

# Little Thetford Newsletter.

## October /November 2015

Items for the next Newsletter covering Dec. 2015/Jan.

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### St. George's Church.

The grass withers and the flowers fade but the Word of our God stands forever. Isaiah 40. V8

#### October.

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| <b>Sunday 4th</b>  | 0930 Morning Praise.          | Preacher John Marshall.                                    |
| <b>Sunday 11th</b> | 1030 Family Harvest Festival. | Leader Claire McGinley. followed by 'Bring & Share' Lunch. |
| <b>Sunday 18th</b> | 0930 Morning Praise.          | Preacher John Marshall.                                    |
| <b>Sunday 25th</b> | 1030 Holy Communion.          | Preacher Canon Linda Church.                               |

#### November.

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| <b>Sunday 1st.</b> | 0930 Morning Praise.      | Preacher John Marshall.  |
| <b>Sunday 8th.</b> | 1030 Remembrance Service. | Preacher Canon Linda Church.<br>Followed by laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial. |
| <b>Sunday 15th</b> | 0930 Morning Praise.      | Preacher John Marshall.  |
| <b>Sunday 22nd</b> | 1030 Holy Communion.      | Preacher Canon Linda Church.   |
| <b>Sunday 29th</b> | 0930 Morning Praise.      | Preacher Scott Eversman. First Sunday in Advent.                                   |

Following all our services we have a time of Fellowship over coffee and biscuits.

Everyone is welcome to any of our Services or weekday events, we are very informal. The Church is always open during daylight hours, do please feel free to wander around, pray or just reflect in Peace.

**During the week of 7th to 14th November for Remembrance of all Friends and Family who have died and for the Fallen of Wars there will be candle tea lights just inside the Church along with optional labels and tape. We invite anyone to call in and take a light to place on the tree outside the Church or on a Table inside for their remembrance.**

**Tuesday 6-7pm.** Informal hymn singing and Band practice, do join us if you like to sing.

**Wednesday mornings** we shall be hosting a 'Drop in Café' for coffee, cake and chat with Rachel and Stephen, everyone welcome, 0900 - 11am (term time only)

**Wednesday 3pm** 'Messy Church' follows the school assembly. Bible crafts, Cakes, Chat and games.

**Thursday 6-7.30pm** Brigade for Girls and Boys, Fun, Craft, Badge work, Camp, WiFi studies, hand bell ringing and so much more. Further details please contact Captain Jane Dunseath 01353 649232.

**Dragon Club.** for all adults. 2.30pm - 4.30pm Talks, Quizzes, Games, Tea and Cake! Chat.

Tuesday 20th October. Talk on Prison Ministry by Ray and Wendy Collett.

Tuesday 17th November. Speaker to be arranged.

For enquiries about Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals please contact Rev Chris Hill, 01353 662308 or revchill@stmarysely.org St. George's Church is on Twitter @stgeorgesit and on a Church near you website.

### **Little Thetford School.**

The first thing I would like to do is introduce myself, I'm Jonny Wallace and am delighted to have been appointed as the new Headteacher at Little Thetford CE Primary School from September. I am currently busy getting to know everybody and have been made to feel really welcome in a school which I know is very much part of the community.

All the children have settled in well into their new year groups including our 16 new children who have joined our reception class this year. I have been really impressed by the way children have seamlessly settled into their new surroundings and I think this really represents a strength of our close knit and caring village school.

The Year 3/4 children have already been out on a trip to Grimes Graves as part of their current Stone Age topic. The children had the chance to experience some real hands on learning including a trip down into the caves. As a school we are really looking forward to our book week which begins on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. As part of a very exciting week we have a theatre production, author visit and dressing up day to look forward to.

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**Welcome Back:** We hope all our children and their families have enjoyed the summer holidays and both the Pre-school and Out of School Clubs welcome our old and new children at the start of this academic year. Preschool children have been enjoying getting to know one another with our theme of 'All About Me' and our Out of School Children have enjoyed Science, Movie, Arts & Crafts, Games and Baking Clubs.

**Annual General Meeting & Committee:** We are holding our **AGM on Wednesday 21st October at 7:45pm at LTA.** Please do come along as new committee members are always very welcome.

We take this opportunity to thank all our committee members for their hard work and dedication given to the Setting. We will be losing some valued members now that their children have left us to attend primary school. A special thank you also to Karen Hankin who has served as Chairperson and will be stepping down from this role, but will continue as a committee member to support the newly elected chairperson in their role.

**Fundraising Events:** Our first main fundraising event this year will be a stall at 'Ely's Big Switch On' on **Friday 27th 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 sometime in October to do a collection ~ Thank you in advance for anything you are able to donate.

We continue to plan the year's fundraising with some exciting events coming up including a Christmas Raffle, 'Children Designed Christmas Cards' and 'Organised Mums' Calendars. We will keep you up to date of further events throughout the year and thank you in anticipation of your support.

We are also encouraging everyone to help us raise funds using the 'Easy Fundraising' website – **www.easyfundraising.org.uk** Please take a look it's easy to use; we are on there as 'Little Thetford Acorns' just click on us and then the chosen retailer you wish to buy from (there's hundreds on there, including all

the high street names) and we receive a percentage of your total order with no extra cost to you. With many people now choosing to buy online this is a great way for us to raise funds for equipment and the little extras we need from time to time.

**MacMillan Coffee Morning:** We are pleased to be involved in the coffee morning at the Village Hall on Friday 25th September (9.30am) we hope you will come and join us at this worthwhile event.

**Children in Need:** We will be holding a cake stall on Friday 13th November at 12.15pm - the children will be manning the stall and selling some lovely cakes, please come and help us raise as much money as we can!

**Little Thetford Toddlers:** This fun filled group takes place every Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30am in Little Thetford Village Hall for 0-5 year olds. Entry £2.50 per family, additional children £1 (under 1's free)

Like our Facebook page for regular updates and planned themed activities or contact us direct for further info.

**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)**

Over the past 5 years Little Thetford Acorns has had support from a very kind and generous resident of the village, Roger Attrill. Roger has supported us with any IT issues that may have popped up along the way! This has involved support with any email/internet issues, website support and setting up of any new PC's and IT systems. Firstly we would like to thank Roger for his fantastic support and patience with us! Unfortunately Roger can no longer support the setting with his IT skills and we wish him well for the future.

### **MJS Gardening Services.**

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Garden Maintenance.  
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We are wondering if there is anyone else in the village that may be able to support us and be able to pop in every so often, as and when we need the support. We have managed to move the website in-house for updates etc. So it really is to support us if we run into any IT problems that we do not have the knowledge for. If you think you might be able to help please get in touch – [admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk](mailto:admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk)

*Thank you*

## **LITTLE THETFORD WI**

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01763 252870 or visit  
[www.eagletourscambridge.co.uk](http://www.eagletourscambridge.co.uk)

**5<sup>th</sup> October** is the next meeting when we will be having a demonstration of Theatrical Make-Up. The November meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and is a talk about the History of chocolate. There will be chocolates available for purchase. Both meetings are in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. All ladies welcome.

For further details please contact Christine Bullen on 649 268.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council had no need to meet in August. At its meeting on 8 September Councillors agreed to make a bid to the Cambridgeshire County Council minor highways improvement scheme to have the cycle path towards Ely upgraded. Some amendments to the cemetery regulations were agreed: an addition is the banning of motor vehicles and trailers from the cemetery except for a mini-digger for the purpose of digging graves; charges will be increased by £10 for parishioners and £20 for non-parishioners, no charge will be made for the interment of a child under the age of 12 years; the Clerk will use her discretion where residential status is unclear. Approval was given to an application to erect a new headstone that complied

with the guidelines. The latest model of “Standing Orders for Local Councils” (which has only minor alterations to that adopted in 2010) was adopted with an amendment that the chair of the Parish Council, who is elected on an annual basis, may not hold office for longer than 4 years (previously two.) The Clerk was instructed to chase up the long standing order for a new dog waste bin in Cowslip Drive and to report the overdue alteration to the street lighting on a telegraph pole in Main Street to the contractors and our District Councillor. Councillors will continue to exchange the rubbish bin bag in the children's play area and maintain, on a strictly voluntary basis, the conservation area as appropriate when their time and the weather allow. Councillors learned that a planning application for a wooden structure to provide a granny annex and garage at the rear of “The Acacias”, Ely Road, to which no objections had been raised by the Parish Council has now been withdrawn by the applicants. A short presentation was received from **ESACT** (Ely & Soham Association for Community Transport) – was “Dial-a-Ride” - on its new formation and services offered. Some details are shown in the parish noticeboard and leaflets are in the information kiosk and at the weekly post office. Also shown now on the parish noticeboard are the contact details of the Parish Clerk, Mrs. S. Thompson. In future she will normally (as far as her other parish duties allow) be in her office to take telephone calls on Tuesdays from 8.30 to 9.30am. and Fridays from 3.30 to 5pm. Should parishioners wish to contact the Parish Clerk at other times they should leave a telephone message on 01353 666385 or Email: [ltcouncil.clerk@btinternet.com](mailto:ltcouncil.clerk@btinternet.com) The next full meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 12 October.

**The Information Kiosk** now has a further supply of ESACT leaflets as above, a new map showing local rights of way and other updated Information.

Little Thetford Fitness Classes  
at the Village Hall:  
Tuesday Evenings:  
Boxercise & Kettlebells 7pm  
Powerhoop & Kettlebells 8pm  
07983440187  
Taniafitness.com  
[taniamcquilkinn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:taniamcquilkinn@hotmail.co.uk)

### **The Little Chapel in the Fen.**

Prior Fen Chapel will be open for its Traditional Annual Harvest Festival service on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. Find it at CB7 5YJ For more information see the poster on the Village Board or contact Trish: 07979868676.

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I am writing to introduce myself, and offer my help. My name is Lynne McAulay and I am the Community Development Officer in East Cambridge. My team is here to help people set up and sustain community groups, like lunch clubs, good neighbour schemes, knitting groups, gardening clubs, dog cafes. In fact, this list is endless because if you want to do anything to help older, isolated or vulnerable people in your community, we will try to help.

We are funded to do this work and so there is no cost to you, and we can come out to chat about any of your ideas with no pressure for you to do them if you change your mind.

We have a long history of helping groups and in the last few months have supported Swaffham Bulbeck re-start their lunch club, including finding them £1000 of funding to help them get going.

If you don't want to set up your own group but want to be involved in helping people in your community, you could consider one of our other volunteering opportunities:

- Practical Help - our Help at Home volunteers offer free short term practical and emotional support for up to 3 weeks, during an illness at home, crisis or after a hospital stay.
- Information and Advice - our Community Navigator volunteers provide information about services and activities that you may find enjoyable or useful.

If you have any questions, would like more information or would like to arrange for a visit, please just call or email me on 01954 211919 [lynne.m@care-network.org.uk](mailto:lynne.m@care-network.org.uk)  
For more information our website is <http://care-network.org.uk/> We are also on twitter @CareNetworkCamb and you can find us on Facebook.