

# Lt. Thetford Newsletter.



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## Churches in Little Thetford April – May 2010

Wishing all within Little Thetford a special Easter. As you read this newsletter we will be remembering the price Jesus paid for us on the cross but also celebrating his resurrection giving us all the opportunity of everlasting life with him. As we work together as churches, let us remember, we are one church, all with the mission of pointing the way to Christ. So this Easter whether you attend Church or not please come along to one of the services or activities, you will be warmly welcomed by either congregation. Bless you and your family over this time. Here are some of the services and events over the next two months.

### Baptist Chapel

**April 1st Maundy Thursday**- Communion service 7pm

**April 2nd Good Friday**- attendees welcome to join us with our Baptist friends at Waterbeach for a time of open air witness at 10.30am or the Ely Walk of witness detailed on St Georges contribution

**April 4th Easter Day.** Sunrise Service. Holt Fen 7.30 am led by Peter Cockerton then 10.30am service to follow at the chapel led by Tudor Parsons .

**April 11th** Family service 10.30 am led by Liz Herrington.

**May 9th** Joint family service with our friends at St. Georges All other services held between these dates at the normal time of 10.30am.

### St.George's

**Maundy Thursday (1st April)** Worship around a meal in St James Church, Stretham, 7pm All ages welcome. Please let Margaret know if you wish to come along - just so we have an idea of numbers for catering.

**Good Friday** St George's joining with the Ely Walk of Witness-Meet at 10.15am outside St Mary's Ely

**Easter Day (4th April)** United Sunrise Service at Holt Fen. A short time of worship right at the start of Easter Sunday. **Easter Day** in St George's - Holy Communion at 9.30am.

### Other events at the churches.

**Coffee mornings** at the chapel on the first Tuesday of the month and the third Wednesday both start at 10:am. Proceeds go to Friends of Princess of Wales Hospital and Save the Children. Please do come along, it's a relaxed time getting to know one another.

**Girls Brigade** each Friday evening at 6pm at the chapel.

**Singing for all** at St Georges Tuesdays 6-7pm.

**Church contacts** are Pastor Tudor Parsons for the Baptist Chapel on 01353 648082  
and Rev Margaret Harper for St George's Church 01353 645128

### The Friends of St. Georges Church.

First we would like to thank everyone who supported our evening with Mike Petty in February . We had a wonderful turnout and Mike was, as always, very entertaining. Our funds were boosted by £200, which will go a little way to the £7,000 or so that we currently have to find towards the cost of urgent repairs to the church. Forthcoming events are:- firstly, St. Georges Revels, which Jane and Angela are organising at the village hall on **Saturday 24th April**. The second is another musical evening in the church on **Saturday 22nd May at 7.30 pm**. This year we will welcome Pasticcio, who play music from light classical through to Gershwin and Berlin. Tickets which include a complimentary drink are £5.00 available from the Drewrys (648819) or the Shaws (649470) . We look forward to seeing you on the night. Can I also mention the 100 club please. This is our main fundraising event, and tickets (£12.00 for the year) will be available from late March. We hold a draw each month with prizes of £20, £10, and £5 ,but our final draw in March, is worth £70, £30 and £20 to the lucky winners. Tickets are available from Tony Shaw (649470) Please support us if you can.

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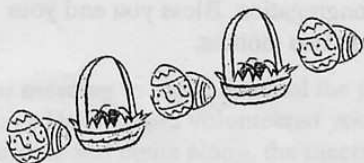
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We are very pleased to report that our new building opened to the children on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in making our dream become a reality, and enabling us to offer a much wider service to the families of Little Thetford. Over the years so many people have been involved with this project that it is impossible to list them all here, but in particular we would like to thank MAC Construction, Freeman Brear Architects, Lt. Thetford Parish Council, Sports and Social Club, and all past and present staff and committee for all their hard work in making this happen. A special thank you also to Bert Russell for all the help he has given to us over the years.

We are all now nicely settled and many families are making use of our new services. We are excited about our first Easter Holiday Club for which we have planned lots of fun activities to entertain the children in our care aged 4-11 years. We are also taking bookings for Summer half term and Summer holidays, so please contact us for a booking form. [www.LittleThetfordAcorns.org.uk](http://www.LittleThetfordAcorns.org.uk) or call us on 01353 649234

Any donations of prizes for our events are still gratefully received, and our donation box is left just outside our door from 9am-12pm every day.

Current dates for your diaries are:

**Family Fun Day Bank Holiday Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 12 noon** – this will be our chance to show you our wonderful new building and for the whole family to enjoy our new garden and have lots of fun at the same time.

The next **Prize Bingo** will be carried out with F.O.L.T.S and will be in the school hall. Date to be confirmed.

### Little Thetford Acorns Toddlers

Toddler group will be held every Monday afternoon during term time 1.30-2.45pm, starting from 1<sup>st</sup> March. We welcome children aged 0-3years (older siblings are very welcome too!) and their parents or carers to join us for a variety of play time activities. This will now be held in our new building, which will allow even more fun for the children and a lovely environment for the grown-ups too. Come along to our next session and make some new friends.

### Little Thetford Cricket Club

New Cricket players, Umpires and Scorers urgently required to join our Saturday team over 16 only. Please contact the social club after 8pm Monday to Saturday or 12pm to 11 pm Sundays on 01353 648100 or [littlethetfordcc@aol.com](mailto:littlethetfordcc@aol.com)

#### May & June Fixtures.

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| Sat 1st May 2010  | <u>Wimblington CC - 2nd XI</u>         | vs Little Thetford CC                   |
| Sat 15th May 2010 | Little Thetford CC                     | vs <u>Soham CC - 2nd XI</u>             |
| Sat 22nd May 2010 | <u>Burwell CC - 4th XI</u>             | vs Little Thetford CC                   |
| Sat 5th Jun 2010  | <u>Chatteris CC - 3rd XI</u>           | vs Little Thetford CC                   |
| Sat 12th Jun 2010 | <u>St Ives Town CC, Hunts - 4th XI</u> | vs Little Thetford CC                   |
| Sat 19th Jun 2010 | <u>Willingham CC, Cambs - 2nd XI</u>   | vs Little Thetford CC                   |
| Sat 26th Jun 2010 | Little Thetford CC                     | vs <u>Willingham CC, Cambs - 2nd XI</u> |
| Sat 3rd Jul 2010  | Little Thetford CC                     | vs <u>Abbots Ripton CC - 1st XI</u>     |

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### Little Thetford Lions Football Club

Little Thetford Lions Football Club is very sad to announce that the Youth Academy will be closing at the end of April this year. Unfortunately, the Academy has not been as successful as we had hoped in attracting more children over the last 3 years and, with some of our current Academy members ready to move on to play in mini leagues, we would be hindering their development if we did not support their move to a larger club. Our Youth Coaches have also had changes to their working commitments this year, and will be unable to continue coaching with us next year, so with ever decreasing numbers and no Youth Coaches, we have taken the decision to close the Youth Academy in April. If, however, anybody is interested in taking on the Academy, then please do contact Tracy Mann on 07872983523; the existing Child Welfare Officers and Coaches would be more than happy to work with anybody that may be interested in running the Academy to support them through the various mandatory training courses and administration of the Academy.

Please note that Little Thetford Lions Football Club **Annual General Meeting is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April** and will be held in the Kings Arms in Ely at 8 pm - everybody welcome.

## LITTLE THETFORD WI

Due to the bank holiday the April meeting was held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March and was entitled A Workhouse Lady Visitor. A costumed talk by Liz Carter.

Again because of the bank holiday the May meeting will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April and is a talk and demonstration by Pauline Blackburn on The Art of Flower Pressing. The meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, all ladies from the village most welcome. For further information please contact Christine Bullen on 01353 649268.

## Little Thetford Parish Council.

Grasscutting Contract for 2010 for the areas which the Parish Council have responsibility was awarded to MJS Gardening Services. The salt bin for Holt Fen has been delivered and sited. It was recommended that an application to extend a house in Main Street was approved. Lt Thetford Acorns Pre-School and Children's Club were awarded a grant towards the cost of information technology equipment in their new building. The Parish Council have decided to join the Parish Paths Partnership to access resources for footpath issues raised in the Parish Plan. A Working Party of Councillors have been investigating funding to improve the Play Area and to make some provision for older children. The PC approved their plans for the Play Area and applications have been made for grant funding. Funding research into provision for the older children continues. Conflicting results from the Parish Plan and a survey done by ACRE regarding Affordable Housing in the Parish was discussed, Parish Plan comes out against it, Councillors agreed to support the views in the Parish Plan.

## PARISH PLAN.

An open meeting to move forward the issues raised in the Parish Plan will be held on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. If you volunteered your time and energy to help with any of the issues do make a note of the time and date and come along, the meeting is open to all residents – so if you didn't make a commitment at the time but are interested now you will be very welcome. Could you help with a village Spring Clean – did you offer to help with Conservation work, are you interested in activities for older people or re-instating the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme or designing a leaflet about footpaths? All these issues and more can be progressed with your support so do come along.

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