



## Planning Matters

Developments of 20 houses each, on Mill Road and at Ringwood Close, are proceeding through the planning process. The PC has suggested measures that will reduce the risk of adding to the drainage problems that already afflict the area.

Outline planning permission has already been granted for 20 houses off Gibbs Close but the developer has submitted a new application that would increase this to 27. The developer is of the opinion that SNC do not have the five year housing supply and if they are correct then there is a presumption in favour of 'sustainable development'. The PC has strongly objected to the enlarged development on the grounds of inadequate highways and that the drainage plan is flawed. The PC has also contested an application to 'regularise' the use of Villa Farm for vehicle sales, which is currently being conducted there without permission.

## Revd. Mary Kerslake

The following article was received from Annetta Evans just as this newsletter went to press and very much expresses the feelings of those on the PC who knew Mary.

*The sad news of Mary's sudden passing on September 16<sup>th</sup> has left all who knew her stunned. She had recently recovered from protracted ill health and was able to take her full part in the spiritual life of the United Benefice, supported as always by Harold.*

*After a career in teaching, her call to enter the church as a local minister meant she was especially in tune with families and she was instrumental in founding the Little Acorns (an off-shoot of the Mothers' Union) where young Mums could bring their pre-school children for stories and refreshments. We never knew what ingenious visual aids would come "out of the bag" to illustrate Bible stories at the monthly Family Service and all the figures used in the popular Crib Service at Christmas were knitted by Mary, the Crib itself having been made by Harold. She loved the joy of seeing young children brought by proud parents to be baptised, of sharing the anticipation of engaged couples as they prepared for their new life of commitment to each other and her great kindness and empathy with bereaved families as they prepared to let go of their loved ones was legendary.*

*I think it is too soon to realise how much of herself Mary has given to us or how much we will miss her kindness. Our vicar, Revd. Derek McClean, has told of his sense of great personal loss at Mary's death and all whose lives were touched by Mary share in this. Our thoughts and prayers are with Harold and all his family at this very sad time. Annetta Evans*

**Village Hall** Helen Symonds (01603 810671) manages bookings for the Village Hall. Regular events at the hall include Yoga, Badminton, indoor Bowls, Powerhoop and Fitcamp. Full details of these events are on [www.little-melton.org.uk](http://www.little-melton.org.uk) (see Village Facilities) and there is an email addr for bookings there. More events are listed below.

Many people have missed not having a **Village Show** this year. Please let the VH committee know your thoughts on how the show should evolve. Should there be new classes? You can see the current list of classes for Crafts, Produce, Cookery etc on the website (see Organizations > Community Trust). The show is usually held in early September on a Saturday afternoon – is this the best time? Would you help with running a future show? Any other suggestions for improving the show?

**The Friends of Little Melton Church Committee** are planning another **Pamper Evening** for Gentlemen as well as Ladies in the Village Hall on **Friday 20 November** from 7 pm. There will be a number of therapists present offering massage, manicures, pedicures, gel nails etc. and also stalls selling gifts suitable for Christmas presents. The cost will be £5.00 and will include refreshments and a glass of wine. This is a fund-raising event and open to all. No need to book!

**Short Mat Bowls—Little Melton Village Hall—Tuesdays 2.30—4.30pm and Thursdays 8—10pm**

This friendly, enjoyable activity is at the Little Melton Village Hall twice weekly—Tuesday 2.30—4.30pm and Thursdays 8—10pm. Loan bowls are available, and the try out session is free, which has to be good value for the half-time refreshments. If you enjoy the company and the bowls, the normal cost is £2.50 per session, and all you need is a pair of very flat shoes to avoid wear and tear on the carpets. Ring Chris Starr on 01603 819006 for more details, or just turn up.

**Little Melton Mothers' Union** 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](mailto:littlemeltonmothersunion@gmail.com)

**Meltonians** - A group of us meet at Little Melton Village Hall usually on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2.15pm for a very entertaining talk by a speaker followed by refreshments and a mardle. Ring John Turner 01603 811750 to learn more.

**John Symonds aka Mr Music** presents an evening of **Disco Nostalgia Music** from the 60s 70s 80s 90s on **Saturday 17 October 7.30 till 11.30 pm at Little Melton Village Hall**. Raffle, Bar. Tickets in advance £5, on the door £6. Over 18s only. For tickets and further information call 01603 810671 / mobile 07803096362 or email: [john@mrmusicdisco.co.uk](mailto:john@mrmusicdisco.co.uk)  
All proceeds to East Anglian Air Ambulance.



## Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big welcome to our new families that have started with us this term. The new committee is already planning events for this year, many of which are open to everyone. Look out for the notices around the village and on our website for further details when they are available.

Unusually this year we do have some spaces still available, so if you were thinking of placing a child with us please get in touch. We always warmly welcome visits from prospective families whenever we are open, there is no need to pre-book.

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

## All Saints Church, Little Melton

Our medieval church is open every day and all are very welcome to come and look at its interesting features or just to have a quiet sit and a think!

**Work on the Church Tower and Roof** Following the award of a government grant and with the help of a donation from the Friends of Lt Melton Church, our Church Architect has surveyed the masonry of the tower and submitted a report on the remedial work needed to ensure its safety for future generations.

**Harvest Festival**—this is on **Sunday 11 October at 10.30am** and will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in Church. Donations of food items for this and edible treats for the ladies of the Ashcroft Project will be appreciated and all are welcome to attend.

**Christmas 2015**—Our celebration of Christmas starts on **Saturday 5 December** in Church when we will be having a **Christmas Fayre** from 2-4 pm. There will be stalls selling home-made items, festive table decorations, raffle, tombola for children and adults and Father (and Mother Christmas) are expected to put in an appearance! By this date the church will be decorated with lots of angels (our theme for the year) and should be a lovely sight as Stewart Cable has agreed to co-ordinate the Art Project which gives us such beautiful decorations each year. He has created a Facebook page - Little Melton Christmas Art Project.

On **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** we have the very welcome return of the **Band of Norwich Citadel of the Salvation Army** at 7.30pm. This is a very popular event and tickets (£5-00 Adults and £1-00 accompanied children) can be obtained from Annetta Evans (Tel.810007).The price includes refreshments in the interval and, as always, all are very welcome.

Full details of all our Christmas services will be in December "Good News" and on the Churches' Christmas Card and we welcome all who join with us to celebrate this happy festival.

## Events

Oct 5th	<b>Mothers' Union</b> , Village Hall 1.30 pm
Oct 13th	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> , at the School 7.30 pm
Oct 17th	<b>Disco Nostalgia Music</b> , Village Hall 7.30 pm
Oct 21st	<b>Mobile Library</b>
Oct 22nd	<b>Meltonians</b> , Village Hall 2.15 pm
Nov 3rd	<b>Oil Economy</b> last order day, forms from the Shop
Nov 18th	<b>Mobile Library</b>
Nov 20th	<b>Pamper Evening</b> , Village Hall 7.00 pm
Nov 24th	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> , at School 7.30 pm
Dec 5th	<b>Christmas Fayre</b> , Church 2-4 pm
Dec 16th	<b>Mobile Library</b>
Dec 16th	<b>Salvation Army Citadel Band</b> , Church 7.30 pm

## 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 TRUST** 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 **3 November**—order forms are 25p and available from the shop.

**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/>

A **meditation group** is held at Noggs Barn, White Lodge Nurseries, 97 School Lane, every Wednesday, contact Chris Starr on 01603 819006 for more details.

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