

Down to business.....

Council business is still 'sedate'. We have applied for our 2008/9 precept to be £14000. (2007/08 was set at £12000.)

This allows us to continue with the Village Hall improvements, maintain our existing facilities and keep you all informed of what is going on.



Last spring a group of villagers saved many toads, frogs and newts from being run over on their way to the pond at Green Lane during the breeding season.

We will be meeting for a drink at the Village Inn at 20:00 on Monday Jan 28th in order to plan for the 2008 migration. Please come along if you would like to help or ring us for further information - John 812472 or Sue 813166. (Little Melton is registered with Froglife as having an important breeding site for Toads and Great Crested Newts)

For the Diary....

- 12th Jan** Friends of LM Church Quiz night
15th Jan Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm Village Hall
23rd Jan Community Sentencing event - Little Melton Village Hall
28th Jan Toad Watch meeting 8pm - Village Inn
29th Jan Book Club meeting
5th Feb Oil Economy Group deadline for ordering
19th Feb Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm Village Hall
18th Mar Annual Parish Meeting 7:30 pm Village Hall
29th Mar Litter Pick 11.00 am Village Hall
April 2008 Next Newsletter

Apology It appears that some people along Mill Road have not been receiving the newsletters. We are really sorry about this oversight and you will now, hopefully be reading this apology.

LITTER PICK 2008 after the success of the last litter pick we will be holding the first of 2008 on Saturday 29th March. We will be meeting at the Village Hall at 11.00 am and finish together at the Village Inn. For more information or to register your interest, please ring John on 01603 812472

South Norfolk Council now has Free Direct telephone numbers for the following departments;(some mobiles may be charged)

Main Number	0808 168 2000	Environmental Crime team	0808 168 2999
Council Tax	0808 178 7141	Environmental Services	0808 168 4444
Business Rates	0808 178 7142	Planning	0808 168 3000
Benefits	0808 178 7143	Waste and Recycling	0808 168 3333
Housing Advice	0808 168 2222		

Out-of -hours emergencies 01508 533633

On-line - Website www.south-norfolk.gov.uk e-mail council@s-norfolk.gov.uk

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



Little Melton Parish Council would like to wish you all the very best for 2008

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

An area between the B1172 (old A11) and the Watton Road, B1108, South of the A47 has been included as one of 10 possible locations for large scale growth. **THAT INCLUDES US!**

See inside for more information.....

- A crime has been committed... Perhaps you would like to decide on the fate of the offender?
- Do you know what happens when someone commits a crime and goes to court?
- How does a magistrate decide on a sentence? What do you think should influence their decision?
- If you're 'sent down' you go to prison - but what's a community sentence?

You can have your say in Little Melton See page two for more details.....

LITTLE MELTON BOOK CLUB

In the last newsletter we told you about the first meeting of the Little Melton Book Club. This has turned out to be very popular and now has a sure footing in the village. The group meets at Nogs Barn, School Lane, Little Melton at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays every six weeks. The last meeting was on the 18th December where the current reading *Madame Bovary* was discussed. The Book Club welcomes anyone who would like to come along. If you would like more information please contact Joan Wheatly 812668 or Anne McDonnell 810646.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK JOINT CORE STRATEGY ISSUES & OPTIONS.....

Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk Council are working together on the growth agenda, to prepare a new planning strategy for the whole area up to 2026. The document looks at the issues and options for where new homes, jobs and infrastructure might go; how our existing communities can benefit from growth, making sure future development is sustainable. As part of the consultation they have been holding several exhibitions and events across the area, continuing until February 2008. Below is a list of our nearest events where you can still find out what is involved and have your say. Or if you would like to see the e-consultation system for the full questionnaire and the short questionnaire please go to www.eastspace.net/gndp. The short questionnaire is or has already been distributed to every household in Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk.

Obviously the Parish Council is taking part in the consultation process but we need each and every one of you to take part - to have your say.

Exhibitions:

The Forum Norwich - Thurs 3rd, Fri 4th & Sat 5th January 2008

(staffed 12noon - 2pm and 4pm - 7pm)

Mulbarton Village Hall - Mon 7th January 2008 12 noon - 7pm

(Events in Hethersett and Wymondham took place in November & December and notification missed the publication of the previous newsletter).

LOCAL CRIME: COMMUNITY SENTENCING

A magistrate and a member of the probation Service staff will be making a presentation at the Village Hall on Wednesday 23rd January 2008 at 7.30 pm. This is a lively and interactive presentation where members of the audience are invited to express their own opinions and views about the sentencing of offenders by using a case study of an offender and their offence together with relevant background information. The audience will be informed as to how decisions are arrived at in determining the most appropriate sentencing. The presentation will continue to outline how the Probation Service supervises offenders in the community and what sanctions can be applied to those who do not fully comply. This is a vital 'feedback' opportunity for communities.

The event is suitable for over 16's and will take at least one hour

PARISH news

Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

Has recently received a very positive Ofsted Inspection and are delighted to be judged as providing good quality childcare. The nursery is thriving and numbers are the highest they have been for several years, and thanks to the support of all our local families, fundraising has been very successful in recent months. A few spaces will be available for younger children from January onwards. Tel 812362 (mornings) for details

The Little Melton Oil Economy

Group would like to remind everyone, and tell newcomers, of their existence. Formed three years ago this voluntary group have very successfully been purchasing heating oil in bulk for the village every quarter. Order forms are available from the Village Store or by telephoning either John Sanders on 810720 or John Copson on 810142

CHURCH FACILITIES

Congratulations must go to those who have worked tirelessly to raise a staggering £84000 towards the meeting room, kitchen and toilet extension for the church. Their work is not finished yet and they would like to tell you about two further events.

On Saturday 12th January 2008 there is a Quiz night with an auction for two 'champagne balloon flights' and in conjunction with Creative Arts East there will be entertainment for all ages with Madame Lucinda's Wondershow at the Village Hall on Saturday 23rd February 2008.

Keep an eye on the notice boards around the village and the Good News magazine for more information

DOG OWNERS

There are still a minority of dog owners who seem to think they are above the law and allow their pets to foul roads and footpaths around the village.

PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG. IT IS UNNECESSARY, INCONSIDERATE AND ILLEGAL.

If you witness anyone being so irresponsible please contact the Parish Council with full details and the matter can be referred to the authorities.

Parish Council contacts:

Clerk: Richard Sinclair

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Chair: Stewart Cable

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HOMEWATCH

At the last Homewatch public meeting it was decided to cease the Spotter publication and the Parish Council have since been asked and have agreed to incorporate relevant information in the newsletter. The Homewatch would like to thank all the street coordinators who have distributed the Spotter in the past. Details of current criminal activity will still be shown on the notice boards in School Lane and Mill Road, in the Village Store and in the Village Hall.

Whilst we cannot guarantee there will be sufficient space, we will of course include what we can whilst being fair to other groups. Please refer to the notice boards for more detailed information.