



The Parish Council needs your help!

We still need one more person to join the Parish Council and would like to hear from others who are prepared to help with small tasks and larger projects. We are a small PC compared to surrounding villages and we are facing unprecedented changes both within the village and nearby in the form of housing and industrial developments. If the village is to have an effective voice then we need your help! Examples of things that people can help with, without being a PC member, are -

- Some of the equipment at the children's play area is nearing the end of its life. PC members recently replaced the basketball post but we need a much bigger project to refurbish the play area and to provide some facilities for older children. Funds are available for this but we need at least 3 people to manage the project - it would be good to have some input from parents of children who use the play area.
- Three developments, each of 20 houses, have been approved within the village. 1200 houses will be built on the north side of development. The Research Park is being significantly extended. We have grave concerns about the traffic implications of all this development and we need help with reading documentation and writing responses to consultations. Developers will have to fund some community facilities such as cycle paths and open space areas and we need help with ensuring that we get the best outcomes for the village.
- There is a defibrillator (at the Village Shop) that was paid for by a project organized by the school. The PC is now responsible for the unit but we have struggled to find out about servicing the unit and what needs to be replaced if it is ever used. We need someone to follow this up.
- The PC has a website (www.little-melton.org.uk) and a Facebook page (link is on the website). The website is being reengineered to make it more useful as a community resource. We need help from people who can update content on the website - no IT skills required!

Please get in touch if you can help in any way.

Shared Equity Home - Ringwood Close

The development at Ringwood Close includes seven affordable homes, one of which is a shared equity home. This means that the home is available to buy at a discounted rate (and subsequently sold on at the same discounted rate). If you are interested in receiving further details of this home, which is currently designated as a 2 bedroom bungalow, please email peter.graves@developing-solutions.co.uk



Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

We have had another fantastic year. Our committee worked very hard and as such has been very successful in all the fundraising events. Fundraising is so important to the nursery as we are a charity and can use the additional money raised to fund extra equipment and outings. It is always lovely when the local community takes part in these events too, we really appreciate it. The staff have once again been very committed to their role, making sure that the experience for both the children in our care and their families has been a positive one! We are taking bookings for the next academic year, and if you are interested in a place for your child please contact us and we will try to accommodate your wishes. During the holidays please email through our website as the nursery is actually closed. We regularly check the email during the holiday time and will be happy to take your enquiries. The nursery would like to take this opportunity to wish all our children and families best wishes for the summer holidays, good luck to those moving on to 'Big School' and we look forward to welcoming new and existing families back in September. For more information - www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk

Short Mat Bowls—Little Melton Village Hall 2.30—4.30pm Tuesdays

During the Summer we only have Tuesday afternoons, 2.30 to 4.30, which are popular with the retired crowd. They enjoy the relaxed attitude we have to the bowls and the sociability of the refreshments break. There is no membership fee, cost being a flat £2.50 per session including refreshments. Loan bowls are available, and the only "requirement" is flat shoes to avoid wear and tear on the mats. Ring Chris Starr on 01603 819006 to learn more.

Village Hall 25th Anniversary

A dance is being held at Little Melton Village Hall on 11th July, from 7.30pm to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the opening of the hall. Dancing to the very popular live band Wypeout together with a bar. Tickets are priced £8.00 and are available from Little Melton Village Shop, Chris on 01603 819006 or Jane on 01603 811636. Please come and enjoy yourselves and support your Village Hall.

Village Hall Committee - New members needed If you would like to get involved - please contact Jane on 811636 or Richard Smith on 811201 or by email smithrmg@gmail.com.

Helen Symonds has taken over the job of managing Village Hall bookings from Jean Chamberlain - we thank Jean for her many years of service! Details of events at the Village hall are on the www.little-melton.org.uk and there is an email addr for bookings on the Contact Us page. Helen can also be contacted on 810671.

Dementia Awareness

Age UK Norfolk is working with local organisations to turn Hethersett into a dementia aware community. A dementia friendly community is one based on inclusion, where a person living with dementia feels empowered to play an active role in their community and feels able to participate in the day to day activities we take for granted. The emphasis is on what the person can do, rather than what they can no longer do. There is more information at <http://www.ageuk.org.uk/norfolk/> - or contact Harold Kerslake on 811228.

All Saints Church, Little Melton

First of all a big "Thank you" to all who braved the rain in true British spirit to support us at the Church Summer Fete on June 13th and to all the helpers and to Jan and Peter Kitchener for allowing us to have the Fete in their lovely garden. In spite of the rain nearly £700 was added to church funds.

Village Art Project Stewart Cable (Tel.812280) has very kindly volunteered to co-ordinate the Art Project, and is working on ideas for the theme for Christmas 2015. This is the project that ensures that our church looks lovely for the services and events in the month leading up to Christmas and New Year and we are very grateful for the enthusiasm of the local schools and other very artistic villagers who participate.

The Church is open every day from about 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or later and has many interesting medieval features including wall paintings hidden for centuries after the Reformation and rediscovered in the 1930s. It is also a very tranquil place for prayer and quiet reflection.

Graham and Nick - Church Wardens

The Friends of Little Melton Church have agreed to supplement the recently awarded government grant to allow urgent work to be started on the church roof and tower.

Watch out for details of another Pamper Evening in the Autumn.

Annetta (Hon. Sec. Friends of Little Melton Church)

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. **The Little Melton branch meet on the 1st Monday of the Month, 1.30pm at the Village Hall.** New members are always welcome. Please contact Branch Leader Allie McClean 01603 946656 or email littlemeltonmothersunion@gmail.com

Meltonians - The next event is a talk by Jane Jarvis about the Norwich and Mid-Norfolk RSPCA at 2.15 on Thursday 23rd July at the Little Melton Village Hall. Meltonians' meetings are generally held there on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2.15. Enquiries to John Turner (01603 811750)

If you are interested in attending a **meditation group** which is held at Noggs Barn, White Lodge Nurseries, 97 School Lane, every Wednesday, contact Chris Starr on 01603 819006 for more details.

Events

July 6th	Mothers' Union , Village Hall 1.30 pm
July 11th	VH Anniversary Celebrations and Dance
July 14th	Parish Council Meeting , at the School 7.30 pm
July 15th	Mobile Library
July 23rd	Meltonians , Village Hall 2.15 pm
Aug 4th	Oil Economy last order day, forms from the Shop
Aug 19th	Mobile Library
Aug 27th	Meltonians , Village Hall 2.15 pm
Sept 1st	Parish Council Meeting , at School 7.30 pm
Sept 16th	Mobile Library
Sept 24th	Meltonians , Village Hall 2.15 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, 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 **4 August**—order forms are 25p and available from the shop.

Litter pickers collect £200!

Each spring and autumn, on the weekend that the clocks change, a small team of volunteers collects litter from around the village. This spring our efforts have been recognized with a £200 prize from South Norfolk Council! We plan to use the money to buy litter picking equipment that can be kept in the village and made available to anyone who wants to help at any time.

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Other PC contacts and information are at www.little-melton.org.uk