

Down to Business.....

Lorry Traffic

The PC has recently received several complaints about increased levels of lorry traffic through the village. This may be the result of the closure of Burnthouse Lane for some time. The Parish Council will be writing to local businesses to ask them to respect the lorry route signs and we will look into improved signage. Please email the clerk if you have noticed this problem.

Improvements to facilities

With the help of a large contribution from the Little Melton Community Trust the Parish Council has been able to complete the replacement of all the windows and doors at the Village Hall with double glazed units that will reduce heating bills and look much nicer. The goal mouth near to the tennis court has been re-turfed so that the goal keeper is no longer standing in a hole! Thanks to the Parish Council members who watered the turf to help it get established.

Hedges

Now is a good time of year to ensure that hedges are cut back so that no part of the hedge overhangs the pavement. Overhanging hedges can be a hazard to those with poor vision and make it difficult for people with pushchairs and young children. Residents should be aware that they could be sued by anyone injured as a result and that the Highways Dept has authority to cut back encroaching hedging and then charge the owner. Please take steps to ensure that these situations don't arise.

For the Diary....

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| 18th Oct | Parish Council Meeting
7.30 pm
Village Hall |
| 29th Oct | Litter Pick & Work Party
11.00 am
Village Hall |
| 1st Nov | Oil Economy Group last
ordering day. |
| 17th Nov | Meltonians
Bygones Quiz
Village Hall |
| 29th Nov | Parish Council Meeting
7.30 pm
Village Hall |
| 3rd Dec | Advent Fair, 2 till 4pm
At the Church |
| 21st Dec | Salvation Army Concert
At the Church |
| Jan 2012 | <i>Next Newsletter</i> |

***As this is the last
newsletter this year,
the
Parish Council
would like to take
this opportunity to
wish you all a very
merry Christmas
and a happy new
year***

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Housing Developments up to 2026

South Norfolk Council are presently consulting on further land that has been offered for development since the presentation last October in the Village Hall. Most of the open land in and around the village has now been offered for development – a map is available on the Parish Council website in the Local Development Framework section on the Information page. If you missed the South Norfolk Council presentation at Hethersett then the next nearest presentation is on the 8th of October at Waitrose car park in Eaton, between 9:00 and 14:00. As a 'Service Village' Little Melton is considered to be suitable for around 15 new houses, however we will also be expected to take a share of the 1800 houses that were once planned for Mangreen and this could be significantly greater than 15! Individual new houses that may be built in the village do not count towards these targets. After the October 2010 consultation the PC suggested that land between Ringwood Close and Great Melton Rd would be the most suitable to take the new houses. At this October's Parish Council meeting we will decide if the new land that has now been offered is a viable and better option. Please let us know your thoughts. The final decision will rest with South Norfolk Council who will publish their recommendations in early 2012.

We are keeping a close eye on the 1196 houses proposed for land (in the Parish of Hethersett) between Hethersett and Little Melton and have met with the developers to press the need for an integrated traffic plan that mitigates the impact on our village.

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

Little Melton Church

Our project this Christmas is entitled 'Follow the Star'. We hope to have all exhibits in place to decorate the church by the beginning of December. Anyone who would be interested in taking part in this Art Project should ring Margaret on 811890.

On Saturday 3rd December, from 2 till 4 pm, we will be holding an Advent Fair in the Church. The usual stalls and refreshments will be there, along with an 'unusual' Father Christmas! Instead of presents he will invite you to adopt a Teddy and receive an adoption certificate. There are lots of lovely Teddies so come early for the best selection. Sunday 18th December at 10.30 am will be our own Carol Service. This year we are supporting 'Star Throwers', a charity in Wymondham, providing care and support for cancer sufferers. A collection will be made for them in memory of Helen Rattenbury. A representative from the charity will tell us more about them during the service and envelopes will be available for people to take away and collect donations from visitors over the Christmas and New Year celebrations. The donations will be collected at an Epiphany service on Friday 6th January at 6pm. We shall be remembering that, on that day, the Three Kings visited Jesus in Bethlehem. The service will be followed by a 'bring and share' supper, so please bring savoury food and/or salad. Puddings, drinks etc. will be provided. No tickets just come along and join us.

Don't forget to look out for your Churches Together card, delivered to all the houses, detailing the Christmas services for all denominations in the area. This year there will not be a late night service at Little Melton, only Hethersett. Communion at Great Melton will be early Christmas Eve and 9 am in Little Melton on Christmas morning.

The Friends of Little Melton Church Salvation Army Concert is returning this year on Wednesday 21st December - watch out for posters with more details.

PARISH *news*

Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

The nursery is enjoying yet another fantastic start to the new academic year, and we are especially pleased to have so many children join us who have come because they have heard that we offer a great nursery experience.

The new committee is busy planning lots of great fundraising events for this year, many of which will be open to the public such as our Table Tops sales and Christmas Craft / Present Fair. Look out for the notices locally when the dates have been confirmed! The nursery is always so pleased by the local support shown to us at these events.

We always welcome visits from parents and children who would like to know more about attending the pre-school at any time during our normal opening hours. We do have a few places available for this academic year but they are going fast! For more information please visit our website www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk

Little Melton Mothers' Union

The branch is continuing to grow. It is a happy branch. We continue to support overseas branches and also give deprived families a holiday. This year fifteen families enjoyed a holiday at Hemsby. The names are given to the Mothers' Union by Health Visitors and public agencies. We feel this is a very worthwhile cause. We have varied speakers and members feel this is a very good way of meeting each other. New members are very much welcomed.

News from Little Melton Primary School

Our topic for this Autumn term is 'Celebrations'. If there is anyone reading this who has an 'extra special' celebration e.g. 100th birthday, we would love to hear from you and so share this with the pupils.

We look forward to our Harvest Festival assembly. As part of our 'Let's Get Cooking' scheme the pupils will be making and selling home made cakes, pickles and chutneys to celebrate this time of year.

The community is invited to the dress rehearsal of our Christmas production on Wednesday 7th December at 10:00a.m. If anyone would like to offer an item for the Christmas Hamper, all donations would be gratefully received. Please drop them into school.

Litter Pick and Playground work party.

Please come along to the Village Hall on Oct the 29th at 11:00 and help tidy up the village and the play ground. Litter pickers, bags and hi viz jackets will be provided but please bring gloves and wear stout shoes. There are some maintenance tasks to complete on the play area – tightening bolts, installing new safety matting, brushing and weeding – if you can help with these then please contact the Clerk in advance so that we can arrange the correct tools. We need someone to make some simple metal brackets that will extend the life of the rope bridge (replacement cost will be around £3000) – please let us know if you can help (will require some holes to be drilled in a metal plate about 10cm by 40cm and provision of a dome headed bolt). We also hope that a replacement springer will be available by then - the last one rotted away! Please let us know if you spot any defects in any of the equipment.

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