

Little Thetford

Newsletter.

June / July 2012



All items for the next Newsletter covering August & September should be with the editor Mrs J. Staines by July 15th please - jennifer.staines@btinternet.com or 38 The Wyches.

Celebrating The Queens Diamond Jubilee in Lt. Thetford.

- Thursday May 31st at 12n** At the school - a Jubilee Lunch with special guests which will include the presentation of the Jubilee mugs from the Parish Council.
- Friday June 1st at 7:30pm** St Georges Church present 'Elizabethan Fenland' a presentation by Mike Petty.
- Saturday June 2nd 10am - 5pm** Flower Festival and Teas at St Georges Church
- Sunday June 3rd 2pm - 5pm** Flower Festival.
- Monday June 4th from 2pm** Jubilee Picnic on Oakfields & lighting of the Beacon.

Further details of all these events in the Newsletter.

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St George's Church

Sunday Services: with Summer Sermon Series

June 3 rd	Morning Praise 9.30am	"Who are we?" (What is the church?)
June 10 th	Family Service with Baptism 10.30am	"Rooted in Jesus 1" (Facing change)
June 17 th	Holy Communion 9.30am	"Rooted in Jesus 2" (Facing change)
June 24 th	Morning Praise 9.30am	"Which Way?" (God who guides)
July 1 st	Morning Praise 9.30am	"What would Jesus do?" (People of prayer)

July 8th Pet Service, with Little Thetford School. 5pm start. All welcome as usual. Bring your favourite well behaved cat or dog or other pet. Short, informal celebration for all the family.
(Morning services at other churches in the Ely Team that day)

July 15th Holy Communion 9.30am

July 22nd Morning Praise 9.30am

July 29th Holy Communion 9.30am

**Brigade in St George's, Thursday evenings in term time, 6pm-7.30pm.
Games, Stories, Crafts, Cooking, and more. Reports on our recent camp in Suffolk in the Church
New members always welcome. Speak to Mrs Jane Dunseath 649232**

Enquiries about Baptisms or Weddings, or other pastoral matters, to
Rev Margaret Harper 01353 645128

The Friends of St Georges.

Everything for the Friends of St. Georges Flower Festival is now in place.

Friday 1st. June at 7.30 p.m. Mike Petty will give us another of his entertaining presentations, this time on Elizabethan Fenland . During the evening he will lead us through the changes to life in the fens over the last 60 years. Mike must be the most knowledgeable local historian around and always entertains us mightily. Please come along if you possibly can. This will also be a good time to get a preview of the Flower Festival as there will be time to wander after Mike's talk. Tickets are £5.00 from the Drewrys (648819) or the Shaws (649470) or at the door.

Saturday 2nd. June 10am – 5pm Flower Festival - we will also be providing teas, hopefully in the churchyard

Sunday 3rd June - Flower Festival will open from 2.00p.m. until 5.00p.m.

We look forward to seeing you , you won't be disappointed.

St Georges Revels: September 12th at the Village Hall.

Look out for a summer date for our Ukulele Workshop – more details Jane Dunseath 649232

Little Thetford Baptist Chapel.

Chapel Services: If you have children there is a separate club for them midway through the service. Refreshments served after the service.

Sunday 3rd June at 10.30am
All age Service
Including Holy Communion

Sunday 1st July at 10.30am
All age Service
Including Holy Communion

Sunday 10th June at 10.30am
All age Service

Sunday 8th July at 10.30am
All age service

Sunday 17th June at 10.30am
All age Service - Fathers Day

Sunday 15th July at 10.30am
All age service

Sunday 24th June at 10.30am
All age service

Sunday 22nd July at 10.30am
All age service

Sunday 29th July at 10.30am
All age service

Church Fellowship Group: Alternate Thursday Evenings: 7pm Venue: 3, Chapel Close.

Community Coffee Mornings:

Wednesday 6th June at 10am

Wednesday 4th July at 10am

It's lovely to see some new faces coming along for this time of refreshment and chat.
All most welcome.

Contact: Tudor Parsons- (Pastor) on (01353) 648082

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Diamond Jubilee Village Picnic
on the Field
Monday June 4th from 2pm

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To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, everyone is invited to a Village Picnic on Oakfield, the Recreation Field next to the Village Hall /Social Club.

Bring your own table & chairs or rug with your Picnic.

There will be music, bouncy castle, kid's races, tug of war and a good game of rounder's, all of which is free.

Part of the celebrations is the lighting of a beacon; this will be at 10.15pm

Visit www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk
to view Little Thetford on the Beacon map

Diamond Jubilee Mugs

In the last Newsletter parents of children of the Parish, not attending the Village School, were asked to register their children's names, dates of birth and first line of address with myself, for the children to receive a Jubilee Mug courtesy of the Parish Council. Several have, but I suspect there are some who haven't! The mugs have arrived and will be presented as follows: - The children who attend the village school will be presented with their mugs at their Jubilee Lunch on May 31st. **All other children may collect their mug from the Village Picnic on June 4th between 4:30pm and 5:30pm** – if you have registered for a mug but are unable to collect it on that day please contact me to arrange collection.

Jennifer Staines. Tel 649733. Email: jennifer.staines@btinternet.com

“THE SOUND of MUSIC” comes to Ely - via Little Thetford

There are not many hills in Little Thetford, in fact I can think of only two – Green Hill and Chapel Hill – and neither of them are what you would call hills. But, if you have been climbing them, or just wandering the leafy byways and droves of the village recently and wondered at the sound of music everywhere around you, it's probably because there's been a lot of practice going on. Campaign Amateur Theatre (better known as CATS) will be performing “The Sound of Music” at Needhams Hall, City of Ely College on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7, 8 & 9 June at 7.30pm (with a matinee at 2.30pm on Saturday)** No less than five Lt. Thetfordians will be appearing in this show including the Director and Musical Director, one of the main Nuns, Sr. Berthe, 'Uncle' Max, the roguish but loveable concert promoter and friend of the Family von Trapp, and the housekeeper, Frau Schmit – so quite a coup for the village having secured so many important roles in this very prestigious production. Do come along, bring your family and friends and support your friends and neighbours who will be performing. Tickets at £10 (£8 – under 16) are available on line at www.ticketsource.soundofmusic.co.uk and from Burrows Book Shop in Ely (tel: 01353 669759). And there's more information on the leaflet. See you there! And thanks for your support!

Robert Bullen (director) Richard Hayward (musical director)

LITTLE THETFORD WI

Little Thetford WI meets on the first Monday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The next meeting will be Monday 2nd of July and will be a garden party at 31 The Wyches (weather permitting) or else in the Village Hall. All ladies of the village young or old are welcome, if you would like to find out more about us please phone Christine Bullen on 01353 649 268.

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VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall AGM: Wednesday 13 June 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The AGM is open to EVERYBODY so please come along to support YOUR village hall.

Secretaries/Chairs of ALL village organisations, groups, clubs, are reminded that under the village hall constitution all village organisations are permitted up to two representatives on the Board of Trustees. Currently only the Parish Council is represented in this way. It would be a great contribution to the continuation of the village hall if other organisations would nominate one or two Trustees to be elected at this AGM.

Robert Bullen (chair of Trustees)

The John Townsend Charity

There are three vacancies for Trustees of the John Townsend Charity – these vacancies have occurred due to expiry of the four year terms of office and are charity appointed vacancies. There is more information on the Village Notice Board or contact the Clerk of the Charity Mrs J. Wardle, 30 New Close Road, Tel. 648820 or email jtownsendcharity@btinternet.com for further information and application forms. Applications must be received by the Clerk no later than **5pm on Mon. June 18th**

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Lt. Thetford Acorns.

Our summer term is in full swing with lots of fun things going on. The pre-school will be going on a summer outing to Milton Country Park after half term and the Rising 5's visits to the primary school each week are going well. The children are doing lots of Jubilee and Olympic themed crafts and activities which they are enjoying.

We are holding a **Mini-Olympics event** on **Saturday 7th July** from 2pm on the sports field.

We are running **Summer Holiday Club Weeks** from **30th July – 10th August**. Please contact Clair on 649234 or admin@LittleThetfordAcorns.org.uk to book a place or to find out more.

Car Parking Charges in Ely.

Cllr Hunt, one of this parishes District Councillors, is formally asking the Parish Councils in his 'patch' and their residents to write to him giving him clear guidance as to their views on the car parking proposals in Ely. (William.Hunt@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) There are many things to consider in making a decision on how to vote on this question.

As a Parish Council we are being asked to answer these questions at our meeting on June 11th & like Cllr Hunt we are seeking your views – so as you see us out and about do please tell us what you think.

1. Do you support the introduction of off street car parking charges in Ely? Yes/No
2. If yes, when would be suitable introduction date?
3. Do you support the introduction of on street car parking charges in Ely? Yes/No

Cllrs. Staines, Bullen, Russell, Ballantyne, Hellyer, Lancaster & Wardle.

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Steve Merrell -648751 or littlethetfordoil@gmail.com

Little Thetford School.

Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee.

All of the children are looking forward to the Queen's Jubilee. We will be celebrating this in many different ways. This part of the newsletter will pay tribute to her majesty the queen, by having jubilee related events as stated below.

Jubilee Fun Day

On the 31st of May, Little Thetford will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, by having themed 'jubilee' activities, which will include a crown making competition, a film showing the Queen's coronation, the older children will be organising party games. All of the children will be wearing red, white and blue as well as decorating the school with union jacks, paper chains and bunting. We also have two very important visitors H.R.H the Queen (Lorna Gillings) and her consort, the Duke of Edinburgh (Aiden Sigrist) who will be sitting at the front table when we have a special lunch. The 'Queen' will visit the classrooms and enjoy a rendition of God Save the Queen, sung by her classmates. During our lunch, the children will be presented with a jubilee mug from the Parish Council.

Olympic Sports Day and Summer Fete Saturday June 16th

The Jubilee sports day is a chance to watch your children (or grandchildren) participate in Olympic themed races; each class will be representing a different country and will take part in an opening ceremony. Furthermore, our fundraising stalls will be representing different countries to celebrate the special occasion. So please come along for fun, games and refreshments!

We will also be celebrating the Olympics on Friday the 6th of July, where whole school will be participating in an Olympic Torch Fun Run!

By Katie Compton, Charlotte Alexander and Georgina Melia, Yr. 6.

Parish Council.

At their Annual General Meeting in May Councilors elected a Chairman, Cllr J. Staines and a Vice Chairman Cllr. R. Bullen, set up Working Groups and appointed representatives to the Village Hall Committee and to the Neighbourhood Panel.

A letter of enquiry had been received from a developer regarding the development of a piece of land in Holt Fen for affordable housing. The clerk was asked to reply giving reasons why it was felt to be unsuitable for this type of development.

Cllrs Lancaster & Russell will be attending the Diamond Jubilee Lunch at the School to present the Jubilee mugs – see separate articles.

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the refusal of a Planning Application on Land East of Quarterway House to change the use of the land. The PC agreed that the decision by East Cambs. District Council (ECDC) to refuse this application should be upheld.

Work on the slide mound in the Play Park is still awaited and work on repairing the soft surfacing is awaiting a period of settled weather!

Cllr Russell and Mr A Shaw and their guests will be representing the parish at HM Queens Jubilee Picnic at Burghley House.

Cllrs are invited to a briefing by Cambridgeshire County Council on street lighting proposals. The re-organisation of the Rights of Way and Access Team at Shire Hall has resulted in a new telephone number being given to report concerns/problems with footpaths, bridleways etc. 03450 455212.

ECDC's draft Community Infrastructure Levy has been

published and can be found on their website www.eastcambs.gov.uk representations may be made by 5pm on May 31st.

Next Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall Monday June 11th at 7:30pm

Coach day excursions

and short breaks

direct from Little Thetford.

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