

Down to Business.....

Village Playground

Five volunteers from the PC recently spent an evening maintaining the children's playground apparatus. The rubber tiles are aging and three new ones have been recently tested - it is now planned to renew all of one end of the tiled area. The PC is always pleased to receive offers of help with maintenance (which includes sweeping and weeding) to the playground - otherwise professionals will have to be paid from the Parish Precept. Anyone who notices any defects to the equipment should please notify the Clerk.

Cycle Paths

We are currently pressing for a safe route for children to cycle to school and for people from LM and Hethersett to cycle to work at the UEA area. More than 70 people have completed the survey at www.little-melton.org.uk and it is clear that many people would cycle if only it were safe to do so. Some initial results from the survey are now on the web site. We are liaising with the local schools and Hethersett PC. The next step will be to make our case to our elected representatives. Daniel Cox has already said "mitigating the impact of car users has been recognised as crucial for the sustainability of developments, so it is timely that Little Melton is looking into cycling routes". People who complete the survey can ask to be kept informed by email - paper copies are available at the shop

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For the Diary....

7th Jul	Wildlife Group Bat Walk Church 8pm
8th Jul	School Concert at the School 9.30am
17th Jul	School closes for summer
21st Jul	Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
23rd Jul	Meltonians Village Hall 2.15pm
4th Aug	Oil Economy Group last ordering day
7th Sep	School opens for new term.
8th Sep	Parish Council Meeting Village Hall 7.30pm
12th Sep	Village Show Village Hall
24th Sep	Meltonians Village Hall 2.15pm
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Fly posting

To place a notice requires permission of the owner of the land or object on which the notice is placed and needs planning permission.

The Parish Council has adopted a policy to reserve the right to remove these unofficial notices, including those commercial notices posted on notice boards.



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NEW APPOINTMENTS

county council

Daniel Cox (Cons.) is our new county councilor and replaces Judith Virgo who we thank for her efforts during her period as our county councilor.

Council Daniel is also the leader of Norfolk County Council

parish council

John Heaser has been returned by the parish councilors for another year as chair and Stewart Cable as vice-chair.

hethersett & district aid in sickness fund

The post of representative has been filled by Alan Bennett of School Lane. Our thanks go to Jean Durrell for her many years hard work on this. The fund exists to help residents with buying medical equipment or treatment outside the range of the N.H.S. We will publish contact details on the website and in the next Newsletter.

tree warden

Sue Bell has taken on the role of Tree Warden for Little Melton. Her duties will involve gathering information about trees, liaising with local people about tree preservation & conservation, and practical projects.

Parish Council contacts:

Clerk: Richard Sinclair 01603 811432 - clerk@little-melton.org.uk

Chair: John Heaser - chair@little-melton.org.uk

Don't forget, there's more information, updated regularly on www.little-melton.org.uk

EVEN MORE BUSES!!!!

Since we reported an increase in services in our last newsletter, Norfolk County Council have been invited by the Department of Transport to submit bids for kickstart funding to provide new and improved bus services in partnership with bus companies. One suggestion is to improve services between Wymondham, Hethersett and the N & N Hospital, including the introduction of a Saturday service. The Parish Council have confirmed their support for this and we wait to see if the bids are successful.

Little Melton Open Village Show Saturday September 12th 2009

Now is the time to start thinking about what you could enter in this year's show. There will be all the usual classes ranging from fruit, flowers and vegetables, to baking, painting, crafts and photography, as well as all the children's classes. So take a look at the garden or the sewing box or think about embarking on a new craft project or trying out a new recipe. Entry is open to anyone and detailed schedules and entry forms will be available a little nearer the time. We look forward to a record number of entries again this year. For further info or any enquiries contact Jo Buxton on 811322 or Jean Chamberlain on 812031

Oil Economy Group

Each time we order, we go from strength to strength. In fact our workload over the ordering time is becoming difficult to cope with! The savings we are making for all those involved are making us victims of our own success! If you require further information on how it works or would like to offer your assistance, please contact either John Sanders on 810720 or John Copson on 810142.

Doggy Do's and Dont's.....

We are grateful for those of you who are responsible enough to pick up what your dogs leave on the playing field but, please will you put the bags in the dog waste bin on the corner instead of the litter bins in the play area.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

In May there were two incidents reported of burglary and attempted burglary in the village. These occurred in Green Lane and School Lane and could possibly have been by the same individuals.

With summer upon us residents are reminded that although it is easy to leave doors and windows open, this is an invitation to thieves. The police have emphasised that garden equipment in outbuildings are usually the target at this time of year.

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CHURCH NEWS

By the time you read this we will have had the new extension dedicated and be enjoying the benefits of our new facilities.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the individuals and organisations in the village for all their generous support. We are delighted with the finished building and feel confident that many people will benefit from it.

A huge
THANK YOU
to everyone.

Wildlife Group

Recent activities have included garden visits to learn about the wildlife friendly features that we can all provide and an excellent talk about moths. The group will be meeting at 20:00 on Tue July 7th at the Church, for a walk to the Parish Pits in Hethersett - we will be using bat detectors to identify different types of bat and will examine the wildflowers that we come across. A Fungus Foray and a bird watching outing are planned for the autumn. Further information from John on 812472.

Primary School update

Little Melton Primary School would like to thank all of our friends from the village who attended our May Fair and helped us to raise over £4000 – our biggest total to date. Also a thank you to anyone who has brought in the various vouchers (Tesco, Sainsbury's etc) as we cannot always thank individuals for these.

The Summer Term is always especially busy, this year will be no exception, and we look forward to a well deserved break so children and staff can re-charge their batteries ready for the new academic year in September.

Children from years 3, 4 and 5 have been receiving violin tuition this year and parents and community members are welcome to attend a short ½ hour concert on 8th July at 9.30a.m.

The children are very excited about their school trip, which this year will be to BeWILDerwood, near Wroxham. The whole school is involved and the children look forward to a day of adventures on Friday 10th July.

Sports day will be on Monday 13th July when for the first time children will represent their 'houses' – initiated by the school council and named after precious stones :- Emerald, Citrine, Garnet and Topaz.

School finishes for summer on Friday 17th July and returns on Monday 7th September.