

LITTLE THETFORD NEWSLETTER.

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AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER 2013

All items for the next Newsletter covering October/November should be with the editor Mrs. J. Staines by September 15th please, jennifer.staines@btinternet.com or 38 The Wyches.

SUNDAYS AT ST. GEORGES.,

AUGUST

4th Morning Praise 9.30am

11th Family Service 10.30am

18th Holy Communion 9.30am

25th Morning Praise 9.30am

SEPTEMBER

1st Morning Praise 9.30am

8th TBA 10.30am

15th PET SERVICE with Little Thetford School. Our once a term united School / Church Service. All welcome. Bring along your well behaved pet. Starts 5pm, in the church. Followed by light refreshments.

22nd Morning Praise 9.30am

29th Holy Communion 9.30am

Please note that details may possibly change slightly. Watch for posters in the village nearer the time.

All are welcome to each service, which is usually followed by light refreshments and chance to meet with friends old and new.

Enquiries about weddings and baptisms, or other pastoral matters, to
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Little Thetford Baptist Chapel.

"Go up into the mountains and bring down the timber and build the house so that I may take pleasure in it and be honoured," says the Lord. Haggai: Chapter 1: verse 8

Sunday 4th August at 10.30am
Morning Service with communion

Sunday 1st September at 10.30am
Morning Service with communion

Sunday 11th August at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 8th September at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 18th August at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 15th September at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 25th August at 10.30am
*Joint Morning Service with
Wilburton Baptist Church at the
Chapel.*

Sunday 22nd September at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 29th September at 10.30am
Morning Service

Coffee Mornings at The Chapel:

Church Fellowship Group:

Wednesday 6th August at 10am

Thursday Evenings: 7pm

Wednesday 21st August at 10am

Venue: 3, Chapel Close, Little Thetford

Wednesday 4th September at 10am

Dates: Refer to Chapel Bulletin

Wednesday 18th September at 10am

Chapel News: Praise the Lord! We have been awarded a grant that will see the work required in maintaining the chapel hopefully starting over the next few weeks, with the aim to have all work completed by Christmas. This will enable the community to use its facilities hopefully for another 100+ years. We would encourage the community to work with the local Baptist Association in the days ahead to use the chapel facilities both as a church and also a meeting place for worthwhile causes. Charitable bodies, youth projects and senior citizens to name but a few would be welcome.

Please feel free to come along to any of our services which all start at 10.30am each Sunday. We are a small but growing congregation of all ages. Children leave during the service to attend their own group. A warm welcome is guaranteed to all.

Our twice monthly coffee mornings are providing an opportunity for villagers to stay in touch with friends and make new ones. All welcome to come along. Home-made cakes and hot beverages served.

Chapel contact: Tudor Parsons (Pastor) 01353 648082

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LITTLE THETFORD WI

Little Thetford WI meets on the first Monday of the month at 7.30 in the Village Hall. For further information please phone Christine Bullen on 01353 649 268

LITTLE THETFORD SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB.

STEWARD: Little Thetford Sports & Social Club, are pleased to announce the appointment of Simon Gribble as the new full time Steward of the Sports & Social Club. Simon will also take responsibility for maintaining the sports field, MUGA & changing rooms. Based in Ely, Simon joined us on the 15th July having returned with his young family from working as a professional singer & DJ in Spain. We are sure that he will bring enthusiasm & new ideas to promote all of the Sports & Social club facilities currently offered. The Committee would like to wish Simon every success in his new position.

NEW WEBSITE: The Sports & Social Club are pleased to announce that a new website & email address are available to view and to interact directly with the Social Club. The website address is www.littlethetfordssc.org or Google little thetford ssc with the email address

www.littlethetfordssc@outlook.com We hope that you will visit the site which includes information about the facilities available, news & upcoming events etc

Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi connectivity will be installed in the Social Club over the coming weeks. Laptops & Mobiles at the ready.....!

ARMED FORCES DAY SATURDAY 29TH JUNE A fun afternoon was had by all on Saturday which was well attended by familiar and new faces to the Social Club. With The Social Club funding the cost of the food & children's entertainment, 100% of the cash donated for the hot food & raffle will be passed to the Help For Heroes Charity We can confirm that the fantastic amount of £740 was donated. Many thanks to those who gave up their free time to arrange the day, and also those who attended

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VILLAGE HALL

VILLAGE YARD SALE: The interest generated in the recent yard sale from organisers, pitch holders, visitors and purchasers was tremendous and thank you to everybody who participated. The sun finally arrived on the day, sellers said that they had been busy and were happy with the way the event had gone. A fine day brought out village residents and visitors alike in great numbers and the streets of Little Thetford have rarely seen so many folk wandering around enjoying themselves and the village. The aim was to raise funds for the Village Hall. Adding the £5 fees together with maps, teas, coffees & cakes sold in the Village Hall the current balance stands at around £250. Our thanks go to Lisa Murfitt for arranging the sale together with our village stall holders & other volunteers who helped make the day a success.

The immediate aim of the Hall Trustees is to improve the frontal appearance of the hall by installing new gates and fencing and better landscaping of the front and side gardens. Eventually (although this will be a long time coming) it is hoped to be able to revamp the ugly concrete area of the old car park. All this will, of course, not come cheaply which is why the support of the village is needed for the current round of fund-raising to supplement residual funds.

"FEN BLOW" comes to Little Thetford. The next planned event will be on Saturday 28 September when popular, local folk group "Fen Blow" will be the inspiration for a folk evening and barn dance. There will be music, dancing and fun for all ages with supper as well. Plans are still being made so watch for further notices around the village in due course but why not put the date in your diaries NOW. Hopefully, by then, you will see the first signs of the improvements at the front so will be more able to appreciate how and where your support is being channelled.

Little Thetford Acorns.

We are having a very busy Summer Term and welcomed a number of new children into the Setting. The children are enjoying their current topic for this 2nd half term - "The Farm" and have enjoyed a variety of arts and crafts, cooking corner, outside play activities and a visit from "Surprise" the Pony. The children are busy having great fun learning songs and actions for their school production "Farmer Duck" and they are looking forward to their Summer school trip to Milton Country Park. Staff are getting ready for our leavers party and presentations and would like to say goodbye and good luck to all our 2013 Rising 5's.

Committee: As the new school year approaches we will be saying goodbye to some of our current committee members and would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support and dedication to our Setting. We also give a very warm welcome to our new Chairperson Samantha Heeps and wish her well within her new role. If you would be interested in joining our friendly team, then please come along to our next meeting on Wednesday 10th September at 7:45pm at LTA

Job Vacancy: We are currently advertising for a qualified Play-worker (Level 2 or above) working for our Out of School Club, with the possibility of Pre-School hours also.

If you would like any further information please contact us on the email or telephone number below

Summer Holiday Club – Monday 29th July - Friday 9th August 8am – 6pm.

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

Fundraising: We've had some very successful fundraising events during this year and have raised approximately £2,500 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 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 or via our website www.littlethetfordacorns.org.uk
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Parish Council

At the June meeting following representation by members of the public it was agreed to provide an additional seat in Holt Fen, the Clerk has again reported the damage to the street light in Watsons Lane caused by heavy lorries and it was again noted that cars are driving over the grass in New Close Road, this is the property of East Cambs. District Council and the complaint has been passed to them via the Neighbourhood Panel Meeting. Also in New Close Road concerns about the accumulation of rubbish in the garage area have been passed to Sanctuary Hereward Housing.

Work on the Conservation Area continues to be done as and when needed, Cllr Bullen was thanked for his attention to this area.

In the play area some work on fencing and tree trimming is being done. The clerk is researching a new gate. After some difficulties Councillors are pleased the new child's swing seat and chains are finally in place. East Cambs. District Council are consulting on buildings of local interest and a list has been compiled and forwarded to them.

Grass cutting at the A10 junction and the path through to New Close Road is the responsibility of County Council Highways Department and the need to cut this more regularly is being investigated by a Network Management Officer who has recently visited the area.

Councillors are disappointed and saddened that the hoped for BMX track will not be in place for the summer and community wide support for the project will not be obtained. As many will know this has been an agenda item for nearly three years and a working party has given it much attention during that time. The Parish Council has investigated the possibility of siting it on the Village Green in Holt Fen, on Oakfield (the recreation ground) and on some private sites. Residents opposed the use of Holt Fen, Little Thetford Acorns raised objections about one of the suggested sites on Oakfield and the Sports and Social Club cited space as their main concern, taking into consideration that a public footpath runs around half the field, vehicular access has to be retained for the drainage system at the bottom of the field and a safety margin is required around the football pitches. The working party have put together a detailed report that gives full details of all actions taken and this is available to any interested parishioner from the Parish Clerk – Mrs Sandra Thompson ltcouncil.clerk@btinternet.com or tel. 01353 666385. The working party are to investigate what other provision could be provided for this age group and as it is three years since the initial survey was done a questionnaire is being prepared for circulation in the autumn.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday August 12th at 7:30pm.

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