



Governance Review and Traffic

South Norfolk Council have accepted our suggestions for simplification of the Parish boundary which currently wanders across the Watton Rd and around long gone fields. The new boundary (shown in yellow) will give us a greater say over the roads that feed traffic into the village and this will help us press for cycle paths and measures to deter through traffic. Currently the Little Melton Business Park is actually in Hethersett and we are not consulted about developments there. **However** in order for these changes to be effected we need to demonstrate public support so please complete the short response that is linked from the News page at www.little-melton.org.uk.



The PC still needs help from people prepared to read planning documents for Hethersett and the Research Park and to develop our case to ensure that road changes outside the village don't create worse problems here.

Litter Pick

We will be doing our autumn litter pick over the weekend of Oct 28th, we meet at the shop to hand out equipment and choose an area to litter pick. Please get in touch if you want to help but can't meet at that time—you can pickup the litter any time before Mon 30th. It would be good to see some new faces!

There are links on the website homepage to matters discussed in this newsletter and further announcements will be made via the Facebook group—which has over 180 members and is well used—see the website for how to join.

Little Melton Pre-School Nursery



We would like to take this opportunity to say a big welcome to our new families that have started with us this term. The new committee is already planning events for this year, many of which are open to everyone. Look out for the notices around the village, and on our website for further details when they are available.

Places are still available for this year, do get in touch to arrange a visit. You can email us via our website or call us direct on 01603 812362 during opening hours - 9.15 to 12.15 each weekday morning during term time.

For more information - www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk

Little Melton Mothers' Union

Now that summer is over we return to Lt Melton Village Hall for our meetings which are held there on the first Monday each month at 1:30 p.m. Our **Oct 2nd** meeting will be a celebration of Harvest-time. After a lunch of homemade soup and bread we will be singing harvest hymns and sharing favourite prose and poetry readings about harvest-time. On **Nov 6th** a speaker from East Anglian Air Ambulance will be coming to tell us about their vital life-saving work in our area. Finally we round off our year with our Christmas Party on Monday **Dec.4th**.

Mothers' Union is a worldwide organisation of Christian women (and men) and we are very pleased to welcome members and friends at all our events.

The **Village Show** in September attracted increased entries and was well attended . The list of Prize Winners can be seen on the website—see the News page.

The Friends of Little Melton Church

On July 2nd a special service of thanks was held to celebrate the completion of the work on the upper part of the Church Tower. Members of the Friends together with staff from our contractors S.and L.and our architect were all invited to join in Songs of Praise and this was followed by a lovely buffet supper. The church looked very lovely with floral decorations contributed by every organisation in the parish and from further afield. Very many thanks to all who gave them.

Apple Juice-This will be for sale in November and at the Christmas Fayre on Dec 2nd at the church. Thank you to all who gave surplus Apples for pressing for sale in aid of Friends' funds.

A very welcome return of the Band of the Norwich Citadel of the Salvation Army for our traditional evening of Carols and Readings on Friday December 15th 7:30 p.m. in the Church. Tickets on sale in November.

All Saints Church

A very warm welcome is extended to all who wish to visit the church which is open daily and attend our various activities.

ABC (Adults, babies & children) 2nd Sunday of the month at 3pm - This is a new short informal service for children 8 years and under with a parent. This will be a fun session with stories, activities, music and refreshments - Oct 8th, Nov 12th, Dec 10th

Remembrance Day services—Saturday 11th Nov Armistice Day – short act of remembrance at the Lych Gate of the church at 11am - Sunday 12th Nov – 10.30am service of remembrance

Saturday 2nd Dec – **Christmas Fayre** 2-4pm at the church - Come and see Father & Mother Christmas, buy floral decorations, sample festive goodies and hope to win prizes in the raffle and tombolas. Our theme for decoration this year is Stars. There will be decorations in place, but there will also be the opportunity to make some more during the afternoon.

Sunday 17th Dec – **Family Carol Service** at 10.30am

There will be the usual Crib service on Christmas Eve and a service on Christmas Day. Please look out for posters and the church Christmas card for details.

We will be supporting Christian Aid over the Christmas period and there will be a basket in church during all the services in December for contributions.

Regular services are held each Sunday. The church is open for quiet contemplation and prayer every day from 10.00 until 3.00.

Please take a look at your **hedges** and trim any that are encroaching on the pavement. Early autumn is the best time to trim most hedges.

The **oil economy group** places a bulk order every 3 months and gets the best price. The next ordering date is **1st November** —order forms are 25p and available from the shop.

Parochial Charity

The charity owns the allotments, please contact Trevor on 811636 if you would like an allotment.

The charity exists to help any Little Melton resident who is in need of financial assistance. Help given in the past includes chiropodists' fees, children's school bus fares, fuel costs, essential house repairs, medical charges. All enquiries are treated with utmost confidentiality, just call—Jean Chamberlain 812031, John McDonald 810321.

Oct 2nd	13:30	Mothers' Union	Village Hall
Oct 28th	09:30	Litter Pick	Village Shop
Nov 1st		Oil Economy - last order day	Village Hall
Nov 6th	13:30	Mothers' Union	Village Hall
Nov 27th	19:30	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Dec 2nd	14:00-16:00	Christmas Fayre	Church
Dec 4th	13:30	Mothers' Union	Village Hall
Dec 15th	19:30	Salvation Army Band Carols and Readings evening	Church

Mobile Library times

09:35 Near to 93 School Lane

10:00 Shop

10:20 Braymeadow Lane

10:45 Crossways

11:30 Ringwood Close

15:00 School

The **Book Group** meets about every 6 weeks. For further details please ring Joan Wheatley on 01603 812668.

Village Hall Helen Symonds (01603 810671) manages bookings for the Village Hall. Full details of regular events are on www.little-melton.org.uk (see Village Facilities) and there is an email address for bookings there.

- * **Short Mat Bowls** Tuesdays 2.30-4.30pm and Thursdays (not in summer) 8-10pm. £2.50 per session. All you need is a pair of very flat shoes to avoid wear and tear on the carpets.
- * **Mothers' Union** - mostly 1st Monday of the month, 1.30pm but see Events above. Please contact Annetta Evans 01603 810007
- * **Meltonians** - usually meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2.15pm for a very entertaining talk by a speaker followed by refreshments and a mardle. Ring John Turner 01603 811750 to learn more.
- * **Powerhoop** classes at the hall 6.30 pm and 7.30pm on Tuesday evenings. 45 minutes workout with a weighted hoop (so easy to keep up). 15 minutes hooping and movement and many other muscle, strength and cardio routines with the hoop.
- * **Fitcamp Challenge** is 4 weeks of interval and circuit training, in a fun, supportive environment. The classes are designed to improve fitness and health through community motivation, laughter and nutritional education. All abilities welcome!

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Other PC contacts and information are at
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