

LITTLE THETFORD NEWSLETTER.

FEBRUARY 2014/MARCH 2014

Items for the next Newsletter covering April/May 2014 should be with the editor Mrs. J. Staines by March 15th please, jennifer.staines@btinternet.com or 38 The Wyches.

Little Thetford Baptist Chapel.

"How happy are those who can live in your temple, singing your praises" (Psalm 84 v 4)

Sunday 2nd February at 10.30am
Morning Service with communion

Sunday 2nd March at 10.30am
Morning Service with communion

Sunday 9th February at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 9th March at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 16th February at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 16th March at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 23rd February at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 23rd March at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 30th March at 10.30am
Mothering Sunday Service

Coffee Mornings at The Chapel:



Wednesday 5th February at 10am

Wednesday 5th March at 10am

Wednesday 19th February at 10am

Wednesday 19th March at 10am

Chapel News:

*This year the **Women's World Day of Prayer** will be held at the Chapel on Friday 7th March at 2.30pm. All women (and men!) welcome to join us as we gather to remember the women of Egypt. Refreshments served.*

Our twice monthly coffee mornings are providing an opportunity for villagers to stay in touch with friends and make new ones. All welcome to come along. Home-made cakes and hot beverages served.

Chapel contact: Tudor Parsons (Pastor) 01353 648082

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St. George's Church

February and March 2014

The Rev Margaret Harper retired at the end of January 2014 – we all wish her well in her retirement.

In the short term contact Rev Margaret Talbot 01353 698410 regarding wedding enquiries.

For all other enquires contact Rev Chris Hill – 01353 662308.

A.M. PEASE
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will do wait & return.

Services for February and March as follows:-

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| 02.02.2014 | Morning Praise | 9.30 am |
| 09.02.2014 | Family Service | 10.30 am |
| 16.02.2014 | Morning Praise | 9.30 am |
| 23.02.2014 | Morning Praise | 9.30 am |
| 02.03.2014 | Morning Praise | 9.30 am |
| 09.03.2014 | Family Service | 10.30 am |
| 16.03.2014 | Morning Praise | 9.30 am |
| 23.03.2014 | Morning Praise | 9.30 am |
| 30.03.2014 | Mothering Sunday | 10.30 am |

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APPEAL – We are looking for people to help with “Open the Book” – which is telling a 15 minute Bible story in the School assembly (at the School) on a Thursday morning. This is part of our outreach work – for further details either contact the School – or phone John and Ruth Drewry – 01353 648819.

Little Thetford school

Last term was very busy but, as always, lots of fun and excitement.

The children enjoyed shopping for their Christmas presents and were able to make £6 buy gifts for their family and friends with enough for a treat for themselves - a great day was had by all!! The infants and the juniors performed well in their Christmas shows and both the parents and the teachers were very proud of all the children. The parties were lively and enjoyed by everyone – even Father Christmas didn't want to miss out and called with gifts for the infant children. A quiet, reflective church service was the perfect ending to our Autumn term.

Both the children and staff have quickly settled into the new term. Already we have had a whole school trip to the pantomime at Bury St Edmunds which was very noisy and lots of fun.

Years 3 and 4 have a residential trip to Burwell House planned where they will develop their knowledge and understanding of Victorian life. Burwell offers a safe learning environment where the children can relax and develop their independence and is a wonderful place for children to experience their first trip away from home!

Later in the term years 5 and 6 will visit Kingswood in West Runton. The children experience adventure activity sessions such as riding on a quad bike or whizzing down the zip wire. Specially trained instructors help the children to excel in a supportive environment and the teachers are often surprised by what they achieve.

The infants hope to visit the Museum of East Anglian life to learn more about school life during Victorian times. This is going to be another term full of so many enrichment opportunities for our children.

Cambridgeshire Acre Oil Buying Scheme.

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More Information – contact

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Friends of Little Thetford School.

FOLTS would like to thank the villagers for their support with our Christmas Fair, we raised over £800. All the school children have just been to see and enjoy the Aladdin pantomime, for which FOLTS funded the cost of the tickets.

We have a number of events planned which I am sure the children will look forward to including an ever popular Film Night and a Big Night Out! We would like to invite villagers to our Family Quiz Night with Fish & Chip Supper on 28th February, starting at 6.00pm. Teams of up to six are welcome to join the families of the school. Please email folts@littlethetfordprimaryschool.org for more information and to register.



Happy New Year...Both the Pre-school and Out

of School Clubs have welcomed new faces at the start of this year, with further new starters joining us throughout the term.

Everyone had a lovely time at the end of last year with the children's Christmas performance, trip to Wicken Fen to see Santa and the end of term party.

We are now very busy planning for 2014 and the Children have lots to look forward to with their **Winter, People Who Help Us, Spring, Mini Beasts** and **Growing** topics.

Due to the increase in our numbers and continuing requests for places, we have had a change in structure to accommodate this, so from January, on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays** we have spaces available in two afternoon preschool sessions - from **12:30pm - 3:30pm**. If you would be interested in extending your child's hours on these days until 3:30pm or increasing your sessions to include an afternoon or looking to start your child at our Setting then please contact us via the information below for further details.

We have many **Fundraising Events** planned for the coming months so keep a look out for further details.....and Look out for further details on our 2014 **Holiday Clubs**

For enquiries about our services please do not hesitate to contact us - 01353 649234 or admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk or via our website www.littlethetfordacorns.org.uk

Little Thetford W.I.

Meetings are held on the first Monday of the month in the Village Hall at 7.30pm unless otherwise advertised. The February meeting is on the 3rd and is an illustrated talk on a journey to Iran. March the 3rd sees a demonstration of print making by Claire McGinley.

For further information please phone Christine Bullen on 01353 649268 or email at christine.bullen@tesco.net.

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Free and confidential advice about support for adults with long-term needs and carers

A series of drop-in events has been organised to provide free and confidential information and advice to adults living with a long-term illness or disability, older people struggling with an age-related condition, and anyone providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends who could not manage without this help.

The drop-in sessions are being held on the second Wednesday of the month during 2014 at March Library, City Road, March PE15 9LT. Come along any time between 10am and 1pm for a cup of tea and to find out about the support available to you.

For more information phone 01480 377616 / 01480 373220, email Drop-insessions_asc@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or visit www.cambridgeshire.net and search "Adult Support Drop-in".

Parish Council

The January Meeting began with a welcome to Cllr. Sue Hampton who was co-opted to fill one of the vacancies. Cllr Ann Wardle has resigned as she has moved from the Parish and details of the process to fill that vacancy are on the PC Noticeboard. Cllr Wardle is thanked for her term of office with the PC.

The meeting was informed that the planning application for a new dwelling to the rear of No 40 The Wyches has been withdrawn. In December the meeting was informed of a planning application to change the use of land in Ely Road for the storage of building materials. The PC expressed their concern about additional traffic entering and leaving the site directly onto the A10.

Two new benches have been delivered to provide additional seating in the play area and Holt Fen. These will be installed when the weather improves.

The questionnaire about youth activities in the Parish led to the Parish Council contacting the Connexions Bus Project to invite a representative advise on how this Project might help establish some youth work in the Village. Sadly the representative is not able at present to commit to a meeting because of ill health. Hopefully we will have further information shortly.

Annual Litter Pick.

Volunteers are needed to help with this now annual event. The more volunteers we have the more of the village we can cover so please offer your help for 2 hours. The date Saturday March 1st. Time 9am. Meet at the Village Hall Car Park to pick up the equipment and choose an area 'to pick'.

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS COMING UP - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 8 March 10am – 2pm. TABLE TOP SALE (indoors in the hall) £5 per pitch
pre book at lisa.murfitt@hotmail

Saturday 12 April 10am-ish – 2pm-ish EASTER EGG HUNT like last year, family fun

Wednesday 21 May 7.30pm. "M & Co." Fashion Show: huge discounts on latest fashions. Buffet included. **Models wanted – all ages, any shape or size, men as well as ladies; girls & boys too.**
Contact Gilly (649468) or Robert (649268)

For more information about all these, see posters on the notice boards, fliers through your doors and the next issue of the Newsletter

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