



## Local Developments

South Norfolk Council are currently considering the detailed plans for the developments at Mill Rd and Ringwood Close. The PC made the plans available at the Village Hall and arranged for the developers to be on hand to answer questions. The PC has flagged up concerns over drainage implications for the ditch and pipe along Gt Melton Rd and will pursue these concerns with South Norfolk Planning dept. It is expected that detailed plans for the Gibbs Close development will be submitted soon. A section of Mill Rd now has a 20mph limit because the Ringwood Close junction has insufficient visibility for the additional traffic resulting from the development. It is expected that additional speed reduction measures on Mill Rd and the conversion of the cross roads to a roundabout will be announced soon by Highways. The PC has requested that a consultation will occur.

## Parish Council Elections

On the 5th of May all PC members will be elected for the next four years. Please consider offering your services either as a PC member or on an informal basis in connection with something that interests you. The PC hopes to refurbish the play area and to provide some facilities there for older children but help is needed to organize this!

Whilst many villagers are not happy to see new development in the village it should be remembered that planners originally proposed double the number of houses, so the PC has achieved some reduction. If not enough people come forward to form a PC then the village will be administered directly by SNC and the village will have no direct representation. Please contact the Chair or Clerk if you can help.

## Road Closures

Work will start on 7th April to improve the junction of Hethersett Lane and the Watton Rd. The junction will be closed to traffic on Hethersett Ln from late April through till August. The official diversion is via the A47 but the PC has expressed concerns to NCC that the closure will result in increased traffic through the village and has asked for a contingency plan to deal with this.

Little Melton Rd will be closed from 6am on 1st April for one day.



## Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

Anyone interested in a place for their child in September is always welcome to pop in for a visit. There is no need to pre-book simply come along to the Village Hall 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)

## LITTLE MELTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are all looking forward to our May Fair on Saturday 9 May, 11-3. All welcome. It promises to be a fun packed event.



The children have been involved in a wide range of activities of late. Highlights in February and March have been our KS2 team winning their heat of the Norfolk School Quiz Championship, a fantastic performance by Year 2 children in a cultural dance event at Cringleford, four children reaching the finals of the Norfolk cross-country trials and a whole host of terrific work in school- some of it on display. We have also decided to take part in the forthcoming GoGo Dragon art exhibition in Norwich in the summer- the follow up to the successful GoGo Gorillas of 2013. The children will be making their design in the next few weeks.

## Village Hall 25th Anniversary

Little Melton Village Hall 25th Anniversary Dance, Saturday 11 July 2015 from 7.30pm - dancing to Wypeout, bar. Tickets £8.00 from the Village Stores or ring Jane 811636 or Chris 819006.

**Management Committee - New members needed** A number of the current committee wish to retire from the committee after many years service, so we need more members. If you are interested please contact Richard Smith, the chairman, tel. 01603 811201 or by email [smithrmg@gmail.com](mailto:smithrmg@gmail.com)

**Booking Secretary** Jean Chamberlain has been bookings secretary since the Hall opened and will retire at the AGM to be held on Monday 13th April. The chairman said "I would like to thank her for all the work she has done over the years, I think it is fair to say that the success of the Hall has been down to her. Jean has taken on many other tasks to ensure the high standards of the Hall." Helen Symonds has kindly volunteered to take over this role from the 13th April. She can be contacted on 01603 810671—see [www.little-melton.org.uk](http://www.little-melton.org.uk) for regular events at the VH.

**Annual General Meeting Monday 13th April** Everyone is welcome to attend. Ring John Turner on 01603 811750 for more details.

# All Saints Church, Little Melton

## Easter 2015

Details of all the Easter services in our church and throughout the area can be found in the Easter card delivered to your home. A warm welcome is extended to all who would like to come and celebrate with us at this important time in the church calendar.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – We are taking part in the diocesan Easter Egg Hunt again this year and an egg will be “hidden in plain view” somewhere in the church. It will be there until April 12<sup>th</sup> so come and see if YOU can find it! The church is open every day from 10 am to 3 pm (later in summer).

### Art Project Co-Ordinator

We are looking for a volunteer who will liaise with local schools and artistic parishioners who have helped decorate our church for the past few years and make it lovely for Christmas each year. If interested please contact PCC Secretary (Tel. 810007)

**Little Melton Mothers' Union** meets at 1.30 pm in the Village Hall usually on the first Monday of the month unless that is a Bank Holiday (as in April and May). New members are always welcome. Please contact Branch Leader Allie McClean 01603 946656 or email [littlemeltonmothersunion@gmail.com](mailto:littlemeltonmothersunion@gmail.com)

On April 13<sup>th</sup> Kay Dorling will be speaking about “Hymns and their Writers” and on May 11<sup>th</sup> we will be going on our outing to Great Melton Rectory for afternoon tea.

## Meltonians

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

23rd April – Alan and Angela Saunders will give a talk on Himalayan Peaks and Troughs

28th May – Sing-Along with Hank BeMarvin

25th June – Real Dad's Army by Mr Mann

Contact John Turner on 811750 for further details

## Short Mat Bowls

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

Short Mat Bowls at the Village Hall continues to flourish 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.

## Events

Mar 31st	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> , at the School 7.30 pm
Apr 13th	<b>Mothers' Union</b> , Village Hall 1.30 pm
Apr 13th	<b>VH Management Committee AGM</b>
Apr 22nd	<b>Mobile Library</b>
April 23rd	<b>Meltonians</b> , Village Hall 2.15 pm
May 5th	<b>Oil Economy</b> last order day, forms from the Shop
May 12th	<b>Annual Parish Council Meeting</b> , at School 7.30 pm
May 20th	<b>Mobile Library</b>
May 28th	<b>Meltonians</b> , Village Hall 2.15 pm
June 9th	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> , at the School 7.30 pm
Jun 17th	<b>Mobile Library</b>
Jun 25th	<b>Meltonians</b> , Village Hall 2.15 pm
July 11th	<b>VH Anniversary Celebrations</b>

## Mobile Library times

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

The **Book Group** is still going strong, and meets about every 6 weeks. 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.

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 **5th May**—order forms are 25p and available from the shop.

David Holt will be surveying parts of the village during May, June and July for the BTO House Martin Survey—details are at [www.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/house-martin-survey](http://www.bto.org/volunteer-surveys/house-martin-survey). So please don't be alarmed if you see a man examining your roof through his binoculars—he is just trying to count the birds!

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

**Did you know that superfast broadband is now available here? News like this is often announced on the village Facebook page—there is a link from the website—come and join us!**