

# LocalLife

## Costessey

→ The speaker at the meeting of Costessey Women's Fellowship in St Helen's Hall was Hilary Cooke. Her subject was the history of lace and she showed examples of various types of lace. Olive Websdale thanked her.

→ A Quiz and Chips evening in the Breckland Hall, organised by New Costessey Evening WI, raised just over £50.

→ The Costessey Foundation of the Union of Catholic Mothers held their AGM in the Garden Room of St Walstan's Church.

After reports of a successful year were given by the officers, they were re-elected with the committee en bloc. Janet Hatton remains as president, with Marguerite Wayling as secretary and Janet Smith as treasurer. After a quiz and social time members had a soup lunch.

A cake to celebrate the Foundation's 37th anniversary was cut and distributed. A coffee morning after Mass the previous Sunday raised £66.90 for the Foundation's charity fund.

## Old Catton

→ The Friends of Lodge Lane Infant School are holding a Christmas Fair on Saturday, November 28 from 2pm to 4pm.

Entry is free and there will be a visit from Father Christmas. There will also be a tombola, stalls and refreshments.

→ At the last meeting of the Old Catton Horticultural and Flower Arrangement Club Sarah Wilmot talked about John Innes. Mr Innes was a wealthy and generous businessman, who left money in his will to form a "School of Horticulture".

From humble beginnings, with grants for six gardeners, the school expanded and started research into fruit-breeding. The move to Colney brought opportunities for field trials, propagation and crop research. The John Innes Centre also holds historical collections of horticultural books, papers and plant materials.

The monthly table exhibit winners were A Wyer, C Lincoln and M Walford. The club AGM will be held on December 2 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Church Street.

## Stoke Holy Cross

→ Stoke Holy Cross Church recently took advantage of help to put into better order the churchyard and the church car park.

The work was carried out by the Probation Service Unpaid Work Unit under the Community Payback Scheme, and the supervised teams did an excellent job.

The project was organised by Andrina Walmsley, conservation officer with Norfolk Wildlife Trust.

## Challenge team are charting progress online

A group of 12 fundraisers are aiming to help get young people into education, training and employment with a range of activities.

The group of Norfolk County Council staff have banded together to raise money for the national Million Makers Challenge. The project aims to raise money for the Prince's Trust to help young people aged between 14-30 get back into education training and employment. The team, who are called Team Fusion, pictured right, have been given seed money of £1,500 from The Prince's Trust with the aim of raising a minimum of £10,000



by the end of January next year.

They have already come up with the bright idea of creating a fundraising cookbook called Meal Makers to help them reach their target.

Fundraising events pencilled

in for the future include sponsored sky dives, dress down days, quizzes and a party. → The staff are writing a blog each week, charting their progress. You can keep up-to-date with their fundraising efforts on [www.eveningnews24.co.uk/blogs](http://www.eveningnews24.co.uk/blogs)

# Poignant day as new name put on memorial

A new name has been added to Hethersett's war memorial in the grounds of St Remigius Church.

Norman Folkard was a sergeant serving with the Royal Anglian Regiment. He was killed on September 1, 1956, during the Cyprus Emergency, when a vehicle in which he was travelling left the road and went down a ravine.

Sgt Folkard was buried in a cemetery in Nicosia, but up until now his name has not been included on the Hethersett War memorial although it has been read out at a number of Remembrance services.

Now that has changed and he has his own spot on the memorial.

He was remembered on Sunday alongside those from the village who died in the two world wars.

A list of those fallen was read by St Remigius Church Reader Duncan Pigg who also led the Remembrance Day service inside the church after the customary two minutes' silence had been observed outside.

A wreath in memory of Sgt Folkard was laid by Lt Col Paul Garman who was a colleague and a fellow sergeant at the time of Norman's death.

Also in attendance for the special day was Major John



Honour: Norman Folkard's name is added to Hethersett War Memorial.

Denny who was the company sergeant major in 1956.

It was a poignant day for Sgt Folkard's sister Gay Payne, who now lives at Hingham.

She was just 12 when her brother was killed at the age of 22. "I am so pleased that his name has been added to the memorial. It is a fitting tribute," she said.

Sgt Folkard also has a brother who is currently living in Australia. The remembrance service also coincided with the unveiling of a memorial in Cyprus to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the emergency.

Wreaths were also laid at the Memorial by the chairman of Hethersett Parish Council, Fred Watkins, and representatives from the Methodist Church, the Parish Church, the Roman Catholics and a number of uniformed youth groups including the Guides, Scouts, Brownies and Cubs.

Inside the church the Remembrance Day Sermon was preached by the Venerable Martin Gray, former Archdeacon of King's Lynn.

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