

Down to Business.....

The Parish Council still has a vacancy and would like to hear from anyone that is prepared to help the village either as a Parish Council member on an informal basis. Help is needed to assess the pending planning applications, some of which are thousands of pages!

Volunteers are needed for the **Speedwatch Scheme** that provides speed detectors to be used in the village.

Please come and help with the **litter pick** on Saturday October 27th - meet at the Village Hall at 11:00 - bring gloves. Litter pickers, hi viz vests and bags are provided.

Short mat bowls will start weekly at the Village Hall from 7pm Thursday 4th October. Spare sets of bowls will be there for beginners, cost will be £ 2.50 per evening. We are hoping for casual and friendly evenings with the emphasis on sociability. If you are want to know more, contact Chris Starr on 01603 819006

Little Melton Village Show

The organisers would like to say a big thank you to all the exhibitors who put on a wonderful show despite the dreadful weather we have had, flower entries were slightly down but the bunches auctioned at the end looked fabulous. Also the bakers and the crafters had been busy and we had more photos than ever (We will need more wall space next year!) Thanks also to our judges, helpers, supporters and auctioneer, without whom we could not have had such a successful day. Congratulations to all the prize winners and we look forward to seeing you again.

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For the Diary....

- 2nd Oct** Planning Consultation
3pm - 7pm Village Hall
- 5th Oct** Meltonians
2.15pm Village Hall
- 13th Oct** Nursery Table Top Sale
10am Village Hall
- 16th Oct** Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm Village Hall
- 21st Oct** Church Harvest Festival
10.30 am
- 27th Oct** Litter Pick 11 am
Village Hall
- 10th Nov** Nursery Xmas Fair
10.30am Village Hall
- 22nd Nov** Meltonians
2.15pm Village Hall
- 27th Nov** Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm Village Hall
- 29th Nov** Meltonians Christmas
Lunch at the Village Inn
- 1st Dec** Church Christmas Fair
2pm - 4pm
- 8th Dec** Nursery Quiz Night
7.30pm Village Hall
- 19th Dec** Salvation Army Concert
At the Church
- Jan 2013** *Next Newsletter*
- 26th Jan** Church Quiz 7.30pm
Village Hall



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Proposed local developments

On October the 2nd, between 3pm and 7pm in the Village Hall, South Norfolk Council will be exhibiting their suggestions for which areas should be developed to meet the housing target set by the previous government. A member of the Parish Council will be present to explain the Parish Council's position. The Parish Council has, for some years, fought to minimize the impact of developments on Little Melton and has successfully reduced the targets from much higher proposals. However we cannot totally reject government policy and have to engage with the process if we are to achieve the best result for the village. The position is further complicated by the fact that there is a shortage of houses being built over the next 5 years and this gives developers an opportunity to submit plans before the overall framework is decided. Currently 4 plots of land between Ringwood Close/Mill Road/Great Melton Road have been suggested by South Norfolk Council for development and a landowner intends to submit an application for development of a further plot behind Gibbs Close. The Parish Council has so far seen outline plans from 2 landowners. There are also plans for extensive developments at the Norwich Research Park and at Hethersett which will massively increase traffic throughout the area.

The outcome of this confusing situation is that the Parish Council is unable to judge individual proposals on their merits but has to focus on restricting the overall scale of the development to be no greater than that imposed by South Norfolk Council. The Parish Council expects that a Planning Application for Ringwood Close would be accepted because of the 5 year shortage and will try to ensure that an integrated plan is submitted for all the 4 connected plots; that results in - a maximum of 50 houses - minimizes the impact on nearby residents - and meets the demand from residents for homes suitable for the elderly and young families. Owners of the 5 plots actively seeking development have all been invited to submit brief statements and responses received are printed inside. Further information is at www.little-melton.org.

Don't forget, there's more information, updated regularly on
[www.little-melton.org.uk](http://www.little-melton.org)

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Land at the end of Ringwood Close;

The proposed development now stands at 28 homes, nine of which will be affordable. The design of the proposed development has been informed by discussions with local residents, housing officers and planners who have suggested a mix of properties to address shortages in the area, in particular bungalows, small family homes and starter homes.

The applicant has undertaken numerous surveys of the land to identify and address issues such as drainage, trees, ecology (particularly reptiles), flooding and access to utility services. These surveys have informed the design of the development so as to ensure that the development is viable and acceptable.

The land, which is currently unused, provides a natural extension to Little Melton, with two of its boundaries adjacent to existing housing. As such the development of the site does not increase the chance of future expansion of the village boundary.

The applicant understands the local concerns over Little Melton's road infrastructure. They will work with the Parish Council and the Highway Authority to make sure the proposed development is compatible. It is also anticipated that drainage issues on Mill Road will be alleviated by works at the Great Melton Road end of the development.

Lovell Partnerships Ltd.

Land off Gibbs Close;

The Joint Core Strategy identifies Little Melton as a Service Village where land will be allocated for small scale housing development (policy suggests at least 10-20 dwellings with some additional potential). There is currently a lack of 5 year housing supply in the South Norfolk Council area.

Timewell Properties own land off Gibbs Close. The proposal is for approximately 20 dwellings (mix of 2-3,4 bedroom houses and bungalows) on a 1.6 hectare site. The site sits behind the current housing off Homecroft and is within walking distance of the school, local services and facilities.

The masterplan takes account of landscape, archaeology, ecology, sustainability and includes key design elements :

- Retention and enhancement of important trees and boundary vegetation;
- Open space to allow for newt refuge and connectivity to breeding habitats;
- Rear gardens to back onto rear gardens for security and privacy;
- A mix of single and 2 storey detached and semi-detached homes, possibly suitable for elderly, with some given over for affordable housing for local people.

Further information can be found at www.timewellprop-gibbsclose.co.uk

Bidwells - on behalf of Timewell properties.

Land off Mill Road;

I have commissioned architects to formulate a design for the site at The Gardens. This design will be for a low density, high quality, hopefully eco-friendly development of 28 properties (to include 9 'affordable' homes.) A topographical survey has been completed and the architects are in discussion with Anglian Water, Highways Department and a large, well-known housing association who are very conversant with the requirements of the people and Parish Council of Little Melton. Within the next week or so detailed discussions are due with South Norfolk Council Planning Department. This is the sum total of my knowledge to date.

Ian Clark, The Gardens, Mill Road Little Melton

PARISH news

Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

The nursery would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families to the pre-school, we hope you will enjoy your time with us.

We have lots of events planned for this Autumn Term, some are open to everyone.

These are :-

Saturday 13th Oct 10-noon TABLE TOP SALE - BABY / TODDLER GOODS

Saturday 10th Nov 10-noon CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR

Saturday 8th Dec 7.30pm - 11pm QUIZ NIGHT

If you would like to book a table for the Table Top Sale please contact the nursery by email, address below. More details will be advertised locally and on our website. (www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk). We welcome visits from anyone interested in coming to the nursery at any time when we are open, you do not need to pre-book.

Church News.

We will say good-bye to the Rev. Di Lammas at her final service on the 30th of September at Hethersett, and you are all of course, very welcome to come along. It will be some time before a new incumbent is appointed but services and events will continue as normal. Sunday 21st October is our Harvest Festival with 'Bring and Share Lunch'. Edible gifts for the Ashford Project will be welcomed. On Saturday 1st December will be the Advent/Christmas Fair with stalls and Art project based on the twelve days of Christmas.. Sunday 16th December will be the Carol Concert and on Wednesday 19th of December, the ever popular Salvation Army Concert. Next year, on Saturday the 26th of January will be our Quiz Night. See the 'for the diary' list for times.

Meltonians. Are you lonely and would like a good mardle over tea/coffee and a raffle? If so then a warm welcome awaits you at our meetings on the 4th Thursday of each month at 2.15 pm in Little Melton Village Hall. Typically meetings have a speaker with talks covering a wide range of interesting subjects such as Gardening, Fashion/Clothes, Railway Nostalgia, Guide Dogs, Secrets of Bees and Honey, Ice Cream, Sugar and Soap manufacture, St. John's Ambulance, History, Graphology, Shoe Boxes, Wartime Stories, Twenty Bygone Quiz and even 'live' Butchery and Cookery demonstrations. We celebrate with an Annual Party in May together with our friends from Hethersett and Easton. Our meetings are open to everyone irrespective of age and if you would like further information please contact Harold on 01603 811228 or simply come along to a meeting.

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