

LITTLE THETFORD NEWSLETTER.

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Items for the next Newsletter covering December/January 2014 should be with the editor Mrs. J. Staines by November 15th please, jennifer.staines@btinternet.com or 38 The Wyches.

Little Thetford Baptist Chapel.

"I baptise with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." John 1 26 - 27

Sunday 6th October at 10.30am
Morning Service with communion

Sunday 3rd November at 10.30am
Morning Service with communion

Sunday 13th October at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 10th November at 10.30am
Remembrance Service

Sunday 20th October at 10.30am
Morning Service

Monday 11th November at 10.50am
Short service and laying of wreath at the Memorial.

Sunday 17th November at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 27th October at 10.30am
10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 24th November at
Morning Service

Coffee Mornings at The Chapel:

Wednesday 2nd October at 10am

Church Fellowship Group:

Thursday Evenings: 7pm

Wednesday 16th October at 10am

Venue: 3, Chapel Close, Little Thetford

Wednesday 6th November at 10am

Dates: Refer to Chapel Bulletin

Wednesday 20th November at 10am

Chapel News:

Thank you to all those who provided items for our Harvest service which in turn has been passed on to Ely Food Bank. In these times of financial hardship, many people are being helped and supported in achieving a basic standard of living through this worthwhile initiative.

Once again this year, a few of us will be gathering on the 11th November, shortly before 11am to lay a wreath and to remember those who have given their lives in war. Please feel free to join us.

The majority of the refurbishment work at the Chapel will be completed by the end of November and we continue to praise God for His provision.

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will do wait & return.

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

Autumn at St George's

October Sundays

- 6th Morning Praise 9.30am
13th **ALL AGE HARVEST FESTIVAL 10.30am.**
Gifts of non-perishable food will go to Ely Food Bank
20th Holy Communion 9.30am
27th Morning Praise 9.30am

Cambridgeshire Acre Oil Buying Scheme.
A community- based, oil - buying scheme.
More Information – contact
Steve Merrell -648751 or
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November Sundays

- 3rd Morning Praise 9.30am
10th **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10.30am** in the church, followed by Act of Remembrance at the Village War Memorial.
17th Holy Communion 9.30am
24th **MEMORIAL SERVICE 9.30am.** A quiet opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away, and give thanks to God for their lives

For details of activities for children, (Brigade on Thursday evenings, and Sunday Club on Sunday mornings), please speak to Mrs Jane Dunseath, 01353 649232.

For pastoral enquiries, such as weddings and baptisms, please speak to Rev Margaret Harper, 01353 645128.

Friends of St. Georges Church.

The Friends are in the process of organizing one of their popular 'Speaker Evenings' for late October – watch for the date! They are hoping the presentation will be by Dr. David Jacques an archaeologist who lives in Ely and has recently been involved on a project at Stonehenge.

Advance notice we will be holding the Church Christmas Fare in the Village Hall on **Saturday 7th. December.** All the usual attractions plus the very popular hot snacks.

Centenary Poppy Campaign 26th October to 9th November 2013

After a break of a few years, we hope to resurrect the village collection for this worthwhile cause.

If you would like to help with the door to door collection please contact :- Trisha and Tony Shaw 649470

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Parish Council.

Questionnaire: You have within your Newsletter a copy of a questionnaire – we do encourage you please to complete it and return it as requested. If you really can't get to one of the collection points please let the Clerk know and arrangements will be made to collect it from you.

Recycling: the wheelie bin delivery for Lt. Thetford is scheduled to take place in the week beginning October 7th. A PC representative attended an Information Session at The Waste Re-cycling Centre at Waterbeach to see the system in operation.

July Neighbourhood Panel Meeting: A PC representative attended this meeting. Grass cutting at the A10 junction was discussed, the PC has since been advised that two additional cuts will be made per year by the C.C. Highways Authority. This same authority will also be carrying out an inspection of the foot/cycle path to Ely alongside the A10. Concerns had been expressed about cars in Holt Fen – if residents are suspicious they are asked to contact the police with any relevant details on the non emergency number (101).

Vehicles being driven over the grass area in New Close Road have been a matter of concern for some time and this has been taken up by East Cambs. District Council, the land owners, for action it is hoped that the very least they will do is put up a more prominent sign.

Telephone Kiosk: work is progressing on this and it is hoped to open it very soon as an information point for the village. The PC are grateful to Mr Faulkner of Link Decorating for doing this work in his own time.

Planning: no objections were put forward for an extension at 3 Holt Fen and a planning application for a house to the rear of 40 The Wyches has been withdrawn.

Conservation Area: Sadly during the summer on occasions this area was abused by young people throwing the life preserver into the water – parents are asked please to ensure children are aware of the dangers of this both to the children themselves and others.

Overgrown Hedges: There are a few hedges protruding on to the footpaths in the village and so obstructing push chairs and wheelchairs please be aware of this if your hedge borders a pavement or public footpath. The Clerk has reported the growth at the substation in The Wyches to the relevant authority on this matter.

Play Area: The clerk is investigating a new gate and additional seating. Gardening maintenance is ongoing.

Cows on the riverbank: A meeting with the Environment Agency to look at the possibility of re-doing the fencing is to be arranged.

Website: Preliminary investigations about the possibility of a Parish Council website are being made.

Vacancies. A reminder that we still have two vacancies for Parish Councillors to serve until the end of April 2015. If your name is on the Electoral Roll and you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk – Mrs Sandra Thompson, 9 Cole Close, Witchford, Ely, Cambs, CB6 2JX ltcouncil.clerk@btinternet.com 01353 666385 for details of how to apply.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Monday October 14th at 7:30pm.

Friends of Little Thetford School

The Friends would like to thank everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday September 27th at the School, a total of £266.41 was raised for this most worthwhile cause.

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Welcome Back: We hope all our children and their families have enjoyed the summer holidays and both the Pre-school and Out of School Clubs welcome our old and new children at the start of this academic year.

Annual General Meeting: We are holding our AGM on Tuesday 15th October at 7:45pm at LTA. Please feel free to come along

Fundraising Events: We are busy planning the years fundraising with some exciting events coming up, so watch this space..!!

We are hoping to have a stall at Ely's Big Switch On event in November and would like to ask for donations of bottles of any sort to put on our stall and will be coming round the village sometime in October to do a collection. Thank you in advance for anything you are able to donate.

Holiday Clubs: We will soon be starting the planning for our October Holiday Club so keep a look out for further details or contact us - 01353 649234 or admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk

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We are also encouraging everyone to help us raise 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 our website www.littlethetfordacorns.org.uk

WWW.SHAPYOURPLACE.ORG

ShapeYourPlace is an exciting new community website (run by Cambridgeshire County Council) where you can:

- find out what's going on in your neighbourhood
- view latest issues and ideas
- take part in opinion polls
- join in conversations and debate
- promote your group or organisation
- advertise your community event.

This is a unique and ground-breaking tool in that if you post an issue or concern the relevant service provider (council, police, fire service, highways commission, amongst others) will reply to your comment within 10 days!

Any post or subsequent comment will always be moderated before being put up live on the website and no personal information will be published so there can be no concerns about an individual or groups being targeted for abuse. This makes the website user-friendly to all ages (including young people).

SYP are looking for community bloggers/journalists to go out into their community and report issues from the front, if you are interested in getting some free training on how to become a community reporter, or if you have any questions about the website, please contact Beth Green on (07769) 304 163 or email her on beth.green@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Carers Away Day.

Do **you** provide unpaid care and support to a family member or friend? Why not come along to this free annual event provided by Cambridgeshire County Council? **Friday 11 October 2013 10 am to 3.30 pm**

Venue: The Holiday Inn Lakeview, Bridge Way, Histon, Cambs CB24 9PH.

To book your place contact: Nancy Voak Tel. 0180 373282 or nancy.voak@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

See poster on the Notice Board for more information.

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