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## EL SCORCHIO!

AN unprecedented hot spell saw temperatures in Hetherset rise during August to a sweltering 30 degrees plus on a number of days. The soaring heat came just five months after the Beast From the East brought snow and sub zero temperatures to the village.

On page nine Herald Associate Editor and amateur weather enthusiast Gary Wyatt brings us the full picture.

## Enjoying The Force

THE force will be with Hetherset residents on Saturday, September 8th, at a special sports and charity day. The Finnbar's Force Community Sports Day will feature a Go-Tri Hetherset Duathlon event sponsored by Rowan House Health and Well Being Centre.

The sports day promises something for everyone with old fashioned fun favourites such as three legged races, sack races, egg and spoon and wheelbarrow races being joined by numerous come and try sports and outdoor activities such as cycle speedway, mini football, speed kick, table tennis, croquet, bowls, mini archery, basketball, cricket and rugby. In addition there will be demonstrations and displays from various teams, ranging from sports to martial arts and acrobatics. Food and drink will be available and there will be a number of stalls. *(Continued on page five)*



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July and August were both extremely hot months in Hethersett with the Mercury regularly rising into the 30s making for often uncomfortable conditions and turning gardens into deserts rather than the green green grass of home.

January and August are the two months of the year when village groups usually take a break and the amount of news drops as people either recover from the excesses of Christmas or set off on holiday breaks.

But even in what could be called “holiday months” there seems to be enough going on to keep us in business here at the Herald.

It does give us the opportunity, however, to include a number of historically-based features and we hope you enjoy our look at brushmaking in South Norfolk.

Many thanks as always to all the people who have said how much they enjoy reading the Herald. We hope that we have become an integral part of village life. Please pass on details of where to find us to friends, relations and anyone else you feel might be interested in reading our magazine.

We very much welcome articles on any subject regarding the village or articles or subjects outside of Hethersett written by local residents.

We publicise when new editions are available on social media sites such as Next Door, Facebook and Twitter and we now also have our own dedicated Hethersett Herald web site at [www.hethersettherald.weebly.com](http://www.hethersettherald.weebly.com) where you will find the current edition along with a full archive going back to our initial 12-page publication of November, 2016.

As we approach our third birthday we are looking forward to providing you with news, features and information for many months to come.

Peter Steward

# Hetherset Academy Goes From Strength to Strength

HETHERSETT Academy continues to go from strength to strength as the latest GCSE results show.

In 2017, 80% of students achieved at least a grade four in English and Maths. This year that figure increased to 81%.

Principal Gareth Stevens (pictured right) expressed his delight at the latest figures which put the Academy in the top 10 of Norfolk schools and in the top handful of state run schools.



"Last year's results were record breaking and I am delighted to say that this year the results have improved even further with 81% getting four-plus at English and Maths and strong underlying progress scores. Our students and staff have worked consistently hard for many years and really deserve these brilliant results," Mr Stevens told the Eastern Daily Press newspaper.

"Since becoming an academy, our students have achieved record exam results with achievements over the last four years placing Hetherset Academy among the country's top schools.

"These phenomenal results are evidence of the high expectations, determination, resilience and hard work of both students and staff for which they must be highly commended.

"But Hetherset is no narrow exam factory. Our students enjoy a rich cultural and sporting life with music, drama, and arts groups; frequent public performances and high-quality team and individual sports.

"We remain determined to ensure every child that attends Hetherset Academy will achieve grades that match both aptitude and industry and leave a well-rounded individual with the social and cultural skills to complement their academic knowledge," Mr Stevens stated on the school's official website.

# In Memory of Finnbar

(Continued from front page)

The special sports day on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field will be held in memory of five-year-old Hethersett youngster Finnbar Cork who died from a brain tumour. The Finnbar Force charity, set-up after his death, raises money for research into childhood brain tumours.

The day will start with the first ever Go-Tri Hethersett Duathlon - basically a triathlon without the swimming element.

"We are hoping the duathlon will provide a taster for anyone interested in completing a triathlon," said Finnbar's father and organiser Tristan Cork.

There will actually be two duathlons - one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Both will feature a 10 kilometre cycle ride sandwiched between two 2.5 kilometre runs. There will also be a shorter course and a mini duathlon on the playing field for children.

The Hethersett duathlon is supported by the British Triathlon organisation and places can be booked through their web site at:

[https://www.britishtriathlon.org/events/go-tri-hethersett-duathlon-for-finnbar%27s-force\\_10064](https://www.britishtriathlon.org/events/go-tri-hethersett-duathlon-for-finnbar%27s-force_10064).

All proceeds from the event, apart from a small administration charge, will go to the Finnbar's Force charity.

The organisers are looking for

ONE local man will be taking on the grueling duathlon wearing his full firefighter kit weighing 25 kg.

Mark Matless, 33, is a retained firefighter with the Norwich Fire and Rescue Service, as well as a full time firefighter at Norwich Airport. Mark has two daughters - Amelia aged nine and Sienna aged five. Amelia was at Woodside Infant School which was also attended by Finnbar and Sienna is still a pupil at the school.

Mark said: "I am hoping that the weather will be cooler on the day when I take on my first combined discipline event. I have run a marathon and a half marathon before, but never wearing my firefighter kit! It will make it significantly more difficult so I hope it encourages more people to donate.

"I lost my aunt to a brain tumour which was terrible, but as a parent myself, the thought of losing a child at such a young age and so quickly is unimaginable. If every household in Hethersett donated just £1, my challenge would raise over £2,800! I hope that the local community, with the help of friends, family and neighbouring villages can all come together and help raise an amazing amount for this worthy cause."

# Free Admission

Admission to the sports day is free but donations will be requested to take part in many of the activities.

If you are unable to come along but would like to help with Finnbar's Force's fundraising please go to [www.finnbarsforce.co.uk/donate](http://www.finnbarsforce.co.uk/donate) and to sponsor Mark Matless (see page five) go to [www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/ffmatless](http://www.totalgiving.co.uk/mypage/ffmatless).

Once the sports day officially finishes at 5 pm there will be music provided by local performers and a bar available until 7 pm.

stallholders, particularly focused on sporting activities or fun activities for children.

"We would love to hear from any sports or display teams that would like to perform or demonstrate their craft on the day. We also need plenty of volunteers to help and also donations of cakes and tombola prizes," Tristan Cork said.

Volunteers can step forward by filling in an online form at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSet0-03axLh52-yPAvTEwhzUb5LF9Pop64f7izZqMJvajKNw/viewform>

Tristan, a paramedic, said: "We are looking forward to welcoming lots of people from the local community and further afield. All proceeds from the day will be used in our fight against childhood brain tumours, including our support of Brain Tumour Research, as well as a number of local projects including a new information pack Finnbar's Force is developing for families who have had a loved one diagnosed with a brain tumour."

Sue Farrington Smith, Chief Executive of Brain Tumour Research, said: "I hope that the Hethersett Sports Day attracts lots of families who want to enjoy a fun day out. Finnbar's Force is committed to raising funds for vital research into childhood brain tumours and we are grateful for their support and help in our mission to build a network of experts in sustainable research. Brain Tumour Research is funding dedicated UK Centres of Excellence where scientists are focused on improving outcomes for patients and, ultimately, finding a cure.

"For too long, brain tumours have been a neglected cancer and stories like Finnbar's remind us we cannot allow this desperate situation to continue. Sadly, less than 20% of those diagnosed with a brain tumour survive beyond five years compared with an average of 50% across all cancers. We are delighted that our campaigning to increase the national investment for research into brain tumours has achieved great results with both the Government and Cancer Research UK announcing £65 million between them over the next five years. We are now

working with the Government and other funders to accelerate progress – there is still so much to do and every penny raised will help us get closer to our aim. Together we will find a cure.”

### **A message from the Brain Tumour Research Group:**

Brain Tumour Research is the only national charity in the UK dedicated to raising funds for continuous and sustainable scientific research into brain tumours and we are a leading voice calling for greater support and action for research into what scientists are calling the last battleground against cancer. We are building a network of experts in sustainable research at dedicated centres of excellence whilst influencing the Government and larger cancer charities to invest more nationally.

We welcome recent funding announcements for research into brain tumours from the UK Government and Cancer Research UK – £65 million pledged over the next five years. However, this potential funding of £13 million a year comes with a catch – money will only be granted to quality research proposals and, due to the historic lack of investment, there may not be enough of these applications that qualify for grants from this pot. We want research funding parity with breast cancer and leukaemia. We are calling for a £30-35 million investment every year for research into brain tumours in order to fund the basic research groundwork needed to accelerate the translation from laboratory discoveries into clinical trials and fast-track new therapies for this devastating disease.

The Brain Tumour Research charity is a powerful campaigning organisation and represents the voice of the brain tumour community across the UK. We helped establish and provide the ongoing Secretariat for the All Party Parliamentary Group for Brain Tumours (APPGBT). We are supporting the crucial APPGBT 2018 Inquiry into the economic and social impacts of brain tumours and will publish their report in the autumn. We are also a key influencer in the development strategy for the Tessa Jowell Brain Cancer Mission.

#### **Key statistics on brain tumours:**

- Brain tumours are indiscriminate; they can affect anyone at any age.
- Brain tumours kill more children and adults under the age of 40 than any other cancer.
- Just 1% of the national spend on cancer research has been allocated to brain tumours.
- In the UK, 16,000 people each year are diagnosed with a brain tumour.
- Brain tumours kill more children than leukaemia.
- Brain tumours kill more men under 45 than prostate cancer.
- Brain tumours kill more women under 35 than breast cancer.
- Less than 20% of those diagnosed with a brain tumour survive beyond five years compared with an average of 50% across all cancers.

# Caring Residents Support Widow

CARING Hethersett residents have rallied around to help an elderly woman who was burgled in her home in Great Melton Road.

Last month we reported on the incident which saw 88-year-old Eileen Brown become the victim of a distraction burglary when she was targeted by a man who claimed he was from the council and had been sent to test taps. He stole over £500 from her handbag.

As news of the theft spread, it prompted a social media campaign that was inundated with hundreds of messages many offering to help.

Mrs Brown, who has lived in the same house for 60 years, told the Eastern Daily Press Newspaper:

"I can't believe the cards and flowers and money that people have sent.

"Years ago I used to be involved in lots of things in the village, jumble sales and helping people out, so if this had happened to someone else I would have done the same. But I don't go anywhere nowadays. I've lived here on my own for 30 years.

"People have been so kind. It has been overwhelming."

Just a few of the messages that appeared on Facebook are reproduced opposite.



Ashley Burne

20 July at 08:18

Morning everyone. I've just been to see the lady who's looking after the poor lady that got burgled yesterday. Unfortunately these 2 men have taken all her money she is 88 years old and probably wouldn't ever ask for help. I think maybe as a close community we could do something to help. Maybe some groceries, donations? I just feel we could work together so any suggestions or anyone want to help?

Like

Comment



Hilary Ford I'm more than happy to donate, money and a bunch of flowers. It could have been my late Mum or any of her friends.

Like Reply 1d



Hannah Baldry Ok I'm going to make a card to let the lady know that we're all thinking of her. Of course people may want to get their own cards but if anyone wants me to put their name on the inside of the card then please like this comment and I'll pop your names on it.

Like Reply 1d



Jill Samwell-Smith What worries me is how the men knew she was alone in the house and had cash lying around... they must have been scanning the neighbourhood pretty thoroughly... frightening. Hethersett always seemed above that kind of nastiness, didn't it? A shock to us all.

Like Reply 1d



Helena Scott Yes definitely. I think it's amazing what everyone is doing but maybe so overwhelming and constant for the lovely lady. So at least we can all donate which I would be so happy to do so

Like Reply 1d



Jon Shooter Wow this is what living in Hethersett is about, only wish we could catch the scum that did it, how can we help/donate?

Like Reply 1d



Vicki Poll Just dropped some things round to Brenda she said Eileen is overwhelmed by everyone's support xx

Like Reply 1d

# Phew, what a scorcher

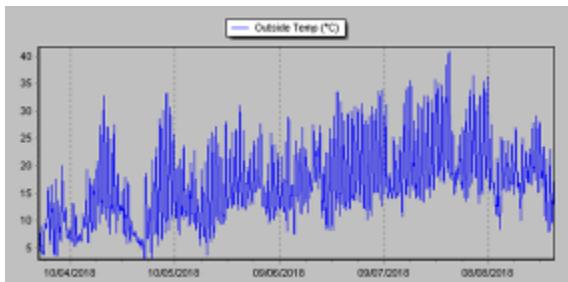
*Herald Associate Editor and keen local weather observer Gary Wyatt writes about the prolonged heatwave and drought we have experienced this summer.*

MY last article, published in the May edition of the Herald, covered the brief but intense cold spell we had towards the end of the 2017/18 winter. At the end of that article I commented “Spring did not really arrive until the first week of April, bringing a lot of rain with it over the Easter weekend. You may or may not think this was preferable to the snow! Roll on summer”

I may now regret that last sentence as, like many other people, I do not really enjoy very hot weather as I find it does limit the more energetic outdoor activities and boy did we get some hot weather this summer.

In this article I will cover the months of April through August which saw the development and end of the hottest periods. All the data shown in the graphs comes from my automatic garden weather station here in Hethersett, as described in the previous article. It should be noted that my weather station is deliberately placed in an open area, away from shade as it must be able to catch the rain and also measure light and UV levels. A consequence is that even though the temperature sensor is shielded, in very sunny conditions the readings are higher than would be expected from a thermometer in a traditional Stevenson screen (the white slatted boxes on legs that can be seen at official weather recording stations).

The first graph shows the temperature record for those months. Despite my reservations on the accuracy of maximum recorded temperatures, the main trends can be clearly seen. The first very warm period occurred in mid-April and the hottest ever London Marathon day was recorded on the 22nd. However, this was soon followed by a return to cold easterly winds, with maximum temperatures of only around 7 to 9°C on the last days of the month. Temperatures then rose again, peaking at the end of the first week of May, with the May Day public holiday (7th May) being the hottest on record. Temperatures later fell back but were still above the long term average.

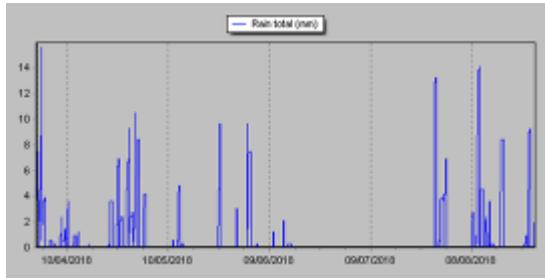


From that point, through June and July, until the end of the first week in August, consistently high temperatures were recorded, with only the occasional dip when the wind turned to a more northerly direction for a day or two. The peak heat period was from 14th-28th July. The weather station recorded a

maximum of 40.8°C on the 27th July but clearly suffered from the problem described above as this is a very unlikely temperature for the UK. My more conventional shaded thermometer did, however, record 36.1°C that day so it was clearly very hot.

August then, after the first week, probably disappointed many with temperatures returning to near, and even below, the long term average, being generally in the 20-25°C range. Of course, this and the accompanying rainfall, were welcomed by many others. Now we have touched on rainfall, the second graph shows the rain data from the station, with the summer drought period clearly standing out. From the 15th June through to the 27th July, a period of around six weeks, there was an absolute drought. This, coupled with the very high temperatures and sunshine levels, devastated many gardens and crisp yellow lawns became a common sight. More importantly, the crops of farmers and growers without irrigation suffered badly. Perhaps surprisingly, no water restrictions were imposed in this area as reservoir and underground

water levels were high following a wet winter and early Spring. The drought ended on 27th July, the hottest day mentioned above, in the way many UK heatwaves end, with a spectacular evening thunderstorm. However, on this occasion the heatwave did not end immediately, although fairly regular rainfall from then on finally turned our lawns green again.



One of the more tragic consequences of the drought was the tinder-dry state of the countryside and many extensive fires were recorded, especially in the heather moorlands of Lancashire. As discussed below, the heatwave was not confined to the UK, and similar and more destructive fires around Europe and North America made news headlines, with many homes destroyed and some loss of life.

It is interesting to consider the causes of the prolonged hot dry weather. The principal reason was that the jet stream, which is the high level flow of winds around the globe in a generally west to east direction, was further north than usual. As a consequence, atmospheric pressure rose over Europe and remained consistently high, mostly above 1015 millibars as shown in the graph on the following page, cutting the UK off from the normal damp temperate south westerly airstream.

The clear dry air this produced, coupled with the maximum daylight hours of the northern hemisphere summer, led to the high temperatures and build-up of heat over many weeks. Older readers may remember the classic hot dry summer that we experienced in 1976 and wonder how 2018 compares. Certainly there were

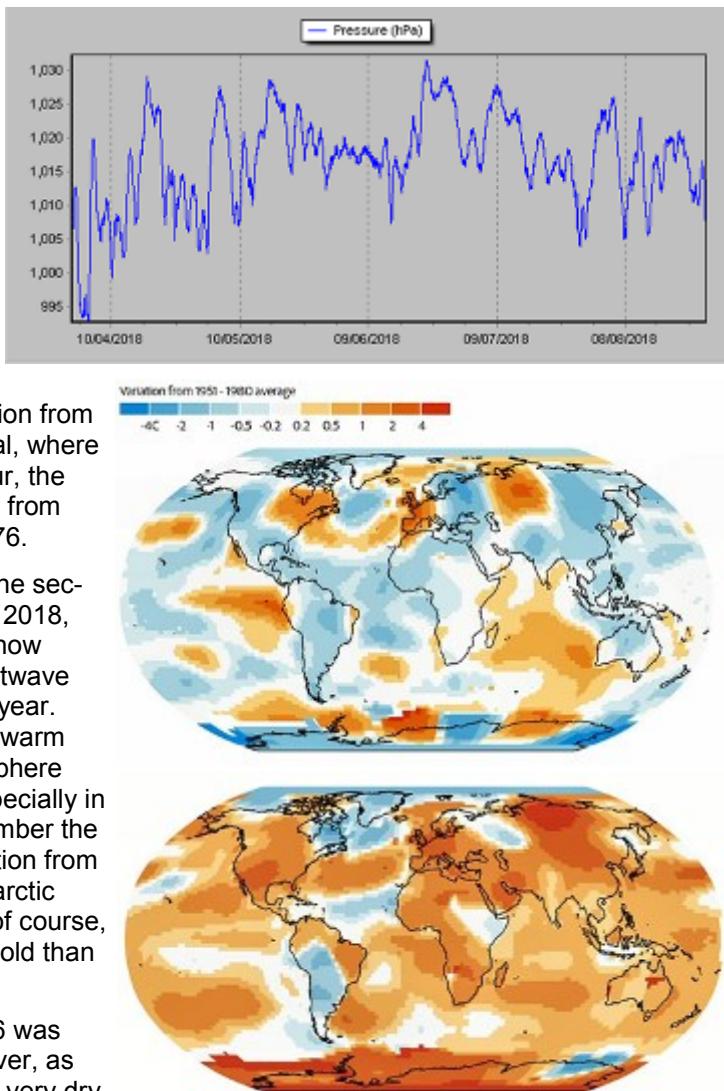
similarities between the two years in the UK but what was very unusual was that the 2018 heatwave extended over large areas of the world.

The first image below shows the temperature anomalies (i.e. the deviation from the long term normal, where the redder the colour, the higher the deviation from normal) for June 1976.

Compare this with the second image for June 2018, and it can be seen how widespread the heatwave was worldwide this year. Note how relatively warm the southern hemisphere mid-winter was, especially in the Antarctic (remember the images show deviation from average so the Antarctic was still very cold, of course, just markedly less cold than average).

The drought in 1976 was more severe, however, as that year followed a very dry summer in 1975, and two consecutive dry winters. The official average maximum temperatures for East Anglia this year were: April 14.3°C (2.3°C above average); May 18.9°C (+3.1°C); June 21.6°C (+2.4°C) and July 26.1°C (+5.0°C).

As I write this at the end of August, it seems very likely that it will turn out to be a much more 'normal' month, signalling the end of the 2018 heatwave. I may be wrong, so I'll finish this article as the previous one, but this time by saying 'Roll on Autumn.'



Source: NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies | Maps compare June 1976 to June 2018

# It Was All A Mistake!

LAST month we carried a plea by Hethersett stalwart Duncan Pigg to prevent the erosion of a green belt between Wymondham and Hethersett:

"Leaving home to travel to Wymondham on the B1172, I was surprised to see a sign telling me I was in the town of Wymondham when I was just past David James Car Sales in Hethersett. Of course I know better but 99% of people will not.

"They will not have seen the Kett's Oak tree which stands in Hethersett and the plaque installed by the Hethersett Society about the history of the tree or a few yards further on two signs presumably on the boundary, one which indicates Norwich Common in the parish of Wymondham and the other one, Kett's Oak, in the parish of Hethersett.

He wrote to Norfolk County Council expressing his concerns and, at the time of publication of the August Herald, hadn't received a reply. Duncan has now been contacted by the Highways' Department as he explained:

"I received a telephone call from Norfolk County Council's Highways' Department informing me that the signs were a mistake, should not have been put there and they will get them removed. Apparently they cannot find the people responsible for putting up the signs and therefore they will have to be taken down by highways when staff are available and, as this is not given a very high priority and highways staff are very busy, it might take a little while."

## Fighting to Maintain a Green Belt

FOR many years residents and various village groups have fought to keep a green belt between Hethersett and Norwich to the north and Wymondham to the south.

One resident and former district councillor is concerned that the "strategic gap" is now being eroded and Wymondham is encroaching into Hethersett's boundary.

Village stalwart Duncan Pigg B.E.M (pictured opposite) has written to Norfolk County Council's Highways Department following the positioning of a "Wymondham Town" sign within Hethersett.

"Leaving home to travel to Wymondham on the B1172 last week, I was surprised to see a sign telling me I was in the town of Wymondham when I was just past David James Car Sales in Hethersett. Of course I know better but 99% of people will not.

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"Since I was District Councillor serving on South Norfolk Planning Committee in the 1980s it has always been a policy to have a green break between Wymondham and Hethersett and this has always been supported by Wymondham Town Council and Hethersett Parish Council. Now your new sign has put them adjacent to each other, although in fact this is not the case. However, a keen developer and some land owner or even a planning inspector might assume incorrectly that we have accepted no break.

"Is there any need for these signs when there are more appropriate signs nearer the town?" Duncan asked the highways' department and he is awaiting a response.





# Odin Joins the Hares

ONE of the most enjoyable experiences of the summer holidays for both children and adults has been hare hunting. Highly coloured hares and baby hares (leverets) have graced Norwich and other towns and areas of Norfolk.

Many of the leverets have been decorated by local organisations and schools and Odin, by Hethersett Old Hall School, has brightened up the Forum in Norwich throughout the summer. The photograph above shows Odin with the other Forum leverets and on the following page is a close-up of the Old Hall leveret.

Odin's design was created by Old Hall School pupil Laura Somerville and is based on ideas surrounding Norse mythology. Night and day are depicted on either side of the leveret with a tree of life down the centre and Norse names along the base.

There is still a chance to catch Odin and the other hares/leverets who will be in place until the end of September, following which they will be auctioned off for charity.



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**Parts of Hethersett suffered numerous annoying power cuts during August.**

**Over 2,000 homes in Hethersett and Wymondham suffered a series of outages in the middle of the month all due apparently to a fault on the network.**

**A power network spokesman apologised for the problems: "We understand how difficult it is to be without power and apologise for any inconvenience caused," he said. Despite assurances that electricity had been restored, the cuts continued over a number of days.**

# Party Time for Hetherset WI

HETHERSETT Women's Institute celebrated its centenary with a special party.

Friends from neighbouring institutes joined in and the celebrations have by no means finished with the dedication of a new bench in the grounds of St Remigius Church scheduled for September.

"We have celebrated well and will conclude at our September meeting with the dedication of a new bench for everyone in Hetherset to enjoy," said WI member Margot Markham.

Guests at the celebration party included Sheila Creasey, who has been a WI member for 55 years. She talked about joining the movement and what it has meant to her over more than half a decade. Martyn Shults and Rachel Duffield, who are members of The Upper Octave singing group entertained with songs from the shows.

Hetherset WI received a special certificate from the National Federation of Women's Institutes.

"We hope that in the future local ladies get as much from the WI movement as we have done," Margot Markham added.

We will have a photograph of the new bench in the grounds of the parish church in the next edition of Hetherset Herald.

## Canadian Beginnings

The WI movement was brought to the United Kingdom from Canada with the ideals of providing "fun, friendship and education."

It originated in Stoney Creek in Ontario. The first meeting in the UK took place on 16th September, 1915, during the First World War, on Anglesey in Wales. It is the largest women's voluntary organisation in the world.

There are currently over 150 WIs in Norfolk with members from all walks of life. Probably Norfolk's best known member is the Queen who is president of the Sandringham WI. The Queen has been a WI member since 1943.

The Countess of Wessex is a member of Bagshot WI, Surrey. The Duchess of Cornwall is a member of Tetbury WI, Gloucestershire. Princess Anne is an Associate Member.

# **Ring That Bell for Armistice**

**HETHERSETT** bell ringers are backing a campaign to recruit 1400 people to ring for Armistice Day.

**1400** is the number of bellringers who gave their lives in service of their country in the First World War and their memory is being honoured by people becoming new bell ringers in time for the centenary of the Armistice on November 11th.

**Age is no barrier to learning and the Hethersett group points out that no great strength or mathematical ability is needed.**

**“Anybody can learn to ring and become part of a friendly and sociable group of people across the country, all of whom will welcome you into their towers,” the group state.**

**Bell ringing can provide gentle aerobic exercise as well as keeping the brain active and focused.**

**Further details on how to join are available by emailing [bells@big-ideas.org](mailto:bells@big-ideas.org) or by phoning Mark and Anne Larner on 01603 810971.**

## **Recycling Event Heralded a Success**

THE first reuse and recycling event held in Hethersett on Monday, 13th August, has been heralded a success.

“We were extremely pleased with the number of residents donating items and taking others away for reuse. It was the first time a reuse and recycling event has been held in Hethersett,” said district councillor David Bills.

The event was organised by South Norfolk Council and overall just under a tonne of electrical items were collected. Over 300 items including furniture, books, textiles and other household items were reused and £125 was collected in donations for the chairman’s charity.

At the end of the day items remaining were collected by the RSPCA who expressed themselves “thrilled” with the donations.

# September is Dog Remembrance Month

*By Helen Tyler from Hethersetts*

**D**OG owners who have ever experienced saying goodbye to their beloved four-legged best friend will understand just how heartbreakingly difficult and emotional it can be.

The UK's second Dog Remembrance Month begins on September 1st and will once again create a focus for dog lovers to come together and celebrate the lives of their cherished pets, whilst providing mutual support and understanding.

Local dog sitting specialists, Barking Mad South Norwich, are supporting the vision of providing a platform for people who have suffered the pain of dog bereavement. They are keen to raise awareness of the lack of understanding of the effects of losing a precious pet and are holding a coffee morning to promote this on 17<sup>th</sup> September at School House Café in Poringland. You can get involved by contacting me on 01603 340595.

The success of last year's Dog Remembrance Month was the first step in a mission to provide a resource where visitors can talk to those who have lived through the same experience and be non-judgemental of the pain and trauma that is suffered as a result of your dog passing away.

Organisers of the event, Barking Mad Dog Care, are delighted that membership of their Facebook support group, [www.facebook.com/groups/DogBereavementRainbowBridgeRemembrance/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/DogBereavementRainbowBridgeRemembrance/), has grown to nearly a thousand members, all telling their stories and receiving support and understanding. Contributors are asked to share photographs and stories about their loved ones in an environment where they can be understood and receive compassion and new members are always welcome.

Barking Mad Founder and Managing Director, Lee Dancy, lost her beloved dog, Bronte, five years ago and said:

"Having experienced the heartbreak of having to say goodbye to our lovely Dalmatian, Bronte, I understand all too well that losing a dog can be devastating. I was very lucky to have a large network of dog lovers fantastic at providing their support. I am aware that sadly not everyone has this comfort and guidance. We're encouraging local communities of dog lovers to access the support and understanding that many crave."

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 Village Screen Dates Announced



DATES have been announced for the 2018/2019 season of films organised by Hethersett Village Screen.

The non profit group organises monthly screenings in Hethersett Village Hall. All films take place on a Sunday at 3 pm unless stated otherwise:

Dates for films are: 23rd September (6.30 pm) - Phantom Thread. 21st October - Bookshop. 11th November - Journey's End. 9th December - Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. 6th January (to be announced), 3rd February (tba), 3rd March (tba), 7th April (tba) and 12th May (tba).

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

The first film of the season - Phantom Thread - is a 2017 American period drama written and directed by Paul Thomas Anderson and is set in the London couture world of 1954. It stars Daniel Day-Lewis as a couturier who takes a young waitress, played by Vicky Krieps, as his muse. It is reportedly Day-Lewis' final role before retiring.

## Popular Quiz's Latest Date

**HETHERSETT King's Head will be holding the latest in its series of quizzes on September 9th at 7.30 pm.**

**The quizzes have proved very popular to date. Entry is £1 per head with the winning team taking all. The quizzes take place on the second Sunday of each month.**

## Open Gardens' 2019 Date

THE Hetherset Environmental Action Team (HEAT) will be organising another village open gardens event in July 2019. An actual date still has to be fixed but HEAT is appealing for anyone interested in opening their gardens to the general public to contact them.

HEAT is hoping for a bumper number of gardens and anyone interested in taking part should contact Geoff Dyet on 01603 812964 or via e-mail at [Geoffreydyet@gmail.com](mailto:Geoffreydyet@gmail.com).

HEAT's next village litter pick will take place on Saturday 8th September, starting at 10 am from Hetherset Methodist Church Car Park. Volunteers are welcome and equipment and bags will be supplied.

## Funding Offer

IF you are involved in running a community group that needs some funding, Hetherset'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 Hetherset 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.

"Hetherset has done well in the past for funding so let's keep it up. I look forward to hearing from you," Councillor Bills said.

## More Praise for Hetherset Academy

HETHERSETT Academy has been named as one of the reasons that Norwich is one of the top 12 cities to live in in the United Kingdom by a national newspaper. The Sunday Times Best Places to Live guide for 2018 lists Norwich as one of the UK's premium locations and Hetherset Academy and the Sir Isaac Newton sixth form are given special mentions as examples of "excellent" state schools.

Hetherset Academy has returned another outstanding set of GCSE results. To read about these and comments made by the principal Gareth Stevens, turn to page 4.

# 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 has received more reports about telephone cold callers claiming to be from the Telephone Preference Service (TPS).

During the calls the cold caller will claim that:

- They are checking details and asking if you still wish to be registered with the TPS. The caller then attempts to gather personal information and credit or debit card details.
- They are offering a service that can stop 'all cold calls' for a monthly, annual or 'lifetime' fee.

These calls are not genuine and are not connected with the TPS in any way. The TPS will never cold call requesting payment or card details or selling any form of service.

It is free to sign up to the TPS register and once an individual's telephone number is on the TPS, it will remain on it and there is no need to update the registration.

If you receive a cold call claiming to be from the TPS do not give or confirm any details, hang up and report it to Trading Standards via their partners the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06.

To register with the TPS call 0345 070 0707 or visit [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk).

Trading Standards is also warning residents to be on their guard after receiving reports of a man attempting to sell watches from a car. The man drives a convertible and approaches people in the street asking if they want to buy a watch. He was seen to have a number of different watches on the passenger seat of the vehicle.

Trading Standards advise the public never to purchase items if approached in this manner. There is a high possibility that the items being sold are low quality counterfeit versions of well known 'high value' brands.

Anyone sighting this seller in Norfolk or concerned about rogue trader activity in their community can contact Trading Standards through the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 03454 04 05 06. They can also contact Norfolk Constabulary via 101.

# Yeats, His Muse and Wymondham

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Herald Editor Peter Steward is always looking for Norfolk connections on his travels and a recent visit to Norwich Forum Library and Dublin uncovered a link between his favourite poet and South Norfolk as he explains

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MY love of the English language and literature comes from my time at the Norwich School. That love encompasses the poetry of William Butler (W.B) Yeats and back in the late 1960s I read a number of biographies of the man which included details of his affair with the Irish activist Maud Gonne.

Fast forward over 50 years and I decided to re-visit some of Yeats' better known poems and in particular to listen to a CD entitled "Now and In Time to Be" which is an interpretation of his poetry by the likes of Van Morrison, Shane MacGowan and the Waterboys. I also revisited "An appointment with Mr Yeats" by the Waterboys and the lovely Joni Mitchell track "Slouching Towards Bethlehem" based on Yeats' poem "The Second Coming."

So whilst browsing in Norwich Library I was delighted to find a new biography of Maud Gonne entitled "The Adulterous Muse" by Adrian Frazier and I was surprised to learn that she was descended from Norfolk stock.

Maud Gonne was born in Tongham near Farnham, Surrey, and not Ireland as she would have people believe. One of her great grandfathers, William, was born on what was described as a Norfolk sheep farm in 1784. He went from selling linen in a Norfolk shop to becoming one of the largest manufacturers, wholesalers, warehousers and insurers in Great Britain.

When he died he left a fortune. Apparently William came from Wymondham.

Maud was an Irish revolutionary, suffragette and actress who actively campaigned for Home Rule.

During the 1890s she travelled extensively throughout the United Kingdom and the United States championing the nationalist cause and forming the "Irish League" in 1896. In



Henry Moore sculpture of W B  
Yeats in Dublin



Maud Gonne  
in later years



1897, along with Yeats, she organised protests against Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Many of Yeats' poems are inspired by her.

Her son, Seán MacBride was also active in politics in Ireland and was a founding member of Amnesty International. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1974. Maud died in 1953, aged 86.

#### When You Are Old by William Butler Yeats - inspired by Maud Gonne

When you are old and grey and full of sleep,  
And nodding by the fire, take down this book,  
And slowly read, and dream of the soft look  
Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep;  
How many loved your moments of glad grace,  
And loved your beauty with love false or true,  
But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you,  
And loved the sorrows of your changing face;  
And bending down beside the glowing bars,  
Murmur, a little sadly, how Love fled  
And paced upon the mountains overhead  
And hid his face amid a crowd of stars.

# A Brush With History

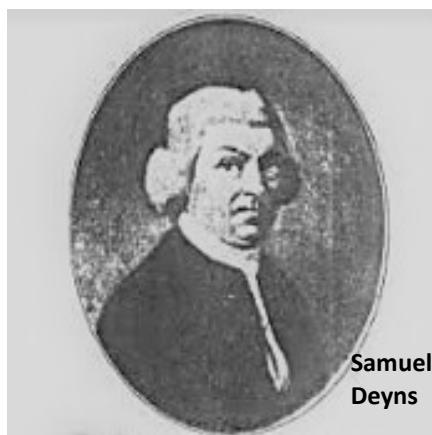
Norwich and South Norfolk have a long standing association with the brush making industry with towns such as Wymondham and Attleborough being important manufacturing centres over the years. In the first of a two part Hethersett Herald Special, Associate Editor Roger Morgan looks at the beginnings of the brush-making business.

BRUSHES were made in Norwich from the 18th century and by 1890 there were at least 15 firms in the city.

One of the most important stories centres around Samuel Deyns who was born in Norwich in 1720 and founded a small basket making business. In 1736 he was apprenticed to John Dunn, a basket maker in St. John Maddermarket. What happened next is a little unclear but it is thought that in 1746 Samuel went into partnership with Francis Allen, an established osier grower and basket-maker. He then went on to set up his own business at St Andrew's Plain. When Francis Allen died in 1762, Samuel bought his property in the Haymarket. He lived there with his wife and

young family for around 20 years and was known to be in business as a basket manufacturer, brush maker, paper merchant and manufacturer of pattens (wooden overshoes) and clogs. He was also an osier grower.

Norwich and Norfolk were ideal places for brush making firms because of the abundant supply of timber especially in the Southern woodlands. Beech wood was particularly used because of its hardness and fine grain while Alder and Birch were favoured for brooms. Wymondham was a well known centre of woodturning and was to play an important role in the develop-



ment of brush making. Wild boar bristle was imported from Russia to make the finest brushes.

One of the saddest events in Samuel's life was the death of his only son and heir aged just 13. However, through his daughter, Elizabeth he managed to secure the future of the business by persuading her to make her first born son Samuel Deyns Page take over the firm when he came of age.

ON 8th August, 1780, Elizabeth Deyns married John Page of Attlebridge. John's Grandfather Philip was a wealthy farmer in Suffolk and owned a lot of land. But his eldest son, also called Philip, was not good with money and managed to lose much of his inheritance. The farms were sold and his sons, John and another Philip, became tenant farmers.

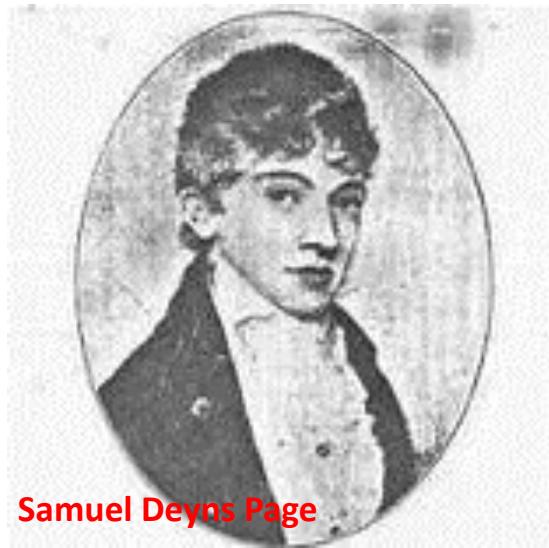
John, like his father, was a spendthrift and built up many debts. When he married Elizabeth, Samuel Deyns, as well as giving a large dowry, also settled his new son-in-law's debts. However, as he was now in his sixties, he attached one condition.

This was that the first son of the marriage should enter the firm. Samuel Deyns Page was born two years later (1782) and went to live as a child in Norwich. In time he was apprenticed to his grandfather. When he came of age in 1803 he became a partner in the firm and when his grandfather died in 1806 he inherited his business interests.

In 1805 he had married Sarah, the only surviving child of Martin and Sarah Fountain. Martin was a prosperous, well respected builder who had worked on many important civic buildings like Shirehall and the city gaol. When he died in 1828, Samuel inherited a considerable amount of property in the parish of St Mary's.

Times were very difficult for small businesses around 1815. The war with France was over and, with cereal prices falling, there was a deep depression in the rural economy. It appears that Samuel was very astute and diversified his business interests into wholesale stationery and drapery as well as brush making.

He gave his three sons sound business training and his third child, also called Samuel, was apprenticed to his father in 1831 and became a partner thus creating the restyled firm of S.D. Page and Son. Samuel Senior was a kind and just



**Samuel Deyns Page**

employer participating in civic life as a special constable and a councillor for the Mancroft Ward. He was the only one of John and Elizabeth Page's sons to do well. On one occasion he had to rescue his brother, Henry, an ironmonger in Fakenham, who became a forger and ran away to Ireland.

When he died in 1845 he had taken the business through very difficult times. He was succeeded by Samuel III and, with the depression easing, the business started to flourish again. They were able to buy a neighbouring property in the Haymarket which in effect doubled the size of the factory. Brush making increased and wrapping paper, string and twine manufacture started.

The expanding railway network meant that the firm was able to sell its goods to the national market. Samuel was joined in the business by his second and third sons Frederick John(1838-1927) and Charles Fountain(1839-1921). Frederick managed the brush making side of things while Charles handled the other departments. When they became partners the firm was renamed S.D. Page and Sons.

The factory in Haymarket was greatly expanded and by 1860 it was employing over 100 people. The Norwich factory dominated the Haymarket, with five floors packed with men and women making every type of brush for the wholesale trade. The people of Norwich were constantly subjected to its smoky presence by the scale and activity of its city centre site. It focussed on brush making, stationery and printing.

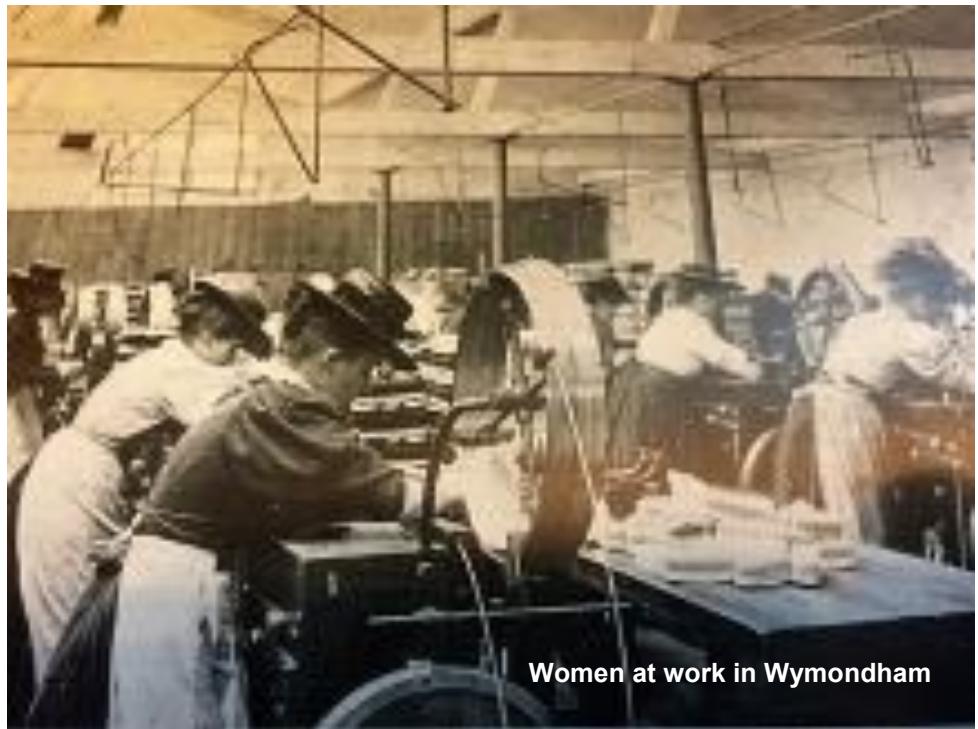


The old SD Page Haymarket factory in  
1966 was taken over by Lamberts.

It quickly became necessary to add new premises and these were erected at Wymondham. Naturally the incoming of a brush factory was warmly welcomed by the Wymondham people and the venture proved to be so successful that several extensions had to be made from time to time. The Wymondham works opened in 1886 in a row of cottages in Lady Lane.

There were large timber yards with drying sheds and workshops where the stocks and handles were cut, turned and pre-drilled.

By 1890, 600 people were employed at the Norwich and Wymondham sites . There was no shortage of labour in the countryside and women were only too willing to walk in from the surrounding villages to find work. In early 1890s the Wymondham works were almost totally destroyed by fire and had to be rebuilt as a new two-storey factory. However the company was soon to be caught up in a wave of strikes which had taken hold of Norwich businesses for much of 1890-



**Women at work in Wymondham**

91. The strikes had a lasting effect on the firm and, in April 1890, the brothers finally decided to dissolve their partnership with Charles Page taking control of the brushworks. In March 1894, there was yet another fire at the Wymondham works but the factory was rebuilt, extended and modernised. Machines that could do the work of 12 men were installed allowing the firm to compete on price with the cheapest foreign imports.

The business went from strength to strength, taking over the Cann's Wymondham Brewery. A third factory was opened in the old printing works of the Norfolk News Company at Museum Court off St Andrew's Street, Norwich.

World War One brought mixed fortunes to the brush trade because the work-force was greatly depleted and the cost of imported material rose steeply.

But Page was heavily involved in war work and secured huge government contracts. This would eventually lead to amalgamation with a London based brush company to form Briton's Brushes, but this, as they say is a story for another day.

**We continue the story of brushmaking in the next edition of Hethersett Herald with local author Neil Haverson sharing his knowledge of the subject.**

# Social Media Watch

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*WE check the pages of various social media sites to bring you comments on some of the hot topics affecting our village - many of which have been covered in Hethersett Herald.*

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"It was interesting to see the subject of the Wymondham signs raised again. Earlier this 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." - **Source Hethersett Herald Facebook page.**

"Henstead Road is a nightmare. It is time they put double yellow lines right down to the junction of Great Melton Road. Today the parking was awful and a bus had great difficulty getting round the bend. An accident waiting to happen, and is that what it takes for action on the problem?" **Source Next Door Social Media Site.**

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## From The Good News

*The following is taken from the pages of the September edition of the Good News magazine:*

Hethersett St Remigius Church Choir is a robed choir which sings at three morning services every month and at occasional afternoon or evening services for festivals. The choir practices most Wednesdays from 6.45 to 7.45 pm and has lots of dedicated singers, but is always happy to welcome new members. For more details contact Rebecca Heaser on 01603 812472 or at [Rebecca@heaser.com](mailto:Rebecca@heaser.com).

# Council/Government Contact Numbers

Below are the contact details for people you may want to get in touch with on village matters:

## **Member of Parliament**

Our MP is Richard Bacon who can be contacted through the following:

Email - [Richard@richardbacon.org.uk](mailto:Richard@richardbacon.org.uk).

Address: Grasmere, Denmark Street, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4LE.

Telephone: 01379 642097

Web site: [www.richardbacon.org.uk](http://www.richardbacon.org.uk)

Facebook - Bacon4SouthNorfolk

Twitter - @Bacon4SNorfolk

## **Norfolk County Council**

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

## **South Norfolk Council**

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

## **Hethersett Parish Council**

Clerk to the council Ian Weetman can be contacted on 01603 810915. Parish council chairman 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](mailto:hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk)

Website – [hethersettpc.info](http://hethersettpc.info)

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# The Scott Willoughby Column



THE heavy rain towards the end of July came as a relief to many people suffering from the heat, but it once again highlighted one of the hot topics of the past few months.

The question posed by this topic is simply: "How many people will use the new cycle path?"

Cycling clubs and serious racing cyclists will always choose the roads but others just won't use the paths for the very good reason that they are often littered with debris as was very evident after the rain.

I managed to capture a picture of some of the debris left by the storms and that certainly



bears out just why serious cyclists are loathe to use the cycle ways. Of course nobody expects the road sweepers to be continually on hand for every eventuality but comments have been made by cyclist friends of mine that debris can lie on the paths for some time and the fear of constant punctures puts them off using the paths.

Another hot topic is of course the opportunities and the problems that will accompany additional development in the village.

I wrote in a recent column about how I would like to see people being more kind to each other. Then I saw the following posted to the village's social media site which was set-up to run alongside this publication. It was harsh in its condemnation of the village:

"Poor show Hethersett, poor show.

My wife and I took our 16-month-old to the Memorial Playing Field in Hethersett today. We have lived here since December.

The Memorial Playing Field is a park, you'd think it would be friendly, welcoming and fun. However we were wrong, and didn't stay long.

There were a group of approximately 8 children at the park aged between 5 and maybe 11, no parents in sight. Every other word out of their mouths was f this and f that. F-ing this and f-ing that.

On our way home from the park we also saw a series of locals chasing after a young man who had shoplifted some cider from Tesco Express.

Come on Hethersett, you're losing the village charm that we moved here to be a part of."

A friend of mine was also talking to me again about the abuse he has received from unthinking motorists who regularly park outside his house, often blocking his access. This seems to be a constant problem that is getting worse rather than better.

It was heartening, however, to hear the messages of support for the 88-year-old resident after she had £500 stolen from her home in a distraction burglary.

The victim was overcome by the support from Hethersett people by way of donations, cards and messages of sympathy. Hopefully this caring side of our village will continue to win over the more brutish and unneeded behaviour of a small minority of people.

If you have comments on any Hethersett-related matters please send them to us at the contact address on page 38. We are also always looking for features on anything to do with our village.

# Groups and Societies

## Hetherset Dementia Support Group

Hetherset Dementia Support Group's dementia café is held on the third Tuesday of the month in Hetherset Methodist Church hall between 10 am and mid-day, providing an opportunity for dementia sufferers and their carers to meet and chat over tea and coffee and participate in activities such as singing. There are also guest speakers.

Further information is available by e-mailing

[hethersetdementia2016@gmail.com](mailto:hethersetdementia2016@gmail.com).

Please leave a contact telephone number and somebody will be in touch within 48 hours.

## Good News Distributors Wanted

People are still needed to distribute the village Good News church magazine within Hetherset. Anyone interested should contact Monica Moore on 01603 811731.

## The RiNG

The Rheumatoid in Norfolk Group (The RiNG) welcomes anyone suffering from arthritis in whatever form. The group charges just £3 a visit which covers entrance, a guest speaker, tea and cake. After three visits those attending are asked to take out membership which costs just £6, plus £3 per visit. The RiNG is a non-profit group and more information is available by ringing 0800 072 9597 or via the web site: [www.thering.org.uk](http://www.thering.org.uk).

The group meets on the first Wednesday of each month in Hetherset Village Hall. On August 1st, Clare Ouaddane from the British Red Cross helped members with some first aid. September 5th will see the group's AGM. Guest speaker will be Professor Ian McNamara on "research into infection after joint surgery."

## Hetherset Methodist Church

Hetherset Methodist Church Hall is the venue for shoppers' coffee every Saturday morning from 10.30 am until midday. The church's art and craft group meets

# Groups and Societies

on Wednesdays from 10 am until midday. For further details contact Tina Greenhalgh on 01603 810364.

## Coffee Drop In

A coffee drop-in event for parents and toddlers is held in St Remigius Church on the first Tuesday of every month at 10 am.

## Probus Club

Tony and Miriam Ireland entertained members of the Probus Club with “A Century of Sung Music.” Their repertoire included songs from Irving Berlin’s “Cheek to Cheek” and Rogers and Hammerstein’s “Sound of Music.”

The next meeting brought a presentation from Chris Samson from Mulbarton who is an authority on whisky with a close connection with St George’s Distillery at East Harling. He gave a detailed description of whisky distilling and production with 70% of the barley used at East Harling and further afield coming from East Anglia.

The barley is steeped in water to produce malt, the water being taken from underground springs. Blended varieties are numerous and many take three to four years to reach maturity. Single malts take upwards of eight years to reach maturity.

## Messy Church

The June messy church event in St Remigius explored the wedding at Cana. The next messy church, which features arts, crafts, games and food, will be on Saturday, 22nd September.

## Hall For Hire

Hethersett Village Hall in Back Lane is available for hire for parties and receptions, plays and dances, sports and socials and many other events. Full details of rates are available by telephoning 07935 163888 or via e-mail at [bookings@hethersettvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:bookings@hethersettvillagehall.org.uk). Details are available on the web site at [www.hethersettvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.hethersettvillagehall.org.uk).

# Groups and Societies

WE are looking to improve and expand our groups and societies section. If you would like your organisation to be featured in Hethersett Herald please contact the editor via e-mail at [petersteward@lineone.net](mailto:petersteward@lineone.net).

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Ketteringham  
or  
Little Melton?



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**Hethersett & District  
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For further information or to apply for a grant please telephone one of the trustees listed below:



Liz	01603 811057
Mary	01603 811330
Barbara	01603 810502
Rachel	01603 812596
Alex	07805 242326
Christopher	01603 811010

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(Previously known as the Hethersett Nursing Association)

was formed to give financial assistance to the sick of the area of

Hethersett, Ketteringham and Little Melton. Its funds can be used to help individuals who are sick, infirm or convalescent as well as for help in the supply of medical or nursing equipment for organisations or institutions involved in the care of the sick.

**Examples of help available**

Grants are available towards:

- Car adaptations.
- Wheelchair or other mobility items.
- Support during a sudden medical crisis.
- 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.



## Verge Request

ONE of the many contentious matters in the village is the unkempt state of many grass verges which give a tired look to certain areas.



Angela Eden, who takes a great pride in the area around Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club in Back Lane, sent us the above photograph with the following plea:

“Wouldn’t you think that when cutting Jubilee Hall grass, another five minutes could be spent running the cutter outside the gate so the beautiful and well kept roses which have been planted mainly by elderly residents in the snow and which have been cared for by Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) could be seen from the road?”

## Painful decisions

**A**nd the rains came. At long last there were puddles and moisture to bring out the slugs and snails. My plants do not like them but the hedgehogs do. Throughout most of the summer the hedgehogs in my garden have been entirely dependent on the food that was put out for them but after the rain some of it was untouched. That showed that things were getting back to normal.



What was not normal was the poor little hedgehog that was brought in after it had been attacked by a Jack Russel terrier. It was brought in late in the evening from Mill Road and I commend that lady who brought it to us. It was a tragic sight and must have been so painful. Our first task was to clean the obvious wound as best we could and protect it from flies. Flies home in on wounds and start laying their eggs immediately. Fly strike in a hedgehog is devastating.

We cleaned the wounds with water and picked out the prickles that were lodged in the open flesh, then sprayed it with a dry antiseptic before covering it with a burn dressing. It looked as though there might have been some ticks on it but we ignored them as there were more pressing issues. The little creature, which we did not expect to survive the night, was then placed in a snug hutch. It was still alive the next morning and taken to the vet in Wymondham where it was closely examined. They could have stitched up the wound in its back but they also found two puncture wounds in its abdomen and one on its head which they could not put right. The decision was made to euthanise the little chap to put him out of his misery. It was heart breaking. These decisions are so painful but have to be made.

The photo may be upsetting to many but it is also a lesson in just how much damage the teeth of a small dog can do. The terrier was most probably on a

# Hetherset Hedgehogs

lead. If you see your dog sniffing around a small creature please do not stand and watch while it is savaged. Drag your dog away and, if you are too late to save its prey, please pick it up and take it somewhere it can be cared for.

We would like to sincerely thank the staff at Chapelfield Veterinary Surgery in Wymondham for doing their best to save this little wild animal without any charge to us.



On a lighter note, our outside run had a new short-term inhabitant when a runaway tortoise came to stay. He was big and lively but settled into the run and buried himself in a pile of hay while his owner was found. He was claimed by his carer who had been looking after him while his owners were on holiday and had left their gate open. Speedy took advantage of it and made his escape only to be chased by some dogs before taking refuge in a neighbour's garden. Happy ending though as he was collected and taken safely home.

September is the time when the autumn juveniles are usually born leaving them no time to mature before the winter sets in. It is also the time when things get busy for Hetherset Hedgehogs and hedgehog lovers like Paul Baisley our local dentist. Last year we cared for 16 babies who were too small to care for themselves. With the help of carers and Chapelfield Vets, we hope to care for as many this year.

Moaning Minnie Says

Being old, I don't sleep very well. Many persons my age have the same problem.

The bin men are magnificent, do a wonderful job but Oh! I do wish that they would alternate their route so I am not woken up between 6.15 and 6.45 every Tuesday.

Surely it is the turn of the other end of their run?

# Hethersetts Herald

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# Hethersett Herald What's On

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

**petersteward@lineone.net**

## **September**

**Saturday 1st** - Shoppers' Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10.30 am until midday.

**Sunday 2nd** - Norfolk Over-40s Finals Day at Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club Headquarters at Flordon.

**Tuesday 4th** - Parents and Toddlers Coffee drop-in at St Remigius Church, 10 am.

**Tuesday 4th** - Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meeting in the lounge of Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road, 5.30-6.30 pm.

**Wednesday 5th** - Wednesday Walk from Hethersett Library. Meet outside library at 10.30 am.

**Wednesday 5th** - The Rheumatism in Norfolk Group (The RiNG) agm and talk

## **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**

by Professor Ian McNamara on research into infection after joint surgery.

**Friday 7th** - Coffee afternoon at Hethersett Hall with entertainment from 2.30 pm.

**Saturday 8th** - Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) litter pick. Meet in Hethersett Methodist Church Car Park at 10 am. Volunteers welcome.

**Saturday 8th** - Special sports event on Hethersett Memorial Playing Field in aid of the Finnbar's Force charity (see front page for details).

**Saturday 8th** - Shoppers' Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10.30 am until midday.

**Saturday 8th** - Hethersett and District Horticultural Society annual show in Hethersett Village Hall from 2 pm. For more details see page 46.

**Sunday 9th** - Quiz at Hethersett King's Head.

**Wednesday 12th** - Wednesday Walk from Hethersett Library. Meet outside library at 10.30 am.

**Saturday 15th** - Shoppers' Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10.30 am until midday.

**Monday 17th** - Hethersett Parish Council meeting, Hethersett Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

**Monday 17th** - Hethersett WI Music Mirrors - Capturing the Sound of Identity, Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Tuesday 18th** - Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meeting in the lounge of Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road, 5.30-6.30 pm.

**Tuesday 18th** - Hethersett Dementia Support Group café, Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10 am to noon.

**Wednesday 19th** - Wednesday Walk from Hethersett Library. Meet outside library at 10.30 am.

**Wednesday 19th** - Hethersett Horticultural Society: Simon White of Peter Beales Roses. Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm.

**Saturday 22nd**- Shoppers' Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10.30 am until midday.

**Sunday 23rd** - Hethersett Village Screen first film show of new season. Phantom Thread. Hethersett Village Hall, 6.30 pm.

**Saturday 29th** - Shoppers' Coffee at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall, 10.30 am until midday.

**Wednesday 26th** - Wednesday Walk from Hethersett Library. Meet outside library at 10.30 am.



## Art Exhibition Date

THIS year's exhibition by the "Paint With Us" group will take place in Hethersett Village Hall from 10 am until 4 pm on Sunday, 14th October.

The group was previously known as Hethersett Aspiring Artists and last year's table top exhibition proved to be a great success.

The group has been meeting for well over a decade and is an informal and sociable group. Artists use their various painting talents to produce a wide variety of paintings and cards, all in a laid back atmosphere and usually with a cup of tea or coffee.

"Everyone is welcome whether they be complete beginners or have considerable experience, although, at the moment, we are close to full membership. The first session is free. The group meets on Thursday afternoon in Hethersett Village Hall between 1.30 and 4 pm. We look forward to welcoming enquiries from potential members," said Ann Wright of the group.

Entry to the exhibition is free, as is car parking. Refreshments will be available for a small charge. Paintings and cards will also be available for purchase by cash or cheque.

The photograph above was taken at a previous exhibition.

# Hetherset Herald What's On

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

Forthcoming events in 2018:

**24th September** - Lorraine "Floral Fusion."

**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 Hetherset Village Hall, 7.30pm.

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

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

## A Hearty Welcome

HETHERSETT Hall Residential Care Home has launched Soup Saturdays to help local people suffering from loneliness. Soup Saturdays will take place on the last Saturday of each month from 12.30 pm.

"We know meal times can be a lonely time for some older people. That's why we are inviting local older people to take advantage of our hospitality and join us for some hearty soup. Guests are welcome to join us after lunch for games, activities and light refreshment," a spokesman for the home said. Places for the soup lunch need to be booked in advance on 01603 810478.

# Hethersett Herald What's On

GEOGETTE Vale from Wymondham will be giving a presentation on Lucille Reeve and Tottington in Hethersett Library on Thursday, 27th



September at 5.30 pm. The illustrated talk will last approximately 50 minutes and entry is £2 with refreshments provided.

This will be the first in a regular series of talks taking place on the last Thursday of each month. We will let you have details of future events as soon as we have them.

During the Second World War, Tottington was taken over by the British Army when it was incorporated into the Stanford Battle Area. The military ranges were needed to prepare Allied infantry for Operation Overlord, (the Battle of Normandy in 1944). Though some villagers were said to be happy to give up their homes to help the British War effort, the majority were less than enthusiastic with a number of heated village meetings and some refusing to leave the area. This was the subject of a book written by Lucille Reeve, who refused to leave, under the pseudonym A Norfolk Woman entitled "Farming, on a Battleground."

At the close of World War Two, the former villagers were not allowed to return to their homes by the War Office. Most of the inhabitants of Tottington were not landowners and rented their houses and farmed the land belonging to the Walsingham Estates. Though they had been promised that they could return to their homes after the war, the government later reneged and bought the land, threatening Walsingham with a compulsory purchase order. As the majority of the inhabitants were not landowners, they received very little in compensation, were put into council housing and many lost their livelihoods. They continued to fight for many years to return to their homes and farmland but the beginnings of the Cold War and the need for dedicated training areas removed all chances of a return. See also the poster on the next page.

## A Hetherset Library Friends Event

### An Evening with Lucilla Reeve



**27<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**5.30**

**Hetherset Library**

Miss Lucilla Reeve tells the story of the wartime eviction of 800 people to make way for creation of the Battleground training area in the heart of Norfolk.

Miss Reeve reflects on her life as a land agent, farmer, dowser, writer, broadcaster, and a stalwart of the community which was changed forever.



This presentation is brought to you by Georgette Vale of  
[www.wymondhamwalksandtalks.co.uk](http://www.wymondhamwalksandtalks.co.uk)

To book a place contact the library on 01603 810188 or pop in to see us. Tickets £2.50 including refreshments



**Norfolk** County Council

## 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 8am until 7 pm every weekday (now including Tuesdays) and from 8am until 4pm on Saturdays and from 10am until 4pm 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.

## 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 - September 17th, October 15th, November 19th, December 17th. Planning Committee meetings will take place on the above dates and also on: September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th and December 3rd.

# Annual Show Time

HETHERSETT and District Horticultural Society will be holding its annual show in Hethersett Village Hall on Saturday, 8th September.

The show opens at 2 pm and will conclude with a sale of produce at 4 pm. Once again there will be classes encompassing everything from fruit and vegetables to flowers and photography.

There will also be craft stalls and refreshments will be available.

Entry is 50p for adults with children under-14 free. More information is available from the show secretary on 01603 931292. There will be classes both for members and non members

**HETHERSETT & DISTRICT  
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**ANNUAL SHOW 2018**

**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**VILLAGE HALL, BACK LANE  
HETHERSETT**

**Show opens at 2.00 p.m.**

Fruit – Vegetables – Flowers – Photography -  
Flower Arrangements - Cookery

Entries invited for  
Young People /Non Members Classes

Craft and Side Stalls - Plant Sale  
Refreshments - Raffle

Produce Sale at 4.00 p.m.

Admission - Adults 50p; Children under 14 Free

Classes for Young People and Non-Members

Details and Further Information  
Contact Show Secretary on: 01603 931292

## We Are On Facebook

Hethersett Herald is on Facebook. You can follow us at

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



**Saturday 22nd September 6:30pm**

**Jubilee Youth Club, Back Lane**

**Tickets : Adults £8, Children £4(Teams of six maximum) Tickets from Gillian 01953 607566 or Emma at club**

**Sausage and Chip Supper included in ticket price.**

**All proceeds to Youth Club funds.**

# Hethersett Village Ball



LAST month we reported on the bi-ennial Hethersett village ball which took place in the grounds of Hethersett Old Hall School.

We appealed for photographs of the evening and featured a number in the August edition of Hethersett Herald.



We are delighted to now feature a couple more sent to us to show just what a sparkling evening it was. When it comes to having fun, Hethersett residents certainly scrub up well!

## Booking for Christmas

WE may have just been through one of the hottest summers on record, but at least in one corner of the village preparations are already being made for Christmas.

Bookings are being taken for the ever-popular Christmas fair at Hethersett Old Hall School.

This year's event will take place on November 24th from 10 am until 3 pm. Stalls are available for £25 which includes tables and chairs.

To book a pitch please contact Joy Elsley on [pa@hohs.co.uk](mailto:pa@hohs.co.uk)



Crusaders Rugby Club have begun their tiny tryer sessions once again. The sessions regularly attract hundreds of youngsters and we will have a full report in a future edition.



Twenty four teams from across the region took part in a triples bowls tournament at Hethersett Social Bowls Club.

The teams battled their way through five games in the initial rounds. Two teams from Hethersett made the semi finals where they were joined by a team from The Mitre and one from Wymondham Dell.

The final between Hethersett and The Mitre was won by John, Carole and Jenna Slaughter from Hethersett.

Carole Slaughter, chair of Hethersett Social Bowls Club, told the Eastern Daily Press Newspaper: "It was a long day but enjoyed by all who took part."

"Our thanks to Colney Physio for sponsoring the prizes and a donation from the event will soon be made to The Big C charity." The winners are pictured above.

# Have You Missed an Edition?

<b>HETHERSETT ONLINE</b> November 2016 Number 1		<b>HETHERSETT ONLINE</b> February 2016 Number 4
<b>Church Counts Cost of Theft</b>  <b>HETHERSETT PARISH CHURCH</b> Our church had lost its key safe, organ and the essential office equipment. We have now replaced all these items without losing any of the cash.  <b>Crime Against Landlord</b> Maltonshire's Police Crime Team has been kept busy this month dealing with reports of break-ins at houses. The team has also dealt with several incidents of lost personal items and drivers who left their vehicles parked outside houses. If you have been a victim of crime or have information about a crime, please contact the police on 101.  <b>Churches Count</b> This month we will receive updates from the diocese and diocesan officers on the current church count. This will include an analysis on church numbers over the last 10 years (£10,000 report on the state of the Church in 2015, a three year project involving our community in assessing the health of our parishes). Details are on page two.		<b>Hub of the Community</b>  <b>HETHERSETT LIBRARY</b> As part of the village's many ready access to a range of services and facilities.

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

# News and Features Needed

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

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

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

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

**Reports, news, features and photographs can be sent by e-mail to**

**petersteward@lineone.net** or dropped off at 12, Karen Close, Hethersett.

# Last Hurdle Defeat



HETHERSETT and Tas Valley fell at the last hurdle as they were beaten by Dereham in the final of the Carter NACO (Norfolk Association of Cricket Officials) Shield.

Valley won the toss and put the opposition in and restricted them to 199-8 in their 40 overs.

That began to look a good total, however, as Valley slumped to 35-6 off 15 overs and then 56-7.

They never fully recovered despite a fine unbeaten 78 by Ian Bryce and eventually fell 33 runs short of their target, being bowled out for 166 in 36.4 overs.

The Hethersett final team is pictured above.



Ollie Last with youth  
team coach Stephen  
Hayes



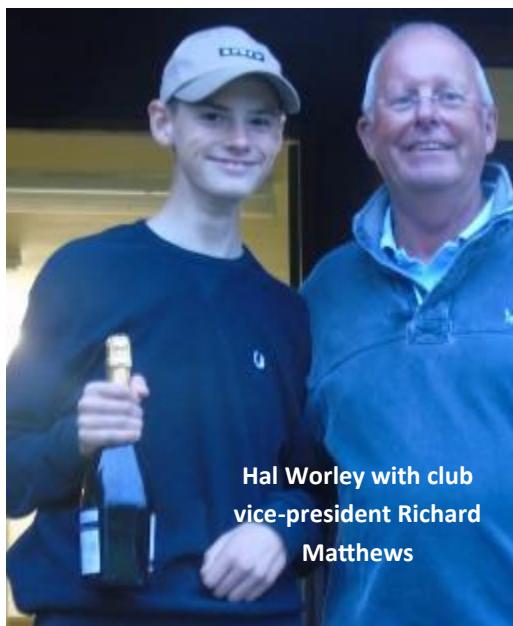
Will  
English

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley made its players of the month presentation after another successful Tea at Tas social event. Award winners for June were: Under-9s - Alex Sissons and Suvir Sahghraika. Under-11s -

Sourish Brahma. Under-13s - Will Worley. Under-15s - Hal Worley. Under-17s - Tom Worley. Overall Junior Player of the Month - Tom Worley.

Award winners for July were : Under-9s - Will English. Under-11s - Ollie Last. Under-13s - Alex Marjoram. Under-15s - Ben Harvey. Under-17s - Sam Woodruff. Overall Junior Player of the Month - Sam Woodruff..

Senior player of the month for June was Hal Worley and for July, Johnny Cooper.



Hal Worley with club  
vice-president Richard  
Matthews

# Monthly Cricket Round-Up

## July 29th/30th

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley's season took on a new meaning thanks to a series of wins for the Saturday first team. A seven wicket victory over Saham Toney on the back of recent good results has propelled the team into fourth place in the Norfolk Alliance second division with an outside chance of finishing in the top two. Valley bowled Saham Toney out for 157 with spin twins Sam Morton (3-34) and Robbie Matthews (3-26) doing most of the damage. Hetherset made short work of reaching their target with 158-3 in 35 overs with Joseph Wilson hitting 63 and Matthews capping a fine all-round performance with 33.

Valley Seconds chased down a big total set by North Runton to win their Division Four match by seven wickets. Runton hit a solid 273-7 but Hetherset replied with 274-3 with Jonathan Cooper hitting 104 and James Hipperson 113. Valley Thirds were bowled out for 41 by Hingham with only Ollie Kilbourn reaching double figures with 18. Hingham had no problem reaching their target for the loss of three wickets – all of which fell to Ben Harvey who returned figures of 3-20.

## August 4th/5th

Hetherset and Tas Valley were beaten twice by old adversaries Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers at the weekend. The Saturday reverse virtually ended any slim promotion hopes the team had of stepping up from Division Two of the Norfolk Alliance. Ashmanhaugh set a massive target of 277-7 with Jack Gibson the pick of the Valley bowlers with 3-56. The target proved too much with Hetherset finishing on 189-9 with Gibson rounding off an excellent game with 74.

The following day Valley visited Ashmanhaugh again and were well beaten in their quarter-final of the Mid Norfolk League Cup. The home team were bowled out for 240 (Ian Bryce 3-30) but Valley fell well short of their target with 179 in 36.3 overs with Tom Osborn hitting 51. Hetherset Seconds went down by 70 runs to Snettisham. The visitors hit 212-8 and Hetherset were bowled out for 142 with the majority of the runs coming from Richard Ellis (37) and Stephen Hayes (44). Valley Thirds beat Hardingham by 19 runs in a close Norfolk League encounter. Hetherset hit 211-5 (Ross Jones 78, Ollie Kilbourn 34) and then restricted Hardingham to 192-9 (Mark Creasey 4-6). Valley Fourth bowled Ketteringham Hall out for 93 in 23.1 overs with Abigail Sutherland taking 3-12. Valley replied with 95-4 with Ben Way unbeaten on 43.

Valley were victorious in a tri-competition as part of Cromer's annual cricket festival after beating both the home side and Alton Cricket Club from Hampshire.



## August 11th/12th

The first team's league season is fizzling out as they suffered their second consecutive defeat and are now in sixth place in Division Two with just two games left.

Their latest reverse came at home to Norwich where they set the visitors 196 to win after being bowled out for 195 with Robbie Matthews top scoring with 59. Norwich reached their target for the loss of three wickets in 40.4 overs.

Valley Seconds went down to Hardingham by six wickets. Hetherset hit 156 in 30.1 overs with Dean Parfitt hitting 50. Hardingham reached 159-4 on just 22.1 overs. Valley Thirds beat the Norwich Association of Malayalees by five wickets. They were set 151 to win after bowling the opposition out for 150 with Al Watts taking 5-34. Valley replied with 151-5 with Stephen Hayes and Ollie Kilbourn both scoring 39.

Valley Fourths (pictured above) lost to Hingham by 216 runs. Hingham hit 301-8 with David Fenner scoring 124 and Martin Phillips taking 3-49. Valley were bowled out for 85 in 31.2 overs. The Sunday league side had a solid five wicket victory over Old Catton. Chasing 202-7 (Dan Harris 3-27), they reached 206-5 in 37.2 overs with Thomas Peacock hitting 44 and Dean Parfitt 65. We will have a round-up of the remainder of the club's season in the next edition of Hetherset Herald.

# Celebration Time For Youngsters

YOUNGSTERS from Hethersett Athletic Football Club combined for a end of season mixed knockout tournament.

Under-8s, Under-9s Under-10s and Under-11s enjoyed warm weather with over 70 players, friends and families taking part in a day which was rounded off by an exhibition game which certainly left the coaches looking hot and tired.

The Under-10s also collected their end of season trophies. The team has been supported this season by Hethersett Rector, the Rev Derek McClean and St Remigius Church in competing in the Norfolk Christian League (NCL).

Last season the team struggled to settle in the Norfolk Combined Youth League but have really embraced the values of the NCL where the focus is on inclusivity, sportsmanship and caring for other players and visitors to the game.

The Under-10s has run two teams this season - Tigers and Lions with the Tigers competing in the NCL. Next season both teams are likely to play in the NCL.

## 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.**

## European Experience For Hawks

RIDERS from Hethersetts Hawks/Myhill Decorators had mixed fortunes when they travelled to Poland for the European Championships. They certainly put the village on the map in Czestochowa, Poczesna and Bagely.

In the open individual championship, Harley Hamill put in the best performance by a Hethersetts rider to finish 11th in his elimination round with 10 points. This put him through to the repechage stage but competition proved tough and he failed to qualify with six points.

Elimination rounds were as far as the other three Hawks got - Leigh Cossey suffered a shoulder injury in his third ride fall and had to withdraw on six points, a score equalled by junior Owen Wells who will benefit from the open racing experience. Dan Butler suffered an exclusion in his opening ride and failed to make any impression in his other four rides.

It was in the Junior Individual Championship where the Hethersetts party had most to cheer. Wells finished 9th with 12 points in his elimination round but then in the repechage excelled himself finishing 5th with 16 points to qualify for the semi-finals. A steady start of five points from his opening two rides was followed by a difficult outside starting position from which he added just one point. He rallied in his last two rides to finish with 11 points, just short of the qualifying mark for the final.

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Hawks secured a play-off place in the South East and Eastern League Division One by completing the double over Hellings Lions from Sussex on a dry and dusty track on the Memorial Playing Field. Strength in depth was the key even though Dan Butler had an off-day. It was sensible team-racing from David Adams and Olly Buxton, who was unbeaten in his four rides, that steered the Hawks into a 14 point interval lead. The visitors, who were down on full-strength, rallied in the second half to stop the Hawks making it to 100 points and a final heat 6-4 gave them their only heat win. Leigh Cossey, Liam Webster and Harley Hamill were strong heat-leaders for the Hawks.

Hethersetts 99, Hellings 81. Hethersetts scorers - H. Hamill 18, L. Cossey 18, L. Webster 16, O. Buxton 14, O. Wells 12, D. Adams 10, G. Morgan 6,

D. Butler 3, P. Delaiche 2.

Hetherset had the luxury of having some fresh riders for the Division 2 match while the visitors had to rely on the same seven riders, conceding 30 penalty points in the process. Hellingly took full advantage of home mistakes in the first half but three wins from substitute Liam Webster and a stirring ride from David Adams after earlier disappointments saw the Hawks come strong in the second half. Owen Wells was the pick of the riders, dropping just two points.

Hetherset (83+30) 113, Hellingly B 76. Hetherset scorers - P. Delaiche 16, O. Wells 16, D. Longlands 13, L. Webster 12, C. Lyth 9, K. Parr 8, G. Morgan 5, D. Adams 4.

Six Hetherset riders were in action at Eaton Park in the South-East and Eastern Grand Prix. Josie Kell (girls) and Paul Delaiche (under-18s) finished third while Shaun Kell also reached the A Final in the under-10s.

Meanwhile Owen Wells was in action at Coventry in the British Elite GP events, finishing 8th in the junior final and also qualifying for the senior final.

Shaun Kell (under-10s) Josie Kell (under-13s) and Paul Delaiche (under-16s) were all winners in the Norfolk Go-Ride event at Eaton Park with Liam Webster winning the senior grand prix. Results -

Under-10 A Final - 1 Shaun Kell, 2 Kieron Alton, 3 Will Blackmore, 4 Connor Jarrett. B Final - 1 Kane Bunn, 2 Frank Spaul.

Under-13 A Final - 1 Josie Kell, 2 Anastasia Little, 3 Daniel Wengrow.

Under-16 A Final - 1 Paul Delaiche, 2 Tom Blackmore, 3 Olly Allerton, 4 Krishna Yogeswara.

Seniors A Final - 1 Liam Webster, 2 Jamie Medler, 3 Owen Wells, 4 David Spaul.

Seniors B Final - 1 Kieran Parr.

Hawks took an under-strength team to face champions Ipswich and, in the circumstances, put up a reasonable battle. There were heat wins for Leigh Cossey, Owen Wells and Liam Webster but Hetherset only won one race - a 6-4 by Cossey and Charlie Lyth in heat five.

Ipswich 107, Hetherset 72. Hetherset scorers - L. Cossey 14, O. Wells 12, L. Webster 12, P. Delaiche 9, D. Butler 9, G. Morgan 8, L. Hulcoop 4, C. Lyth 4.

The Division Two match was a much closer affair with Ipswich shading the first half before a 6-3 win for Hetherset in heat 10 gave them the lead. The lead was short-lived and Ipswich were four points up with two races left. Owen Wells and Glyn Morgan reduced this with a 6-4 in heat 15 and Wells was out again in the final race with previously unbeaten Liam Webster. Fraser Harris suffered an untimely exclusion for forcing Wells off the track and the victory went to Hetherset by the narrowest of margins.

Ipswich B 78, Hetherset B 79. Hetherset scorers - L. Webster 22, O. Wells 15, G. Morgan 14, C. Lyth 8, D. Butler 8, P. Delaiche 7, K. Adams 3, L. Hulcoop 1 G. Larter-Dixon 1.

Owen Wells won the "B" Final in the British Youth and Junior League Under-18 Grand Prix at Coventry.

Hawks gave an excellent account of themselves in the British Open Club Championship at Leicester. They battled hard in a semi-final with Olly Buxton getting vital points in heats 18 and 19 leaving experienced Leigh Cossey to secure a race-off for the Hawks with a third place in the final heat. Top scorer Liam Webster lined up for the race-off but no race was required with Stockport's Jake Read suffering an exclusion for movement while "Under Starter's Orders". So Hawks made it through to a rare final appearance.

Up against the best in Britain the final was always going to be tough but all five Hawks got among the points with Owen Wells' heat win over Paul Heard a second half highlight. That win opened up the top of the leader board and Suffolk side Great Blakenham came through to win by the narrowest of margins.

#### Semi-Final:

Great Blakenham 54, Leicester 43, Hetherset 38, Stockport 38, Astley and Tydesley 24. Hetherset scorers - L. Webster 12, O. Buxton 10, L. Cossey 8, D. Adams 6, O. Wells 2.

#### Final:

Great Blakenham 57, Birmingham 56, Wednesfield 55, Leicester 49, Ipswich 45, Hetherset 34. Hetherset scorers - L. Webster 8, D. Adams 7, O. Wells 7, O. Buxton 6, L. Cossey 6.

Owen Wells travelled to Exeter to represent South East and Eastern Juniors. He scored 10 points as the team narrowly lost to South and South Wales 90-88.

More Hawks news in the October edition of Hetherset Herald