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## The Serious Problem of Dog Mess

SPEAK to Hethersett residents and three of the problem areas they will highlight will almost certainly be bad driving, inconsiderate parking and dog mess.

In this edition of Hethersett Herald, we look at the increasing problem of dog excrement which seems to be left throughout the village.

We talk to a mum whose three-year-old son came home covered in excrement. We look at the main areas for concern, talk to our county and district councillors about the problem, look at a problem that goes back decades and look at ways that the village can fight this.

Dog excrement is not only unsightly and a blot on our landscape but can also have serious health implications. A special Hethersett Herald investigation starts on page three.

## The Art of China

CHINESE artists visited Hethersett in February as part of a heritage cultural exchange. Opposite, organiser Grace Yan, who lives in the village, shares her work with local artist Jean Nightingale. Full story on pages 20 to 26.



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# Spoiling Our Village

The problem of dog mess in Hethersett seems to be an ever-recurring one. Over the next 12 pages we look at those affected and the latest efforts to combat this anti-social behaviour.

## The Victims

HETHERSETT resident Sonia Axham-Taylor had particular reason to be angry with the anti-social people who fail to clear up after their dogs when her three year old son Jayden tripped over on grass in Queen's Road and got covered in dog poo.

Sonia decided that something had to be done: "The way things have been going we won't have any pavements to walk on in the village. It really is spoiling a beautiful village and we have got to do something about it," Sonia said.

Sonia was with Jayden when he slipped on a grass verge opposite Hethersett Social Club in Queen's Road.

"He had dog mess all over his shoes and up his back. Luckily he didn't get any on his hands but I didn't have any wet wipes with me and he couldn't go in his pushchair as it would have spread the poo even more. Normally I don't let him walk on the grass bank but on this occasion he was there before I could stop him," she said.

Sonia added that Jayden was very upset by the incident: "He smelled awful. and was crying. It was very upsetting for him and the dog mess situation seems to be becoming extreme. Jayden kept saying 'mummy why can't people look after their dogs properly'."

Sonia attended the January meeting of Hethersett Parish Council and subsequently visited Woodside School with parish councillor John Nightingale. It is



Sonia and Jayden

likely that the school will be putting together a leaflet to make parents more aware of the problem. She has also contacted Hethersett Junior School which is interested in highlighting the problems of dog mess in our village.

Sonia is also considering purchasing some special sprays to help indicate just where dog excrement is. She will also be contacting the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) with a view to enrolling their assistance in fighting what she refers to as “a disgusting and anti-social” matter.

“On one day you might think things are getting better and then the next day there is more poo back again. I’m sure some people check to see if anybody is watching and then just leave it. Fields around Hethersett can be a minefield of poo.

“When I go out with Jayden I have to watch out for traffic and now watch out for dog mess. It spoils being out,” Sonia said.

As if to illustrate the point, Hethersett Herald went for a short walk with Sonia and Jayden and found three pieces of dog mess within 20 yards of their home. Jayden took his scooter and went straight through some.

“We will now have to clean the scooter up when we get home,” Sonia added.

The photograph on page three shows Sonia and Jayden at the entrance to one of the fields around Hethersett. It didn’t take much effort to locate a considerable amount of dog poo and, as our photograph illustrates, there is a dog bin within a few yards of the mess.

## Many Owners Are Caring

AS usual it is the moronic minority who are spoiling it for the majority. One of the comments we had about dog mess referred to the owners as “lazy.” I’m

afraid the Hethersett Herald finds that too charitable. These people aren’t so much “lazy” as people with a “couldn’t care less.” attitude. They have no thought for the mess and concern they cause. Having said that, most dog owners are responsible people who clean up after their dogs using poo bags and the numerous “doggie bins” placed around the village and paid for by Hethersett Parish Council.

Stephen Slack is a Hethersett Parish Councillor, trustee of Hethersett Memorial Playing Field, a retired Head Teacher and self confessed dog lover who regularly exercises his pets on the memorial field. “I come from the standpoint of what I hope is the responsible dog owner, which means I’m protective towards the rights of dogs and their owners but, like most of us in this situation, take a very strong view about people who don’t look after their pets properly and give all owners a bad name,” he said.

## The Responsible

# Social Media Against Dogs Mess

AN appeal through social media from this magazine asking for instances of dog fouling brought numerous comments and almost instant replies showing the weight of feeling over this matter. Comments included the following:

## The Concerned

“I walk my children to school every day between Woodside and the Junior School and dog mess is a constant issue for us. I take the route from Priory Road, past the fire station and there is new dog mess almost every day! This is always in the middle of the pavement and it gets inadvertently trodden on. I will admit that I have not noticed whether there is a dedicated bin on that road for dog mess. I know there is one on the footpath that links Firs Road and Priory Road. Maybe installing one will make a difference?”

“I have found this to be a real problem lately whilst out and about walking with my toddler, in particular lots on Henstead Road. It’s disgusting! If people want dogs they should clear up after them! “

“It seems to be everywhere. So fed up with someone allowing their dog to do it on my garden. I live near a public path and I’m clearing it up on a regular basis. I also walk a lot and you can’t afford to look in front, you have to look at the ground. Lazy people.”

“I have trouble not with mess on pavements because my road does not have a pavement but of mess on the bank at the front of my home and in my drive. Owners are quite happy to just leave mess where their dogs drop it. I have a notice about dog mess on a rose arch but sometimes it is completely ignored. Grove Road acts as local dog walking space, it should not become a dog toilet. Although it is slightly different; dog owners using the road have a tendency to take their dogs off the lead when they enter the road rather than when they are at the far end of it. I do not like dogs running around my garden and terrorising other domestic animals and then leaving their excrement behind them.”

“I’m a dog walker in the village and the amount of dog mess I have to avoid is disgusting! Especially around the new estate off Great Melton Road. I haven’t seen any dog poo bins on that estate either.”

“I have two dogs that I walk every day. It disgusts me how folk can walk their dog in our beautiful village and not clean up.”

“Back Lane/Shop Lane beside the Steepletower estate which is now for pedestrians only.... such a beautiful quiet walk.... always dog poo down there. It wouldn’t be so bad if it was on the side banks of grass but it’s usually in the middle of the road which can be awkward dodging it with the pram. I don’t own a dog myself.

Most likely just one person rather than multiple as most people are courteous.”

“I totally agree with the previous comments, since it has been made for pedestrians it’s like a giant toilet. I own a dog and we have to dodge it too. I think some lazy people are taking their dogs down there and not cleaning up as it’s hidden away, it’s disgusting .”

“I wonder what the dogs think of their owners? Not on their own doorstep maybe.”

“Despite me putting a clean up your mess sign on my front tree, someone keeps walking their dog past and letting it poop on my front lawn! I have children and dogs but I clean up after mine.”

“I know people in Little Melton have issues with dog mess but here in Hethersett it's on a whole different level. It's disgusting having to dodge so much on the school walk from Ketts Meadow to Woodside.”

“Henstead Road is notorious as well. I've counted five the other day.”

“There is always a huge amount in Henstead Road. This is our route to school and my daughter has resorted to calling it ‘Poo-Watch’ in the mornings as we’re forever dodging it! Another bad road for it would be Central Crescent, leading from the cut-through to Gt Melton Close to the Funeral Directors. Both on our route, both constantly have dog mess! I know my friends have had similar experiences too. Such a shame as Hethersett is such a lovely village to live in otherwise.”

“I find the path going towards the school right next to the Field really bad. Also Mill Road is bad, basically every path I use doing the school run seems to have some in it. It must be early dog walkers or those who walk their dogs late at night.”

“We do need to be more responsible around Hethersett. There are a lot of dogs and it is lovely to see so many dogs being walked. However, there is a lot of dog mess. Yes there aren’t that many bins, but they’re well kept generally and that is no excuse. Carrying a bag of dog poo to the next bin shouldn’t stop you clearing it up! Dog poo isn’t only antisocial but can also be a health risk, especially to the young, old or ill. Bacteria, worms... these can spread to other dogs and people and, with footpaths around arable land, could spread further via the food or production chain. People need to think about the risks and act appropriately.”

The above are just some of the comments we received after putting a message on Facebook asking for comments about the current situation. Others told a similar story.

Should Hethersett be a zero tolerance zone and how do we enforce it? Those are just two of the questions to come out of our investigation into dog fouling. Let us know what you think.

# The Law on Dog Fouling

## The Law

THE whole of South Norfolk is covered by a Public Spaces Protection Order made under section 59 of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. This makes it an offence for a person in control of a dog not to clear up the dog mess immediately on any land that is open to the air and to which the public is entitled or permitted to have access (with or without payment).

Offenders can be issued with a fixed penalty notice of £80, reduced to £60 if paid within 10 days or, if taken to court, a fine of up to £1000.

The problem is providing evidence on people who are offending. South Norfolk Council's web site on this matter states the following:

"If you see someone allowing their dog to foul and not clear it up, please contact us with the owner's details and where it happened so we can investigate it. We will also clean it up.

Of course this assumes that you know something about the owner.

More information is available on the following web site:

<https://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/residents/neighbourhood-issues/dog-problems/dog-fouling>.

South Norfolk Council also appeals to dog owners to be responsible:

"Dog mess is an eyesore and a health hazard. If you are a dog owner, you have a legal duty to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place. Registered blind people are not required to clean up after their guide dogs. There is also exemption for dog owners on some kinds of public land in England and Wales, including:

- Land used for agriculture or woodlands
- Rural common land
- Land that is predominantly marshland, moor or heath
- Highways with a speed limit of 50mph or more

Most local councils require dog owners to carry a poop scoop and disposable bag whenever they take their dogs out to a public place.

"Look out for bins marked as dog bins to dispose of your dog bag. If you cannot find a dog bin, then double wrap the dog bag and place it in a normal litter bin.

"If your street is littered with dog mess, you can ask South Norfolk Council to clean it."

# The Dangers of Dog Poo

DOG faeces carry a number of diseases that can affect humans and children are particularly vulnerable.

## The Health Risk

So it's not just a matter of dog fouling being anti-social, it can also be dangerous. Below are just some of the things that can be carried in dog poo:

- Whipworms
- Hookworms
- Roundworms
- Tapeworms
- Parvo
- Corona
- Giardiasis
- Salmonellosis
- Cryptosporidiosis
- Campylobacteriosis

Big words but put in basic terms dog faeces can contain bacteria, protozoa, fungi, viruses and parasites. The symptoms are equally unpleasant and include: vomiting, cramps, diarrhoea, headaches, lethargy etc.

Another disease that can be caused by dog faeces is toxocariasis. The parasite eggs responsible for this can survive for many months in sand or soil,

Toxocariasis is an infection caused by roundworm parasites. Humans can catch it from handling soil or sand contaminated with infected animal faeces and young children are particularly at risk. Children are most likely to come into contact with contaminated soil when they play and then put their hands in their mouths.

At its worst toxocariasis can cause serious conditions such as fatigue, weight loss, breathing difficulties, fits, blurred vision and blindness.

It has been estimated that there are eight million dogs in the United Kingdom producing over 1000 tonnes of faeces every day

# Councillors Fight Mess

OUR district councillors are aware of the problem and backing the campaign to clean up our village:

“At least two dog owners are being anti-social by not picking up their animals excrement; one in Henstead Road and another on an obviously different diet in Queen’s Road. One three-year-old got smothered in this revolting muck.

“Anecdotally many years ago a child in Hethersett nearly went blind as a result of getting the filth in its eyes. If you are aware of the owner/dog or a description please report in to one of the Parish, District or County Councillors” said district councillor Leslie Dale.

His comments were backed up by fellow South Norfolk councillor David Bills:

“We all want Hethersett to be a great place to live in and be proud of. Having a clean litter free environment is paramount to this. There is, however, an area which is spoiling this. A very small number of dog owners are not cleaning up after their pets have deposited their excrement.

**Leslie Dale  
South Norfolk Councillor is concerned at the increase in dogs’ mess in the village.**



## Council Views

David Bills, South Norfolk district and Norfolk County Councillor for Hethersett says that failure to



pick up dog mess is totally unacceptable and also illegal.

“This is unacceptable and totally selfish. I was at the Hethersett Parish Council meeting where a mother attended to say what had happened to her child who was covered in this mess.

“It is illegal not to pick up the mess after you and it is the responsibility as a dog owner.”

# Poo Bags and Bins

HETHERSETT Parish Council provides poo bags through Hethersett Library and these are free for dog owners. Last year the parish council issued around 40,000 bags via the library. In addition there are 30 “doggie bins” placed at various points around the village.

The cost of these bins has increased considerably in recent months and has been the subject of discussion at parish council meetings, but the council has agreed to continue funding them as a vital part of village life..

Our photograph shows one of the dog bins placed around Hethersett. These are clearly marked but are often just ignored. Bins are at the following locations:

New Road (outside No 8), junction of Mill Road and New Road, Childs Road, junction of New Road and Great Melton Road, footpath on Great Melton Road, Great Melton Road (opposite junction with Malthouse Road), Mill Road (junction with Park Drive), Memorial Playing Field (four on the field and two in the car park), Firs Road, South Croft, Mill Road (junction with West Croft), Great Melton Road (footpath to Central Close), Queen’s Road (junction of Cann’s Lane), Norwich Road (opposite Cedar Court), Great Melton Road (junction of Lynch Green), Cedar Road, Lynch Green, Grove Road, Back Lane, Village Hall, Deacon Drive, Ullswater Drive (two), Admirals Way and Churchfields.

Parish Council



# Memorial Playing Field

DOG fouling on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field has been a source of much concern over the years with trustees fighting to make it an excrement free zone, but finding this a virtual impossibility.

## Memorial Field

Football matches on the field have to be stopped on a regular basis for the removal of dog mess and a shovel is kept handy in the pavilion at all times.

Recently the matter of dog fouling came to a head when the trustees met to discuss whether to insist that all dogs using the playing field be kept on a lead.

They decided that an outright ban of dogs or an insistence on leads was not the way forward, as trustee Stephen Slack explained:

“We discussed how best to respond to the effects of irresponsible dog management on the field. We elected not to have an outright ban or to require all dogs to be on leads, but to have signs and a drive to encourage all dog owners to act responsibly and to urge anybody witnessing people leaving dog mess behind to report the incident to the enforcement authorities at South Norfolk Council,” he said.

As mentioned already there are a number of dog bins on the Memorial Playing Field with four around the field itself and two on the car park.

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So what should you do if you see somebody failing to clear up after their dogs?

South Norfolk Council has the following advice:

“If you see someone allowing their dog to foul and not clear it up, please contact us with the owner’s details and where it happened so we can investigate it. We will also clean it up.

This of course assumes that you know the identity of the owner.

To report an incident via the internet please go to:

<https://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/residents/neighbourhood-issues/dog-problems/dog-fouling>

# An Illuminating Use For Poo

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**Street Lamp powered by dog poo takes off in the Malvern Hills.**

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**COULD this be the answer to Hethersett's "Poo Problem?"**

**A street lamp powered by dog poo has started lighting up a famous beauty spot on the Malvern Hills, according to BBC News.**

Dog walkers on the Malvern Hills are being encouraged to drop the waste into an anaerobic digester which converts it into methane to fuel the lamp. Ten bags are sufficient to provide two hours of light.

Creator Brian Harper said he wanted to find a use for it after seeing poo-filled bags being left at the area of outstanding natural beauty.

He said he first saw the idea in an art installation in the US city of Boston about five years ago. He wanted to find a solution to the plastic bags of excrement strewn around near his home

"I looked and I thought this is a crazy. There must be a way of trying to give dog poo a value so people would do something sensible with it," he said.

## **HOW IT WORKS**

Dog walkers collect free paper "poop scoop" bags to collect the waste which they deposit in the device.

They rotate a handle five times which moves the bag and the poo into the bio-digester where it gets broken down by microbes.

Over a period of days it produces bio-gas - 60% methane and 40% carbon dioxide - which is stored in a small gasometer

When the lamp senses it is dusk, it turns on its own gas supply, ignites a gas mantle and uses the bio-gas to light up.

Apparently the result has been a reduction in dog waste being left around. Would this work in Hethersett? Sadly the people who are prepared not to clear up after their dogs are scarcely likely to drop the poo into a machine where they have to turn a handle five times to activate it. A good idea for street lighting though.

# Decades of Anti Social Behaviour

DOG mess in Hethersett is not a new problem - it has been going on for decades and obviously isn't confined to just a few people.

## The History

Over the past few years, people have moved into the village who quite obviously feel it is fine to let their dogs use paths and grass verges as a toilet without clearing up after them.

Going back through the annals of our Hethersett Web Site we have come across the following comments regarding dog mess going back almost two decades.

"The problem of dog mess on the Memorial Playing Field continues and seems to be on the increase. Owners allowing their animals to foul the field are liable to be fined under the bylaws." - April 2000.

"Hethersett Parish Council is once again battling to cut down dog fouling in the village following a significant rise in the number of complaints from the public. 'Most dog owners in the village are responsible owners and clear up after their dogs. There are a stubborn number of owners who refuse to do so,' said Hethersett Parish Clerk Ian Weetman. "Dog bins have been provided throughout the village and dog bags are available from Hethersett Library." - March 2011.

"We have been contacted by a local resident complaining about the increase in dog mess around the village. This was a subject also brought up at the latest meeting of the trustees of the Memorial Playing Field and has once again become a problem. The resident states: 'I have a one year old daughter so in the last year have found that I walk more around the village and to the amenities. Unfortunately in the last month I have experienced and noticed the more frequent occurrences of dog mess on the pavements. In the course of just two days I had ridden my pram through dog mess no less than three times. This is something that in the past I have not even had to think to look out for on the pavements as I hadn't come across it as people are "meant" to pick it up. This was absolutely awful for me to have to clean up and fortunately my daughter doesn't walk yet so wouldn't have trodden in it.'" - January 2013

"Hethersett Parish Council is concerned about the increase in dogs' mess. At its latest meeting, councillors urged the public to report incidents of dog mess to South Norfolk Council in an attempt to stop the anti-social behaviour and clean

up the village.” - January 2014.

“Hethersett Parish Council has expressed its concern over a number of issues in the village. The council is working with Hethersett Environmental Action Team in an attempt to cut back on dog fouling in the village. Both groups are keen to stress not only the anti-social aspects of owners not clearing up after their pets, but also the dangers to children from animal faeces which can spread disease.”  
- November 2015.

# Clean Up Must Be Possible

TWO subjects guaranteed to get local residents angry are anti-social driving and parking and dog mess. A look back at previous entries on the Hethersett web site shows that dog fouling seems to have been an ever-present problem throughout the village for decades.

## Herald Comment

The parish council has done its bit by providing numerous dog excrement bins in the village and making doggy poop bags available through the village library.

The majority of dog owners are responsible people who always clear up after their pets, but there are a small number of what can only be classed as ignorant morons who have no intention of clearing up mess.

Sadly campaigns, publicity and any other attempts to educate these people will be a waste of time and energy. Unfortunately, these are anti-social residents and the only thing that will get through to them is hitting them where it hurts - i.e in their pockets. It is up to all of us to stay vigilant and report to South Norfolk Council any incidents of dog fouling that you see.

If enough Hethersett residents go on the warpath on this subject we might be able to get something done about it. In this edition of Hethersett Herald we highlight the problem and launch a campaign to “clean-up our village.”

Dog mess is not only unsightly, it is a danger, particularly to children. Cleaning up Hethersett will be difficult but it shouldn't be an unsurmountable problem if a number of people decide that “enough is enough” and something positive needs to be done.

# Greater Norwich Plan

A DISPLAY in Hethersett Village Hall on February 14th aimed to give residents the opportunity to view and make comments on proposed development under the Greater Norwich Local Plan for Development (GNLP).

The latest plan covers the years up to 2036 and Norfolk County Council is currently assessing possible sites for more housing with landowners making them available for development.

Trying to work out the exact plans for our village, however, is at times the equivalent of trying to tread through porridge.

Hethersett has been identified as a “Key Service Centre;” - in itself a rather difficult to comprehend phrase.

The Greater Norwich Plan website at [www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk/planning/greater-norwich-local-plan/](http://www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk/planning/greater-norwich-local-plan/) makes Hethersett sound like an idyllic place stating that it has “a wide range of services including a new village hall/ community centre, social club, an infant/nursery school, junior school and high school, convenience store/supermarket, range of small independent shops and services, post office, pharmacy, doctor and dentist surgeries, a library and a small business centre.”

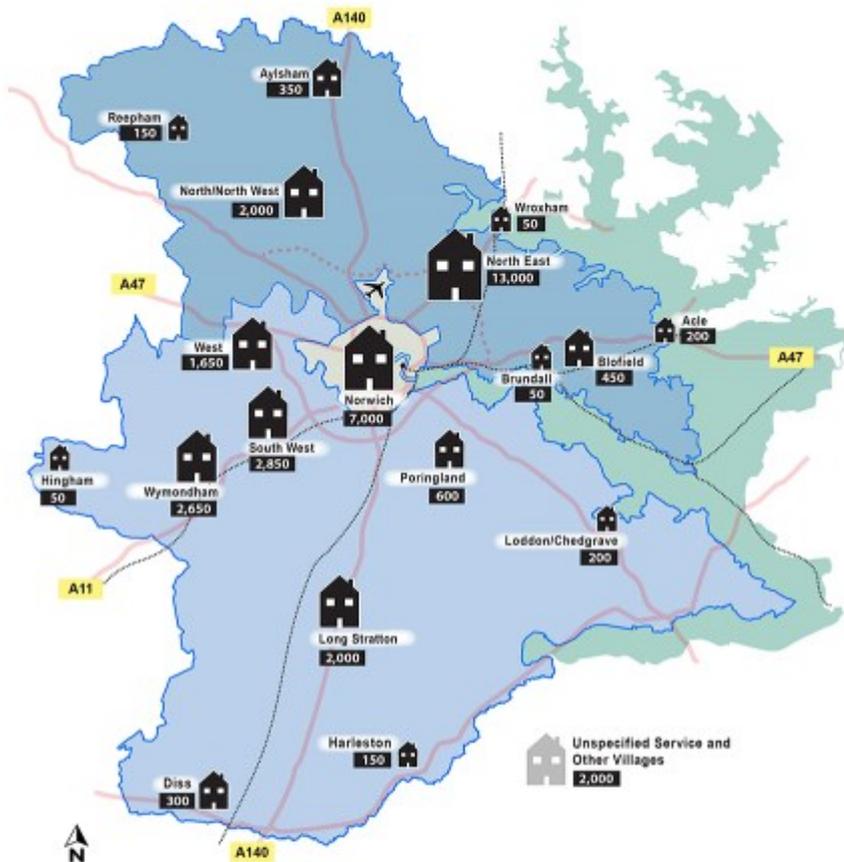
The site goes on to state: “Hethersett lies close to the A47 and Wymondham, extending the number of services accessible within a short distance. It was identified as a major growth location and has allocations for over 1,000 homes which have permission and are being developed. The village is bypassed by the A11 to the south, and the old A11 (B1172 Norwich Road) is effectively the southern boundary of the built-up area, with only limited development to the south of it.

“There are areas at risk of surface water flooding within and around Hethersett, and listed buildings and TPOs (tree preservation orders) along the Norwich Road and in the north-west of the village. There are two CWS (no explanation of what this stands for - could be County Wildlife Sites) to the north-east and north-west of Hethersett, close to the high voltage overhead cables, and long-term strategic gap policies have prevented coalescence between the village, Cringleford to the east, and Wymondham to the west.”

Much of the remainder of the site is difficult for the layman to understand due to the use of initials and planning-speak.

The local plan, which will cover the period to 2036, will set out a vision and strategy for growth and include policies which will be used to determine planning applications in the Greater Norwich area.

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Key

-  Norwich City Council (within the GNL P area)
-  Broadland Area (within the GNL P area)
-  South Norfolk Area (within the GNL P area)
-  Broads Authority Area (outside the GNL P area)
-  A Roads
-  Railways
-  Norwich International Airport

### Housing Commitment



Note: Commitment figures are rounded to the nearest 50



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 Broadland District Council - 100022319  
 Norwich City Council - 100019747  
 South Norfolk District Council - 100019483

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The GNLP will identify sites for new homes, jobs and infrastructure and sets out what is going to be developed, where it will happen and how it will be achieved. The web site states: “We have already had a ‘call for sites’ and 600 sites were submitted for consideration. More sites can be submitted through this consultation.”

Much of the discussion at the open event revolved around ensuring that services and facilities keep pace with the increased building. For, whilst the web site and the “experts” extol the virtues of the amenities we already have, residents know that these will be nowhere near good enough to cope with what could ultimately be an influx of an additional three to four thousand people.

This would turn Hethersett into a town rather than a village and we certainly don’t currently have the infrastructure to sustain this size of development which would need a serious re-think on behalf of developers and the powers that be.

Residents point out that:

- We only have a handful of shops and small businesses.
- Some of our facilities such as the pavilion on the Memorial Playing Field are sub-standard and not fit for use.
- The Village Hall needs an extension to cope with demand.
- The village surgery is too small and cannot cope with the current demand. It’s car park is ridiculously small to deal with the level of demand.
- Schools need to be improved and extended (thankfully plans are already being made for this to be achieved).
- Leisure facilities need to be improved and increased.

Hethersett Parish Council discussed the GNLP at its February meeting and councillors expressed concerns about the erosion of strategic gaps between Hethersett and Wymondham and Hethersett and Norwich.

Councillors thought it vital to ensure that green belts are maintained and also voiced concern about the infrastructure and amenities in the village failing to keep up with the pace and size of new development.

The public consultation period continues until March 15th and comments can be made via the web site. The map on the previous page shows some of the areas that are envisaged to take additional housing.

The map on the previous page gives an idea of the areas for future development. If you have any comments on development in our village please send them to: [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net)

# Connie's Nepalese Project

AN 18-year-old Hethersett student will be setting off for Nepal in April to work on community projects in the impoverished country.

Connie Yan (pictured opposite) has been selected as a volunteer on a three month placement with International Citizen Service (ICS) Raleigh.



“ICS provides overseas volunteer placements for young people aged 18-25 who are looking to take part in various community projects in some of the most impoverished countries in the world. Alongside other UK volunteers, I will be teaming up with Nepali volunteers to work on various community projects and will be staying with a host family during the entire three months,” Connie said.

During her time in Nepal, the Gap Year student will provide support to small businesses in rural communities:

“I will be helping young entrepreneurs develop business plans. Employment there has seen a recent decline as many young people have flocked towards the cities to look for work after the devastating earthquake in 2015.

“Another focus of the programme is improving access to safe water and sanitation and through our ‘WASH’ initiative, we will build sustainable water supplies for communities and spread important information about health and hygiene,” Connie added.

Connie will stay with a host family in one of the rural areas and this will help her to experience their way of life which will include living without electricity, showers or toilets:

“I believe that my time there will be extremely valuable in helping me become more resilient and independent, as well as to become a more active citizen,” she added.

Connie's flights, vaccinations and other travel expenses will be paid for by the government but, as part of her participation, she will need to raise a minimum of £1500 by 13th April.

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# Charity Trip

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To help raise the rest of the money, Connie will carry out fundraising events such as a quiz and chips evening and also carry out bake sales and a charity car wash.



“The money I raise will go to Raleigh International to fund projects such as these, which benefit both the communities we work with as well as the young people who take part in volunteering,” Connie said.

Connie has agreed to share her experiences through the Hethersett Herald, writing about the impact of her work and how it has helped her personal development.

Anyone interested in sponsoring Connie or supporting her financially can contact her via e-mail at:

[connieyan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:connieyan@hotmail.co.uk)

Connie has also set up a Just Giving page for donations at:

[justgiving.co.uk/connieyan](http://justgiving.co.uk/connieyan)

Still Time To  
Apply

**THERE is still time to apply for a share of the £150,000 funding available to support a local recreational scheme or schemes.**

**As reported in last month’s Herald, the S106 money has become available from the Heathfield development on Great Melton Road.**

**Along with the usual S106 conditions, the following also applies to this funding:**

**“It is to be used towards the provision, extension or improvement of indoor or outdoor physical recreational facilities or equipment for adults and/or older children within the parish of Hethersett.”**

**Groups interested in applying have until the end of March to lodge an “expression of interest” with parish clerk Ian Weetman who can be contacted on 01603 810915 or by e-mail at**

**[hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk).**

**Application packs will be issued on receipt of expressions of interest.**

# Two Cultures in Harmony

TWO very different cultures came together for a harmonious display in Hethersett Village Hall on February 8th.

A group of Chinese artists joined together with local artists and guests to bring a splash of diversity and colour.

The visit also celebrated the coming of the Chinese New Year - the Year of the Dog - which started on February 16th.



Over 30 artists from Foshan in the Guangdong Province in South Eastern China came to Norfolk immediately after touching down at Heathrow Airport in the early hours of the morning before leaving for visits to Wales and other parts of the British Isles.

The visit was all part of a Chinese New Year Heritage Culture Exchange and was set-up by local Hethersett artist Grace Yan who was born in China but who has lived in England for the past 20 years and in Hethersett for the past five. Grace is a member of the Wednesday morning Hethersett art group which meets in the village hall.

The Chinese guests and their English counterparts enjoyed taking part in the ancient art of Foshan Paper Cutting which became popular in the Qing Dynasty and which saw Foshan become one of the leading exponents in both China and the world. Today the Foshan artists produce modern art with a traditional look as illustrated by our examples on the next page.

Guests for the Hethersett event included the Lord Mayor of Norwich, David Fullman, and Sheriff of Norwich, David Walker.



Pictures on pages 20 to 26 were taken by Peter Steward and Alex Yan and show images of the event and some of the Chinese art work. The photo on page 17 shows Lord Mayor of Norwich David Fullman with organiser Grace Yan and other Chinese guests.





More images from the cultural visit by Chinese artists.









《一帶一路》中國佛山剪紙藝術作品英國諾維奇邀請展留念  
2018年2月8日於英國諾維奇市文化中心

# March Road Closure

DRAINAGE work will see the closure of part of New Road in early March.

The work is due to start on or shortly after March 5th and last for one week, although the start date could be delayed due to unforeseen delays and hold-ups to this and other schemes caused by bad weather.

The work will see the replacement of a damaged pipe which crosses the road outside number six and goes into a ditch in the field opposite. Vehicle access will be restricted during working hours but pedestrian access will be maintained.

The replacement work will cost £12,000 and will be carried out by Norfolk County Council's Community and Environmental Services Department and their contractors



We're proud to announce the **School House Community Café** is now open. You are warmly invited to join us, **Monday to Saturday** for a locally sourced breakfast, brunch, lunch or just a tea or coffee.

The School House is a more than a café - we are a community interest company promoting **happy, healthy living** supported by the local communities to the South of Norwich.

All the profits from the café are used to run therapeutic activities, classes and groups. We have a particular focus on helping people and carers facing **mental health, dementia and loneliness** challenges.

The School House is open to all - a place to meet friends, connect with others, learn new skills and find support.

We'd love to meet you and hear your ideas,

**Gwen and The School House team**

Come for a coffee and a chat at **1, The Street, Framingham Earl, NR14 7QY**

Like us on **Facebook** and join our group to share ideas

Email: [gwen@theschoohousecic.org.uk](mailto:gwen@theschoohousecic.org.uk)



Follow us on Twitter  
**@TheSchHouseCIC**

Call us on **01508 495784**

# Verge Efforts

IN the February edition of Hethersett Herald we pictured the mess that a verge in Recreation Road has become. Since then local residents have brought their own solutions to the problem by preventing cars from parking on the verge by putting a number of sticks in place.



## Day Of Accidents

Traffic was diverted along the B1172 on January 28th after two crashes on the A11. The road was blocked northbound after the first incident, which happened at about 12pm on the Sunday afternoon.

The accident took place just after the slip road onto the A11 and traffic was diverted through Hethersett.

The road was blocked from Wymondham to the Thickthorn roundabout, but had been cleared by 1.30pm. Just after 2pm, emergency services were called to another crash on the A11, this time at the Spooner Row junction.

Fire crews were sent from Wymondham, Hethersett and Earlham. They rescued a person from a vehicle and made the scene safe.

## Extending Our Service

READERS can find out when a new edition of Hethersett Herald is online via Facebook, Twitter and Next Door Social Media sites and also on the front page of the Hethersett Village Web site at [www.hethersett.org.uk](http://www.hethersett.org.uk)

We are now also setting-up an e-mail group for anyone who would like to receive e-mail notification of new editions.

If you would like to avail yourself of this service simply send an e-mail request to

[petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net)

We will not pass your e-mail address onto any third party.

# Picture Perfect?



NEVER one to shy away from a piece of wit, Steve Bussey posted the above image on Facebook, pointing it out to be a close-up of the Blue Moon which occurred in Hetherett at the beginning of February.

On closer examination, however, you can see that Steve's photograph is not so much of a lunar landscape as of something a bit closer to home and which can be dug out of the ground. A Smashing photo you might say!

# Hethersett Writers' Group

*HETHERSETT Writers' Group meets monthly in various homes in the village. Members produce original writing on numerous subjects from poetry to prose, fiction to non fiction.*

HETHERSETT Writers' Group will shortly be launching a competition aimed at encouraging youngsters to enjoy the art of writing.

The competition will be split into two age groups - seven to 11 and 12 to 17 - with a set topic and cash prizes for the best three entries in each age category.

We will have full details of the competition topic, the prizes and how to enter in future editions of Hethersett Herald. The winning entries will also be featured in this magazine.

## Go For It Grant

**HETHERSETT Writers' Group has been awarded £300 from a South Norfolk Council Go For It Grant.**

**The money will be used to improve awareness of the group, to attract new members and to encourage young people to enjoy the wonders of writing through a competition.**

**Details of the competition are included opposite and will appear in future editions of Hethersett Herald.**

HETHERSETT Writers' group member Tony Vale (pictured opposite) from Wymondham is an established playwright who is a member of the excellent Four By Four Group which regularly puts on drama evenings.

The latest productions by the group took place in Wymondham Central Hall on February 22nd and 23rd. Tony's comedy play "No Time Like The Present?" was very well received and helped to mark 10 years of the group.



# One of the Best

## Hethersett Schools' Watch

**HETHERSETT Academy has once again been heralded as one of the best schools in Norfolk.**

**The Academy achieved the best Progress 8 score in Norfolk and Waveney in the figures which have just been confirmed.**

**Provisionally the academy was given a score of 0.89 which has now been confirmed as 0.88.**



**The Progress 8 score measures pupils' progress from the end of primary to the end of secondary education compared to others with a similar starting point. Norfolk's overall figure is -0.06 which is below the national average of -0.03, which just illustrates how well Hethersett Academy is doing.**

**Some of the successful students are pictured above.**

## Here Come The Shredders

Design and technology students at Hethersett Academy are reducing plastic waste at the school with a new recycling scheme.

The department has invested in an industrial shredder which can shred a range of plastics including acrylic, drinks bottles, plastic milk bottles and polypropylene from food containers. Some materials like acrylic can be reformed into sheets which can then be laser cut and re-used in the department. Some plastics will be sold as shavings to the recycling centre. Our photograph opposite was taken by the school and shows some of the re-cyclable materials.



# Wes Launches Holiday Partnership



NORWICH City footballing legend Wes Hoolahan was on hand to cut the ribbon to launch a partnership between Hethersett Old Hall School and King's Camps.

Wes, who has daughters at the school, not only cut the red tape with a pair of large red shears but also joined in with activity sessions organised by Joe from King's Camps.

In the coming Easter holidays, Old Hall School will host King's Camps activity weeks which will be open to children aged between four and 17. The camps are run by the King's Foundation charity.

School head Stephen Crump said: "Camps like this are more necessary now than ever before for two reasons. First of all, more parents work, so many children won't have parents home during the day. The second thing is that our society is becoming more sedentary and a lot of children are spending large



parts of the day in front of screens, so in a way this is an antidote.”

Irish international Wes Hoolahan said: “It’s a great idea for the school. It’s important with the mid term breaks coming up to keep kids active, they have a lot of free time so it is important that they are sociable.”

More information is available on [www.kingscamps.org](http://www.kingscamps.org) .

Photographs courtesy of Hetherset Old Hall School.

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# Edith Cavell for Caring

**THE Edith Cavell Day Centre at Swardeston has been in operation for over 30 years, serving the elderly and house-bound in Swardeston and the surrounding villages including Hetherset. Here Rosalind Legg from the centre tells us more about the registered charity.**

The Edith Cavell Day Centre was started in 1986 to meet the needs of older people living in Swardeston, Mulbarton and the surrounding villages including Hetherset from where we have welcomed many members over the past 20 years.

We provide a welcome and sociable environment for people to meet, enjoy a freshly cooked hot meal and teas, coffees and snacks throughout the day.

A varied programme of activities is enjoyed, including seated exercises to music, games, crafts, reminiscence, musical entertainment, quizzes, outings, and much more. Other services available include hand and foot care and a hearing aid clinic.

The Day Centre opens on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 am. until 3 pm. and is held in the Lakenham-Hewett Rugby Clubhouse, Main Road, Swardeston, NR14 8DU. Transport to and from the

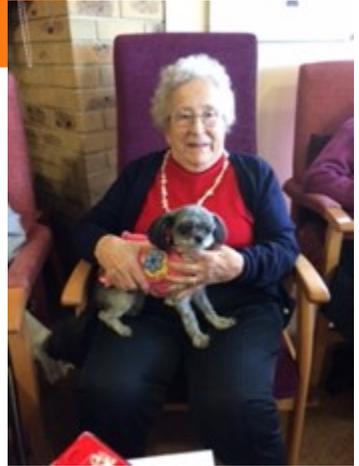


**Website: [www.ecav.co.uk](http://www.ecav.co.uk)**

centre can be available. We have two managers and two kitchen staff, supported by many talented volunteers.

If you, or any one you care for, would like to visit for a free taster day, please telephone the centre on 01508 578826 during opening hours. Volunteers and drivers are always welcome to contact us.

We will have more from the Edith Cavell Centre in future editions of Hethersett Herald.



## **All The Fun of the Fair**

Hethersett Old Hall School Parents' Association will be holding a seaside summer fair on 12th May between 11 am and 3 pm.

The fun-filled day will have a seaside theme with Punch and Judy entertainment, fairground rides, pony rides, a raffle, craft and business stalls, a barbecue and a full range of homemade cakes and refreshments. Entry is free.

The association is taking bookings from local businesses and organisations. Stalls cost £25 which includes a table and chairs.

Anyone interested in booking should email [pa@hohs.co.uk](mailto:pa@hohs.co.uk).

## **We Are On Facebook**

Hethersett Herald is on Facebook. You can follow us at

<https://www.facebook.com/Hethersett-Herald-196216690775010/>

## Surprise Four Legged Visitor to Old Hall School



Pupils in Hethersett were treated to surprise visitors at a school assembly.

Miniature donkeys Pixie and Pippin from Mini Donkeys for Wellbeing, clip clopped into Hethersett Old Hall School with owner Sarah McPherson, who talked to the children about the work they do.

The event was covered in the Eastern Daily Press newspaper. The donkeys are transported across the region to care homes, voluntary organisations and community groups with the aim of helping people with their wellbeing. The organisation has been chosen by pupils at the school as their charity of the year and will benefit from fundraising activities organised by the children to help maintain the donkeys' work.

After the assembly, pupils had an opportunity to get up close and touch the donkeys in the courtyard.

Sarah McPherson established the organisation after seeing the therapeutic effect donkeys had on her mother, who suffered from dementia.

The above photograph was supplied by Hethersett Old Hall School.

# Countryside Wander

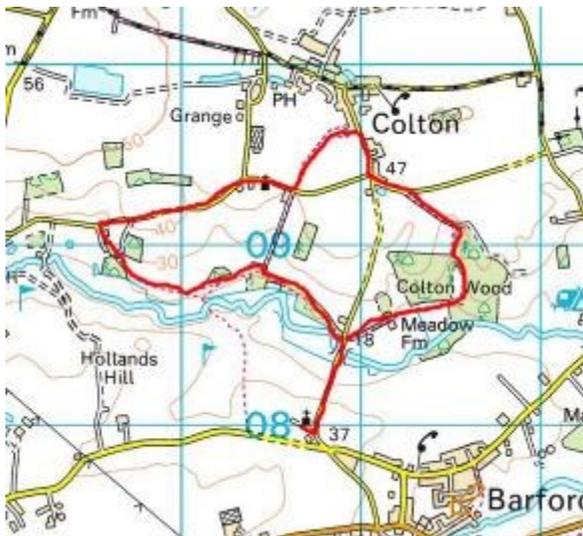
With Associate Editor Gary Wyatt

## Barford and Colton Walk

This month we venture out of Hethersett for a stroll in the upper Yare Valley which runs between the villages of Barford and Colton, a few miles from our village.

**Distance:** about 5 km (3 miles) **Underfoot:** in winter the woodland section can be a bit muddy in wet weather but nothing exceptional; walking boots are recommended.

**Starting point:** car park at Barford Church, accessed by the track in front of the church. **Abbreviations:** R/RH right/right-hand; L/LH left/left-hand. Map: Map adapted from Streetmap EU Ltd 1997-2016 with grateful thanks. **Disclaimer:** the publishers of the Hethersett Herald cannot be held responsible for your safety or well-being when using this route.



i) From the car park, return along the track in front of the church and L down Colton Road. At the bottom of the hill you will cross the river. A short distance after the river bridge, look for a footpath sign in the hedge on the L, opposite a farm track with double gates (the return route will come through these gates later on).

ii) Follow the clear footpath which takes you through a lovely woodland. Cross a small boggy area and then bear R towards a track. Do not go up the track but pass through a gate on the L and continue in the same direction as before along a track through a field.

iii) Ignore the clear path that leaves diagonally L to a river bridge and on to the golf course; instead continue straight ahead over the rough grass with the hedge

on your R. Pass through the hedge line and continue along the upper edge of the golf course.

iv) Follow the path, which soon passes through a clear gap in the hedge on the R. Turn L along the field edge to the corner and then R up the other edge, with the hedge now on your L.

v) Continue uphill along the field edge until the path crosses a stile into the garden of a house. The route is clearly marked and is a public path, despite passing through the garden. Follow the driveway to the road and turn R.

vi) Follow the road with fine open views (the towers of Wymondham Abbey can be seen on the horizon on the R) until the junction. If you would like to take refreshment, turn L to visit the Ugly Bug Inn/Norfolk Lurcher restaurant. Otherwise, continue ahead along Church Road and past Colton Church. If you have a picnic with you, there is a bench behind the church.

vii) Soon, after passing some houses and a track on the R, look for a footpath sign in a gap in the hedge on the L. Take this path, eventually bearing R to emerge on The Street in Colton village. Turn R.

vii) Walk along the street, passing a magnificent barn with the date 1666 built into the brickwork. At the staggered crossroads, take the L turn (Marlingford Road).

viii) Shortly after passing the speed limit signs, take a gated track diverging to the R by a small wood. Continue on the track to reach a wood, then turn R down another track. At the bottom, after crossing a more open area, the track turns R though more woodland eventually emerging by farm buildings and on to the driveway. Follow the drive to the road, as mentioned at stage i) above. Turn L along the road and retrace your steps to the car park.



# Hethersett Village Screen

OVER 60 people attended the second village screen showing of the New Year on Sunday, 11th February. Abdul and Victoria starred Dame Judy Dench, Ali Fazal, Tim Pigott-Smith, Eddie Izzard and Michael Gambon. It was the tale of Queen Victoria's unlikely friendship with a young Indian clerk named Abdul Karim.

Abdul and Victoria was one of the best attended village screens so far, testimony to the hard work of the organising group and also the increasing popularity of the films.

The March offering from the group will be The Limehouse Golem on Sunday, 18th March. Please note that this film will start at 1 pm rather than the usual 3 pm due to another booking in Hethersett Village Hall.



## **The Limehouse Golem (15) Sunday 18th March, 1pm**

A series of murders has shaken Victorian London to the point where people believe that only a legendary creature from dark times - the mythical so-called Golem - must be responsible. Bill Nighy investigates.

## **Film Stars Don't Die In Liverpool (15) Sunday 22nd April, 3pm**

Annette Bening, Jamie Bell, Julie Walters and Vanessa Redgrave star in this tale of an unlikely romance between a young actor and a fading Hollywood leading lady. Based on a true story.

## **Battle of the Sexes (12A) Sunday 13th May, 3pm**

Emma Stone and Steve Carell star as Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs in the stranger-than-fiction story of how the tennis courts of America became a gender battlefield in the early 70s.

# 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 now published and the candidates are: ...



### More Accolades for Hethersett Academy

Hethersett Academy has been awarded a number of accolades for its achievements in the past year. The school has been named as one of the top 100 primary schools in the country for its commitment to excellence in education. ...

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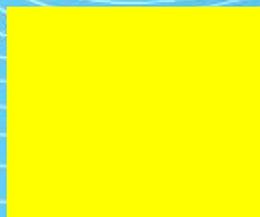
### Major Honour for Mike

Hethersett Herald is proud to announce that Mike [Name] has been awarded a major honour for his services to the community. Mike has been a dedicated member of the village for many years and has made significant contributions to the well-being of the village. ...



### More Development?

There has been a lot of discussion about the possibility of further development in the village. The council is currently reviewing the options and will be consulting with the residents in the coming months. ...



# Media Watch

The Eastern Daily Press reported that Hethersett Old Hall School will be cutting its sixth form fees by a third as part of a shake-up to its provision.



The school has said the changes “chimed with the spirit of the times”, and, it hopes, will better equip its students for future demands.

The paper reported that a significant part of the plans will see its sixth form fees cut by a third. A student who started this year would have paid roughly £30,000 for the two years. While the exact figures have not been confirmed, under the plans a new student will pay roughly £20,000. Stephen Crump, headmaster, said they had already scrapped scholarships, which he said did not always provide a fair outcome, in favour of the move. He acknowledged that, for many parents, the costs would still be too high - but said he hoped it would offer some families relief.

“We want to grow our sixth form, but we are aware that by the time parents have paid fees from as young as three, they may be feeling the financial stress,” he said.

We believe that by lowering the fees we can appeal to a vibrant, wider 16-plus community.”

Mr Crump said it was an “unusual” move by an independent school, with fees having, largely, risen across the country. But he said the decision fits with the ongoing debate around social mobility, and giving everyone, regardless of background, similar opportunities.

But he said they had also introduced measures to widen their sixth form, offering expanded courses beyond traditional A-levels. As an example, he said they had introduced a compulsory business course to their offering.

“We are a girls’ school and we take pride in the empowerment of our young women. We believe there are no barriers for them and we have always been very strong on saying the world is their oyster, whatever their choice.

“But we are aware that 40pc of the jobs the girls are going to be doing haven’t yet been invented,” Mr Crump added.

He said they wanted to “re-forge” the sixth form experience, to ensure its students were prepared for the demands of the future.

He said they hoped the changes would create an experience of transition between “school, A-levels, apprenticeships, university and work”.

# HETHERSETT MATTERS

## **Working with Norfolk Trading Standards and other organisations to make you aware of some of the latest scams and thefts to avoid.**

Norfolk Trading Standards are warning residents about telephone cold calls claiming to be from 'CAB' and 'Citizens Advice' regarding 'debts'.

This follows reports from Norfolk residents who have received such calls.

Citizens Advice do not cold call regarding debt issues. If you receive one of these calls do not give or confirm any personal or financial information, hang up and report it to Trading Standards via their partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

If your home has been damaged in the winter weather, getting repairs completed will be something you want to complete as quickly as possible, but make sure in all the haste you don't end up with a rogue trader or poor quality repairs. Here is some advice to help you get the right trader and smooth repairs:

### **NEVER use cold callers who arrive at your property offering to undertake work:**

Rogue Traders may use bad weather events as an opportunity to try to get householders to agree to them undertaking repairs. These cold callers rarely give householders' proper contact details or their legal rights to cancel within 14 days. They may also claim more work is required than actually is to increase their profits and the work they do can often be of poor quality.

### **Choose reputable traders like a Norfolk Trusted Trader**

When looking for a trader to undertake work on your property make sure they are a trader you can trust. This could be a member of the Norfolk Trading Standards Trusted Trader scheme, a business known to you that you've used before or by recommendation from a friend or family member. You can search the Norfolk Trusted Trader directory at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/trustedtrader](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/trustedtrader) or call the Norfolk County Council customer service centre on 0344 800 8020

### **Get three (at least) quotes for the work**

Try to get at least three traders to come to your property and provide proper written quotations to undertake the work required. Compare them carefully to help you choose the right trader for the job.

## **NEVER pay the full price upfront**

Good businesses or tradesmen will not require payment until the work is finished to your satisfaction. Some may ask for a percentage to cover materials or specific parts if they are expensive but if the trader is asking for full payment up front don't contract with them.

## **Talk to your insurance company FIRST**

If you have insurance on your property speak to the company before arranging any repairs. The company may require you to use a company approved by them or may want to see quotations before authorising the work and subsequent payment.

If you need further advice on choosing a trader or help in dealing with disputes with companies contact our partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

## **Rogue Trader Alert – Flyers offering Landscaping and Tree Surgery work.**

Norfolk Trading Standards are warning residents to be on their guard after receiving reports of flyers being hand delivered offering landscaping and tree surgery work in the Poringland, Framlingham Earl and Dereham areas.

The flyers claim to offer a range of services and give a Freephone and mobile contact number but no further details about the business.

Trading Standards advises, when looking to have work done on or around your property, only deal with reputable companies you have researched and chosen yourself and have obtained a written quotation from.

## **Rogue Trader Alert – Doorstep cold callers in the Norwich area offering Gravel.**

Norfolk Trading Standards are warning residents to be on their guard after Norfolk Police received reports of cold callers in the Norwich area offering gravel for driveways.

Trading Standards advises NEVER to deal with anyone who turns up at your door offering to do work or trying to sell items.

## **Rogue Trader Alert – Doorstep Cold Callers offering 'free boilers'**

Norfolk Trading Standards are warning residents to be on their guard after receiving reports of a cold callers claiming to be offering 'free boilers'.

These cold callers will claim the home owner 'could be entitled to a free replacement boiler'. They then state they need a range of personal and finan-

cial information to 'check if you are eligible' for the scheme.

In previous incidents these types of cold callers have made claims about 'government' or 'local council backing' for the alleged scheme and have photographed documents and paperwork if offered on mobile phones.

### **Rogue Trader Alert – Doorstep cold caller offering ‘tree surgery work’**

Norfolk Trading Standards are warning residents to be on their guard after receiving reports of a doorstep cold caller offering tree surgery work.

The cold caller is driving a plain white transit style van and appears to be targeting elderly and vulnerable residents and offering to undertake work on trees at their property.

### **Scam Alert – Binary Options investment scams.**

Norfolk Trading Standards are again receiving contacts regarding Binary Option investment scams.

Therefore we are taking the opportunity to repeat warnings and advice from Action Fraud regarding the offering of Binary Options as investment scams.

Binary Options are called ‘Binary’ because there can be only two outcomes – win or lose. To trade, all you need to do is bet on whether the price of something will rise or fall below a certain amount - if it is correct, you win and get paid. If not, you lose all of the money you originally invested.

You can choose various commodities to trade in such as gold, oil or stocks. The value of a Binary Option is made up from the value of the asset you want to trade. For example, you could bet at 2pm that the value of gold will either increase or decrease in price by 2.05 pm. You are not buying or selling the gold, just predicting whether the price of it will rise or fall. Time periods involved tend to be very short (5 or 10 minutes) but some firms offer longer periods to bet over.

Fraud occurs when Binary Trading Platforms:

Offer a higher than average return on an investment.

Refuse to credit customer accounts.

Break all contact with the customer.

Manipulate software to distort prices and payouts.

There are many legitimate Binary Option Traders but currently none of them are regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). At present binary options are regulated by the UK’s Gambling Commission, but only if the firm has remote gambling equipment located in Britain. If this is not the case,

any binary options that the firm offers will not be regulated either by the Gambling Commission or by the FCA.

- Action Fraud offer the following advice around Binary Option scams:
- If you're considering any type of investment, always remember: if it seems too good to be true, then it probably is.
- If you get a call out of the blue from someone offering investment opportunities, be wary; if in doubt don't be polite, just hang up.
- If in doubt, where you think a firm offering binary options may not be trustworthy or legitimate, do not transfer money to them or provide them with your bank details.
- Be mindful of any bonus structures and clauses preventing you from withdrawing funds.
- Make sure you have read and considered conditions set out by the company making it mandatory to "turn over" your original deposit over a multiple amount of times before you can withdraw your money.

The Gambling Commission advises that UK consumers should research the market carefully before participating in such activities. The Gambling Commission offer advice on their website.

Check whether a company holds an operating licence by searching the Gambling Commission public register of licensees.

If you think you've been the victim of an investment scam you can report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via their online reporting form.

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## Planters Welcome

HETHERSETT and District Horticultural Society is welcoming new members and guests. The Society meets monthly on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall in Great Melton Road.

Everyone is welcome and occasional visitors are charged £1.50 which includes refreshments.

More details on the latest and future meetings of the society are available on page 62.

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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 March and April. If you have an event you would like to see featured in Hethersett Herald, please send details including its date, time and venue to the following email address:*

***[petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net)***

## **March**

**March 2nd** - Hethersett Playing Field Bowls Club's quiz and buffet evening.

**March 2nd** - Women's World Day of Prayer Service, St Remigius Church, 2 pm.

**March 5th** - Hethersett Parish Council planning committee, Hethersett Village Hall, 7pm.

**March 7th** - The Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group (The RiNG). Carole Slaughter, Marketing Manager at Jarrolds will talk about the history of Jarrolds. Hethersett Village hall 2-4 pm.

**March 10th** - Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) litter pick. Starts at 10 am from Hethersett Methodist Church Car Park.

**March 12th** - Hethersett Society - Tudor Life with Simon Partridge, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**March 13th** - Heart of Hethersett support group for those bereaved and suffering from anxiety and depression. Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex, Firs Road 5.30-6.30 pm.

**March 13th** - Hethersett Writers' Group. Various venues.

**March 18th** - Hethersett Village Screen presents The Limehouse Golem, Hethersett Village Hall, 1pm.

**March 19th** - Hethersett Parish Council Meeting, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm, preceded by planning committee meeting at 7 pm.

**March 20th** - Hethersett Dementia Support Group monthly café, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10am to midday.

**March 21st** - Hethersett and District Horticultural Society AGM, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm

**March 26th** - Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club agm. For tickets contact Lynn Rawlings on 01603 457888.

**March 27th** - Heart of Hethersett support group for those bereaved and suffering from anxiety and depression. Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex, Firs Road 5.30-6.30 pm.

## **April**

**April 2nd** - Hethersett Parish Council planning committee, Hethersett Village Hall, 7pm.

**April 10th** - Heart of Hethersett support group for those bereaved and suffering from anxiety and depression. Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex, Firs Road 5.30-6.30 pm.

**April 10th** - Hethersett Writers' Group. Various venues.

**April 16th** - Hethersett Parish Council Meeting, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm, preceded by planning committee meeting at 7 pm.

**April 17th** - Hethersett Dementia Support Group monthly café, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10 am to midday.

**April 18th** - Hethersett and the Meltons' Sports Association quarterly meeting, Park Farm Hotel, 7.30 pm.

**April 24th** - Heart of Hethersett support group for those bereaved and suffering from anxiety and depression. Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex, Firs Road 5.30-6.30 pm.

**April 30th** - Hethersett Parish Council planning committee, Hethersett Village Hall, 7pm.

## **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**

ORCHID SOCIETY OF EAST ANGLIA

# ORCHID SHOW



*Sunday 8th April  
10am -4.30pm*

*Admission £2  
Children under 16 free*

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PLANTS FOR SALE  
ADVICE GIVEN  
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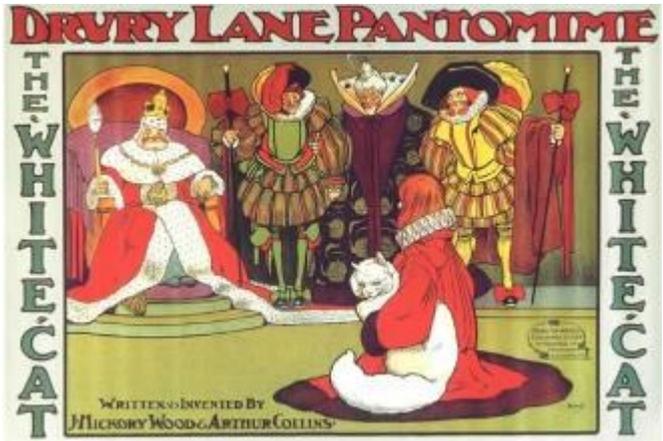
**By Peter Steward**

AS the old saying goes, you learn something new every day.

Having written at length about Hethersett Pantomime Group over the past few years, I was intrigued to find out in the village Good News magazine that the tradition of pantomime goes back much further than originally thought.

Hethersett Pantomime Group began in 1970 and next year will be celebrating its 50th production. But 63 years ago the St Remigius Pantomime Group produced the pantomime "The White Cat."

# Pantomime Surprise



It was produced by a Mrs Hammond and we are told it was the second year of the panto, which dates the first panto in the village to 1954 (unless anyone knows of an earlier one of course).

The report states that "Forty people took part on the stage and it is estimated that sixty were concerned in the total production."

The article goes on to say that it was "a most satisfactory achievement of co-operation and fellowship in the parish."

The production ran for three nights in the village hall and a profit of around £30 was made.

"The opinion has been expressed on all sides that the standard of the performance, with particular reference to the singing was remarkably high and that a very level quality of acting ability was obtained by suitable and careful casting."

The report also mentioned "the particularly harmless brand of humour which, we are told, has caused side to ache.

"The reputation which has been built up over the last two years of being able to produce an enjoyable and entertaining show without the slightest impropriety is one to be jealously guarded."

Village stalwart Duncan Pigg, who is now in his nineties, took part in the 1955 show and admits that it provided him with the encouragement to start the regular pantomimes in 1970. There are no details in the Good News of the storyline of *The White Cat* or who also appeared alongside Duncan.



A little delving on the internet, however, has uncovered the fact that *The White Cat* was a very popular entertainment in the Victorian age and the plot comes from a fairy tale by Madame d'Aulnoy in the 17th Century. It featured dancers, clowns, fairies and of course a White Cat and a rather convoluted plot.

Back to the present day, this year's pantomime *Robinson Crusoe* raised £2,900 for the new children's hospice in Norfolk.

EACH has raised £7m of its £10m target for a new Norfolk base, which will replace its Quidenham hospice.

Building work started on the Nook Hospice off Pigot Lane in Framingham Earl in November. Judith Sykes, who leads the Nook Friends group, said: "Hethersett Pantomime Group members are all amateurs, but the performance was very professional and enjoyable."





## Hethersett WI

**Come along and make new friends, find new interests, hear good speakers and try new activities.**

Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Meetings are held from 7.30 pm on the third Monday of the month at the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road, Hethersett (parking at rear of Hall).

Each month we have a different guest speaker following a short business session, a raffle, teas and coffees.

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Speaker on Monday 19th March will be Genista Davidson who will be speaking on 'Art Deco Fashion of the 1920s and 1930s.'

For further details please contact Eileen Chapman on 01603 811076 or email [eileenchapman19@btinternet.com](mailto:eileenchapman19@btinternet.com)

For information on forthcoming speakers please see posters in Hethersett Library or on village noticeboards

# CRINGLEFORD and HETHERSETT FLOWER CLUB

Affiliated to the National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies (NAFAS)

Would you like to know more about arranging flowers in traditional and modern ways?

We have monthly meetings where visitors are warmly invited to watch a demonstration by a qualified NAFAS Flower Arranger for only £5.

There is an opportunity to win one of their flower arrangements as these are raffled off at the end of the evening

**We usually meet at Hethersett Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett, at 7.30 pm (unless otherwise stated). Coming events include:**

**Monday 26th March 2018 AGM \***

**\*Ticketed event to include supper**

**For further information please contact our Chairman, Lynn Rawlings on 01603 457888.**

## South Norfolk Community Awards 2018

It's time once again to nominate shining community volunteers for a South Norfolk Community Award.

Nominations opened on Monday, 19th February and close on 29th April. Nominations and further details are on the web site:

[www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/champions](http://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/champions)

or by calling 01508 533945.

"Volunteers are the shining stars in our communities and we hope the awards will help recognise the work that they do," the organisers state. The awards will be presented at Diss Corn Hall, on Thursday 7th June, to coincide with National Volunteers' Week.

## More Concern Over Junction

HETHERSETT Parish Council continues to be concerned about the future plans for the Thickthorn Interchange. As reported previously in the Herald, Norfolk County Council Highways Department has come up with two options to improve the junction in the light of the considerable amount of extra traffic that will be generated by additional housing in the A11 corridor between Thetford and Norwich.

At its latest meeting, councillors expressed concerns about the two plans put forward on the grounds that both options would cause safety and environmental problems and would lead to severe traffic problems in Cantley Lane.

Ketteringham and East Carleton Parish Council has also expressed considerable concerns about the set-up at Cantley Lane.

“Hethersett is very much in favour of improvements being made to Thickthorn but Option A is certainly not fit for purpose and would directly affect Hethersett and we cannot support Option B either. We are not happy with either option, “ said chairman Jackie Sutton.

The council will make its feelings known to the highways’ department and also ask for a joint meeting with them and other nearby parish councils. See our September 2017 edition of the Herald to read more about the proposed changes.

## Barrier Turned Down

Plans to put a safety barrier in place on Great Melton Road close to the Tasty Bites takeaway have been scuppered after Norfolk County Council pointed out that barriers can only be erected in the immediate vicinity of schools. The parish council will continue to look at ways of making the area safer for pedestrians and is still awaiting a village safety audit from the county council.

## New Environment Group

Hethersett Parish Council has set-up an Environmental Advisory Group to sup-

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port and work alongside existing environmental groups in the village such as the Hetherset Environmental Action Team (HEAT). The new group has already met twice and at the February meeting of the full council, its chairman Chris Morriss gave a potted history of modern day environmental work in the village which began with the enthusiasm of then parish council chairman George Beckford in 2000.

“George encouraged volunteers to make Hetherset a more pleasant place in which to live. He founded HEAT, introduced regular litter picks and tidied up public areas such as the village sign. He also liaised with wardens to plant trees and bulbs.

“Hetherset’s entry into various competitions led to the start of the Open Gardens scheme which continues to this day. He also recognised the need to protect wildlife and that led to bat surveys and toadwatch and he also identified sites for the future enhancement of nature,” Mr Morriss said.

Now the new environment group of the parish council will act as a link between the parish council, HEAT and other environmental groups. The group has already discussed new allotments and the Greater Norwich Local Plan and will be meeting regularly to discuss other key environment matters.

## Parish Council Dates

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

Meeting dates for 2018 are as follows: Full Meetings - March 19th, April 16th, May 14th, 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: March 5th, April 2nd, April 30th, June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd.

The village’s annual parish meeting will take place in Hetherset Village Hall on Wednesday, May 2nd.

# March in Hethersett Library

*with Rebecca Warner*

Monday 5th	0930 – Wrap Up and Walk departs from the library 1030 – Just A Cuppa coffee morning 1400 – Library Book Group
Wednesday 7th	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm colouring group 1415 – Bounce and Rhyme for babies and toddlers
Monday 12th	0930 – Wrap Up and Walk departs from the library 1030 – Just A Cuppa coffee morning 1400 – Craft Group
Wednesday 14th	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm colouring group 1415 – Bounce and Rhyme for babies and toddlers
Friday 16th	1530 – Crafter School Club - £1 per child/50p for siblings
Monday 19th	0930 – Wrap Up and Walk departs from the library 1030 – Just A Cuppa coffee morning 1400 – Craft Group
Wednesday 21st	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm colouring group 1415 – Bounce and Rhyme for babies and toddlers
Monday 26th	0930 – Wrap Up and Walk departs from the library 1030 – Just A Cuppa coffee morning 1400 – Craft Group meets in the library
Wednesday 28th	1030 – Colour Yourself Calm colouring group
Friday 30th	Good Friday – library closed

Do you have a relative, friend or neighbour who cannot get to the library but would like library books? The RVS offer a free regular service, taking books out to housebound people. Please ask in the library for more details.

Free sanitary and hygiene products are available in the library – part of the 'Tricky Period' project in conjunction with South Norfolk Help Hub. We are also accepting donations. Speak to a member of library staff for more information. More information is also available on pages 58 and 59 of this edition of Hethersett Herald magazine.

The library is now accessible from 8 am. every day except Tuesdays and Sundays. Speak to a member of library staff to have your membership activated.

Like and follow us on Facebook – [www.facebook.com/HethersettLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/HethersettLibrary)

Photocopying now available in the library – 10p per black and white sheet, 50p for colour.

Hethersett Library  
Queen's Road, Hethersett  
www.library.norfolk.gov.uk  
Email: libraries@norfolk.gov.uk  
Tel: 01603 810188

DVD offer - we have 2 for the price of 1 on DVDs every Thursday after 4.pm.

## ***Information on library groups***

### **Colour Me Calm**

Come and join our established group. Templates and pens provided. Refreshments available

### **Wrap Up and Walk**

'Wrap Up and Walk' is our new weekly walking group. Meet outside the library at 9.30 am every Monday for a gentle stroll around the village followed by refreshments at the library.

### **Knit and Natter**

Come and join our lively knitters and natterers. Learn how to knit or crochet, bring a project or just natter. The event on the first Monday of the month is held at another venue

### **Library Book Club**

A relaxed and informal book group held in the library on the first Monday of the month except on Bank Holidays.

Hethersett Library Opening Hours: The library is staffed on the following days and times:

Monday: 10am-1pm and 2-5pm.

Wednesday: 10am-1pm and 2-5pm.

Thursday: 2-7pm.

Friday: 10am-1pm and 2-5pm.

Saturday: 8am-2pm.

During times when the library is available but not staffed, you can access the building using the Open Libraries system, as long as you are registered. This gives you self-service access to library materials, public computers and quiet, creative spaces even while the building is unstaffed. Access on:

Monday: 8am-5pm

Wednesday: 8am-5pm

Thursday: 8am-7pm

Friday: 8am-5pm

Saturday: 8am-2pm

Tuesday and Sunday: CLOSED



# FREE

## sanitary and hygiene products

**Available at all libraries in  
South Norfolk  
(no questions asked)**

**Please donate any sanitary products to our libraries  
to help keep this service running.**

Available from libraries in Costessey, Diss,  
Harleston, Hethersett, Hingham, Loddon,  
Long Stratton, Poringland and Wymondham.

For opening times please visit:  
[www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/libraries)





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Any towels, panty liners, tampons, wipes, soaps and non-aerosol deodorants will be gratefully received.



# Moaning Minnie Has Her Say

## ***Welcome to our regular monthly comment piece from Hethersett's Moaning Minnie***

Does anyone else feel like complaining to the car manufacturers? So many of them are obviously forgetting to instal the signalling system in their cars - this is especially noticeable at roundabouts.

You wait for the car to pass and it turns off before it gets to you and you could have proceeded. It is SO frustrating.

Why oh why do they make packets so difficult to open? As a pensioner with arthritis, I find it very difficult to get into pre-packaged food. Take meat for example. I cannot tear that plastic stuff back, scissors sometimes don't help and one has to resort to a knife -.dangerous.

As for tins with the pull ring lids, impossible. Even milk can be difficult to tear that inner layer of plastic away.

Bring back the days when food was "wrapped" and milk came in glass bottles which could be recycled. Hurrah for the local butcher who wraps the meat in paper :-)

A British skier at the Olympics says she works three jobs to fund her way to take part in this event, representing the UK. Take note you overpaid, idiotic footballers!

More from Minnie next month.

***Moaning Minnie of Hethersett***

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](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net).

Reports of events and meetings can also be sent to the above e-mail address. The deadline for copy is the 15th of each month. Hethersett Herald is published on or around the first day of each month via the web site [www.hethersett.org.uk](http://www.hethersett.org.uk)

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## Jubilee Youth Club

Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club is busy planning fundraising events for 2018. The group is looking to put on even more events this year following the additional expense of having to have boiler repairs,

“The boiler repair was an expense we hadn't budgeted for, so we are going to put on a couple of extra events and need to make the dog show and fete in June a bigger success,” said Gillian Saunders from the youth club.

Events already lined-up include a quiz evening with sausage and chips on Saturday, 3rd March. Teams of up to six will compete in a family-style quiz. Tickets cost £8 for adults and £4 for children to include food and tea/coffee and squash

## Christmas Fair Fundraisers

A number of local organisations raised funds from the annual Christmas Fair held at the beginning of December in Hethersett Methodist Church.

Jubilee Youth Club raised £80 for club funds and The Hope and Homes for Children charity raised £189.40 from sale of goods and donations

## HEAT Litter Pick

The March litter pick organised by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) will take place on March 10th, starting from Hethersett Methodist Church car park at 10 am. All are welcome and equipment is provided.

## Hethersett WI

Four members of a “Fine City Chorus” entertained members of Hethersett Women's Institute. Fine City Chorus is a barber shop group from Norwich. The entertainment included songs by Cole Porter, The Beatles and Elton John.

## Poppy Appeal 2017

The 2017 Royal British Legion Poppy appeal in Hethersett and the surrounding district raised £2515 from collection boxes and poppy sales at numerous businesses, organisations and schools in Hethersett and Little Melton.

A further £605 was donated to the appeal from church collections, donations and purchase of wreaths for remembrance events.

Local organiser for the appeal is Jerry Wright who thanked everyone for their

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generosity: “There were collecting boxes and poppies at some new locations this year but many people at many places gave their support and their time for yet another year,” Mr Wright said.

In the past 10 years more than £23,000 has been raised from the Poppy appeal. Mr Wright was part of the civil service contingent at the Cenotaph in London on Remembrance Sunday.

“It was a real honour to play a very small part in such a big occasion. To march out onto Whitehall in front of 25,000 people was very emotional. To stand and watch over 10,000 veterans march by the war memorial was particularly special,” he said.

Any individual, business, organisation or school wanting to get involved in the 2018 appeal can contact Jerry Wright on 01603 810212.

## Horticultural Society

Lesley Cuneen outlined the fascinating historic origins of the Parks of Norwich at the February meeting of Hethersett and District Horticultural Society.

Two hundred years ago concern was raised about the health of people living in tightly packed towns and cities. This concern became the driving force for green public open spaces; especially due to the prevalence of “infilling”. Parks for the people, were seized upon enthusiastically.

Norwich was fortunate to have and still has, most of the green open spaces extant before the year 1900, excepting the extreme shrinkage of Mousehold Heath to its current boundaries. Gone are the Castle allotments and the Wensum swimming area.

The City was also fortunate to acquire the service of a park designer Sandys-Winsch in 1919, a World War 1 survivor, whose efforts, funded by the national Government’s unemployment subsidy, transformed the 10 or more City Parks into the forms we see today. His speciality was circular gardens; as seen easily at Heigham and Eaton Gardens. The spectacular Eaton circular colonnade and boating lakes and gate house are the enduring legacy of this far sighted Parks Superintendent.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 21st March John Freeman will be showing us Gardens Visited during his Holidays and Ted Hallett will tell us more of “An Itinerant Gardener’s Travels”. On Wednesday 18th April Pauline Harper will be suggesting how to grow vegetables in Small Spaces and Containers.

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## Girls Allowed



Hethersett Badminton Club is looking to recruit more girls and ladies into its highly successful coaching programme.

The club has been in existence since the early 1980s and is more popular than ever. The junior coaching programme was set up in 2012 and there are currently around 50 boys and girls being coached over two separate sessions on Thursday evenings at Hethersett Academy and Hethersett Old Hall School. Some of the youngsters are pictured above.

Hethersett Badminton Club is a Badminton England Premier Club, having gained clubmark accreditation two years ago.

The club enjoys the assistance of three registered Badminton England Level Two coaches and two Level One coaches. All coaches are DBS checked and have First Aid and Safeguarding Children certification, and there is a dedicated Welfare Officer on hand.

Club lead coach David Bunn said: "There is a growing need for more girls to be

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given the opportunity to play Badminton.”

‘Come and Try’ taster sessions are being introduced at Hethersett Academy on Saturday mornings from 10 until 11 am in the sports hall and will continue until Easter. All equipment is provided but parents/guardians are asked to attend throughout. Enthusiastic youngsters who are looking to continue after these taster sessions will then be introduced, as space allows, to the normal junior session at Hethersett Academy on Thursday evenings from 6 until 7.15 pm.

For more information contact Peter Hoult on 01603 811337; or e-mail him on [hethersett@aol.com](mailto:hethersett@aol.com).

Check out the club website on [www.hethersettbadminton.co.uk](http://www.hethersettbadminton.co.uk).

Our photograph on this page was taken at the opening week of the new girls’ training group which attracted 16 youngsters to the hall at Hethersett Academy.

## **Grants Granted**

Hethersett and the Meltons’ Sports Association has awarded £100 grants to Hethersett Athletic Football Club towards equipment for a new Under-6 side, to Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club towards the setting up of a new ladies team and to Hethersett Badminton Club for help with equipment for younger club members..

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***Herald associate editor and Hethersett Society member, Gary Wyatt, reviews the society's February meeting.***

RESUMING its programme after the mid-winter break, the Society welcomed back Mary Fewster whose subject this time was *East Anglian Goldsmiths 1500-1750*. Mary told us that although the smiths worked mostly in silver, they always called themselves goldsmiths. This was a key period in the history of the craft locally, partly because Norwich had its own hallmark at that time, a lion (the standard sterling silver mark) surmounted by a castle. The mark existed in several different forms over the years (see picture above). Although the work was concentrated in Norwich, there were also goldsmiths working in other towns, particularly the major trade centres of Great Yarmouth, King's Lynn, Bury St, Edmunds, Colchester and Ipswich, but also lesser centres like Beccles, Harleston and Dereham along the trade routes.



In each place, the smiths were concentrated in the most important areas of the town. In Norwich, for example, this was along the route between the market place and the cathedral and even to this day the old-established jewellers such as Bullens and Windsor Bishop still trade in the London Street area.



Elizabeth Haselwood

The most successful and skilled Norwich goldsmiths included William Cobbold and the Haselwood family and each goldsmith also had its own maker's mark (see picture opposite). Mary showed us that these families tended to keep the trade to themselves and often intermarried or apprenticed a younger member of one family to another goldsmith. The building which was the goldsmiths' hall, where the work was assayed and marked, still survives on Guildhall Hill in Norwich between Jarrolds and the Guildhall itself.

Mary went on to show us slides of some very fine examples of East Anglian goldsmiths' work, particularly civic chains and plates, and communion cups from local churches. Fortunately these still survive in museums, the churches themselves or in private hands. Smaller less expensive items such as thimbles, hawk rings and spoons were also made and these were sold in the goldsmiths' own shops.



William Cobbold

Use of the Norwich hallmark seems to have died out early in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, pro-

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duction declined and the goldsmiths' shops diversified into selling other luxury goods in addition to their work. The shops had a surprisingly modern layout with goods displayed behind the counter and brought forward in trays for customers' inspection. It seems this procedure still carries on today although, as your correspondent is not a frequent buyer of jewellery, he is not familiar with this!

As always, Mary was thoroughly knowledgeable on her subject and is an excellent speaker, so the talk was much enjoyed by the society members.

In March, Simon Partridge will speak to the society on the subject of *Tudor Life*. On April 11th Victoria Bacon will talk about "Elizabeth's Legacy of Hope - helping amputee children in developing countries." The talks take place in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall at 7.30 pm and visitors are welcome.

## Women's World Day of Prayer

Every year 5000 church services are held throughout the world to celebrate the interdenominational movement of the Women's Day of Prayer.

This year's event at Hethersett will take place in St Remigius Church at 2 pm on Friday, 2nd March with a theme of "All God's Creation is Very Good." It is estimated that three million people around the world will take part in services and this year the service has been written by women from Suriname.

The services start in Samoa and travel throughout the world before ending in American Samoa. By the end the service will have been translated into more than 95 languages and 1000 dialects.

This year's service will ask for prayer for conservation and the protection of wildlife and for everyone to have an awareness of pollution. The service is open to all and the Women's World Day of Prayer has a web site at [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

## Probus Club

Members of Probus enjoyed a quiz and buffet with Cliff Mortley acting as quiz-master. The winning trio consisted of Dennis Ackroys, Geoff Head and Hamish Patterson..

# Heathfields Roads

In our February edition we carried an article with photographs about the “poor state” of roads on the new Heathfields’ development.

This prompted the following comments on social Media from a resident:

“As a resident of Heathfields, I can assure you this is temporary. A bit of common sense may suggest they are still building on the site and therefore won’t finish the roads and paths until this is done.

“They are still having to dig up areas for cables and pipes etc so why would they finish when this is the case?

“I have lived on the estate for almost a year, where you have taken your photos and, as purchasers of these properties, we have been fully aware that the roads would be like this for some time but have had communications to say we will receive a letter when the work is to be done.

“Areas of the estate have already been tarmacked where building work has been completed.”

## BAILEY CALL

DO the names Samuel Bailey, Sarah Ann Bailey, Arthur Bailey and Emily Martha Bailey mean anything to anyone in Hethersett?

Local historian John Head has a number of historic photos of the Bailey family and would like to pass them onto relatives.

Writing in the latest edition of the village Good News magazine, John states:

“Several years ago, when I was a churchwarden at St Remigius Church, a member of our congregation handed me an envelope of photographs which they had found in respect of the Bailey family. I advertised locally, trying to find the owner but to no avail.

“Recently I was clearing items from my drawer when those photographs re-surfaced. They are in the standard Kodak yellow and red envelope marked Bailey. Samuel and Sarah Ann, Arthur and Emily Martha. There are six photographs in all and they have identifying names and locations on the backs.

“They are beautiful snapshots of a family going back many years.”

Anyone who recognises the names can contact John Head on 01603 812405.

# **South Norfolk Older People's Forum**

## **New members always welcome**

**Next meeting**

**Wednesday 21st March**

**at**

**10 am for coffee for 10.15 am start**

**At South Norfolk Council Offices**

**Council Chamber**

**Swan Lane, Long Stratton, NR15 2XE**

Main topics of the meeting will include :

**Details of a recent Housing Project**

**Up to date information from “n able” who provide specialist equipment for Older People**

**The Handyperson Scheme and also Digital Heritage Trails supported by South Norfolk Council,**

**Time will be allowed for the usual question and answer session after each talk**

If you find it difficult to get to the meeting, free transport could be available from where you live. To take advantage of this please call Ann Baker on **01508 481819 by 5pm on 12 March**

The meeting is expected to close by **12.30 pm.**

HETHERSETT residents are being invited to find out more about the Star Throwers cancer support charity at an open day on Friday, March 2nd from 10 am until 4 pm.

“Come and find out how Star Throwers supports people affected by cancer - no need to make an appointment just drop-in for an informal chat at 30, Melton Road, Wymondham.

At 11am there will be a talk by Dr Henry Mannings and refreshments will be available all day. To find out more about Star Throwers visit

[www.starthrowers.org.uk](http://www.starthrowers.org.uk)

# Hibernation Can Be Dangerous

*Connie Tindale updates us on the progress of her Hethersett Hedgehogs*

MARCH may bring breezes loud and shrill to stir those golden daffodils but it also brings the spring equinox when day and night are of the same length and winter is over.

The days get longer and warmer and, before long, flowers are in bloom. When Alice fell down the rabbit hole she met the

March Hare as well as the dormouse and the rabbit; it was interesting down there. But, she did not meet a hedgehog. They were most likely still asleep.

As the temperatures rise (but there is still a risk of very severe frosts) some hedgehogs will begin to stir but others will stay asleep for a few more weeks until there is a greater supply of food. Sadly some will not waken at all; especially those autumn juveniles that were underweight when they went to sleep.

If there has been a constant supply of food then some may never have gone to sleep at all. I have two hedgehogs in my outside run each with their own hibernation homes. One went to sleep quickly, but the other one is still wide awake and will not hibernate now.

What I did not expect was that the non-hibernating hedgehog would move in with the hibernating one leaving one house empty. As I have never seen it uncurled, I have no idea what sex it is. I try not to intervene in its life as I want to keep it as wild as I can – the only time it is handled is when it is weighed.

Hedgehogs do not wake full of energy and raring to go as they have been unconscious for weeks with exceptionally low temperatures and heartbeat and a breathing rate of about one breath per hour. So getting their heartrate up and



A whole family of Autumn Juveniles – who were brought up to size and have hopefully survived.

their temperatures back to normal takes time and effort. As they have not eaten for weeks, they have little energy and none to waste.

Sometimes they will shiver for long periods trying to get warmth into their limbs or they will lie out in the sun trying to absorb some of its heat.

Normally if you see a hedgehog in daylight hours then it is in trouble but in spring it might just be trying to get its body warm. If you can help without terrifying the animal then do so.

In such a weak state, it is essential that they find food quickly. Start putting plates of food out this month. Dried cat food is better than wet food as there are still sharp frosts which could freeze the wet food and make it inaccessible. The hedgehog may have not eaten, but it has not drunk anything either and will be very dehydrated. Bowls of water can be a life saver and should be kept topped up.

Once they are back to normal they immediately start looking for mates so that they can reproduce. A female will start building a nest somewhere it considers safe enough to rear a family.

You can help not only by placing food and water in your garden but by making or buying a hedgehog shelter and placing it in a quiet position under a bush or near a fence or hedge.

A male will quickly start courting and strutting his stuff. He may mate with several females before ignoring them all and then moving on to seek new pleasures in new pastures. Bringing up a family is a strictly female occupation.

There is so much pleasure to be gained from watching their nocturnal antics on a video camera. If you are a hedgehog champion and want to see what they do, then ask for one for your next birthday. They are no longer expensive and are very easy to use.

For more information on Hethersett's hedgehogs visit the web site address below.

[www.hethersetthedgehogs.com](http://www.hethersetthedgehogs.com)



*A simple hedgehog home - used as a hibernation home in winter and a feeding station in summer#*

# A Thrilling Air Display

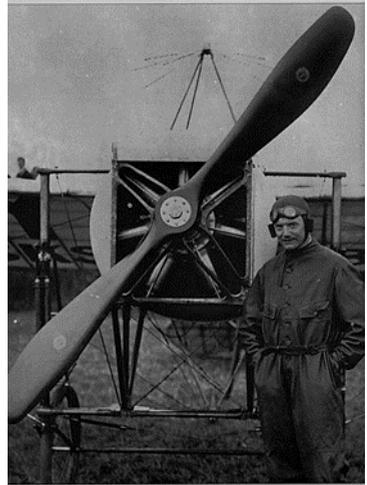
**Associate Editor Roger Morgan delves into the village archives to find out about an historic air display over the village. Photographs courtesy of Hethersett Archive**

ON Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 1914, in glorious weather, the residents of Hethersett were treated to a thrilling air display by two of Britain's most celebrated aviation pioneers, Bentfield Charles Hucks and Marcus Dyce Manton.

Benny Hucks, as he was better known, flew his 80 HP Bleriot monoplane in a series of spectacular manoeuvres in the skies above the race goers at Hethersett racecourse. He performed his usual steeple-chasing and vertical banks and, afterwards, he gave four passenger flights. After tea he carried out many of his trademark loop the loops and flew upside down.

Hucks was joined in the show by his young protégé, 19 year old Marcus Manton who was known as "The Wonderful Boy Aviator". At 7 pm the new looping machine was brought out and Manton was strapped in. He rose to 3000ft. before doing an amazing "S" dive followed by a loop. He landed after completing several more loops. The pair performed the same programme on Friday and Saturday, giving a combined demonstration of trick flying which was met with huge enthusiasm from the crowd. They also had a cross-country race to Trowse Viaduct which Manton won by a few yards.

In August 1914 B C Hucks joined the Royal Flying



Corps (RFC) and was quickly posted to the Western Front. He flew a number of raids over enemy lines but he was soon struck by an attack of pleurisy which made him unfit for aerial fighting. He was sent home where he became a test pilot for an aircraft manufacturer at Hendon in North West London. Sadly, on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 1918, just four days before the end of the Great War, he died of double pneumonia, aged 34.

During the First World War Marcus Manton continued working as a test pilot and flying instructor. On 11th December, 1915 he married Mrs. Ruby Marguerite Paramor née Goodwin. After the war Manton worked with a number of commercial companies including English Electric Company.

He subsequently became their chief inspector at Lytham. During the Second World War he was a service liaison officer with Armstrong Whitworth Aircraft Company and post-war he worked with Hawker Siddeley Aircraft Company. Marcus Dyce Manton died on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1968, aged 75.

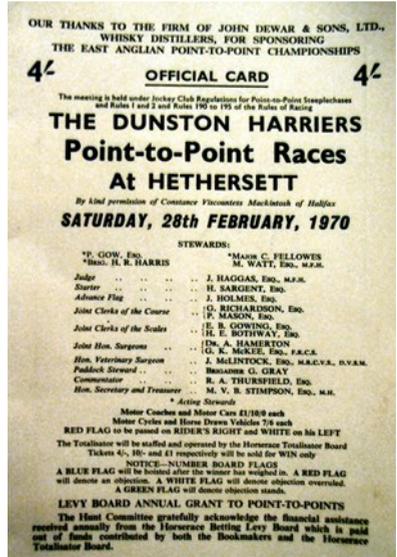
Hethersett Racecourse was situated on land between Thickthorn Hall and Hethersett Railway Station. The inaugural meeting was held there on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 1888, and was organised by the local Hussars. The 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Hussars Regiment enjoyed racing and regularly held meetings while they were in the area. Racing returned to Hethersett in 1904 when the Norwich Hunt took over the administration. They held meetings for the next 10 years until the start of World War One in July, 1914.

In 1927 the land, around 120 acres, on which the course was based was sold to



Mr. R J Read. His plan was to run meetings called 'Hethersett Races'. The first meeting organised by the new Hethersett Race Committee was held on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 1928. The meetings continued and they were always well supported by the locals. The races were very competitive and often had large fields. The last races held under rules were on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1939, when World War Two put a stop to them.

Racing didn't start again immediately after the war and the course was taken over by the Norwich Staghounds. They held point to point races for the ten years between 1953 and 1963. The final meeting took place in 1970. Sadly the course is no longer visible and is now covered by a number of fields.



Key to the photographs: The top photograph on page 71 is of Bentfield Charles Hucks and the bottom one is of Marcus Dyce Manton. On page 72 we have a copy of a souvenir postcard followed by a picture of the races from 1958 and finally more action from the races. This page shows a programme from a Dunston Harriers' point to point meeting and below are two race badges.



We will have more stories from the Hethersett Archives in the April edition of Hethersett Herald with a special look at Roman Hethersett.



# Have You Missed an Edition?



YOU can catch up on previous editions of the Hethersett Herald by going to <http://hethersett.org.uk/emags.htm> and following the links. Hethersett Herald is an independent publication for news, views and features about Hethersett and general articles written by residents. It is currently available only online.

## 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](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net) or dropped off at 12, Karen Close, Hethersett.

# Dementia Friendly Hethersett



## DFH Café

A friendly place to meet for  
those experiencing memory loss,  
loneliness or needing a listening ear

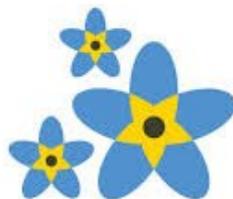
### ALL WELCOME

Café takes place  
on the third Tuesday of every month at  
Hethersett Methodist Church Hall,  
Great Melton Road NR9 3AB  
10am – 12 noon  
Refreshments provided

**'Speak up for dementia...A positive vision for the future'**  
For info call Stephen Baxter - on 07808 329102



# Working Towards Friendship



Working to become  
**Dementia  
Friendly**  
2016-2017

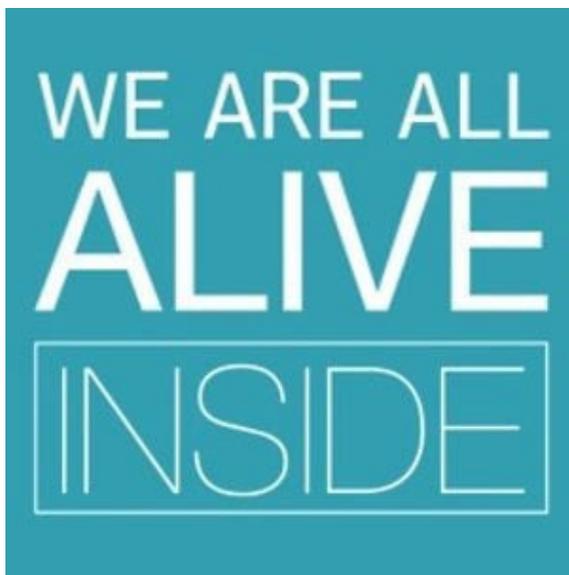
HETHERSETT is working hard to become a dementia friendly village.

The Dementia Friendly Group offers training for local businesses, a monthly dementia café and promotes continuous awareness of sensitivity to memory loss.

The group is appealing for local residents to join it either as a user of the service or a volunteer.

More details are available from David Bills at 3 Beech Court, Norwich Road, Hethersett, NR9 3FE or by telephoning Stephen Baxter on 07808 329102.

The March dementia café will take place in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am until midday on Tuesday, March 20th.

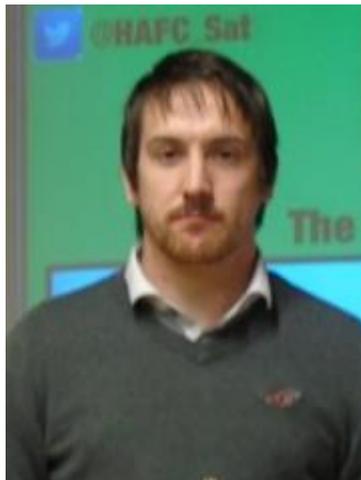


SHORTLY before going to publication we found out on Social Media that vandals had spread over 100 drawing pins on the Memorial Playing Field in an obvious attempt to cause injury to footballers using the park and dogs and other animals.

In next months Herald we will investigate this. There will also be a feature on the day Roman remains were found in Hethersett along with all the usual news, features and coming events. The April Herald will be online at the beginning of the month.

# Danny's Record

HETHERSETT Athletic footballer Danny Gray (pictured opposite) has set a new club goalscoring record and is on the verge of becoming the first player at the club to score 250 league and cup goals.



Danny took the goalscoring record when he scored his 248th goal for the club in the 3-1 away win against Morley Village in the Barnes Print Central and South Norfolk League on February 17th. The previous record was held by former ladies team player Hannah Waters on 247 goals. Danny has played for the Saturday men's team since it was founded over a decade ago. He has made over 260 appearances for the club.

Writing on Facebook Danny said:

"Today I became the all time top goalscorer for Hethersett Athletic. Would just like to add my thanks to EVERYONE that has helped contribute both on and off the pitch over the past few years."

## 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](mailto: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**