

## Events

Jan 13th	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> , at the School 7.30 pm
Jan 22nd	<b>Meltonians</b> , Village Hall 2.15 pm
Jan 26th	<b>Toadwatch Meeting</b> , Village Inn 8 pm
Jan 28th	<b>Mobile Library</b>
Jan 31st	<b>Annual Church Quiz</b> , Village Hall 7.30 pm
Feb 3rd	<b>Oil Economy</b> last order day, forms from the Shop
Feb 10th	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> , at the School 7.30 pm
Feb 25th	<b>Mobile Library</b>
Feb 26th	<b>Meltonians</b> , Village Hall 2.15 pm
Mar 10th	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> , at the School 7.30 pm
Mar 25th	<b>Mobile Library</b>
Mar 26th	<b>Meltonians</b> , Village Hall 2.15 pm
Mar 28th	<b>Village Litter Pick</b> ,  Shop 09:30
Mar 31st	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> , at the School, 7.30 pm


## Mobile Library times


09:35 Near to 93 School Lane  
10:00 Shop  
10:20 Braymeadow Lane  
10:45 Crossways  
11:30 Ringwood Close

The **Book Group** is still going strong. For further details please ring Joan Wheatley on 01603 812668

**LITTLE MELTON PAROCHIAL CHARITY** exists to help any Little Melton resident who is in need of financial assistance. Help given in the past include chiropodists' fees, children's school bus fares, fuel costs, essential house repairs, medical charges. All enquiries are treated with utmost confidentiality, just call—Jean Chamberlain 812031, John McDonald 810321 or Chris Doggett 812146.

At the end of our financial year any annual surplus can be distributed to an appropriate village community project. Please contact any Trustee should you wish for more details.

**WARM AND WELL IN NORFOLK:** NCC Public Health is offering help and advice to the vulnerable and older residents with top tips for keeping warm and well, call 0344 800 8020 

**INFORMATION FROM NCC REGARDING VOLUNTARY GRITTING AND CLEARING OF FOOTWAYS:** While volunteers can help to grit and clear footways, volunteers *should not undertake work on the roads*. Grit from the grit bins can only be used on public paths and roads, please use sparingly as the bins will only be topped up once. 

This newsletter is published by **Little Melton Parish Council**. Please contact the Clerk, Richard Sinclair, at clerk@little-melton.org.uk, 01603 811432, 16 Braymeadow Lane, NR9 3NQ if you have questions or items to be published in the April 2015 edition.

**Other PC contacts and information are at [www.little-melton.org.uk](http://www.little-melton.org.uk)**




# Little Melton Parish Council newsletter


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## VILLAGE NEWS

There is not space in the newsletter to print all of the information received by the PC—a  symbol indicates that there is more information at [little-melton.org.uk](http://little-melton.org.uk). There is a link on the web site to the Facebook page where you can discuss issues and ask questions. Recently, people asked about the digging going on in several fields—we were able to reassure them that it is only a new water main and that the land will eventually return to growing crops!

**KONNECT BUS SERVICE THROUGH LITTLE MELTON:** There is one **change** to the Konect Bus Service No 9, **from 5 January** the 08.01 bus from the crossroads will now leave ten minutes earlier at **07.51** arriving at the N&NU Hospital at 08.03.

**HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS:** The detailed plans for the Ringwood development were received in December and the PC made them available at the Village Hall - nearby residents were informed. The main concern was about access along Ringwood due to 'overflow' parking on the road. This is also a problem at other places in the village and the PC will question whether some communal visitor parking should be provided within new developments. 

**HASTOE HOUSING ASSOCIATION** built some rented homes in the village with the aim of providing affordable homes for people with a connection to the village or local area. Specific criteria is in place for letting these homes which gives priority to households with a local connection. Ring HHA for further information on 0300 123 2250 

**PRECEPT:** Last year there was a reduction in the government grant which resulted in a small increase in the precept, even though the village received no additional funds. This year the grant remains the same but the PC is asking for a 2% increase to help meet costs that have risen over the last two years. The PC hopes to replace the main item of equipment on the play area as it is becoming hard to repair it— please get in touch if you would have suggestions about the replacement. 



## Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

The Nursery has enjoyed another busy festive season, especially being part of the church decoration event again this year, and watching the nativity play at the primary school. It is always lovely to feel part of our wider community in the village.

The committee is continuing to plan a lot of fundraising events for the New Year and Spring—look out for the notices. We always really appreciate it when members of our local community come along to support us, our craft fair in November attracted a lot of people from near and far. Any money raised by these events is totally spent on improving facilities and activities we offer.

Just a reminder—we do have spaces available for this year but they are getting quite limited. Anyone interested in a place is always welcome to pop in for a visit, there is no need to pre-book simply come along when we are open—term-time—each weekday morning 9.15 to 12.15.

For more information - [www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk](http://www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk)

The **Mothers' Union** meets on the 1st Monday of the month in the Village Hall at 1.30 pm. New members are always welcome. Please contact Branch Leader Allie McClean 01603 946656 or email [littlemeltonmothersunion@gmail.com](mailto:littlemeltonmothersunion@gmail.com)

**Mothers' Union** is a Christian mission charity that seeks to support family life, through campaigning, community outreach and prayer. In Norfolk we are involved in many projects such as "Loving for Life" a pre-marriage support scheme, "Angel Tree" providing Christmas presents for the children of local prisoners, "Away from it all" holidays for families who have met with adversity and the running of Toddler Groups, to name but a few.

## Meltonians

Meltonians meetings are held in Little Melton Village Hall, 2.15 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month.

22 January—AGM

26 February—Norfolk Accident Rescue Service by Paul Strutt

26 March—Dementia Friends Information by Clare Stiles

23 April—Himalayan Peaks and Troughs by Alan and Angela Saunders

Everyone is welcome to attend.

## All Saints Church, Little Melton

### Happy New Year!

It was lovely to see so many people in Church for the various events and services over the Christmas period. Thank you to the pupils at the Pre-School Nursery, Little Melton Primary School and Hethersett Academy and members of the village community for making the church look so attractive in the festive season by their art-work.

Our next fundraising event will be the **Annual Quiz on Saturday 31 January at 7.30 pm** (promptly). Tickets (£6.00) may be reserved if paid for in advance and our popular Ploughman's Supper will be included in the price. Please bring your drinks, glasses and nibbles. Tickets can be bought from the Village Shop, Margaret (Tel:811890) or Annetta (Tel:810007). There will be a raffle (prizes as always will be very welcome.) Everyone is very welcome to come and join us in some FUN fundraising!

You will probably have seen in the Press and on TV about the very worrying and increasingly frequent **thefts of lead from churches** in Norfolk and Suffolk and we would ask all villagers to be extra vigilant in the area of the church and report any suspicious behaviour around there.

The **OIL ECONOMY GROUP** is run by John McDonald (at the village shop) and Edwina Clark. The group places a bulk order every 3 months and gets the best price. The next ordering date is **3rd February**—order forms are 25p and available from the shop.

## VILLAGE HALL SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

This year the Village Hall will be 25 years old and the Community Trust shall be celebrating this on Saturday 11 July. Keep this date free and look out for more details during the Spring.

### Toadwatch

Most of the toads living in the village will try to get to the breeding pond at Green Lane during the spring. Without help, few will make it alive due to ever increasing traffic. Please join us for drink and a chat and learn how you can help - Village Inn, 26th Jan at 20:00. More information at [toadwatch.org](http://toadwatch.org) or 812472



## Short Mat Bowls

**Village Hall 2.30—4.30 Tuesdays and 8-10pm Thursdays**

Short Mat Bowls at the Village Hall has started again on Tuesdays at 2.30pm and on Thursdays at 8pm. Loan bowls are available to try out with. Cost is only £2.50 for the 2 hour session, and includes tea/coffee and biscuits at half-time.

Phone Chris Starr on 01603 819006 for more detail, or just turn up in flat shoes.