

Down to Business.....



We have 5 new brooms on the Parish Council, and at the first meeting 4 of us enthusiastically brought up what turned out to be an old chestnut – a

20 mph speed-limit through the village. Resulting discussions concluded that while this would be ideal, it would probably be even more difficult to enforce than the current (often ignored) 30mph limit. Alternative measures would be speed bumps or choke points which would reduce speeds through the village with no further human intervention and could be strategically sited at the most relevant points. We took on council membership to represent your views. Please let us know what they are at chris.starr@little-melton.org.uk, and we will do our best to take practical and realistic proposals forward.

Hethersett and the Meltons have a new **Sports Association** aimed at promoting recreation, sport, fitness and the environment. The association is open to clubs/groups and individuals and will meet quarterly to discuss topics as wide as sponsorship, grants, facilities and how to promote fitness and sport in the three villages.

Membership forms are now available with annual membership just £5 for clubs/groups and £2 for individuals. Forms and more information is available from association chairman Peter Steward on 01603 811052 or by e-mailing petersteward@lineone.net

Parish Council contacts:

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For the Diary....

- 30th May** Wildlife Group
Bat Walk - UEA
9.00 pm
- 4th Jun** Wildlife Group
Social & Plant Swap
2.00 pm
- 14th Jun** Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm
Village Hall
- 18th Jun** Church Fete
Church & Village Hall
2.00 pm
- 3rd Jul** Wildlife Group
Dragonflies
Little Melton Ponds 3.00 pm
- 19th Jul** Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm
Village Hall
- 2nd Aug** Oil Economy Group last ordering day.
- 3rd Sep** Village Show
Village Hall
- 6th Sep** Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm
Village Hall

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Several people have indicated that they would like to be better informed about matters affecting the village and it is intended that a wide range of information that is sent to the PC will be made available on a Yahoo Group - please see www.little-melton.org.uk for details. Villagers are welcome to attend PC meetings - dates are in the Diary and on the website.



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YOUR NEW PARISH COUNCIL

The May elections saw 5 long standing members of the PC stand down after an amazing, collective, **Seventy years of service!**

Wilf Chamberlain (21), Graham Tomlin (21), Stewart Cable (12), Joan Wheatley (8) and Duncan Frazer (8). During their time on the PC they have helped provide the village with a new hall and young children's play area and have given countless hours to help maintain these and other facilities for the village. In 2006 they oversaw the creation of the Parish Plan that allowed villagers to say how they want the village to develop. The village will soon have to conduct a new exercise to create a Neighbourhood Plan in response to the Localism Bill that is currently being ratified by Parliament.

May the 10th saw Chris Starr, Janet Kitchener, Harold Kerslake, Jo Runeckles and Sally Sandford join re-elected Parish Councillors Tony Berry and John Heaser. John was elected Chair and Chris as Vice Chair for the ensuing year. It is good that the PC now has two members who are parents of teenage children, as the PC is keen that young people feel that they have a say in village affairs. The Chair meets with the School Council (whose members are children) twice each year to keep them informed and to hear their concerns.



CLEAN IT UP!

Fouling of pavements by dogs continues to be a problem in the village and the source of several complaints to the PC. There has even been a case of one child getting covered in dog mess within the fenced off play area. Dog mess can lead to children getting infected with a round worm that can lead to blindness. Owners can be fined up to £1000. The children at the school feel so strongly about this that they have designed some posters that were exhibited at the School Fete and can now be seen at www.little-melton.org.uk

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

Little Melton Church

The PCC is arranging a fete on Saturday 18th June at 2.00 pm

Midsummer Madness and Teddy Bears' Picnic.

The fete will be at the Church with; Live music; Second-hand books; 'Made in Little Melton'; Tombola; Raffle; Plant Stall and of course picnic teas and refreshments.

Bring your teddy (adults too) for free admission otherwise 20p forfeit! Enter your teddy in a competition with prizes; Most loved teddy; Smiliest teddy and Best dressed teddy.

Along with madness on the Village Playing Field:-

Wrestling display; Bouncy Castle; Face painting; Bric a brac and children's bric a brac; Children's tombola

Contributions to stalls very welcome

Anne Carter – cakes and plants

Ann Evans – books

Betty East – tombola

Margaret Waller – children's tombola

Chris Starr – bric a brac

Mary Bolton – raffle prizes

The fundraising committee would welcome new members, so if you are interested call Margaret (Church Warden) On 811890

The Friends of Little Melton Church took £1,935.00 at the recent car boot sale – a super effort. They thank everyone involved in any way and especially our hosts James and Sharon Boddy. Of course there are costs – toilets and a generous donation to the very helpful Mulbarton Scouts, for example – and the weather was great!

Oil Economy Group

With oil prices at record highs, it makes even more sense to buy through the Group, with £20+ saving on 500 litres compared with standard quoted rate. Next order date 2nd August.

John Sanders - 810720

John Copson - 810142

Don't forget.....

For up to date notification of what's happening sign up to I-patter or the Parish Council Yahoo group by following the links from www.little-melton.org.uk

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PARISH news

Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

The children are really enjoying their new garden area, they have been growing plants and bug watching! It is so lovely to have our own outside space dedicated to outdoor learning and enjoyment.

There are always lots of events in the weeks leading up to the long summer holidays and this year is no exception. The children will be taking part in a 'mini olympics' followed by a picnic, and going on a special summer trip together.

The end of the summer term is always an emotional time as we say goodbye to many children as they move on to 'big school'. We do, however, look forward very much to welcoming the new children to us in September.

To all our children, leavers and new starters in September, we wish you a very pleasant summer holiday.

Little Melton Open Village Show

Saturday September 3rd 2011

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. 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. Come and enjoy a drink or a cup of tea and pick up a bargain in the auction of produce. For further info or any enquiries contact Jo Buxton on 811322 or Jean Chamberlain on 812031

Wildlife Group

In early May, 14 members enjoyed an illustrated talk on "The A to Z of Wildlife Gardening", given by Kate Kelly of Natural England and which stimulated considerable discussion. Please see the Diary for future meetings and check the Calendar at www.little-melton.org.uk for updates. For further details please contact Peter on 01603 814134

Toadwatch

We welcomed 4 new recruits this year and 18 people took turns to save over 700 toads from being squashed as the toads crossed the road to and from the breeding pond at Green Lane. 8 Great Crested Newts and 9 common newts were also saved. Numbers of all animals were somewhat reduced - possibly as a result of the hard winter. Full details at www.toadwatch.org.