



Shock Closure of Old Hall School

ANOTHER bomb-shell has hit the village with news that Old Hall School is closing, just months after it announced it was taking in more male pupils.



The closure announcement - made just three weeks before the scheduled start of the new term - left 100 pupils scrambling to find new schools before the Autumn term starts.

The decision to close the school has been taken due to falling pupil numbers and financial problems. Parents were informed of the decision in a letter from headmaster Stephen Crump and chair of governors Martin Matthews.

The letter which was dated 13th August starts: "We regret to inform you we have some very sad news."

It continues: "As you know, pupil numbers have declined over the last academic year requiring financial support and a turnaround plan to increase the number of pupils on roll. To this end the Governors have pursued all possible avenues in what has proved to be a very drawn out process but, regrettably, now have no alternative other than to take the difficult decision to close the school."

The letter claims that right up until the decision being taken it was hoped to secure the future of the school.

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

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Dropping Pupil Numbers to Blame

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“A few days ago we had every reason to believe that we would be able to refinance and have the numbers, and prospect of numbers, to provide the basis for a sustainable recovery and growth, enabling the school to re-open in September.”

“We expect our pupil population to grow rapidly in the coming years” - Headmaster Philip Crump speaking in May 2019

Unfortunately it looks as if more pupils withdrew as the new term approached:

“We very much appreciate that the timing of this announcement may create problems for some of you in finding a place for your children at such short notice and we are truly sorry,” the letter adds.

The essence of the decision comes further down the letter: “Our school like many other small independent schools has tried to offer the best education it can in increasing difficult financial circumstances. The reality is that we have not been able to attract and retain enough pupils to remain financially viable.”

Not surprisingly the decision made not only the local news and television but also the national press.

It was only in May this year that the school announced it was opening its doors to boys in the senior part of the school from September and Stephen Crump said he felt confident that school numbers would rise: “We have a long track record of successfully educating senior girls but this creates problems for families with children of both genders – we have to ask boys to leave at the end of Year Six. We feel the time is now right to offer the benefits of a senior school education here to boys as well – we have had many requests to do so over the years.

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

Unfortunately the reality of the situation seems to have been very different.

The decision will inevitably disrupt the exam studies of many pupils and also mean the loss of teaching and support jobs for members of staff, many of whom live locally.

It appears members of staff were informed of their job losses through emails. One man who has relatives employed at the school told the Eastern Daily Press newspaper:

“Some of the staff have been there for years. We knew that the number of pupils were declining and they couldn't get people in, but to tell staff they're going to lose their jobs through an email isn't the way this news should be broken.”

At the time of the decision being made to close the school, there were just 100 pupils remaining despite a decision early in 2019 to also cut the fees for sixth-formers.

The letter to pupils, parents and guardians also spells out how bad the school's financial situation is with the company which runs it going into liquidation. Old Hall has, however, promised to pay all its creditors in full.

The ITV national website stated that the response from parents had been mixed. One said that the news had left her and her daughter “devastated and incredibly stressed and unable to sleep particularly as the school had been “absolutely brilliant.” They referred to the school as “a second home.”

Another parent said they were “sorely disappointed” with the headmaster and governing body for not handling the closure better and for not making parents aware of the financial difficulties some time ago.

They were also hugely disappointed that the relationships built up by their daughter would now be destroyed.

Comments on social media included the following:

“Declining numbers at £5,210 per term isn't really a surprise. Sad news for the staff affected, parents and pupils etc. Not good news for the area.”

“This is so sad, so many great memories there.”

“Having attended this school for 10 years of my life, this is very sad to see. Thinking of all the people who have lost jobs and pupils who have to be relocated”

A Level Results

THE decision to close Hethersett Old Hall School came just days before A level results were announced with only 57% of pupils achieving A* to C grades - a drop of 16% on the previous results from the school.

Despite this Stephen Crump said “A very good set of results from our sixth formers, all have achieved their first choice places at university.”

The History of Hethersett Old Hall

THE decision to shut Hethersett Old Hall School will leave the village with two redundant Grade Two listed buildings.

Old Hall joins the King's Head which has been empty for a couple of months. This all comes at a time when the village is continuing to expand with hundreds of new houses being built.

One resident summed it up on social media: "Wow, boozer closed and now the Independent School. Surprising considering how many houses they are building in Hethersett."

Old Hall School has been an educational establishment in Hethersett since 1938 after moving from its original home in Hellesdon. But the building goes back much further.

An early report from the village archives stated: "The Old Hall was built on the south side of the turnpike and has been developed over most of the last 400 years to meet the domestic and agricultural needs of owners with wealth and status."

The report continues: "Its role changed in 1938 when acquired for use as a private school for girls. Since then progressive development has taken place to meet changed demands. The large barn was converted to an assembly hall and stables, haylofts and farm sheds have, where possible, been remodelled for educational use."

Like many large buildings different parts of Old Hall date back to different centuries. It is possible that an original building dates back to before 1600. The main façade is Georgian, dating back to about 1774. A further wing was added late in the nineteenth century and further additions were made from 1902.

The barn is dated 1754 and a stable block to 1770. In the early 19th century the Hall was owned by Thomas Starling Norgate. He was an influential figure for the period and was responsible for the foundation of the Norfolk and Norwich Horticultural Society in 1829 and also the East Anglian Newspaper.

Norgate married Mary Randall whom he had known many years previously: "On my settlement in Hethersett chance threw us together again," he wrote in his memoirs.

He left Hethersett after almost 15 years to open a fire insurance office in Norwich. Writing in his memoirs Norgate stated: "Time certainly never hung heav-

ily on my hands at Hethersett. I left it, however, to a much more diversified and stimulant society than any village can afford. I fear that my return to rustication now would be attended by languor and ennui, if not perhaps with disgust.

John Alfred Back bought the Old Hall estate in 1859 after the death of Norgate. J. A. Back was part of the influential Back family who established themselves after enclosure. In the 1891 census, J. Alfred Back (70) was living at the hall with his wife Julia and one daughter, a cook and a housemaid. By 1900, he had died and Mrs Back was the occupier and owner. Elizabeth Ransome who purchased the Hall about 1903 lived there until the 1930s.

In sale particulars of 1859, the description of the hall with its 49 acres is as follows:

"A Mansion with a good Entrance Hall, Drawing Room, Dining Room, Library, Servant's Hall, Kitchen, Store Room, Pantry, Two cellars, Seven Bedrooms, Three Dressing Rooms, Water Closet, Two Attics, numerous closets. Out-buildings comprised a dairy, stable, carriage house, gig house, barn with oak and stone floor and a bailiff's house. There is a pump of excellent water".

All were bought by Mr. Back for the princely sum of £4670. J. A. Back is listed in the electoral roll of 1868-70 as being at the Old Hall as the freeholder.

In the 1908 electoral roll, Elizabeth Ransome is shown as being "By the turnpike", and was a registered voter for county and parochial elections but not of course, for parliamentary elections, as the first female franchise was still a decade away in 1918. Mrs R. C. Ransome was the occupant from 1912 until 1933, according to the various Kelly's Directories and the hall is described as having a fine avenue of chestnut trees. The extent of the estate was then 80 acres.

In 1914, Hethersett Old Hall was surveyed by a valuer of the Inland Revenue for the purpose of the 1910 Valuation Survey and was described as: "A Mansion, grounds, buildings and two cottages with 23 acres of land, the freehold belonging to Mrs Elizabeth Ransome who had bought it in September 1903 for the sum of £4000. Brick and tile residence with entrance hall, morning room, dining (with bay), drawing, (with bay), boudoir, servants' hall, pantry, lamp room, larder, storeroom. Kitchen and scullery, telephone room, small conservatory opening into dining room, small garden room, cellar and store-room. 2 staircases to each floor. House lighted by acetylene gas. Water by engine in cellar. 1st floor 6 beds. Day and night nursery. 2 dressing, housemaid's pantry. 2 bathrooms (h & c). 2nd floor. Cook's room, maid's room for four, linen room, box room (over). Stabling brick and tile coachhouse, garage

(with pit), paved floor in front. Gardener's potting house, harness room, 3 boxes (good but low), loft over all. Brick and Tile oil house and petrol store adjt. Cladded dble. coachhouse. Brick and Tile potting shed, boiler house and 3 piggeries. Brick and Tile cart shed (poor). Brick and Tile fowlehouse. old farm buildings. Brick and Tile stable (2), cowhouse, barn, Brick and Tile piggery. Brick and Tile dairy (new). Gardener's Cottage. Brick and Tile 3 beds, 3 down and small dairy. Brick and Tile gas house. Brick and Tile knife house Coal-house. Gardens. The whole was valued at £5795.

It is fortunate to have such a detailed picture of Hethersett Old Hall just before the First World War, and it shows that Elizabeth Ransome was a very progressive owner. She had lighting by acetylene, a telephone, surely one of the first in Hethersett, a garage, a boiler house to supply the hot water to the bathrooms, a number of outbuildings, and well kept grounds. At least two of Hethersett's older residents recalled Mrs Ransome's car with its horn and gleaming brass lamps driven by George Bedingfield who occupied the coachman's cottage. This was probably in the early 1930s.

Mrs Andrews bought Old Hall in 1935 when she moved her PNEU school (Parents' National Educational Union), from Hellesdon House with 35 girls to Hethersett. In 1937, plans drawn by Boardman Architects show many alterations to improve and extend the accommodation for classrooms and boarders' bedrooms.

The plan shows a butler's pantry just to the west of a new dining room, and a small servants' hall is shown. Mrs Andrews' first floor bedroom with a dressing room off, was above the present head's office. In 1937, Old Hall was unoccupied, presumably during the alterations.

At the outbreak of the Second World War, Mrs Andrews moved the school to Devon whilst the Hall was taken over by the Army. In 1950, Miss C. Lewin bought the school and estate and put in hand a programme of improvements.

The stables were modernised, central heating installed and classrooms, cloakrooms and music rooms were soon in use. The entire top floor, which had been a hay loft, was turned into a studio.

The 18th century barn was restored and converted into an assembly hall and eventually a swimming pool, a sport's hall and a new range of classrooms were built. A new staff residence was built in 1993 and, in 1998, the school celebrated its jubilee with the occupation of an impressive block of new classrooms for the teaching of art, photography, technology, textiles, English, geography and history.

Now Old Hall looks set to start a new chapter in its life. It remains to be seen just what form this will take.

Old Hall School Through The Years

Over the next four pages we look at Hethersett Old Hall School through the ages. The photographs and Media cuttings come from the village archives and we are grateful to village archivist and Herald Associate Editor Gary Wyatt for seeking them out.



ABOVE - pupils hard at work in a classroom in 1952.

On the left - the school hockey team from 1987.

Over the page the school in 1954 (top two pictures) followed by the school in 1952





ALL the old photographs of Hethersett Old Hall School come from the Hethersett village archive.



HEADMISTRESS Miss Hilary Beswick, and Mr. Humphrey Beck, chairman of governors with guest speaker Mr. John MacGregor, right, and his wife, Jean, who presented prizes at Hethersett Old Hall School speech day.

THE head of an independent Norfolk school gave a warning to parents at its speech day . . . about the attitude of their daughters.

Miss Hilary Beswick, headmistress of Hethersett Old Hall School, said some of the girls displayed "intellectual complacency and a lack of practical common sense."

Miss Beswick, who leaves the school in December, bemoaned the attitude in the senior school towards learning. Last year's O-level results had been very good, she said, but members of this year's fifth form were less academically ambitious.

She spoke of a complacent attitude among pupils.

"At worst, it manifests itself in the girl who thinks that her parents having paid the fees, her

mere presence in lessons will guarantee academic success."

Miss Beswick called for a drastic change in attitude — and appealed to parents to encourage that change.

She also said many pupils showed little common sense or resourcefulness and told parents: "Perhaps the material affluence that enables you to send your

daughter to a fee-paying school obviates the necessity for her to be self-reliant.

"But how would she fare if this financial support was suddenly removed and she had to fend for herself?"

Miss Beswick will take up a new appointment next year at a prep school in Huddersfield.

Parents get a warning over pupils

The above cutting is taken from the Hethersett Village Archive and is dated 28th June, 1982, and gives an interesting insight into school life.

Top Results

HETHERSETT Academy has once again returned an impressive set of GCSE results to underline its position as one of Norfolk's top state schools.

In the latest set of figures released on August 22nd, 82% of pupils taking the exams gained grades 9 to 4 including English and Maths.

Principal Gareth Stevens expressed himself delighted with the results and told the Eastern Daily Press newspaper: "Once more Hethersett Academy pupils have achieved record results. This is testament to their hard work, resilience and can-do attitude, as well as the dedication of all the staff to ensure they reach their potential. All the community are very proud of each and every one of our leaving year 11 pupils. I am confident they leave our school fully prepared for the next chapter in their lives. Good luck and well done."

The school currently doesn't have a sixth form meaning that pupils have to move on after year 11. In Norfolk only Greshams (93%), Norwich High School for Girls (98%), Norwich School (100%) Thetford Grammar School (97%) and Wymondham College (83%) returned higher figures.

There was also some comfort for pupils of Hethersett Old Hall School who also returned impressive figures despite the school's impending closure. The pupils recorded. 93% of grades 9 to 4.

Stephen Crump, headmaster, told the EDP

"Although our last set of results ever for our girls, these are an excellent set of grades that fully prepare our pupils for the next step on their educational journey. As always it is down to the hard work of pupils and staff - but we must also thank parents who have supported their daughters and the school throughout the courses. We wish everybody all the best for a successful and rewarding life and career as they pass through the school gates for the last time."

King's Head Available For Lease

ANYONE passing the King's Head won't be able to miss a large sign advertising the public house as a "Fantastic Business Opportunity."

After a month or so of uncertainty, the owners, Ei Publi-can Partnerships, have advertised the tenancy of the pub on its website. At first they seemed to be confused about the actual location of the pub stating that it was on the outskirts of the North Norfolk village of Hethersett.

They later corrected this to refer to it as "an attractive traditional pub situated on the outskirts of the Norfolk village of Hethersett."

The owners wax lyrical about the King's as you might expect:

"Benefitting from two bar areas and a 40 cover restaurant, the pub offers suitable dining and drinking options for its customers. A well-equipped trade kitchen with excellent facilities is more than capable of supporting a quality food offer. The beautiful beer garden also presents an excellent opportunity, with a covered alfresco dining solution and marquee. This two bar public house has a wealth of character, and offers a fantastic opportunity for a catering minded publican to integrate into village life."



The site goes on to say: "Having not been marketed for a good number of years,

this is a great opportunity to run a traditional pub business in a thriving village location. The Kings Head would suit individuals or couples with a food background and an interest in integrating into the local village community. This attractive and historic Norwich pub must be seen to be fully appreciated."

The owners have this to say about Hethersett (presumably once they had located it on a map of Norfolk): "The village of Hethersett is located just on the outskirts of Norwich with good access to the city and surrounding areas. This is a bustling

community with the advantages of good transport links to Norwich. The village supports two pubs, the other being the Queen's Head and both have been operating side by side for many years. The recent housing expansion along the A11 corridor, between Norwich and nearby Wymondham, would indicate that there is room for growth at both outlets."

The figures quoted for the pub take some believing, however. Ei consider that the potential turnover of the pub is over £450,000.

The figures quoted on the website are an estimate of a potential turnover of £470,000.00 per annum, a rent of approximately £39,500 per annum, payable weekly in advance which works out at £759.61 per week or £3,291.66 per month.

In addition the tenants will be expected to provide capital start-up money and meet other costs. The venue is being offered on a Retail Partnership Tenancy, meaning the lease would be on a short, fixed term contract of five years.

Kings Head

36 Norwich Road, Hethersett, Norwich,
Norfolk NR9 3DD

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Overview of Kings Head

The Kings Head is an attractive traditional pub situated on the outskirts of the Norfolk village of Hethersett, benefiting from two bar areas and a full cover restaurant. The pub offers a superb dining and catering option for its customers. A well-equipped trade kitchen with excellent facilities is more than capable of supporting a quality food offer. The beautiful later garden also provides an excellent opportunity, with a covered outdoor dining solution and marquee. This bar/pub/public house has a wealth of character, and offers a fantastic opportunity for a catering-minded publican to integrate into village life.

Pub Facilities

Beer garden	Dining
Restaurant	Take AW
Trade kitchen	Children's play area
Private bar/area	2

Why us

Use our help to make your business successful. That's why when you join a pub with us you will get industry leading training, a fantastic brand portfolio, and all the support you need to develop your business and make it thrive. [View our help >](#)

Indoor trading area

A 3000 sq foot bar/area (the outdoor and restaurant areas) and a spacious kitchen (sit behind the bar). There are approximately 14 seats in the main lounge area, next to the bar with a mix of comfortable seating and a good sized (20) summer bar table. A 4000 sq foot restaurant area provides 40 covers and is accessible from the main lounge. There is additionally a separate snug bar providing a further 10 covers with leather armchairs and comfortable seating. The well-equipped trade kitchen is capable of producing a quality food offer and also benefits from a back garden.

Outdoor trading area

A 1000 sq foot bar/area (the outdoor) feature trees and shrubs to the rear of the property. This is

At a glance

Retail Partnership Tenancy
 Potential turnover: £470,000.00 per annum
 Guide Rent: £39,500.00 per annum
 Estimated Capital start-up: £10,000.00 (incl VAT)

- Attractive village pub in a thriving location
- Spacious bar/area and outdoor dining areas provide excellent opportunities
- Well-equipped trade kitchen capable of producing a quality food offer
- Two bar/area public bar areas, ideal for a choice
- Discounts of up to £100 per barrel but has an average of £200 per barrel

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Regional Manager's thoughts on the Kings Head



Having not been involved for a great number of years, this is a great opportunity to run a traditional pub business in a thriving village location. The Kings Head offers an excellent opportunity for anyone with a food background and an interest in integrating into the local village community. This attractive and historic Norwich

Sadly whilst all this goes on, the property continues to deteriorate and is now beginning to look very dilapidated with numerous weeds growing and paintwork peeling as our photographs show.

We will be reflecting this fact by taking monthly photographs and contrasting them with the beautiful floral display at the venue back in 2010.

From This



To This

See also Scott Willoughby's column on page 62.



It's a David v Goliath Fight

THERE could be echoes of Hethersett King's Head in the shape of another Norfolk pub which is battling for survival.

The national press reported on a David v Goliath battle surrounding the future of The Plume of Feathers in South Creake. The small rural community is taking on brewing giants Heineken after the company bought the pub and immediately boarded it up prompting fears it could be sold off and converted into houses.

For decades the Plume of Feathers served as a community hub until 2017 when it was acquired by Heineken who closed the Grade II listed building which is now reported to be in a state of disrepair.

It has been estimated that one in 10 of Britain's pubs will close in the next five years due to financial pressures.

South Creake residents now claim the pub is in such bad shape that residents no longer believe it to be a "viable business." Heineken claim it has not been able to find a suitable tenant and the pub has been boarded up for security reasons.

The question we are asking is a simple one - "Could Hethersett King's Head go the same way?"

A Hub For Local Communities

THE campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) has underlined the importance of village pubs to local communities and could almost be speaking about the future of Hethersett King's Head.

CAMRA is urging the Government to make "substantial" reforms to keep pubs open after new research suggested they play a big role in local communities - something we already knew.

A survey of over 2,000 adults by CAMRA indicated that over half of regular beer drinkers who go to pubs have made at least one new friend during their visits.

CAMRA has called for the introduction of a preferential rate of duty for beer sold in pubs and on-trade outlets, greater support for publicans tied to large pub-owning companies and a significant reduction in the business rates currently paid by pubs.

Nick Antona, CAMRA's chairman, said: "Pubs play a significant role in communities providing a space for local people to meet and helping to tackle loneliness. It's vital that the Government continues to act to reduce pub closures."

No Shortage of Water Here



By Associate Editor Roger Morgan

I RECENTLY discovered a badly dripping tap in our kitchen so I immediately turned off the water and dealt with the problem as a matter of some urgency. However, Anglian Water doesn't appear to have the same attitude when it comes to saving valuable water.

In late July there was a water leak in the footpath at the end of Alborough Loke. This leak was reported several times and the water board did make the effort to come out and pin an 'Anglian Aware' sign on the nearby hedge. However, three weeks later the leak was still bubbling away and no attempt had been made to fix it.



The sign did say ‘*love every drop*’ but clearly the people at Anglian Water don’t appear to believe their own notice. They allowed the steady flow of water to carry on unchecked for far too long. Any home owner would be expected to pay for the water lost from a leak in their own home but do Anglian Water have to pay?

It often amazes me that in most European countries problems like this are fixed within days while in Britain it seems to take an age. Why is it that we just can’t get things sorted out quicker?

Hazardous Waste Collection Day at Ketteringham

THE next hazardous waste collection day at Ketteringham Recycling Centre will take place from 9 am until 4 pm on October 11th, 12th and 13th.

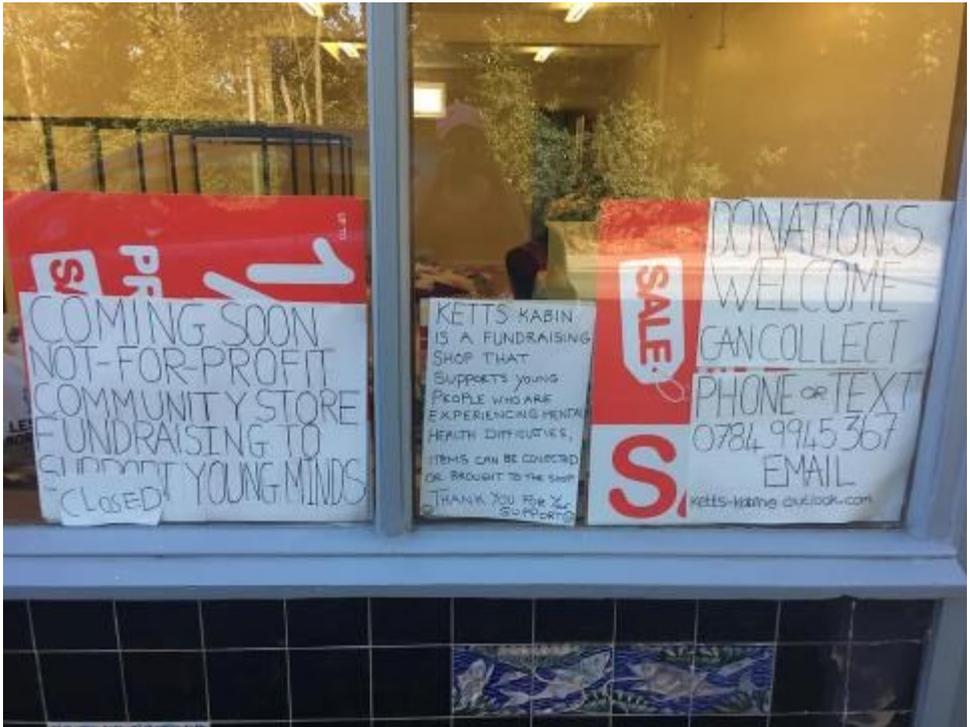
Waste is considered hazardous if it can cause harm to humans or the environment and includes any waste that needs specialist disposal. Norfolk County Council doesn’t normally take these items at its recycling centres, but does hold regular free household hazardous waste days for residents disposing of household hazardous waste only and not for any business, group or other organisations.

Paint does not need to be treated as hazardous. Norfolk County Council states: “If you have paint in good condition, you could offer it to friends and family. If you cannot reuse your paint, remove the lid and dry it out (if necessary by adding something absorbent, like cat litter). Once dry, you can put the paint cans in your general waste bin.”

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On The Charity Beat

IT looks as if Hethersett will soon have a second charity shop.

The former Jeanette Raven Curtains and Blinds shop in Queen's Road has been taken over as a "not for profit" community store set-up to raise funds to support young people with mental health problems.

We will have more on this in the next edition of Hethersett Herald.

Also in the next edition, Associate Editor Gary Wyatt rounds off his look at the photography of Tom Nokes with a full length feature about his life and his family. Did you know that once upon a time there were no fewer than five public houses in Hethersett? We all know about the Queen's Head and King's Head and many older residents will remember with some fondness the Greyhound. But what were the names of the other two and where were they situated? All will be revealed in the next edition.

News From The Parish Council



All Change For the Changing Rooms

Following a written request from the Trustees of the Hethersett Memorial Playing Field, Hethersett Parish Council unanimously agreed at the June Parish Council meeting, to assume responsibility for the redevelopment of the dilapidated changing room block shown above. It is hoped that the cost of the project, which will take a couple of years to complete, will mostly be met by grants.

A Pavilion Development Committee consisting of seven Parish Councillors and two non-councillors has been formed to take the project forward. Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are most welcome to attend these meetings and there will be an adjournment during each meeting to enable residents to speak.

Get In Touch

If you have any stories or information you would like to see in the Hethersett Herald, please get in touch with us. You can find the contact details elsewhere in this edition.

News From The Parish Council

Hethersett Parish Council is looking to engage with residents to identify the sports and recreational facilities that will be required within the parish over the coming years. Not only will participation help with the current project to redevelop the changing room block at the Memorial Playing Field, but will assist in identifying potential shortfalls in the future.

We Want To Hear From You



On the next two pages you will find a copy of the questionnaire which can be printed off and returned to the parish office which is at present upstairs in Hethersett Village Hall. Replies can also be left in a box which can be found in Hethersett Library. The closing dates for replies is Friday, 11th October.

There is also an online version of the survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HethersettParishCouncilSurvey1>

Are You a Member of a Local Club, Society or Organisation?

THE parish council has £400 remaining in its grants' budget and is inviting local clubs to apply for funding towards a capital expenditure project. The closing date for applications is 31st October, following which members will consider all applications received and allocate the funds accordingly. For further information or to request an application form please contact the parish clerk (see page 24 for contact details).



Use of Sports and Recreational Facilities in Hethersett

Hethersett Parish Council is asking for your help in identifying the sports and recreational facilities that may be required within the parish over the coming years.

The village has many excellent community venues, some of which are already being used to their full capacity. By telling us about the sports and recreational facilities you and your household currently use, you will be helping the Parish Council identify potential shortfalls in the future.

Our first project is the redevelopment of the changing rooms at the Memorial Playing Field as they are in a very dilapidated state.

Please send your completed survey to the Parish Clerk or place in the box in the library

On line version is available at

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HethersettParishCouncilSurvey>

1. Is your household within Hethersett Parish? Yes / No

2. How many people live in your household? - by age group

3. How many people live in your household? - by gender

Please indicate number	
Male	
Female	
LGBT	
Prefer not to say	

Please indicate number	
Under 16	
16 - 25	
26 - 35	
36 - 45	
46 - 55	
56 - 65	
over 65	

4. Do you or any of your household participate in any of the following sporting activities? Please indicate ALL that apply to your household

If there are any others you wish to add please do so on a separate sheet.

- | | | | |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aerobics | <input type="checkbox"/> Circuit Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Martial Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Tai Chi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Badminton | <input type="checkbox"/> Cricket | <input type="checkbox"/> Netball | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Gym | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowls - Indoor | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle Speedway | <input type="checkbox"/> Pilates | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking Football |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowls - Outdoor | <input type="checkbox"/> Football | <input type="checkbox"/> Rugby | <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowls - Short Mat | <input type="checkbox"/> Fun and Fitness Classes | <input type="checkbox"/> Table Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> Zumba |

5. How often do members of your household take part in any of, the activities listed above?

Once a week / More than once a week / once a month / Once every 2 or 3 months
/ Once or twice a year / Never

6. When do your household's sport activities take place?

Please indicate all that apply.

Morning / Afternoon / Evening / Weekend

7. Do you or any of your household participate in, or are you, or anyone in your household a member of, the following activities/groups?

Please indicate ALL that apply to your household

If there are any others you wish to add please do so on a separate sheet

Further details about your activities can also be given on a separate sheet

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Drama |
| <input type="checkbox"/> After School Activities (not in the school) | <input type="checkbox"/> Music |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art and Craft | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent and Baby Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brownies/Cubs/Guides/Scouts | <input type="checkbox"/> Self Help Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Club |

8. How often do members of your household take part in any of the activities listed above?

Once a week / More than once a week / once a month / Once every 2 or 3 months
/ Once or twice a year / Never

9. When do your household's recreational activities take place?

Please indicate all that apply.

Morning / Afternoon / Evening / Weekend

10. Are there any other sporting or recreational activities you would like to see provided in the village?

If there are then please give details

11. Do you have any other questions or comments?

If there are then please give details

If you require a response, then please provide contact details – these will only be used within the scope of the survey

News From the Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting Dates

HETHERSETT Parish Council had no scheduled meeting in August due to its summer break.

The council meets on the third Monday of each month with full council meetings starting at 7.30 pm. They are preceded by meetings of the council's planning committee at 7 pm. The planning committee also meets on the first Monday of each month (including August).

Meeting dates for the full council for the remainder of 2019 are: Monday September 16th, Monday October 21st, Monday November 18th and Monday December 16th

How To Contact The Parish Council

PARISH clerk Annette Palmer can be contacted by telephone on 01603 810915 or via email at hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk. The parish office is currently upstairs in the village hall and is open on Monday and Thursday mornings between 10 am and noon. It is likely that the office will move into Hethersett Library in the near future. We will have dates and times as soon as they are available.

The council has a website at

www.hethersett-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk

And also a Facebook page.

The Hethersett Art of Tom Nokes

WE continue our look at the Hethersett photographs of Norwich-based Edwardian photographer Tom Nokes.

Photographs From The Hethersett Archive courtesy of village archivist and Herald Associate Editor Gary Wyatt



Below is a children's pageant in the village from 1924. These events were probably a regular part of the calendar and saw young people dressing up as various characters.



The Hethersett Art of Tom Nokes



Top photograph is Hethersett Cricket Club from 1906 and immediately above is the depiction of Hurn House.

Children Power



A number of Hethersett youngsters have been showing their community spirit over the past month in some interesting and, at times, unusual ways.

Above is youngster Ethan Hayes who held a cake sale outside the Hethersett PACT charity shop in aid of the animal charity. Despite bad weather and road-works, Ethan raised an impressive £100. Ethan's mum said:

"I would like to thank all who were involved in making today's cake sale such a success. Thank you also to everyone who came, and weren't put off by the weather or the road closure. Ethan also would like to make you all aware that he raised £100 for PACT."

Over the page we have a photograph of Evelynne Leeder with mum Jessica and brother George. Keen gardener Evelynne, who is only four years of age, potted up numerous strawberry plants and offered them for sale from her home in Pri-



ory Road. Evelynne was selling the plants to raise money for a bird feeder for her garden so that she can look after her feathered friends and help the envi-

ronment. Apparently over the two day sale she did a roaring trade.

“Evelynne decided this was something she wanted to do and she cut the runners, potted up each one and waited for them to take root. She also wants to use any money she makes to buy more seeds for growing fruit and vegetables in the garden. We don't have masses of space but a lovely well established garden and lots of wildlife come to visit us, such as frogs, hedgehogs, bees and birds and she wants to mother and protect them all,” said Jessica.

A group of local children also called at homes in the village during August selling their original paintings in aid of under privileged children.

The youngsters are pictured opposite. With the money raised they have purchased art sets which they will donate to less fortunate children.

The youngsters admitted that as well as raising money for a good cause they had fun creating the artwork.



Phew What A Scorcher

The British record temperature of 38.7 degrees was set in Cambridge during the July heatwave and in Hethersett we were only just behind that with temperatures in the middle 30s recorded and that's around the 100 degree mark on the Fahrenheit scale.

It was so hot that part of the A11 close to Hethersett was shut after the surface melted.

The hot weather returned again towards the end of August as temperatures again exceeded 30 degrees.

In the next edition of Hethersett Herald, Associate Editor and keen amateur meteorologist Gary Wyatt will take a close look at those temperatures and the current vagaries of our weather.

The Day The Gunners Were Fired

By Peter Steward

HETHERSETT playing the mighty Arsenal at football may sound like a pipedream but in 2006 it became a reality.

From The Archives

For in May of that year, our village football team's ladies side took on the mighty Gunners in a special tournament at Easton College.

And Hethersett beat their London opponents in the Round Robin league section before losing to them on penalties in the final of the competition.

It will come as a surprise to many newcomers to the village that in the early years of the new millennium, Hethersett Athletic Ladies were mixing it with the best, winning the East Anglian Cup for three years in a row and narrowly missing out on the Norfolk League title to Norwich Ladies.

Back in those heady days I had the honour of being chairman of Hethersett Athletic

Our list of honours included the following:

Eastern Region Women's Division One East Champion 2006/2007

Eastern Region Women's League Cup winners 2007/2008

Eastern Region Women's Premier Division Runners-Up 2007/2008

Eastern Region Women's League Cup winners 2008/2009

Eastern Region Women's League Cup Winners (third consecutive season) 2009/2010

At the same time the club had very successful and skilful girls' teams.

Hethersett Athletic was one of the best, if not the best ladies set-ups in Norfolk, battling with Norwich City Ladies for the top honours.

Several players represented Norfolk. Unfortunately due to a number of circumstances too complex to go into here, players drifted away and Hethersett Ladies dropped down into the Norfolk League where they met with further success.

Sadly today the club has neither ladies nor girls' team.

Village Screen Time Again

Hethersett Village Screen has announced its Autumn programme of films.

The season kicks off on September 8th with “Fisherman’s Friends” and this is followed by “Fighting With My Family” on October 13th, “Red Joan” on November 10th and “Yesterday” on December 8th. All films take place on a Sunday at 3 pm in Hethersett Village Hall. Further details of the films appear below.

September 8th - Fisherman’s Friends

The film is based on a true story about Port Isaac's Fisherman's Friends, a group of Cornish fishermen who were signed by Universal Records and achieved a top 10 hit with their debut album of traditional sea shanties.

The feelgood film stars Daniel Mays, James Purefoy, Tuppence Middleton, David Hayman, Noel Clarke, Dave Johns, Maggie Steed, Sam Swainsbury and Christian Brassington.



October 13th - Fighting With My Family



Fighting with My Family is a 2019 biographical sports comedy-drama film written and directed by Stephen Merchant. It depicts the World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) career of professional wrestler Paige, portrayed by Florence Pugh. The film also stars Lena Headey, Nick Frost, Jack Lowden, Vince Vaughn and Dwayne (The Rock) Johnson, who also acts as a producer. Many of the scenes are set in Norwich to add a nice local flavour to the presentation.

November 10th - Red Joan

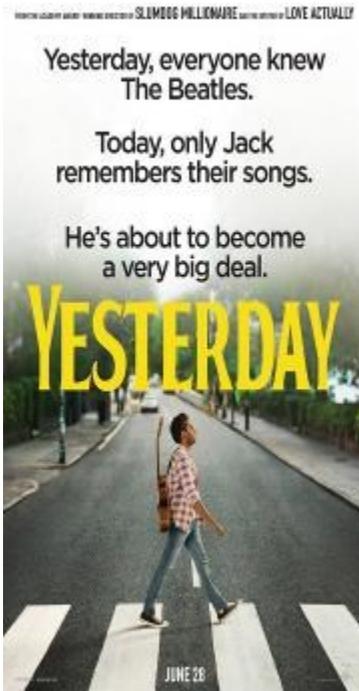
Joan Stanley is a widow living out a quiet retirement in the suburbs when, shockingly, the British Secret Service place her under arrest.

The charge is providing classified scientific information - including details on the building of the atomic bomb - to the Soviet government for decades. As the interrogation gets underway, Joan relives the dramatic events that shaped her life and her beliefs.

The film stars Sophie Cookson, Stephen Campbell-Moore, Tom Hughes and Dame Judi Dench.



December 8th - Yesterday



Yesterday is a 2019 British romantic comedy directed by Danny Boyle and written by Richard Curtis and another film with an East Anglian connection.

It stars Himesh Patel as a struggling musician who, after an accident, finds himself the only person who remembers The Beatles. He becomes famous after taking credit for writing and performing their songs. The film also features Lily James as Himesh's childhood friend and love interest, Kate McKinnon as his manager and Ed Sheeran as a fictionalised version of himself.

Much of the action was shot in Suffolk with Lowestoft featuring prominently. We understand that former Rector of Hethersett, the Rev Di Lammas, has a small part in the action.

Hannah's Hethersett Life

First of all I'd like to apologise for the shorter column this month. My husband passed his driving test at the end of July so we've been out and about so not so much of a 'Hethersett Life' in August!

We still live here and we still love it, we're just enjoying our new found freedom at the moment. Rest assured, I'm still trying to get involved with village life as much as I can; the Refill scheme, litter picking, messy church, HEAT meetings etc.

Filling Up Hethersett

WE'VE finally made a start on 'Refill Hethersett'. With a meeting scheduled at Rowan House coming up soon and a popular competition to win a chilly bottle on our Facebook page, we're off to a cracking start.

Many emails have been sent to ask local businesses to be involved so we are positive that lots of shops will be on the Refill map soon.

Watch this space and don't forget to get in touch if you have a business in Hethersett and would like to be a part of Refill.

The idea behind Refill Hethersett is to get businesses to offer free water refills for drinks bottles.



First Steps Playgroup

Wow, what a great last session we had! The ladies who run the playgroup had booked 'Neil Reeve Presentz Children's Entertainer/ Magician' to celebrate the end of term and it was fantastic. The children of various ages seemed to really enjoy it, with lots of games, magic and sweets to be had. Unfortunately, Neil was dealing with some malfunctioning equipment, but he handled it like a pro and carried on like a trooper. We would all highly recommend booking him for any kids parties.

The playgroup is still closed for the summer holidays until Tuesday, 10th September. However, we were still there on the first Tuesday of the holidays. We were disinfecting the



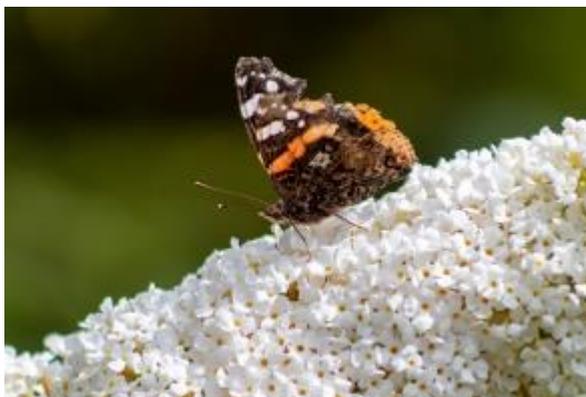
toys, throwing away anything broken, replacing batteries, making notes of anything we may need and putting aside items for the charity shop. The group is run by two volunteers, Sarah Lawrence and Jade Smith, who do a fantastic job.

Hannah's Hethersett Life

It's a massive commitment, they give up their Tuesday mornings to make it a great session for anyone who comes along and it is HARD work. I've stepped in a few times if one of them has to be elsewhere and it really is a tough few hours. So if you do come along to First Steps – which we really hope you do if you haven't already – please be aware of all that we do and lend a hand where possible (we completely understand that not everyone is able to).

Nature Walk Further Afield

ANOTHER month, another nature walk! Now that we can drive, we've been going to different places to have nature walks. But, we have still made time for our favourite walk – the fields behind the church. My daughter and I went with my friend and her daughter, so I printed off some nature walk worksheets and gave them a pen each. They had to tick the items off the list once they'd seen them. They had so much fun. We'd seen most of the things on the list by the time we got to the churchyard. The Buddleia plant just to the left of the church was absolutely teeming with butterflies, I'd never seen so many in one place. They were beautiful. We carried on walking the usual way, we bumped into the sheep, found some more butterflies, fended off stinging nettles and watched the combine harvester and tractor doing their jobs at the farm, followed by having ice creams from the church farm shop at the end of the walk.



Hannah's Hethersett Life

Also, whilst walking to the PACT charity shop to support Ethan's bake sale (see elsewhere in this edition), I came across something that I've seen online but never in person, an elephant hawk-moth caterpillar! What a beautiful sight, I'm so pleased to have seen one. They are even more impressive once they've turned into moth form.

Quiet Time For Wildlife



There hasn't been much going on in the Harrison garden this month, although the usual birds have been visiting; a bedraggled looking wood pigeon that we've named "Ruffy", an abundance of tits (blues, greats and long-tailed) the odd robin, a family of blackbirds and much more.

There is sad news. We attempted to rescue a young hedgehog, named Hector, who was found in a lady's garden in the village. Although visibly healthy, he kept visiting during the day which we all know by now is a red flag in the hedgehog

Hannah's Hethersett Life

world. The lady who found the hog had tried contacting Connie Tindale who unfortunately has had a rough month with her illness so wasn't available, so I offered to take a look at the hog and bring him home. I contacted a local vet who was unhelpful. I then called PACT who said it sounds like he is ok – it wasn't until I had him a few hours that I needed advice on what to do. I held him and tried to look for any obvious signs of illness or injury but, apart from a serious case of fleas, he looked quite good. He weighed just over 200g which didn't seem too bad considering his size.

We transferred him from his shoe box into a bigger box, where he had a towel to snuggle in, a small bowl of water, food and a little cardboard house with shredded paper. He wasn't touching the food or water and I couldn't get back through to PACT so here is where I contacted Kim Rout, a lovely local lady who used to rescue hedgehogs. She helped me so very much and even booked a vet's appointment the next morning for Hector and came to pick me up to attend the appointment with me. She knows that I'd like to start rescuing hogs so wanted to show me the ropes! Unfortunately, around 20-30 minutes before the appointment, just before Kim arrived, I noticed that Hector had stopped breathing.

We're unsure of what happened but it could have been a number of things, he could have been poisoned with slug pellets (the ban of slug pellets containing Metaldehyde has been revoked since I wrote about it in the last issue, this is terrible news), he could have been too cold, could have had lungworm or just anything.

If you see a hedgehog acting strangely or out during the day, please don't turn a blind eye or assume it's ok. Give PACT a call for advice, they will be more than happy to help.

There's a few dates in our diary that you may be interested in too, events that I'm sure will be mentioned elsewhere in the Herald.

HEAT meeting – Wednesday 4th September 8 pm at the social club.

HEAT litter pick – Saturday 14th September 2pm.

Messy church at St Remigius Church – Saturday 14th September 4-6 pm.

I hope to have a bit more for you to read next month, once the novelty of driving everywhere has worn off! Take care.

LATE NEWS UPDATE - The first businesses to sign up for the Refill Hethersett scheme are Rowan House and the Queen's Head.

Message From Hethersett Parish Council

Village To Celebrate VE Day

VE Day 75 – Friday 8th to Sunday 10th May, 2020.

It was unanimously agreed at the July meeting, that Hethersett Parish Council will act as a co-ordinator for a programme of events, which it is hoped will be arranged in the village to celebrate and commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE (Victory in Europe) Day.

The Parish Council is hoping that a wide range of events will feature in the programme which will appeal to a broad spectrum of the community whatever their age or interests.

If you are a member of a local group, club, school or society and would like to join us in marking this very special anniversary, please contact the Parish Clerk by email as soon as possible to register your interest:

hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk

Next year, the Early May Bank Holiday will be moved from Monday 4th to Friday 8th May to mark the 75th Anniversary so please take a moment to enter the date into your diaries. The Parish Council website and Facebook page will be updated as the planning progresses.



The Changing Face of Back Lane

captured by Angela Eden



Angela Eden took the photographs above of development going on in Back Lane, Hethersett, to improve facilities at Hethersett Academy.

Jubilee Youth Club News

By Gillian Saunders

By the time you read this, the summer holidays will be over or almost over and the Autumn term will be starting.

Youth Club restarts on Wednesday, 11th September, from 5:45 to 7:15 pm for years four, five and six and 7:30 to 9 pm for those in Years seven to nine. All are welcome to come along with tuck money and £1.50 subs.

Please bring an adult in with you just to sign your admission form on the first week. They don't need to stay after that.

We are planning a quiz night provisionally for Saturday, 12th October, so start to gather your team together and book the date in the diary. Full details on posters and our Facebook page and here next month.

Can I say a huge thank you to Angela Eden who has done such a fantastic job with the roses at the hall. They have looked fantastic this year and I am sure it is all down to her green fingers and the TLC she gives them!

Photographs of just some of her efforts are featured on the next page.

A HOT PROBLEM

The following comments appeared on Hethersett social media pages and are just one of the many topics being discussed on "All Things Hethersett."

ORIGINAL MESSAGE - Why is it, whenever we have a heatwave, somebody has to have a bonfire? I don't want to close the windows.

RESPONSE - With the ridiculous charges at the tip now, I'll definitely be having regular bonfires. I'll cram the garden waste bin as full as it will go and burn the rest. I used to take whatever was left over.

Of course many people will point out that there is no charge for garden waste at the recycling tips.

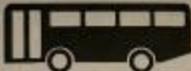


Hethersett Gets The Hump

GREAT Melton Road was shut for five days whilst a new speed calming measure was put in place. Here Herald Associate Editor Gary Wyatt pictures the work to put in the new measure which was paid for under a partnership initiative between Hethersett Parish Council and Norfolk County Council.







Customer Notice

First services 14 & 15 will be diverted via Queens Road and Churchfields rather than New road and Mill Road on the 19th of August due to ongoing road works.

The Semmence 9 will be diverted via the main Road and Churchfields



Photographs by Hethersett Herald Associate Editor Gary Wyatt

Herald Health With Rowan House

Rachel Pailes from Rowan House Well Being Centre in Queen's Road, Hethersett, gives some more tips on well-being.



Is Your Life More Complicated Than It Needs To Be?

OOOH that's a pretty loaded question isn't it? And one that probably requires more than just a little honesty. But, with our mission to help you discover and embrace life's balance, this month we're challenging you to take a look inwards and ask yourself:

"Am I making this more complicated than it needs to be?"

In our modern, busy world, we often live hurried, stressful lives, running from pillar to post, trying to balance work with family, friends, fitness and fun. We have good intentions but so often we feel like we're falling short.

When you're doing so much in a day that you can't remember most of what you did and you don't feel any better for having done it, it's time to give yourself a break – mental and physical.

You see, whilst making certain decisions can make life more complicated for ourselves, making others can ease the pressure and relieve the stress. Enabling us to step back and gain a little balance in our lives.

Here's some quick and easy solutions to making life a little less complicated.

Procrastination is complication. When we leave it and leave it, our to-do list gets longer, our chores, tasks and projects pile up, emails go unanswered, text messages are ignored and vital details may eventually be missed. Procrastination leads to feelings of being overwhelmed and that leads to feeling like you'll never catch-up.

Start doing things NOW. Don't put yourself under pressure to get everything done in one go. Pick one thing off your list and try to get it done today, then give yourself a pat on the back.

Life Coach Sam James suggests: "Think about where you can reduce the mental clutter in your daily thinking. Reduce your choices and make things into a routine, so you don't need to keep thinking about them. Barack Obama was an ad-

vocate of a simple wardrobe when President, so that he didn't need to spend time deciding what to wear."

That's right. If you've created a habit of saying yes to anything and everything then you're probably on a fast track to burn-out. Whilst it's tempting to fill every minute of every day with meeting people, working on projects and going places, ask yourself, is it really necessary?"

Say 'no' to things that aren't a priority, says Sam James. You don't need to accept every invitation and help everyone all the time. Give yourself space.

Making something appear complicated when it's actually pretty simple is one of the most common marketing tactics out there. Particularly when it comes to spending money on your health.

"You need to be drinking that juice."

"Switch this product for that one and you'll feel so much better."

Except that you probably won't.

Let's take food for example. Eating healthy doesn't need to be complicated, says Nutritional Therapist Catherine Jeans. "Whenever you're cooking, buying food or picking up something quick for lunch on the go, just think how can I make this meal just a bit better?"

If it's a ready meal, throw some extra veggies in the microwave. If it's a quick bowl of cereal for breakfast, add a handful of berries. If it's your favourite Spag Bol for supper, grate in some carrots and courgettes. Little changes quickly add up and can make a big difference to your health.

Not everything or everyone is a priority in life. That email that drops into your inbox at 7 pm doesn't need to be dealt with right away. Your children don't need you to stop what you're doing and find that missing toy right now! The office will not fall apart if you take a day off.

In fact, everything will probably go right on as normal. The demands, messages, projects, tasks and emails will keep rolling in, you can't change that. But what you can do is set boundaries which protect your time (and sanity) "Setting boundaries means respecting your time and energy. You only have so much to give," says Life Coach Sam James. "Create space in your week for 'being' and not rushing, be clear about your boundaries and stick with them."

"I suggest to my clients that they take the time to notice, savour and value the good things in life, no matter how small," says Hypnotherapist Brett Rennolds.

"Notice not overtaking that car when you were in a hurry, letting that car out of a junction or filling up the car for your partner without being asked. Savour the countryside when you choose not to rush, the thank you of a stranger, the fact that you've made the life of your partner a little easier because you choose to do

so.

Value the fact that how you choose to behave is a choice, that kindness to others is a gift you can make and that the people in your life are precious. It's your choice to treat others as you would want to be treated. So try to make good choices today!"

So what do you say? Are you willing to start making choices so the rest of your life can be less complicated? Why not start today?

Festive Fair Date Set

THIS year's annual Hethersett Christmas Charity Market and Fair will take place in Hethersett Methodist Church and Church Hall on Friday, November 29th from 6 pm.

The event, which has become an integral part of the village calendar, is organised jointly by members of the Methodist Church and parish councillor and former South Norfolk Councillor Leslie Dale..

The event includes charity and club stalls, Christmas music and entertainment, a children's market and much more. Money raised at the event goes to Methodist charities and also the individual groups represented. It will be the 12th running of the event which was originally envisaged as a summer fair.

A men's breakfast will be held at the Methodist Church on September 7th from 9 am when the speaker will be Mark Wilkinson on the theme: "Mummies and more, the history of preserving tissue."

Men are also invited to a mardle event on Tuesday, 10th September - a chance to chat over coffee. The event runs from 10 am until noon.

Meanwhile the church's singing fellowship will be holding a harvest music and tea afternoon on Friday, 27th September, from 2.30 pm. The afternoon will include music, readings and poems followed by tea and home made cakes.

Methodist Minister Bids Farewell

HETHERSETT Methodist Minister the Rev Matthew Olanrewaju (pictured opposite) has said goodbye to the village after over six years.

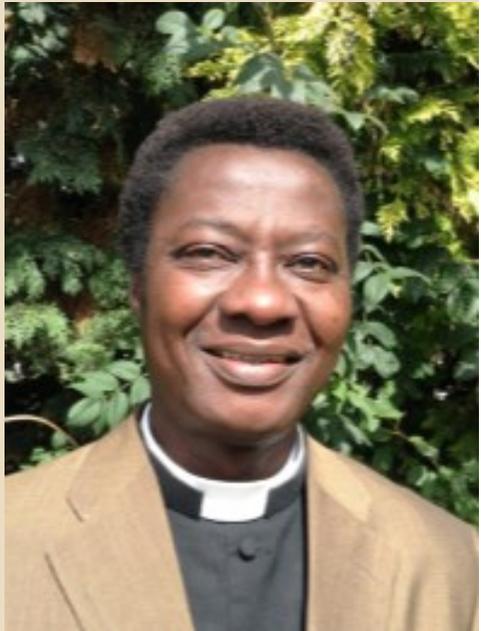
A celebration lunch was organised at the church in August to say farewell to Matthew, his wife Elizabeth and their family.

“Elizabeth and I and our family are very grateful for the opportunity to serve at Hethersett Methodist Church. When we came to Norwich Circuit, we felt that it was the call of God. We didn’t want to choose where we were going as we wanted to leave the direction to God.

“We have served at Hethersett alongside that in Framingham, Brooke, Long Stratton and Fornsett and now we are sad to have to leave great people and good friends at Hethersett,” Rev Matthew said.

He will be staying within the Norwich Methodist Circuit, however, serving at Jessop Road and Chapel Field Road Methodist Churches in Norwich.

Rev Matthew’s successor is due to take up his post in October and we will have more news of this in coming editions of Hethersett Herald.



Hethersett Social Club



Hethersett Social Club held its annual charity open day on Saturday, 27th July, raising money for the Norfolk Diabetes Trust.

The day included a charity bowls tournament, a barbecue, tombola, cake stall, children's craft activities, Zumba, Scalextric, a variety of stalls and evening entertainment from Stardust Duo in the lounge. See the next three pages for pictures of the day and the presentation of an £800 cheque at the club to the Norfolk Diabetes Trust.

Club Opening Hours

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - 7 pm to 11 pm

Wednesday - 7 pm to 11 pm

Thursday - 7 pm to 11 pm

Friday - 5 pm to 11.30 pm

Saturday - 12 pm to 12 am

Sunday - 12 pm to 6 pm

For more information on club activities telephone 01603 811195 or visit the official website at:

www.hethersettsocialclub.co.uk/

Social Club Open Day 2019



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Social Club Open Day 2019





Lucy Webster and Professor Ketan Dhatariya from the Norfolk Diabetes Trust receive a cheque for £800 from Sue Forkes of Hetherset Social Club

HETHERSETT Social Club has presented a cheque for £800 to the Norfolk Diabetes Trust (NDT) from its open day in July.

It was a poignant evening for Sue Forkes from the Social Club whose daughter Chloe was diagnosed with Type One diabetes in March.

“It came as something of a shock. Chloe hadn’t been feeling herself and had been very tired. My dad has type two diabetes and so we checked Chloe’s blood sugar levels with his machine.

“They were very high and so we went to the local surgery and got sent straight to hospital where she was diagnosed with type one diabetes,” Sue said.

Thankfully Chloe’s condition is now stabilising and Sue wanted to do something to help the Norfolk Diabetes Trust. It was decided to donate

the majority of the money raised from the open day to the Trust, which is based at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital.

On August 27th, NDT Trustee Professor Ketan Dhatariya and Research Administrator Lucy Webster visited Hethersett Social Club to accept the cheque on behalf of the trust.

Although fully supported by the NHS, money donated over many years to the trust, which is a registered charity, helps the treatment of and research into diabetes to forge ahead as Professor Dhatariya explained.

“Over £2 million raised for the trust has given us the chance to fund a large number of different things from laser treatment for those suffering from diabetes to education courses for type one diabetes and education for primary care teams,” he said.

The additional funding has also bought insulin pens for babies.

“Money from voluntary contributions has proved invaluable and allows us to go that extra mile and improve the care for people with diabetes in the county,” he added.

The Trust’s website states its objectives to be

- To improve facilities and care for the 48,000 people in Norfolk with known or undiagnosed diabetes by providing equipment, staff and facilities when NHS funds are not available.
- To improve knowledge and awareness of the condition and its management amongst patients, their relatives and healthcare professionals.

Since its inception as the Norfolk Diabetes Appeal in 1987, the Norfolk Diabetes Trust has raised and invested over £2.5 million into diabetes services locally and has made a major difference to diabetes services in Norfolk.

The trust was founded in 1987 by Elsie Bertram MBE and Dr Richard Greenwood, a local diabetes consultant. Today the trust is overseen by a Board of 11 trustees - all of whom are volunteers.

For more information on the Norfolk Diabetes Trust including how to volunteer to help, visit its website at:

<https://www.norfolkdiabetestrust.co.uk/>.

Hethersett Matters

WE regularly feature scams in this publication. In this edition we look at some of the latest to avoid. This column is put together in partnership with Norfolk Trading Standards and Norfolk Police.

POLICE have continued to receive reports about recorded message telephone cold calls regarding bank accounts and credit cards.

There are a number of variations on these calls but they include:

- Calls claiming to be from 'Visa Secure' stating there is an 'unusual transaction on your account for £600'
- Calls that state they are 'An urgent call from Visa'
- Calls that state 'This is an emergency call about your credit card'

Following these initial claims, the message will then give press button options which have included:

- 'To prevent further transactions'
- 'To speak to security'
- 'To speak to our fraud team'

The advice is simple - be very wary of claims made during telephone cold calls. If you receive this or a similar recorded message call, do not interact with the call and hang up.

It is likely there are a number of variations of these calls stating different amounts and reasons for the call.

If you are concerned about the security of a bank account or credit card, contact your card provider directly using the customer service number printed on the card, never use details provided in a cold call.

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

Next a warning about cold callers regarding solar panels.

The cold callers are making a number of claims regarding existing systems, often stating that the company that installed the panels originally have 'ceased trading' and they have taken over. The claims have then included:

That the solar panel system needs servicing, with charges of up to £600 being made for this 'service' which may include cleaning the panels

That a 'warranty check' or 'maintenance' on the panels is required by the new company. If allowed access to the panels, they then attempt to sell 'add-on' products such as replacement invertors, long-term service and warranty contracts or devices that can 'optimise the power' from the panels, often with a quoted cost of several thousands of pounds.

They will also say that existing systems need to be 'assessed' to ensure they are not 'at risk of fire'. If access is allowed the 'assessor' will claim that 'isolator switches', 'black boxes' or other modifications are 'urgently required to prevent fire'. The costs for this work is then quoted, often in excess of £2,000.

Always be very wary of any approach made in a doorstep or telephone cold call and never agree to services, having work done or someone visiting your home if approached in this manner.

Solar panel owners should always talk to their supplier before allowing any work or 'maintenance' to take place on their panels. Generally, a solar panel system does not need servicing but it may benefit from being cleaned if the panels are dirty.

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

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

Doorstep cold callers enquiring about 'insulation.'

Residents are being warned to be on their guard after reports of doorstep cold callers enquiring about insulation.

In one incident, a resident received a doorstep cold call from a man wearing a branded green tabard who claimed that 'insulation previously fitted may not be suitable' and offered to arrange a 'survey of the property's insulation'. The resident declined the offer and reported the cold call.

The advice is to be very wary of claims made by doorstep cold callers and never give access to your property or agree to services, buying items or for return visits if approached in this manner.

Impartial advice on energy saving and accessing grant schemes is available from the Energy Saving Trust.

Anyone concerned about doorstep cold calling in Norfolk can contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline via the internet or by telephone on 03454 04 05 06.

Finally this month

There have been reports of doorstep cold callers enquiring about 'cavity wall

insulation.

These cold callers have been active in the Wymondham area and so could move onto Hethersett.

In one incident, a resident received a doorstep cold call from a man who stated that the property 'did not have cavity wall insulation.' He went on to enquire if the resident was in receipt of certain benefits. The resident declined the offer and reported the cold call.

The advice is always to be very wary of claims made by doorstep cold callers and never give access to your property or agree to services, buying items or for return visits if approached in this manner.

Once again impartial advice on energy saving and accessing grant schemes is available from the Energy Saving Trust.



IN this edition of Hethersett Herald we feature a number of photographs from the latest Friend In Deed session at Hethersett Hall Care Home.

The social sessions bring together residents and youngsters to swap stories and enjoy each other's company.

Hethersett School Watch

A Brace of Bronze For Joshua

A HETHERSETT Academy student came home with a brace of bronze medals from a martial arts world championship event.

Joshua Wright (pictured opposite), a year nine student, was selected by his local karate club, Eastern Shotokan Karate Association, to represent the Traditional Shotokan Karate UK national squad at the eighth WUKF World Karate Championships in Bratislava, Slovakia.



Nineteen athletes from the UK were chosen for the national squad.

Joshua took part in team events, including Team Kumite (fighting) and Rotational Team Kumite with his team taking the bronze medal in both events. This fantastic achievement meant that their team achieved third best for their age category in the world!

As well as receiving a medal for his efforts, Joshua had an amazing experience at the championships which will enhance his future karate training and leave rewarding memories.

The event included over 2,300 athletes competing from over 40 countries and 83 national associations. TSKUK Head Coach Jason Hitchings said: "Joshua was a fantastic team player and encouraged his fellow teammates throughout, staying to support the 18 years and over competitors in their events on his final day."

Helping Relieve The Boredom of Home Working

Hethersett Resident Helen Tyler from Barking Mad South Norwich updates us on the latest solutions

Local dog sitting service provider, Barking Mad South Norwich, is offering a solution to the potential loneliness and inability to switch off that can result from remote working.

For those who work from home or are retired and are spending large chunks of time alone, caring for a waggy-tailed companion on a temporary basis could really help to overcome feelings of isolation.

It's like Bring Your Dog to Work Day in reverse! If you work from home, we can bring you a lovely, friendly dog to care for whilst their owner is away on holiday, subject to you meeting our host criteria. We take care of everything, included chauffeuring the dog to your home with all their essentials and providing 24/7 support. Caring for a friendly dog not only provides canine cuddles (far better than any virtual hug) but also the motivation to step away from your emails and go and take a walk at lunchtime."

Sarah Spendlove (pictured above), an artist who works from home and hosts for Barking Mad, said:

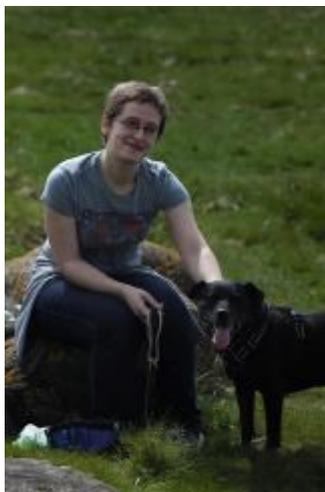
"As a host, the process has been really straightforward and well organised. I've enjoyed the companionship, exercise and everything else that comes with dog sitting. I'd definitely recommend Barking Mad to others, as it's brought bundles of furry joy into my home, and I always want to give them the best holiday full of walks and playtime."

'The State of Remote Work', 2019 annual report which surveyed 2,471 workers, concludes:

"Remote work isn't always as Instagram-worthy as it may seem. In fact, many remote workers struggle with unplugging from their work, loneliness and communicating."

CEO of fully remote company Doist Amir Salihefendic, also recognises the problem and said:

"We need to acknowledge that isolation, anxiety and depression are significant



problems when working remotely and we must figure out ways and systems to resolve these complex issues.”

The community of Barking Mad host families consists of active retired people and those who either work from home or have extended periods away from work. It offers the opportunity to care for dogs in your own home, while their owners are away on holiday. Hosts experience all the benefits of dog companionship without any of the emotional or financial responsibilities of full-time pet ownership.

To find out more about becoming a Barking Mad host, you can call me on 01603 340595 or visit www.barkingmad.uk.com.

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 to find your dog's home from home today.

Another picture below from the Friends In Deed session at Hethersett Hall Care Home. Residents and youngsters get together.



Council/Government Contact Numbers

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

Member of Parliament

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

Email - Richard@richardbacon.org.uk.

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

Telephone: 01379 642097

Web site: www.richardbacon.org.uk

Facebook - Bacon4SouthNorfolk

Twitter - @Bacon4SNorfolk

Norfolk County Council

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

South Norfolk Council

Our South Norfolk Council representatives are Adrian Dearnley, Phil Hardy and David Bills. David can be contacted on 01603 813041 or at dbills@s-norfolk.gov.uk, Phil on 07985 695668 or at phardy@s-norfolk.gov.uk and Adrian on 07957139880.or at adearnley@s-norfolk.gov.uk.

Hethersett Parish Council

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

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

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

Email: hethersett.pc@tiscali.co.uk

Website – hethersettpc.info

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The Scott Willoughby Column

I HAVE a horrible feeling that the saga of the future of the King's Head is going to run and run.

And whilst Ei Breweries attempt to sort the matter out the fabric of the building is beginning to deteriorate.

Elsewhere in this edition you can read about a North Norfolk pub that has been boarded up because a suitable tenant cannot be found. It's a sad state of affairs when an obvious hub of the community can just be left to rot in front of our eyes.

I fear the same could be allowed to happen at the King's. It seems to be deteriorating in front of our eyes. We make no apologies for continuing to carry monthly photographs of the state of the King's Head. The owners tell us that the pub is a fantastic business opportunity but do nothing to ensure that it is kept in a reasonable condition. I would have thought it was in their interest to keep the building in some form of decent shape.

Otherwise how are they hoping to attract possible new tenants. If of course this is their actual aim?

There are already signs of paint peeling on the outside and goodness alone knows what the state of internal decoration is. Our latest photographs show weeds proliferating at the front of the building.



Weeds abound at the front of Hethersett King's Head - these photographs were taken in August



The Scott Willoughby Column

There seem to be so many similarities between our pub and another community establishment in South Creake. Both are historic Grade II listed buildings, both lay empty and both are owned by large companies who seem to be struggling to find suitable tenants.

Residents of South Creake fear that their pub will be sold for housing and there is news that one in 10 pubs will close in the next few years. A village pub should be at the heart of a community and it is a vital part of the heritage of our country. Sadly that heritage is being eroded as more and more close due to swingeing rate demands and falling profits. Just making ends meet seems to be a virtual impossibility in itself, let alone making a healthy profit and living wage.

The current situation regarding the King's is an unsatisfactory one for the owners, the village of Hethersett and the building itself. Something positive needs to take place soon - sadly I fear we will be saying the same thing this time next month.

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THE next time you get a touch of wanderlust and fancy an exotic trip to Paris, Rome or maybe further afield, why not consider hopping on a number 6, 14 or 15 bus and travelling to the place just given the accolade of being an irresistible destination for tourists.

You may have seen that Norwich's stock has risen considerably thanks to a Vietnamese airline owner who gave the city a glowing five star review.

There really is so much to see and enjoy in Norfolk's capital City and, on the bus, it's less than half an hour away and we have the luxury of five buses an hour (four round the village and one down the B1172), although of course sometimes the timetable does seem to go haywire and have a mind all of its own.

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When I first moved to the village more years than I now care to remember there was a tremendous community spirit with people both young and old. Indeed we won many national and local awards for community involvement.

Then everything seemed to go a touch quiet. Now there seems to be a glorious return to people willing to roll up their sleeves and work for the good of the community. It has been particularly heartening to hear about local children raising funds for charities and good causes and also having a great awareness of the environment. You can read about just a few of these in this edition.

Season Of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness

and autumn juveniles

THREE baby hedgehogs came in during the last days of August, the heaviest of which was well under 180 gm. Hedgehogs cannot survive the winter if they weigh less than 450 gm and ideally need to be much heavier so the task before us now is not only to keep these little scraps alive but also to fatten them up.

I am not a great supporter of climate change theories, but I have to admit that our winters are getting warmer and the animals are confused by the frequent intense heat of late summer and produce a litter that does not have time to mature before winter sets in.

Of the three that came in, we have already lost one as it refused to eat or drink. The other two are so small and they are only a few weeks old and are incapable of caring for themselves in the wild. As we are heading for another heatwave during which there will be a shortage of food and water it is not a good time for them. It is sad that the odds are stacked so greatly against them. Please help and put out dishes of water in your garden.



Perky is tiny and weighs around 130 gm. He easily fits into the palm of a hand.

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society has produced a series of posters to raise awareness of the plight of the hedgehogs and I am pleased to see that so

Hethersett Hedgehogs

many people in Hethersett are now doing their best to make their gardens hedgehog friendly and to cater for the needs of our prickly friends.

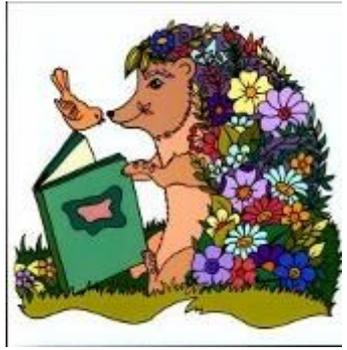
One of the greatest dangers for hedgehogs is slug pellets. Recently a ban was introduced to outlaw the ones containing the most dangerous chemicals but the ban was removed due to a technicality. However, there is still hope that the ban will eventually come into place. It is heart-breaking to see a poisoned hedgehog suffer convulsions and die. I know it is unsightly and disheartening to see your prize Hostas reduced to a selection of ribs strung together with a bit of greenery but there are others ways of tackling the problem that negates the need for pellets.

Responsible commercial growers who produce thousands of Hostas for the wholesale market do not use pellets at all, they spray their plants with a diluted solution of boiled garlic 'soup'. To make this, take a couple of the cheaper garlic bulbs and boil them in water until they turn to mush. Squash any remaining



cloves into the water and then strain the solution. Let it go cold, then dilute it and fill your garden sprayer. Give the plant leaves a regular thorough spraying and watch them thrive. As a bonus, the solution is also good for your roses as it encourages bigger blooms and helps fight off blackspot. Results, beautiful blooms, leaves without holes and happy hedgehogs.

If you see a sick or tiny hedgehog out and about during the day then please help it survive by taking it to a local vet and/or contacting an animal sanctuary. Vets will look at wild hedgehogs and give emergency help without charge but they will not house them and medicines have to be paid for.



Another Village Bus Crash

HETHERSETT seems to be no strangers to accidents involving buses. The latest saw a bus and car involved in New Road on August 24th. This follows a crash a year ago which saw a bus push a stationary car into a garden in Mill Road and there was also damage to a bus in Mill Road caused by tree branches smashing an upstairs window.

The latest accident again involved a bus hitting a stationary car as an eye witness described on Facebook:



“There was a massive bang. Went outside to look and a bus had crashed into a non moving car.”

As a result the car was pushed into a hedge and there was a considerable amount of damage to the bus. Thankfully nobody on the bus was injured although a number of passengers were shaken up by their experience.

The accident took place at the top end of New Road close to the junction with the B1172.

Classic Cars Visit Hethersett

A HOST of classic cars paid a visit to St Remigius Church, Hethersett, at the beginning of August as part of the 2019 Norfolk Open Churches Classic Car Run.

More than 100 vehicles gathered at Norwich Cathedral before setting off on a tour of 30 churches across the Norfolk countryside that included Hethersett Parish Church and Wymondham Abbey.

The classic car run launched the annual Norfolk Open Churches weekend.

The theme this year was Breckland and Forests and the rally ended up with a special service in Breckland.

Many of the vehicles taking part were pre-1950 models including Rileys, Humbers, Jaguars, Porsches and of course Rolls Royce.





Groups and Societies

Hethersett Methodist Church

The church holds shoppers' coffee mornings every Saturday from 10.30 am until midday. Everyone is welcome and tea and coffee is served. The art and craft group meets on Wednesdays from 10 am until midday. Further information is available from Tina Greenhalgh on 810364.

Messy Church

A harvest-themed messy church will take place on September 14th in St Remigius. The events are designed for families with a mixture of fun, food and fellowship.

First Steps

First Steps Stay and Play Baby Group for 0-5 year will start its Autumn term on September 10th.

Christian Aid Total

A total of £412.84 was raised during Christian Aid Week at St Remigius Church.

Hethersett Mothers' Union

Members enjoyed their annual summer outing which this year went to Peter Beales Roses in Attleborough. It was a special place on a special day as the warm summer sunshine mingled with the delightful smell of the roses. Members enjoyed an informative talk with hints on the best ways to look after roses. They were then shown round the gardens to learn about the various rose names. Lunch followed in the marquee.

Litter Pick

The next two village litter picks organised by the Hethersett Environmental Action Team will take place on September 14th at 2 pm and November 9th at 10 am both starting from Hethersett Methodist Church car park. All welcome

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Hethersett Library Friends' Group

Georgette Vale will be giving her presentation on Queen Victoria at Hethersett Library on September 11th. Further details are elsewhere in this edition.

Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Trust

By Mel Perkins MBE

The Trustees have received the annual Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) inspection report of the playground equipment and have attended to some low-risk items and are getting professional quotes for some other minor works. We are currently seeking funding for replacing matting under the multi-play unit.

Fire extinguishers have been checked and, where necessary, replaced in the pavilion and we have been chasing our contractors regarding grass cutting around the edges.

A reminder that the non-turf cricket wicket is available for hire up until the end of August. Details of how to book are on our website at www.hmpf.co.uk.

After August football takes over and we have been working with Hethersett Athletic Football Club to accommodate increased youth teams playing on the field, provided expectations are managed with teams over car parking.

Hethersett Women's Institute

At the July meeting, members celebrated their 101st birthday when they entertained themselves with games including the unscrambling of the names of Norfolk towns and villages. Games were followed by refreshments.

St Remigius Church

A coffee drop in session for parents and toddlers takes place in St Remigius Church on the first Tuesday of each month from 10 am. The September session will take place on September 3rd. A concert by the Anglian Singers raised £521.

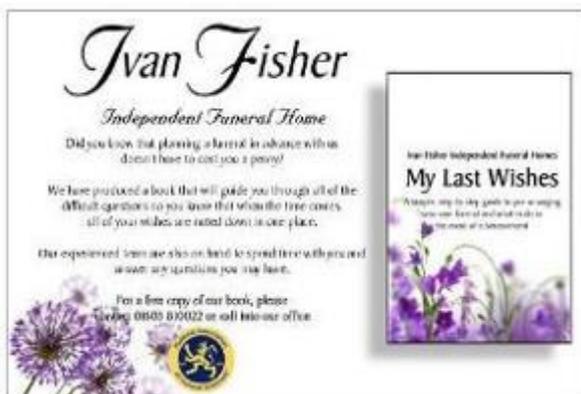
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Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group

The Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meets every two weeks on a Tuesday in the lounge at Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex in Firs Road from 5.30 until 6.30 pm and has a mixture of films, talks and social time. The group took a summer break in August but will start its Autumn series of meetings with a social

get-together event on September 3rd at which everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served free of charge.

The group also welcomes people who are lonely and/or suffering from depression and anxiety. It is supported by Ivan Fisher Independent Funeral Home.



Hethersett Dementia Support Group

The Hethersett Dementia Support Group organises a cafe on the third Tuesday of each month in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am until midday. Light refreshments are served free of charge. The café provides an opportunity for dementia-sufferers and their carers to meet and chat over a tea or coffee, participate in activities such as singing and also listen to guest speakers.

The September café will take place on Tuesday 17th. Further information is available by e-mailing hethersettdementia2016@gmail.com where you can leave a contact telephone number and somebody will get back to you within 48 hours.

There could be some interesting changes to the café set-up announced in the near future and we will have news of this in the October edition of Hethersett Herald.

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Probus Club

Members of the Probus Club were joined by their partners for a buffet lunch and music from duo Tony and Miriam Ireland who produced a programme entitled "Thank You For The Music." Their programme ranged from Glenn Miller to show numbers and they gave interesting facts about the music and songs. A vote of thanks was proposed by Harold Kerslake.

Good News Magazine

The village Good News magazine is looking for people to help distribute the publication. Anyone interested in delivering to various parts of the village should contact Monica Moore on 811731.

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.

Reports of events and meetings can also be sent to the above email address.

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Announcement of publication is also made on social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Next Door.

If you enjoy reading Hethersett Herald please pass details on.

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Norfolk Association for the Disabled

By Angela Farrington

Wymondham and Attleborough Branch also covering Hethersett.

Upcoming events

September 5th - Coach trip to Gorleston Pier Hotel for lunch followed by a walk along the promenade, weather permitting.

October 3rd - Social at Methodist Church hall. Entertainment will be either feely bags or a quiz. Followed by tea, sandwiches and cakes.

October 8th - AGM. This is where we get together with our other groups in Norfolk and hear about their activities over the last 12 months, then usually there is an interesting talk followed by raffle and tea and cakes.

November 7th - Methodist Church hall. Activity to be advised.

November 24th - Trip to Drayton Players. Always a popular event.

December 10th - Christmas lunch at Park Farm Hotel.

January - We have no social in January but will have a visit to the Hethersett Pantomime.

All newcomers welcome.

Anyone interested in joining our group as a disabled member, or anyone looking to volunteer to help at our meetings and on trips out or for any other enquiries please contact

Rob Reeve 01603 810440 or Angela Farrington 01603 810342

Hethersett Horticultural Society

By Leslie Dale

At Hethersett and District Horticultural Society's meeting on Wednesday, 21st August, Lesley Cuneen was "Garden Visiting".

In this multi-faceted and brilliantly illustrated talk, Lesley covered the evolution of gardens, linking them with the social history of the British people and at the same time illustrating the various genus of plants and planting which pleased the eye.

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Using the “Sissinghurst White Garden” as a prime example, the crux of Lesley’s talk was the need to visit gardens to gain ideas for one’s own.

Two hundred years ago, only the very rich and landed gentry enjoyed gardens. Today almost everyone, can have a flower garden and anyone can visit an “open” garden or park to enjoy its vista and gain ideas for their own garden.

Between the world wars the National Garden Scheme was formed to support medical charities. These gardens, and those of the National Trust, are always available to gain ideas from. In citing those exemplar gardens we realised that there are still many gardens to visit throughout Britain and Ireland.

The society meets on the third Wednesday of each month except December, which is on the second Wednesday, at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, Great Melton Road. All are very welcome - occasional visitors are charged £1.50; refreshments are included.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 18th September, when Richard Hobbs will highlight “Plants of the Mountains” and on Wednesday, 16th October, Andy Thacker advises on “Garden and Landscape Construction.”



More Friends
In Deed

Friendly Events in Hethersett Library

TALKS, presentations, games afternoons and a children's traditional party are just some of the events being organised by the newly formed Friends of Hethersett Library Group.

Events began in July with a presentation by village archivist Gary Wyatt on Edwardian photographer Tom Nokes.

The next talk will feature Georgette Vale from Wymondham as Queen Victoria on Wednesday, September 11th at 6 pm. Tickets for this will be priced at £5 which will include light refreshments. See a poster for the event on the next page.

On Thursday, 14th November, Norfolk author Phyllida Scrivens will give a presentation based on her book "Escaping Hitler."

A traditional children's party will take place on Saturday, 7th December, and we will have more details of this in coming editions.

A games afternoon is being organised on the first Friday of each month, beginning on September 6th from 2 until 4 pm. A whole host of games from chess and draughts to well known board games will be available and it's just 50p to take part with the first session free.

The group is also hoping to organise a quiz in the village hall in the spring. The group is supported by South Norfolk Council and Norfolk Libraries Service.

Chocolate Warning

THERE has been a warning on one of Hethersett's social media sites about the dangers of chocolate if eaten by dogs.

An impassioned plea went out from one resident:

"Please, please, please if your child drops chocolate on the ground don't leave it there for dogs to find."

The message is based on the fact that chocolate can cause kidney failure in dogs

A Royal Visit to Hethersett from Queen Victoria

This performance is
brought to you by
Georgette Vale

Wymondham Walks And
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**Admission - £5
which includes
light refreshments**



**Hethersett Library
Wednesday 11th September
6 pm – 8pm**

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Thank you to everyone that has contributed to this edition of Hethersett Herald. If you have enjoyed reading this e-magazine please pass on details to friends and relatives so that we can increase our readership.

Hethersett Herald What's On

The following are just some of the regular events taking place in Hethersett. 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

Regular Events:

Hethersett Croquet Club meets on the Memorial Playing Field from 2.30 pm on Wednesday and Saturdays.

Hethersett Methodist Church Art and Craft Group meets in the Methodist Church Hall from 10 am on Wednesdays. Further details available from Tina Greenhalgh on 01603 810364.

Hethersett Table Tennis Club meets in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 7 pm on Fridays.

Hethersett Methodist Church Shoppers' Coffee takes place on Saturdays from 10.30 am until midday.

First Steps pre-school Group meets in Hethersett Village Hall on Tuesdays from 10 am during school term time.

The Heart of Hethersett Bereavement Group meets in the lounge of Woodcote Sheltered Housing complex from 5.30 to 6.30 pm on alternate Tuesdays. All welcome, light refreshments available free of charge.

Hethersett Dementia Support Group's monthly café takes place in Hethersett Methodist Church Hall from 10 am until midday every third Tuesday.

Hethersett Short Mat Bowls Club plays two sessions each week in Hethersett Village Hall. The first is on Tuesday afternoons from 2.15 pm for a 2.30 pm start and the second is on Friday evenings at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 pm start.

We will have a list of October coming events in the next edition.

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Coming Events for September include the following:

Sunday 1st - Norfolk Over-40s Cricket League Finals Day. Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Ground, Flordon.

Wednesday 4th - Probus Club meets in Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club, 10.30 am.

Thursday 5th - Norfolk Association for the Disabled trip to Gorleston with lunch at the Pier Hotel.

Friday 6th - Hethersett Library Friends games afternoon in the library 2 pm.

Sunday 8th - Hethersett Village Screen presents the film Fisherman's Friends, Hethersett Village Hall, 3 pm.

Monday 9th - Hethersett Pensioners' Association meeting. Methodist Church Hall, 2 pm. Anne Reeve "Norfolk Dialect."

Monday 9th - Hethersett Society. Methodist Church Hall, 7.30 pm. Anna Meek talks about the Galapagos Islands.

Tuesday 10th - First Steps Stay and Play Baby Group for 0-5 year olds. Autumn term starts. Hethersett Village Hall.

Wednesday 11th - Friends of Hethersett Library presents Queen Victoria with Georgette Vale, 6 pm.

Saturday 14th - Messy Church at St Remigius Church, 4-6 pm.

Saturday 14th - Hethersett Environmental Action Team (HEAT) litter pick. Starts at 2 pm from Hethersett Methodist Church car park.

Monday 16th - Hethersett Parish Council meeting, Hethersett Village Hall, 7.30 pm. Preceded by a meeting of the planning committee at 7 pm.

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

Wednesday 18th - Probus Club meets in Hethersett Jubilee Youth Club at 10.30 am. Talk on the massacre at Le Paradis in the Second World War.

Hethersett Herald What's On

Colourful Display Assured



THERE will be plenty of colour on display when the Paint With Us Art Group holds its autumn exhibition in Hethersett Village Hall on Sunday, November 17th.

The group has been encouraged by the popularity of previous exhibitions.

The Paint With Us exhibition will take place from 10 am until 4 pm.

Refreshments will be available. Parking and entry is free and artwork and cards

will be on sale. Our photographs on this page were taken at a previous event.



Hethersett Herald What's On

Horticultural Society's Annual Show

HETHERSETT and District Horticultural Society will be holding its annual produce show in the village hall from 2 until 4 pm on Saturday, September 14th.

Entries will be staged between 8 and 10.15 am and the show will be open to the public from 2 pm with an admission charge of 50p for adults, accompanied children free. Refreshments will be available.

There will be classes for fruit, vegetables and flowers with judging according to Royal Horticultural Society rules. There will also be classes for flower arranging, photography, painting and cookery.

Non member classes will be for nine small-fruited tomatoes, five dessert apples, a specimen rose, a digital photograph of a single bloom and a jam-filled Victoria Sponge.

There will be special classes for children including a drawing of a favourite animal and making a face mask.

More information is available from show secretary Marilyn Savory at Marilyn.savory41@icloud.com or on 01603 931292.



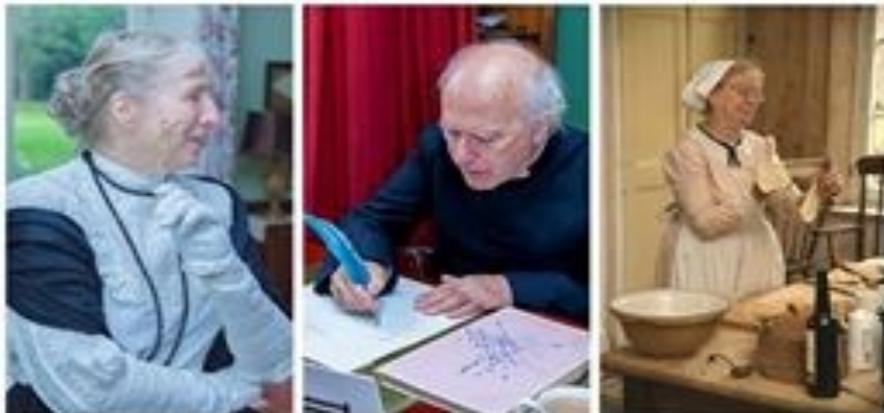
Another picture from the latest Friends In Deed session at Hethersett Hall designed to bring young and old together to share experiences and have fun.

Hethersett Herald What's On

EDWARDIAN SUNDAY

8TH SEPTEMBER 2019

GREAT MELTON



Once again Canon Loose, his family and servants invite you to The Rectory to catch up with the latest events in his household as they struggle to maintain standards with an increasingly limited income.

This year, the Edwardian Sunday School is holding its anniversary service in the church. Come and join in with the singing of hymns your grandmother sang.

10 am - Coffee available in the church

10:30am Sunday School Service

12-1pm - Light lunch available at The Old Rectory

1.5pm - Tours of the house, garden and stables to meet the family

Admission: £5 (school age children free) in aid of
Gt Melton Church Loos

Enquiries: Eileen Pennington
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The Old Rectory,
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Gt Melton, NR9 3BN

Hawk Talk

with Mel Perkins

HETHERSETT Hawks/Yellow Brick Mortgages faced local rivals Norwich Stars for the third time this season in Division One and, whereas the previous two matches were close, this match was far from it.

It was unfortunate for the Stars that they were without key riders, two already packed to leave for Poland the next day and another called into work. It was also unfortunate for them that they faced a strong looking Hawks side with two former Number ones - Dave Martin and Nick Myhill. The latter had his first team outing for five years and was still showing the form which won him a British Junior title 15 years ago. He was unbeaten as were Leigh Cossey, Harley Hamill, Glyn Morgan and the outstanding Charlie Lyth.

Hethersett 116, Norwich 62. Hethersett scorers - C. Lyth 20, L. Cossey 16, B. Loombe 15, H. Hamill 13, D. Adams 12, P. Delaiche 11, N. Myhill 11, G. Morgan 10, D. Martin 8.

The three Hethersett riders out in Poland for the World Championships finally got in the action on day three as they lined-up in Ireland shirts for the World Senior Pairs. Craig Norton and Leigh Cossey shared a 5-5 with Australia in their opener but, with opposing nations fielding an array of National, European and World Champions, it was always going to be tough and a couple of exclusions did not help. In the end they finished last but only four points behind England.

Poland 24, Australia 21, Wales 21, England 17, Ireland 13. Hethersett scorers - C. Norton 8, L. Cossey 5, H. Hamill 0.

The worst outcome of that match was a heavy fall by Norton in his fourth ride. Already racing with a wrist in plaster, a broken collar bone was diagnosed which ruled him out of the championships.

Cossey and Hamill had to race in repechages after failing to automatically qualify for the Individual quarter finals, Hamill by the narrowest of margins.

Both rode well to qualify via the repechages but unfortunately were unable to take their places as their flights home were booked for the previous day. Disappointing for the riders and questions must be asked of the organisers for extending this whole event over two full weeks disadvantaging visiting riders with limited holidays

Hawks had three riders taking the opportunity to warm up for the British Championships later in the month by competing in round seven of the South-East and Eastern Grand Prix Series at Great Blakenham. Paul Delaiche won the Under-18

event while George Larter-Dixon won the B Final in the Under-12s. Katie Adams, entered in the national Ladies event at the Suffolk track, raced in the open category at the weekend and finished fourth in the B Final.

Podium Place for Charlie

HAWKS had 10 riders racing at four different tracks in East Anglia, contesting various British championships over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Pride of place went to Charlie Lyth who came third in the Under-16 final - the Hawks' first podium place at finals weekend for nine years.

Just one place from a podium finish was Glyn Morgan who was fourth in the Over-50s final, falling when in third place in his fourth ride.

Others who contested finals were Paul Delaiche (7th in Under-16s), George Larter-Dixon (7th in Under-12s), Luca El Labany (7th in Under-8s), Lola Martin (8th in Under-10 Girls), Max Pugh (11th in Under-8s) and Katie Adams (12th in Ladies).



In the open event, Harley Hamill and Leigh Cossey both had two semi-finals and amassed 19 and 17 points respectively, which were insufficient to make the cut for the final.

Leigh Cossey, Charlie Lyth and Mckenzie Loombe all won their categories in the final Norfolk GO-RIDE series at Spixworth. All three had won their finals at Spixworth. Paul Delaiche (2nd) and Ben Loombe (3rd) also picked up series awards.

The photographs on this and the following page are of the British championships and were taken by Jenny Melvin.



Pictures of finals' day by Jenny Melvin



Hethersett Cricket Round-Up

Valley's Promotion Push Stutters

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley's promotion hopes depend entirely on beating Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers in their final Norfolk Alliance Division Two game at Flordon on the last day of August.

Valley go into the game in third place but know that victory over their arch rivals will see them leapfrog over Ashmanhaugh into second place behind Bradfield who look certain to take the title.



Hethersett's promotion push stuttered on August 24th when they were beaten by Bradfield by five wickets, taking just five points in the process.

That game was in contrast to the previous week's performance which saw them comfortably beat Martham at home.

It all means a one-game shoot out. At the time of going to publication the top three places were:

	Played	Won	Lost	No Results	Bonus Points	Points
Bradfield	15	12	2	0	113	318
Ashmanhaugh	15	12	3	0	124	304
Hethersett	15	12	2	1	112	297

Meanwhile the second team are likely to finish in either sixth or seventh position in Division Four with just one game to go - against North Runcton. Our action shots are taken from first team games in August.

Hethersett Cricket Round-Up



Award for Hethersett CC

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club has won a top national cricket award.

Having previously been named the Norfolk Cricket Board Coaching Club of the Year, Valley made it a double by winning an English Cricket Board Nat West OSCA (Outstanding Services to Cricket Awards) in the Most Inspiring and Diverse Cricket Section.

The club was nominated by the Norfolk Cricket Board for “the varied cricketing options provided for boys and girls cricket including schools’ cricket, All Stars and junior teams, ladies cricket, senior cricket and over-40s cricket along with a

social programme for members and the community.”

“Having just won the NCB coaching award it was lovely to receive this nomination too and it is a wonderful recognition for all the people that help to make Hethersett and Tas Valley Cricket Club such a special place as well as reflecting our underpinning ethos of Cricket for All, Hethersett truly is a fantastic club,” said club chairman Mark Worley.

Cup Triumph For Valley



HETHERSETT and Tas Valley cruised to victory in the Final of the Mid Norfolk Sunday League Challenge Cup.

They bowled out Ashmanhaugh and Barton Wanderers for 178 in 35.4 overs and then took just 34.2 overs to meet their target, scoring 182-7. The three wicket victory would have been even more emphatic had it not been for the loss of a number of wickets when they were in touching distance of their target.

Ashmanhaugh batted first and were bowled out for 178 with the wickets falling to Tom Collishaw (3-23), Sam Morton (3-33), Jack Gibson (2-52) and Matt Steward (1-28).

Top scorers in Valley's reply were Collishaw with 56 and Ian Bryce with 39.

Valley To Host Finals Day

HETHERSETT and Tas Valley Cricket Club will once again host the Norfolk Over-40s Social Cricket League finals day.

This year's event will take place on Sunday, 1st September, from mid-day. Teams from throughout Norfolk have been competing in three geographical leagues throughout the summer. The winners of the three groups and the best placed runners-up will come together for semi-finals, followed at 3 pm by a final and play-off for third and fourth place. Both pitches at the ground will be used.

As well as the cricket there will be a barbecue and a bar will be available throughout the day. Hethersett and Tas Valley have qualified for the finals as one of the top league runners-up.

Have You Missed an Edition?



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



Anyone For Cricket?

AN organised family game of cricket lit up Hethersett Memorial Playing Field on a warm end of July evening.

Hethersett was one of eight new venues in Norfolk to be chosen for a non turf cricket pitch supplied by Norfolk Cricket Board. The pitch came with stumps, balls and bats to enable local people to play softball cricket.

So what better way to christen the new equipment than a family game involving local people and teams led by village stalwart Mel Perkins MBE and a coach from Hethersett Athletic Football Club.

Our photograph above shows cricketers of all ages from four to 70 who took part in the game with Mel's team coming out victorious, although nobody was quite sure of the winning margin thanks to a format which saw each team bat for one hour with everyone getting a bat and a bowl and five runs being deduct-

ed for every wicket that fell.

Taking part was what really mattered, although there were some fine performances by a number of the younger participants.

The pitch and equipment is available for hire at £10 per hour and it is hoped local clubs and schools will take advantage of the facilities which will be available again in the summer of 2020.

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News From Hethersett Library

Library Opening Hours

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

Monday: 1.30-7 pm

Tuesday: Open Access Only

Wednesday: 11 am - 7 pm

Thursday: 1.30-7 pm

Friday: 1.30-7 pm

Saturday: 11 am-4 pm

Sunday: Open Access Only

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



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

The poster on the next page gives an overview of coming events in Hethersett Library for September and the following page gives details of the libraries bounce and rhyme time and a request for a volunteer to help with the sessions.

Hethersett Parish Council will soon have its own office in the library. Plans are now at an advanced state to provide a parish office for the public within the building. We will let you know when this is up and running.

You will also find details of the latest meeting and coming events of the Friends of Hethersett Library elsewhere in this edition of Hethersett Herald.

Hethersett Library Events

September 2019

- **Knit & Natter: Mon 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th 14:00-16:00**
- **Colour me Calm: Weds 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th 11:00-12:00**
- **Crafter School Club: Thurs 26th (Time TBC)**
- **Lego Club: Fri 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th 15:15-16:15**
- **SRC Medal Ceremony: Thurs 5th 16:00-17:00**

Hethersett Library Friends Events

- **Games Afternoon: Fri 6th 14:00-15:30**
- **Queen Victoria Talk: Weds 11th 18:00-20:00**
(Booking required for this event, please talk to staff in branch for details)

Book of the Month

This Month our book group read *Exposure* by Helen Dunmore. Copies available in branch from the second!

Be sure to drop by for our first Games Afternoon on Friday 6th. No booking required, just drop in!

See staff at your local library for details,
visit www.library.norfolk.gov.uk or call 0344 800 8020

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