

# HETHERSETT HERALD

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WE have been bemoaning the dearth of small birds in our gardens in recent copies of Hethersett Herald. Regular contributor to our publication Hannah Harrison has been able to allay our concerns, however, by producing a series of wonderful photographs of birds either taken in her garden or in the village. Opposite is just one of her shots. You can view others on pages 17 and 18.



## No Contest

**THERE will be no election on May 2nd for Hethersett Parish Council after the number of candidates coming forward failed to reach the number of seats available.**

Boundary changes have given the village an additional parish councillor - bringing its full complement to 14. Ten existing councillors - Adrienne Quinlan, John Nightingale, Anne Edwards, Eileen Mulvaney, Stephen Slack, Shane Hull, Bridget Williamson, Mike Stark, Chris Morriss and Marilyn Savoury - will be elected unopposed and they will be joined by Leslie Dale who is stepping

down from his current role as a South Norfolk councillor for the village.

With three current parish councillors - Tony West, Viv Hawes and Peter Steward - not standing for re-election it leaves three vacancies which can be filled by co-option.

There will be a contest, however, for the three seats representing the new Hethersett ward on South Norfolk Council with six candidates being nominated by three different political parties.

(For more on this story turn to page 3).

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

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# District Council Elections

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The candidates for South Norfolk Council at the election on May 2nd are: David Bills (current district councillor representing the Conservative Party), Adrian Dearnley (Conservative), Phil Hardy (Conservative), Andy Pearson (Labour Party), Peter Reason (Labour) and Jacky Sutton (Liberal Democrats). All the candidates live in Hethersett apart from Peter Reason who lives in Wacton.

Leslie Dale (pictured opposite) is not standing for re-election to the district council but will be joining Hethersett Parish Council.

Leslie has given many years of unstinting service on South Norfolk, representing our village in many areas with a particular interest in youth matters as a trustee of Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club.



Hethersett residents can cast their votes for the South Norfolk Council elections at Hethersett Village Hall in Back Lane. The polling station opens at 7 am and closes at 10 pm. We will have the result in the June edition of Hethersett Herald.

The local boundaries have recently been changed by the Independent Boundary Commission. The new Hethersett ward sees an increase on South Norfolk Council from two to three representatives. The new ward will cover over 6,000 electors from Hethersett, Little Melton and include the addition of Bawburgh.

In their election material the Conservative candidates distance themselves from much of what is going on at a national level:

“Locally we’re just as frustrated by the actions of national politicians from all parties in Westminster over Brexit as you are.

“But this isn’t a national election to be fought on national issues. This election is nothing to do with Brexit or defence or foreign policy.

“This is a local election fought on local issues by local people who are focused on solving local problems one street at a time. Please judge us on our hard work and local record. However cross you may be about Brexit, this isn’t a free hit election to put what we do in your street, village or town at risk. Casting a protest vote could cost us all dearly.”

The Labour party pledge, if elected, is to “stand up for Hethersett”. In their promotional brochure the candidates state that they will fight to save children’s cen-

tres, including that in Hethersett.

The brochure also says that Labour will fight to ensure that bus services run where and when they are needed, that “decent, environmentally sustainable house should be available to all” and planning decisions should be made in the best interests of local people and their communities.

Housing developments should include as standard satisfactory infrastructure including schools, doctors’ surgeries and community facilities. At the time of going to publication we had received no election material from the Liberal Democrats.

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## The Candidates (in alphabetical order)

**DAVID BILLS** - David is a retired consultant who specialised in troubleshooting IT projects. He has represented Hethersett on the district council for almost 12 years and has been a Norfolk County Councillor since 2017.

David is a Conservative Party candidate and has been active in Hethersett, supporting many organisations as a member of Hethersett and the Meltons’ Sports Association, Hethersett Athletic Football Club, Friends of Hethersett Library and Hethersett Dementia Support Group.

David has also supported a number of local initiatives including village halls, sporting clubs, senior citizens’ travel, farmers markets and children’s nurseries. David Bills lives in Norwich Road, Hethersett.



# The Candidates (in alphabetical order)

**ADRIAN DEARNLEY** - Adrian, who lives in Childs Road, is a qualified accountant who has lived and worked in South Norfolk for over 25 years. He is active in local arts and sports associations and enjoys cycling and walking.

He is interested in helping to develop a strong local economy with good job prospects for residents, whilst protecting the rural environment and natural resources and maintaining the strategic gap between future developments.



**PHIL HARDY** - Phil is Hethersett born and bred and grew up in the village. He spent 17 years working for Aviva in their life and pensions division before gaining a degree from the University of East Anglia and becoming a consultant. He has a strong interest in renewable energy projects in schools and is a keen cyclist. He has used cycling to raise money for charity. He is also keenly interested in delivering superfast broadband and has also raised funds for sports equipment. He lives in Great Melton Road, Hethersett.



**ANDY PEARSON** lives on Kett's Oak, Hethersett, and **PETER REASON** lives in Wacton.

They are candidates for the Labour Party and are pictured on the right under the Hethersett Village sign.

At the time of going to publication we had received no other personal information on them.



**JACKY SUTTON** is a well known figure in Hethersett and a former chairman of the parish council.

Jacky lives in Childs Road, Hethersett, and has served the village in a number of capacities. She is a keen environmentalist and supporter of the Hethersett Environmental Action Team and one of the organising team of the highly successful Village Screen.

Jacky also has close connections with Hethersett youth groups including Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club.



## Parish Councillors Thanked

THE three members of Hethersett Parish Council who are stepping down in May were thanked for their service to the village at the April meeting.

Peter Steward, Viv Hawes and Tony West are pictured opposite at the end of the final meeting of the old council on April 15th.

“I would like to thank you for all the time you have given and all you have done for the village,” said parish council chairman Adrienne Quinlan.

With no election needed, Mrs Quinlan appealed for anyone wanting to join the council (there will be three vacancies) to contact parish clerk Annette Palmer for further details.



# Call For Boys at Old Hall School



HETHERSETT Old Hall School is opening its doors to boys in the senior part of the school from this September.

Old Hall is currently a day school for girls aged from three to 18 and boys aged three to 11 with boarding for girls aged nine to 18.

From September the school will be offering education for older boys rather than asking them to leave at the end of Year Six.

Writing on the Old Hall School website, Headmaster Stephen Crump said: 'We have a long track record of successfully educating senior girls but this creates problems for families with children of both genders – we have to ask boys to leave at the end of Year Six. We feel the time is now right to offer the benefits of a senior school education here to boys as well – we have had many requests to do so over the years. This will make life easier for our families in planning for their children's future and also it will avoid those difficult goodbyes.'

Mr Crump went on to explain that there are fewer independent school places for senior boys than girls in the Norwich area and he felt the change would meet a local need. In September boys will be welcomed into Years seven to 12.

'With Hethersett and Wymondham expanding rapidly, we feel that we are well placed to serve our local community. However, we have always had international links as a girls' boarding school and we will now be offering boarding to boys as well as girls from abroad and from other parts of the United Kingdom.'



'We have superb facilities, a beautiful site and excellent transport links to London and Cambridge and we expect our pupil population to grow rapidly in the coming years.

"We are a tight-knit, friendly community that encourages and challenges every pupil to be the best they can be – this will not change as we begin a new chapter in the life of our historic school," Mr Crump, who is pictured above, said.



Old Hall School has been in Hethersett since 1938 after moving from its original home in Hellesdon. It moved to co-education in its preparatory department in 2008.

Former Headmistress of Old Hall School Vic Redington and her husband Hugh, who taught geography at the school, have left Hethersett to live in Suffolk. Tributes have been paid to the couple's work in the village and you can read more on this on page 28.

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THE picture of St Remigius Church looking from the B1172 was captured on a bright but slightly hazy day over the Easter period. If you have any photographs of the villagenyou would like to see published in Hethersett Herald please e-mail them to the editor - [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net).

# Major Development at Academy



HETHERSETT Academy has been given the green light for a major new £8 million classroom block in order to help meet the ever-increasing demand for places at the school.



Norfolk County Council has approved plans for a new two-storey building which will incorporate 15 classrooms, two art rooms with an associated dark room and a Media suite and a hall for assemblies and events.

The project will also see the re-arrangement and updating of existing sports facilities and a new staff car park and coach drop off area to the north of the site off Back Lane.

The predominantly red brick design (pictured above) will blend in to reflect the school's original 1979 look.

Inspiration Trust chief executive Dame Rachel de Souza said: "Hethersett

Academy has been increasingly popular with families following its outstanding rating from Ofsted and we had a record number of applications for this September, so this new building will provide the new classrooms, art studios, and hall space we need to meet that rising parental demand."

The new building will necessitate the demolition of temporary classrooms and the loss of two tennis courts. These will be replaced at a later date.

More information on the new building and other news from Hethersett Academy is available on their official website at:

[www.inspirationtrust.org/hethersettacademy](http://www.inspirationtrust.org/hethersettacademy)

# New Charity Out To Help

**AN innovative South Norfolk scheme to help people in need is being launched in May.**

The new Neighbours in Need charity will be looking to offer a unique service to people living in local communities who need support.

Neighbours In Need is based in Wymondham but also covers villages in a 10-mile radius and that includes Hethersett.

The charity will offer a cost free repair and maintenance service on a one-off basis to deserving people who often may not have the support necessary to complete tasks.

A group of volunteers is currently being put together consisting of people passionate about their community who want to help.



**Neighbours in Need**

Hands on support for families and vulnerable adults in and around Wymondham

Help when Councils, Agencies, Family & Friends cannot.

Assistance for those with disabilities, ill health and without family support.

**Labour only assistance with one off and urgent tasks eg**

- Garden clearance where skip is provided
- Putting back fence panels blown down
- Decorating for new tenants

All enquiries to Tony Smith, tel 07366851748 or email NinN.hub@gmail.com





**Neighbours in Need**

 Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

Neighbours in Need is an **in** Hub Community Project  
[www.hubproject.org.uk](http://www.hubproject.org.uk)  
Charity No. 112681

“It is not intended to replace the support offered by existing statutory or voluntary services but is designed to fill those gaps where the neighbour’s needs cannot be met by those agencies.

“The project team is made up of people who are keen to offer hands-on support to those families and vulnerable adults who are living amongst us and in need,” said Neighbours in Need organiser Tony Smith who came up with the idea.

Neighbours in Need will particularly help those with disabilities, those suffering from ill health or those without family support. The scheme can help with matters such as garden clearance, mending fence panels, decorating and a whole host of other tasks.

It will rely on a referral system - hence the charity’s title - with relatives, friends and neighbours filling in a simple form identifying those who need help and

what form that help should take.

All applications will be assessed for suitability by two scheme members who will also risk assess the task. Once a task is accepted a suitable timetable for completion of the work will be given.

At the present time the scheme is being organised through the Hope Community Church at Wymondham, of which Tony Smith is a member.

Tony, who was formerly scheme manager at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road, Hethersett, has had his own maintenance business for a number of years and has also been employed as a handyman by South Norfolk Council. He has identified a need for help for vulnerable people for one off jobs:

“This is something I have always wanted to do and be a part of,” Tony said adding that all volunteers will be DBS checked and trained in First Aid. They will also be fully insured. Finance has also been forthcoming through the support of Wymondham’s South Norfolk Councillor Jack Hornby.

The charity will not be supplying materials, however, the cost of which will have to be met from other sources as Tony explained:

“We will supply the labour and tools and will consider any jobs for which we have the manpower and skill levels. I’m sure that once our message gets round local communities, we will begin to receive referrals and the charity will really start to grow. This is a good way of helping people and supporting our local communities.”

Tony added that the charity would be delighted to accept donations from the public and hear from anyone interested in holding fundraising events.

Tony is realistic, however, about being able to meet the demands if the charity is inundated with requests:

“We will be contactable 24 hours a day by phone or e-mail but we are not an emergency service and we may have to turn jobs down if the demand is high or we don’t have the necessary skills to undertake a task,” he said.

Neighbours in Need is all part of the Hub Project which is an initiative of Hope Community Church and which looks to meet the community needs and assist vulnerable people of all ages in South Norfolk and beyond.

“The Hub Charity was set up in Wymondham in response to the growing needs of our community at a time of growing recession and mounting challenges,” it states on the church’s official website at: [www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk](http://www.hopecommunitychurch.co.uk).

The official launch of the Neighbours in Need project will take place on May 13th and we will have full coverage of that in the next edition of Hethersett Herald. We will also have full contact details for referrals.

# Dangerous Trend

YOUNGSTERS are putting themselves, motorists and pedestrians in danger with the latest bike craze of doing wheelies in the road.

The Eastern Daily Press recently featured footage of a youngster in Great Yarmouth who got out of control whilst doing a so called “daredevil wheelie” and narrowly missing hitting a van.

The dangerous manoeuvre seems to have come to our village with a number of Facebook messages highlighting the problems.

“A number were doing wheelies in front of me and driving in the middle of the road and wouldn’t let me past. They were laughing and thought it was hilarious but it won’t be funny when one of them gets hit and it won’t be their fault it will be the drivers,” said one post.

“There’s a small group of about 14/15 year olds in the village at the moment that keep doing this, same ones every time, it’s ridiculous, if you are a parent of a teenager who goes out in the village on his bike with friends please speak to them and educate before they get hurt,” another Facebook message said.

There have also been complaints made about the language used by the youngsters.

## Moaning Minnie

A woman pulled in, parked her car, got out and locked the door - obviously not a short park then. So she walked off despite being on yellow lines right near the corner by the charity shop on Henstead Road.

I was coming round the corner from Tescos and, if another car had been coming down overtaking the other parked vehicles, we would have been stuck as a bus was right behind me and also wanting to turn into Henstead Road

Come on, let’s get something done about stupid parking before there is a real accident.

# Getting Down and Dirty For Charity



**Tim Hudson-Church gets down to business in a gruelling charity fundraiser**

A Hethersett fund-raiser has admitted that a mud run for charity was “one of the hardest things I have ever done.”

Tim Hudson-Church ran, crawled, climbed and scrambled over a six mile obstacle course on the Elveden Estate near Thetford to raise over £1,000 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

The course saw Tim and colleagues from James Fisher Marine Services, Fendercare Marine and Scantech Offshore, negotiate over 20 obstacles, many of which saw them up to their neck in mud for the Only The Brave run in early April.

“There were straw bales and scaffold walls to climb over, many water hazards and even a plastic drainage pipe half full of water to crawl through. The most enjoyable obstacle was a slide down the side of a step embankment where you went down on a plastic sheet whilst the fire service sprayed you with water. We ended up in a large foam pit at the bottom,” Tim said.

“After just over one-and-a-half hours I was soaking wet, covered in mud and cold,” Tim added.

But it was all worth it as Tim raised £1,070 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance which provides 365 days a year helicopter emergency medical service for Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridgeshire and Bedfordshire but receives no government financial support and relies on charitable contributions.

## Academy Staff Got Muddy Too

FEARLESS staff at Hethersett Academy battled the elements on the obstacle course to also raise hundreds of pounds for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Head of geography Matthew Bignell, cover supervisor Jason Crane, English teacher Emma Kirby, student support assistant Susan McCormick and PA to the Principal Fiona Hamilton faced the daunting mud crawl, scramble wall, web of despair and much more for the Only The Brave challenge.

Students also held a non uniform day on the last day of term to support the team’s fundraising efforts, bringing the total raised to over £500.

The above story was taken from the Academy website and reproduced with permission.





David Bills with joint Hethersett Library Managers Myra Browne and Joanne Shelton.

## David Takes On Role of Chair

HETHERSETT'S district and county councillor David Bills has agreed to take on the chairmanship of the newly formed Hethersett Library Friends' Group.

The group held its latest meeting in the library on April 24th and discussed a regular programme of talks and events. The programme of presentations will be launched with a talk by village archivist Gary Wyatt on the Edwardian photographs of Tom Noakes on July 11th (provisional date). A number of other speakers are being contacted with a view to bi-monthly presentations.

Other ideas are a debating event, a chess club, games afternoon, craft events and the possibility of inviting village groups, clubs and societies to have a promotional table within the library to promote their services.

The aim of the new friends' group will be to "get the local community involved in the library and to promote the library in order to encourage more people to use its services."

The next meeting will be on Wednesday June 12th at 6pm. All welcome. Hethersett Herald will have further details of coming events as soon as they are available.

# Taking To The Airwaves

THE world of radio is changing beyond recognition. No longer are we restricted to a few national stations.

Today, thanks to internet streaming, you can easily access radio stations from throughout the world. But the world is also becoming a much smaller place with community stations also springing up.

Now we have a new community radio station in Wymondham. Radio Wymondham was launched in March and transmits via the internet 24 hours a day. It broadcasts from premises on a business park on Barnham Broom Road and can be found at [www.radiowymondham.com](http://www.radiowymondham.com). The station can be accessed on computers, tablets and mobiles.

Radio Wymondham is essentially a music station but styles itself as a community station broadcasting across South Norfolk and supporting community groups and their activities. This includes groups in Hethersett. There is also the chance to have local events promoted on the airwaves.

“The aim is to be a real community station broadcasting across South Norfolk, covering everyone’s interests and to support all community groups and their activities. Radio Wymondham will broadcast music of all genres and include an important role in talk radio during the daytime. There will also be regular What’s On reports to keep people informed of what is happening across South Norfolk,” the station states in its publicity.

Music featured on the stations includes country, oldies, traditional and contemporary folk, ska and reggae and easy listening.

## Annual Parish Meeting Date

This year’s annual parish meeting will take place in Hethersett Village Hall on May 13th and will give residents the opportunity of commenting on village issues.

The date has been put back due to the local elections on May 2nd which will see a new parish council appointed and take office on May 7th.



## Watch The Birdie

AS mentioned on our front page, we have evidence of plenty of birdlife in the village.

Hannah Harrison took the photographs on this and the next page either in her garden or other places in the village.

Hannah has been a regular contributor to Hethersett Herald and we are delighted to say that she will be writing a regular column from next month focussing on her life in





the village and all things Hethersett.

Look out for Hannah's Hethersett Life column starting in the June edition of Hethersett Herald.

Meanwhile Hannah took to social media to tell us about some of the birds spotted in an Easter walk around the village:

"We (Hannah and her daughter) had such a lovely time looking at the

flowers, the trees, seeing what birds we could spot. We saw a Dove sitting on her nest, a House Sparrow collecting nest material, a Blackbird collecting bucket loads of nest material and numerous Wood Pigeons.

We collected feathers, blew dandelions and copied birds singing. The school holidays don't have to cost a penny, we had such a lovely day right in our home village," Hannah said.

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We would like to recommend a website which looks at bird life in Hethersett and also publishes a number of local walks recommended for spotting wildlife.

The site at [www.hethersettbirdingblog.wordpress.com/](http://www.hethersettbirdingblog.wordpress.com/) is entitled Hethersett Birdlife and is aimed at anyone interested in the wild birds and other nature in and around Hethersett. The site also hosts the online copy of "Wild about Hethersett" - a booklet put together a number of years ago to promote wildlife in our village.

"Hethersett is a growing village surrounded by fields woods and a couple of lakes so whilst not hugely diverse in terms of habitat it has something to attract residential and visiting bird life.

"The slow but steady urbanisation of the area is something that will affect the bird and other wildlife and it is hoped that this site is likely to assist with the monitoring of changes in bird population over time," the website states.

The site includes a list of helpful books, a number of walks around and beyond Hethersett, information on bats and butterflies and much more.

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**Nominations for South Norfolk community champions have closed and shortlists will be drawn up in the near future.**

**We will have details of any Hethersett nominations (if any) in the next edition of Hethersett Herald**

# Easter in Hethersett

WE appealed through Social Media for Easter themed pictures to celebrate the holiday season in the village. The next eight pages are a gallery of some of those sent to us.

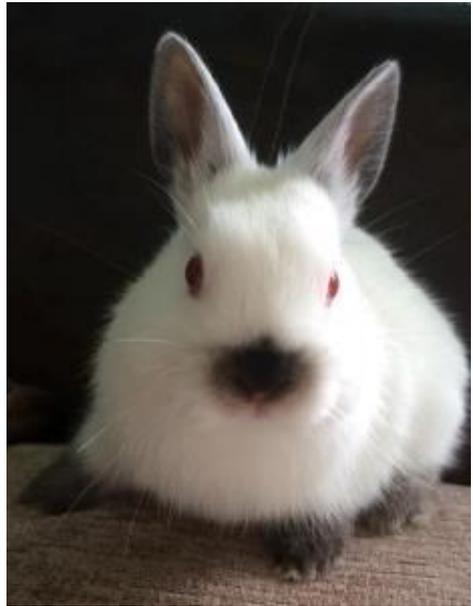


TESCO Express' shop window was festooned with Easter pictures colourfully put together by local children..

Tescos also held a Easter hamper raffle and raised £145 for the Finnbar's Force charity. Tickets were £1 each and the winning number was 99. Pictures on this page courtesy of Sarah Lawrence.



# Easter in Hethersett



Sarah Collins sent us the photograph on the left above of her daughter with her Easter eggs which matched her hair! On the right above is a picture of “the real Hethersett Easter bunny” captured photographically by Emily Draper. St Remigius Church looked resplendent with a colourful floral display over Easter. The photographs from the inside of the church on this and the next page were taken by Adele Kent.



# Easter in Hethersett



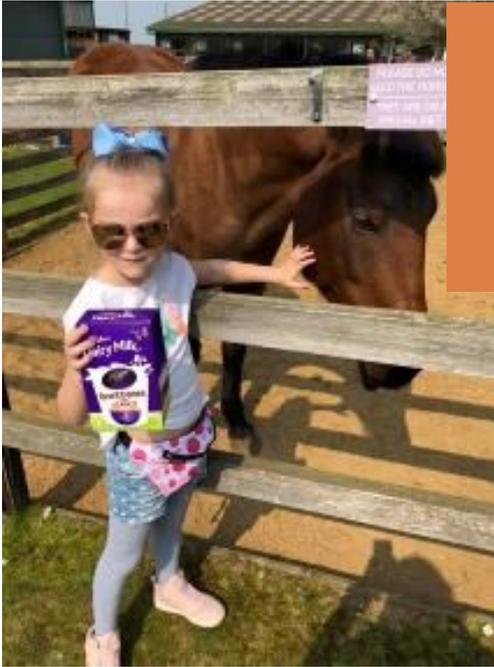
# Easter in Hethersett



TWO Easter images sent to us by Joanna MacFarlane via the All Things Hethersett Facebook page .



# Easter in Hethersett



Hethersett youngsters just love Easter. The picture on the left was taken by Lesley Hurn and the picture below was taken by Sarah Lawrence showing her daughters and what must have been the biggest eggs in Hethersett - unless you know different of course!



# Easter in Hethersett



## Traditional Procession

HETHERSETT'S traditional Easter procession began this year from St Remigius Parish

Photographs By John Halford

Church and wound its way through Steeple Tower and along Henstead Road and Great Melton Road before ending with an Easter Day service at Hethersett Methodist Church.

The photographs on this page show the procession on its way through the village and on the following page the Rector of Hethersett, the Rev Derek McClean, and Hethersett Methodist Church Minister, the Rev Matthew Olerenwaju start the procession from the parish church, carrying the symbolic cross.



# Easter in Hethersett



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**JANE Keeley sent us the images on this page from a special Easter event in Hethersett Village Hall.**

**The youngsters pictured above raised £231 for the Hethersett-based Finnbar's Force charity from a Zumba kids party.**

**But it wasn't just about Zumba as they also got to make bunny biscuits to eat after all their hard work.**

**They get cooking creative in Jane's photograph on the right.**



# Vic and Hugh Take Their Leave

THE village has said farewell to two of its best known characters.

Victoria “Vic” and Hugh Redington have left the village to live in Southwold.

Tributes were paid at the end of a Sunday service in Hethersett Parish Church in March as local people gathered to thank the couple for all their work on behalf of both the church and the village as a whole and also to say goodbye.

Writing in the village Good News magazine, St Remigius churchwarden Kate Wood and associate priest the Rev Christopher Mallett said:

“Vic and Hugh have made a significant contribution to the life of the church and community in the 30 years since Vic took up the post of Headmistress at Old Hall School (where Hugh taught Geography) and introduced a sixth form and oversaw the building of new science laboratories in the school.”

Both Vic and Hugh served on St Remigius’ Church’s Parochial Church Council and, in addition, Hugh was vergger and for a number of years managed the annual Norfolk Churches bike ride. He was a keen cyclist and could often be seen riding round Hethersett.

Vic was a churchwarden, secretary of the PCC and chair of the Good News magazine committee.

Amongst Vic’s outstanding achievements on behalf of Hethersett was negotiating with land owners for the extension of the graveyard along with organising many fund-raising quizzes and other events.

“We have a lot to thank them for and hope they will enjoy their new home in Southwold,” Kate and Christopher added.

## Eco Friendly

### *The Editor Writes*

A number of years ago Vic and Hugh moved to an award winning eco-friendly home in Ketteringham Lane in Hethersett. I covered this for the local Media.

That story is reproduced on the following pages.

Over the years I also got to know Vic and Hugh through their work on behalf of St Remigius Church, Old Hall School and many other facets of village life.

It may often be something of a cliché to say people will be missed but in Vic and Hugh’s case this will definitely be true.

Their tireless enthusiasm and energy will be almost impossible to replace.

# Conservation Award for New Home

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Looking back at a story from the Hethersett Herald Archives.

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From The Herald Archives

A HETHERSETT couple's dream of turning derelict farm buildings into a bright modern bungalow has not only become reality but has won them a top local conservation award.

Hugh and Vic Redington moved just 50 yards down a private drive when they sold Home Farm in Ketteringham Lane to set-up home in Pump Hall.



It was a huge risk for the couple who had the dream of turning the derelict outbuildings, which included cart sheds, cow sheds and open stables, into a spacious retirement home.

“When we bought Home Farm in 1999 it came with the outbuildings which were a set of old barns in very tumbledown condition. The buildings had become something of a liability and it would have cost us quite a lot of money to have them pulled down, so we decided to do something with them.

“It really was a matter of use it or lose it and so we had plans drawn up. We sold Home Farm last summer and Pump Hall was finished at the end of September,” Vic added.

Along with three bedrooms, two reception rooms, a kitchen and a number of bathrooms and toilets, Pump Hall also incorporated a very advanced heat pump source that works under the floor. It also has a solar panel on the roof and additional heating is available from wood burning stoves. The whole building also works on light and open spaces and was awarded a high commendation in the conservation category of the South Norfolk Council's 2008 design awards.

The awards also recognised the contributions of designer Heather Longman of Thurlton and builders David Fairhead Ltd, also of Thurlton.

“We are delighted with what has been achieved. We have a home full of interest and character. We were aiming for a home that was both comfortable to live in

but which also had plenty of light and which was energy efficient,” said Vic who previously had considerable experience of building work in her position as Head of Old Hall School. Husband Hugh is also a retired high school teacher.

The design of Pump Hall has incorporated much of the original brickwork and its name harks back to the past.

“The original house on this site was called Pump Hall before being re-named Goward’s Farm and then Home Farm. The land was still being farmed as recently as 1998,” Vic added.

The judges praised the originality of the scheme and the close collaboration between “designer, client and builder” with clear evidence of attention to details and a high standard of workmanship throughout.

“Overall the scheme has provided a low cost, low maintenance retirement home, designed to gain maximum comfort and benefit from the original internal spaces and from the aspect and setting of the building,” the judges said.

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## Twenty Years of Retirement

MANY people will remember Dr Michael Signy from Hethersett Surgery.

An example of how time flies is illustrated by the fact that Dr Signy retired from the Humbleyard Practice 20 years ago on April 16th, 1999.

As well as being a GP, Dr Signy is also an avid collector of medicine memorabilia and still gives talks on his bygones to this day.

Dr Signy joined Hethersett Surgery in 1968 when it was located in Hethersett House in Henstead Road. He joined another well loved local doctor after whom Stuart Close just off Henstead Road is named.

In 1975, the connection with Hethersett House was finally severed after over 100 years thanks to the building of a new surgery in Great Melton Road which is in use to this day.

Meanwhile there’s a new face at Hethersett Surgery with Dr Luke Webb replacing Dr Ince.

# Silvia's View of the Future

ONCE again in this edition of Hethersett Herald, we feature one of the winners of the competition for young writers organised by the Hethersett Writers' Group. The competition was split into two age groups and below is the entry by year seven pupil Silvia Pettitt. The subject was to imagine what the world would be like in 2068. Silvia's entry paints a desperate picture of the future.

AT this point anything could happen. If the time machine worked like the Doctor had said it would, I would get a glimpse of my future. I would know who I would become and who I would see. On the other hand if something went wrong I could be stuck in a reality I didn't want to be in, or worse dead.

I attempted to ignore the fear so blatantly screaming in my face as I stepped through what looked like a silvery water suspended in the air. It felt like the gentle breeze of hot summer days as I fell into the future. I did it - the professors' did it.

Finally a human of 2018 could gaze upon the luxurious sights of 2068. I was the first to behold the farms that had ingeniously been stacked for space saving or the impeccably clean streets and the surprisingly fit people. Home upon home, field upon field. The world was led to believe that only bad things were to come, but I stood there paralysed by what the people around me

called everyday life. I was surrounded by walls of such silky, crystal white that I was certain they were somehow drawn from heaven itself. Everyone and everything was just so perfect and they all fitted into this holy city of grace. Black or white, man or woman, they all were equally treated and lived in harmony in this ideal world. It was amazing. I searched around to find children in school having fun and playing games, but I couldn't find a single baby, child or teen. The city was nothing but adults.

"Excuse me," I uttered to a nearby lady dressed in white. "Where are the children. I haven't seen a single one since arr...."

"Shhhhhhhhh", she hushed "They can hear you, you know."

"Who?"

"Them. Now get in here," she whispered dragging me into an ally. "We need to be quiet."

“What’s going on. Where are the children?” I muttered angrily.

“Gone, okay. So I’m guessing you’re from out of town but how did you get here?” she questioned eagerly: “Most newcomers are captured before they reach the city walls. Do you have chips? What’s a milkshake taste like?”

I was overwhelmed by her curiosity: “Stop avoiding the questions. Where are the non adults,” I asked?

“Fine, fine,” she sighed reluctantly. “It doesn’t take a genius to know that if the world is overpopulated. If the kids lived in this city we would be drowning in people..”

“What are you saying?”

“I’m saying that adults and non adults can’t be together. It would be too many people in the same place at the same time,” she explained.

“So what happens to the kids?”

“Well.” In the corner of my eye I saw a single child reluctantly being dragged away by two policemen. No-one else seemed to notice.

“Never mind I’ll find out myself,” I proclaimed and ran out before she could answer.

I slyly followed them, intrigued. I continued to creep behind them, hiding behind the blinding walls until they reached a greyish brick building surrounded by a wall. They went through

the large rusted gates into an empty courtyard. The building contrasted from the rest of the city but somehow was hidden enough that I couldn’t see a single civilian. The young child screamed and wailed while the two police held her tight between themselves. A bony man marched from the building into the courtyard towards the child. The girl screamed more earpiercingly the closer he wandered. He pulled out a large sword from his black robe and as he swung it backwards I hurled around to avoid him from looking at me. Then with a final shriek I heard her body thump as it hit the ground. Innocent children being murdered for the crime of simply existing.

I didn’t like the future. From the outside it looked like heaven, but apparently even heaven has deep, dark secrets if you look between the cracks. I couldn’t stand the thought of it. The future was as terrible as some predicted if not worse. I’d seen too much. I shouldn’t have come here. This nightmare dressed as a daydream was set in stone. It’s impossible to change the future. I’ll have to live my whole life traumatised by days to come. Knowing no matter what I do, what I say, innocent people will be murdered along with the potential they have to shape the world for the better.

I ran from that wretched people, through the water. Back to the place

where I should have stayed. The professors watched me as I collapsed in a heap in front of them, bawling my eyes out. They all attempted to pick me up, but screamed at them. I saw something

they would never understand. My face was melting at the amount of tears that streamed from my eyes.

By Silvia Pettitt

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## Please Take A Pew

LOOKING for something a little bit different for your home or garden. St Remigius Church may have the answer.

The parish church has 13 redundant freestanding pews for sale. They are late Victorian in age and are no longer needed in the church due to some remodelling at the back of the building.

The pews are in good condition and made from oak and range in size from 110 to 420 centimetres in length. A number have matching ends and the church has permission from Norwich Diocese to sell them on.

Prices and further details are available from churchwarden Kate Wood on 01953 602051.

## We Are On Facebook

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# Recording For Posterity

THE husband of a Hethersett GP is behind a new project to help people publish their life stories in a paperback book.

Keith Morris, whose wife Dr Nicky Morris is a GP at Hethersett Surgery, has a strong belief that everyone has a story worth telling and has been instrumental in the setting-up of [www.lifestories.org.uk](http://www.lifestories.org.uk).

The web site has been set-up by two Christian publications - Network Norfolk and Good News for Norfolk - with the aim of providing a cost-effective way of linking experienced writers with people who want to preserve their life story and family memories for future generations.

An article in the Good News for Norwich and Norfolk newspaper states that the service provides ghost writers to interview and record their subjects and then edit the manuscript into a short book of about 7,000 words. These are then professionally turned into a paperback format which also contain family photographs.

Keith is website editor of Network Norfolk. His motivation was the fact that he had missed the opportunity of recording the life story of a close relative when she died.

“I strongly believe that everyone has a story worth telling and preserving for future generations to enjoy. I realised I had never sat down with my relative and listened at length to her fascinating life story and I had missed the opportunity to record it for family and friends to read and keep,” he told Good News for Norfolk.

Keith wanted to ensure he didn't make the same mistake again and so began to compile a short biography of his mother, which he presented to her on her 80th birthday.

Keith enjoyed the process so much and the fact that he had helped to preserve a vital part of his family history that he repeated the exercise for his father-in-law - Dr Morris' dad. This time Keith presented it to his relative to mark his 90th birthday.

The cost of a basic package is £999 and Keith can be contacted via e-mail at [web@networknorwich.co.uk](mailto:web@networknorwich.co.uk)

# An Historical Welcome Home

HETHERSETT showed its caring nature towards the end of the Second World War when a special Welcome Home Committee was set-up to raise money to give out funds to servicemen returning to the village after war service abroad.

Village stalwart Duncan Pigg has recently donated a series of letters to the village archives. The letters are to the welcome home committee thanking them for their "generous gifts."

Here Peter Steward looks at the welcome home committee and the part it played in supporting the Hethersett men who went to war. Sadly some of them never returned. The following feature is based on the website - Hethersett A Village at War - which looks at the village between the years 1900 to 1950. This can be viewed at

[www.hethersettatwar.weebly.com](http://www.hethersettatwar.weebly.com)

WITH the Second World War drawing to a close, Hethersett residents began to plan for the return of their war heroes.

The caring side of the village kicked into action with a special welcome home committee being set-up to raise money from donations, public subscriptions and events to present a welcome home gift for the returnees.

One of the leading lights in the committee was Mr P. J. Hagg who has gone down in local history as the main organiser.

In April 1946, the committee sent him a letter of thanks which was signed by the chairman S. J. Titterton, vice-chairman T. E. Hall, secretary S. M. Alborough and treasurer V. H. Albor-



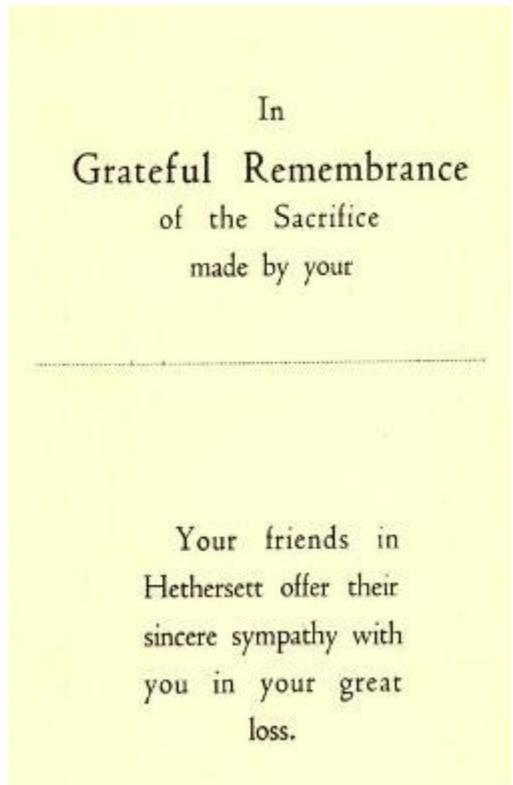
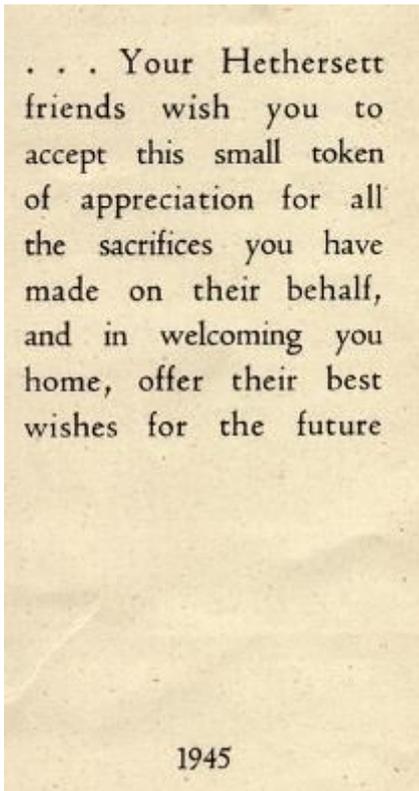
ough. The letter (pictured on the previous page) reads:

**"The members of the Welcome Home Committee desire to express their great appreciation of the energy and enthusiasm and ability which you gave as the Chief Organiser of the Welcome Home Fund at Hethersett in 1945 and 1946.**

**"We feel that the amount of £2,270 which was raised for the purpose of making a gift of ten pounds to each of those returning from their service in His Majesty's Forces or to the nearest relatives of those who died in active service would not have been reached without your inspiring leadership.**

**"We thought of organising a presentation of some kind to show our appreciation, but understand that this is contrary to your wishes so have to content ourselves with this short letter of recognition of the leadership which you gave us.**

**"We feel that we are speaking in the name of the 227 recipients of the ten pound gift paid into the Savings Bank on their behalf as well as for**



## **ourselves and others who co-operated with us."**

It was signed: Your Fellow Workers in the Welcome Home Committee.

The committee sent out two letters to local residents - one of which was infused in the sadness of war as illustrated below.

In November, 1944, the committee sent the following letter to troops from the village serving abroad:

"It is with great pleasure that the people of Hetherset send you their greetings for Xmas and the new year. If you receive this after Xmas the good wishes are not any less sincere. A parcel is being sent to as many as possible of those from Hetherset who have left these shores.

"We hope that yours will reach you in due course. This letter goes with best wishes for your health and happiness and the hope of a speedy return with 'something attempted; something done' - as an old song says. All are looking forward to that day.

"There are over 90 village boys overseas, and we hope that you may be one of the lucky ones who have met a pal from home. So far we have heard of Mrs Minter's Peter and Jack meeting in Italy. Also Jimmy Goodswen and Paddy Pixton. Mary Orr's husband (better known to many as Mary Curson) came across Dick Blake in the same part of the world and Jimmy Dewing met Tommy Wiles there. Quite a list isn't it? Probably there have been more that we have not heard about.

"You are not forgotten, as every Tuesday evening there is a special service when a number of us meet together and pray for your safe keeping. Also relatives pass on news of the 'boys' when we meet. The cheerful bits in your letters cheer us up more than the writers perhaps know. We appreciate the effort you make and know that you are trying to make the best of things wherever you are.

"The village is full of activity these days, including a 'Brains Trust' run by the Women's Institute. The Social Club Committee is very much alive. This Xmas letter and parcel to all those serving in HM Forces arose from their activity. Now all in the place are taking part.

With best wishes of all for Xmas and peace in the New Year."

Yours sincerely H. Back (Chairman of Committee)

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The following year this message was sent: "Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year from Hetherset Welcome Home Committee. This

committee consists of nineteen organisations, each sending one representative, and has been instrumental in raising just over £2,000 since it was appointed last summer. The 'target' was to provide a gift of £10 to all who were serving in HM Forces when they returned home. We hope that it will not be long before we are able to welcome you back in our midst and present you with the Trustee Savings Bank book containing this amount. If you are already home when this letter reaches you, all the better! Over 200 had joined the armed Forces before VJ Day.

"At a public meeting on 31st October the Committee was asked to send you this letter of greeting and good wishes and to let you know about the various suggestions which have been made for erecting a permanent memorial to commemorate the service and sacrifice made between 1939 and 1945. The meeting thought that those in the Forces should have the opportunity of helping to reach a decision on the form which this should take. Perhaps you will let me know if you approve of any of the following suggestions or if you have any others to put forward for a Public Meeting to consider at a later date. So far, the following have been proposed and seconded - 1 Street lighting; 2 Home for old folk; 3 Sports Field; 4 Centre for young people; 5 Maternity Home. It was also the wish of the meeting on 31st October that some of those who have been demobilised and who have returned home should serve on the committee. Our aim, as a broadcast talk on the Wireless put it earlier in the year, is to do something towards establishing a community in which 'every man shall have a chance to live as God intended him to live.' Now that the victory for freedom has been won we want that freedom to be used rightly. Mr H. Back at the Hall has offered to see that the names of those who made the supreme sacrifice are inscribed on the vacant panels of the war memorial outside the church, and to pay for the doing of this.

"Again wishing you the compliments of the season of peace and goodwill, and looking forward to your return home and better days ahead."

The letter is signed by H. Back (President), L. Titterton (Chairman), P. J. Hagg (organiser) and F. Alborough (treasurer).

FOOTNOTE: A public subscription was set up after the war and the current Hethersett Memorial Playing Field was purchased for villagers to enjoy.

The money for the gifts to troops included public donations, subscriptions and events such as a grand fete and gala, a great sports meeting, a grand concert, a flower and vegetable show, an auction, whist drives, dances and socials.

Following the awards of £10 (over £400 in today's money) the committee received numerous letters of appreciation, many of which are now printed on the website. A sample of the letters are featured on the next two pages.

# Letters to the Welcome Home Committee

From Private W. G. Kerrison of 4, Mill Road, Hethersett.

Dec 10. 1945.

No. 5960986. Pte. W.G.Kerrison.  
No. 4. Mill Road,  
Hethersett,  
Norwich, Norfolk.

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Dear Sir,

While on my leave from over-seas service, I have been presented with a Savings Bank Book already started with £10. This was part of your great organization which you called The Welcome Home Fund. So now I think that it is my duty to send to you and all who have taken part, my great thanks. It gave one so much pleasure to read in the newspapers of how the people of Hethersett were going to welcome the boys home, and in doing so I must say that you all organized some very good programmes. Now there is the other letter that you have sent to me, so in turn I wish you and all a very happy Christmas and a better New Year. Then you ask me to help to reach a decision, well of your suggestions I think that the "Sports Field" would be more reasonable. My idea of the other s is that they would be too costly, take for example "Street Lighting", I think that at the present time Hethersett is too wide spread for everyone to benefit by it. The others, I think that there are enough Homes about quite near to the village Well Sir I hope my suggestions will help you to make your decision and now I must close remaining

Yours sincerely.....

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HQ Workshops  
RAF Station  
Crabtree  
Warminster  
Wilt.

Dear Friends,

I wish to thank  
the Welcome Home Committee,  
for all the work they have  
done in raising over £ 2,000  
for all those in the Forces,  
I am very thankful to  
them for my gift of £ 10.

My suggestion to the Public-  
Meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> October last,  
is the Sports Field,

Wishing you all a  
happy new year.

Yours Sincerely  
Charles H. Moore.

## Updated News On Cycle Path

### Road Matters

The cycle path linking Wymondham to Hethersett will continue along the B1172 to bypass the village after all, the parish council heard at its latest meeting.

A £72 million shot in the arm has pushed a number of cycle path schemes to the fore. Originally the plan was to take the cycleway off the B1172 through Old Norwich Road past homes, pubs, flats and across a number of roads. This has now been changed with additional funding allowing the path to continue along the B1172.

The parish council is continuing to support suggested safety improvements in the Great Melton Road/Henstead Road area of the village. These will include a new speed hump in Great Melton Road and also the possibility of increasing the length of double yellow lines in Henstead Road.

The council had previously supported residents' calls for an extension to the double yellows in Hensetad Road, only to be told by county highways department that the cost could be prohibitive. Now there is the possibility of extending the lines due to the existing set-up causing problems for buses safely negotiating the junction with Queen's Road. Hethersett's county and district councillor David Bills offered to pursue the matter further.

Councillors want to ensure that extending the double yellow lines will not lead to additional parking on the pavement outside the charity shop.

Wooden safety bollards could shortly be put in place on the pavement outside the Tasty Bites Takeaway in order to make the area safer for pedestrians. The cost will be paid for through the parish partnership initiative which sees 50% of the cost being met by the parish and 50% by Norfolk County Council.

The parish council is also partly funding three new village signs at entrances to the village.

# News From the Parish Council

## Dog Bin Appeal

HETHERSETT Parish Council is asking residents whether they would like more dog bins as the battle to cut down on dogs' mess in the village gathers pace.

Last month we reported on the setting up of a new group PUP - Pick Up Poo - which is fully endorsed by the parish council.

Now the council is looking to place additional bins:

"The council has completed an audit of the existing dog fouling bins in the parish and will shortly be considering whether any additional bins are required," said parish clerk Annette Palmer.

The bins are paid for and emptied through the parish precept through householders' council tax.

"We are inviting residents to help identify areas within the village which could possibly benefit from the siting of an additional dog fouling bin," Mrs Palmer added.

The matter will be discussed by parish councillors at their June meeting. Any comments or suggestions of locations should be made by the end of May. Details of how to contact the parish clerk are on this page.

## Contacting The Parish Council

Parish clerk Annette Palmer can be contacted by telephone on 01603 810915 or by e-mail at [hethersett-pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hethersett-pc@tiscali.co.uk).

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

Contact details for the village's 13 parish councillors are available at <http://hethersett-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk>. From May the parish council will have an additional member bringing its full complement up to 14.

The parish council also has its own Facebook page.

# News From the Parish Council

## Parish Council Meeting Dates

Following elections on May 2nd, the newly appointed council will meet for the first time on May 20th, a week after the annual parish meeting which will take place on May 13th.

Subsequent parish council dates are : June 17th, July 15th, September 16th, October 21st, November 18th and December 16th.

In addition there will be planning committee meetings on April 1st and 29th, June 3rd, July 1st, August 5th and 19th, September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th and December 2nd.

## Parish Council Shorts

Other matters discussed and comments made at the April meeting included the following:

Flooding in South Croft should be a thing of the past following remedial work carried out in the area to improve drainage.

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Seven volunteers have come forward to run a Speedwatch scheme in the village with parish councillor Bridget Williamson acting as co-ordinator. The volunteers are now being DBS checked and then full training will be given on how to use the speed monitoring machines by Norfolk Constabulary.

# News From the Parish Council

## On The Register

HETHERSETT Parish Council is to make a register of land and property owned.

The council will be engaging the services of a property consultant to provide a land registry valuation and then instruct a solicitor to complete a land registration process. This will start with the Village Hall and Memorial Playing Field.

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The parish council has extended the existing contract with South Norfolk Council for grass cutting in St Remigius Churchyard. The annual cost is now £2,567.50 excluding VAT.

**REPAIRS and improvements to the entrance to Steeple Tower are now due to start in the week beginning May 6th.**

**The parish council has campaigned for some considerable time to have the crumbling brickwork and problem areas repaired and made safe.**

## Cann's Lane Junction

**PLANS** to make Cann's Lane one way at its entrance/exit with Old Norwich Road have met with approval from members of the public, the parish council heard at its April meeting.

Hethersett District and County Councillor David Bills told members: "the response I have received from residents has been largely positive and supportive of the idea."

The idea is to make the junction one-way for traffic turning into Cann's Lane from Old Norwich Road to avoid the blind corner for cars coming out onto Old Norwich Road.

Councillor Bills stated that the changes could be paid for from the additional money set aside for road improvements in the county.

He also told members that a motorist had received a "ticket" for parking too close to the Cann's Lane junction and causing an obstruction.

# News From the Parish Council

## Green Campaign Could Be On The Cards

A green campaign could be launched by Hethersett Parish Council in the not too distant future.

At April's council meeting, members discussed an e-mail from the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) with regards to a deposit return system for drinks:

"We all want to take more responsibility for our planet - it's our home, nature's home and home to the most beautiful landscapes. But littered bottles and cans are found everywhere, polluting our countryside, streets, rivers and oceans.

"We campaign for the best solutions to this pollution. And the world's best deposit return systems - where you pay a small amount when you buy a drink and get it back when you return it - can drastically reduce litter and increase recycling rates up to 97%," the CPRE stated.

"The great news is that, after 10 years of campaigning, the government has agreed to introduce a deposit return system for England. The bad news is that many vested interests, from drinks companies to the packaging and waste industries, are lobbying the government to limit the system and make it less effective - just so they can keep putting their profits before solutions," the CPRE added.

Parish chairman Adrienne Quinlan felt that as a "non political body" the idea could be supported by individual councillors but Bridget Williamson urged the council to back the idea en masse.

"This is part of a huge picture of climate change. The parish council should be taking an active role and grasp the nettle and support it. The way we live our lives has to change. We are the group that leads Hethersett as a parish and as such we should support it. We should have a position on protecting the environment without being political. We should endorse this and then develop a position in respect of the environment," said Bridget Williamson.

"We need to encourage people to use recycling facilities more," said Viv Hawes.

The parish council already supports the CPRE through paying an annual membership fee and members felt this was akin to supporting its stance on deposit return. The Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) is also an offshoot of the parish council.

Tony West inquired whether on their next village litter pick HEAT could see what

percentage of litter could have been recycled.

After a lengthy discussion members agreed to look at the possibility of launching and supporting a green campaign once the council's PUP (Pick Up Poo) campaign has been officially launched.

CPRE's rules on a deposit return system are as follows:

A system that:

- Includes all sizes of bottle, can and carton.
- Includes all materials - aluminium, plastic, glass and Tetrapak.
- Is accessible to all regardless of mobility or other considerations.
- Is paid for by the drinks manufacturers.
- Is UK wide.
- Is carbon neutral with no impact on climate change.
- Boosts the UK recycling sector, with any new plants being built on brown-field first.
- Works alongside other solutions to reduce waste and increase recycling.

## Butchers Changes Hands

**WE** were just preparing to write a piece on the closure of the butchers at Church Farm when events overtook us.

Just over a week after Paddocks Butchers closed, the shop re-opened as Farmer Barnes' Butchers.

The shop will now be run by Sarah and Gerald Barnes who farm in Long Stratton.

The shop was formerly owned by Keith Charlsh who will stay on as the butcher at the shop.



# News From Hethersett Hall



HETHERSETT Hall residents Alan and Audrey Thompson have celebrated an amazing 72 years of marriage.

Alan and Audrey met 90 years ago at a children's party when they were both eight years old and then met again in 1944 during the Second World War. Alan was on leave from the Forces and they were brought together by Audrey's cousin.

They married in March 1947, a year of severe weather with deep snow, and honey-



mooned. near Shelsley Walsh, Worcestershire, where Alan was able to indulge his passion for motor sport. Shelsley Walsh is the oldest motorsport venue in the world still using its original course and is home to a testing hill climb which, over the years, has attracted the likes of John Surtees and Stirling Moss.

Alan and Audrey have shared many interests in their long marriage. They both love the countryside and have travelled extensively both in the United Kingdom and Europe. They also went to Australia many times to stay with their younger daughter, Sally and her family. Alan worked in the National Motor Museum during their stays in Australia and they made many friends there.

Alan and Audrey were both born in Surrey and lived there until their early 80s, when they moved to Rutland to be near their other daughter, Jane. In 2016 they moved to Hethersett Hall. After 72 years of marriage, they still show such love and care for each other.

“Their love is an inspiration to us all and it is a pleasure for the staff of Hethersett Hall to care for this wonderful pair,” said Hethersett Hall General Manager Kerry Tidd.

## Far From Ugly Ducklings

Residents of Hethersett Hall have been able to watch some furry friends appear. Six eggs have hatched at the home thanks to a tie up with the “Incredible Eggs” company.



Six ducklings were hatched and began life at the home. Residents were able to cuddle them and watch them paddle. Incredible Eggs provides hatching kits and supports for nurseries, schools, care homes and individuals.

HETHERSETT Hall is enjoying regular visits from the "Friend in Deed" Norfolk-based charity that creates friendship across generations through various inter-generational schemes. Every second Saturday of the month the home is joined for activities with residents giving the opportunity to build special friendships.

“We hope to expand the numbers within our visits and to have more involvement with local schools in the community for internal and external events. These regular sessions are a great way to enhance the well-being of our residents and just fill the home with such a lovely atmosphere,” said General Manager Kerry Tidd.

# Dog Sitting Company Celebrates Its First Birthday

IT'S a happy bark-day for one South Norfolk business as it celebrates its first year.

Barking Mad South Norwich, a franchise of the national dog home-boarding service, reached the milestone, having been taken on by Helen Tyler from Hethersett a year ago.

The service offers an alternative to kennelling, by finding dog-loving volunteers to look after pets in their home whilst the owners are on holiday.

Mrs Tyler's area covers the South Norfolk area including Wymondham, Costessey and Taverham and she said she was "delighted to be celebrating my first year of being officially Barking Mad!"

She added: "It has been a fantastic year, spending my time meeting lots of new dogs and finding fantastic new hosts. I pride myself on giving a five-star experience to all who use my service and it's just wonderful to





see it paying off.”

Mrs Tyler first discovered Barking Mad in 2012, when her parents needed a dog-sitter for their Jackapoo and that then prompted her to become a host herself. She was working as a teacher but welcomed dogs into her home at weekends and the school holidays.

She said: “It just meant my time off had a whole new purpose and meaning, filled with dog walks and meeting people in parts of Norfolk I had never visited. We were also fully supported by the Barking Mad franchise at the time in understanding how to provide the best care for the dogs as well as helping them to settle the dog in and maintaining their routine. It was also wonderful to be part of a dog loving community.”

Mrs Tyler chose to celebrate the occasion by throwing a birthday party at Centre Paws, Norfolk, the dog-friendly hub in Wymondham which is also nearing its first birthday.

Kathryn Cross opened the business in June 2018 and, since meeting Mrs Tyler soon after opening, the pair have been able to support each other through the ups and downs of a new business start-up.

Mrs Cross said: “As we both have dogs and their welfare at the heart of our businesses, it made perfect sense to join forces and collaborate wherever we can, whether it is through a social media recommendation or through organising events.

“I think we have both realised that building this strong working relationship has been one of the cornerstones of our success and we look forward to many more years working together in the canine business.”

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Barking Mad Host or use the home boarding service, contact Helen Tyler on 01603 340595 or email [Helen.Tyler@barkingmad.uk.com](mailto:Helen.Tyler@barkingmad.uk.com).

# A Problem Shared

**Kerry Brind from Rowan House Health and Well-Being Centre urges us all to “open up” and talk about our problems.**

## **IT’S time to start talking about our problems.**

Talking... it’s something we do every day so you’d think that most of us would be pretty good at it by now. And for the most part we are, we talk about our day, our mood, our children, what we’re eating for lunch and much more.

But there are some things that are a little tougher to talk about, politics or finances for example, or perhaps...

- Depression
- Guilt
- Anger
- Mental Health issues
- Sexuality
- Marital problems

There are many more tense or ‘taboo’ issues that make other people and ourselves feel a little uncomfortable.

And then there is listening, really listening. If a friend, colleague or family member approached you to talk about a delicate subject could you sit and just listen without allowing your own views or judgments to cloud the issue?

Could you provide support and comfort to a person in need?

Because here’s the thing. There are a LOT of people out there dealing with issues like this and many of them are suffering in silence. In fact, less than a year ago a study by the Mental Health Foundation revealed that 75% of adults in the UK have at some point felt so stressed over the last year that they felt overwhelmed and unable to cope.

Many of these people feel like they have no-one to turn to, or that if they did open up they might endanger friendships or relationships.

And whilst talking may not provide a quick fix for problems, it can certainly help to ease the burden of stress, guilt or suffering that a person might be feeling. A

problem shared is a problem halved they say. Talking about problems can provide perspective and lift a huge metaphorical weight off heavily burdened shoulders.

Not to mention that the dangers of not talking about problems can be catastrophic...symptoms such as stress and depression may get progressively worse even leading to an eventual meltdown.

So, to mark this April's Stress Awareness Month, we'd like to encourage you to speak up. If you're in need of a good conversation, how can you find your way to opening up? And if you're on the other side of the fence, how can you listen and provide comfort and support?

If you need to talk:

Firstly, it's important to understand that it's totally ok to talk about your problems. The majority of your friends and family will likely be understanding and super keen to support you. Talking out loud about what's going on in your head can help you to clarify the things that are worrying you and make scary problems seem a little less threatening.

We all feel better when we know someone has our back.

Also, you might not realise it, but those literal problems you're carrying around with you are probably having a negative physical effect on you too. A head full of pent-up emotions creates a body packed with physical tension. But once you get things off your chest your head will clear a little and even your muscles can relax.

If you feel that you really can't confide in friends or family, then it might be time to consider talking to a professional counsellor or therapist. Someone completely removed from the situation who is trained to support and advise you.

One of the advantages of talking to someone outside the situation is they won't know your friends or your family. Nor will they bring preconceived notions about how you should be living your life to the conversation.

This often makes it easier to open up and talk about things you might not feel able to tell other people. Most counsellors are pretty unshockable.

We have counselling services available at Rowan House.

### **If you need to listen:**

If someone you know is going through a tough time, talking to them and (most importantly) listening to them might sound like a simplistic solution but it really is one of the best possible things you can do to help. But of course it's not always easy, so try following these simple steps.

**Try to listen without interrupting.** Just opening up can be really difficult, so once someone has, let the words flow. Wait until they've finished talking before

you respond.

**Let them know you understand.** This can really help someone to feel a little less alone. If you've been through a similar situation in the past then share your experience, but don't take the focus off the other person.

**Avoid being judgemental.** Telling the person who just confided in you that they are being, silly, stupid or crazy, won't help.

**Don't belittle their problems.** Language like 'you're just having a bad week'. 'It's probably just your hormones'. Or 'I'm sure it's nothing serious' also aren't particularly helpful.

**Don't gossip.** If you've been told something in confidence then treat it that way. Reassure the person talking to you that they can trust you.

Refer them to professional help if needed. As much as we'd all love to be able to fix problems for our loved ones sometimes we simply don't have the skillset needed. If you feel this is the case or that your friend could use some professional support or solutions then help them to find it. This could be as simple as encouraging them to visit their GP, get in touch with a specialised organisation or talk with a local counsellor or therapist.

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## Death of Charity Founder

THE founder of an animal sanctuary charity has died.

Chris Rockingham (pictured right), who was 72, ran the PACT Animal Sanctuary with her husband George.

PACT has had a physical presence in Hethersett since it took over the former MacMillan Charity Shop in Great Melton Road.

Chris' memory will go on, however, as the charity is looking to set-up the Chris Rockingham Memorial Animal Hospital.

A funeral service for Mrs Rockingham took place at Colney Woods.



# Hethersett Social Club



## Opening Hours

Monday - Closed  
Tuesday - 7pm to 11pm  
Wednesday - 7pm to 11pm  
Thursday - 7pm to 11pm  
Friday - 5pm to 11.30pm  
Saturday - 12pm to 12am  
Sunday - 12pm to 6pm

The club will be holding two karaoke sessions in May as the poster opposite advertises.

The sessions will be led by Phil Male in the lounge and will take place at 8 pm on May Bank Holidays - 5th and 25th. More news from the club is available on:

[www.hethersettsocialclub.co.uk](http://www.hethersettsocialclub.co.uk)



# New High For Village Screen



***Members and organisers of the Hethersett Village Screen are pictured with sponsor Salena Dawson (centre) from Dawson's Law after the group's most successful showing to date - "Stan and Ollie" on April 7th.***

OVER 80 people enjoyed the April offering from Hethersett Village Screen.

"Stan and Ollie" turned out to be the best attended film put on by the group so far.

A biopic, it featured the later years of Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy. A moving depiction of a classic comedy duo and their real life friendship, it provided a poignant penultimate film to the group's season which concludes with the space drama First Man on May 12th. This tells the story of the first man on the moon, Neil Armstrong.

The organising group are already arranging dates for a new season of screenings starting later in the year.

All films take place in Hethersett Village Hall on Sunday afternoons at 3 pm. Many are accompanied by films from the East Anglian Film archive. Light refreshments are available at £1 for coffee/tea and biscuits and entry is just £4.50 per person.

Hethersett Village Screen is a non profit group which is fully supported by Creative Arts East, South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council and is also sponsored and supported by Hethersett-based solicitors Dawson's Law.

More information is available at

[facebook.com/hethersettvs](https://www.facebook.com/hethersettvs) and [twitter.com/hethersettvs](https://twitter.com/hethersettvs).

# Next Up



# Have You Missed an Edition?



YOU can catch up on previous editions of the Hethersett Herald by going to [www.hethersetthermal.weebly.com](http://www.hethersetthermal.weebly.com) 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.

# Hethersett Matters

**NORFOLK Police, in conjunction with Hethersett Herald, highlight just some of the scams currently doing the rounds and help you to avoid becoming a victim.**

POLICE have had a number of reports from Norfolk residents who have received letters titled 'Your Solar PV System'.

The letter states 'you have not received your free health check and service' and makes claims relating to inverters and their 'warranties expiring'.

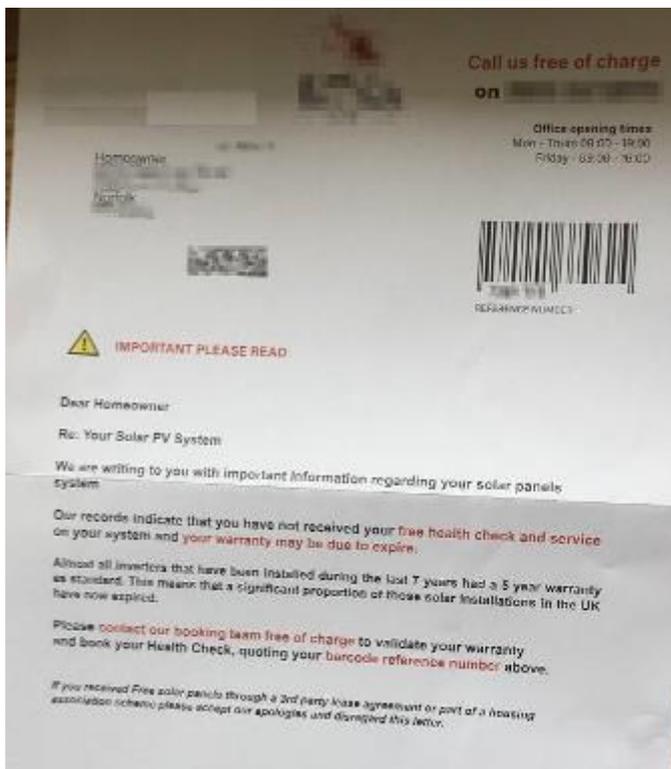
It then asks the recipient to contact the sender to 'validate your warranty' and 'book your free health check'.

Police always advise residents to be very wary of any unsolicited approach and never agree to services being done or for someone to visit your home if approached in this manner.

"We advise solar panel owners should always talk to their supplier before allowing any work or 'maintenance' to take place on their panels," Police say.

Generally, a solar panel system does not need servicing but it may benefit from being cleaned if the panels are dirty.

Police also recommend that traders who work on a solar panel system are members of the Solar Trade Association and that any work on the electrics of a solar panel system should only be carried out by a qualified electrician.



Suitably qualified electricians can be found on the Norfolk Trusted Trader website or via the Electrical Safety First Website.

If you have received one of these letters and have agreed to a visit contact Police via their partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

EDITORS NOTE - I have received three of these letters from various companies - all with addresses on an industrial estate in Liverpool. At first I thought they were genuine but then checked on the internet and established that they are a scam.

## **Scam Alert – ‘Free Trial Offer’ adverts.**

Police are warning people to watch out for ‘free trial offers’ being promoted via social media and online adverts.

Common examples of ‘free’ trial offers include skin care products, slimming pills and nutritional supplements.

Many consumers report that they responded to an advert online offering a ‘Free Trial’ and were then asked to give credit or debit card details believing that there is only a small charge to cover postage and packaging.

However, if the consumer fails to cancel the “Free Trial Offer” within a set time they are deemed to have agreed to an ongoing supply of the product, with a monthly charge which is taken directly from their account. Consumers report payments ranging between £50 and £300.

If you have responded to one of these offers and need further advice contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline via their online reporting form or telephone 03454 04 05 06.

## **Doorstep cold caller offering a ‘roof health check.’**

Residents need to be on their guard as Police have received a report of a doorstep cold caller claiming he could offer a ‘roof health check’. The resident declined the offer and reported the cold call.

Be very wary of claims made by doorstep cold callers and never give access to your property, agree to services, buy items or to have return visits if approached in this manner.

Anyone concerned about doorstep cold calling in Norfolk can contact Trading Standards through the Citizens Advice consumer helpline via their online reporting form or by telephoning 03454 04 05 06.

We will have more news on the latest scams and how to avoid becoming a victim in the next edition of Hethersett Herald.

# Local Business Raises £20,000 For Charity To Celebrate Its Anniversary

ONE local business has made a massive commitment to charity by annually raising £20,000 in its 20 years in business by organising a number of initiatives and events.

The Hearing Care Centre is an award-winning family-run hearing care company, based locally at Rowan House Well Being Centre in Queen's Road, Hethersett.

The company was established in 1998 and recently celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Staff at the company decided to challenge themselves to raise more money for charity than ever before and pledged to raise £20,000 for their chosen charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, a group which has created over 900 partnerships between deaf people and hearing dogs across the UK.

The money was raised with the help of the company's customer base, the general public and employees. Amongst a wealth of activities, staff waded through mud and freezing water in the Whole Hog Challenge, guests ate as many puddings as they liked at a Pudding Club Night, over 400 people attended the company's very popular quiz nights and over 100 tubes of Smarties were emptied and filled up with 20p pieces.



The fundraising pot was also topped up by Barclays Bank, which matched some of the Hearing Care Centre's events up to £1,000 each time.

Karen Finch, Managing Director of The Hearing Care Centre, commented: "We are ecstatic to be able to present Hearing Dogs for Deaf People with this money, which will go such a long way towards the brilliant work that they do. Thank you to everybody in the local community who has supported us during this feat, we hope you will continue to support us in our future fundraising".

Rachel Clarke, Hearing Dogs' Community Fundraising Manager in East Anglia said: "We feel incredibly privileged to have had The Hearing Care Centre's support for almost 20 years and the fact that they have chosen to support the charity again during this milestone year. Achieving such a massive target in a short space of time shows their enthusiasm and dedication to helping deaf people with the gift of a hearing dog."

The company has announced details of its inaugural Charity Golf Day and BBQ taking place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at Seckford Hall Golf Club, near Woodbridge. Tickets and further information can be found at [www.hearingcarecentre.co.uk/golf](http://www.hearingcarecentre.co.uk/golf) or by calling 01473 230330.

In the picture on the previous page are (left to right) - Rachel Clarke – Hearing Dogs' Community Fundraising Manager for East Anglia, Karen Finch - Founder and Managing Director of The Hearing Care Centre, Matthew Coward – Marketing and Operations Manager for The Hearing Care Centre and Brian Platt - Hearing Dogs Deaf Recipient with Hearing Dog Elton.

The Hearing Care Centre in Rowan House, Hethersett, will be holding a free hearing loss awareness event on Tuesday, 11th June. A team led by Norfolk-based audiologist Simon Myhill will be offering complimentary appointments at Rowan House where they will conduct free hearing assessments, offer expert advice and make personal recommendations on solutions that could lead those attending on the path to improved hearing.

- Established in 1998, the main practice is situated in Ipswich with a further 25 centres located locally in: Aldeburgh, Attleborough, Aylsham, Beccles, Bury St Edmunds, Carlton Colville, Dereham, Eye, Felixstowe, Framlingham, Hadleigh, Halesworth, Harleston, Hethersett, Hoveton, Ipswich East, Needham Market, Norwich, Southwold, Stowmarket, Sudbury, Thetford, Watton, Wickham Market, Woodbridge.

# In Aid Of Dementia Support

HETHERSETT Dementia Support Group has been given a cheque for £500 by the Wymondham and Attleborough Charity Darts League.

The group was put forward for funding by the Hethersett branch of the league which has teams playing at Hethersett Social Club. Our photograph shows Dementia Support Group chairman David Bills receiving the cheque from Wymondham and Attleborough Charity Darts League chairman Roger Bartrum.

The dementia support group recently held its annual meeting and you can read about this in the Groups and Societies section.



# Hethersett School Watch

IN the previous edition of Hethersett Herald, we reviewed the performance of Bugsy Malone by pupils of Hethersett Academy. On the next two pages are a trio of photographs from the two-night performance which took place towards the end of March.

Head of creative arts at the Academy, Thomas Hilton, has paid tribute to the efforts of the youngsters.

We are incredibly proud of the cast, crew, band and tech team who worked so hard to put on an amazing show.

“Students gave up many hours of their time to learn lines and rehearse over many months and this resulted in an exhilarating performance which wowed our large audiences.

“Plans are already in place for an even bigger and better show next year!”



# Hethersett School Watch



Photographs courtesy of Hethersett Academy and taken from their official website and used with permission.

# From the Press Bench

We look at one of the stories from Hethersett that have been featured in the local press over the past month.



## Brothers Guilty of Hethersett Theft

The Eastern Daily Press reported on two brothers who were found guilty of a number of raids on sports and social clubs including Little Melton Village Hall and Hethersett Social Club

Matthew Coward, 34, and Timothy Reeves, 40, had their mobile phones traced, putting them in the vicinity of a number of burglaries between February and April 2018.

Altogether the pair attacked 14 venues in Norfolk and six in Suffolk. As a result over £17,000 of property was stolen and over £30,000 of damage done. Coward comes from Mill Road in Little Melton and Reeves comes from Norwich. They were each sentenced to 28 months in prison.

Reeves is pictured on the left above and Coward on the right. Pictures courtesy of Norfolk Constabulary.

# 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. (correct to May 2nd when there are district council elections).

## **Hethersett Parish Council**

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

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

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

Email: hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk

Website – hethersettpc.info

# HETHERSETT HERALD

## Your Monthly E-Magazine

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# The Scott Willoughby Column

## Will Brexit Affect Local Election Turnout?

HOW much will the coming local elections be affected by the Brexit fiasco?

That is a question I keep asking myself as we approach district council elections on May 2nd.

Obviously as far as Hethersett Parish Council is concerned the answer is in the negative for two reasons. Firstly not enough people have come forward to make an election necessary and secondly no political affiliations are made known. Indeed the parish council is a totally non political body made up of people genuinely concerned about making our village a pleasant place in which to live. Now there are three vacancies on the parish council - let's hope enough interest is shown in the workings of the council to fill these posts through co-option in the near future.

The higher you go on the local council scale, however, the more party politics plays a part and there will be an election for Hethersett representation on South Norfolk Council.

Currently we have two "sitting candidates" in David Bills and Leslie Dale, both of whom sport the blue colours of the Tory party. Leslie is not standing for re-election and it would be very remiss of me not to extend to him a huge vote of thanks for all his support for the village over many years. His tireless efforts in so many areas truly have had a massive impact on village life and his contribution will be missed. The good news is that Leslie has now joined the parish council.

On May 2nd, we will be choosing three rather than two councillors due to the increase in size of the Hethersett ward which will now take in Bawburgh. So it could be we will have a representation split once the votes have been counted.

That brings me back to my original question. How will Brexit affect the voting? Will it mean an increased turnout as people decide to show their support or otherwise for the government or will it bring a poor turnout as people turn their backs on what many feel to be a "complete mess" caused by the people who run our country?

Perhaps by the morning of May 3rd we will have some answers to these questions. Hethersett has traditionally been a Tory stronghold at both district, county and national level. Will this continue in the years to come, however, as more and more people move into the village and the age range drops?

# The Scott Willoughby Column

Perhaps we could have a change in Hethersett's colours - who knows?

## **The Price of Petrol**

We all know that the price of petrol is rising but around Hethersett it seems to be extortionate. We have three petrol stations within a three mile radius of the village - Thicket Services, Waitrose and the garage in Norwich Road, Wymondham. Unfortunately all sell at not only the highest prices in the immediate area but at some of the highest levels in the county. I recently spent a couple of days in London where you might expect petrol prices to be higher, but they were in fact lower than at our trio.

What a shame that we have decent facilities close by but appallingly high prices. I would happily fill up at any of these garages if they were competitively priced, but not at the levels they are selling at. It seems a false economy to me to overcharge, particularly with the fact that attracting more motorists could lead to more sales of sweets, chocolates, milk, provisions and newspapers etc. Added to that these outlets could have my spend on petrol of well over £1,500 a year, which now goes to other garages.

## **The Power of Social Media**

I remember many years ago when the Steeple Tower development was in its infancy there was a fear that people living on the new estate wouldn't feel part of the village and would feel alienated and isolated. And in many ways this was true as Steeple Tower seemed to be a village within a village. Of course the years have covered over the cracks and now Steeple Tower is just a part of the village.

This idea of isolation is unlikely to be felt on the new North Hethersett development thanks to the wonders of the Internet and Social Media.

A Facebook site for the area has already been set-up and people are exchanging messages even before they move in. So neighbours are getting to know each other through Social Media even before they come to Hethersett. This is a wonderful example of Social Media working to help community spirit.

I am sure that thanks to the various village Facebook pages, websites and (hopefully) this publication, people will already feel part of Hethersett even before they get the keys to their new properties.

## Is It Spring, Summer or Autumn With a Hint of Winter?

Photo courtesy of British Hedgehog Preservation Society



AS we move into May, the weather outside is dull and overcast with parts of the country trying to recover from a winter-type storm. The weather is all over the place and it is hard to believe that just a few days ago we were basking in Mediterranean sunshine. Our hedgehogs do not have a clue what is happening. One night they will eat voraciously and the next the food gets left as they huddle in their shelters.

There are a lot of hedgehogs awake in Hethersett and several of them are in my garden eating cat food willingly and ignoring a growing army of slugs. Some have been observed mating and preparing for another litter of babies. However, others are still deep into winter sleep waiting for more consistent weather before they venture out. I have three in care that are still asleep. They did not consider snoozing until well



# Hethersett Hedgehogs

into February so it is not surprising that they are making the most of their slumber. All three were over 700 gm when they went into hibernation so they should be fine but I am going to disturb them soon if they do not wake of their own accord.



**This is a wonderful example of a hedgehog highway. Please try and make one in your fence.**

A lot of rain fell at the end of April after a very dry spell in which the hedgehogs suffered badly. In many cases hedgehogs were turning

up to drink rather than to eat as they were so dehydrated. Please put out a bowl of water in your garden. You may not think that there are any hedgehogs about but there may well be some timid visitors out of sight.

Also, can you provide a home in your garden for a pregnant female where she can raise her family in safety? A pile of dry leaves and straw will make her nest building easier. Males do not have any part in the raising of their offspring. Their interest wanes completely after copulation. Mating rituals call for them to push and shove the female about while circling her. It can look aggressive but if you have seen two males fighting then you will quickly see the difference in their behaviour. They seldom fight to the kill but have been known to wound each other.

There will be no babies around for a few weeks yet as first there is gestation and then they spend several weeks in the nest suckling before they venture out on foraging missions.

Mum is attentive but only for a short time and then the babies are left to their own devices. Keep an eye on your garden and see if there are any hedgehogs or hoglets there in broad daylight. If there are please take them to safety as they are not well.

Sadly, although hedgehog numbers are dwindling rapidly, they are not a protected species – yet. There are several internet petitions to change this situation before they become extinct in the UK.

If you want to find out more about what is happening in the Hethersett Hedgehog world visit: [www.HethersettHedgehogs.com](http://www.HethersettHedgehogs.com)

# Groups and Societies

## Hethersett Croquet Club

Hethersett Croquet Club is extending a warm welcome to new players. The club plays on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons from 2.30 pm during the summer months from the beginning of April. The first trial session is free, £2.50 per session thereafter. Members pay £40 annually, split into £20 payments in April and July. For more information please ring Pat Pierce on 01603 811401.

## Hethersett Methodist Church

Shoppers' coffee sessions take place every Saturday morning from 10.30 am until midday. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a hot cup of tea or coffee. The art and craft group meets every Wednesday morning from 10 am.

Sunday worship takes place in the church at 10 am and 6.30 pm. More details about the church is available on the website [www.hethersettmethodist.org.uk](http://www.hethersettmethodist.org.uk).

The church's Singing Fellowship held an Easter music and tea afternoon on April 12th with music, readings, poetry, tea and homemade cakes.

## Hethersett Dementia Support Group

The dementia café is held on the third Tuesday of each month in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am until midday. A number of activities are organised for the meetings and refreshments are provided. More information on the group can be found elsewhere in this edition. More details are available from [hethersettdementia2016@gmail.com](mailto:hethersettdementia2016@gmail.com). Just leave a contact telephone number and somebody from the group will get back to you within 48 hours.

The group held its annual meeting during the April cafe

## Turning The HEAT Up

The next litter pick organised by Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) will take place on Saturday, May 11th, and will be followed by other picks on Saturday, July 13th, and Saturday, September 14th, both starting at 10 am from Hethersett Methodist Church Car Park. The other scheduled litter pick will be on September 8th. Everyone is welcome (the more the merrier) and pickers, bags, gloves and other equipment is supplied.

HEAT is also organising an open gardens event in the village. This is likely to be held on a Sunday June 30th. The group is looking to have more gardens than ever open to the public and anyone interested in taking part is asked to contact Geoff Dyet on 01603 812964 or via email at [Geoffreydyet@gmail.com](mailto:Geoffreydyet@gmail.com).

# Groups and Societies

## Sanitary and Hygiene Products

Free sanitary and hygiene products are now available from libraries, including Hethersett, throughout South Norfolk.

The products are made possible through a Help Hub initiative supported by Norfolk County Council and South Norfolk Council. Donations of sanitary products are also welcome in order to keep the service running. Products are available from libraries in Hethersett, Costessey, Diss, Harleston, Hingham, Loddon, Long Stratton, Poringland and Wymondham.

## Hethersett Playing Field Bowls Club

The club's 2019 season got underway on April 27th and the club is appealing for new members who would like to "try the sport". The club plays a variety of matches including league, friendlies, inter-club games and roll-ups. They have loan bowls for anyone wanting to have a go. Further details are available from Ron Butcher on 01603 813096 or Tony Dunton on 01603 811712.

## Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club

The club is busy collecting items for its fete and dog show on June 29th. The club is particularly looking for alcoholic and soft drinks, ketchup and other bottles, adult and children's books, items for the White Elephant stall (anything that will sell but not clothes) and tombola items such as perfumes, fancy goods and stationery.

The fete will take place at the youth club in Back Lane from midday to 3.30 pm.

## Probus Club

Paige Langton, Supporter Relations' Officer for Snetterton Dogs Trust, spoke about the trust's work at a meeting of Probus Club. She was accompanied by a canine friend.

Founded by Gertrude Stock in 1891, the trust was caring for 1000 dogs by 1902 and 12,500 by 1926 and 82,000 by 1939. A non destruction policy was introduced in 1962 and in 2018, 15,000 dogs were cared for and re-homed. No healthy dog is ever put down. The newest recovery centre was opened in 2014. The trust also sends dogs out to foster homes and oversees micro chipping and vaccinations.

After the talk a collection was taken for the trust's work.

# Groups and Societies

## Hethersett Women's Institute

The Red Cross Movement was the subject of a talk to Hethersett WI. The movement was formed in 1863 by Henry Dunant (pictured opposite), a Swiss businessman, after he saw the suffering of men on both sides of the Battle of Solferino between the French and the Austrians.

The Red Cross is now an international humanitarian movement designed to protect life and health throughout the world.

Volunteers are the backbone of the Red Cross and two volunteer nurses spoke to the WI about everyday first aid. They demonstrated how to help people involved in accidents and how to have the confidence to make a difference.

Hethersett WI is backing National Federation calls to halt the decline in local bus services, particularly in rural communities. Members are calling on the government and local authorities to increase subsidies and work in partnership with bus companies and community transport schemes.

More information on Hethersett WI is included on the next page.

## Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group

The group meets informally on alternate Tuesday evenings between 5.30 and 6.30 pm to support those who have suffered bereavement or who suffer from depression and/or anxiety. The meetings are a mix of serious discussion and lighter chat with refreshments provided free of charge. The group will be looking to increase its membership with a leaflet drop throughout the village in the near future. May meetings will be on May 14th and May 28th.



**Programme Secretary  
& Speaker Hostess**  
Eileen Chapman

**Minutes Secretary**  
Eileen Chapman

**New Members and Visitors Hostess**  
Karen West

**Group Representatives**  
Mary Jaffrey  
TBA

**Articles & Publicity:**

Good News: Margot Markham  
Norfolk WI News: Mary Jaffrey  
Posters: Jenny Hallett  
Gazette: Mary Jaffrey  
Norfolk WI News: Margaret Turner  
Collection & Distribution

**Catering:** Heather Moulton  
& Carol Human

**WI Snapshot:** Heather Moulton  
**Savings:** Margaret Turner  
**Outings:** TBA  
**Raffle:** Jean Ramsbottom  
**Register:** Margaret Turner  
**MCS:** Christina Marfeet

**Craft:** TBA  
**Lunch Club:** Jean Ramsbottom

\*Please notify Jenny Hallett  
on 01603 811455  
of any members who are ill



**JERUSALEM**

And did those feet in ancient time  
Walk upon England's mountains green?  
And was the holy Lamb of God  
On England's pleasant pastures seen?

And did the Countenance Divine  
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?  
And was Jerusalem builded here  
Among these dark Satanic Mills?

Bring me my bow of burning gold!  
Bring me my arrows of desire!  
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!  
Bring me my chariot of fire!

I will not cease from mental flight,  
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand,  
Till we have built Jerusalem  
In England's green and pleasant land

**William Blake**



**Programme  
2019**

Meetings 3rd Monday each month  
7.30 - 10pm  
Methodist Church Hall  
Great Mellon Road, Hethersett

<b>President</b>	Margot Markham 01603 811339
<b>Vice-President</b>	Christine Dale 01603 810952
<b>Secretary</b>	Mary Jaffrey 01603 880316
<b>Treasurer</b>	Christine Dale 01603 810952

**Monday, 21st JANUARY 2019**

'Memories of Hethersett WI'  
Table Flowers: Christine Dale  
Raffle

**Monday, 18th FEBRUARY 2019**

'Every Day First Aid'  
Clare Cuaddane, British Red Cross  
Table Flowers: Eileen Chapman  
Raffle

**Monday, 18th MARCH 2019**

'Introducing Acupuncture'  
Nicola Rycroft  
Table Flowers: Joyce Osborne  
Raffle

**Monday, 15th APRIL 2019**

'From Architecture to Earnings'  
Genista Davidson  
Table Flowers: Jean Ramsbottom  
Raffle

**Monday, 20th MAY 2019**

**RESOLUTIONS**  
'Have Kids will Travel'  
Ashley and Charlotte Baxter  
Table Flowers: Janis Parker  
Raffle

**Monday, 17th JUNE 2019**

101st Birthday  
In house 'Party Games'  
Table Flowers: Heather Moulton  
Raffle

**Monday, 15th JULY 2019**

'Wonderful World of Slinging Nettles'  
Fay Jones  
Table Flowers: Karen West  
Raffle

**AUGUST : NO MEETING**

**Monday, 16th SEPTEMBER 2019**

'Diamonds'  
Marie Pennington  
Table Flowers: Margaret Turner  
Raffle

**Monday, 21st OCTOBER 2019**

'Marmite'  
John Hobson  
Table Flowers: Mary Jaffrey  
Raffle

**Monday, 18th NOVEMBER 2019**

AGM  
Toys & Tins Appeal  
'Christmas Wreath Demonstration'  
Adele Kent  
Table Flowers: Jenny Hallett  
Raffle

**Monday, 16th DECEMBER 2019**

'Countdown to Christmas'  
Leah Spencer  
Table Flowers: Margot Markham  
Raffle

**GROUP MEETINGS 2019**

**Monday, 29th April 2019**  
'The Story of the Slave Trade'  
Mark Mitchels  
Easton

**Monday, 30th September 2019**

'Being a Food & Wine Writer'  
for Archant Newspapers'  
Andy Newman  
Barford

**COUNTY EVENT**

**Thursday, 21st March 2019**  
Federation Annual Meeting  
Theatre Royal  
Norwich

**NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING**

Tuesday 4th to  
Thursday 6th June 2019  
Bournemouth

# Groups and Societies

## Table Tennis – What’s the Point?

*By David Wallace*

It's easy to assume that everybody in Hethersett knows about the table tennis club at the Methodist Church. So presumably I don't need to tell you that it is on Friday evenings between 7 and 9 pm. Equally there is no point my emphasising just how much fun it is, or how it suits all ages, or how good it is for physical health as well as mental agility. Oh well, just come along next Friday or any other Friday. You'll be welcome!

## Messy Church

Dates for future family messy church sessions in St Remigius are July 6th, September 14th and November 30th.

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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).

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## Education In Hethersett

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

THE talk at April's meeting of the Society was given by myself in my role as keeper of the Hethersett Heritage archive, so this may not be an entirely impartial report!

It was entitled "Our village Schools as seen through the Hethersett Archive" and was intended to provide an overview of the development of education in the village from the 18th century through to the current plans for the



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future. The talk started by outlining the way in which the state education system in Britain evolved from the earliest foundations of church schools, via numerous commissions and Acts of Parliament in the late 19th century. This process culminated in the Education Act of 1944 (often known as the Butler Act as it was brought in by the then Minister of Education, R. A. Butler) which established a system of schools still largely intact today.

It then moved on to discuss the earliest indications in the archive of formal education in Hethersett, which date from records of a 'scholastic licence' issued in 1739 to one Joseph Millington. It is not known where in the village this schooling took place, although a map of 1799 shows a 'School House' on Cann's Lane. More definite information came in 1851, when there is a mention of "Mrs. Falkard's Preparatory School in a house on the turnpike between the Queen's Head and King's Head" which had six children aged 5-11 boarding there.

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Much clearer is the establishment in 1817 of a boys' school on Queen's Road at the end of the pub garden in a building which survived in various guises until demolition the 1980s.

There is a commemorative plaque in the front garden of the bungalow which is now on the site, opposite the current Junior School. The latter school was itself built in 1860 as the National School and enlarged a number of times, eventually taking in the pupils from the 1817 building. The original 1860 building is still very recognisable today in the photo on the previous page which was taken around the 1910s.

An alternative school was founded in Henstead Road in 1850, called the British School. It was funded by a London lady with local connections, Caroline Lindley, and was intended to provide "a liberal unsectarian education", i.e. independent of the influence of the church. Eventually, around 100 years later, the two schools were merged on the National School site and the British School building was sold.

The proceeds were passed into a charitable trust in Caroline Lindley's name, and this trust is still active in Hethersett today. The building is now the Church Hall.

Much more recently, state education provision in the village expanded with the opening of Woodside First in 1974 and the High School in 1979. There is also the private Old Hall School which moved to Hethersett in 1935 after being established elsewhere.

The talk concluded by outlining plans to provide for the large increase in village population with around 1400 new houses currently being built. A much enlarged replacement for the current Woodside school is to be built behind the village hall, and the Academy (formerly the High School) is also to be considerably expanded. Maybe one day the village will get its much needed sixth form provision?

The talk was described as "very comprehensive" by the chairman, so appears to have achieved its objective.

The next meeting of the Society is on Monday 13th May 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall. There will be a short AGM followed by a talk entitled "The aims of the CPRE and its views on South Norfolk," to be given by David Hook. Non-members are welcome to any meeting for a £2 charge but membership for the full year is only £7.

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## **Norfolk Association for the Disabled Wymondham Branch**

***By Angela Farrington***

Wanted; new members and volunteers. We are a group that enables people with disabilities from Attleborough, Hetherset and Wymondham to meet socially once a month at the Methodist Church Hall in Hetherset and to enjoy outings throughout the year.

We can help with transport for those who are unable to get to the meetings or to the coach for visits.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month AT 2 pm, with the exception of August and December. Our socials are very informal and usually consist of tea, occasionally a visiting speaker, games and quizzes followed by more tea, sandwiches and cakes.

In the last year our visits were to a performance by Drayton Players, Hetherset Village Panto, a trip to Norwich Theatre Royal to see Miss Saigon, a boat trip on the Broads and Christmas lunch at Park Farm Hotel.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 2nd May. The activity is "Feely Bags" which is always much appreciated and great fun.

If you would like to join us as a disabled member, carer or friend/volunteer either pop along to our next meeting or for more details please contact Rob Reeve on 01603 810440 or myself on 01603 810342 and we will be pleased to answer any queries.

Dates for your diary:

25th April - Lunch at Notcutts Garden Centre

2nd May - Methodist Church Hall, Feely Bags

23rd May - Coach trip and lunch to Rollesby

6th June - Methodist Church Hall, Card Bingo

4th July - Methodist Church Hall, strawberry tea.

5th September - trip to Gorleston with lunch at the Pier Hotel

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## Hethersett Horticulturals Society

By Leslie Dale

At Hethersett and District Horticultural Society's meeting on Wednesday 17th April, we found ourselves embarrassed by a speaker who did not arrive from somewhere in deepest Suffolk and also failed to send apologies. We hope that he did not fall victim to either illness or accident.

We brought forward refreshments, whilst Chairman Chris Morriss went home for his National Trust's Gardens' DVD set and Committee Secretary Leslie Dale went home for an elderly Dell laptop. Using the Methodist Hall's overhead projector, we enjoyed an hour of scenes from the Trusts' Gardens at Dunham Massey, Cragside, Killerton, Sheffield Park and Barrington Court.

All of these gardens have their unique characteristics, Dunham a historic formal garden which includes unusually late flowering azaleas, Cragside home of engineer Lord Armstrong pioneer in use of hydro power, Killerton with its emphasis on trees, Sheffield Park with its four lakes and superb autumn fall colours and Barrington with its Gertrude Jekyll designed garden.

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

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 15th May when Richard Clark, of Panache Plants, will talk about "Hardy Exotics" and on Wednesday 19th June Ian Bedford is "Butterfly Gardening".

### HDHS SPEAKERS 2019/20

15th May 2019	Hardy Exotics with Richard Clark, Panache Plants
19th June	Butterfly Gardening with Ian Bedford
17th July	Weeding of the 5,000 with two hoes and five Wishes with Jaime Blake
21st August	Garden Visiting with Lesley Cuneen
18th September	Plants of the Mountains with Richard Hobbs
16th October	Garden and Landscape Construction with Andy Thacker
20th November	Seeing the Wood for the Disease with Anne Edwards

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11th December	Ted Hallett
15th January 2020	The How Hill Trust with Simon Partridge
19th February	The Eastons go South with John and Lesley Easton
18th March	AGM and Travels in Hawaii with Anna Meek
15th April	Visiting Private Gardens with Julia Stafford Allen.

## Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club

The coming programme for Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club is detailed below. All events take place in Hethersett Village Hall at 7.30 pm (doors open at 7 pm) except those marked \* which will take place in Cringleford Village Hall. Most meetings are on the fourth Monday of the month apart from April 29th which is a week later due to Easter and May 20th which is a week earlier to avoid a Bank Holiday.

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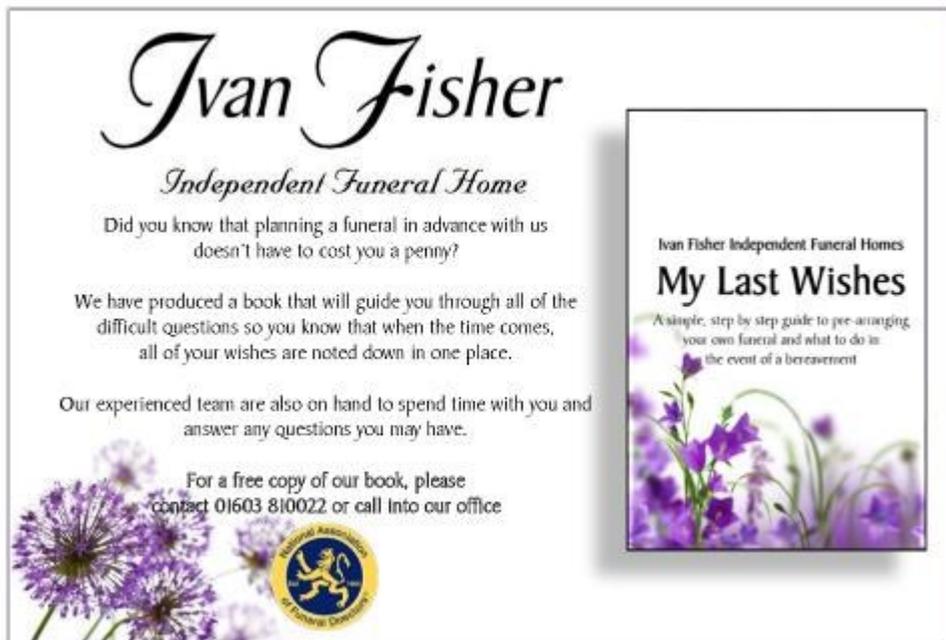
April 29th*	Barbara Collins (Peterborough) on Floral Bouquets.
May 20th*	Members' Evening - Subject "Full Circle."
June 24th	Stephanie Laing (Cambridge) on "A Wood Affair."
July 22nd	Jacqui Aldous (Swanton Morley) on "That's Entertainment IV."
September 23rd	Alan Smith (Ipswich) - Subject to be announced.
October 28th	Brenda Tubb (Attleborough) on "Especially For You."
November 25th	Jonathan Mosely (Derbyshire) on "Christmas." Open meeting.

### 2020

January 27th	Grania Newton (Thetford) on "Yeats Country."
February 24th	Christine Hewson (Attleborough) Subject to be announced.
March 24th	AGM

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## Heart of Hethersett Group



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THE Heart of Hethersett is a caring group giving support to those who have been bereaved, those who are lonely and those suffering from depression and/or anxiety.

The group was set-up over three years ago and meets every other Tuesday at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road, Hethersett.

Over the past month the group has viewed a documentary on assisted dying and also talked about helpful (and not so helpful) passages from literature,

The group will shortly be having leaflets drawn up which will be delivered throughout Hethersett. Everyone is welcome, refreshments are provided thanks to a grant from South Norfolk Council and there is no cost.

The Heart of Hethersett Group is supported by Ivan Fisher, Independent Funeral Home.

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## Hethersett Dementia Supprt Group

HETHERSETT Dementia Support Group held its third annual meeting in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall on April 16th, following the regular monthly café meeting. The group's patron Sir Edward Evans-Lombe opened the meeting by congratulating and thanking volunteers for their work over the previous year.

David Bills was re-elected chairman and thanked those present for their confidence in him. Mike Stark has stepped down from his role on the committee and was replaced by The Rev Christopher Mallett. Treasurer David Smith reported a satisfactory financial position which has been helped by a £1,000 grant from South Norfolk Council to purchase a laptop projector and screen together with a mobile microphone and speaker system.

Committee member Lesley Evans gave a report on the monthly cafes which had attracted a number of "very interesting speakers". There had also been games, archive films and plenty of time for those present to chat. Lunch events were held with group members providing the food rather than employing outside caterers. The next lunch event will take place in July. There is a possibility of starting up a second café day with a more informal feel for people to just enjoy refreshments and a chat. This possibility will be discussed at the next café meeting in May.

The chairman looked back on the history of the group: "It really started when we held a film 'An Evening with Dementia' by Trevor T Smith at Hethersett Village Hall in September, 2014. Prior to this we had held functions at Hethersett Hall. We are still here and it is thanks to our wonderful volunteers that have helped us. Their dedication to the work necessary to keep the café open is remarkable," David Bills said.

"It has been a really great year and we will continue to do our best to carry on. You will see from the agenda an item regarding a second get together in the month. All this takes effort and money and we must thank all those who have given. We have also been presented with a cheque by the Wymondham and Attleborough Charity Darts League," Mr Bills added (see page 61 for details)

The next café hub in the Methodist Church Hall will take place on May

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## Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club

By Gillian Saunders

Did you know there is a youth club in Hethersett? It takes place every Wednesday evening in term time. It is a chance for young people to socialise with friends and meet new people, whilst enjoying a wide range of members' choice of activities.

Pop in and see us. Everyone is welcome. Never been to a club before? Your first week is free. Subs are £1.50 per week. After that just bring some money for tuck.

The junior club for school years five and six runs from 5.45 until 7.15 pm and the senior club for school years seven, eight and nine runs from 7.30 until 8.45 pm.

More information is available by e-mailing Emma at [waddington42@btinternet.com](mailto:waddington42@btinternet.com).

We are also on Facebook.

The Fun Dog Show and Fete on 29th June from midday to 3.30 pm is fast approaching. We have a few spaces left for stalls at £10 each. Phone me on 01953 607566 to book but remember they are being snapped up fast.

We urgently need items for the tombola, bottles (wine, squash, water etc) and White Elephant stalls and offers of cakes for the refreshments. Donations for White Elephant, bottles and Tombola can be taken to the hall anytime the shutter is up and if you mark the bag youth club fete and put it in the kitchen we will find it. Cakes can be brought to the hall on the morning of the fete please.

Marshall from Paw Patrol (pictured above) has agreed to open the fete for us and will be around to have his photo taken with the children.

We will also have the Ghostbusters' car, various stalls, a barbecue, refreshments, raffle and an afternoon of fun for all the family with or without the dog.



# Burning Up In Summer

Summer is here. Many people will be looking to light a garden bonfire to get rid of rubbish. But what does the law say on this subject? Salena Dawson from Dawson's Law of Hethersett looks at the rights and wrongs of getting heated in the warm months.



IT is getting to that time of year again when the birds chirp earlier, the evenings last longer, the grass grows quicker and, after a day in the garden, we wonder whether we can light a fire in the garden and burn the rubbish pottering has created without bringing forth the wrath of the neighbours.

To be clear there are no laws against having a bonfire in your garden. Bonfires can be fun, mesmerising and immensely satisfying, when that pile of branches or leaves no longer clutters up the garden. However, we have all heard the rumours of the person who reported their neighbour for lighting a fire and the large fine that ensued. Is this just a village myth? Is it a rumour started by the village grumps so they do not have to close the windows each evening?

Well, no its not just a rumour or myth because, although there are no laws on domestic bonfires in England and Wales, there are laws of nuisance and a neighbour's bonfire may just become that - a nuisance in law.

Before I go on to explain about nuisance, I want to be clear, the occasional bonfire is just fine (caveat – as long as there are no local laws to prevent them). To determine if local laws of prevention apply just contact your local council which will be able to determine if any bylaws on the prevention of bonfires exist in your area. To ensure your bonfire does not become a nuisance simply follow these rules:

- Do not burn waste which could cause pollution or cause harm to health. So, avoid burning plastics, chemicals (including oils), rubber or foam (this list is not exhaustive – add common sense here as failure to do so could lead to criminal charges if harm to health occurs).

- Do not create so much smoke that it causes danger to traffic on roads.
- Keep the fire under control – avoid setting fire to nearby shrubbery (especially if it is not yours) and keep clear of the shed and fence (especially if it's the neighbours).

In short, a nuisance will occur if the enjoyment of your land is interrupted by the actions of another and arises from acts which endangers life, health or property. If you feel the actions of your neighbour's bonfire constitute a nuisance then you should contact the environmental department at you local district council. The council can issue an "Abatement Order" if they determine the bonfire is causing a nuisance. If your neighbour continues to cause the nuisance, they can be fined up to £5,000.

I am sure you will agree on the adage "Love Thy Neighbour". So, if you are going to have a summer bonfire, go round and tell your neighbours so they can take the washing in and close the windows. After all failure to do so could lead to a neighbour scorned and you may then find yourself being the butt of a whinge on the local community social media forum (clearly a blog for another day) as well as receiving a knock at the door from the local council.

Salena Dawson is a solicitor at Dawsons Law Hethersett. Twitter - @dawsonslaw. Website [www.dawsonslaw.co.uk](http://www.dawsonslaw.co.uk). Telephone 01603 327280

## A Marathon Effort

A FOURTEEN strong team ran the Norwich half marathon to raise funds for the Hethersett-based Finnbar's Force charity. Together the team raised over £2,000.

Those taking part (some of whom are pictured here, included representatives from Reepham School.



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# Hethersett Herald What's On

## Caribbean Event

Hethersett Old Hall School will be holding a Caribbean-themed fair on May 18th from 11 am to 3 pm.

There will be a hog roast, fairground rides and much more and bookings for stalls are now being taken. Stalls cost £25 which includes a table and chairs. To book email Joy Elsley at [jelsley.926@apps.hohs.co.uk](mailto:jelsley.926@apps.hohs.co.uk).

A vibrant poster for a Caribbean Fete. The background is a mix of red, yellow, and green, with two palm trees on either side. At the top, it says 'Hethersett Old Hall School PARENTS ASSOCIATION' in white text. Below that, in a smaller font, 'Invites you to join us for a'. The main title 'CARIBBEAN FETE' is written in large, bold, black letters on a white banner that is slightly tilted. Below the banner, the date and time 'Saturday 18th May 11am-3pm' are written in a bold, black font. Underneath, a list of activities is provided: '\*FAIRGROUND RIDES\*LIMBO\*LOCAL STALLS\*CRAFTS\*RAFFLE\*GAMES\*BEER TENT\*HOG ROAST\*CAKES'. At the bottom, the school's address 'HETHERSETT OLD HALL SCHOOL, NORWICH RD, HETHERSETT NR9 3DW' is written in a smaller font. There are also some colorful flowers in the bottom left corner and a small circular logo in the bottom right corner.

Hethersett Old Hall School  
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**CARIBBEAN  
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## King's Camps Re-Visited

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

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

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ONE of the village's most popular events will this year take place at the end of June.

The Hethersett garage and car boot sale will take place on Sunday, 30th June.

Pitches are available for either the garage or the car boot sales at £7.

Maps and refreshments will be available from Hethersett Village Hall from 9 am until 1 pm.

The car boot sale will take place at Hethersett Academy.

The event is once again being organised by the Friends of Hethersett Academy.

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# **GARAGE** *and* **CAR BOOT SALE**

**SUNDAY 30TH JUNE 2019**

**Pitches £7 each**  
(Garage or car boot)

Maps and refreshments at  
Hethersett Village Hall  
9am to 1pm

Car boot sale at Hethersett Academy

Closing date to secure a pitch:  
Friday 21st June 2019

Contact email:  
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Hethersett Academy)

\*Please tick appropriate box

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## Full Programme For Rugby Club

Crusaders Rugby Club has a full programme of events lined-up for the coming months.

Adult touch rugby will take place on Tuesday evenings from 7 until 8.30 pm starting May 7th and going throughout the summer.

Family touch rugby will be on Thursday evenings from 6.30 until 7.30 pm from May 9th. This is for families with children aged nine and above.

Walking rugby is designed to be non contact and suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels and will take place from 10.30 am starting on Tuesday 14th May. The cost is just £2 per person and that includes a hot drink.

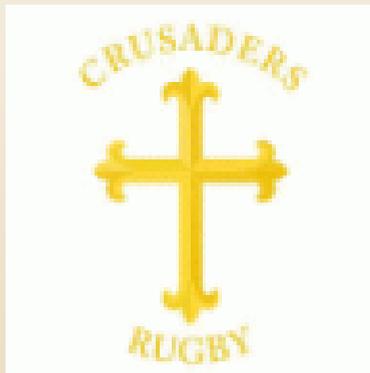
Rugby fitness sessions will take place on Wednesday evenings from 7pm until 8.30 pm starting on June 6th and running until the end of August.

Crusaders 11th annual beer festival will take place over the weekend of July 19th to 21st.

Access to all the above events is via a Crusaders Family and Social membership which costs £35 for the year and includes the whole family.

For more information contact Crusaders through social media or via e-mail at

[crusadersrugby@hotmail.com](mailto:crusadersrugby@hotmail.com).



# Hethersett Herald What's On

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

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**Wednesday 1st** - Probus Club meeting in Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club, 10.30 am.

**Wednesday 1st** - Hethersett Croquet Club. Hethersett Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm.

**Wednesday 1st**- Hethersett Methodist Church Art and Craft Group meets in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Further details available from Tina Greenhalgh on 01603 810364.

**Thursday 2nd** - South Norfolk Council elections. Vote at Hethersett Village Hall from 7 am until 10 pm.

**Friday 3rd** - Table tennis club in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 7 pm.

**Saturday 4th** - Shoppers' coffee in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10.30 am until midday.

**Saturday 4th** - Hethersett Croquet Club. Hethersett Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm.

**Tuesday 7th** - Parents and Toddlers Coffee Drop-In, St Remigius Church, 10 am.

**Tuesday 7th** - First Steps pre-school group meets in Hethersett Village Hall.

**Wednesday 8th** - Hethersett Croquet Club. Hethersett Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm.

**Wednesday 8th**- Hethersett Methodist Church Art and Craft Group meets in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Further details available from Tina Greenhalgh on 01603 810364.

**Friday 10th** - Table tennis club in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 7 pm.

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**Saturday 11th** - Shoppers' coffee in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10.30 am until midday.

**Saturday 11th** - Hethersett Croquet Club. Hethersett Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm.

**Sunday 12th** - Hethersett Village Screen presents First Man. Hethersett Village Hall, 3 pm.

**Monday 13th** - Hethersett Society AGM and talk on the aims of CPRE with David Hook, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Monday 13th** - Annual Hethersett Parish Meeting, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Tuesday 14th** - First Steps pre-school group meets in Hethersett Village Hall.

**Tuesday 14th** - Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meets in the lounge of Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex from 5.30 to 6.30 pm. All welcome, light refreshments available free of charge.

**Wednesday 15th** - Probus Meeting. Jubilee Youth Club 10.30 am.

**Wednesday 15th** - Hethersett Croquet Club. Hethersett Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm.

**Wednesday 15th**- Hethersett Methodist Church Art and Craft Group meets in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Further details available from Tina Greenhalgh on 01603 810364.

**Friday 17th** - Table tennis club in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 7 pm.

**Saturday 18th** - Shoppers' coffee in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10.30 am until midday.

**Saturday 18th** - Hethersett Croquet Club. Hethersett Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm.

**Monday 20th** - Hethersett Women's Institute, Methodist Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Monday 20th** - Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club members evening, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

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**Monday 20th** - Hethersett Parish Council meeting, Hethersett Village Hall 7.30 pm. First meeting of new council.

**Tuesday 21st** - First Steps pre-school group meets in Hethersett Village Hall.

**Tuesday 21st**- Hethersett Dementia Support Group monthly café in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall 10 am to midday. Group's annual general meeting will take place at 11 am.

**Wednesday 22nd** - Hethersett Croquet Club. Hethersett Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm.

**Wednesday 22nd**- Hethersett Methodist Church Art and Craft Group meets in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Further details available from Tina Greenhalgh on 01603 810364.

**Friday 24th** - Table tennis club in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 7 pm.

**Saturday 25th** - Shoppers' coffee in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10.30 am until midday.

**Saturday 25th** - Hethersett Croquet Club. Hethersett Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm.

**Tuesday 28th** - First Steps pre-school group meets in Hethersett Village Hall.

**Tuesday 28th** - Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meets in the lounge of Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex from 5.30 to 6.30 pm. All welcome, light refreshments available free of charge.

**Wednesday 29th** - Hethersett Croquet Club. Hethersett Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm.

**Wednesday 29th** - Hethersett Methodist Church Art and Craft Group meets in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Further details available from Tina Greenhalgh on 01603 810364.

**Friday 31st** - Table tennis club in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 7 pm.

# Hethersett Herald What's On

## ***MEET THE AUTHORS***

**Sunday 5th May 2019**

**2:30pm - 5pm**

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## **Hethersett's Big Weekend**

The weekend of June 29th and 30th will be a very busy one in Hethersett.

The Saturday sees the annual Hethersett Youth Club fete and dog show and the Sunday sees the Friends of Hethersett Academy Garage Sale and also the Hethersett Open Gardens Sunday.

The date of the Open Gardens has just been confirmed. A bi-annual event, a number of gardens in the village will be open from 10 am until 4 pm.

Admission to the open gardens event is £3 per person with accompanied children free. We will have more information on all these events in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.

# Hawk Talk with Mel Perkins

## Helping Hand for Londoners



*Hethersett Riders represented Norfolk at Under-16s level. They are in the back row.*

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages took their B team to East London for a challenge match to support the Londoners in their request to rebuild after dropping out of the league this season.

Hethersett's new team manager David Adams will be pleased with the team's effort and attitude with Charlie Lyth, fresh from the Great Britain Junior Academy at Leicester the day before, outstanding and dropping just two points.

The other young prospects - Paul Delaiche and Daniel Longlands - also scored well. The rider of the match award went to George Larter-Dixon who tried so hard throughout with little reward.

Result: East London 82, Hethersett B 78. Hethersett scorers - C. Lyth 22, P. Delaiche 16, D. Longlands 17, N. Longlands 10, D. Adams 8, G. Larter-Dixon 5.

There were wins for Charlie Lyth (Under-16s) and MacKenzie Loombe (under-

14s) in the first Norfolk Go Ride event at Harford Park. Henry Adderson made his competitive debut in the Under-9s.

Hawks then opened their league campaign with two home defeats to Ipswich. In Division One the reigning champions, boosted by winter transfers, were far too strong for the Hawks. However, the below strength home side competed well in most races and gave a much better spirited performance in the second half. Highlight was Charlie Lyth's win over the Brinkhoff brothers in heat 16 after David Adams had worked hard to create the opportunity. Leigh Cossey led the side well with two wins but it was a question of less experience and lack of match fitness that showed overall.

Result: Hethersett 72. Ipswich 106. Hethersett scorers - L. Cossey 16, C. Lyrg 13, H. Hamill 11, G. Morgan 9, P. Delaiche 8. B. Loombe 7, D. Adams 6, K. Adams 2

The Division Two match was much closer and the Hawks led for a long spell before a 7-2 reverse following an exclusion in heat 11 gave Ipswich the lead. Four shared heats followed leaving Ipswich two points up going into the last race but Lewis Brinkhoff and Fraser Harris sealed the match with a 7-3 win. Charlie Lyth and Ben Loombe led the Hawks attack well with sound teamwork from Glyn Morgan. McKenzie Loombe made his debut.

Hethersett B 76, Ipswich B 82. Hethersett scorers - C. Lyth 18, B. Loombe 15, G. Morgan 13, D. Adams 11, P. Delaiche 11 M. Loombe 8.

The matches saw the launch of the Hawks' new sponsorship deal with Yellow Brick Mortgages.

Charlie Lyth, Paul Delaiche and Daniel Longlands finished 1-2-3 in the Junior final at the first round of the British Youth and Junior League at Ipswich. George Larter-Dixon won the B Final in the Under-12s.

Hawks were under strength for the visit of last season's play-off winners Great Blakenham on a cold spring morning at the Memorial Playing Field. The match was littered with falls and exclusions and Hethersett took an early advantage until heat five. A double exclusion in heat six saw a rousing win by Paul Delaiche over Luke Harrison to lift the Hawks and some excellent teamwork, especially by Leigh Cossey and Glyn Morgan, kept them in contention. In the end the experience of unbeaten Lewis Osborne, Jason Ashford and Adam Peck saw the visitors home.

Hethersett 83, Great Blakenham 92. Hethersett scorers - L. Cossey 15, H. Hamill 14, P. Delaiche 13, D. Longlands 13, G. Morgan 10, B. Loombe 9, K. Adams 6, M. Loombe 3.

Three Hethersett riders represented Norfolk Under-16s against Suffolk at Somerham. Charlie Lyth continued to impress dropping just one point in his six races

while Paul Delaiche tried hard to team-ride and scored 13 and George Larter-Dixon five but Suffolk just held on to win 81-79.

Results in the Norfolk Go Ride and Senior Practice Series Round Two at Hethersett on April 17th were:

Under-9s: A Final - 1 Connor Jarrett, 2 Frank Spauls, 3 Luca El Labany, 4 Max Adderson. B Final - 1 Mia Overton, 2 Henry Adderson.

Under-14s: A Final - 1 Shaun Kell, 2 Josie Kell, 3 McKenzie Loombe, 4 George Larter-Dixon.

Under-16s: A Final - 1 Paul Delaiche.

Seniors: A Final - 1 Leigh Cossey, 2 Owen Wells, 3 Ben Loombe, 4 Jamie Medler. B Final - 1 Harley Hamill.

Hawks didn't have the best of days in their Division Two match at Kesgrave. Transport difficulties meant a late start and then recent recruit McKenzie Loombe crashed heavily in his first race and severely damaged his bike.

The team settled down and rallied well with Charlie Lyth and Ben Loombe working well as a pairing and there were some good rides by David Adams. In the end the strength in depth of Kesgrave saw them home..

Kesgrave 85, Hethersett B 74. Hethersett scorers - Charlie Lyth 21, Ben Loombe 15, David Adams 15, Daniel Longlands 13, Paul Delaiche 6, McKenzie Loombe 4.

Three of those riders were at the same track the previous day for the Junior category in the British Youth and Junior League. Daniel Longlands came out best, finishing third in the A Final. Charlie Lyth won the B Final with Paul Delaiche fourth.

Paul Delaiche (Under-16s) and Leigh Cossey (Seniors) were winners in the Norfolk GO-RIDE round two at Hethersett while Luca El Labany and Max Adderson made their competitive debuts in the Under-9s.

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## **In Aid of the Air Ambulance**

**The spectacular Christmas show put on last December by Margaret and Tony Dunton in their front garden in Firs Road raised £500 for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.**

**The couple have been "getting lit up" at Christmas for over 20 years, during which time they have raised thousands of pounds for local and national charities**

# Hethersett Ready For League Season

Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club will be providing cricket for all ages for the coming 2019 season which begins in earnest at the start of May.

Saturday May 4th sees all four Saturday teams open their league campaigns.

The first team open their Norfolk Alliance campaign at home to Garboldisham whilst the second team visit Fakenham. The thirds have their first fixture in the Norfolk League season with a visit to the Norwich Association of Malayalees and the fourths are home to Hales and Lodon.

On Sunday May 5th, the Sunday team kick off their Mid Norfolk League campaign with a visit to Lowestoft. A full list of fixtures for May is available on the club's official website at <http://htvalley.play-cricket.com>.

The club's popular junior club nights return on Thursday May 2nd and run through to July 18th with a break for half-term on May 30th. Primary School ages run from 6 to 7 pm and High School ages for Year Seven upwards follow from 7 to 8.15 pm. Coaching is provided by English Cricket Board qualified coaches and the cost is £3 per week. No experience or kit is needed and beginners are welcome.

Youngsters All Stars Cricket for five to eight year olds returns on Sunday mornings. Over 40 children have already signed up. Former Norfolk all rounder and Hethersett's new first team captain for the coming season Ben France will be working with junior squads through the summer.

The club will have a full programme of fixtures at Under-9, Under-11, Under-13, Under-15 and Under-17 levels. Tas Tornadoes Ladies Team will be training from 6.30 until 8 pm on Thursday evenings. This is for ladies and girls aged 12 and over.

The club opened its 2019 season with a friendly against Old Catton on April 20th. Fielding a mix of first and second team players, Valley hit 241-8 in their 40 overs at just over a run a ball. Ian Bryce carried on from where he left off last season with another unbeaten century - retiring after hitting 101. Nick Burrett scored 49 and Sam Morton weighed in with 44.

Old Catton fell below the required run rate and finished on 226-7 with Alex Bird taking 3-52 as Hethersett notched a 15-run victory.

The club plays its home matches at Flordon.





## Library Opening Hours

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

Monday: 1.30-7 pm

Tuesday: Open Access Only

Wednesday: 11 am - 7 pm

Thursday: 1.30-7 pm

Friday: 1.30-7 pm

Saturday: 11 am-4 pm

Sunday: Open Access Only

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

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

In 2019, the library will be closed on the following dates: 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday, 27th May - Spring Bank Holiday, 26th August - Summer Bank Holiday

Events in Hethersett Library during May include the following:

The Colour Me Calm and Just a Cuppa groups will meet from 11 am until mid-day on May 8th, May 15th, May 22nd and May 29th. This colouring group is for adults who need some calm in their lives. Colouring books and materials are provided or you can bring your own.

Bounce and Rhyme Time for youngsters will take place on May 3rd, May 10th, May 17th and May 24th from 1.45 until 2.30 pm. No need to book just turn up. The library is looking for volunteers to help with this group

The Lego Club will meet from 3.15 to 4.15 pm on May 3rd, May 10th, May 17th, May 24th and May 31st. The Lego Club is free but donations are welcome and any money will be used to buy more Lego. This is suitable for children aged five and over.

The Library Book Club will meet from 2 until 3 pm on May 6th



The Knit and Natter group will meet from 2-4 pm on May 13th, May 20th and May 27th. All welcome to join for a knit or natter or both.

The library book of the month is "The Secret To Not Drowning" by Colette Snowden. There are plenty of copies to borrow and you can leave your comments on special review sheets available from the library.

The newly constituted Friends of Hethersett Library group met on April 24th. You can read a report on this meeting elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

Please Note - There will be no public access to the library from 1 until 3.30 pm. On May 7th. This includes Open Library customers.

## 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.**

# Match In Memory of Soccer Stalwart



HETHERSETT Athletic stalwart Paul Stone was remembered on a very cold and wet April afternoon with a special friendly football match on the Memorial Playing Field.

Known to everyone as Stoney, Paul died over a year ago. For many years he managed the club's

senior Saturday side taking them to a number of cup finals and into the first division of the Central and South Norfolk League. His enthusiasm and passion for the club shone through despite illness which curtailed his activities towards the end of his life.



Unfortunately the weather was the main winner as it put a real dampener on the match between Hethersett Athletic and Bowthorpe and made good football virtually impossible. A number of former Hethersett players were in the Bowthorpe team.

Oli Hudson-Church scored the only goal of the game in the first half to give Hethersett Athletic a 1-0 victory.

It has been a disappointing season for the Hethersett Saturday team, finishing second from bottom of the first division with just three wins and three draws from their 16 league fixtures. The club's Sunday teams have also struggled somewhat with the first team finishing seventh in the Norwich Sunday League Division One and the reserves finishing 12th in Division Two.