

Down to Business.....

Traffic and Lorries

The Parish Council continues to receive complaints about the volume of traffic and about lorries exceeding the 7.5 tonne limits on sections of Burnthouse and Braymeadow. We intend to conduct a 12 hour traffic survey soon but we do need more volunteers. Please contact the Clerk if you can spare half an hour. There are some free anti speeding stickers available at the Shop for residents of School Lane and Green Lane to attach to their refuse bins.

Hedges and Trees

Hedges are now growing again and some are already intruding onto the pavements. Please take a look at yours and trim them before a small job turns into a big one. Overgrown hedges are a hazard for people pushing buggies and wheelchairs and for the visually impaired. The tags that have appeared on trees on Mill Road are on trees owned by Saffron and are just for identification.

Advertising

The Parish Council is keen to discourage fly posting but also wishes to help local organizations and businesses. Not for profit organizations with a strong local connection can give event posters to the Clerk to be displayed on the four village notice boards. We are considering issuing a village directory - twice yearly in printed form and to be always available on the website. The directory will list both commercial and not for profit organizations that have a strong connection with the village and will be in a simple list format. The charge for commercial organizations is £5 per year to cover costs. Please see www.little-melton.org.uk for more details.

For the Diary....

- 3rd Apr** Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm Village Hall
- 26th Apr** Meltonians
'Animal Sanctuary' by
Martin Morgan
2.15pm Village Hall
- 28th Apr** Pre-school Nursery
Quiz Evening 7.30pm
Village Hall
- 1st May** Oil Economy Group last day
for ordering.
- 8th May** Annual Parish Council
Meeting
7.30pm Village Hall
- 12th May** Little Melton Primary School
Mayfair. 12 noon.
- 24th May** Meltonians
Annual Party with
Pip Jenkinson Trio
2.15pm Village Hall
- 12th Jun** Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm Village Hall
- 28th Jun** Meltonians
Railway Nostalgia with
Arthur Barrett
2.15pm Village Hall
- Jul 2012** *Next Newsletter*
- 17th Jul** Parish Council
Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall



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New Councillor needed

Sally Sandford has resigned her position on the Parish Council due to taking on a new job so we need a new volunteer! We thank Sally for her time and wish her well in the new job. Many applications for large scale developments are being made in this area so it is important that the Parish Council has the resource to respond properly. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to serve on the Parish Council.

OPEN CHURCH. All Saints, our delightful medieval church, is now open every day from 10am to 3pm. It is a wonderful sacred space, now available to all.

VILLAGE SIGN

The Parish Council are very pleased with the recent completion of the repainting of the very heavy metal Village Sign and the demolition and rebuilding of the brick, tile and cobble base. A new seasoned Oak support post has also been provided.

A considerable number of hours of labour has been put into this project, all given free of charge, and the Parish Council are very appreciative of this voluntary labour provided by Stewart Cable, John Symonds, Derek Sutton and Wilf Chamberlain.

As some will already be aware the Village Sign was first erected some 30 years ago but the original structure was in need of replacement and renovation. I am sure all parishioners very much welcome the impressive refurbished and expertly hand painted Village Sign for Little Melton. R.Sinclair, Parish Clerk.

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

Postal Services

For many years the Shop has had a sack in which people could deposit items too large to fit in the collection box. The Royal Mail will no longer step into the shop to collect the sack because of the additional time taken. The Parish Council is keen to preserve local services and has asked the Royal Mail to reconsider but as yet received no response. We will continue to press the case. The Shop will continue to accept deliveries of parcels from the Royal Mail and other couriers on behalf of villagers who are out at work. Please call at the Shop if you wish to use this free service.

Women graduates and those with professional qualifications are warmly invited to join the B.F.W.G. Norfolk and Norwich Association for Friendship, Meetings, Discussion Groups, Social Activities. Lunch Club, Book Group, Local and National Projects. We have a varied and extensive programme throughout the year and this July we are hosting the National AGM in Wymondham. Further details from Joan Wheatley on 01603 812668

Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

The nursery was visited by Ofsted this year and we are very pleased to have achieved a rating of 'Good'. The hard work and dedication of the staff was recognised, and the report contained many complimentary comments.

The children have enjoyed their Easter events at the nursery and are looking forward to all the good things to come in the summer term which will include their summer outing. The committee is busy planning more fundraising events including a quiz evening open to all 28th April at the Village Hall, 7.30pm to 11pm, max 8 per team £4 per person - look out for the posters etc.

We still have some places available for September 2012 and bookings are being taken now. If you are interested in your child joining our parent-led nursery do come along for a visit, there is no need to pre-arrange this simply pop in when we are open - every weekday morning during term time 9.15 to 12.15.

For more information visit our website - www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk

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PARISH news

Little Melton Primary School

A date for your diaries.....Our annual Mayfair event will take place on **Saturday 19th May 12:00 - 4:00p.m**, with stalls, entertainments, BBQ, inter-school football tournament and lots more fun. Admission: Over 14 years and adults 50p; Children FREE. All welcome.

A plea to dog ownersOver the last few months we have had a problem with dog fouling outside our school. We would like to make a plea to dog owners to 'bag it and bin it' if your dog fouls near our school. It is unpleasant if a child steps in it and brings it into school. We have provided plastic bags near to the entrance of our school for anyone who has forgotten to carry one. Thank you in advance for your help.

If you would like to find out more about our school or read our weekly newsletters please visit our website at www.littlemeltonprimaryschool.co.uk

Toadwatch

At the time of writing the 16 people who have been on toad patrol had saved 950 toads from being squashed on the road – an encouraging increase on last year's numbers and hopefully the toads will be in your gardens eating slugs over the summer. Unfortunately the drought has meant that the pond is nearly dry. The patrollers extend their thanks to the many villagers who slowed down and tried to avoid both the patrollers and the toads!
www.toadwatch.org

Thank You

The Spring Litter pick took place on Saturday 24 March and we are very grateful to those taking part and giving up their valuable time for an hour or so. The helpers were Chris and Mary Starr, Bernard Ambrose, Mary Plage, Sue Vaughan and Richard Sinclair. This is all part of an effort to make our village look nice and the voluntary work is very much appreciated. Ideally the work load would lessen with help from more volunteers so if you want to help with the next Litter Pick – in the Autumn – please get in touch with the Clerk of the Parish Council, Richard Sinclair, on tel: 811432.

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