

# LITTLE THETFORD NEWSLETTER.

**AUG. 2014/ SEPT. 2014**

## Litter Pick

**Saturday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am,**

Meet at The Play Area please

All volunteers welcome.

Pickers & bags provided.

Items for the next Newsletter covering Oct/Nov 2014 should be with the editor Mrs. J. Staines by Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> please, [jennifer.staines@btinternet.com](mailto:jennifer.staines@btinternet.com) or 38 The Wyches.

## St. George's Church.

'Lord Jesus Your presence among us fills us with great Joy and we Praise you!!'

<b>Sunday 3rd August.</b>	09:30	Morning Praise.	Preacher John Marshall.
<b>Sunday 10th August.</b>	10:30	Family Service with the band.	
<b>Sunday 17th August.</b>	09:30	Morning Praise.	Preacher John Marshall.
<b>Sunday 24th August.</b>	09:30	Morning Praise.	Preacher Judy Kerridge.
<b>Sunday 31st August.</b>	09:30	Holy Communion.	Preacher. Rev Brian Kerley.
<b>Sunday 7th September.</b>	09:30	Morning Praise.	Preacher John Marshall.
<b>Sunday 14th September.</b>	10:30	Family Harvest Festival.	Preacher Claire McGinley.
		Donations of food stuffs for Ely Foodbank gratefully received.	
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September.</b>	6pm	Flower Festival Song's of Praise and rededication of the War Memorial plaque in Church.	Preacher Rev John Sansom.
<b>Sunday 28th September.</b>	09:30	Holy Communion.	Preacher Canon Richard Kew.

All are very welcome at any of our services and for our time of Fellowship over coffee at the end.

**On Tuesdays 6-7pm** we have informal hymn singing and band practice, do join us to sing all your Favourite Hymns and songs.

We are hoping to start 'Open the Book' presentations at School Assemblies weekly from Thursday September 11th 1015 - 1030am.

For any Baptism or General Enquiries please contact Rev Chris Hill 01353 662308.

For Wedding or Funeral Enquiries please contact Rev Margaret Talbot 01353 698410.

**Monday 4th August** The Royal British Legion are having a nationwide event to mark the outbreak of WW1. It is entitled '**LIGHTS OUT**' and will be between 10pm - 11pm.

A meditation by candlelight will be held at St. George's Church at this time for anyone to come and reflect on the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of WW1, quietly for a few minutes or an hour.

## PARISH WW1 COMMEMORATION

The Parish Council has organised a brief civic ceremony as a contribution to the commemoration of the centenary of the start of World War 1. It will take place on **Monday 4 August at 7.30pm in the village cemetery**. It will be a 'commemoration' only of a historic and cataclysmic event that profoundly altered the world and affects us all, even today and is not intended as a memorial or to replace the annual act of remembrance that takes place in November. The event will be purely civic, secular and inclusive having no religious, nationalistic, accusatory or triumphal content so that nobody should feel that they are excluded by reason of faith or none, denomination, nationality or conscience. It will consist of prose and poetry readings, the speaking of the names on the war memorial and any others who people wish to be commemorated, the planting of a tree and the sounding of "Last Post" and "Reveille". Please do come and speak the name(s)

you are commemorating at the appropriate time or if you can't do that but would still like names spoken give the details to any Parish Councillor beforehand. It is stressed this is not a religion led event; everybody is invited and welcome.

## **Friends of St Georges Church.**

The Cream Teas in the Churchyard proved to be very popular, even on the wet Saturday of 28th. June, when it was Teas in the Church! The two events together raised just under £400. So thank you all for supporting us in our efforts to raise money towards the World War 1 memorial plaque restoration.

The First World War memorial plaque – by the time you read this, the plaque will be down in Surrey being restored. The firm carrying out the work have just finished a project for the Imperial War museum, so we are in good hands. Interestingly, when we removed it from the wall in the Church, we found the names of the two men that fitted it on 28th. February 1921, M.J. Raymond and W.M. Gifford. We will add a small note next to them as a record of the refurbishment, for someone else to find in another 90 odd years! Fundraising for the work is going well with some very kind donations either given or promised, in addition to the generous grant offered by the Parish Council and our own fund raising efforts. Sadly our efforts to obtain money from regional and national organisations have been less successful, so this really is a 'Village Effort'. Thank you all very much. We haven't quite reached our target yet, so if you would like to make a donation, no matter how large or small, please contact Tony Shaw ( 649470) We intend produce a list of sponsors on the back page of the Flower Festival programme.

### **The Flower Festival**

Plans are well advanced for the flower festival, which will be held over the weekend **20/21st. September.** Jennifer Bedford has allocated all of the displays and we are now busily working on the contents. We want this to be a major village event as we commemorate the start of World War 1 in a thoughtful and dignified way, and hope that you will be able to support us. We will be open between 10.00 and 5.00 on the Saturday and 11.00 and 4.00 pm. on the Sunday.

Mike Petty will be with us in the Church on the Saturday evening (20th.) at 7.30pm. to give another of his wonderfully entertaining talks, as he explains just what the conflict meant to small fenland communities like ours. Tickets are £5.00 to include a glass of wine and will be available from the Drewrys ( 648819) or the Shaws ( 649470)

Finally at 6.00 pm. on the Sunday evening we will hold a service in the Church, led by the Rev. John Sansom when the refurbished plaque, now with its full compliment of names, will be rededicated. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **Little Thetford WI**

The next meeting of the WI will be Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The illustrated talk will be on the work of the British Antarctic Survey. For further information please contact Christine Bullen on 01353 649268.

### **Link Decorating.**

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### **Village Hall.**

**Barn Dance – September 27<sup>th</sup>  
Music by ‘ Fen Blow’  
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We are having a very busy Summer term. The children are enjoying their current topic 'Around the World' and have enjoyed a variety of arts and crafts, cooking corner, outside and role play activities. The children all had a fantastic time on their summer school trip to 'South Angle Farm' in Soham. The children are busy having great fun learning songs and actions for their summer performance "Around the World". Staff are getting ready for our end of term party and presentations and would like to say goodbye and good luck to all our 2014 Rising 5 Children.

**Summer Holiday Club - Monday 28th July - Friday 8th August**

If you would like further details on this Holiday Club, activities on offer or wish to send your child, please contact us - 01353 649234 or [admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk](mailto:admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk)

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**Fundraising**

We've had some very successful fundraising events during this year and have raised approximately £4,000 for the Setting. Thank you to everyone involved for your continued support.

We are also encouraging everyone to help us raise further funds using the 'Easy Fundraising' website - [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) Please take a look it's easy to use; we are on there as 'Little Thetford Acorns' just click on us and then the chosen retailer you wish to buy from (there's hundreds on there, including all the high street names) and we receive a percentage of your total order with no extra cost to you. With many people now choosing to buy online this is a great way for us to raise funds for equipment and the little extras we need from time to time.

For enquiries about our services please do not hesitate to contact us - 01353 649234 or [admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk](mailto:admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk) or via our website [www.littlethetfordacorns.org.uk](http://www.littlethetfordacorns.org.uk) Please be our friend on Facebook - "Little Thetford Acorns"

**This message came through eCops** but everyone needs to be aware of this sort of Scam

There has been a recent report that a person in the Huntingdon area has been contacted by telephone by a company saying they are carrying out a survey on behalf of the Council.

They knew their name, address as well as their telephone number and wanted to make a house visit. The person did not agree to anything and rang the County Council's Customer Contact Centre to check if the call was legitimate.

One of the Council's Officers then rang the Company back and pretended to be responding to an earlier call.

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The Council Officer was asked a large number of questions about his lifestyle, which papers do you read? To which he replied The Guardian, do you have a Conservatory? do you have a mortgage? and this continued for approximately ten minutes before the Council Officer terminated the call. During the questioning he was told that some of his answers meant he could be in for a cash prize with details to follow. Almost immediately after the call was terminated the Council officer was telephoned by another Company wanting to sell him a subscription to the Guardian newspaper.

Please be aware of the above when receiving calls and the County Council have stated they do not make calls asking questions or information of this kind. These scam companies pass on your details to others (without your permission) and it is highly unlikely that there is a cash prize to be won.

### **Little Thetford Social Club**

Aug/Sept. 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month are poker nights, last Friday of each month is quiz night where the 'play your cards right' pot is up to £230!!!! Don't miss the chance to win big!!

The last Sunday of each month is cash bingo with a Snowball pot of £140!!!

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Look out for dates and details of some fun nights coming up including Karaoke, A Race Night and a Curry Supper with special guest appearance from Elvis!!

### **Parish Council**

At the June meeting the Parish Council agreed to donate £200 from S137 funds towards the cost of the renovation of the WW1 Memorial plaque in St Georges Church.

The Local Highways Improvement Initiative costings for the work at the A10 junction were received and it was agreed to contribute a maximum of £430 for this work. (This bid was to move back the kerb just past the bus stop so that when there is a queue of cars at the A10 junction those wishing to turn towards Stretham can get through to the slip road so lessening the queue.)

Councillors are currently compiling a list of trees that they consider an amenity to the village – this is in addition to the trees with a Preservation Order on them.

A number of people have raised concerns about hedges and undergrowth coming on to the public footpaths – this makes it especially difficult for push chair and wheelchair users and residents are asked to keep their hedges trimmed if they run alongside a public footpath please. The clerk is to write to the responsible body about the hedge in Greenhill and the Electrical Substation in The Wyches.

Notification has been received from UK Power Networks about laying an underground power cable from Ely to Soham.

Amended plans for the construction of a detached dwelling behind No 19 Main Street have been considered. The amendments seemed to address the previous concerns and it was agreed to recommend approval.

At the July meeting Councillors heard about New Standing Orders to be considered, received a report from the Internal Auditor and the consultation to reduce the no of Councillors from 9 to 7. There is to be a review of polling district, places and polling stations. The John Townsend Audited accounts were received and notification of a pilot Parish Conference.

The clerk was thanked for her finance work following the internal auditors report.

The clerk was asked to contact the Sports & Social Club with regard to their intention to build a skate ramp for the children of the Village to remind them of resident's concerns regarding Risk Assessments and Insurance when the PC were trying to undertake a similar project.

The next meeting of the PC is August 18<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Little Thetford Fitness Classes**

Every Tuesday @ Village Hall

FitSteps 19:00-19:40 - £4.50

Powerhoop 19:50-20:50- £6 Or both for £9

For more information & to book your place please contact

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