

Lt. Thetford Newsletter

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October / November 2011

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

Autumn in St George's Church

Please consider this your personal invitation to come along to any of our Sunday Services. As you will see, we have several special events planned for this autumn, and they are highlighted here. Do watch out for different start times.

OCTOBER

2nd October 9.30am Morning Praise, with Sunday Club

9th October 10.30am Family Service. A short, informal time of worship for all the family.

16th October

VILLAGE HARVEST CELEBRATION.

11am in the Village Hall.

CAFE-STYLE HARVEST FESTIVAL for All Ages

Tea/Coffee/Squash provided

Bring Simple Food to share for lunch together after the service!

No need to book, just come along. All Welcome.

23rd October 9.30am Holy Communion

30th October 9.30am **MEMORIAL SERVICE.**

An opportunity to give thanks for loved ones who have passed away, whether recently or in previous years.

NOVEMBER

6TH Nov. 9.30am Morning Praise, with Sunday Club

13th Nov. 10.30am

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

20th November 9.30am Holy Communion

27th November 9.30am Morning Praise, with Sunday Club

As always, the Creche area is available on Sundays for parents/carers with small children

GIRLS' BRIGADE, Thursdays in Term Time, 6pm – 7.30pm.

Details from Jane Dunseath, Tel: 01353 649232

Enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings, or any pastoral matter to

Rev Margaret Harper, Tel 01353 645128

Little Thetford Baptist Chapel.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace. (Romans 15:13)

Services at the Baptist Chapel

October:

Sunday 2 nd October	10.30am – All Age Service with communion
Sunday 9 th October	10.30am – Harvest Festival All age Service followed by shared lunch. (All harvest donations will passed to the Emmaus community)
Sunday 16 th October	10.30am – All Age Service
Sunday 23 rd October	10.30am – All Age Service
Sunday 30 th October	10.30am – All Age Service

November:

Sunday 6 th November	10.30am – All Age Service and Communion
Sunday 13 th November	10.30am – All Age service
Sunday 20 th November	10.30am – All Age Service
Sunday 27 th November	10.30am – All Age Service

Children of all ages are welcome and refreshments are offered after the service.

Harvest Festival

Donations:

Once again, we will be passing the food donations from our Harvest service to the companions at the Emmaus community. Please feel free to drop off donations anytime before the 9th October to 3, Chapel Close if you are unable to make the service. Thank you.

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Church Fellowship Group:

Meets every other Thursday 7pm for bible study, prayer and worship. Venue:Tudor and Karen's: 3 Chapel Close.

Coffee Mornings at the Chapel:

Wednesday 5 th October 10am	Wednesday 2 nd November 10am
Wednesday 19 th October 10am	Wednesday 16 th November 10am

You will be warmly welcomed and don't need to be involved in the chapel to join us.

Family Film Club:

Saturday 1st October at 4pm and Saturday 26th November at 4pm

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

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Feast 2011

Just a quick note to say a big thank you to all villagers and friends who attended the Feast on 13th August. After a very wet morning the weather brightened up and a very pleasant afternoon was had by all. The Feast again made a surplus of just over £260 which is fantastic. We will keep you informed on the distribution of the profits.

I would like to thank the Feast committee for their huge contribution again. So, Georgie Heaton, Julie Murfitt, and our two new committee members Lisa Murfitt & Sharon Smith, thank you. If any villagers would like to join the committee or, take on the Feast for 2012, you would be very welcome.

Finally, there are people within the village that can always be relied upon to give up their free time. Every year we ask and every year they come forward, so a massive thanks go to our helpers, too many to name, but you know who you are.
Rob Stead

Salvation Army Door to Door Collection.

The Salvation Army collected the sum of £308.86 during their collection in Little Thetford. This money raised goes to our Social Work here in the UK. Every penny raised goes into helping people 'mend their broken lives'.

Thanks to all in Little Thetford for their kind donations it is much appreciated.

Advance Notice!! The Band & Choir will be in the Baptist Church on 11th December @ 5pm.

Again many Thanks

CONSULTATION ON REVIEW OF THE DECISION TO REMOVE ALL SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICE FUNDING

Cambridgeshire County Council wants to hear your views on changes and reductions being proposed to bus services which are supported by financial contributions from Council funds. This will help us decide on how we implement the financial savings and where possible find local solutions. A questionnaire has been compiled to gather your views, which can be accessed at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/busreview.

If you do not wish to complete this questionnaire online, paper copies are available by contacting us using one of the following means.

- By email: bus.tenders@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
- By telephone: 0345 045 0675
- By post: Cambridgeshire County Council, CC1301, Castle Court, Shire Hall, Cambridge, CB3 0AP

The closing date for responses to the questionnaire is 16:00 on Friday 9 December 2011. If you represent a group of people we would be grateful if you could distribute the above details to your members.

Conservation Volunteers / Parish Council.

Over the past three years the number of parishioners committed to maintaining the conservation area have fallen to such a low that those few remaining have found it increasingly difficult to donate the additional resources of time and energy to the task. The last three AGMs of the Little Thetford Parish Conservation Volunteers (the "Conservation Group") have been inquorate. Consequently the Parish Council has now taken back direct responsibility for conservation concerns within the village in general and the conservation area in particular. Since the inception of the "Conservation Group" it has always been its intention to spread its activities out from the conservation area and encompass other areas of open land as well as

footpaths within the village as and when opportunities arose. Fund raising and the generosity of residents and friends has ensured that lack of finance has never been a particular problem and although the Parish Council holds the funds, no money has ever been taken from the Parish Council budget as such. The Parish Council is very keen that, in co-operation with the County footpaths officer through the P3 (Parish Paths Partnership) scheme the parish monitors and

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oversees its own footpath network. This would dovetail well with the aims and aspirations of the "Conservations Group's" constitution. From responses to the recent Parish Plan questionnaire, contributions to the village website (www.littlethetford.org) and from the obvious efforts that are made *ad hoc* around the village it is clear that many people ARE interested in the conservation of the ecology of the parish and its environs. What is needed now is for those people to come together in a loose partnership (there is no formal membership of the "Conservation Group" and no subs to pay) to help to increase the

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parish's commitment to conservation and the environment and monitor the village footpaths, either by giving a little time and energy – only very occasionally – or walking a footpath now and again keeping their eyes open, or both. Some small funding may be available for footpath improvements from the County Council.

You will shortly receive a separate flyer inviting you to contact one or two people to register your interest. Do please give it most serious thought and join in, when you can, with our efforts to maintain and conserve the beautiful environment of our village.

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Little Thetford WI

On Monday 3rd of October at 7.30pm the WI invites all villagers male and female to a talk in the Village Hall by **John Parish** called **Little Thetford: The Ancestors**. An entrance fee of £3 will be charged which includes the provision of refreshments after the talk. For further details please contact Sarah Shea-Simonds on Ely 648 890.

Little Thetford Acorns.

Little Thetford Acorns hope everyone enjoyed the summer break. Our Summer Activity Week was very successful, the children had lots of fun.

We are running a **Holiday Club** during October half term from **24th – 28th October**. Please contact Clair on 649234 or

admin@LittleThetfordAcorns.org.uk to book a place or to find out more.

The activity plans are on our website: www.littlethetfordacorns.org.uk

We will be holding our annual **Pumpkin Party** on **Saturday 29th**

October from 3pm – 5pm in the village hall and we are holding a **Christmas Shopping Evening** on **Wednesday 9th November** at LTA.

Please see posters around the village for more information. We will once

again be having a stall at Ely's Big Switch On event on Friday 25th November. We would like to ask for donations of bottles of any sort to put on our stall and will be coming round the village on 2nd October to do a collection. Thank you in advance for anything you are able to donate.

Our AGM will be held on Thursday 13 October at 7.45pm at Little Thetford Acorns.

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Parish Council.

The Parish Council still has vacancies for two councillors. Anyone interested should contact the clerk – Mrs S. Thompson Tel. 666385 or ltcouncil.clerk@btinternet.com

At the September meeting a Trustee was appointed to the John Townsend Charity.

It was agreed that a tree be planted in Holt Fen to commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee and that our MP, Jim Paice be invited to plant it.

Councillors were made aware of training sessions to be held at Sutton in October.

The meeting was made aware of the speed limit review on the A10. On the 'local' section the accident and speed data has been looked at and the recommendations are to reduce the speed limit to 50mph between the Ely A10/A142 roundabout and the A10/A1123 roundabout at Stretham.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday October 10th at 7:30pm

The Social Club – has a vacancy for Saturday evening Bar Staff – anyone interested should contact the Social Club Chairman, Mr K. Russell Tel. 01353 649353.