



Little Melton Parish Council newsletter

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Developments and Traffic

Many of you will have seen the development proposals exhibited at the school in November by Lanpro—they can be seen on the News page of the PC website. At this time no planning application has been received but were one to be made then it is likely to be approved as we are part of a planning zone that includes Norwich City and there is a deficit in the housing supply for the overall zone. There are obvious concerns about having a new road joining School Lane close to the school and the PC is working on a series of suggestions for traffic calming to be discussed with Highways. The traffic calming measures that should have been implemented on Mill Rd have been delayed because the Gibbs Close development has been put on hold till at least June— partly due to the developer not rehoming newts at the appointed time. A number of people have already provided help in developing a traffic calming plan and some have expressed interest in running a Speedwatch scheme—please get in touch if you would like to help.

South Norfolk Council have approved our suggestions for simplification of the Parish boundary but it still has to be approved by the Boundary Commission. Thanks to the 50 people who completed the SNC survey. The boundary change should make it easier to introduce measures to deter through traffic.

The school has asked for help with replacing a temporary classroom with a proper structure and the PC will vote in January on whether to offer £12,000 of the funds provided by developer of The Limes. We also have £39,000 of developer funds that has to be spent on 'improving facilities for the physical recreation of younger children'. We are looking at resurfacing the tennis court (possibly as a multi use area) and at providing a football practice goal so as to reduce wear on the main pitch goal area. Please get in touch if you have suggestions and would like to be involved in this project—especially if you use the tennis court!

Litter Pick

We will be doing our spring litter pick over the weekend of Mar 24th - we meet at the shop to hand out equipment and choose an area to litter pick. Please get in touch if you want to help but can't meet at that time—you can pickup the litter any time before Mon 26th. In October we welcomed two new people to the team—but there is always enough litter for more!

There are links on www.little-melton.org.uk homepage to matters discussed in this newsletter and further announcements will be made via the Facebook group—which has over 230 members and is well used—see the website for how to join.

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 spring - look out for the notices around the village! We always really appreciate it when members of our local community come along to support us. Any money raised by these events is totally spent on improving the facilities and activities we offer.

If you are interested in a place for your child please contact us via our website www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk or on 812362 to arrange a visit. We are open - Term-time - each weekday morning 9.15 to 12.15.

Little Melton Mothers' Union

A very Happy New Year to all our members and friends! We have a full programme of events planned for the Spring and hope members will enjoy them and bring others who are interested in the topics.

Mon Jan.8th 1:30 p.m.in the Village Hall we will be having our AGM when we will discuss last year's events and hear about the 2018 programme.

Mon February 5th 1:30 p.m. in the Village Hall we will be getting our knitting needles out for a Craft Session.

Mon March 5th 1:30 p.m.in the Village Hall Charles Lewis will be talking about "Tulipmania." Very appropriate for Norfolk as Norwich Cathedral was the location for some of the scenes for a film on the subject made recently starring Dame Judi Dench. It has not been released yet.

Finally on Monday March 26th we will be joining with our friends in Hethersett Mothers' Union for a Corporate Communion Service in St Remigius Church.

The **oil economy group** places a bulk order every 3 months and gets the best price. The next ordering date is **6th February** —order forms are 25p and available from the shop.

The Friends of Little Melton Church

A very Happy New Year to all our members and supporters! Thank you to all who have attended our events in the past year and made them a success or just enjoyed our delicious apple juice! The Salvation Army Concert was as always a very enjoyable evening and the money raised was shared between that wonderful organisation and the fund for the upkeep of our beautiful little medieval church. Events in 2018 will be advertised locally and in the "Good News" magazine and all who would like to see our church and churchyard kept in pristine order for future generations are very welcome to attend.

All Saints Church

Our Christmas fair saw many new faces, recently moved into the village and it was great to welcome them. Father Christmas was kept busy and others enjoyed playing games, buying cakes and eating. Thank you to all who contributed in any way, we are very grateful for all your hard work and to those who attended and made it such a success.

The Annual Quiz takes place 27th January at 7.30 in Little Melton Village hall. Tickets at the door £7 each and includes a cheese supper. Teams of up to 8. Please bring drinks, glasses and nibbles.

Each 2nd Sunday of the month we have an informal session for parents and young children called ABC, 3pm at the church. This is a very informal time, with stories, some singing and a craft activity, followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome.

We thank the Friends of Little Melton Church for their continued support in fundraising to help support the church, without whose help we would struggle to keep the church open. The church is open each day for anyone to see inside this beautiful building, where they are also welcome to make themselves a cuppa.

Little Poppets - Baby and Toddler Group

Come and join our newly created baby and toddler group in the Little Melton Village Hall. Every Wednesday term time, we meet up from 1.30-3pm for playtime, tea and a chat. We have soft play and toys for all ages and everyone is welcome, whether parent, grandparent or carer. First time is free, £2/session thereafter.

For more information, check our Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/littlemeltonpoppets/> or email us on Littlemeltonpoppets@gmail.com

Toadwatch—www.toadwatch.org

Unfortunately, the number of toads breeding in the pond last spring was about half compared to 2016; Gt Melton numbers were slightly up. Increased traffic is a factor but the trend to replace hedges with solid fences and gravel boards is hindering the movement of much wildlife—please leave gaps for animals to get through! We need more people to help the toads during the spring migration—please join us for a chat at the Village Inn on Jan 29th at 20:00 if you can help for a couple of evenings.

Parochial Charity

The charity owns the allotments, please contact Trevor on 811636 if you would like an allotment. The charity exists to help any Little Melton resident who is in need of financial assistance. Help given in the past includes 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.

Date	Time	Event	Place
Jan 15th	19:30	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Jan 24th		Mobile Library	See box
Jan 27th	19:30	Church Quiz, see page 3 for details	Village Hall
Jan 29th	20:00	Toadwatch—see page 3 for details	Village Inn
Feb 6th		Oil Economy - last order day	Village Hall
Feb 21st		Mobile Library	See box
Mar 12th	19:30	Annual Parish Meeting - general discussion of matters of concern to parishioners	Village Hall
Mar 21st		Mobile Library	See box
Mar 24th	09:30	Litter Pick	Village Shop
May 14th	19:30	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall

Mobile Library times	
09:35	Near to 93 School Lane
10:00	Shop
10:20	Braymeadow Lane
10:45	Crossways
11:30	Ringwood Close
15:00	School

The **Book Group** meets about every 6 weeks. For further details please ring Joan Wheatley on 01603 812668.

Mothers' Union - mostly 1st Monday of the month, 1.30pm but see page 2 for details. Please contact Annetta Evans 01603 810007

Village Hall Helen Symonds (01603 810671) manages bookings for the Village Hall. Full details of regular events are on www.little-melton.org.uk (see Village Facilities) and there is an email address for bookings there.

- * **Short Mat Bowls** Tuesdays 2.30-4.30pm and Thursdays (not in summer) 8-10pm. £2.50 per session. All you need is a pair of very flat shoes to avoid wear and tear on the carpets.
- * **Meltonians** - usually meet 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.
- * **Powerhoop** classes at the hall 6.30 pm and 7.30pm on Tuesday evenings. 45 minutes workout with a weighted hoop (so easy to keep up). 15 minutes hooping and movement and many other muscle, strength and cardio routines with the hoop.
- * **Fitcamp Challenge** is 4 weeks of interval and circuit training, in a fun, supportive environment. The classes are designed to improve fitness and health through community motivation, laughter and nutritional education. All abilities welcome!

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