

LITTLE THETFORD

NEWSLETTER.



AUGUST /SEPT. 2017

Items for the next Newsletter covering Oct./Nov. 2017 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.

Even the Sparrow has found a home and the Swallow a nest for herself where she may have her young,
a place near Your altar, Oh God our Father.

AUGUST.

Sunday 6th.	0930 Morning Praise.	Preacher Rev Julia Chamberlin. Leader John Marshall.
Sunday 13th.	1030 Summer Song's of Praise.	
Sunday 20th.	0930 Morning Praise.	Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday 27th.	1030 Holy Communion.	Celebrant Canon Linda Church. Rev Julia Chamberlin.

SEPTEMBER.

Sunday 3rd.	0930 Morning Praise.	Preacher John Marshall. Leader Rev Julia Chamberlin.
Sunday 10th.	1030 Family Service with Baptism.	Preacher Rev Julia Chamberlin.
Sunday 17th.	0930 Morning Praise.	Preacher Rev Julia Chamberlin.
Sunday 24th.	1030 Holy Communion.	Celebrant Canon Linda Church.

St. George's Church is always open during daylight hours for anyone to come and sit in Peace, too Pray, too meditate or just look around. There is a book just inside the Church for prayer requests to be entered and then please know we will pray for that person or family who so ever they may be. All services are followed by a time of Chat and friendship over Coffee and Biscuits., whilst there are activities for the Children at the back.

REGULAR EVENTS.

Tuesday 6-7pm informal hymn singing and band practice, all welcome who love to sing or play an instrument.

Home Group meetings. Tuesday 8th & 22nd August, Tuesday 12th & 26th September. We meet for Prayer, to study and discuss scriptures over Coffee and Cake 7.30pm. Further details Pastor Peter Cockerton 649493

Wednesday 9-11am POP IN for Coffee, Cake, chat and friendship.

Wednesday 3pm 'Messy Church' for families, restarts 6th September., following whole school assembly, join Stephen and team for Crafts, games, cake and fun.

Thursday 6-7.30pm Brigade meet for school age Girls and Boys. New members welcome, contact Leader Jane Dunseath on 649232. Crafts, Badge work, Games, WiFi, snacks and fun. Restarts Thursday7th.

Dragon Club. 2.30 - 4.30pm. all age adults. Tea, Cakes, a Speaker, Quizzes and Fellowship.

Tuesday August 15th An illustrated talk about Prickwillow Pumping station by Tony Shaw.

Tuesday September 19th A Sugar craft demonstration by Ruth Stoneman.

SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER. We are holding our 'MUSIC MARATHON' from 9-7pm closing with a bring and share meal. If you can play or sing anything Musical do join us and there will be non stop Music to listen to all day with Refreshments served. Come and hear the Ukulele players, the Band, School musicians, Flutes, Tunes on the keyboard and so much more. Donations in aid of the WiFi.

Open the Book. We are a small team who go into school each Thursday 0945 - 1030am during term time to tell, through simple acting, Bible stories from The Lion Story Teller Bible. We really need more volunteers to help the team and spread the load. You do not have to be a thespian, just enjoy story telling. Contact johnandruthdrewry@hotmail.co.uk

For all enquiries about Weddings, Baptisms or Funerals please contact Rev Julia Chamberlin on 01223 861511 or julia.chamberlin@elyteam.org. or revchill@stmarysely.org

The Friends of St. Georges.

A big thank you to Jane , the Brigade and friends who organised a celebration of all things French with their French Connection afternoon and evening on 18th May. We had some wonderful displays in the Church together with French games as well as food and songs. The event was organised as part of Christian Aid week and thanks to the generosity of those who attended we raised £342.00 for the charity and even made the local press. Thank you all.

We have invited Mike Petty to come and give another of his superbly crafted talks on Friday 29th September at 7.30 pm. This time he is going to tell us all about the characterful Reverend Samuel Stitt who was vicar of Stretham and Little Thetford from 1906 until 1945. On his death, he was described as a brilliant man with great literary ability . Book the date, because Mike never fails to entertain us, does he?

There will be the usual refreshments available during the evening .

Coach day excursions

and short breaks

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LITTLE THETFORD WI

The meeting on **September 4th** is a talk given by Eva Clark, a woman born in a concentration camp.

The meeting starts at 7.30pm and is being held in St Georges Church. On **October 2nd** we have a talk by Melanie Missen entitled 'My journey in quilts and beyond'. This meeting will be held in the Village Hall and starts at 7.30pm.

For further information please contact Christine Bullen on 01353 649 268.

Speed Watch

Charlotte Mitchell, the local speed watch co-ordinator, is repeating her request for more volunteers for the village speed watch programme. This can only be effective if there are sufficient volunteers so please call Charlotte on 07968970491 if you a few hours to spare to train and help with this community programme.

PARISH COUNCIL

The transfer of the play area (for which the Parish pays a rent to ECDC) from District to Parish is in hand. The renewal of the play area fencing has now been completed.

Planning: Approval has been given by the Authority (ECDC) for remedial tree works at 31a The Wyches and 6 Orchid Close. The Authority has approved the plan for a 4 bedroom, 2 storey house opposite *Berrycroft* in Red Fen Road. The Parish Council has made comments to the Authority on applications for developments between the cemetery and the playing fields and for 3 houses on land east of 1-4 Holt Fen, citing increased traffic congestion, lack of infrastructure, poor access and visibility, over-development and possible surface flooding as appropriate as concerns. Taking into use the cemetery extension which is soon

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to become necessary does not require any further planning permission from the Authority but does require a statutory geographic and hydrographic assessment for approval by the Environment Agency. Professional consultants have been appointed by the Council to commission the necessary reports, submit them to the EA and advise the Parish on the outcome. It is not anticipated that there will be any complications.

Council has approved memorials to be erected in the cemetery on graves for the Young, Dickenson and Hazell families.

As part of the proposed traffic calming measures to be adopted in Red Fen Road a plan for a 40mph speed limit has been circulated by the highways authority to the statutory consultees for comment. So far no objections have been made and further plans are awaited from CCC. Sec.137 donations of £150 each have been made by Council to MAGPAS Air Ambulance, Little Thetford Village Hall to assist in asbestos removal from the boiler cupboard, and Little Thetford Feast.

The Parish is to take over from CCC the maintenance of the footpath between The Wyches and New Close Road which although of cost to the Parish will, it is anticipated, improve the overall upkeep of the footpath.

The Conservation Area is in very good condition and is developing into a beautiful area for walking, picnicing (but PLEASE take your rubbish away with you) relaxing and enjoying natural surroundings with many species of butterflies, dragonflies, birds and wild plants colonising it.

Mrs. Brenda Dickenson is to be the Parish Council appointee to fill a vacancy on the board of John Townsend Charity.

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Little Thetford CE Primary School

As we reach the end of the academic year, I begin to reflect on a very successful year for the school. I'm always proud of the engagement in learning and opportunities we are able to offer our children as part of our curriculum and this year has been no different.

Things certainly haven't slowed down for the summer just yet with our Key Stage 2 production of Alice taking place this week. Next week we have our Grandparents' Concert, a whole school trip to Bewilderwood and there will be tears at the ready for our Leaver's Service on the last day of term (Friday 21st July).

Away from the classroom, the governors and I continue to think creatively about ways of securing further funding to support the ongoing running of the school. This is certainly proving a challenge but we are having some success and would welcome any ideas or suggestions that anyone in the community may have. Talking about funding, the school is currently in Ely Tesco as part of the Bags of Help Scheme and will be throughout July and August. We will secure full funding to build a new outdoor learning space if we are able to receive the most tokens in store so please do support us if you get the chance and spread the word amongst family and friends!

In September we will be offering wrap around care for our children from 7.45am each morning, until 6.00pm at night. We hope that this service will support our working parents in providing this essential care.

I would also like to let the community know that we do have some places at our school currently. Historically the school has often been oversubscribed but from September we will have the following places: Reception – 2 places, Year 1 – 2 places, Year 2 – 1 place, Year 6 – 5 places

Please do contact our school office for an informal look around if you would to see the school in action if you would like to consider it for your child.

Wishing the community a sunny and fun filled summer!

Kind Regards, Jonny Wallace.
Head Teacher.



The end of term has come around so quickly and whilst we are all looking forward to a summer full of fun, it is also filled with hope and anticipation for the many children that will be moving on to Primary

school and for the many younger children that we will be welcoming to the pre-school in September.

This term is also our last for children that attend our Out of School Club as this service now moves to Little

Thetford Primary School. All the staff will miss the children immensely, however feel this change offers great opportunities for the children concerned and we look forward to seeing many of them at our Holiday Clubs which will continue to run from Little Thetford Acorns' setting.

We recently held our annual Family Fun Day and would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their support at this event which raised over £1,000 profit for the pre-school - it was a massive success and exceed all previous years in terms of the money raised. With the various pressures of running a financially stable early years provision money raised via fundraising is invaluable to the children it benefits. We are now hoping to purchase a new sandpit for the garden amongst other exciting new resources.

Our next fundraiser will be our bottle tombola stall at Ely lighting up night, when again we would like to hold a village collection for any form of bottle (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). We are always very grateful for all the donations we receive during our collections and we hope that our lovely village will support us again this year.

Autumn Term September 2017

We are really pleased to announce that from September we will be extending our funding offering and will be able to provide 30 free hours of childcare per week (subject to eligibly) which we hope will really help to better support working families within our community. Places are limited so please contact us for further information if you are interested in accessing this additional funding.

Events in the Autumn Term:

- Little Thetford Acorns Pre-school AGM - 17th October 7.45pm
- Half Term Children's Craft - 24th October 10 am - 12 pm £2.50 per child
- Remembrance Service at St George's Church - 10th November
- Children in Need - 17th November
- Village bottle collection for Ely Light up Night - Sunday 19th November
- Ely Lighting up night - 1st December
- Christmas adult craft evening at Little Thetford Acorns - 5th December - 7.30pm, tickets £5
- Children's Christmas craft morning - 21st December 10am -12 pm

Bert's 90th birthday is on Sat. August 26th anyone who would like to wish him a Happy Birthday will find him at the Village Hall between **4:30 and 6pm**. Family and friends will be there, the bar will be open and you will be very welcome.

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Further details will be available in the next newsletter, tickets for our fundraising events will be available next term.

Little Thetford Toddlers

Please come along to our friendly Toddler group which runs every Tuesday (during term time) 9:30 am - 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.

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

Please be our friend on Facebook - "Little Thetford Acorns"

From the office of Lucy Frazer MP

Lucy Frazer MP joined us at the Little Thetford Feast on Saturday 8th July. Lucy said "It was an honour to open the Little Thetford Feast alongside local hero, Bert Russell. I had a fabulous afternoon sampling delicious home baked cakes and viewing local artistic talent in the competitions I was lucky enough to be judging as well as chatting to many local residents and sensing what a close knit and friendly community Little Thetford is. Congratulations to all involved in organising such a successful event and in raising funds for a defibrillator for the village."

Village Feast

The Feast Committee would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who came along to the Feast or supported it in any way and especially to Bert for cutting the ribbon to open the event. The sunny afternoon was a great success and we hope you all enjoyed it. £1700 was raised to buy the Village a defibrillator and more news will follow on this in the next newsletter. A tremendous achievement for our village, thank you.

Little Thetford Village Hall

A new kitchen has been installed at the Village Hall and it looks fabulous. We want to thank local resident Kris Wright who installed the new kitchen for us and did a tremendous job. The new kitchen will enhance the options for hirers who want to include catering as part of their event.

The Village Hall is committed to upgrading the facilities of the hall and making it a competitive and affordable venue to host any event from birthday parties, to wedding receptions, to conferences - please contact Clair Melloy for bookings.

There will be an official opening of the kitchen in the autumn details of the event will be printed nearer the time in the village newsletter, the kitchen is available to hire now.

A table top sale to benefit the Village Hall will be held in the autumn and is being organised by Annie Foulser. The Village Hall is a registered charity and relies on the success of fund raisers to keep it going, without this funding and donations the Hall would close.

The Village Hall is an asset of the local community. The Hall provides a quality venue for local clubs, groups, and individuals to hire.

Please visit our website or Village Facebook page for news of upcoming events at the Hall. To book the Hall please contact Clair Melloy.

Lt. Thetford Feast.

Thank you and congratulations to all the 'pink shirts' who organised the Village Feast – it was great to see Oakfield so well used and so many people enjoying all that you had organised over recent months.

Well done!

Little Thetford Fitness Classes

at the Village Hall:

Tuesday Evenings:

Kettlebells 18:55

Powerhoop 19:45

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Thank you to the volunteers, Trustees and members of the management committee for their continued hard work.

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Neighbourhood Watch

A clean village is a safe village. Keeping Little Thetford bright and tidy is fundamental to maintaining a pleasant and peaceful environment for all who live here. However, we cannot rely on council refuse collectors and street sweeper vehicles alone, as residents we have

our part to play too. Little Thetford Neighbourhood watch has encountered incidents of fly tipping in the village, which is a blight on our village and an invitation to unscrupulous individuals to dump their rubbish on our communal areas.

If you see an incident of fly-tipping be discrete, but try to note the following details:

The date, time and the place where the tipping is taking place, what the waste is and how much there is of it, and a description of any vehicles involved and the registration numbers.

Do not try to approach any one you see dumping rubbish but contact the Council with the information you have. Fly tipping can be reported to the council through their customer services team on 01353 665555.

No-one needs to resort to dumping items in our communal areas, or private land. If you have additional household items you want to get rid of, then contact the Council on 01353 665555. The charge for this service is £22 for up to 3 items or £22 each for a fridge/freezer.

We are all affected by fly tipping if you see it happening report it. Fly tipping is anti – social behaviour which as a community we must have zero tolerance for.

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All welcome to our - Harvest Festival Service - Sunday 1st October 3pm
Traditional harvest service and hymns.