

# Little Thetford Newsletter.



## February/March 2016

Items for the next Newsletter covering April & May should be with Mrs. J. Staines no later than March 15<sup>th</sup> [jennifer.staines@btinternet.com](mailto:jennifer.staines@btinternet.com) or 38 The Wyches.

2016  
please,

### St George's Church.

All the darkness in the World cannot extinguish the light from a single candle.

St. Francis of Assisi.

#### **FEBRUARY.**

Sunday 7th	0930	Morning Praise.	Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday 14th	1030	Family Service.	Leader Claire McGinley.
Sunday 21st	0930	Morning Praise.	Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday 28th	1030	Holy Communion.	Preacher Canon Linda Church.

#### **MARCH.**

Sunday 6th	1030	Mothering Sunday service Uniting with the School.	Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday 13th	1030	Family Service.	
Sunday 20th	0930	Morning Praise for Palm Sunday.	Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday 27th	0730	Sunrise service at Holt Fen.	Preacher Stephen Dove.
		Everyone welcome to this brief 15min service 'For He is Risen.'	
Sunday 27th	1030	Easter Family Holy Communion.	Preacher Rev Marian Raikes.

Holy Week 20th - 27th March Each day there will be an Ely Team Churches event at each Church in turn.

Please see Holy Week posters nearer the time.

Following all our services we have a time of Chat and Fellowship over Coffee and Biscuits. Everyone is welcome to any of our services which are quite informal. The Church is always open during daylight hours, do please feel free to wander around, sit in peace or too pray and reflect.

**Tuesday** 6-7pm in Church Informal hymn singing and band practice. Do come along if you like to sing or play an instrument to join our growing number.

**Wednesday** 9-11am The Community Cafe is open for Cake! drinks, chat and discussion, wifi (if required) Do come along and sample our all ages laughter and friendship, in God's house.

**Wednesday** 2.30pm Whole School assembly with Stephen, Rachel and Hannah followed by 'Messy Church'. Crafts, Games, Cake and fun! All welcome.

**Thursday** 6-7.30pm Brigade meet for school age Girls and Boys. Craft, Bible studies, Badge work, WiFi, Handbells and so much more. Contact Captain Jane Dunseath 01353 649232.

**'Brigade host a weekend of fossils & dinosaurs'.....** Friday 11th March presentation by paleontologist Ashley Pease. 12th & 13th March exhibition of fossils + Saturday afternoon a children's discover & make session. All at St. George's Church!

**'Dragon Club'**. For all adults 2.30pm - 4.30pm Talks, quizzes, Tea and Cake and Chat!

Tuesday 16th February 'The Highs and Lows of Volunteering at the Cathedral' Sue Hampton.

Tuesday 15th March. Teresa Ely - speaking about Traidcraft and Fairtrade

**Friday 4th March.** 2pm Women's World Day of Prayer written by Christian Women of Cuba.

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For all enquiries about Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals please contact Rev Chris Hill, 01353 662308 or [revchill@stmarysely.org](mailto:revchill@stmarysely.org) St. George's Church is on Twitter @stgeorgesit and on 'A Church near you website.'

### **Friends of St Georges.**

Over the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March, The Friends will be supporting The Brigade with their event at St. Georges and will be providing light refreshments for you when you visit.

Looking forward to April, we will be holding a very special evening with the well known Archaeologist Davis Jacques. Many of you will have heard or seen him on the BBC last year when he spoke about his work in the Stonehenge area, and we are thrilled that he has agreed to come and talk to us at St. Georges. No firm date yet, but it will probably be early April and we will have more details for the next newsletter.

Also, in April, we will once again be selling the 100 club tickets. This is the mainstay of our fundraising and we are very grateful for your support over the last 20 odd years, as it is so important that we keep our Church in good structural condition. Tickets cost £12.00 for the year and details are available from Tony Shaw on 649470. We have a draw every month, so please support us if you can.

### **MJS Gardening Services.**

24 The Wyches. Lt. Thetford  
649795 or mobile 07747864303.

**Patios, Decking, Turfing,  
Garden Maintenance.  
Fencing & Odd Jobs.**



**HAPPY NEW YEAR.....**We warmly welcome back all our Pre-school and Out of School Club children and look forward to meeting new children and parents who will be joining us throughout this Spring Term.

We all had a lovely end to last year with the children's Christmas performance, trip to Wicken Fen to see Santa and the end of term parties being a few of many fun activities we all enjoyed. We are now very busy planning our topics and many fundraising events for 2016.

We will be holding our half term **February Holiday Club ~ 15th - 19th February 2016**

Session times and prices are:-

Full Day (9am-4pm) - £23.20

Short Morning Session (9am-12noon) - £9.60

Short Afternoon Session (1pm - 4pm) - £9.60

Lunch Club 12noon - 1pm - £4.00

If you would like further details on this Holiday Club, activities on offer or wish to send your child, please contact us – 01353 649234 or [admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk](mailto:admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk)

Our **Toddler Group** has been running during term time on **Tuesdays** 9.30am - 11.30am at the Village Hall for almost a year and it has become very popular. It's full of fun activities for the children, craft, messy play, singing, role play.... and we provide all children with a snack and drink. If you have young children please do come and join us for a coffee whilst your children play.

For enquiries about our services please do not hesitate to contact us – 01353 649234 or [admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk](mailto:admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk) or via our website [www.littlethetfordacorns.org.uk](http://www.littlethetfordacorns.org.uk)

### **Little Thetford CE Primary School.**

Little Thetford Fitness Classes  
at the Village Hall:  
Tuesday Evenings:  
**Kettlebells 18:55**  
**Powerhoop 19:45**  
[www.taniafitness.com](http://www.taniafitness.com)  
[taniamcquilkkin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:taniamcquilkkin@hotmail.co.uk)

It was an action packed end to the Autumn term with the school's Christmas festivities. It is always such a lovely time of the year for the children and they were able to enjoy lots of fun events. We kicked off events with a family decoration day where families came together to be creative and make a range of Christmas decorations which were used to decorate the school and make it feel all festive. FOLTs, our PTA, organised a Christmas Fayre and a Christmas Shopping Day for the children while the children were

amazing on stage for a range of performances. The Infants performed a traditional nativity and the Juniors performed a concert for their parents. The Children then came together for the Grandparent's concert which was extremely well attended. Thank you for everyone's support in making these events such a success. The children have settled back into school for the Spring Term and are certainly very busy. Already this term the whole school has visited the pantomime in Bury St Edmunds and our Year 3/4 children have been on a residential trip to Burwell House. It will be Year 5/6's chance in the next few weeks when they go on a residential trip to Kingswood. Other exciting events to mention are our a trip to the O2 arena in London to perform as part of a 'Young Voices' concert and the Football County Finals which the school have qualified for taking place in the next few weeks.

### **LITTLE THETFORD WI.**

The next meeting is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30 in the Village Hall when we will be hearing about cheese and cheese making. The 7<sup>th</sup> March meeting same time and place will be about how the English silver spoon developed.

For further information please contact Christine Bullen on 01353 649 268

### **Coach day excursions and short breaks**

direct from Little Thetford.  
Contact: Eagle Tours Cambridge  
01763 252870 or visit  
[www.eagletourscambridge.co.uk](http://www.eagletourscambridge.co.uk)

"Responsible 16 year old from the village, good with children, available for babysitting. Please contact Isobel 07508656278."

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

At their meeting in December Councillors had a discussion with Mr. Ian Dewar of CAPALC regarding the wayleave in Holt Fen. At their January meeting when a resubmitted application to ECDC for permission to erect four dwellings on land in Holt Fen was considered, Parish Councillors had no objections and decided to wait until the Planning Authority's decision before seeking further professional advice on the possible

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value of the wayleave. An application to the Planning Authority for a change of use and siting of 8 traveller's pitches on land in Stretham Station Road was considered by Parish Councillors who decided that as the site was outside the Parish they would make no objection but agreed to endorse the views of a parishioner whose land might be affected by the plan which he had submitted to ECDC. The District Council's direct workforce continue monthly inspections of the childrens' play area and to effect minor repairs as appropriate. Attendance to a slightly worn rope on the rope walk and impaired rotation of the roundabout will be requested from the manufacturers. It is understood that the tenants of the 'old football field' in Red Fen Road currently let for grazing do not intend to renew the contract when the present one expires. Councillors considered a number of possible future recreational uses for the site although no decision was taken. Anybody who might be interested in leasing the field on the expiry of the current agreement may obtain further details from the Clerk. The highway authority is to be requested again to make repairs to the white line road markings at the A10 corner as an urgent safety matter. Councillors are unanimous that the future planning and organisation of the extension to the cemetery requires professional expertise not possessed by the Clerk; membership of a professional body from which it is hoped suitable advice will be obtained is to be sought. Councillors feel this is particularly necessary in the light of recent difficulties experienced with two interments (happily satisfactorily resolved), the lawful requirements on Parishes for the correct management of cemeteries and the 'old' cemetery reaching capacity imminently. In December Councillors carefully considered a proposed budget for 2016/17 having regard to known and anticipated future expenditure and the expected reduction in the level of District Council services that would need to be met by the Parish if the *status quo* is to be maintained. Notwithstanding all those considerations at the January meeting Councillors agreed a 'break even' budget and the Parish precept on Council Tax for 2016/17 will NOT be increased

### Little Thetford Social Club.....

**Link Decorating.**

**Painting & Decorating.**

**Wall papering.**

**Ceramic wall and floor tiling.**

**Coving.**



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07596454345



Present – A Valentine Disco  
Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> 8pm 'til  
late.

Free to all members.

Also....

Bert's Bingo **March** 18<sup>th</sup>, 'Eyes Down' 7:30pm.

Bring the family to the Village Hall.

All proceeds for the Netball Club.

**The information Kiosk.** The new Stagecoach bus timetables have been added to the Kiosk in recent days and when the Zipper timetable has been reviewed further copies of that will be made available.

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