

Lt. Thetford Newsletter June/July 2011

Items for the next newsletter to Mrs. J. Staines 38 The Wyches, by July 15th please. Copy may be e-mailed to jennifer.staines@btinternet.com.

Friends of St Georges Church.

Our big fund raising effort this year is the **Flower Festival** which will be held over the **weekend of 11/12 June**. The theme is 20th. Century village life and we now have 10 displays organised to show how life in the village evolved during the last century. Subjects include the school, church, chapel, W.I., transport, farming, the feast, and the two world wars. Please come along and support us. The church will be open from **10am – 5pm on the Saturday and 11.00 until 4.30 on Sunday**. We will also be serving teas throughout the two days. On the **Saturday evening June 11th** there will be a talk by Mike Petty on how village life changed in the 20th Century. Tickets are £5.00 which includes a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink, available from us (649470) or the Drewrys (648819) or at the Church on the Saturday. On the **Sunday evening, at 4.30** we will be holding a **Songs of Praise** service, so if you fancy a real sing a long come and join us

Friday 15th. July in the Church at 7.30 pm. John Sansom's '**Brush with the 'old' vicar**' where he does his Rolf Harris impression as he paints a picture for us . Tickets again at £5.00 with wine or soft drink from either the Drewrys or us, or of course on the door. This is a repeat of the wonderful evening that John gave us some years ago and we hope to fill the place once again.

News from St Georges Church.

Messy Church, Sunday 10th July, 4-5.30pm. Informal event for all the family. Church at a different time, in a different way.

Pet Service, with Little Thetford School (all welcome)

Sunday 17th July at 5pm. Bring along your well-behaved pet, for this special service.

Sunday Mornings: Most Sundays, looking at what the Bible says about Church

5th June Holy Communion 9.30am

12th June United Family Service at the Baptist Chapel 10.30am

12th June Songs of Praise in St George's, **4.30pm**

A.M. PEASE

Taxi Service, Ely.

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All Long Distance Work
will do wait & return.**Most Sundays, looking at the
Early Days of the Church**19th June Morning Praise 9.30am26th June Morning Praise 9.30am3rd July Holy Communion 9.30am10th July United Family Service at St George's 10.30am17th July Pet Service, with Little Thetford School 5pm (please note the time)24th July Morning Praise 9.30am31st July Morning Praise 9.30am**Church Open most days**

An opportunity for quiet reflection and prayer. A gift of time and space in the midst of busy lives. "Life Words" Prayer Cards available.

Enquiries about Weddings and Baptisms, or other pastoral matters:

Rev Margaret Harper Tel: 01353 645128

Little Thetford Baptist Chapel.*I am told, that as you get older, the days seem to become shorter. There still seems the urgency in the mind to get things done, but the body doesn't keep pace. As we head into the long summer days, cramming in all we can within the hours of daylight, can we spare any time to think perhaps on what God wants to achieve in your life. Have you ever felt like a boat at sea without a rudder? Let me leave you with a few lines by Spenser that may help.**"God has a purpose for your life, So what you have to do, Is follow Him, believing that He'll keep directing you."***Whether you attend church or not, God Bless you, have a wonderful summer.**

Church contact-Tudor Parsons- (Pastor) on 01353 648082

June:Sunday 5th June 10.30am – All Age Service with communion
(Led by Tudor Parsons)Sunday 12th June 10.30am – Joint Pentecost Service.(Led by Tudor Parsons)Sunday 19th June 10.30am – All Age Service (Led by Rev. Glyn Jones)Sunday 26th June 10.30am – All Age Service (Led by Tudor Parsons)**July:**Sunday 3rd July 10.30am – All Age Service and Communion
(Led by Tudor Parsons)Sunday 10th July 10.30am – Joint Family Service at St.George'sSunday 17th July 10.30am – All Age Service (Led by Tudor Parsons)Sunday 24th July 10.30am – All Age Service (Led by Liz Herrington)Sunday 31st July 10.30am – All Age Service (Led by Rev. Glyn Jones)**Church Fellowship Group**

Meets every other Thursday 7pm at Tudor and Karen's: 3, Chapel Close.

Coffee Mornings at the chapel:

Wednesday 1st June 10am Wednesday 6th July 10am
Wednesday 15th June 10am Wednesday 20th July 10am

All very welcome to come along for a refreshments and chat.

Girls Brigade

Meets each Friday at 6pm during term time.

LITTLE THETFORD W.I.

A very interesting and enjoyable evening was had by all members who attended the meeting on Bank Holiday Monday. Mr Geoff Evans talked to us about his trips to Alaska to see the bears. His talk was accompanied by some excellent slides.

Our meeting on Monday the 4th of July is open to all the village, male and female, as we have coming to speak to us Wing Commander Patrick Shea-Simonds , on the RAF in Afghanistan. He will have just returned from a tour of duty there.

Any enquires please contact Christine Bullen on 649 268.

Lt. Thetford Village Hall.

The village hall is for everybody in the village. It's run on a shoestring budget but is the place that parishioners want to come to and expect to be there, for them, when they want it. It needs the support of all. Please show your support for YOUR village hall. Come to the AGM on **THURSDAY 16th. JUNE at 7.30pm.**"

Little Thetford School Sports Day

Saturday 11th June 11am - Please join us for the sports followed by our annual summer fete. Stalls include BBQ, refreshments, tombolas and lots of fun & games.

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The pre-school and out of school clubs are enjoying the summer term and the lovely weather means they get to spend lots of time out in our wonderful garden. The pre-schoolers will be enjoying a trip to Shepreth Wildlife Park after half term which will be a great day out for them all.

We are holding a **Summer Shopping Evening on Wednesday 15 June at 7pm.** There will be lots of great stalls selling jewellery, bags, beauty products, books, toys

and much more so please come along.

We will be running a **Summer Activity Week** during the school holidays from **15 – 19 August**. Please contact Clair on 649234 or admin@LittleThetfordAcorns.org.uk to book a place or to find out more.

We will be running another “**Just for Dads**” session on **Saturday 18 June** at 9.30am. This is the chance for dads or granddads to come along and spend some time with their children in the setting which they don’t always get the chance to do.

Unfortunately we have had to close our toddler group for the summer term as attendance had dropped. Hopefully this will re-open in September.

From the Neighbourhood Policing Teams weekly update:-

Dog Walkers:

Following a complaint earlier this week, can I remind all you fellow dog walkers that we have an obligation to control them at all times, especially if we take them off the lead. Not all people are dog lovers and some are even frightened by them. Most dogs are very well behaved and perhaps some a little more playful than others. This can be very alarming to some if an unknown dog shows a little more than enthusiastic attention to other people.

Crimebuster Community Safety Bus.....

‘This bus will be visiting our area over the next 12 months providing advice and guidance to help you and your community feel even safer’ If you are a local events organiser and you would be interested in the ‘Crimebuster’ bus attending your events then please let us know as soon as possible in order that we may pass your details on.

PCSO Annie Austin 7353. East Cambs North Neighbourhood Policing Team. 0345 456 456 4

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Mike Wilson,

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Fancy a lunch out with friends?

Ely Dining Club meets 6 times a year at The Boathouse Restaurant in Ely. Stimulating speakers and good food, both of interest to men and women. Funds are raised for the NSPCC.

£25 annual membership and £16 per lunch which includes £5 for the NSPCC. Contact Judy Young on 01353 649379

Little Thetford Parish Council.

Following the election process in May our Parish Council has vacancies for 3 Councillors. Applications are invited to fill the vacancies by co-option. Details of the process are on the Parish Council Notice Board or contact the clerk Mrs Sandra

Thompson on 666385 or ltcouncil.clerk@btinternet.com Applications should be with the clerk by June 7th.

At the May meeting officers were elected and representatives to working groups and outside organisations were appointed. Standing orders and financial regulations were adopted. Cllr. J. Staines was elected to the office of Chair and Cllr. A. Wardle as Vice Chair.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were received. As was approval for a planning application in Main Street and information about the restricted cutting of Public Rights of Way by the County Council.

The Clerk reported that enquiries that she had undertaken following the April P.C. meeting regarding a cycle track for young peoples use had not revealed any reason why this should not be established on Holt Fen – however as there was some adverse reaction from the local residents the working party will re-visit this proposal along with other projects for this age group.

The siting of the picnic bench on Holt Fen and the bench in The Wyches should be completed very shortly.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday June 13th in the Village Hall at 7:30pm.

Did You Know?

- The British Heart Foundation will collect unwanted furniture and electrical items free of charge for re-cycling through their Furniture and Electrical Store in Cambridge – further details on the Village Notice Board. Tel. 0844 2489178
- That CamShare.co.uk is a free on line matching service for people in Cambridgeshire who want to share car journeys. Simply register your journey and then contact others who share the same journey as you – again full details on the Village Notice Board, email camshare@cambridgeshire.gov.uk. Or telephone Cathryn Rutangye 01223 715560

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Have your say on the future of Little Thetford

Help to produce a 'Vision' for your village

East Cambridgeshire District Council is looking for your views on how your village/parish should change or improve in the future. What sort of place would you like Little Thetford to be? What are your priorities for the village and the wider parish? For example, do you want better local facilities, new homes or more employment opportunities?

The District Council wants to work in partnership with local people and the Parish Council to draw up a long-term Vision for Little Thetford. The Vision will set out how Little Thetford should develop/improve over the next 20 years. It will look at issues such as:

- local housing needs
- employment opportunities
- sites for development
- the quality of the local environment
- infrastructure and facilities – whether to protect and/or improve

The Vision will be used to guide decisions on future development and planning applications. It will also help ensure that key infrastructure and facilities are retained and enhanced. The Vision will be included in the statutory development plan for the East Cambridgeshire - known as the 'Core Strategy'.

A questionnaire will be available for people's comments from **27th June 2011**. The questionnaire can be viewed on the District Council's website at www/eastcambs.gov.uk/core-strategy-review; or paper copies can be obtained by phoning the Forward Planning team on 01353 665555. The website will also have questionnaires for other settlements in East Cambridgeshire (which you are welcome to fill out), as well as other background documents.

Comments should be returned by **18th July 2011**. The District Council is keen to get your views, and would like as many people to get involved as possible. Your comments will help to shape a draft Vision for Little Thetford. The draft Vision will be published early next year, when there will be a further opportunity to make comments. The final Vision should be published in late 2012, and should hopefully reflect the needs and priorities of the local community.

Neighbourhood Policing.

Little Thetford Surgery. 7th July 13:00- 13:45
The Village Hall Car park

A chance to meet officers from your Neighbourhood Policing Team, discuss local issues and influence local priorities for Police and partners in your area.

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