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## A Mighty Force

The public were out in force at the beginning of September to have fun in the sun as part of a community sports day in support of the Finnbar's Force Charity. To read about this see page three.



# Making a PACT

**A** new charity shop has been lined-up to replace the Mac-Millan shop when it closes at the end of October.

The animal charity People for Animal Care Trust (PACT) will take over the premises in Great Melton Road to continue it as a charity shop serving the community.

People for Animal Care Trust (PACT) was established by a group of people dedicated to animal welfare and regis-

tered as a charity in March 1995. The PACT animal sanctuary at Hingham is one of the largest in East Anglia.

PACT's aims are to relieve the suffering of animals of any species who are in need of care and attention and, in particular, to provide or maintain animal sanctuaries or other facilities for the reception and care of animals and the treatment of sick or ill-treated animals.

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## Welcome to the October Edition

WELCOME to the October, 2018, edition of Hethersett Herald. Last month we wrote about the quiet month of August. Now the village is back in full swing as we enter Autumn and all the societies and groups get back to business.

There really is so much happening in the village at the moment and we hope the Herald can reflect just a portion of what is going on. Hethersett Herald is only available online so please pass on our details to friends, relatives and anyone else you feel might be interested in reading about our village.

Peter Steward (Editor)

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# A Sporty Community Day

## Supporters Out In Force for Charity Event

HETHERSETT residents turned out in force for the community sports day to raise money for the fight against childhood brain tumours. Kim Briscoe from the Eastern Daily Press was there and we are grateful for permission to reproduce her report and publish her photographs.

Hethersett Memorial Playing Field became a hive of activity on September 8th for the fun event organised by Finnbar's Force.

A host of sports and activities were on offer for children and adults to try, including rugby, a climbing wall, bowls, mini-athletics, football, cycle races on the field's cycle speedway track, power hoop and yoga.



Meanwhile a cake stall, barbecue, bar and coffee van provided much-needed refreshment for spectators. For more serious sportsmen and women there was a duathlon consisting of a 2.5k run, followed by a 10k cycle and then another 2.5k run.

But even that challenge was not enough for some. Father-of-two Mark Matless completed the course in an hour while wearing full firefighter's kit weighing in at around 25kg.

The 33-year-old lives in Hethersett and works as a full-time firefighter at Norwich Airport, as well as being a member of the Hethersett retained crew in his spare time. He was aiming to reach a sponsorship total of £1000.

He said: "I'm not surprised, but I am reassured by the community support I have had. It's something that we moved to the area for four years ago and I wholeheartedly appreciate every donation, no matter how small.

"I've been to Finnbar's Force events before and have seen how hard they work.

I didn't realise the facts and figures of paediatric brain tumours and how common it is and I wanted to raise some money for them.

"It was really hard-going, particularly on my legs and lungs at the end, but I'm glad I did it."

Finnbar's Force was set up in 2017 in memory of Finnbar Cork who had an aggressive brain tumour and died in August 2016 at the age of five.

His parents Tristan and Claire said they want to organise events which give back to the community which had supported them through a very difficult time, as well as raising money for research into childhood brain tumours and for supporting children who are diagnosed with brain tumours and their families.

Mr Cork, who thanked everyone who had volunteered and supported the event, said: "The community here have been so good to us, it's nice to put something back on for them."

He said around 70 people had signed up for the duathlon and added: "Lots of people have liked the route and we had plenty of people trying it for the first time, who either seemed to love it or hate it."

"Mark did really well and it was an awesome effort. He looked exhausted at the end.

"It's gone well. It's a bit of a shame the weather's not very nice or I think we would have had more people.

"We have good a number though, and lots of people taking part in the activities and having fun."

More photographs of the day on page five.



# Finnbar Force Day Photo Special



Photographs by Kim Briscoe.  
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# Supporting Animal Welfare

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PACT rescues, rehabilitates and, where possible, re-homes neglected, injured and abandoned animals. Their specialty is 'problem animals' including victims of physical or mental abuse which are coaxed back to health, overcoming their behavioural distress and restoring their dignity. In most cases these poor creatures would have had no option other than euthanasia.

Over the past 16 years, PACT has re homed or released over 5000 animals and now has over 1600 resident animals at the sanctuary. These include exotic birds, rats, gerbils, hamsters, ferrets, rabbits, guinea pigs, cats, dogs, sheep, pigs, goats, ponies and horses.

PACT has an animal sanctuary at River Farm, Woodrising, Hingham. It currently has nine charity shops in Norwich, King's Lynn, Watton, Dereham, Fakenham and Swaffham. In 2017 the charity shops contributed 25% of the funding of the sanctuary costs. The remainder of the costs are met by donations and personal bequests.

## Social Media Watch

We check social media and newspapers to find out what is being said about our village

“There has long been good humoured banter between Hethersett and Wymondham, so when I first saw this I was amused thinking Wymondham were trying to take ‘us over!’ and reported it. I am delighted that Highways are taking steps to replace these signs and look forward to a speedy resolution.” - Hethersett County and District councillor David Bills referring to the misplacing of signs between Wymondham and Hethersett on the B1172 (see page 33 for details).

“Does anyone know how long Henstead Road has been a designated car park. The junction at the top joining Great Melton Road is causing chaos, most days there are between 10 and 12 cars parked, this is a main bus route! We need double yellow lines to at least past Stuart Close.” Comment made on the Next Door social media site

# Fine Display of Local Produce

**Story and photographs by Associate Editor Roger Morgan**

HETHERSETT and District Horticultural Society held its 2018 annual show in the village hall on Saturday, 8th September.

Visitors were treated to a fine display of local produce including flowers, fruits and vegetables, as well as jams and conserves. There were also exhibits of baking products and photographic entries. With over 70 classes to enter there were plenty of opportunities for members to win prizes and trophies. There was even a class for the strangest-looking vegetable!

A delicious selection of refreshments was available from the kitchen. There was a raffle and a hand-made greeting cards stall as well as craft stalls for visitors to visit. Some plants were available to buy and the surplus produce was sold off after the presentations to trophy winners.

The society holds monthly meetings in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall at 7.30 pm. on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on 17th October when there will be a talk on ground cover by Tim Fuller. This is free to members while visitors pay £1.50. The annual subscription to the society is £9.



# Show Results

“It was a great relief to find that the horrendous weather this year didn’t affect the number of entries to the show,” said show secretary Marilyn Savory.



Two members - Leslie Dale and John Freeman - received cups for the first time.

Cup winners were as follows: President’s Cup and Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Medal for best exhibit in show - Leslie Dale. Emily Knights Memorial Trophy for most points in vegetable, fruit and flower sections - Pauline Harper. Peter Bond Memorial Trophy and Royal Horticultural Society Banksian Medal for runner-up in the vegetable, fruit and flower sections - Mrs M. Sidell.



Chairman’s Trophy for best exhibit in the vegetable section - Pauline Harper. Charles Tudor Challenge Cup for most points in vegetable section - Pauline Harper. The Deacon Senior Cup for best exhibit in fruit section (five dessert apples was also best in show) - Leslie Dale. Deacon Junior Cup for most points in fruit section - Pauline Harper.

Burton Fanning Silver Challenge Cup for best exhibit in flower section - John Freeman. Silver Challenge Cup for most points in flower section - Pauline Harper. Benjamin Trophy for best exhibit in the arrangement section - Judy Freeman.

John Howard Memorial Cup for best exhibit in domestic section - Mrs M. Sidell. Abra Cup for most points in arrangement and domestic sections - Mrs M. Sidell. Ethel Hayward Memorial Cup for winner of class 38 (Bowl of Roses) - Carol Towell. Peggy Crowe Memorial Plate for best exhibit in photographic section - Carol Towell.

Young Person’s Section to make and decorate a salt dough monster for eight to 11 year olds - Matthew Sidell.



Top left are prizewinning entries in the small floral arrangement class and top right is the best in show exhibit entered by Leslie Dale.

Photographs on this page were taken by show secretary Marilyn Savoury

**See next month's Hethersett Herald for photographs of the cup winners and their trophies.**



# Massive Boost for Hethersett-Based Children's Charity

A HETHERSETT-based charity which supports deprived children in Egypt and disabled children in the United Kingdom has been left a six figure sum in a benefactor's will.

Little Stars Luxor Trust Fund was initially set-up in May 2007 to support youngsters in the Luxor region of Egypt. It was set-up by a group who knew of the appalling conditions in which many of Luxor orphans, disabled and disadvantaged children existed rather than lived.

Husband and wife trustees of the charity are Connie and Michael Tindale from Hethersett. Connie will be well known in the village for her care of hedgehogs and her regular column in the Hethersett Herald:

"At the forefront of our concern was a young orphaned girl who was about to have an arm amputated not because the arm was beyond saving but because there was no money available to pay for the costly surgical procedures that would allow her to keep it. From her plight and the plight of others, it was evident that there was a vital need for a Trust Fund that could help this little girl and other children who were in similar circumstances. In many cases lack of funds for medical care and physiotherapy equipment had led to lack of hope. A visit to several orphanages in Luxor showed that the problem was very widespread," Connie said.

Connie and her brother Raymond Hall made a bequest in memory of their brother Derek Hall who died in 2006 after being disabled and losing a leg in a road accident. In the first year more than £35,000 was donated to Little Stars by supporters throughout the world. Donations continued to increase on an annual basis and by 2014 had reached more than £80,000 which allowed Little Stars to build a clinic with three surgeries, a training centre for women and girls, a free nursery school for 45 local children and to provide food for the poorest families in the Luxor area.

"Unfortunately troubles in Egypt and the Middle East led to a severe decline in donations and we had to cut several of our provisions. In 2013 permission was

received from the Charity Commission to extend our field of work to include the United Kingdom, allowing us to make grants to disabled children for the purchase of equipment. The extension was applied for due to the increasing number of requests for help that we were receiving from within the UK,” Connie said.

Lack of funds meant that the charity was only able to make small grants to a maximum of £150 but even that amount could make a difference to a child’s life.

Now a most generous grant which a benefactor left in their will could give the charity the opportunity to spread its wings even further:

“The scope of our work has widened over the years and help from people is vital for our work. This latest legacy is amazing news. If we use the money wisely it could secure our work for the next five years. The man, who was unknown to us, lived in Bognor Regis and supported other Luzor charities as well. It is estimated the bequest should total in excess of £100,000. We are totally overwhelmed by his generosity. This will make a difference to many children’s lives,” Connie added.

# Focus on Little Stars’ Project



Little Stars' first project was a clinic for sick and disabled children which is still operational after being set-up in 2007.

Situated to the north of Qurna, Little Stars developed a clinic in rented accommodation near the local hospital offering more modern and extended services including a dental surgery. The dental surgery was financed by the charitable section of the British Embassy.

“The clinic was moved to its present position a few metres along the road in 2013 when we had the opportunity to rent a section of a new building which offered twice the space for exactly the same rent and on a nine year rather than a five year lease. All rooms are scrupulously clean, bright and well equipped,” Connie Tindale said.

The clinic and dental surgery are still fully operational and offer free care to all children who are in need of it. In attendance are three doctors - a physiotherapist, a GP and a dentist (all female) - and a general nursing assistant. The clinic is open in the late afternoon and early evening six days a week. The late opening is to avoid the heat that builds up during the day.

Our photograph on the previous page is of the dental surgery and on this page the physiotherapy room.



# Awards for Academy Staff

A teacher and support staff member from Hethersett Academy received awards from an Olympic gold medallist at a special event to mark the new school year.

Kate Finlay and Natalie Lee were among those presented with Inspiration Awards for their hard work and commitment at the Inspiration Trust's annual welcome back event for its family of academies.

Anna Watkins (pictured opposite), who won gold in the double skulls at the London 2012 Olympics, was guest speaker at the awards ceremony in St Andrew's Hall, Norwich, on September 4th.

Anna told staff about her journey from state school student to Cambridge graduate and how her university experiences uncovered a hidden talent and passion for rowing. She told how she nearly missed out on her medals at both Beijing and London Olympics through illness, but battled through to reach the podium.



Staff also had the chance to get some rowing tips direct from the Olympian, thanks to a rowing machine set up at the event. During the event, around 800 teachers and support staff from the Trust's schools in Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Cromer, Lowestoft, and Thetford also heard from chief executive Dame Rachel de Souza about the group's achievements over the last year and plans for the future.

Dame Rachel paid tribute to outgoing Inspiration Trust trustee Lord Theodore Agnew (see page 25) and presented this summer's exam results which included the top place in Norfolk for Hethersett Academy.

Developments for the coming months included work on new classrooms to allow for growth at Hethersett.

# Writing Competition Launched

A new competition for young writers has been launched by Hethersett Writers' group.

The competition is divided into two age groups -Junior students (school years three to six) and Seniors (school years seven to 11) and there will be cash prizes for the best entries in each section.

The competition is open to young people who attend a school or academy in the village or who live in the village and attend a school somewhere else in the county.

Those taking part will be looking at the future by being asked to write up to 1000 words for juniors and 1500 for seniors on their vision of what Hethersett will look like in 50 years time.

The subject is as follows:

“You have stepped inside a time machine and it has taken you forward by 50 years. When you step out of the machine you are still the same but the year is 2068. Describe how the world you now see has changed.”

The competition will be judged by members of Hethersett Writers' Group and their decision will be final. The competition is supported by South Norfolk Council. The winner of each section will receive £100 and a runner-up in each section will receive £50.

Closing date for entries is 30th November and winners will be notified by the end of the year. The winning entries will also be published in Hethersett Herald and possibly in other publications.

There are no boring entry forms to be filled in but each entry should include a name, address, age, school attended and school year. Individuals can send in up to three entries each and entry is free.

Entries can be posted or delivered to either Connie Tindale at 13, Grove Road, Hethersett, NR9 3JP or Peter Steward at 12 Karen Close, Hethersett, NR9 3DG or e-mailed to [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net). If e-mailed please clearly mark them “competition entry.”

# Church Car Park Appeal



HETHERSETT Parish Church is looking to improve its car parking facilities and is appealing for donations.

A sign at the gate states that the car park is in “a state of disrepair.”

“The far end to the right of the entrance becomes extremely muddy in wet weather. This does not give a very good impression to visitors attending special church services, including weddings and funerals.

“We have been given quite large donations for this repair work but funds are still insufficient to cover the cost of improvements, preferably resurfacing part of the area. Any contributions towards the cost of this work would be very much appreciated,” the notice states.



Hethersett Parish Council has agreed to give the church a £2500 grant to help improve the car park:

“The grant comes within the responsibility we have for maintaining burial grounds. It will improve facilities for the public,” said council chairman Adrienne Quinlan, adding that it was at times uncomfortable for people attending services at the church to find their cars covered in mud from the car park.

The photograph on the previous page shows the parish church encased in scaffolding for repairs and improvements to the porch.

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## Long Distance For Charity



Staff and members of Fitness Express at Park Farm travelled to London without moving an inch on September 26th.

It was all for a good cause as fitness fans took to a static bike set up in the foy-



er and pedalled non stop for 12 hours, covering a distance of well over 100 miles in order to raise money for cancer charity Keeping Abreast.

Staff and members cycled for 15 minutes at a time from 8 am until 8pm with many of them being sponsored. It is hoped that over £500 will be raised for the breast cancer charity. The marathon effort was all part of National Fitness Day.

But the Park Farm 24 Hour Bikeathon was not just about pedal power as there were competitions and refreshments on hand to keep everyone going.

The photograph on page 16 shows members of staff Sam Adams and Frankie Lock with club member George Turner. On this page Frankie Lock takes her turn on the static bike during the morning session.

We will have details of the amount raised by the bikeathon in the November edition of Hethersett Herald.

# WI Legacy



HETHERSETT Women's Institute has provided a legacy for the future with the donation of a new seat in the grounds of St Remigius Church.

The seat, which replaces the old 1970s bench which was in a dangerous state, commemorates the WI's centenary and has been put in place in a year that has seen the Hethersett group hold a number of events to mark its 100th birthday.

Events have included lunches and evening parties and the bench will provide a permanent reminder of the celebrations:

"It will be our lasting legacy to Hethersett," said WI member Margot Markham.

Margaret Collingwood, county WI chairman said: "The WI is making its own history and it's lovely to have this bench here. Perhaps it will still be here in another 100 years. The seat can be used for so many things - for quiet contemplation, for those wanting to rest after visiting the churchyard and for those who want to remember loved ones. The seat is for everyone and not just the WI but people using it will know where it has come from," she said.





Hethersett Rector the Rev Derek McClean said the bench will be very popular for newly-weds wanting to have photographs taken in the church grounds.

It was a special evening for two members of the Hethersett group. Between them Daphne Arbra and Sheila Creasey have a combined membership of over 100 years.

The seat has been financed from Hethersett WI funds and replaces the previous one which was also donated by Hethersett WI in memory of long-time member Zeta James.

Members of the Hethersett group were out in force to toast the new bench and also to sing the WI anthem "Jerusalem" around it.

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**A vintage bus like the one pictured above could be seen around Hethersett on September 9th taking local people to a vintage day event at Wymondham.**

# A Prince of Dogtober

*By Helen Tyler*

**THIS month has been renamed 'Dogtober' as local dog lovers at Barking Mad South Norwich celebrate a successful 'puppy partnership' with inspirational charity Dogs for Good.**



Barking Mad initiated an official partnership with Dogs for Good at the beginning of 2018, with fundraising beginning in earnest. The charity, which is currently celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, trains dogs to help children and adults with all sorts of challenges, including autism, physical disabilities, special educational needs and dementia.

By May of this year, after incredible support from Barking Mad's dog sitting hosts, customers and friends, enough money had been raised to sponsor Prince, a yellow Labrador assistance dog in training.

The money raised through Barking Mad's efforts, which have included coffee mornings, quizzes and making toy puppies out of face cloths to sell, is currently supporting Prince through his first year with puppy socialiser Neil. He is making amazing progress into a life-changing dog.

Barking Mad is now close to reaching their target to sponsor a second doggy superhero puppy in training and believe that Dogs for Good's annual Dogtober initiative would be the perfect time to celebrate this achievement.

We are delighted to have sponsored a puppy in training who will go on to make such a life changing difference but these incredible animals are in such demand that we can't just stop there.

We'd love others to join us in helping to provide more desperately needed assistance dogs by attending our local events and via our online fundraising page. <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/BarkingMadSouthNorwich>.

Time after time we see the emotional and physical effects that dogs have on

the members of our host community, who care for our doggy guests whilst their owners are away.

These beautiful canine creatures give so much to their human companions on a completely unconditional basis.

It is our understanding of the benefits of dog companionship which has led us to become official supporters of Dogs for Good.”

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

‘We’re absolutely delighted to be working with Barking Mad in 2018, there’s obvious synergy between the two organisations in respect of the dogs but more importantly the ethos of both organisations is closely matched and this is important to ensure a successful partnership. Thank you to everyone for getting involved.’

If you would like to find out more about joining in with Dogtober, or about the Barking Mad dog home boarding service, please call me on 01603 340595.

Barking Mad is part of the Franchise Brands plc group of companies and is the UK’s favourite dog holiday company, as verified by TrustPilot.

Contact Barking Mad at [www.barkingmad.uk.com](http://www.barkingmad.uk.com) to find your dog’s home from home today.



## New Season of Hethersett Village Screen



THE 2018/2019 season of films organised by Hethersett Village Screen kicked off with an evening showing of "Phantom Thread" a somewhat confusing drama starring Daniel Day Lewis in what has been stated will be his final film role.

Hethersett Village Screen is a non profit group organising monthly screenings in Hethersett Village Hall. Hethersett Village Screen Community Cinema is fully supported by Creative Arts East, South Norfolk Council and Norfolk County Council.

All films advertised here take place on a Sunday at 3 pm. There have been some date changes for coming films from those previously advertised.

The next film will be the "Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" on Sunday, 21st October. This will be followed by "Journey's End" on 11th November and "The Bookshop" on 9th December.

Dates for the first part of 2019 have been announced, but details of the films will be available at a later date. Dates are - 6th January, 3rd February, 3rd March, 7th April and 12th May.

"The Guernsey Library and Potato Peel Society" is a 2018 British historical comedy-drama directed by Mike Newell. It is based on the 2008 novel by the same name and involves a love story following the German occupation of the Channel Isles during the Second World War.

More information is available at [facebook.com/hethersettvs](https://facebook.com/hethersettvs) and [twitter.com/hethersettvs](https://twitter.com/hethersettvs).

# Social Climbing

A Norfolk group would like to literally drive Hethersett people up the wall. We have been contacted by the South Norfolk Climbing Club to invite residents to join them on Friday nights in Morley.

“We are just 15 minutes from Hethersett and Friday night doesn’t have to be boring. We have climbing sessions on the Morley Wall on Fridays from 7.30 until 9.30 pm, plus lots of tea, coffee and chocolates,” the organisers say.

The club’s crew will be on hand to show newcomers the ropes (literally).

South Norfolk Climbing Club is run by climbers for climbers, offering junior and adults courses. For further information please email



[enquiries@southnorfolkclimbingclub.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@southnorfolkclimbingclub.co.uk)

## Funding Offer

IF you are involved in running a community group that needs some funding, Hethersett’s district councillor David Bills would like to hear from you:

“Each South Norfolk councillor has been allocated £1000 to be used to help worthy clubs, charities and associations which encourage community involvement. If you are involved with such a group in the Hethersett area please contact me on 01603 813041 or email [dbills@s-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:dbills@s-norfolk.gov.uk) to see if you qualify.

“Hethersett has done well in the past for funding so let’s keep it up. I look forward to hearing from you,” Councillor Bills said.

# Hethersett Matters

**OUR monthly round-up in conjunction with Norfolk Trading Standards of some of the scams currently doing the rounds and how to avoid becoming a victim.**

Norfolk Trading Standards is warning people to be wary of 'free trial offers' being promoted via social media and online adverts.

Common examples of 'free' trail 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.

Residents also need to be on their guard against doorstep cold callers offering to 'lay tarmac'.

The cold callers have been seen in parts of Norfolk using a white Citroen van.

Trading Standards advice is never to deal with cold callers looking to undertake work on or around your property: "If you are looking to have this type of work done only deal with reputable companies you have researched and chosen yourself and have obtained a written quotation from," they say.

If you are looking for a trader you can trust go to the Norfolk Trusted Trader online directory at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/trustedtrader](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/trustedtrader).

Our final warning this month concerns doorstep cold callers offering 'gutter cleaning services.' In a number of specific occurrences a man was seen to be driving a silver Ford Transit van.

Again the advice is simply to only employ trusted traders.

Hethersett is continuing its fight to become a scam free village in a campaign led by our county councillor David Bills. We will have more information about this campaign in coming editions of this magazine.

# From the Press Bench

Highlighting some of the stories that have appeared in the local media over the past month.

## Founding Chairman Resigns

The Eastern Daily Press reported that the founding chairman of the Inspiration Trust has resigned as a trustee and member of the Norfolk academy group, saying he needs to focus his time on his government responsibilities.



Lord Theodore Agnew (pictured opposite) played a key role in setting up the trust six years ago, but says the “substantial workload” in his role as a Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the school system means he cannot continue juggling both roles.

The Inspiration Trust runs 13 schools across Norfolk and Suffolk including the highly successful Hethersett Academy.

The Inspiration Trust’s chief executive Dame Rachel de Souza paid tribute to Lord Agnew’s work: “We could not have started the trust without Lord Agnew,” she told reporter Dan Grimmer.

“His passion for education, his organisational acumen, and his steel in challenging the status quo were all essential in establishing the Trust as a pioneering family of academies.”

## Academy Bans Energy Drinks

Hethersett Academy has banned energy drinks on its premises. The school has joined a number of others in Norfolk including Cromer Academy, East Point Academy, Great Yarmouth Charter Academy and Hewett Academy. The EDP highlighted the adverse affect that sugar-loaded drinks have on pupils.

## Death of Lorna Richardson

The Eastern Daily Press featured a story on the life of agricultural campaigner Lorna Richardson who has died, aged 82. As a former Norfolk chairman of the

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Women's Food and Farming Union (WFFU), she led a highly-successful series of campaigns to highlight the importance of quality, home-grown food.

For more than 30 years, she threw herself into the task of informing and educating young and older consumers alike. Her "Love It, Eat It" booklets, which were designed by her son Andrew, were later taken up and distributed by national educational charities, the EDP reported.

Along with husband David, Lorna was a big supporter of Hethersett Methodist Church and regularly held events at her home, Whiterails Farm in Great Melton, in aid of the church.

Lorna's full obituary can be read in the online version of the EDP at the following address: <http://www.edp24.co.uk/business/farming/obituary-norfolk-farming-campaigner-lorna-richardson-1-5673343>.

A thanksgiving service for Lorna's life took place at Hethersett Methodist Church on 13th September and was followed by burial in Wrampingham Churchyard. The service was led by the Rev Angela Reynolds.

## Crash Victim "Late for Work"

The Eastern Daily Press reported that a teenager who died in a crash had been late leaving for work and had been speeding. Harry Simons from Hethersett died in a crash at Thorpe Market in March. The featured piece in the EDP is opposite

**TEEN CRASH VICTIM**  
**Teen crash victim 'was late for work'**

A 17-year-old who died in a crash had been late leaving for work and was speeding, an inquest heard.

The 17-year-old Harry Simons, of Hethersett, was driving a silver Ford Focus in the A149, Thorpe Road at Thorpe Market on March 25 last year.

The 17-year-old who died in a crash, occurred late in the evening, had been late for work and was late for another school in Great Yarmouth.

He died at the scene while the other driver, Benjamin Chisham, was left with serious, life-changing injuries.

An inquest is expected on Monday, April 14, to determine the cause of the crash in an inquest article in the

Witness Harry Simons, who was in the car at the time of the crash, was "late for work" and "was speeding", an inquest heard.

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Full story on page 8

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## Richard's Leading Role

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After a career as a chartered accountant, Richard Whall took early retirement 16 years ago to take on a new voluntary role as a chaplain with Norfolk Police. Richard was featured in a major article in the Methodist Church publication Good News for Norwich and Norfolk. The article by Sandie Shirley is pictured on the right and here we reproduce the text of that article with the permission of the newspaper.

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Richard swapped his senior financial job for a voluntary, unpaid position, intent on building a bridge between community, police and the church and helping police officers cope with the complex rigours of the job.

For the past 16 years, as lead chaplain, he has supported and been alongside police staff and officers who are often at the sharp end of daunting and sometimes dangerous work.

“You only have to look at the daily newspapers or television to see the police in action. But in addition to the well-documented dangers associated with violent crime, police officers come into contact with situations almost on a daily basis, that the general public would be unlikely to come across in a life-time,” says Richard.

Over the years he has helped produce a new and evolving role for the Norfolk chaplaincy in a bid to meet the diverse and changing needs of the modern police force.

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“The job has and God has changed me in the job, increasing my compassion and understanding of people’s diversity,” says Richard.

He is part of a ten-strong multi-faith police chaplaincy and is currently recruiting four more members. The team is fully vetted and security cleared. It is made up of lay and ordained people from all the main Christian denominations and a Jewish Rabbi (with additional access to senior members of other faiths as required).

The chaplaincy extends across the county to support police on the front line as well as organising special events such as the Emergency Services Carol Service at Norwich Cathedral. Where appropriate, it can advise the police on faith matters and have a presence on police welfare and staff support committees.

Chaplains may be in the busy arena - accompanying officers either on the beat, with members of roads policing, or in the offices, control room or other specialist areas - but they also undertake pastoral care and prayer or sometimes simply make the tea.

“It is challenging and I like the atmosphere - you never know what the day is going to bring,” says Richard.

“The police are like one big family and I like to think that we are part of it,” he continues.



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“But it takes time for people to feel comfortable in opening up with a friend, and that, in the end, is what chaplaincy is all about. Trust can only be built by being alongside people wherever they are and being a familiar face. It is a privilege to earn their trust and respect, allowing them to open up about personal matters and operational challenges,” says Richard.

He draws on his previous experience in the workplace. “It has helped me understand people and the world they operate in. I have a wide experience of financial and employment issues having been made redundant, made people redundant and managed staff,” says the man who has also been a lay preacher, involved with Street Pastors and served on the YMCA board.

“Policing has always been a difficult, demanding and often stressful occupation, dealing with people at their most troublesome or vulnerable. But recent high-profile press coverage relating to terrorism, child and domestic abuse, trafficking, modern day slavery and drug county lines, for example, has meant that policing is under more scrutiny than ever and its nature is changing.”

Whatever the challenges, the uniform does not give immunity to personal feelings for the officers involved. Whatever the need, chaplains can provide a word of encouragement, listening ear, practical support or just a chat about anything from work, family relationships, holidays or football, explains Richard.

“The chaplaincy is there for all officers and staff irrespective of rank or position - those of faith and no faith - but we are certainly not there to evangelise - at least not with words. If faith is brought up we will talk about it but faith is not necessarily what we do, but it is why we do it.”

Although a regular church goer since his teens, Richard came to a full understanding of faith in 1993. His son joined a church holiday and continued attending a church youth club afterwards. Before long he wanted the family to join him and the youth group at Spring Harvest, a Christian residential festival.

“I hated it at first although everyone was very nice to me,” recalls Richard. “It was raining hard most of the time and the first evening there were about 3000 people in the main tent and many were jumping up and down and waving their arms around. I couldn’t relate to it at all! Until then I had been going to a fairly

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traditional Methodist church over the years, mainly to keep my wife Gill happy.

“But three days later, during one of the sessions, everything clicked into place; it was as if all the pieces of an old building model were broken down and re-assembled into something new. For the first time Jesus Christ and Christianity made sense as the truth of the gospel impacted my heart and changed the course of my life,” said Richard.

“Chaplaincy is based on confidentiality and trust. It is a calling from God and I believe it is where the church needs to be. It is about people and relationships and valuing the individual. It is a privileged position - part of the organisation, but not of it.

“It sees policing from beyond the uniform, flashing lights and sirens. Without doubt, the men and women in the force are hardworking, conscientious and highly professional. They put themselves in harm’s way to protect us, yet society often seems to take them for granted - until they need them. I would encourage Christians and their churches everywhere to continue to uphold the members of the police and emergency services, in prayer, as they carry out their duties.”

NOTE: An online version of the newspaper is available at:

<http://www.networknorfolk.co.uk>

## **Children’s Centres at Risk**

**THE Eastern Daily Press newspaper reported that 46 of Norfolk’s 53 children’s centres could be closed after council bosses finally revealed proposals for a review of the service.**

**If the proposal are implemented it would mean that just seven of the existing children’s centres would remain. Norfolk County Council claim that the proposals will bring services out of buildings and into the community.**

**Under the proposals, Hethersett Children’s Centre which is based at Hethersett Woodside Nursery and Infant School would close.**

# 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**

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## **Norfolk County Council**

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

## **South Norfolk Council**

Our South Norfolk Council representatives are Leslie Dale and David Bills. Leslie can be contacted on 01603 810952. David can be contacted on 01603 813041.

## **Hethersett Parish Council**

Clerk to the council 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 10am and 12noon

Email: hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk

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# The Scott Willoughby Column



**J**UST where does Hethersett end and Wymondham begin and where does Wymondham end

and Hethersett begin? Those are questions that have been leading to some confusion over the past couple of months thanks to new signs on the B1172.

Village stalwart Duncan Pigg brought the matter to our attention in what might be classed as the “case of the wrongly placed signs.” Drive towards Wymondham on the B1172 and you will clearly see a sign stating “Wymondham” close



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to David James Cars which is undoubtedly in Hethersett. These signs suggest, as Duncan has pointed out, that the famous Kett's Oak tree is actually in Wymondham, whereas historically we all know that the tree is within Hethersett.

The plot thickens when you move a number of yards further down the B1172 and find the signs on the previous page stating quite clearly where Wymondham ends and Hethersett begins and where Hethersett ends and Wymondham begins.

It has been accepted by Norfolk Highways that the whole thing is a mistake. The problem is it's a mistake that doesn't look likely to be rectified anytime soon as Duncan has been told - another case of "quick to make a mistake but not so quick to rectify it." My money is on that this time next year we will still be waiting for the incorrect signs to be removed and put in their rightful positions. I hope I'm wrong.

Local resident Ron Vertigan summed up the situation well when he wrote to the Herald: "It was interesting to see the subject of the Wymondham signs raised again. Earlier this



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year I discussed the situation with the parish clerk and highways explaining these were in the wrong place and it might be an error by the workmen completing the work?. The signs have been installed in line with the field hedgerow on the south eastern side of the road North East of Planet Farm entrance. The signs should really be in line with the hedgerow on the same side over 3/4 of a mile nearer Wymondham and South East of Planet Farm. Both field hedgerows and the parish-Wymondham boundaries are clearly marked on ordnance survey maps.

A wander along the road in order to take the photographs featured here highlighted another problem - that of litter. A considerable amount had been quite obviously tossed onto verges from cars. Quite a bit of the litter came from a famous national restaurant chain situated not a million miles away. Perhaps that restaurant chain would consider footing the bill for regular clean-ups of the verges.

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Sometimes you just have to think outside the box. Norfolk County Council held one of their paint amnesty events on two days over a weekend in September.

Last time this happened I stupidly went early afternoon on the Sunday and had a very long wait in a massive queue of vehicles trying to get into the re-cycling/ household refuse centre at Ketteringham.

This time around I checked the weather forecast which was for continuous rain throughout the Sunday. Figuring this would deter people from using the centre I put on some very old clothes and turned up 15 minutes before the opening time armed with a book to deter boredom.

And it worked. Straight in, paint dropped off and back in Hethersett within 20 minutes and I didn't even get all that wet. The staff were helpful as well and that always makes for a much more pleasant experience. So my advice when the next amnesty takes place is chose your time and if the weather forecast is bad, just go for it!

## Autumn Has Arrived



*Two of the tiny hoglets that we are asked to care for*

**A**utumn is definitely here with winter close behind as temperatures drop and, now that the Equinox has passed, the nights are longer than the days. Hedgehogs that are fit and healthy will soon be looking for safe places to make cosy nests to see them through the winter hibernation. Please leave a pile of leaves in a corner of your garden or a pile of hedge trimming that you can leave there undisturbed until the spring and be careful when you attack your compost heap that there is no spikey bundle in the middle of it.

Despite this activity, there are autumn juveniles out there that are little bigger than a box of matches and weighing less than a medium size bar of chocolate. The chance of survival for these tiny mites is very slim. As they are found alone, away from their mothers and out and about in daylight, then all is not well. They are cold and hungry but often too traumatised to eat. In addition many of them are covered in fat ticks that are sucking out their life blood. We have had three of these little scraps of life come in during the last month and have lost all of them.

From their size we think that they were about three or four weeks old. We have found this loss so upsetting and traumatic for us (me) that we will no longer take in these tiny ones. They need to have constant attention and specialist care which we cannot offer. There is a wildlife sanctuary on the outskirts of Norwich called Hallswood Animal Sanctuary which will be better able to care for them and may have better results. It can be reached on <http://hallswood.co.uk>. If you find a really tiny hedgehog in your garden which is less than 100 gm then please give them a call.

# Hethersett Hedgehogs

We have had another baby hedgehog come in from Hethersett Junior School which was not as small as the others. We have no idea what sex this one is but have called it Hether which will suffice whatever its sex is and we will keep the children who found it advised of its progress.

The poor little thing was cold, emaciated and had loads of ticks on its back and near its face. Our

first task was to get it feeling warm and safe so it was popped into a cage on a heat pad. Next we had to remove the largest of the ticks. We used a tick twister but it was still hard to get them to let go. Ticks dig into the skin and hang on with determination.

Thankfully there was no sign of fly strike. Flies have an instinct to identify those that are in trouble and which they think are about to die and they lay their eggs all over them while they are still alive. It is almost impossible to pull a baby hedgehog back from fly strike. The eggs can be removed individually with tweezers but often the creature is in extremis before this happens. It is not easy to

see from the photo, but Hether has a foot sticking out when curled up so we are hoping that there is no leg injury. Now we hope that the youngster will come out and eat. There is a dish of raw egg, a dish of meat-based cat food and a pile of mealworms in its cage along with a bowl of water. A bowl of water like that illustrated opposite can be a life-saver for hedgehogs.



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## **Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group**

The Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Support Group marked its second birthday with a social event at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road. The group meets on alternate Tuesdays from 5.30 to 6.30 pm with light refreshments provided. The group is looking to do a leaflet drop in the village in the near future in an attempt to help more people. October meetings will take place on the 2nd, 16th and 30th. Please just turn up.

## **Hethersett Women's Institute**

Members enjoyed a talk by group member and Hethersett resident Adele Kent on flower arranging. Adele travels far and wide giving tips and encouraging people how to properly arrange their flowers. Prior to the meeting Adele took flowers from a garden to create her magic. Hethersett WI has presented a new seat to St Remigius Church. For the full story see page 18.

## **Messy Church**

The latest Hethersett Messy Church event in St Remigius Church followed the theme of harvest. Craft activities were followed by a worship session and a meal. More information on coming events is available by phoning Sue on 01953 607719.

## **Pantomime Named**

One of this country's best loved pantomimes will have a golden look when it takes to the stage in Hethersett Village Hall in January next year. Hethersett Pantomime Group will be performing Cinderella as its 50th production. We will have more details including dates and ticket details in future editions of Hethersett Herald. The panto group has promised a number of surprises to celebrate its golden year.

## **Jubilee Youth Club News with Gillian Saunders**

We hope everyone has had a good summer. The club has re-started and is open to new members and old from years five and six and seven, eight and nine. We have had to revise the hours a little bit as Emma felt there was too much con-

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gestion at 7.30 pm with people coming and going at the same time. So, for the safety of everyone, we are going to try to have a few minutes between the two groups and see if this helps. So the Junior club meets from 5.45-7.15 pm and the senior club 7:30 until 8:45 pm.

Obviously if you have a member in each group we won't expect you to wait in the car park for 15 minutes. Just drop off and collect as usual but let Emma or Kate know you are doing this please.

The new programme for the term will be on the club Facebook page by the time you read this. It is planned by the members so if it isn't what you want to do then you need to let Emma or Kate know the kind of thing you would like to do so it can hopefully be included in the next plan.

We hope you enjoyed the lovely roses along the front fence this summer. They have been beautiful and mainly down to the care of Angela who knows just when to prune etc. Thank you Angela.

Also thank you to anyone who has watered our flower containers this summer. They continue to look lovely.

At the end of term we said goodbye to one of our long serving volunteers. We were all very sorry that Steve has decided to hang up his youth club hat after so many years of helping young people to enjoy the club. Steve was one of our original volunteers so has seen a lot of young people through club. Thank you just isn't enough to say after all the years he has given up his time to help so that the young people could do extra things like go outside and play football. We are going to miss you Steve but understand your reasons and a huge thank you from all the young people who you have helped over the years and from the trustees and youth workers. What are we going to do without your wonderful sense of humour and that great smile? We hope you realise how much we appreciate all you have done over the years. Do feel free to pop in and say hello anytime.

Steve's departure now leaves the club in urgent need of volunteers to help on Wednesday evenings especially with the busier younger group from 5.45 until 7.15. We won't leave you on your own with the members and you have a choice of what you do. Some people have enjoyed doing craft type activities with the young people and others have preferred to just serve tuck and make drinks. Either is of great help to Emma and Kate. We had a rota of helpers so nobody was expected to give up every week. We have the first Wednesday covered but the rest of the month we would be grateful for any help at all.

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Please get In touch if you would like to visit club or talk about volunteering. We can offer training and you will not be expected to be alone with a group or individuals. It is our policy to DBS check all staff and volunteers. Please speak to me or Emma if you can help.

We are also starting to collect things suitable for the Christmas tombola stall. If you have anything to donate please drop them off at club or give them to myself. I can be contacted on 01953 607566

## **Hethersett and District Churches Together**

Once again this year, Hethersett and Distict Churches Together will be delivering Christmas cards to homes in Hethersett, Great Melton and Little Melton. As well as wishing local people the complements of the season, the cards will list Christmas services in St Remigius Church, Hethersett Methodist Church, Great Melton and Little Melton Parish Churches.

## The Continuing Story of Dog Mess

THERE seems to have been less dog mess around the village in recent months but obviously the problem hasn't really gone away.

One resident took to social media this month to point out that problems still exist in the following words:

“Once again today I have taken my dog and my young son for a walk down Shop Lane and Back Lane. IT IS DISGUSTING! if your dog has a poo! Pick it up! It is everywhere and it isn't fair that people can't walk what should be an enjoyable walk!”

Hethersett Herald has continually campaigned to clean up the village from what is not just anti-social behaviour but can also be dangerous to children. We will continue to point out areas of concern and, where necessary, point out problem areas to our district councillors and would urge residents to do likewise in an attempt to clean up a problem that seems to have been going on for decades.

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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).

Reports of events and meetings can also be sent to the above email address. The deadline for copy is the 15th of each month. Hethersett Herald is published on or around the first day of each month via the web site

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Mary	01603 811330
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Alex	07805 242326
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## Hethersett & District Aid in Sickness Fund

(Previously known as the Hethersett Nursing Association)

was formed to give financial assistance to the sick of  
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Hethersett, Kettingham and Little Melton.

Its funds can be used to help individuals who are sick,  
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supply of medical or nursing equipment for  
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Grants are available towards:

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- Nebulisers and other equipment.
- Pre-payment certificates for prescriptions.



If you have a need for something which is not  
mentioned above please apply and we will try to help.

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*Here at Hethersett Herald we love a village success story and they don't come much better than the First Steps Playgroup as we found out on a visit in September.*



***First Steps organisers Jade Smith (centre) and Sarah Lawrence with Norfolk County Councillor and South Norfolk District Councillor David Bills and young members of the playgroup family.***

AROUND Christmas time the First Steps Stay and Play Group seemed to be in trouble with only a small handful of children and parents using the facility which meets in Hethersett Village Hall on Tuesday mornings.

But organisers Sarah Lawrence and Jade Smith, who had taken over organising that group around that time, decided to carry on and undertake as much publicity and promotion of the group as they could.

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The result is now there for everyone to see. On our visit to the group over 40 pre-school children were sliding, building and thoroughly enjoying themselves with the colourful mats and toys.

Sarah puts the group's success down to social media: "After Christmas we had about five children coming along. We decided to keep going and used word of mouth, posters and social media. It was sites like Facebook that really helped us to increase numbers up to our present level. We would have hated to have lost the group. It is so enjoyable," she said.

We attended the first session of the new term after the summer holidays: "After the holidays everyone just wants to get back to normal and a routine," Sarah added.

The group has also been successful in attracting new residents to the village: "We have a real mix of families who have moved into Hethersett and others al-

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ready here,” Sarah said.

The group has just been awarded a £250 grant by one of Hethersett’s South Norfolk councillors, David Bills, in conjunction with Hethersett and the Meltons’ Sports Association.

The money will be used to purchase new ride-on toys and replace some that are falling into a state of disrepair.

The group, which is for youngsters up to five years of age, is run completely by volunteers and meets in Hethersett Village Hall from 9.45 until 11 am during school term times. There is a minimal charge made of £2 for the first child and £1 for additional children with babies under six months free. That cost covers the hire of the hall along with tea/coffee and biscuits for adults and drinks and healthy snacks for the children.

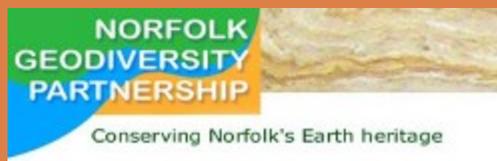
“Any money we make is put straight back into the group,” Sarah added.

For more information on the group visit its Facebook page by searching on “first steps hethersett stay & play baby group for 0-5 year olds” or go along on a Tuesday morning.

## Hethersett Society

Herald Associate Editor and Hethersett Society member, Gary Wyatt, reviews the society’s September meeting –

Returning from its summer break, the Society’s talk this month was entitled “*Geodiversity and Biodiversity: making the links in South Norfolk*,” and was given by Tim Holt-Wilson, a freelance geologist associated with the Norfolk Geodiversity Partnership, described on-line as “a forum for individuals and organisations interested in conserving and enhancing Norfolk’s Earth heritage”. Although Tim’s title implied that he was to talk about South Norfolk, in fact his discussion ranged much more widely across the county.



He defined ‘geodiversity’ as “the natural range of geological features that make up the landscape”. These features include rocks, minerals, fossils, landforms and geological processes such as erosion. In a similar way ‘biodiversity’

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is the range of flora and fauna found in a particular habitat, and the theme of his talk was the way that the first influences the second. Tim described the various features of the principal geological types we have in the county. For example, the South and Central Norfolk 'til plateau' which is an area of boulder clay and other glacial deposits left after the last Ice Age period ended some 10,000 years ago. This area is fairly uniform with only subtle variations in soil types. To the west, the Fens show complex layers of clay, silt and peat. The Broads area shows human influence as they were formed (mostly, anyway) from medieval peat extractions and are thus not natural lakes. Other areas of the county include saltmarsh, cliffs and shingle beaches.

Deeper under all these landscape types, there are several layers of bedrock, including chalk and sandstones, best demonstrated by the famous and very distinctive striped cliffs of red, brown and white in Hunstanton. However, it is the soil conditions in the topmost layers that generally influence the biodiversity and Tim went on to give us examples of the various habitat types and their flora. Heathlands can be particularly varied. Acidic areas such as the Thetford and Santon Warrens in Breckland favour heather and stonecrops. Other areas of Breckland heaths which are calcareous (i.e. chalky, and thus more alkaline), such as Harling Heath, have cornflowers and cinquefoils as examples of the plant species found there. In such areas, the underlying bedrock layer, which is often tilted by geological processes over time, reaches the surface. Areas containing gravel, such as Brome Heath, support a different flora.

Woodlands on the clay soils of the central Norfolk plateau mentioned above, such as Wayland Wood, Ashwellthorpe



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Wood and Foxley Wood support a very characteristic flora. Bluebells, in particular, can be a spectacular sight in the Spring and wood anemones also provide a fine sight. Many of these woodlands are in the care of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust to protect them

Wetland habitats, such as the very wet Flordon Common which has calcareous groundwater, and Thompson Common which has numerous small lakes called 'pingos', a relic of



the Ice Age, again provide different habitats for both flora and fauna. A species of diving beetle which has been found in the pingos is thought to have survived unchanged there since the end of the last glaciation some 10,000 years ago, showing that this site has a very long and stable history.

This last observation led Tim to talk about how geological studies can provide evidence of past wildlife, giving Diss Mere as an example. This is an exceptionally deep lake, about 25 metres, which includes a mud layer of about half the total depth. Removing cores of mud has shown that the earliest layers date back to around 8000 BC and pollen contained in them reflects the conditions at the time, with birch trees the first to re-colonise the land when the ice retreated. More recent layers show new species arriving, such as hazel (7000 BC), oak, lime and alder (5000-3000 BC), grasses, herbs and barley as agriculture developed (1500-500 BC) followed by other cereals (0-1000 AD). Evidence of industrialisation, such as charcoal and other pollutants is first found in the layers dating from 1600-1800 AD, and even pollen from 'foreign' species linked to the increase in domestic gardening can be found.

Tim finished by showing that the larger animal species in this area have changed dramatically over time, as illustrated by the geological fossil evidence. I have seen many of these fossils in the lovely Cromer Museum (well worth a visit) and they include woolly mammoths, hippos and elephants. Our local environment has indeed shown a great deal of diversity over time, as well as that displayed across the current habitat types.

Fascinating stuff and a very interesting talk, but unfortunately somewhat marred by the over-detailed slides, with very small text. Tim did recognise this at one point and apologised, but I suspect this was a talk he had previously given to a more academic audience. The next meeting of the Society is on Monday 8th October at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, when the talk will be Archaeological Artefacts by Dr. Michael Signy. Non-members are welcome to any meeting for a £2 charge but membership for the full year is only £7.

## Hethersett Dementia Support Group



The group continues to hold a café on the third Tuesday of each month in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am until midday.

A £1000 grant from South Norfolk's Community Action Fund has allowed the group to purchase a projector, screen and laptop which was used to good effect at its September meeting to show a film from the East Anglian Film Archive. Discussions are ongoing with regard to setting up an umbrella organisation for a number of caring groups in the village and the equipment will be available for use by any group belonging to this: "The new equipment has given us the chance to show films that are of interest to particular groups. We now have the equipment at hand and don't have to rely on it being provided each time we need to show something," said Hethersett's South Norfolk Councillor David Bills.

Our photograph shows David Bills alongside dementia café organisers Janice Mortar and Stephen Baxter. The next café will take place in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall on Tuesday, October 16th.

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# Hethersett Herald What's On

*The following are just some of the events taking place in Hethersett in October. 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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**Tuesday 2nd** - 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 3rd** - Probus Club meeting in Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club, 10.30 am.

**Wednesday 3rd** - Hethersett Methodist Church Art and Craft Group meets in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Further details available from Tina Greenhalgh on 810364.

**Saturday 6th** - Shoppers' coffee in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10.30 am until midday.

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

**Friday 12th** - Evening concert in St Remigius Church featuring local band Brother Pit, 7.30 pm. For more details see page 56.

**Saturday 13th** - Shoppers' coffee in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10.30 am until midday.

**Sunday 14th** - Hethersett Art Exhibition in Hethersett Village Hall from 10 am until 4 pm. Refreshments available.

**Monday 15th** - Hethersett Women's Institute - Christmas Gifts with a Difference, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Tuesday 16th** - 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.

**Tuesday 16th** - Hethersett Dementia Group monthly café. Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10 am - midday

**Wednesday 17th** - Hethersett Methodist Church Art and Craft Group meets in

the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Further details are available from Tina Greenhalgh on 810364.

**Saturday 20th** - Shoppers' coffee in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10.30 am until midday.

**Sunday 21st** - Hethersett Village Screen presents the "Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society."

**Monday 22nd** - Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club. Ragged Robin Flowers with Anna Potter, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Wednesday 24th** - Hethersett Methodist Church Art and Craft Group meets in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am. Further details available from Tina Greenhalgh on 810364.

**Saturday 27th** - Shoppers' coffee in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10.30 am until midday.

**Saturday 27th** - Soup Saturday at Hethersett Hall, 12.30 pm.

**Tuesday 30th** - 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.

## Annual Christmas Event

THIS year's annual village Christmas fair and sale will take place in Hethersett Methodist Church on Friday, 30th November from 6pm.

Once again local organisations and charities will be having stalls and raising funds for their own organisations. The event is organised by Hethersett's South Norfolk Councillor Leslie Dale in conjunction with Hethersett Methodist Church Council.

Letters have already gone out to local groups inviting them to take part. The event will be open to the public from 6 pm and will finish around 9 pm.

We will have more information on the sale in next month's Hethersett Herald

## New Clerk Takes Office

HETHERSETT'S new parish clerk Annette Palmer has taken up her office.

Annette is pictured opposite (left) with council chairman Adrienne Quinlan at her first full council meeting on September 17th.



Annette has considerable experience, having filled clerking roles in both Aylsham and Old Catton. She succeeds Ian Weetman who served Hethersett for over 12 years and who has retired.

A presentation was made to Ian at the September meeting and he is pictured opposite with Councillor Dr Anne Edwards.



The contact number for Annette Palmer remains 01603 810915 and she will be available in the parish office which is upstairs in Hethersett Village Hall on Monday and Thursday mornings between 9 am and midday.

"The council is very fortunate to have somebody as experienced as Annette. You will be in very capable hands," Ian Weetman said.

Meanwhile former chairman of Hethersett Parish Council Jacky Sutton has retired and she was thanked for years of service to the parish.

# News From Hethersett Parish Council

## Steeple Tower Improvements

Improvements and repairs to the Steeple Tower entrance to the village are due to start in the near future. Developers Taylor Wimpey have agreed to refurbish paving slabs and re-point walls in a general tidy up of an area that has been labelled “shoddy” by councillors in the past. The cost of the improvements will be met jointly by Taylor-Wimpey and South Norfolk Council.

## New Signage For Village

Councillors agreed unanimously to improve road signs in Hethersett as part of a parish partnership initiative with Norfolk County Council. The council is looking to place new signs welcoming motorists to the village and asking them to drive carefully. The signs will be placed at entrances to the village not already signed - Great Melton Road (entering Hethersett from the Great Melton direction), Ketteringham Lane and Henstead Road. The cost of the signs will be met jointly by the parish and county councils.

## Flooding at an End?

The council heard from the district council that flooding in South Croft should be a thing of the past following intensive cleaning of the drains and the removal of tree roots.

## Parish Council Dates

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

Meeting dates for the remainder of 2018 are as follows: Full Meetings - October 15th, November 19th, December 17th. Planning Committee meetings will take place on the above dates and also on: October 1st, November 5th and December 3rd.

# News From Hethersett Parish Council

## Parish Shorts

Hethersett Parish Council is still looking for a new parish office. The current one upstairs in the village hall is unsuitable for people who find climbing stairs difficult. A number of options are being looked at as the council seeks somewhere that is both accessible and has decent parking facilities.

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Councillors have met with a representative of Norfolk Highways to discuss areas of traffic concern in the village. These include the narrow entrance/exit to Cann's Lane, parts of Queen's Road, Henstead Road and Great Melton Road. Issues include parking and the danger to pedestrians around the centre of the village and outside Tesco Express.

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Councillors heard that the B1172 will shortly be traffic-light free for the first time in almost two years. The next stage of the cycleway linking Hethersett with Wymondham will take place off road around the back of Kett's Oak. This will not affect traffic using the B1172. This will take the path from David James' Cars to beyond Kett's Oak. Traffic lights are likely to be back again, however, when the section between David James' Cars and New Road is put into place.

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A number of volunteers have come forward to support a new speedwatch scheme in the village, but a co-ordinator is still needed. Anyone interested should contact parish clerk Annette Palmer on 01603 810915

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The parish council has been contacted by a Sri Lanka tea plantations offering residents 20% off. We have featured the Hethersett Plantation (pictured opposite) a number of times in the past.



# Hethersett Herald What's On

## Cringleford and Hethersett Flower Club *By Jenny Walpole*

Events for the remainder of 2018:

**22nd October** - Anna Potter "Ragged Robin Flowers."

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

We generally meet on the fourth Monday of the month (Bank holidays usually the third Monday) at Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

We have a qualified demonstrator and you have the chance to win one of the arrangements via a raffle at the end of the evening.

Our membership for a full year is only £25 and we welcome visitors at a cost of £5 per normal meeting. We are also on Facebook - Cringleford-Hethersett-Flower-Club.

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## HETHERSETT SOCIAL CLUB

**Hethersett Social Club opening times are as follows:**

**Mondays - Closed**

**Tuesdays - 7-11 pm**

**Wednesdays - 7-11 pm**

**Thursdays - 7-11 pm**

**Fridays - 5-11.30pm**

**Saturdays - Noon to Midnight**

**Sundays - Noon to 6 pm**

## Hethersett Library Bouncing Back

Bounce and Rhyme Time has returned to Hethersett Library. Wymondham and Hethersett Children's Centre will be hosting sessions each Friday through to 7th December.



Medals and certificates have been presented to youngsters who completed the summer reading scheme. The presentations were made by our county and district councillor David Bills who is pictured above with staff members.

"I was delighted to present certificates and medals to those children who had completed the reading challenge over summer," Councillor Bills said.

A total of 74 children completed the scheme at Hethersett this year. Certificates were also presented to youngsters who helped.

The library is always keen to recruit volunteers to help in the library and run activities," Councillor Bills added.

The library already has an active friends group.

# Hethersett Herald What's On

## Library Opening Hours

The library will now be staffed on the following days and hours:

Monday: 1.30-7pm

Tuesday: Open Access Only

Wednesday: 11am - 7pm

Thursday: 1.30-7pm

Friday: 1.30-7pm

Saturday: 11am-4pm

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.

NEXT MONTH - In next month's Herald we will have a report of a special evening at the library featuring an historic Norfolk character.

## Americana Concert at St Remigius

AN evening concert featuring local band Brother Pit (pictured opposite) will take place in St Remigius Church from 7.30 pm on Friday, 12th October. The concert, which features seven voices, three guitars, a mandolin, a banjo and an accordion, will include a range of music they describe as "Acoustic Americana from the Wild Wild East." The concert will include a number of Americana standards along with the group's own tunes in a similar vein. Tickets are £8 which includes cheese and wine. Money raised will go to the repair and refurbishment of the Church porch.



# Hethersett Herald What's On

OVER the years a number of Hethersett people have been helped by the Wymondham-based Star Throwers charity. We are pleased to promote the charity's coming Christmas coffee morning in November



**Star Throwers**  
Caring for those affected by Cancer

**Christmas Coffee Morning**  
**Saturday 17th November**  
**10.00am - 1.00pm**

Join us for a morning of tea, cake  
and Christmas shopping at the  
**Star Throwers Centre on Melton  
Road, Wymondham.**  
**£2 per person (includes drink & cake)**  
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# An Ideal Location

*In the June issue we left our brushmaking story with S D Page of Norwich about to merge with a London company to form the Briton Brush Company at Wymondham. In this edition Hethersett writer Neil Haverson takes up the story.*

Wymondham had been an ideal location for brushmaking. From early times it had a wood-turning industry producing, among other things, spoons and spigots.



Brushmaking flourished with the introduction in 1904 of 50 Gane filling machines which placed tufts of bristles in the brush stocks. They could do the work of 12 men. In 1911 an operator on one of these machines was earning 11/- (55p) a week.

In 1920, S. D. Page closed their Norwich Haymarket factory and merged with Tottenham based D. H. Matthews to form the Briton Brush Company in Wymondham, the largest brush manufacturing company in the British Empire, producing 30,000 brushes a day. Houses were built in the town for the Tottenham workers. In 1933 the London factory closed and production was based solely at Wymondham.

Hooters warned the workers of start and finish times. The streets of Wymondham were teeming with bicycles as they made their way to and from work. The employees worked long hours but enjoyed a varied social life with football and hockey teams, a dance band and socials, as well as outings to the seaside.

In 1967, Briton Brush became a member of the Reed Group and in 1969 merged with Waltham Cross firm Chadwick Hollins Ltd to become Briton Chadwick Ltd; a joining of the oldest and second oldest firms in the trade.



In 1974, there was workforce of 500 men and women but one automatic boring machine could replace the output of 10 of the



old Gane type. In 1982 the company was taken over by the Windmill Brush Company.

Cheap foreign imports from the Far East and China saw the decline of the industry. China had exported hog bristles to Britain but, when they began making their own brushes with cheap labour, they were able to control the price of brushes. The advent of vacuum cleaners meant a change in the type of brushes required. Wooden handles gave way to plastic impacting on the town's sawmills and the company went into liquidation in 1985 ending brushmaking in Wymondham.

A new company, The Norfolk Brush Company, moved to Besthorpe where it still makes brushes.

Wymondham Heritage Museum has a room dedicated to preserving the town's brushmaking heritage. Exhibited are a whole range of tools used in the manufacturing process together with displays of all types of brushes.

Photographs show the employees at work and play.

Visitors to the museum can clock-in using the factory's original clocking-in machine. They can also operate one of the old factory's 1890s Gane filling machines. An audio commentary tells the history of brushmaking and includes "workers" telling their stories.

A book invites former employees, relatives and the town's residents to record their brushmaking memories. One ex-worker had this to say:

"I used to work in the brush factory. It was hard work cutting the material to make the brushes. When the machines came in we were all amazed how it worked but only a few of us got to work with them. My brother used to transport

the brushes to be dyed and he used to tell me how amazing it was to watch them do it. I think back, then it was any man's dream to work in Briton Brush industries. We all found it worthwhile until both major factories closed down then lots of us were left jobless and we had to find other jobs, but none were as rewarding as the brush factory."

And this former employee enthused:

"I worked in the brush factory my whole life and I tell you it was fascinating! My oh my! The machines."

Then this amusing anecdote from a granddaughter:

"My grandmother worked here. She told me stories of knotting the brushes. She told me she used to sit on a three-legged stool and when she finished her employment at Briton she cut one leg off so that no one else could use it!"

\*Wymondham Heritage Museum, The Bridewell, Norwich Road, Wymondham, is open from March to October, Monday to Saturday 10 am to 4 pm, Sundays 1 pm to 4 pm.

For more information go to [www.wymondhamheritagemuseum.co.uk](http://www.wymondhamheritagemuseum.co.uk)

## We Are On Facebook

Hethersett Herald is on Facebook. You can follow us at

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

**A reminder that the Paint With Us group (formerly known as Hethersett Aspiring Artists) will be holding an exhibition in Hethersett Village Hall from 10 am until 4 pm on Sunday, 14th October.**

**The group has been in existence for well over a decade, being an informal and sociable group of artists who produce a wide variety of paintings and cards.**

**The group welcomes newcomers from complete beginners to experienced artists, although at the moment it is close to maximum numbers. It meets on Thursday afternoons in the village hall between 1.30 and 4 pm.**

**Entry to the exhibition is free and refreshments will be available for a small charge. Paintings and cards will be on sale.**

# Have You Missed an Edition?



YOU can catch up on previous editions of the Hetherssett Herald by going to [www.hetherssettherald.weebly.com](http://www.hetherssettherald.weebly.com) and following the links. Hetherssett Herald is an independent publication for news, views and features about Hetherssett and general articles written by residents. It is currently available only online.

## News and Features Needed

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

With limited resources, it isn't possible for us to cover everything that is going on in our village. We hope that the Herald reflects just some of the things that are taking place in Hetherssett, 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 Hetherssett, Great Melton or Little Melton.

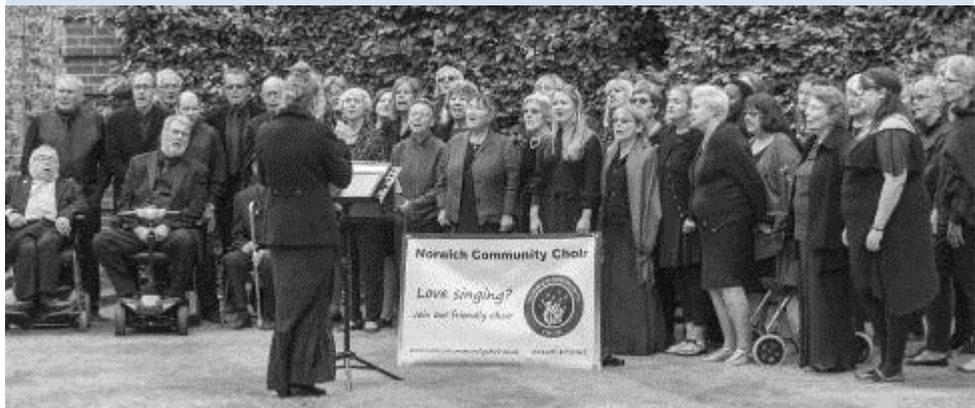
Reports, news, features and photographs can be sent by e-mail to [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net) or dropped off at 12, Karen Close, Hetherssett.



## Ambitious Programme for Choir

Norwich Community Choir, which features a number of singers from Hethersett, will be aiming for the stars when they celebrate their 10th anniversary year with a concert in Norwich Cathedral.

Among their items will be a unique adaptation of Allegri's Miserere with words written by choir members for this special charity event. This is a particularly challenging piece for a community choir, particularly when there are no auditions and many members can't read music.





Choir leader Meg Turpin said: “It’s very unusual for a community choir to tackle a piece like this. This ambitious reworking of Allegri’s masterpiece preserves the mood and sensuality of the original, whilst bringing it into the present with poignant lyrics taken from the words of our choir members expressing their feelings about belonging to the choir.”

The choir has grown and developed from humble beginnings in 2008 to present a diverse and polished repertoire. The concert programme, performed entirely from memory, will also include many heart-warming songs and some festive anthems.

Proceeds from the event will go to Nelson’s Journey, a Norfolk charity which supports bereaved children and young people.

Sarah Hyde, Community Funding Officer for Nelson’s Journey, told us: “We’re thrilled that Norwich Community Choir have chosen to support us in their 10th anniversary year. They join other wonderful fundraisers supporting us in our 20th anniversary year.”

The cathedral concert takes place on Saturday, 24th November, at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £10 and can be purchased by calling Ivan on 07423 118876 or from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/norwich-community-choir>.

The choir has members from Norwich, Hethersett, Wymondham, Bawburgh, Mulbarton and Wicklewood.

### Moaning Minne

I am told that Parvovirus has been confirmed in Wymondham. This is a dreadful illness for dogs and can be a death sentence. If dog owners actually picked up their dog mess it would help to stop it spreading. The walk around Hethersett is littered with it. Come on Hethersett dog walkers, keep your dogs safe, pick up their mess.

# Hethersett End Season On A Cup High



HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club ended their season with a trophy as they beat North Runcton in the final of the limited overs Hunts County Bats Norfolk Senior Cup Final.

It was a day when Valley hit top form to record a massive 10-wicket victory to overcome the side that had won the trophy the previous two seasons. Man of the match Ross Hazard took 5-18 and fellow spinner Indika Nanayakkara weighed in with 3-24 as North Runcton were bowled out for 80.

Hethersett underlined their superiority by reaching their target without losing a wicket with Damian Fahy unbeaten on 46 and Joseph Wilson hitting 28 not out. Valley took just seven overs to reach their target as they put their opponents to the sword with Fahy finishing off the match with a six. Our photograph on this

page shows Hethersett and Tas Valley captain Ian Bryce receiving the trophy from Mid Norfolk Sunday League chairman Colin King who said:

“Sometimes in cricket you come up against somebody who is absolutely ‘in their pomp. Today that person was Ross Hazard and I was proud to award the man of the match trophy to him alongside a bespoke Hunts County Bat worth £300. It was well deserved.”

Meanwhile Hethersett’s Saturday league teams finished in comfortable mid-table positions in what has been something of a transition season for the club.

The first team came fifth out of ten in Division Two of the Norfolk Alliance and the second team came seventh in Division Four.

The third team came sixth in Division Three Central of the Norfolk League and the fourth team finished seventh in Division Four South.

The Sunday side finished runners-up in the Mid Norfolk League Burgess Shield Division One.

The club’s under-11s finished second to Brooke in the Norfolk Alliance Terry Moore Under-11 Trophy Group Four. The ladies team, playing their first year of competitive cricket, came third in the Norfolk Women’s League behind Swardeston and Winterton.

The club’s annual general meeting will be held in November and the 2020 season will start next April.

The club’s annual end of season dinner and senior presentation evening will take place at Park Farm Hotel, Hethersett, on October 27th.



# Join the Crusade

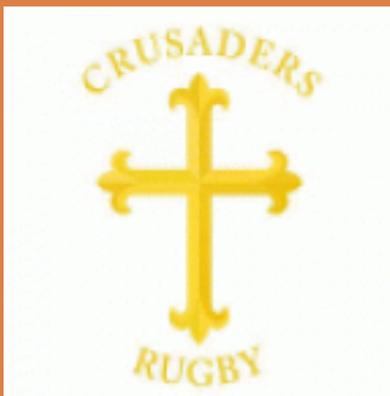
CRUSADERS Rugby Club is looking for more people to get involved with the club.

“If you are looking to get started in rugby and are looking for a club, Crusaders offers a brilliant opportunity for everyone to get involved,” said Martin Alcock from the club.

Pre-school groups meet on Tuesdays and Tiny Triers and minis on Sundays. There are also youth and girls teams and of course senior men’s teams.

This year the club also has a ladies team. There are also touch rugby teams for adults not wishing to play contact rugby.

“There is something for the whole family at Crusaders. So do get involved and join our amazing club. We look forward to giving you the warmest of welcomes at the most friendly and family orientated clubs in Norfolk ,” Martin Alcock added. More information is included on a poster on page 67.



## Sports Reports Needed

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

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

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

# CRUSADERS

✝ *Rugby Club* ✝

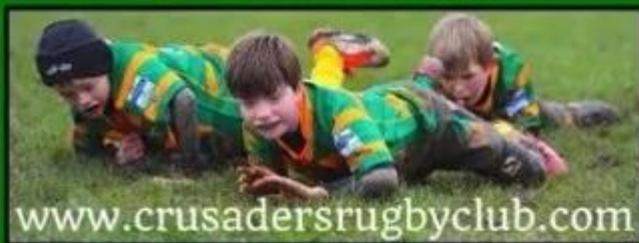
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[www.crusadersrugbyclub.com](http://www.crusadersrugbyclub.com)

**Little Melton Rd, Hethersett, NR9 3NP**

# Hethersett Hawks' Diary with Mel Perkins

HETHERSETT Hawks/Myhill Decorators had four riders competing in British Individual Championships in the North of England over the August Bank Holiday weekend. One came close to getting on the podium but the others found points difficult to accumulate despite being up to speed in most of their races. For them it will be valuable experience and help them set targets for the future.



Shaun Kell slipped when leading a race in the Little League Under-10 Championship. That cost him two points that might have kept him in contention but he finished a creditable fourth with 15 points at Astley near Manchester. Sister Josie contested the Under-12 Girls' Championship but lack of practice for four weeks contributed to her tally of just four points.



Owen Wells competed in the Junior Championship in wet conditions at Sheffield where he finished 13th with eight points. He also took up a late spot in the Open Semi-Finals and scored 12 points over two rounds. Paul Delaiche had his first taste of the British Finals day at Hull. Racing in front of a big crowd, he scored six points (15th) in the Under-16s but was pleased he had the pace to keep up with the best in Britain

Other Results - Norfolk GO-RIDE and Senior Practice Grand Prix Series Round Five at Harford Park:

Under-10s: A Final - 1 (dead-heat) Shaun Kell and Connor Jarrett, 3 Kieron Alton, 4 Will Blackmore. B Final - 1 Tabi Nierop.

Under-13s: A Final - 1 Josie Kell, 2 Charlie Watkins.

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

Senior: A Final - 1 Leigh Cossey, 2 Owen Wells, 3 Katie Adams.

Hawks staged the first leg of a new format regional cup competition by hosting both Great Blakenham and Norwich. Several of the top Hethersett riders were unavailable but those that stepped up put in a good performance to keep in contact with the visitors. Leigh Cossey led the side well as always, suffering just one defeat to Jonjo Slaughter and there was one win each for Owen Wells and Daniel Butler. Norwich were solid throughout and won despite an injury to Gary Colby.

Final Scores - Hethersett 82, Great Blakenham 92, Norwich 96. Hethersett scorers - L. Cossey 21, O. Wells 15, D. Butler 14, P. Delaiche 11, D. Longlands 11, G. Morgan 10.

In the Division Two match there was an interesting mix of veterans and youngsters which always proves entertaining. Hethersett just kept their scoreboard ticking over but it was close with a few races left. Paul Delaiche showed plenty of speed with four wins, his last a key victory over Jason Ashford. The match was finally settled when veteran Glyn Morgan, in his 12th race of the day, passed Keanu Bowers and opened up space for a 7-3 win with Dan Butler.

Hethersett 96, Great Blakenham 90, Norwich 83. Hethersett scorers - G. Morgan 21, P. Delaiche 20, O. Wells 19, D. Longlands 15, D. Butler 9, K. Adams 6, G. Larter-Dixon 6.

Four Hethersett riders went to Horspath in Oxfordshire to contest the final national round of the British Youth and Junior League. The best performance came from Paul Delaiche who won a heat in style and reached the B Final of the Juniors finishing fourth, one place behind Owen Wells. Josie Kell also excelled in the girls where she passed riders much older than herself to finish third in the C Final. Shaun Kell did not find the tight track to his liking but still won the C Final in the Under-10s.

There were wins for Shaun, Josie, Paul and Leigh Cossey as Hethersett riders won all categories in the Norfolk GO-RIDE Grand Prix at Harford Park.

Hawks contested the regional play-offs of the CS Knockout Cup at Ipswich. The "A" section found the going tough with the stars of Ipswich and Great Blakenham battling for supremacy but in the "B" section there were some excellent performances from experienced David Adams and Glyn Morgan, both of whom registered a race win. There were also encouraging signs from youngsters Paul Delaiche and Charlie Lyth. The match had a dramatic final heat 32 when Ipswich seemed certain to retain their title until Ashley Hill got excluded for anticipating

the start leaving British Champion Josh Brooke to speed to a race win and take Blakenham through to the national play-off at Poole.

Great Blakenham 96, Ipswich 95, Kesgrave 69, Hethersett 55. Hethersett Scores - G. Morgan 10, D. Adams 9, L. Cossey 7, L. Webster 7, O. Wells 6, C. Lyth 6, H. Hamill 5, P. Delaiche 5.

Owen Wells scored 15 points in the final British Elite Junior Grand Prix at Poole. In a race-off for third place he slipped on a corner but, despite that, finished fourth overall in the series. Paul Delaiche travelled to Hellingly in Sussex and finished fourth in the Under-18 regional grand prix.

Hawks had four riders competing in the East Anglian Championships and South-East and Eastern Ladies and Girls Championships at Kesgrave. Shaun Kell continued his good run of form by scoring 18 points in the Under-10s. That put him in a race-off for second/third place but he had to settle for third behind home rider Luca Woodhouse. Shaun also raced in the Under-13s scoring 10 points.

Josie Kell finished fourth in the Under-13 Girls with 18 points, then went on to race in the combined Open Women/Under-16 Girls' event scoring eight with Katie Adams scoring 11. Owen Wells scored seven points in the Under-19 and nine points in the Open Men. He then went on to Great Blakenham on the following day to represent the regional junior team who secured the Battle of Britain title with a 104-71 win over North and Scotland, Owen scoring four points from two substitute rides.

There were wins for Shaun Kell and Paul Delaiche at the final Norfolk Go-Ride Grand Prix at Hethersett. The wins underlined their series wins at Under-10 and Under-16 respectively. Josie Kell (Under-13) and Liam Webster (Senior) also took overall series honours. Oscar and Riley Copland made competitive debuts at this event.

Hawks staged a round of the Orchid Eurovets Series and welcomed riders over the age of 40 from afar afield as Glasgow, Northumberland, Newport and Exeter. The veterans did not disappoint with some classic racing and still no quarter given. The events were sponsored by Yellow Brick Mortgages and stepping up to receive their winners' trophies were Mark Winwood (Birmingham) in the Over-40s, Paddy Wenn (Norwich) in the Over-50s and Colin Simmons (Newport) in the Over-



60s. A special presentation was made to the incredible Chic Mackie from Glasgow to mark his feat of still racing at the age of 80. Glyn Morgan from the Hawks finished third in the Over-50s B Final Results were:

Over-40s: A Final - 1st Mark Winwood (Birmingham), 2nd Jason Keith (Northumbria), 3rd Steve Harris (Astley and Tyldesley) 4th Craig Marchant (Leicester). B Final - 1st Rob Geech (Exeter), 2nd Carl Winwood (Birmingham), 3rd Jim Collier (Exeter).

Over-50s A Final - 1st Paddy Wenn (Norwich), 2nd Norman Venson (Leicester), 3rd Dave Frith (Leicester), 4th Colin Simmons (Newport). B Final - 1st Steve Harris (Astley and Tyldesley), 2nd Paul Timms (Birmingham), 3rd Glyn Morgan (Hethersett), 4th Terry Kirkup (Northumbria).

Over-60s A Final - 1st Colin Simmons (Newport), 2nd Les Stevens (East London), 3rd Paul Timms (Birmingham), 4th Terry Kirkup (Northumbria). B Final - 1st Fred Rothwell (Bradford Olympic), 2nd Chris Ward (Unattached) 3rd Chic Mackie (Glasgow)

## Over-60s



## Over-50s



Winners in the Over-50s and Over-60s sections and on the left Octogenerian Chic Mackie is surrounded by well-wishers. The Over-40s winners are on the previous page.