social Club and Hethersett Academy to discover;

Smoothie Making



Penalty Shootouts



Fitness Classes

Tennis / Badminton



Therapy Tips and Advice

South Norfolk Energy Bus & Refuse vehicle



Take a selfie on the South Norfolk giant Deck Chair

Pop Up Ping Pong Festival

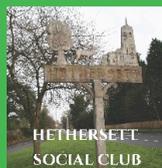


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Annual Parish Meeting

HETHERSETT'S annual parish meeting took place in the village hall on May 2nd when a number of village-related matters were discussed. There were reports from the parish council, the memorial playing field trustees, the village hall management committee and Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club. Over the next seven pages we report on the evening which attracted almost 50 people.

Concern Over Speeding

SPEEDING was one of the main issues brought up at the meeting.

One resident spoke about the “dangers from speeding vehicles” in Churchfields, claiming the area is “becoming a race track.”

Michael Deighton asked for improved lighting in the area and consideration to be given for slowing vehicles down.

Parish council chairman Jacky Sutton underlined attempts to have a meeting with the county highways authority to discuss speeding and other road-related problems in the village but, despite numerous requests and promises, this had not taken place to date.

“We have been trying for 18 months to get a meeting with the highways’ authority. We are now assured that this meeting will take place in the near future. We have a lot of issues to discuss,” she said, adding that numerous attempts had been made to set-up a speedwatch scheme in Hethersett but insufficient volunteers had come forward.

Ms Sutton expressed her concerns: “We seem to be breeding motorists who don’t want to play by the rules. I am concerned that our village is becoming a rat run from Wymondham,” she said.

Hethersett county and district councillor David Bills spoke about “the usefulness of speedwatch.” Parish councillor John Nightingale said that a previous speedwatch scheme had run for four years but stopped due to a lack of volunteers.

Mr Bills and Ms Sutton urged residents to complain to the relevant authorities about speeding and other problem matters including potholes in the village.

Don Williamson asked for the date of any meeting with the highways authority to be made public so members of the community could make their views known.

Annual Parish Meeting

A Popular Playing Field

HETHERSETT Memorial Playing Field continues to be a popular and well-used amenity in the village, the annual parish meeting heard.

Parish councillor and memorial field trustee Stephen Slack reported on field use by both formal sports groups and informally by the public.

“Much of the work of the trustees in the past year has been devoted to trying to improve the amenities provided. The existing pavilion is in a poor state and, at the very least, requires expensive refurbishment. However, there are more ambitious plans under consideration which involve enlarging the pavilion to create much better changing rooms and the provision of a meeting room, with catering facilities adjacent to it and an increase in the size of the car park,” the playing field report states.

Current issues being addressed by the trustees include cutting down on dog mess and its inherent health hazard and urging the public to report instances to South Norfolk Council and also cutting back the occurrences of anti-social behaviour on the park.

“Warm evenings often attract gatherings of youngsters that leave piles of unsightly litter, sometimes including evidence of alcoholic drink and illegal drug use. Sadly there have also been several instances of criminal damage which have cost considerable sums to put right. The playing field is an open space, so an easy target for poor behaviour,” the report states, adding that anyone witnessing criminal behaviour should phone Norfolk Police on 101 to report the matter.

The report praised the responsibility of many local people: “The trustees are grateful to villagers who help keep the field tidy and attractive through both small and sustained voluntary actions, including picking up mess and litter left by less caring neighbours. The community spirit is appreciated and valued.”

Trustees’ treasurer Mel Perkins MBE underlined the cost of vandalism on the park. “We are concerned that much of the maintenance costs have been due to vandalism, either on the playground area, the bins or the graffiti on the pavilion. This and the increased anti-social behaviour, all of which have been reported to the Police, do not seem like abating,” Mr Perkins said.

The day to day running of Hethersett Memorial Playing Field is in the hands of a board of trustees with four being voted in at the annual parish meeting. To this effect Mel Perkins, Ian Fieldhouse and Tim Hudson-Church were re-elected, but

Annual Parish Meeting

one vacancy still exists. Anyone interested in filling the vacancy should contact parish clerk Ian Weetman on 01603 810915

The Memorial Playing Field has its own web site at: <http://www.hmpf.co.uk/>

Village Hall Reaching Capacity

AS the village continues to grow the demand on Hethersett Village Hall increases, parish councillor and village hall trustee Chris Morriss told the annual parish meeting.

“Hethersett is growing and the population will continue to increase for some years ahead. The demand for use of the hall is increasing and already approaching capacity. An extension to the hall will prove essential in the not too distant future,” Mr Morriss said.

“We also have an urgent need for additional help. At the present we are running two trustees short,” Mr Morriss added. An appeal at the meeting for residents to join the board of trustees proved fruitless. Mike Barton, Mike Shanks and Richard Fish were re-elected.

The meeting heard that in 2017/2018 the hall had been used for many activities including the following:

- Parish council and other community meetings
- Sporting and keep fit activities including fitness and exercise classes, short mat bowls, Zumba and Pilates.
- Hethersett and District blood donor sessions and annual flu vaccinations.
- Cultural activities including art and craft classes and exhibitions and the annual pantomime performed by the Hethersett Pantomime Group.
- Mother and toddler groups and dance classes.
- Meetings and events of clubs and societies including those for flower arrangers, dolls houses, alpine gardens, the Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group (The RiNG), Norfolk Pensioners and Norfolk Plant Heritage.
- Private hire functions including wedding receptions and anniversaries, christening parties and birthday parties for all ages from toddlers to pen-

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sioners.

- Charity fund-raising events.

The committee also provides facilities for the storage for Hethersett Heritage records.

Volunteers Needed For Youth Club

HETHERSETT Jubilee Youth Club reported on the regular Wednesday evening groups where a programme of exciting activities has been planned.

“We have volunteers for three evenings a month for the younger group but need people to help with the older group each week and with the younger group on the fourth and fifth Wednesdays. We also need more people helping behind the scenes.

“We have four trustees working hard to manage the club, hall and fundraising. This means a lot of work is falling on a few,” said Gillian Saunders.

Future plans include making a garden area where young people can sit and do activities and chat with friends: “We also want to put in some planters which can have flowers and some vegetables as well,” Gillian said, adding that this year’s fun dog show and fete will be held on June 30th.

“We are grateful for the continued support of the parish council, without whom the club would struggle to continue,” Gillian said adding that the club is still looking for a new treasurer.

Anyone interested in volunteering or taking on the role of treasurer should contact youth club trustee Leslie Dale on 01603 810952.

More details on the fun fete and dog show with a photograph of a promotional banner made by the youngsters can be found on page 66.

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Below is a full transcript of the parish council's report to the annual parish meeting:

The parish council was pleased to welcome by co-option Councillor Mike Stark, bringing council numbers up to full strength of 13. In May, 2019, an election year, residents will be asked to vote for 14 councillors following an Electoral Commission review. A review of parish boundaries has also taken place and the boundary between Hethersett and Little Melton will be redrawn. Maps are available on the South Norfolk Council website.

It is with sadness we heard of the deaths of Chris Meakins and Bill Reekie. Chris was a long standing parish councillor and member of the Meltons' Road Safety Committee, who, together with his wife Elizabeth, took on the running of the Memorial Playing Field in very difficult circumstances leading to improvements in governance and provision of play equipment.

Bill was the parish archivist who maintained the archive and he was to be found every Monday afternoon in the library ready to assist visitors from across the globe seeking information about Hethersett and its population. Our condolences to their families.

I would like to thank our Parish Clerk, Ian Weetman, for another year of excellent service to our community and for his support, tolerance and forbearance to the council and chairman as we grapple with more and increasingly

complex issues.

The full council continues to meet monthly preceded by the planning sub committee which also meets mid month depending on notification of new planning applications from the planning authority South Norfolk Council. The parish council is a consultee in the planning process but not a decision maker.

The everyday business of the council is fully detailed in the comprehensive minutes prepared by the parish clerk, covering such diverse topics as providing street lighting, bus shelters, litter and dog bins, grass cutting, anti-social parking and dog fouling, ensuring the parish council is compliant with changes in legislation, setting budgets, administering grant requests, responding to public consultations on environmental, development and planning issues.

Agendas and minutes are published on the Parish Council boards and are available online. Any queries re any items can be raised by contacting the parish clerk, attending the full council meeting and speaking in public participation or by speaking to your local councillors. Regrettably we no longer provide a monthly surgery in the library due to lack of demand.

Development

Our new development sites race ahead with new residents moving in quickly. The Avant Homes site on Great Melton Road is nearly completed, Phase One

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of the Heather Gardens and Ketts Park are well underway. The parish council recently signed the contract to provide street lighting along the main thoroughfare through the development and the link road to Colney Lane. We await the adoption of the link road by Norfolk County Council which will then be open for access.

We have had meetings with the county council and the Academy re new sites being provided for Woodside Primary School to the rear of the village hall and additional recreation land for the Academy on Back Lane. One of our concerns was for the establishment of safe walking routes to all our schools to reduce traffic nuisance near these sites. We also asked for a review of the drop zone for Academy school buses on Queen's Road.

The green spaces and recreational land on these developments will not be adopted by South Norfolk Council, but will be maintained by private management companies funded by a resident service charge. As yet it is unclear who will provide litter and dog waste bins on these sites.

As more houses are completed, the trigger point for the handover of recreational land in the Back Lane area to the parish council draws ever closer. Towards the end of our next civic year the parish council will start to look at the implications of this handover and seek the views of residents on the uses of this land. We hope to see long awaited allotments, woodland and recreational

facilities enhancing the amenities available for our community.

Grants

As a result of near completion of the Avant Homes site, development funding for the provision of recreational facilities within the parish for children aged 11 upwards and adults has been triggered. The parish council received under a Section 106 agreement, £150k. To properly manage the allocation of these funds over the next five years the parish council has set up a formal grants process managed by a grants' committee. In our January newsletter we advertised for expressions of interest to be made by 31st March, 2018. Applicants were then issued with application packs to be completed and returned by the deadline of 30th June, 2018.

Due to the confidential and detailed nature of the information required to reach an award decision those discussions will not be in the public domain. The committee will make recommendations that will then go before full council where councillors, without an interest in the applying body, will be able to vote. Those decisions will be a matter of public record.

In the likely event that not all funds will be allocated, the parish council will run a similar exercise in the new year. The parish council will also continue to receive small sums from the community infrastructure levy which can be applied for separately and for other projects not tied to the same prescriptive require-

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ments. In 2020 work will commence on the Thicket roundabout as part of the A47 upgrade being carried out by Highways England. There will be further local consultations taking place shortly that will be advertised and should appear on the Highways England website and in the local press.

There are issues surrounding the current Cantley Lane access to Thicket with two options A and B put forward to ameliorate the problem. Option A, the provision of a new road with bridge over the A11 linking the B1172 to Cantley Lane, is not acceptable to the parish council causing as it will more congestion on the approach to Thicket and we will make that point at the next consultation event. I hope residents will also make their views known.

The DONG Energy group wind farm off Grimsby will require the construction of a pipeline delivering energy underground to a new substation to be built at Swardston. The pipeline will cut across the parishes of Little Melton and Hethersett.

There has been a number of consultation meetings locally, providing updates including information about their communities fund to award grants for community projects. Information including maps can be viewed on their website.

We end with our financial summary. Our budget will increase as our village expands and of course our income will also increase with the increase in our tax base.

Financial Summary 2017/2018

Income	£97,165.24
Expenditure	£77,694.19
Surplus	£19,471.05

Jacky Sutton, Chairman, Hethersett Parish Council.

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Continuing Debate over Dog Mess

Associate Editor Roger Morgan looks at another angle of the dog poo debate.



The Problem of Hanging Bags

THE dog walkers of Hethersett have come in for a lot of criticism recently, particularly in this publication.

Much of this is fully justified. However, as a non-dog owner but part time dog walker, I have seen evidence that many walkers are making good use of the numerous collection bins provided by the council. Plastic poo collection bags are available from the library but it's what people do with them that concerns me.

Why oh why do some conscientious dog owners take the trouble to pick up their dog's mess in a bag, neatly tie it up and then proceed to hang it from the nearest available tree?

Are they planning to return to pick it up later or do they think that some mythical poo bag collection team are going to clean up after them? Maybe they believe that, because the bags are allegedly 100% biodegradable, they will magically disappear overnight taking the mess with them.



The Herald has been encouraging the use of these bags for many months now but careless use of these can lead to problems. On a recent walk around the parish pit. I lost count of the number of unused bags that were left lying around. Presumably the dog walkers drop them as they pull them out of their pockets and fail to notice, leaving them to blow around in the wind.

In this age when we are trying to reduce plastic waste to avoid an environmental catastrophe, we all do need to be a little more careful. All of the photographs shown here were taken on 12th May on a 30 minute walk up Cedar Road and around the parish pit.

So dog walkers by all means continue to clean up your dog's mess, but please, please don't decorate the trees and bushes with it and do try not to let your unused plastic bags fly out of your pockets.

Editors Note: A bag was also left in the alleyway between St David's Road and Firs Road with somebody placing a handwritten sign next to it asking the person who had left it there to return and pick up their mess.

It does seem that we are entering a new phase in this debate whereby people are now picking up the dog poo but leaving the bags on paths etc. It's difficult to tell whether this is actually progress.

On the next page our own Moaning Minnie breaks into verse on the subject of dog poo.

Moaning Minnie Has Her Say - in verse

There's dog mess on the football pitch

There's dog mess on the path

There's dog mess everywhere you go -

It makes you yell, not laugh.

Why don't they carry doggy bags

And pick the stuff right up.

To save us moaning all the time

Tis a human fault, not the pup.

There's bins provided all around

To put the poo bags in

Come on you lazy doggy folk

Don't commit another sin.

Don't let the children go back home

With poo stuck to their shoes.

It makes a dreadful mess indoors

And Mums their tempers lose.

Recently I moaned about wrappings and tins. Someone suggested a certain gadget from the internet to help me, so I sent for one.

I am very sad that I have to report I can no longer moan at being unable to open tins, bottles etc. A calamity as it is my job to moan!

Hethersett Helpline

If you have any requests for help or support in any field just send us the details and we will print them in the Herald:

Paper Delivery Appeal

Norfolk News Deliveries has morning paper rounds available in Wymondham and Hethersett. Please email nick@newsdeliveries.co.uk.

There are also opportunities for adult deliverers on a Sunday Morning - 4.30am Start - Very good rates of pay. Again please email nick@newsdeliveries.co.uk or call 01935600478

Folk, Americana and Country Appeal

Is there anyone out there who used to be in a folk, Americana, country or rock band some time ago in a small way? If so, have you ever wanted to do it again but thought you'd missed the boat?

Helen West is looking to rekindle a passion for music as she told the Herald: "I spent the last five years in a band but it has now gone the way of all things (disbanded). I'm looking to meet anyone who might be interested in getting together to play some music. Whether or not this ends up as a band doesn't matter - making music is what's important.

"This isn't for the X-Factor wannabies, more for the fun of it. I have rehearsal space so why not call me to talk possibilities," Helen said. She can be contacted on 07899955417.

HETHERSETT Old Hall School has re-designed its web site.

"We are pleased to have launched our new school website, which you can see at www.hohs.co.uk. Thank you to those of you who have also been loyal visitors to the HOHS blog. It has been a separate website for the past few years but has now become part of the main website. From the home page click on News and then Blog to get there. You can still visit the old site at www.hohs-blog.com to see our archived stories and pictures," said Liz French.



Sunny Day For School Fete



THE sun shone (well for most of the day) and visitors flocked to the summer fete at Old Hall School.

“So many visitors commented on the lovely, friendly atmosphere at our fete. It really was a wonderful day and, with the sun shining warmly for most of the time, the last-minute rain didn’t dampen our spirits!

“Thanks must go to the parents’ association for organising such a great event, and thanks to all who came, we hope you all had a great time. We think the pictures say it all,” said Liz French from the school.

We are grateful to the school for permission to reproduce the photographs of the event on this and the previous page which are taken from its website. Many more photographs of the event are available at:

<https://hohs-blog.com/>



Informative or an Eyesore?

IN a new series we look at some of the lesser known issues affecting Hethersett and put the arguments for and against. We start this month with the posting of flyers and publicity material on public utilities such as lamp posts and telegraph poles. If you have any comments on our issues - either for or against - please email them to the editor at petersteward@lineone.net. If you have an issue that you feel should be debated contact the editor on the same email address.

For

- Small posters around the village do no harm
- They help to promote local events
- They are relatively unobtrusive
- They help with community spirit - keeping people informed

Against

- They lead to a messy proliferation
- People don't take them down once the date has gone.
- They are unsightly
- They are put up without permission.
- They could fall off and cause even more litter
- They often promote commercial things and not just charities
- There are official notice-boards and shops in the village for posters.

Hethersett Parish Council has spoken out in the past against the arbitrary placing of promotional posters on such places as telegraph poles. Hethersett Herald decided to post on social media asking for comments. Below are a list of some of the responses received.

"I don't mind discreet announcements for events, but not general advertising.

The problem arises when they are not removed and just remain until tatty and an eyesore.”

“I think it's acceptable.”

“Event organisers have a challenge to get details of their event out to the wider world which is no excuse for fly posting. However, could there be official poster points in private gardens on main walkways? This happens anyway where the home owner is involved with a charity or local group. Could an estate agent assist with the signage boards?”

“Estate agents do help, but it is becoming a proliferation of estate agent boards and now difficult to tell which are adverts and which are for sale signs, especially early summer when all the events seem to take place.”

“A For Sale sign means new resident so estate agents have their part to play in getting information out there. Offering to sponsor community magazines would be a good way to do so.”

“I think that posters do help the community by bringing things to their attention.”

This is also a problem in Norwich and I usually take them down if I can, especially those advertising night clubs and music events in the city centre. It is a form of littering. If it is advertising a local event in Eaton the posters are often very temporary and are taken down by those who put them up and more acceptable to my mind.

South Norfolk Council has a no fly posting policy

Michael Bows Out

After 28 years looking after and cooking for pupils and staff at Hethersett Old Hall School, Michael Reeves is hanging up his apron this month to move back to his native Ireland.

Mr Reeves is pictured opposite showing his true colours during a St Patrick Day celebration at the school.



A Thing of the Past?

HETHERSETT residents were able to breathe a sigh of relief as two major obstructions to village life were removed during the month.

First to go was the gas works on the B1172 which was finished by May 8th and then the almost two



month torment at the junction of the B1172 and New Road was relieved when work was completed on the extension of the cycle path between Hethersett and Wymondham ahead of schedule with the road re-opening on May 11th and bus services returning to normal the following week..

Residents will be hoping that they have seen the back of traffic lights, road closure signs and congestion on and around the B1172 and, in particular, that the gas works have now gone for good and won't return in a few weeks as they have done on numerous occasions in the past.

As for the cycle path, only time will tell whether it has been money well spent or a white elephant at a time when cuts and lack of money are to the fore. We will be carrying out a survey of the use of the cycleway and bring you the results in the July edition of Hethersett Herald. We will also be keeping a close watch on the effect that taking the filter lane away from the junction of New Road and the B1172 has had on traffic build-up.

Fond Farewell For Dedicated Caretaker

*Story by Kim Briscoe and used by courtesy of the Eastern Daily Press/
Archant*

Pupils and staff have said a fond farewell to a dedicated caretaker who has been involved with a Hethersett school for three decades.

Alan Bolderstone has been in post at Hethersett Woodside Infant and Nursery School for 22 years, but his involvement goes back even further as his three children, who are now grown up, all went to the school.

The 65-year-old said he had enjoyed "being part of the dedication and the sheer hard work of the school staff" and he felt the most important thing was "the exuberance, enthusiasm and unfailing courtesy of all the children that have come through".

He said: "It's been a privilege to serve under five remarkable headteachers and to see the determination and the resilience to get the best for the children and

the staff. Headteacher Angela Jermy said he would be a “terribly hard act to follow”.

She said: “I think the thing with Alan is he’s totally and utterly dedicated to the school - he’s always been there when we need him.

“We had three days of heavy snow earlier this year and all three days he worked right through.

“On the first day manning the telephones.

“On the second day clearing the snow so the children could come back on the third day.”

She said many schools did not open on that day, and the only reason Woodside was able to, was because Mr Bolderstone spent the previous day clearing the site so the children could be safe.

And because Mr Bolderstone lives with his wife Jane on the same road as the school, Firs Road, he has been able to be the first on-site in the event of any emergency.

Mrs Jermy said: “Even things like being called out at two o’clock in the morning because the alarm’s going off - Alan is always here before me.

“On school fair days he is here early opening up to make sure the site is safe for people to be here.

“You can’t replace him - he’s part of the village, part of the school.”

Mrs Jermy said that with the school due to move to a new site and building in September 2019, she could understand why Mr Bolderstone felt it was time to retire.

Mr Bolderstone said he plans to take a few weeks to “take stock” as he eases into retirement and hopes to spend more time with his granddaughter.

Our photograph above shows Alan with school office staff member Helen Woodrow, headteacher Angela Jermy, and school office staff member Joanne Adcock. Picture: Archant. Photograph by Archant and used with their permission.



Pothole Watch

Potholes on roads throughout Norfolk are causing more and more concern for motorists and cyclists. Hethersett has its fair share and over the next few months we will be including photographic evidence of potholes in our village. If you know of areas affected please let us know and also report it to Norfolk County Council on the website address below:

<https://apps.norfolk.gov.uk/HighwaysDefect/>

Karen Close



Mill Road



Great Melton Road



Pothole pictures by Roger Morgan and Peter Steward. If you have photographs of potholes in the village please send them to us for publication and we will pass on the details to Norfolk County Council. This page and the next has just a cross-section of potholes in the village.

Back Lane



Park Drive



Below are two pictures of a pothole in Park Drive. The one on the left is before repair and the one on the right is after repair!



Spare a Thought Please

Says Associate Editor Roger Morgan

IS it too much to ask some of the thoughtless drivers in Hethersett to spare a thought for the struggling pedestrian when it is tipping it down with rain?

During the dreadful wet weather at the end of April when it rained solidly for three days, I lost count of the number of times that I had to step back to allow a car race past me.

I was forced to watch cars as they ploughed through the puddles at the side of the road deluging the path with water and other debris. It has happened so many times to me that I am now conditioned to taking evasive action whenever I see a vehicle approaching. This is a particular problem around school starting and finishing times when parents are delivering or collecting young children.

There are several puddle hot spots in the centre of the village close to the bus stops where people are often waiting. To be fair, the majority of drivers do slow down or take a wider berth when passing people, but it is the careless few who spoil it for the rest of us. It seems to me that it is delivery van and 4x4 drivers who are the worst offenders.



Is it their lofty seating positions that make it difficult for them to see pedestrians or is it just selfishness? I tend to think that it might be the latter. Indeed I'm convinced that some people take great pleasure

Elderly woman dies after being splashed with puddle by passing cars

Hilda Moore suffered head wound after collapsing on pavement

Tom Belger | Wednesday 2 May 2018 | 14:37



It is thought drivers splashed Hilda Moore by driving through puddles before she died (Getty Images)

A woman in her 90s died after falling over when she was splashed by cars driving through a puddle.

in giving us a soaking. So drivers please spare a thought for the struggling pedestrian trying to keep dry and take five mph off your speed as you go by. It's not much fun having soaking wet feet and legs!

The dangers of being splashed were recently highlighted by a cutting in the Independent newspaper.

A Lincolnshire pensioner was knocked down by a "blast of water" from passing cars as they ploughed through a large puddle."

"We want to raise the issue that you can't keep driving through puddles. She was on the pavement and would have been visible to drivers," the woman's son told the Media.

Quiz Time

A quiz evening is being held at Hethersett King's Head on July 8th at 7.30pm.

The venue is looking for teams of up to six people to take part



Time to Pay Up

I READ somewhere that living close to a Waitrose supermarket could put as much as £10,000 on the value of your property.

**In and Around Hethersett with
Columnist Scott Willoughby**

Well in Hethersett we live in close proximity to the only two Waitrose stores in Norfolk - one in Eaton and one in Wymondham.

Over the years, the stores have been popular due to their cafes where, originally My Waitrose card holders could have free coffee and tea every day of the week. This was then changed to free coffee and tea when a purchase was made. So for around £3.50 you could have two cakes and two coffees - still good value.

Now in their infinite wisdom Waitrose have decided to stop the free coffee train. That in itself is hugely disappointing but what annoys me more is the “moronic” marketing that comes with this kind of decision. I availed myself of a free coffee on the last day it was available. Stuck on the wall near my table was a small notice informing me that from April 30th free coffee would no longer be available. That was the message but of course it was made to sound as if this was a benefit to us all.

Admitting that providing free drinks is proving costly to the company would have been understandable and acceptable but telling us that cutting back was an “exciting” development was not. The word “exciting” should be wiped from the marketer’s handbook. Coffee is not exciting. And what was exciting about this move according to a notice that most people wouldn’t see anyway? Well according to Waitrose more staff are being trained to work the coffee machines and more variety of coffee will be available. All now at a cost obviously. I found this news disappointing and mildly annoying but definitely not exciting.

The cafés are always busy but I would suggest that this new “exciting” development will actually backfire on Waitrose. Fewer people will use the cafes and so the amount of paid food will also drop. With the merger of Sainsbury’s and Asda promising price cuts for consumers and a new cut price supermarket due to open opposite Waitrose at Wymondham, it seems a retrograde step to

cut back on what has been a perk for regular shoppers, many of whom may well now decide to shop elsewhere.

Another thing that annoys me is the price of petrol at Thickthorn. At the time of writing petrol was 129.9p a litre and rising. Drive a couple of miles to Earlham Fiveways and you will find the fuel is 10p a litre cheaper. That's a considerable difference. I drive a modest sized family car and going to Earlham saves me approximately £3.50 every fill up. That's something like £7 a month or £98 a year. That also equates to around 700 miles of motoring a year.

Due to the excessive price I won't fill up at Thickthorn which is a shame as it is a much more pleasant place to get petrol. Earlham approaches a rugby scrum at times (due to the garage being situated on a main road and close to a roundabout) whilst Thickthron is away from the road and comfortably large.

So I don't and won't use Thickthorn which is a shame as it is certainly more convenient than other more keenly priced stations. If the cost of petrol was say 3p above I would use it, but I refuse to pay 10p a litre more. Surely its better to sell cheaper to more people. But I guess that's just my A level economics coming in!

Another big disappointment for the village is the impending closure of the MacMillan charity shop. This seems to be a retrograde step by the charity which seems to be turning its back on thousands of pounds each year. One correspondent referred to it as "an integral part of village life." It is also very good public relations and promotion for the MacMillan name and that's something that will be lost when the shop shuts.

It will be interesting to see what happens to the shop - my guess is another charity will come in for it and realise the value of having a presence in Hethersett.

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Former Pupils Return

By Liz French

A NUMBER of familiar faces have been back to Hethersett Old Hall School in recent months as former pupils pay a visit.

Francesca Warner was head girl in 2011 and visited to give a wonderfully inspirational careers talk in assembly.

Now an emergency theatre practitioner at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital, Francesca – known since school as “Froggy” – studied A Levels in Chemistry, Biology and Maths and AS Levels in Spanish and Drama and an EPQ before taking her nursing degree at City University London and the famous St Bartholomew’s Hospital. She particularly emphasised to the girls the benefits she had gained from completing all levels of the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award which, she said “really helped me kick start my career, particularly my leadership and team work skills and keeping calm under pressure.”

Francesca worked in various London hospitals before accepting her current role back home in Norfolk, where she specialises in anaesthesia and is involved in all kinds of emergency situations from removing an appendix (“I am surprised there are any left in Norfolk, we take so many out!”) to serious traffic accidents.

Francesca’s younger sister, Jess, was also a pupil at Hethersett Old Hall School and is now a successful swimming teacher .

We always love to welcome former pupils of HOHS to their old school and, over the Easter holidays, we were delighted to catch up with Felicity Watson, who came for a tour and a chat while visiting Norfolk. Felicity, now in her mid-20s and living in London, told me, “I have such happy memories of my times here. I was at HOHS for ten years and sometimes boarded as my family travelled – it is such a warm, friendly school, I loved it!”

Felicity achieved three A Levels at Grade A and currently works as an events

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supervisor for the National Trust based at Eastbury Manor House near London. She is also studying for a Masters Degree in Heritage.

“I honestly think I got my love of old buildings and heritage in general from HOHS.

“I loved boarding in the old attic bedrooms at Hethersett and the buildings themselves always fascinated me,” she said.



A Macbeth Special

Hethersett Academy's GCSE English students have gained a deeper understanding of one of Shakespeare's most famous tragedies, with hands-on help from professional theatre actors.

Box Clever Theatre visited the school for a special performance of Macbeth.

The travelling theatre company performed an adaptation of the Scottish play including the most famous speeches by the tragic hero Macbeth, his ambitious wife Lady Macbeth, and the malevolent witches who prophesy his rise to the throne and eventual downfall.

The Year 10 students then took to the stage for a drama masterclass led by the theatre troupe, helping them to understand some of the play's key scenes and including some stage combat.

Hethersett's second in English Daniel Blackburn said: “The students really engaged with the performance and workshop.”



Fight Is On To Improve 4G Coverage

HETHERSETT'S County Councillor David Bills (pictured right) has vowed to fight for improved digital coverage in South Norfolk after it has emerged that our area is one of the worst in the country for 4G coverage.



Local leaders are demanding Government action after it emerged that three of the 10 worst local authority areas in England for indoor 4G coverage were in Norfolk.

Things are particularly bad in South Norfolk, including Hethersett, as research from the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) shows with our area the fourth worst in the country. It was closely followed in the table of shame by Breckland in fifth place and North Norfolk in eighth place.

David Bills said: "Whilst I cannot comment on the findings of the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) I can say that Norfolk County Council takes a very serious view on the mobile coverage. To this end I am proud to be the Vice Chairman of the Digital Innovation and Efficiency Committee (DIEC). This committee was set-up in June last year to promote digital working in the county.

"It works closely with the County Information Management Team and commissioned a survey of the coverage throughout Norfolk of the areas NOT spots for mobile and broadband. The results of this survey, which covered 5000 miles of road, rail and walkways, was released to the Digital Innovation and Efficiency Committee on May 11th and also made public. The maps are available to view at www.norfolk.gov.uk/mobilemaps.

"As well as the survey maps, County also released maps showing the assets (fire station buildings, towers etc) which it owns and could well be of use to the mobile providers to place aerials to boost coverage.

"This is a developing process and the DIEC are in discussions with these companies to see how we can work together to provide wider more reliant coverage. We are also working closely with the Chamber of Commerce who have taken a great interest in what we have accomplished so far and what we have planned for the future," David Bills added.

HETHERSETT MATTERS

Hethersett Herald working with Norfolk Trading Standards to highlight some of the latest scams and how to avoid them.

Healthcare Companies

Norfolk Trading Standards are warning about telephone cold calls claiming to be from healthcare companies offering 'free' home visits to support ongoing health issues.

The calls often claim to be contacting due to 'your medical history' and may insinuate that they are calling on behalf of the NHS or local medical practice.

During the call the cold caller will attempt to make an appointment for someone to visit your home for a 'free assessment'.

Trading Standards advises always be very wary of any approach made in a telephone cold call and NEVER give or confirm any personal details or agree to someone visiting your home if approached in this manner.

If you need advice about cold calling or have agreed to a visit during a cold call contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline via their online reporting form or telephone 03454 04 05 06.

FIFA World Cup Scams

Norfolk Trading Standards are highlighting a warning from Action Fraud as the run up to the World Cup could provide an opportunity for fraudsters to take advantage of unsuspecting fans.

The worldwide demand for match tickets, accommodation and flight tickets throughout the competition is expected to be high. Action Fraud is warning those planning to travel to be cautious when buying tickets or accommodation because the event is likely to be targeted by fraudsters looking to take advantage of unsuspecting fans. This could include:

- Official World Cup ticket vendors or private individuals attempting to sell on a match ticket via an online marketplace.
- A fraudulent website or operator offering non-existent flights or other transport to host cities.
- An accommodation booking service, hotel or operator, offering seemingly convenient accommodation in one of the host cities for the duration of the game.
- Lottery or competition organisers claiming that you've won a prize or cash related to the tournament.

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Action Fraud is offering the following advice on how to protect yourself from these scams:

Always question uninvited approaches in case it's a fraud. Instead, contact the company directly using a known email or phone number.

Have the confidence to refuse unusual requests. It's okay to stop the discussion if you do not feel in control of it.

Don't take the risk. Tickets for the World Cup 2018 can only be purchased directly from FIFA. For more information, please visit www.FIFA.com/tickets.

Stay in control. Purchasing tickets from any other source may result in your being denied entry to the game and ticket holders will not be entitled to a refund.

A FAN ID and a valid ticket are required for fans to be able to enter the 2018 FIFA World Cup stadiums. For more information, please visit www.fan-id.ru.

Conduct your own independent research into the finer details surrounding terms and conditions of the World Cup tournament. FIFA have released extensive information and support for fans.

Scam BT Calls

Norfolk Trading Standards are warning residents to be vigilant after receiving reports about telephone cold calls claiming to be from BT.

In the most recent report a Norfolk resident received a telephone call from a person claiming they were calling from BT. The cold caller asked if the call recipient 'had a call blocker' and if they were 'still receiving cold calls.' The cold caller then requested credit card details. Fortunately in this case the resident refused to give any information and terminated the call.

Trading Standards advises people to be wary of telephone cold calls and the claims made during them. If you receive a suspicious call claiming to be BT do not give or confirm any personal or financial details, hang up, wait five minutes and then contact BT customer service on 0800 800 150.

If you have received a telephone cold call which you believe to be a scam you can report it via the Citizen's Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06

Television Service Provider Scam

Norfolk Trading Standards are highlighting a warning from Action Fraud regarding telephone cold calls claiming to be from your television service provider.

During the call the cold caller will make one of a number of possible claims in-

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cluding:

- Offering you a discount on your monthly subscription.
- Telling you your subscription needs to be renewed.
- Telling you that part or all of the TV equipment has 'expired'.
- Informing you that you are due an upgrade on your TV equipment.
- Informing you that you are due an upgrade on your subscription.

The cold caller will then claim that to complete this they need the call recipient to confirm, update or give bank account details.

Following these calls it will transpire that the call recipient's TV service provider did not call them and that the fraudsters have made transactions using the call recipient's bank account details.

Action Fraud have received over 300 reports of this type of fraud since the beginning of 2018 and, from the reports received, victims aged over 66 seem to be the most targeted.

Trading Standards always advises to be very wary of claims made during telephone cold calls and NEVER agree to a pay for a service if approached this way.

If you receive one of these cold calls do not give or confirm any personal information, hang up and then report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

Action Fraud offer the following advice if you receive one of these calls:

Don't assume a phone call or email is authentic. Just because someone knows your basic details (such as your name and address or even your mother's maiden name), it doesn't mean they are genuine. Criminals can exploit the names of well-known companies in order to make their scams appear genuine.

Don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision. A genuine company won't force you to make a financial decision on the spot. Always be wary if you're pressured to purchase a product or service quickly and don't hesitate to question uninvited approaches in case it's a scam.

Stay in control. Have the confidence to refuse unusual requests for personal or financial information. Always contact the company yourself using a known email or phone number, such as the one written on a bank statement or bill.

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 Leslie Dale and David Bills. Leslie can be contacted on 01603 810952. David can be contacted on 01603 813041.

Hethersett Parish Council

Clerk to the council Ian Weetman can be contacted on 01603 810915. Parish council chairman Jackie Sutton can be contacted on 01603 811170.

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 10am and 12noon

Email: hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk

Website – hethersettpc.info

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On The Shortlist

2017 will be a year of promise for the village. In the past few weeks we have seen a number of talented candidates for the role of village councillor. The shortlist for the election is as follows:

More Accolades for Hethersett Academy

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Major Honour for Mike

Hethersett's Mike Jones has been awarded a major honour for his services to the community. He has been named as one of the top 100 people in the country for his commitment to excellence in education.



More Development?

Hethersett is a village of promise and potential. The village is home to a number of talented people who are committed to excellence in education. The village is home to a number of talented people who are committed to excellence in education.



Hethersett Writers' Group

Hethersett Writers' Group meets monthly with members producing both fiction and non fiction work. The group is currently working on an anthology to be published at a later date and in the Autumn will be launching a writing competition - more details of which will appear in the Herald in due course. Here group member and Hethersett Herald contributor Connie Tindale describes her "Magic Moments" - just one of the exercises the group has undertaken over the past few months.

A long time ago a French friend of mine who was into fine dining told me that to enjoy a meal you first scan the plate to assess what is there then you taste each element until you decide which gives you the most pleasure. Once you have decided upon your favourite part of the meal you eat normally savouring each piece but you leave a piece of your favourite item until last as that is the taste that you remember.

Is life the same? We taste lots of different things through different moods, experiences and situations. Are the best bits the ones we carefully store in our memories, those that could be termed magic moments? If I were placed in a life threatening situation which memories would flash before me? Which are the ones that caused me to pump the air and shout 'YES' at the top of my voice and which are the ones that made me feel as though if I died at that moment I would be truly happy because it was so wonderful that nothing could ever match it? Pumping the air moments are often dependent on the actions of others. Feeling truly happy comes from inside and seldom relates to anything that anyone else has done. This is your moment of pure magic.

Everyone has a pumping the air moment at some time or other whether it is as a result of a favourite team winning a cup or a personal achievement like passing an exam or reaching the top of a mountain. Life and death moments can fit into this category too. The birth of a grandchild is like a jump for joy winning a cup moment, holding a grandchild for the first time is deep and personal; one of those magic moments that nothing else can touch in the pure joy of the new life cuddled to your chest. Just being alive against all the odds can bring the same joy despite the days when the pain is great and the anxiety is even greater. My own pumping the air moments occur far more frequently than those magic moments that give me a glow, but both have their own exquisite pleasure. When shedding my mortal coil and passing into the darkness of the great beyond I hope that my mind is filled with all those things that made me feel warm, loved or desired - those magic moments that made everything else worth the cost.

Cottages and War Experiences

We continue our extracts from the diary of Bill Morton. Here he looks at his early years living in Hethersett.

THE house I was born in was a typical farm labourer's cottage. It was of clay lump construction, a method of construction used in East Anglia. Clay lump meant it was built from large rectilinear lumps of clay reinforced with straw and piled one on top of each other. It was very old with low ceilings and an Inglenook fireplace. The roof was of reed thatch very common to the area. Because the walls were very thick, the window sills were also very wide which meant that a small boy like me could sit on the window sill and read. Lighting in the house was provided by an oil lamp which burned paraffin oil and when we went to bed we used candles to light our way.

The Inglenook fireplace also provided a convenient place to sit and read. The height of the ceilings indicated the age of the cottage. It was built when people were much shorter than they are now.

The cottage had a wall oven and a wash house attached. It had a large garden in which my father grew our vegetables. Water was drawn from a well with bucket and windlass.

Cottages of this type with its thatch roof are often featured on picture postcards in promotional features of England and people who are not familiar with these buildings are often impressed. The truth is unless they have been modernised they were often draughty and uncomfortable. They were warm only close to the fire, which accounts for the reason in the winter we all huddled around the fire to keep warm and why we needed warm clothes instead of heating the house.

One of the enduring memories I have of that cottage was sitting on a little stool next to my father's chair and asking him questions about his war experiences. Dad was in the army at the attack on the Dardanelles and at Salonika. He had several bullet wounds, lost fingers and toes to frostbite and was deaf in one ear. That he survived at all was quite remarkable and some of the incidents he recounted were as music to the ears of a small boy. At some time the remnants of his regiment were combined into the Dublin Fusiliers and it was with that regiment that he went to Salonika and the Balkans.

In the house was a wooden chest which I was told was my grandfather's sea

chest. It was used to store such things as extra blankets etc but below the blankets was all sorts of treasures such as an Afghan dagger, my father's medals and regimental insignia and various bits and pieces brought back from wherever members of the family had served. There were tales attached to each item and I liked to listen to dad tell these stories. My imagination would be fired up about incidents in India, Africa, Afghanistan and China. Members of the family had served in all these places and there were tales attached to each article. That chest was the container of the detritus left from family members who had passed through on their way to other places. We had family in The United States of America, New Zealand, South Africa as well as England and Scotland.

The daily routine of the house was governed by the fireplace which was allowed to go out overnight and was lit the next day by my father who was first up in the morning. Cooking was done on the side of the fireplace or hobs as they were called. The kettle sat on one hob while a large saucepan sat on the other hob. Most of the meals we had were one course meals cooked on the fire hobs and consisted of a stew with a base of split peas and vegetables flavoured with a little meat.

Looking back from my present age of 92, there is a misty rosiness which shrouds the past and conceals some of the unpleasantness which pervaded those days. The reality in which we lived was overshadowed by class and the mean narrowness of the "have nots" struggling to achieve the status of the "haves." It was like a procession of people climbing a ladder and having no regard for the hands and fingers on which they trod. In fact some seemed to get a measure of satisfaction from crushing fingers and hands. When one blows away the mist that clouds the vision of memory, the reality of those days is revealed as stark and cold.

The most persistent memory I have of my early life is being wet and cold. Being cold was part of how we dressed as boys. We wore short pants and during winter in Norfolk the winds would often come from the North-East for a period of a week or so. It would seem we could never get warm. It appeared to be always wet and cold and we prayed for a change in the wind. When I started work I had to cycle about seven miles often in the early morning and in the rain. I seemed to get wet very often with no way of getting dry.

There was only one fireplace in the house and we all crowded around it in an attempt to get warm. Clothing was expensive and we always seemed to be short of something. Winter clothing was always a great concern and in particular winter coats. There were rummage sales in the village by church or other groups and my mother was a regular attendee, looking for suitable winter clothing.

Being properly dressed to attend church on Sunday was of great concern and it seemed that unless you were cleanly and properly dressed for church you had little hope of getting into heaven when you died. I always had a mental picture of arriving at the gates of heaven and having St Peter looking at me and shaking

his head because my boots were dirty or my clothing soiled.

Getting a weekly bath was also a great exercise. Water had to be drawn up from the well by a windlass and then carried to the wash house in a pail, heated and then we took turns in the bath. Again it was instilled into us that "cleanliness was next to Godliness."

These cottages were hard on the women of the house. Keeping them clean was a constant battle. There was a heavy floor tile on the ground floor which had to be constantly washed. On top of the floor tile I do not remember any other floor covering except coconut matting which had to be taken out, hung on a clothes line and beaten. The upstairs floors were of heavy oak wood. The upstairs two bedrooms were small and could barely accommodate double beds. Lighting was supplied by paraffin oil lamps and the wicks needed to be trimmed every day. When we went upstairs we carried candles to light our way.

The only wall decoration which stayed in my memory was a pen and ink drawing on wood of a sailor clothed in the dress of the Napoleonic war period. This type of handiwork was common among sailors and was called Scrimshaw. According to my father the wood was from The Bellerophen, a 74 gun, three deck ship of the line. The Bellerophen was built on the Medway in 1786 and was named by the Earl of Sandwich who was First Lord of the Admiralty. She saw action at Ushant, the Nile and at Trafalgar. She was decommissioned in 1815, was reactivated and renamed Captivity. She was used as a prison hulk and eventually broken up in 1836. How this piece of Scrimshaw came into our possession I do not know.

Once a week on Monday the copper pot in the wash house had to be filled with water and then fired up to do the family wash. Filling the copper pot was a hard task as the water had to be drawn from the well a bucket at a time. The laundry was hung outside to dry and ironing was done in front of the fire with the flat irons heated next to the coals.

Saturday was baking day and the wall oven had to be fired up. On Friday nights mother would make the bread dough which would rise overnight and sufficient bread would be baked to last the family for the coming week. Beside the bread, currant cakes and fruit pies were baked. As a special treat mother would often make coconut haystacks which were made from egg white and sugar and desiccated coconut.

Normally there was only one fire going in the house and cooking during the week was done in saucepans standing on the hob beside the fire. A kettle was always standing on the hob so there was always hot water, although somewhat limited in quantity. Most meals were one pot meals containing very little meat. Mostly they were made up of vegetables from our garden with some dried split peas added. The fireplace heated the house, it was the medium used for cooking and it was the centre in the house for everyone to gather around.

The cottage had no bathroom facilities. Our daily washing was done in the wash house where water was kept and a washbasin was provided. Once a week we took a bath in the wash house where water was heated in the copper and we took our bath in a metal bath. This was usually on Saturday night. My memories of my early life seemed to contain a lot of time hauling water from the well to the washhouse. Monday I hauled water for the family wash, Saturday I hauled water for the weekly baths. During the week there was water to be fetched for house cleaning. It was a constant labour. Getting the chimney swept was a big event and I remember having to stand outside to watch for the sweep's brush coming out the top of the chimney.

In the years after the First World War, ownership of land in England was very much in the hands of a few large landholders. These landowners lived on the rents they obtained for leasing out land to farmers who cultivated the land. This system had existed for several hundred years. As a consequence of this, very few people living in villages were able to own the houses they lived in. Figures available for the year 1938 indicate that less than 30 per cent of houses in the United Kingdom were owner occupied. In the rural areas the cottages were often "tied" to the job and were part of the rented property. This made it difficult for a man to leave his employment as he had to give up his house which went with his job. Alternative housing did exist for rent which was built by the local council.

It is hard to get exact figures regarding "tied" houses versus council houses, particularly for as small an area as Hethersett, but national figures give some idea of what the situation was like.

Growing up in Hethersett meant, in a number of ways, you were neither fish nor fowl nor good red meat. First we were six and a half to seven miles from the city of Norwich where most of the facilities existed such as higher education, theatre, music or any other educational or cultural facilities. On top of that the great depression hit and while it may have had a bigger and more unfortunate impact on the industrial areas of the country it did impact on Hethersett enormously

Many of the people who lived in Hethersett commuted either by public transport or by bicycle to work in the shoe, insurance, food or other industries in Norwich or Wymondham. Those who stayed to work in the village worked in the groceries, bakeries or butchers' shops and the rest worked on farms. The great depression had an impact on everyone. There was just no money. I remember one man who walked to Norwich and back every working day.

We will have our third and final extract from diary in the next edition of Hethersett Herald.

Bill's full diary can also be read on the website address at the top of page 51.

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Crowds Flock to Fair

By Roger Morgan

On Sunday 6th May, Norfolk Plant Heritage held its Spring Plant fair at Hethersett Village Hall.

The glorious spring sunshine and warm temperatures attracted a large crowd of people to the biannual event. Ironically the focus for the day was on plants for the shade.

More than 20 nurseries from far and wide were displaying their produce. There were many stalls in the field outside offering plants ranging from roses, perennials and herbs to cacti and insect-eating carnivorous plants. Summer flowering bulbs and imaginative metal garden sculptures from a Norfolk blacksmith were also available.

All the stall holders were both willing and able to offer expert advice on where to place and how to look after the plants on sale.

Inside the hall there were further specialist stalls, a display from the members' plant competition and a tombola. The refreshments proved to be very popular with a fine



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selection of cakes and snacks on offer. There was even a plant doctor on hand to deal with any visitors' questions.

The next plant fair to be organised by the Norfolk Plant Heritage group will take place at the village hall on Sunday, August 26th.

For further information about the society go to the web site

www.norfolkplantheritage.org.uk



Women's Institute Centenary

By Elaine Canning

The Women's Institute movement was formed in 1918. Institutes began about that time and are still forming today, including in women's prisons.

Hethersett Women's Institute is 100 years old in June and we will be celebrating at our meeting that month.

Sadly we do not have a complete set of records. If anyone has any photos, articles, records or memories of their own or family members and friends from anytime during the period of our existence, we would be very grateful to borrow, copy or listen to them. This will be used for a display at our meeting.

Our meetings are held on the third Monday in the month at the Hethersett Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm and new members are welcome. For more information and to pass on any memorabilia, please ring me on 01603 958033.

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Hethersett Horticultural Society

By Leslie Dale

At Hethersett and District Horticultural Society's meeting on Wednesday 16th May, Paul Metcalf spoke about "Bees".

The bee is a member of the "hymenoptera" species and can be traced back almost 60 million years, evolving from a form of wasp thought to have a "sweet tooth". There are some 20,000 species of bees worldwide. Here in Britain there are thought to be as many as 200 species of solitary bee but worldwide just four species of honey bee. A Spanish cave hieroglyph shows ancient humans using smoke to calm bee colonies.

Peter also spoke about Queens and Workers and Male Drones; the yearly life cycle of a hive; the creation of new Queens and "swarming"; the mating process before a new Queen over-winters.

The collection of a swarm into a suitable ad hoc container was an interesting spectacle. Paul Metcalf has achieved this in Norwich city centre and your scribe recalls it being done at Cornhill in Ipswich.

We continued onto the evolution of hive design from woven skeps to the modern removable honeycomb frames. Apparently 80,000 bees are associated with any one hive at the peak pollen collection times and each worker might forage on 48,000 flights to contribute to the hive's 200lb plus of annual honey production.

Whilst the neonicotinoid debate continues unabated, we also learned of the alien Asian "varroa mite" parasite and its treatment. The next threat on the horizon is the Asian Hornet.

The Society meets on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road, Hethersett. All are welcome - occasional visitors are charged £1.50; refreshments are included.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20th June when Liz Barnard will be "Designing a Garden" and on Wednesday 18th July we will be entertained by Norfolk Lavender's Lynn Shannon

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Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Support Group

THE Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meets fortnightly at Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex in Firs Road.

The group is looking to expand its support for people from Hethersett and the surrounding area who have suffered bereavement or are finding life difficult to cope with through depression and anxiety.

“We are an informal group that meets on alternate Tuesdays from 5.30 until 6.30 pm in the lounge at Woodcote to chat, enjoy a cup of coffee and provide support for people going through difficult times,” said group organiser Stephen Baxter, who is also scheme manager at Woodcote.

Meetings often feature speakers and in the past month the group has had talks from a funeral director and a representative from Barking Mad which arranges temporary homes for dogs when their owners are away or on holiday.

It is hoped that the group will expand over the next few months with a mixture of discussions, talks from individuals and organisations and structured meetings on how to cope with bereavement.

“We provide friendly and informal get-togethers for anyone who has lost loved ones or are feeling depressed or anxious. Our meetings are open to everyone irrespective of age or gender and there will be a warm welcome for anyone who wants to join us,” Mr Baxter added. He can be contacted for more information on 01603 811505 or via e-mail at Stephen.Baxter@broadlandgroup.org.

Heart of Hethersett has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/heartofhethersett/ and a website at: <https://heartofhethersett.weebly.com/>

Meetings in June will be held on Tuesday 5th and Tuesday 19th. There is no need to book, just turn up on the night..

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Hethersett Dementia Support Group

By Mike Stark, Hethersett Dementia Support

Committee Member

The British stiff upper lip has never been more prevalent than when our own sickness and disease is concerned. The maxim carry on regardless has never been more true.

However over the past 15 years or so this position has been changing, notably through women and the increasing incidence of breast cancer where the condition has been openly discussed for some time.

The result this and of other cancerous diseases has thankfully opened the way for ever wider discussion. Even usually reticent men are becoming open to talk about prostate cancer.

There is however a disease where acknowledgement of its existence can be taboo, and denial is commonplace. There are some 850,000 people having been diagnosed with dementia in the UK. The most common illness being Alzheimers, with 60% of sufferers being in this group.

It is estimated that 1 in 14 of over 65s have this disease, 1 in 3 children born this year will contract the disease. There will be over a million sufferers by 2025 and the number will double by 2050.

Age is the biggest factor as increased life expectancy increases risk, with women over 60 being twice as likely to contract Dementia as breast cancer, and the risk of contracting this disease doubles for over 65s every 5 years.

These are frightening statistics, and in Hethersett, it is estimated that from a population of 5700 in 2011, 85 residents will have been

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diagnosed as suffering from some form of dementia. With many more as yet undiagnosed. It is not just those who are suffering from the disease who have had their lives turned upside down, but their carers also.

More often than not the carers are family members, wives or husbands, partners or children, whose lives will have been dramatically altered, sometimes disrupted out of all proportion to what there were expecting before a loved one received the terrible news.

Here in Hethersett, as in other parts of the country, we have an enthusiastic group of volunteers who formed Hethersett Dementia Support Group to help create a dementia friendly village.

We make no apology for being upfront with the word *dementia* in the name.

The only way to confront a taboo is to speak its name and challenge misunderstandings, prejudice and enthusiastically present a new vision of how we can communicate with those with dementia, to listen and enable an environment that holds new opportunities.

We hold a monthly cafe on the third Tuesday of every month, in the Methodist Church, between 10 am and 12 noon. It is open to all people and we have lots of activities and regular guest speakers.

Our aim is simply to help with providing support to carers and sufferers, and those who experience loneliness. We provide a listening ear and cup of tea to those who need a brief respite from their difficult world.

We will have more information from the dementia support group in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.

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Dementia Group's 1950s Quiz Answers

In the last edition of Hethersett Herald we asked for the year in the 1950s when the following events took place. Here are the answers.

- 1 Anthony Eden became Prime Minister in 1955.
- 2 Stereo records were first released in 1958.
- 3 Petrol, soap and paper rationing came to an end in 1950.
- 4 The Queen's Christmas message was first televised in 1957.
- 5 King George VI died in 1952.
- 6 Postcodes were introduced for the Norwich area in 1959.
- 7 The Archers started on the radio in 1951.
- 8 The end of all wartime rationing in 1954.
- 9 Mount Everest was climbed in 1953.
- 10 Squeezy washing up liquid and the Beezer comic were introduced in 1956.
- 11 Agatha Christies' Moustrap play opened in 1952.
- 12 The Munich Air Crash was in 1958.
- 13 The four minute mile was broken by Roger Bannister in 1954.
- 14 The Festival of Britain took place in 1951.
- 15 Suez Crisis - Egypt nationalised the Suez Canal in 1956.
- 16 Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II was in 1953.
- 17 TV's Watch with Mother and Andy Pandy began in 1950.
- 18 The Channel was crossed by hovercraft in 1959.
- 19 The first TV ad appeared on commercial television (Gibbs SR) in 1955.

Hethersett Hedgehogs

Hedgehog Summer Has Arrived

SUMMER has definitely arrived with sizzling heat, bold colours and incredible plant growth.

Chelsea has been and gone to be followed by the shows at Chatsworth and Hampton Court and then by Gardener's World live in Birmingham. Of course hedgehogs are not interested in all that. They just want



something to eat and a place to live. Fortunately the shows have highlighted the plight of the hedgehog and hopefully our little friends may benefit.

They certainly benefit the garden as they eat slugs and other garden pests but unfortunately do not eat those huge black or orange slimy foreign invaders that are taking over our gardens.

The only way to get those is to go out with a torch and pick them up. I have even seen those big ones sitting inside the bowls of mealworms munching away while hedgehogs are busy eating their fill.

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I have been checking through all the slug killer methods that are sold in the Garden Centres and on the Internet and have not found any other than nematodes that will kill off the slugs without harming our hedgehogs even though the packets say they are hedgehog safe I do not really trust them.

There is bountiful food in the gardens for hedgehogs when the weather is wet but food becomes a bit scarce during prolonged dry periods as worms do not come up to the surface. Water is desperately needed for all small animals during dry spells too so,

If you can, put out a bowl of water and some wet cat food to alleviate the stress. Remember to avoid any fish-based products and do not give them bread and milk. I put the food under cover to avoid the attention of greedy cats.

I was lucky enough to go to Chelsea this year and it was late when I got back home. I imagined my resident hogs lining up at the back door with their little bowls and felt really guilty. I actually went out with a torch at 10.30pm to put the food in place and had barely got back inside before they emerged from the undergrowth to claim their supper.

I believe that one hog has moved into a house in the outside run so I am putting a bowl of food there and am hoping for babies. From the speed with which others emerge from the flower beds to get food, several must be living very close by.

My neighbours see them running across their gardens at sunset. Hedgehogs can move very quickly when they wish to.

Give some thought to a hedgehog highway so that they can get across your garden to a food source that might be next door. Our aim during 2018 should be to make Hethersett as Hedgehog friendly as we can.

If you can leave a patch of rough grass and an undisturbed log pile it will go a long way to giving them a place of safety.

Hethersetthedgehogs.com

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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 June. 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:

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June

Saturday 2nd - Shoppers' Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church 10.30am to midday.

Tuesday 5th - Parents and toddlers coffee drop in at St Remigius Church, 10am.

Tuesday 5th - Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Support Group meets at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road, 5.30 to 6.30pm. All welcome.

Wednesday 6th - The Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group (The RiNG). K. Gallagher of South Norfolk Council talks about The Hub, Hethersett Village Hall, 2pm.

Wednesday 6th - Hethersett Methodist Church Art Group, 10am to midday. More information available from Tina Greenhalgh on 01603 810364.

Thursday 7th - South Norfolk Community Awards, Diss.

Saturday 9th - Shoppers' Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church 10.30am to midday.

Sunday 10th - Friends of Hethersett Academy garage and car boot sale 9am to 1pm.

Monday 11th - Hethersett Society - Hethersett Excavations, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30pm.

Wednesday 13th - Hethersett Methodist Church Art Group, 10am to midday. More information available from Tina Greenhalgh on 01603 810364.

Saturday 16th - Shoppers' Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church 10.30am to midday.

Saturday 16th - Hethersett Woodside School summer fayre, 11am to 2pm. More details and page.

Monday 18th - Hethersett Parish Council Meeting, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30pm.

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Tuesday 19th - Hethersett Dementia Support Group monthly café, Methodist Church Hall 10am to midday.

Tuesday 19th - Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Support Group meets at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road, 5.30 to 6.30pm. All welcome.

Wednesday 20th - Hethersett Methodist Church Art Group, 10am to midday. More information available from Tina Greenhalgh on 01603 810364.

Saturday 23rd - Shoppers' Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church 10.30am to midday.

Saturday 23rd - Messy Church in St Remigius, 4-6pm.

Saturday 23rd - Gruffed Up and Peter and the Wolf. Two plays by the Slow Theatre Company in Hethersett Village Hall, 2.30pm. More details on page 70.

Monday 25th - Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club Members' Evening, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30pm. For more information see page

Monday 25th - Hethersett Women's Institute 100th Birthday celebrations. Songs From the Musicals. Methodist Church Hall 7.30pm.

Wednesday 27th - Hethersett Methodist Church Art Group, 10am to midday. More information available from Tina Greenhalgh on 01603 810364.

Saturday 30th - Shoppers' Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church 10.30am to midday.

Saturday 30th - Hethersett Youth Club fete and fun dog show. For more information see page

Saturday 30th - Soup Saturday at Hethersett Hall from 12.30pm. More details on page

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.

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Fete and Dog Show

By Gillian Saunders

The Fete and Fun Dog Show on June 30th from midday to 3:30pm is almost upon us! How time flies. There are some different classes in the dog show this year and they are listed with the approximate times at the end of this article.



We have had quite a lot of interest in stalls this year and have a wide variety from country crafts, including hares and mice, retro sweets, mini manicures and tropics to name but a few. We also have some fantastic games for all ages so make a date to come along. We need items for our stalls, tombola, bottles, cakes, books and white elephant stall. We can take items from now onwards

and cakes on the Friday afternoon from 2-3pm and we will be at the hall from 9:45am onwards on the Saturday. Please help us to raise money by donating items and coming on the day with your dog

We also hope to have a giant deckchair where you can have your photo taken. We are also able to give you the chance to have your photo taken with your dog which I am sure will be very popular especially for those who win rosettes which are kindly being made and donated by Premiere Rosettes of Wymondham.

There will be refreshments, filled rolls and a BBQ to keep you fed and watered. Entry is free so come and see what is on offer.

Added attractions this year are a paddling pool for children and one for dogs. Scooby Doo opens the show at 12noon.

The competition this year is to design and make a new collar for Scooby or a new box to keep his Scooby Snacks safe. There will be three age groups (under 5, 5-7 and 7+) so it is important you have your name and age on your entry. They can be brought to the youth club hall anytime from now up until 12noon on the day of the fete. Scooby will judge them and award prizes to the winners. We hope to see you 12-3:30 on 30th June.

Dog show classes are as follows:-

12:15 - Most Appealing Eyes, (then classes continuing at 10 minute intervals), Loveliest Lady, Best Rescue, Most Fabulous Fella, Best Paw Shaker, Most Gorgeous Oldie (7+), Judges Choice and Best in Group (winner of classes 1-7).

Then we start again with Bad Hair Day (dog and owner) at 13:50 followed at 10 minute intervals by, Best Heinz 57, Cutest Puppy, Waggiest Tail, Best Trick, Best Fancy Dress (dog and owner), Musical Sit (for fun!), Best in Group 2 and then at approximately 15:10 we crown our champion for 2018 with Best In Show! The cup and rosettes will then be presented and photos taken.

Registration from 11:50 at the dog show tent. All classes £1 (except for Musical Sit which is free if you have entered at least one other class).

More information is available from me on 01953 607566.

Our photograph on the previous page shows youngsters with a banner they have made to advertise the event and below that is one of the striking murals that adorn the walls inside the youth club building.

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Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club *By Jenny Walpole*

Forthcoming events in 2018:

25th June - Members' evening "A June Basket"

23rd July - Crystal Dyball "Let's Celebrate"

24th September - Lorraine "Floral Fusion."

22nd October - Anna Potter "Ragged Ronin Flowers."

26th November - Nick Grounds "Bah-Hum Bug."

We are having an outing to Dale Farm on Monday, 2nd July; a personal tour followed by tea with homemade cakes.

There will be a garden coffee morning at 20, Colney Lane, Cringleford, on Saturday, 7th July from 10.30am to 12.30pm in aid of the Star Throwers Charity.

We generally meet on the fourth Monday of the month (Bank holidays usually the third Monday) at Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30pm. We have a qualified demonstrator and you have the chance to win one of the arrangements via a raffle at the end of the evening. Our membership for a full year is only £25 and we welcome visitors at a cost of £5 per normal meeting. We are also on Facebook - Cringleford-Hethersett-Flower-Club.



Singing Fellowship Event

HETHERSETT Methodist Church Singing Fellowship will be holding its latest summer music and tea afternoon on Friday, 22nd June, from 2.30pm.

The afternoon will include music, readings and poems followed by tea and home-made cakes. Everyone is welcome and there is no need to book.

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A Hearty Welcome

HETHERSETT Hall Residential Care Home is launching Soup Saturdays to help local people suffering from loneliness.

Soup Saturdays will take place on the last Saturday of each month from 12.30pm.

“We know meal times can be a lonely time for some older people. That’s why we are inviting local older people to take advantage of our hospitality and join us for some hearty soup. Guests are welcome to join us after lunch for games, activities and light refreshment,” a spokesman for the home said.

Places for the soup lunch have to be booked in advance on 01603 810478.

HETHERSETT SOCIAL CLUB

Hethersett Social Club opening times are as follows:

Mondays - Closed

Tuesdays - 7-11 pm

Wednesdays - 7-11 pm

Thursdays - 7-11 pm

Fridays - 5-11.30pm

Saturdays - Noon to Midnight

Sundays - Noon to 6 pm

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SLOW THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

GRUFFED UP & PETER AND THE WOLF

Theatre for young people performed by young people

June 23rd

At Hethersett Village Hall

2.30pm & 7pm

Tickets online at www.slowtheatrecompany.co.uk

All tickets £6, under 5's free

Two plays for the price of one!



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CALL OR TEXT 07896179833

Slow Theatre Company provides children's classes every Saturday in Wymondham. These performances will be performed by our young actors.

Slow Theatre Company is a not-for-profit theatre company,
company number: 09849483

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June in Hethersett Library

Groups that will be taking place in Hethersett Library in June include the following:

Weekly Coffee Mornings will be held on June 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th from 10.30am until midday.



Colour me Calm adult colouring mornings will take place from 10.30am until midday on June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th.

If you need more information on library events please contact them on 01603 810188.

Hethersett Library Opening Times:

Mondays: 10am-1pm and 2-5pm (Open Libraries access 8am-5pm)

Tuesdays: Closed: no Open Libraries access

Wednesdays: 10am-1pm and 2-5pm (Open Libraries access 8am-5pm)

Thursdays: 2-7pm (Open Libraries access 8am-7pm)

Fridays: 10am-1pm and 2-5pm (Open Libraries access 8am-5pm)

Saturdays: 10am-2pm (Open Libraries access 8am-2pm)

Sundays: Closed, no Open Libraries access

Hethersett Library will be closed on 27th August (Bank Holiday).

FRIENDS of Hethersett Academy will be holding a garage and car boot sale on Sunday 10th June from 9 am until 1 pm.

Maps and refreshments will be available in Hethersett Village Hall.

News From the Parish Council

Meeting Fails to Find a Chairman

HETHERSETT Parish Council failed to elect a new chairman at its annual meeting on May 14th.

There were no nominations to succeed current chairman Jacky Sutton (pictured opposite) who is not standing for re-election but who agreed to stay on as an interim measure until the June meeting.

If that meeting fails to elect a successor there is a possibility of the council being disbanded or put into special measures as it cannot function without a chairman.

Councillor Adrienne Quinlan agreed to continue as vice-chairman but declined to take on the role of chairman.

Jacky Sutton urged council members to consider taking on the role and to put themselves forward at the next meeting on June 18th.

The current council has another 12 months to run ahead of elections in May 2019 when its strength will be increased from 13 to 14 councillors.



Parish Council Dates

HETHERSETT Parish Council meets monthly, apart from August, in Hethersett Village Hall. Full council meetings begin at 7.30pm and are preceded by meetings of the council's planning committee which start at 7pm. The planning committee also meets on other dates throughout the year.

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2018 are as follows: Full Meetings - June 18th, July 16th, September 17th, October 15th, November 19th, December 17th. Planning Committee meetings will take place on the above dates and also on: June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd.

News From the Parish Council

Renewed Appeal for Speedwatch Volunteers

ONE of the main bones of contention at the annual Hethersett Parish Meeting was speeding in the village and motorists using some roads as rat runs.

Hethersett Parish Council has once again appealed for residents to come forward to run a speedwatch initiative in the village.

A successful speedwatch scheme ran for some time in the village until volunteers began to drop away and new volunteers have not come forward to start up a new scheme.

Ideally six people are needed to run the scheme and an overall co-ordinator is also needed. Full training is given to volunteers by Norfolk Police. Speedwatch monitors speed in critical areas of the village and also collects data that can be helpful to the police in their campaigns to prevent speeding.

Anyone interested in volunteering for a speedwatch group should contact parish clerk Ian Weetman on 01603 810915

Points and Comments From Latest Parish Council Meeting

Councillor Tony West bemoaned the fact that the village has been “blighted” by five months of road closures and problems with buses not being able to go through the village. He felt the communication between First Buses and the public had been poor:

“It’s not good enough just putting details of changes of service on Twitter,” he said. South Norfolk Councillor for Hethersett, Leslie Dale, said he found some of the road closures and information contradictory “You almost need a PHD to understand some of the notices,” he said. Councillors also agreed that the placing of some signs caused a problem for motorists who had their vision obscured.

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Anyone finding a dog bin in the village damaged or sub standard should report the matter to parish clerk Ian Weetman on 01603 810915. The council is also looking into the possibility of putting additional bins on new developments in the village. This will require agreement from various developers.

News From the Parish Council

Parish Working Groups

THE parish council has a number of working groups looking at all aspects of village life. The following is a list of the groups and their current membership:

Planning Committee - Viv Hawes, Tony West, Chris Morriss, Eileen Mulvaney, John Nightingale and Jacky Sutton.

Finance and General Purposes Group - Shane Hull, Chris Morriss, John Nightingale, Adrienne Quinlan, Jacky Sutton and Mike Stark.

Archive Liaison - Shane Hull, Stephen Slack, Peter Steward and the village archivist Gary Wyatt.

Newsletter - Chairman or Vice-Chairman and Peter Steward.

Environmental Advisory Group - Anne Edwards, Chris Morriss, Marilyn Savory, Tony West, Eileen Mulvaney.

Pensioners' Liaison - Marilyn Savory.

Communications Officer - Peter Steward.

Village Hall Management Committee nominated trustees - Chris Morriss and Peter French.

Memorial Playing Field Committee Nominated Trustees - Stephen Slack, Mike Stark and Rob Reeve.

Parish Partnership Working Group - Adrienne Quinlan, Marilyn Savory, Stephen Slack and Jacky Sutton.

Development Group - Jacky Sutton, Adrienne Quinlan, Eileen Mulvaney, John Nightingale, Marilyn Savory, Peter Steward and Tony West

Grants' Panel - Jacky Sutton, Adrienne Quinlan, Alan West, Mike Stark, Chris Morriss, Shane Hull, Peter Steward and Marilyn Savory.

Data Protection Committee - Tony West, Stephen Slack and Mike Stark.

Have You Missed an Edition?



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News and Features Needed

We are always happy to receive articles and news for publication.

With limited resources, it isn't possible for us to cover everything that is going on in our village. We hope that the Herald reflects just some of the things that are taking place in Hethersett, but, with your help, we can expand our service.

We are looking for news and reports on any aspect of village life. Also news of coming events that you would like publicised.

We are also happy to carry features on topics not strictly related to the village providing they are written by a resident of either Hethersett, Great Melton or Little Melton.

Reports, news, features and photographs can be sent by e-mail to petersteward@lineone.net or dropped off at 12, Karen Close, Hethersett.

Hawks Open Their Season

By Mel Perkins

Below is Mel's diary of the Hawks season to date:

Hethersett Hawks

Disjointed Start to the Season

HETHERSETT Hawks/Myhill Decorators have had their disjointed start to the season further affected by the weather with the track unfit for Sunday's home fixture with Kesgrave after two days of rain. This is not the ideal preparation for this coming weekend's European Club Championships in Wolverhampton where the Hawks are taking on the best teams in the UK and Poland.

Eight Hethersett riders did fare better on Saturday competing in wet conditions at the picturesque Somersham circuit in Suffolk where the U10s finished fourth in the Little League and the older Juniors and Girls finished third in the Youth and Junior League section.

Star turn was Shaun Kell who dropped just one point in his heats and finished third in his grand prix final. Charlie Lyth also made an impressive debut in competitive racing while Paul Delaiche and Daniel Longlands impressed in a couple of races each. Glyn Morgan finished third in the Senior grand prix final.

Little League - Kesgrave 173, Ipswich 73, Norwich 30, Hethersett 26, Hellingly 11. Hethersett scorers - Shaun Kell 15, George Larter 11.

Youth and Junior League - Kesgrave 137, Ipswich 89, Hethersett 35, Hellingly 25, Great Blakenham 22, Norwich 8. Hethersett scorers - Owen Wells 10, Daniel Longlands 9, Paul Delaiche 6, Charlie Lyth 6, Josh Kerr 4.

European Club Championship

Hawks raced in hot conditions on the big East Park track in Wolverhampton, attempting to emulate their semi-final place in Poland two years ago in the European Club Championship.

A difficult first round on Saturday saw them unlucky with referee decisions and falls but they finished fourth in their round. Sunday saw a couple of the team suffering cuts and bruises but they had an improved second half to claw back to Joint fourth.

It was Sunday afternoon that they found their true form in the repechage and were challenging for the lead until the final stages after race wins by Dan Chambers, Liam Webster and Harley Hamill before fading at the end despite a couple of rousing passes by substitute Owen Wells.

Round 1: Leszno 54, Birmingham 45, Stockport 32, Hethersett 30, East

Park 24. Hethersett scorers - Dan Chambers 13, Harley Hamill 6, Liam Webster 5, Leigh Cossey 3, Owen Wells 3.

Round 2: Torun 55, Horspath 40, Leicester 37, Newport 30, Hethersett 30. Hethersett scorers - David Chambers 10, Liam Webster 8, Leigh Cossey 6, Harley Hamill 3, Owen Wells 3

Repechage: Astley and Tyldesley 54, Kesgrave 48, Hethersett 41, Coventry 29, East Park 21. Hethersett scorers-Dan Chambers 11, Liam Webster 10, Harley Hamill 10, Leigh Cossey 6, Owen Wells 4.

Long Distance Victories

Hawks made the long journey to Sussex for the annual league fixtures against Hellingly Lions and, for the first time, came back to Norfolk with all the points in the bag. The first-team were boosted by the return of David Adams who had resumed training a month ago and he gave a solid performance. Harley Hamill continued his good form and was well supported by rider/manager Leigh Cossey and Glyn Morgan.

The home side took a slender lead until a 7-3 win by Morgan and Hamill in heat eight put the Hawks one up. Morgan and Adams got another 7-3 win to increase the lead to four points and a 6-4 win by Cossey and Liam Webster in the penultimate heat sealed a narrow victory.

Hellingly 88, Hethersett 90. Hethersett scorers - Harley Hamill 17, Leigh Cossey 17, Glyn Morgan 15, Liam Webster 13, David Adams 10, Owen Wells 9, Dan Butler 8, Paul Delaiche 1.

In the Division Two match it was the vastly improving teenagers Daniel Longlands and Paul Delaiche that caught the eye in a six point win for the Hawks, Owen Wells dropping just two points to top the scorers. The teams were level at the interval but the key race was heat 11 as Wells and Longlands engineered a 7-3 win and a careful approach after that ensured victory.

Hellingly 77, Hethersett B 83. Hethersett scorers - Owen Wells 18, Daniel Longlands 17, Paul Delaiche 14, David Adams 14 Glyn Morgan 7, N Longlands 5, Kati Adams 4, Liam Webster 4.

It was a busy weekend as the Hawks played hosts to over 60 riders from across the region for a regional round of the British Youth and Junior League. There were A Final appearances for George Larter-Dixon and Owen Wells while Shaun and Josie Kell both won their respective B finals. In the South-East and Eastern Senior Grand Prix, Glyn Morgan finished runner-up.

Norfolk GO-RIDE Series Match 1 at Hethersett

Hawks staged the first round of the Norfolk GO-RIDE series and there were wins in all categories for the Hawks - George Larter-Dixon (Under-10s) Mickie Snelling (Under-13s) Daniel Longlands (Under-16s) and Liam Webster (Seniors). In

total 20 riders took part with Snelling and Lewis Smith making their competitive debuts.

Finals -

U10 A - 1 George Larter-Dixon (Hetherset) 2 Shaun Kell (Hetherset) 3 Kieron Alton (Norwich) 4 Will Blackmore (Norwich).

U10 B - 1 Tabi Neirop (Norwich) 2 Connor Jarrett (Norwich) 3 Madeleine Grady (Norwich) 4 Lewis Smith (Hetherset)

U13 A - 1 Mickie Snelling (Hetherset) 2 Josie Kell (Hetherset)

U16 A - 1 Daniel Longlands (Hetherset) 2 Scott Colby (Norwich) 3 Paul De-laiche (Hetherset) 4 Charlie Lyth (Hetherset).

U16 B - 1 Tom Blackmore (Norwich) 2 Ollie Allerton (Norwich)

Senior Practice GP

A - 1 Liam Webster (Hetherset) 2 Owen Wells (Hetherset) 3 Harley Hamill (Hetherset) 4 Jamie Medler (Norwich)

Referees - Kevin Wells, Gary Colby

Round 2 is at Harford Park Wednesday June 13th at 7p.m.

The Hawks have a busy weekend at the Memorial Playing Field coming up. On Saturday June 2nd they stage the Norfolk Championships (1pm) and on Sunday June 3rd, they play hosts to champions Ipswich in the South-East and Eastern League (2pm) There is further League action on Wednesday June 6th with a local derby against Norwich Stars (7.30pm) - a rearranged fixture postponed by snow in March.

Petanque Players Needed

A NEW petanque group is ready to take off on Hetherset Memorial Playing Field.

A petanque terrain already exists and Woodcote Sheltered Housing resident Richard Headicar, who has been a supporter of the sport for many years, is inviting people to join.

“We are trying to establish a Hetherset Petanque Group for regular play. Your support is needed and would be very welcome,” Richard said.

Anyone interested in playing petanque should contact Richard Headicar on 01603 814343 or David Smith on 01603 811399.



Hethersett and Tas Valley First Team which beat Great Witchingham by five wickets in Norfolk Alliance Division Two.

Mixed Start For Cricketers

May 5th/6th

AFTER an opening day 37-run defeat at Norwich and a derby-day wash out against Great Melton, Hethersett and Tas Valley calmed their nervous start with a five wicket away win at Great Witchingham on a ground they have struggled on in the past. For a report of the match turn to page 84.

Valley's other three Saturday sides found it tough going and all were beaten. The seconds lost to Stow by 48 runs. Stow hit 199-7 and Valley replied with 151-9.

Valley Thirds were bowled out for 67 by Cringleford with Thomas Peacock hitting an unbeaten 22. Cringleford reached their target for the loss of just one wicket. Valley Fourths went down to Norwich Bystanders by three wickets. Hethersett scored 134-8 with Chris Westbury hitting 31. Bystanders replied with 135-7 with Ben Harvey taking 3-29.

May 12th/13th

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley batsmen found the going tough over the weekend as they struggled to make their mark.

The firsts found Swaffham tough opposition in their Norfolk Alliance Division Two game. Valley struggled to impose themselves on the game and were all out for 140. Numerous batsmen got into double figures but then got out with Ian Bryce top scoring with 26.

Swaffham made short work of their reply, scoring at over seven runs an over to reach 142-3 from 19.2 overs. Ross Hazard took 2-49.

Valley Seconds were involved in an intriguing match against Rocklands which was evenly poised when the rain came and washed the ending out. Valley scored 166-9 in their 45 overs with Tristan Hunt hitting 45 and Richard Ellis 33. Rocklands replied with 140-7 from 39.4 overs with Andy Baker taking 3-15.

Valley Thirds provided the only win for the club on Saturday when they beat Rackheath by eight wickets. Rackheath were bowled out for 95 (Al Watts 4-14) and Hethersetts replied with 99-2. They lost a couple of early wickets but Dean Parfitt (56 not out) and Mark Creasey (30 not out) saw them home in just 28.3 overs.

Hethersetts Fourths hit 150-6 in their restricted 30 over match against Garboldisham with Martin Phillips top scoring with 84. Garboldisham replied with 154-1 in 21.4 overs.

On Sunday, Hethersetts bowled out of the National Village Cup when poor batting and some solid bowling led to a 64 run defeat at Cambridgeshire side Thriplow. Valley restricted the opposition to 178-9 from their 40 overs but were then bowled out for 114.

May 19th/20th

It was a mixed weekend for Hethersetts teams with defeats for the firsts and fourths but wins for the seconds and thirds.

Valley Firsts fell short of their target against Mattishall, having been set 280-8 with Dave Cosford taking 4-48. Valley replied with 227 all out with Robbie Matthews hitting 59, Tom Osborn 51 and Mark Gricks 47.

The seconds beat Sheringham by four wickets. Sheringham scored 209-9 with James Curson taking 3-40. Hethersetts replied with 212-6 with James Hipperson hitting 103.

Hethersetts Thirds beat New Buckenham by three wickets. Buckenham scored 183-5 and Hethersetts replied with 186-7 Ross Jones (49) and Mark Creasey (34) put on 89 for the first wicket.

Hethersett Fourths lost to Colney by eight wickets. Valley were bowled out for 87 in 41.4 overs with Sam Woodruff hitting 31. Colney replied with 88-2 in 34.1 overs.

On Sunday Hethersett lost to Norwich by five wickets in Division One of the Burgess Shield. Hethersett were bowled out for 144 with Damian Fahy top scoring with 49. Norwich replied with 146-5.

May 26th/27th

Valley got back to winning ways with a comfortable victory over Saham Toney in a match that saw over 450 runs scored and only six wickets taken. The visitors batted first and hit 232-3 on an excellent batting wicket. Hethersett captain and opener Ian Bryce, who has been out of form this season, then took the game to the opposition with an unbeaten 104 as Valley cruised home with 235-3 from 39.3 overs

Valley Seconds went down to North Runcton by eight wickets. Hethersett 128-9 (Jack Gibson 32, Tristan Hunt 38). North Runcton 131-2.

Valley Thirds lost to Hingham by 81 runs. Hingham 216-9 (Al Watts 4-20). Hethersett 135-7 (Oliver Kilbourn 53 not out).

Fixtures for June include the following:

June 2nd - Firsts home to Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers; Seconds away to Snettisham; Thirds home to Hardingham; Fourth's away to Ketteringham.

June 3rd - home to Kirkley and Belton

June 9th - Seconds home to Hardingham; Thirds away to Norwich Association of Malayalees; Fourth's home to Hingham

June 10th - Home to Old Catton

June 16th - Firsts home to Downham Town; Seconds away to Beccles; Thirds home to Ketteringham Hall; Fourth's away to Old Buckenham

June 17th - Away to Topcroft

June 23rd - Firsts away to Martham; Seconds home to Sprowston; Thirds away to Old Buckenham; Fourth's home to Great Melton.

June 24th - away to St. Andrew's

June 30th - Firsts away to Great Melton; Seconds home to Hockwold; Thirds away to Topcroft; Fourth's home to Diss.

Ladies Softball Festival



HETHERSETT and Tas Valley held a highly successful softball festival for women with 32 players taking part:

**“It was a fantastic and fun festival with lots of laughter and lots of skill,”
said club chairman Mark Worley.**

Sports Reports Needed

We are happy to carry reports and results from sports clubs from Hethersett or with connections to the village.

If you would like your club featured just send the details to peter-steward@lineone.net. Photographs are particularly appreciated.

Your help will allow us to continue to expand the coverage of sport/leisure and fitness in our award winning village



HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club has donated kit to the Lord's Taverners youth cricket and disability sports charity.

Kit collection hubs have been installed in Long Stratton, Wymondham and Diss Leisure Centres by South Norfolk Council to support the charity.

Valley were the first to donate to Long Stratton Leisure Centre with 10 sets of pads, two bags of bats and a large bag of cricket shoes, gloves, hats and more.

The council is collecting cricket, rugby and football equipment, tennis balls, cones, bibs, general sports clothing and boots on behalf of the charity, which is dedicated to giving disadvantaged and disabled young people the chance to play sport.

Our photograph shows Jane Morton from Hethersett and Tas Valley presenting the equipment to duty manager Luke Howes.

Match of the Month

*Hethersett and Tas Valley 108-5 beat Great Witchingham (105 all out) by five wickets
in Division Two of the Norfolk Alliance*



HETHERSETT and Tas Valley laid a number of skeletons to rest when they visited Great Witchingham for an early season Norfolk Alliance Division Two match. Witchingham hasn't been a happy-hunting ground for Valley over the past few seasons but this time they notched a comfortable five wicket victory after skittling out the home side for just 105.

John Curtis put in a match-winning performance with both bat and ball - taking a hat-trick with his final three deliveries and then steering Valley home. Witchingham were restricted to just 105 with Curtis finishing with 4-25.

Valley had some jittery moments in a bits and pieces reply which saw them start at almost breakneck speed and then struggle before finding their muse again to win with time and over 15 overs in hand. Dave Cosford hit 26 and rode his luck, being dropped twice off consecutive balls. Batting star was man-of-the-match Curtis who followed up his heroics with the ball to hit an unbeaten 37. Our photographs are of Hethersett opener Tom Osborn.