

LITTLE THETFORD

NEWSLETTER.



AUGUST /SEPT. 2016

Items for the next Newsletter covering Oct./Nov. 2016 should be with the editor Mrs. J.Staines no later than Sept.15th please, jennifer.staines@btinternet.com or 38 The Wyches.

St George's Church.

'The heaven's declare the glory of God, the skies proclaim the work of His hands.'

AUGUST.

Sunday 7th August.	0930 Morning Praise.	Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday 14th August.	1030 Family Songs of Praise service.	Leader Pastor Peter Cockerton.
Sunday 21st August.	0930 Morning Praise.	Leader Rev Julia Chamberlin. Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday 28th August.	1030 Holy Communion.	Leader Rev Julia Chamberlin. Preacher Scott Eversman

SEPTEMBER.

Sunday 4th September.	0930 Morning Praise.	Leader John Marshall. Preacher Rev Julia Chamberlin.
Sunday 11th September.	1030 Family Harvest Festival service.	Preachers Rev Julia Chamberlin and Claire McGinley.
Sunday 18th September.	0930 Morning Praise.	Leader Rev Julia Chamberlin. Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday 25th September.	1030 Holy Communion.	Preacher Rev Julia Chamberlin.

After all our services we have a time of Fellowship over Coffee and Biscuits.

Everyone is welcome to our informal Church which is also open each day during daylight hours. Please do feel welcome to wander around, Pray or Reflect in Peace.

Regular events.

Tuesday 6-7.15 pm informal hymn singing and band practice. All who love to sing or play an instrument most welcome.

Wednesday 9 - 11am 'POP IN' to St. George's for Coffee, Cake, Chat, friendship and much laughter.

George the Bear is having a summer holiday but will be back on Wednesday Sept. 7th with Storytime for Under Fives.

Messy Church is also taking a summer break and will be back on Sept. 7th with the usual fun and cake!

Thursday 6 - 7.30pm 1st Little Thetford Brigade for Girls and Boys - We start back on September 8th with 'Pizza & Popcorn'. During the month we will have our re-dedication and award time & on Saturday 24th September a District Activity Day at Upwell, games craft, and bouncy castle are 'on the menu!'

Dragon Club for all age adults 2:30pm - 4.30pm Talks, Quizzes, Cake and Tea, friendship and laughter.

Tuesday 16th August Talk from David Learner. 'The Secret Life of Sweets.' (Mr Simms)

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Tuesday 20th September. Talk from an R.S.P.C.A. Officer on their work.

Greetings from Rev Julia Chamberlin our Minister.

Hello!

Having joined the Ely Team of Churches in February and ordained July 2nd, it is fantastic to be part of the Church Family at Little Thetford. As a Norfolk girl and a compulsory Norwich City supporter it has been a pleasure to get to know many of you and I look forward to getting stuck into Village life.

For all enquiries about Weddings, Baptisms or Funerals please contact me on 01223 861511 or julia.chamberlin@elyteam.org. I work Sunday to Wednesday inclusive and other days a link will put you through to the Ely Team Rector Rev Chris Hill.

The Friends of St George's have recently held a successful evening of 20th century music with 'Skylark' and a very successful cream tea afternoon. This was enhanced by 12 former pupils of the village school and their partners dropping in following a get together at The Red Lion in Stretham. It was good to see all their smiling faces from some 30 years ago, 3 Taylors, 3 Badcocks, 2 Peacocks, a Pease, a Cranwell and a Toynton swelled our numbers and it was good to see them all. The two events together raised approximately £400 towards the cost of repairs to the Church. Thank you everyone for supporting us once again.

Little Thetford CE School

As I write this I cannot believe we are less than two weeks away from the end of term and my first year as Headteacher at Little Thetford CE Primary School. I have enjoyed my first year immensely and have really been made to feel part of an amazing village community. I have met so many people around the village who have been some welcoming and I really do value the place the school has in the community.

School events coming up during the final two weeks include our annual Picnic Evening, Key Stage 2 Production, Grandparents' Concert and end of year school trips for all the children.

The end of the year is always a period of mixed emotions with everyone looking forward to the summer break but it is also the time where we say goodbye to our Year 6 children and this year we also say farewell to three long serving and very much valued members of staff. Tissues will be at the ready for our two leaver's assemblies next week where we will say goodbye to Mrs McPherson and Mr and Mrs Saggs and our 12 Year 6 children who are moving onto secondary school.

Wishing everyone a very happy (and hopefully sunny) summer. The children will be returning to school after a well-earned break on Monday 5th September.

Jonny Wallace Headteacher

LITTLE THETFORD WI

The next meeting is 5 September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We are having an illustrated talk on Dragonflies. All ladies of the village welcome. For further information please contact Christine Bullen on 01353 649268.

Little Thetford Sports & Social Club

Half year memberships are now available taking you through to the end of 2016 at 50% of the annual membership fee. Drop into the Social Club for an application form.

Upcoming Events

Annual Feast - Saturday 6th August from 12:30pm. Bouncy Castles, BBQ, Beer Tent, WI Teas & Cakes, Displays, Music, Stalls - Fun for all the family

Coach day excursions

and short breaks
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Summer Nights 2016.....Two more events to go for this year.

Saturday 27th August from 7:30 60's tribute band "The HighTones" www.thehightones.com

Saturday 24th September from 7:30 Solo singer "Danstar"

Both are quality acts, check out their respective websites & Facebook pages...Tickets will be on sale from the Social Club.....Watch the notice boards for further events throughout the year.

PARISH COUNCIL

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All Cllrs. were present at the Council's June meeting. Cllr. Hampton was nominated as the Vice Chair of Council. No members of the public were present and no further interest in Community Land Trusts (at this time) had been communicated to Council. Consequently Cllrs. decided to leave any further consideration to after the result of the first round of consultation by ECDC on the new Local Plan. Three sites within the Parish are under consideration by the District Council for possible development: "Fish & Duck Marina", land north of The Wyches and land south of Popes Lane. Cllrs. considered that any development of more than a few residencies on any of the sites would have an adverse effect on

the demography of the village due to infrastructure restrictions - drainage; A10 junction; education facilities; traffic congestion particularly in the area of the primary and pre schools, playground and "Oakfields" recreational facility; unsuitability of village roads to sustain the additional traffic consequent on large scale development; loss of rural character – and the Council has communicated these concerns to the Planning Authority and will continue to do so.

A proposal by Network Rail to divert the footpath over the railway line at West River Bridge ("Fish and Duck" bank) to under the bridge – a path already used by some walkers – as part of its amelioration plan to enhance safety at railway crossings met with no objections from Cllrs.

Reports from ECDC Planning of approval of a rear extension at 2 Chapel Close and granting of a Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use (as a dwelling house) at the chapel site, Chapel Hill, were received.

Due to the further inability of the one or two remaining volunteers to continue to maintain the conservation area this has now been contracted out to the parish's gardening contractor who will undertake the commitment under guidance from Cllrs. This will be at a cost to the Parish.

One Cllr. was absent on holiday at the July meeting of Council when again no members of the public attended. Andrew Phillips, Senior Planning Officer, ECDC planning dept. addressed Cllrs. on the role of the department and its officers and in giving a clear explanation of the factors that must be taken into account when considering planning applications and those that are not within their remit was explicit in stating that planning considerations are largely governed by national policy and guidelines. Cllrs. learned that a single storey rear extension at 12 Pallisade Court had been approved by the Authority. A further amendment to the application for up to 10 dwellings south of "Two Acres" - relating to the visual play – was considered and Cllrs. again firmly repeated their concerns regarding this proposal to the Authority. Cllrs. made no comment on an application at "Morning Meadow", Grunty Fen as it is without the Parish and unlikely to have any significant effect; an inaccuracy in the plans for a single storey front/side extension at 7 New Close Road was pointed out to the Authority.

Trees overhanging the footpaths in several locations had been cut back on the directions of Council. Cllrs. agreed to enquire of ECDC as to the possibility of transferring to the Parish ownership of the playground site and on receiving inspectors' reports on the safety/condition of the area from ECDC and RoSPA authorised the expenditure on repairs to the Burma Bridge and roundabout.

The Clerk and Cllr. Stubbs are progressing the Parish Council website in accordance with transparency legislation and it should be accessible soon; further information thereon in the next newsletter. Unless any urgent matters necessitate otherwise there will be no Parish Council meeting in August, the next meeting (an open public meeting, as always) will be on **Monday**

A.M. PEASE

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12 September.

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Little Thetford Acorns – Pre-School and Children’s Club.

We are having a very busy Summer term. The children are enjoying their time with a variety of arts and crafts, outside play, singing, leavers celebrations, parties and many other fun activities. The children all had a fantastic time on their summer school trip to 'Anglesey Abbey' and enjoyed many things including bug hunts, den building, mud art and whittling.

We would like to take this opportunity to say **goodbye and good luck** to all our 2016 Rising 5 Children.

Summer Holiday Club – Monday 25th July – Friday 5th August

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

Places available: -From September we have availability for children at our pre-school and accept children from the age of 2 years and 5 months, if you are interested in registering your child or would like to visit our wonderful setting then please contact us on 01353 649234 or admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk

Little Thetford Acorns is 40 years old this year! and we will be having a tea party to celebrate. We would like to enjoy this celebration with old and new children who attended, parents, committee members anyone who would like to come and celebrate with us. Our tea party will be on the 3rd September 2016 Please look out for further details - if you would like to be involved in organising our party then please email admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk We would love to have you involved and look forward to hearing from you.

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