

Little Thetford Newsletter.

June 2015/ July 2015

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2015 should be with the editor Mrs. J. Staines **no later than July 15th** please,
jennifer.staines@btinternet.com or 38 The Wyches.

St. George's Church.

'The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, for all things were made for His glory.'

Sunday June 7th	09:30am	Morning Praise.	Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday June 14th	10:30am	Family Service.	Leader Claire McGinley.
Sunday June 21st.	09:30am	Morning Praise.	Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday June 28th	10:30am	Holy Communion.	Preacher Canon Linda Church.
Sunday July 5th	09:30am	Morning Praise.	Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday July 12th	10:30am	Family Service.	Preacher Canon Linda Church.
Sunday July 19th	09:30am	Morning Praise.	Preacher Scott Eversman.
Sunday July 26th	10:30am	Holy Communion.	Preacher Canon Linda Church.

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babysitting. Please contact
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After all our services we have a time of Fellowship and chat over coffee and biscuits.
All are welcome at any of our services and events in the week, we are very informal. Do join us.

Tuesdays 8.50 - 10am Drop in Chat for Parents at Church with Rachel Hilditch
and Stephen Dove. (Term time)

Tuesday 6-7pm Informal hymn singing, if you enjoy singing do come along, our numbers are growing.

Wednesday 3pm (term time) Messy Church for families. Do join us for cake, craft and fun,
based on bible stories. Led by Stephen Dove and Rachel Hilditch.

Thursday 6-7.30pm Brigade for school age Boys and Girls. New members always welcome. Craft, badge
work, hand bell ringing, fun and much more. Contact Captain Jane Dunseath 649232.

'Dragon Club' Following our first successful meeting the meetings for June/July are

Tuesday 16th June 2.30pm - 4.30pm A talk from 'CamSAR' about their work.

Tuesday 21st July 2.30pm - 4.30pm A talk from the Curator of the 'Stained Glass Museum'
Join us for these talks and Cake, Chat, Games, craft ideas and much more. We can collect anyone who
would like to come who has mobility difficulty. Please contact John 648819 or Alan 648131.

“Let it Go!” - Music Marathon – A call to be famous on Saturday 20th June 2015 at St Georges Church 9am –7pm. It’s your chance to perform, play, sing or dance. Refreshments are available throughout the day and a bring and share meal at the end. For more details please contact Jane Dunseath (649232) or John Drewry (648819) or call in at the Church. MUSIC for EVERYONE, do come and have a go or just listen. Funds raised will go towards Wi-Fi equipment for Brigade and Children's activities in Church.

Saturday 18th July Friends of St. George's will be serving 'Cream Teas' 2pm - 5pm.

Enquiries for Baptism's, Weddings and Funerals contact Rev Chris Hill 01353 662308 or revchill@stmarysely.org St. George's Church is now on Twitter, @stgeorgeslt and 'A Church near you' website.

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The Friends of St. Georges.

We held our AGM on Wednesday 13th May when the Chair, Tony Shaw was able to thank members for their support during the year and particularly the efforts spent making the Flower Festival such a success. Clive Hayward has produced a DVD of the highlights of the Festival and these are now available at a cost of £5.00 from Tony and Trisha on 649470. The pictures really are of professional quality and a wonderful reminder of a lovely weekend. With the Memorial Plaque refurbished we now need to focus our attention on more mundane matters of repairs to the external stonework and internal rendering of the Church and we are now seeking quotations for this work. The treasurer, Doug Harper reported on a small surplus on our year’s efforts, quite a remarkable feat given the amount of money we had to raise for the refurbishment of the plaque. Once again, we thank all the individuals and businesses in the village who helped us reach the target. All of the 100 club tickets were sold in April and we are very grateful to those who support us in this way. Our fundraising will continue with Cream Teas in the Churchyard on Saturday 18th July from 2.30 until 5.00 pm. Please come along and enjoy the good company as we watch the world go by in brilliant sunshine! We also hope to organise a talk and possibly a musical evening in the autumn. Watch this space for more details. We signed up two new members at the AGM but do need more new blood if we are to continue with our work. If you would like to join this friendly band please give Tony a call.

Christian Aid Week.

As you know, we did not hold the house to house collection this year. Instead Jane Dunseath organised an afternoon and evening event on 14th May on behalf of the 1st Little Thetford Brigade with the theme of “9 Million Bicycles in Beijing” Unfortunately the weather tried it’s best to spoil the party with little custom for the bicycle wash or decorated scooters. Jane had spent hours decorating the Church and was rewarded with a good turnout of children and parents who enjoyed the displays of Chinese life, the handbell concert, the chance to play Ma Jong, make Origami birds as well as eating refreshments during the afternoon. This was followed by authentic Chinese food prepared by Kevin, all in the warm and dry Church. Finally we were able to enjoy a Tia Chi demonstration in the School Hall. Thank you Jane for all of your efforts and to those who braved the weather to support the event. We do not have a final figure yet, but hope to send at least £270.00 to Christian Aid to help them with their humanitarian work.

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Little Thetford C. of E. Primary School

This term has started well and we have, of course, been very busy. Already we have had our sports’ day, which was lots of fun for all who were involved. FOLTs ran their fair alongside our sports

and, despite the rain, raised a large sum of money. We are grateful for all their hard work and dedication to our school.

On 8th May we celebrated 70 years since VE day and we remembered all those whose lives were affected by the Second World War. We reflected on how pleased they were in 1945 that the war was brought to an end and that peace had been won. Our celebrations included dressing up, playing games, singing songs and eating food from the 1940s.

This week the infants will visit Stansted airport. While we are there the children will have lots of fun whilst learning about how an airport works. They will complete a range of activities all recorded in their personal passport. They will go onto a viewing platform which will give the children a panoramic view of the airfield and fire station. This promises to be a really exciting day for the children.

It has not all been fun and games and both our year 6 and year 2 children have had their SATs. They have had to work very hard and their efforts should be rewarded with excellent marks and levels.

We have lots to look forward to in our final half term: junior play, picnic evening, school trips, grandparents concert as well as some exciting topic work. We hope you can join us at some of our events.

LITTLE THETFORD WI

The July 1st Meeting is at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We are expecting a speaker from Lakenheath Air Base.
For further information please contact Christine Bullen on 01353 649 268

Little Thetford Social Club

June Poker Nights on Sunday 14th and 28th all players welcome

Karaoke Night Fri 19th June

Live music outside in the garden on Sat 27th with the brilliant 'Vision' plus BBQ.

Tickets £10 available from the social club.. Doors open at 7:30pm

Quiz Night returns Friday 26th from 8pm

July Poker Nights Sunday 12th & 26th...

Our 2nd outside gig of the summer on Saturday 25th July TBC

Quiz Night Fri 31st

Any help with organising this summer's Feast Day would be much appreciated, please contact Rosie at the club if you can help in any way.....

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Little Thetford Village Feast Saturday 11th July 2015

Dear residents of Little Thetford & Friends, at last we have a Feast for 2015!!!

The Little Thetford Social Club will be hosting this year's event - There will be Activity castles, stall, raffles and a live 60's/Motown 3 piece band, afternoon teas & cakes, pet show plus many other things

We are also looking for people who would like to have a stall or would like to volunteer on the day, please inform anyone on the Social Club committee or direct to Georgie Heaton- georgieh@arcam.co.uk

More information to follow

All Starts at 12.30pmBring along your Family & Friends!!

Thank you from the 2015 Feast organising committee

PARISH COUNCIL

At the Parish Council meeting on 14 May two new Councillors, Lisa Stubbs and Trevor Dickenson, joined the standing Councillors, Jean Ballantyne, Robert Bullen, Sue Hampton and Kai Stoeber. Cllrs. Gilly Lancaster, Bert Russell and Jenny Staines have retired. The Parish Council may have seven members so there is still one vacancy. Any parishioner who feels that they would like to serve their community by becoming a Parish Councillor is urged to contact the Parish Clerk, Mrs. Sandra Thompson at: ltcouncil.clerk@btinternet.com. In order to be able to elect a chair Cllrs. agreed to suspend, for this year only, the standing order that permits a chair to serve for no more than two consecutive years and Robert Bullen was elected chair. The election of a vice chair was put over to the next meeting of the Council. District Councillor Bill Hunt attended the meeting and he was again urged by Cllrs. to take some action to improve the state of the cycle path to Ely. The PC is attempting to set up a dialogue with the cycling lobby group "Sustrans" but none of its approaches so far have met with any response. A new dog litter bin to replace the one damaged by fire has been ordered from ECDC and the Clerk is awaiting an insurance settlement before it can be installed. The Police have been made aware of that incident and other suspicious activity throughout the village especially in the New Close Road garages area. In response to the PC's previous strong letter to Sanctuary Housing, the organisation has stated that it will tidy and continue to monitor the condition of the garages area and is considering the PC's request to restrict to keyholders only vehicular access to the area by means of a lockable gate or post. The PC will continue to press Sanctuary Housing for action on this matter. A planning application for the erection of four houses on land in Holt Fen had been rejected by ECDC Planning Committee and Cllrs. heard a representation from the owner of that land and discussed their response to any future application. The current situation regarding a wayleave and the issue of permission for future access to that land was discussed and Cllrs. accepted the advice of the Clerk that legal advice would have to be obtained on that and related issues should an amended application be received.

Posters for display in the Village Notice Board should now be put through Cllr Bullen's letterbox at 31 The Wyches please.

The next parish Council meeting will be on Monday June 8th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Telephone Kiosk.

After some delay the old kiosk has been set up as an information point for the village –sadly there is still a delay in getting the Parish Rights of Way Footpath map but it will be put up as soon as it arrives.

Dial-A- Ride.

ESACT (Ely and Soham Association for Community Transport) has replaced the Dial a Ride system for the this area and can be contacted on Ely 661161, email contact@esact.gb.com or view their website www.esact-cambs.co.uk

For a small annual membership fee members have access to a daily return visit to Ely, Day Trips and Luncheon Outings all at very reasonable prices.

MJS Gardening Services.

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649795 or mobile 07747864303.**

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Village Hall

Please remember:- The Village Hall
Annual General Meeting Thursday 25th.
June 8pm. In the Village Hall.

Little Thetford Fitness Classes
at the Village Hall:
Tuesday Evenings:
Boxercise & Kettlebells 7pm
Powerhoop & Kettlebells 8pm
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