

Lt. Thetford Newsletter

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

St George's Church – News and Events

Harvest Festival United Service at the Baptist Chapel, followed by Harvest Lunch, Sunday 10th October, 10.30am.

Saturday 23rd. October Organised by The Friends - George Jellicoe is coming to give a talk on his experiences as an engineer on the building of the Channel Tunnel .George has already given this talk to a group in Germany and it promises to be a very interesting evening .We start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5.00 from the Drewrys (648819),the Shaws (649470) or on the door. There will ,of course, be a complimentary drink available during the interval and a chance to chat with George.

Songs of Praise – an opportunity to choose favourite hymns. **Sunday 28th November**, 3.30pm in the church (to be confirmed, please watch notice board for details)

Midweek Club for children at the Primary School, Tuesdays at 3pm

Advance Notice – Musical Evening with “Cadenza”, **11th December, 7.30pm**. Tickets £7.50, from Tony Shaw or John Drewry. Organised by The Friends of St George's Church. The programme will have a Christmas theme making it a really good way to get you into the spirit.

Sunday Services (please note the different times)

3rd October	Morning Praise, 9.30am
10th October	Harvest Festival at the Chapel, 10.30am
17th October	Holy Communion, 9.30am
24th October	Family Service with Baptism, 9.30am
31st October	Morning Praise, 9.30am
7th November	Morning Praise, with Mike Griffin from the Leprosy Mission, 9.30am
14th November	Remembrance Sunday, 10.30am. United Service in St George's.
21st November	Holy Communion, 9.30am
28th November	Songs of Praise for Advent Sunday, 3.30pm

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ADVANCE NOTICE! next year's Flower Festival will be the weekend of 11th/12th June. The theme will be 20th. Century Little Thetford .This should give us a great variety of subjects to use as themes and we want to involve as many other village organisations as possible to make it a truly village effort. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th January when we are inviting representatives from all interested groups to come along to discuss plans to make this a real success. Please book the dates and let us know if you would like to take part.

BAPTIST CHAPEL- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

3rd October 10.30am service with Holy Communion led by Martin Ensell
10th October 10:30am United Harvest Festival Service and meal with St Georges at the Chapel - led by Tudor Parsons.
17th October 10.30 service plus 4pm Praise and Worship.
24th October 10.30 service as normal
31st October 10.30 service as normal

7th November 10.30am service with Holy Communion led by Tudor Parsons
14th November 10:30am united service(Remembrance) with St.George`s at the Parish Church.
3pm Remembrance service at the Chapel.

21st November 10.30 service as normal
28th November10.30 service-First Sunday in Advent
All services to be led by Tudor Parsons unless notified.

Additional Activities:

Saturday 23rd October 4pm Film club
Saturday 20th November 4pm Film club

<p>A.M. PEASE Taxi Service, Ely. 07802 507862 Airports – Seaports All Long Distance Work will do wait & return</p>

Coffee Mornings: Tuesdays-5th October and 2nd November from 10am
Wednesday-20th October and 17th November from 10am

Girls Brigade each Friday at 6pm-new girls welcome.

A message from the Pastor,
I would like to encourage each of you that may not have been to church for sometime to return. Please don't let Satan rob you of the blessings you should be receiving! Yes you can maintain a Christian faith without attending but, believe me, that can be a hard road. It clearly says in the bible, you receive the power of the spirit when united within the body of the church. We all, if we accept Jesus can receive gifts of the spirit to grow and help one another. May God bless you. Tudor

Salvation Army Door to Door Collection.

The recent door to door collection taken by the Salvation Army for their Social Work raised £264.85 they have requested that their thanks for this sum be passed onto the community. Their leaflet entitled 'Belief in Action' says 'Next to the Government, we are the biggest provider of social services in the UK. The Salvation Army is a Christian Church which seeks to put its faith into action in the community.....We work for everyone in need, regardless of their background or beliefs. Our work goes on in every part of the country, every day, around the clock'.

<p>MJS Gardening Services. 24 The Wyches. Lt. Thetford 649795 or mobile 07747864303. Patios, Decking, Turfing, Garden Design and Maintenance. Painting, Decorating & Odd Jobs. Man & Van available for clearance, deliveries and collection</p>
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Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning.

Most families at some time or another are touched by the work of Macmillan Cancer Support and it was good to be able to send off £195. raised at the recent Coffee Morning held at the school. Thank you to all who supported this event.

Village Feast.

The Feast is now a pleasant summer memory for most of us but others have continued to work in accordance with the Feast Constitution to distribute any excess cash raised to local Village organisations. On Wednesday September 22nd at the Coffee Morning held at the Baptist Church presentations were made to The Village Hall, St Georges Church, The Baptist Church, The Girls Brigade & the Baptist Church Youth Outreach programme. A press photographer was present so watch for pictures!



Coach day excursions and short breaks

direct from Little Thetford.
Contact: Eagle Tours Cambridge
01353 648950 or visit
www.eagletourscambridge.co.uk

As ever for Little Thetford Acorns, we have seen some big changes in the setting this term. First, we would like to welcome Celeste to our team as new pre-school leader. Secondly, we are now able to offer more flexibility to parents and no longer have fixed "sessions" at pre-school. A child can attend any hours and any number of hours during our opening times (subject to a minimum) which are: **09.15-13.15 Mon and Fri; and 09.15-14.30 Tues, Wed and Thurs.** In addition to this, we now welcome pre-school children to our Breakfast Club every day, and After School Club on Tues, Wed and Thurs. We hope that this will offer more choice, and in particular allow working parents to use the village pre-school, when previously they have had to take their child to a private nursery elsewhere.

Our Children's Club is looking forward to October Half Term Holiday Club, which will run **Fri 22nd – Fri 29th October (incl.)** for all children aged 4-11yrs. We have planned lots of fun activities to entertain the children in our care. In addition to half day or full day sessions, we will have shorter sessions to cater for children who will be attending just for fun rather than a need for childcare. Please contact us for a booking form.

**www.LittleThetfordAcorns.org.uk
01353 649234**

Our annual Halloween Party will take place at the end of October. This is a thoroughly enjoyable event for children of all ages. Please see posters around the village for more information or contact us.

Forthcoming events also include Family Photo Session in November, Breakfast with Santa on **Saturday 11th December** and finally, look out for our stall at the Ely Lighting Up, on **Friday 26th November.**

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Little Thetford Acorns Toddlers

Toddler group will be held every Monday afternoon during term time 1.30-2.45pm. 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 is held in our new building, which allows lots of fun for the children and a lovely environment for the grown-ups too. Come along to our next session and make some new friends.

Parish Council.

The ownership of the Telephone Kiosk has now passed to the Parish Council and the telephone removed. It has been suggested that this now be used as an information point for the village, to house maps of village footpaths and various leaflets and information that has no other village outlet. However before this is a final decision it was agreed to give all parishioners the opportunity to make alternative suggestions as to its use, or to give their support to use it as an information point. To do this either speak with a Parish Councillor or contact the clerk at ltcouncil.clerk@btinternet.com or write to her - Mrs. S. Thompson, 9 Cole Close, Witchford Ely CB6 2JX.

The first phase of the work to improve the play facilities in the village is almost complete with installation over the summer of new equipment on the village Play Area. It seems now to be a much more popular area and it is good to see many more children enjoying the facilities which incorporated as many as possible of the requests that were contained in the surveys completed by the children last autumn. The P.C. were pleased to hear from a number of parents who also approved of the new facilities. There is still some finishing work to be done to the slide mound when it has 'settled' a bit more. The P.C. would like to take this opportunity to remind users that the notice at the entrance does request that no cycles or balls are used in this area – this is now even more important as there is less grass space. The P.C. Vice Chair, still has a football, found in the hedge, earlier in the summer - please Tel. 649733 if you think it belongs to your child. The Parish Council's Working Party will now turn their attention to the second phase of the programme which is to try and make provision for some equipment for the older children. This is likely to be a long process as grant funding will be even harder to come by in the present climate.

Costings of re-pairing – re-placing the picnic bench in Holt Fen are being looked at and thanks are extended to a resident who is helping with this.

Planning Applications have been received for a 2 bedroom house to the rear of premises in Main Street, and a two storey extension to a house in Main Street – a Planning Application for a two storey extension to the rear of a house in The Wyches has been approved by East Cambs. District Council Planning Dept. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday October 11th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Little Thetford.org

Since the last issue the Little Thetford Website has had some interesting features added such as the Interactive Parish Map and the Little Thetford Forum – a place to discuss local topics of interest online. With special interest for Cowslip Drive residents, there's information on the Iron Age and Roman site that lies underneath and how it was excavated prior to building in 1995. John McCullough has also done a wonderful job with the Little Thetford entry on Wikipedia.

Call for photos: We'd love to receive more photos of interesting points in the village for the parish map and the gallery - especially along any of the footpaths you find marked on the Interactive Parish Map on the website. See the website for details and contacts.

My apologies for missing this item from the last edition. Ed.