

# LITTLE THETFORD NEWSLETTER.



**JUNE 2017/ JULY 2017**

Items for the next Newsletter covering August / September 2017 should be with the editor Mrs. J. Staines by JULY 12<sup>th</sup> please, [jennifer.staines@btinternet.com](mailto:jennifer.staines@btinternet.com) or 38 The Wyches.

## St. George's Church.

**I will Praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.**

### **JUNE.**

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> 0930 Morning Praise.	Leader Rev Julia Chamberlin. Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> 1030 Pet Service, with the school.	Preacher Rev Julia Chamberlin with Claire McGinley.
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> 0930 Morning Praise.	Preacher Rev Julia Chamberlin, Leader John Marshall.
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> 1030 Holy Communion.	Celebrant Canon Linda Church.

### **JULY.**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 0930 Morning Praise.	Leader Rev Julia Chamberlin, Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> 1030 Family Service, Celebration of Baptism and re-affirmation of baptismal promises.	Preacher Rev Julia Chamberlin.
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> 0930 Morning Praise.	Preacher Rev Julia Chamberlin. Leader John Marshall.
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1030 Holy Communion.	Celebrant Canon Linda Church.
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> 1030 Morning Praise.	Rev Stephen Leeke.

St. George's Church is always open during daylight hours for anyone to come in just to sit in Peace, Pray, Meditate or for reflection.

All services are followed by a time of fellowship over Coffee and Biscuits, whilst there are activities for children at the back. There is a book just inside the door where anyone may enter a prayer request and know that we will then pray for that person.

### **REGULAR EVENTS.**

**Tuesday 6-7pm Informal hymn singing and Band practice.** All welcome who love to sing or play any instrument.

Home Group meetings : Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July. We meet for Prayer, to study and discuss scriptures, Coffee and Cake 7.30pm. Further details from Pastor Peter Cockerton 649493

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

Wednesday 3pm Messy Church for families, following the whole school assembly, join with Stephen and Sarah for crafts, games, cakes and fun.

**Thursday 6-7.30pm** Brigade meet for school age girls and boys. Leader Jane Dunseath. craft, badge work, games, WiFi, snacks and lots of fun.

**Dragon Club.** 2.30 – 4.30pm all age adults. Tea and cakes, a speaker, quizzes, fellowship.

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Ellee Seymour will talk about her book "The Shop Girls". There will also be an opportunity to buy signed copies.

Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup> illustrated talk - the 'Bobby Scheme' home security.

### **PS Plumbing Services**

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**Saturday July 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> we are holding 'Toys and Games through the Ages' Flower Festival.** As well as the displays in the Church, both afternoons we will have large toys outside for children to play, Computer games in the Church, lots of activities and refreshments. Saturday evening a talk on the 'History of Toys' by Richard and Joan Munns from March Museum at 7.30pm. Anyone who would like to help please contact Jane Dunseath on 649232 or [johnandruthdrewry@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:julia.chamberlin@elyteam.org)



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We can't believe that we are in the final term of the year already and will soon be saying goodbye to some of our friends who will be moving up to school in September. Our Rising 5's club has now started and these children have been enjoying visiting Little Thetford School and getting to know their new environment, new Teachers and new friends better. We have a very exciting Summer Term with fun packed events planned such as our Father's Day Shop, Barnardo's Big Toddle, Summer Trip to South Angle Farm, Sports Day, Fun Day and special end of year celebrations. Finally, once the term is finished we then hold our popular Summer Holiday Club during the first two weeks of the school holidays.

### **Family Fun Day - Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup>**

On Saturday July 1<sup>st</sup> we will be hosting our annual Family Fun Day which is open to the public. We hope you can join us for a summer BBQ, ice cream, stalls, bouncy castle, games and lots more. There will even be special guests Beauty and The Beast visiting!

### **Summer Holiday Club – 24th July-4th August 2017**

We have not just one, but two weeks of fun planned with activities including dance classes, birds of prey and First Aid! Session Times AM 9.00 - 12.00 PM 1.00 - 4.00 and we offer a lunch club too...

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> July AM session** – Sports Sports Sports – Come along and join in with team games

PM session – Messy play session – painting, gloop, slime, spaghetti

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July AM session** – Karen's chocolate Factory – come and join Karen to make some delicious chocolate delights. **PM session** – Raptor Foundation – Come along and enjoy a hands-on session with some amazing owls and wonderful birds of prey.

**Weds 26<sup>th</sup> July AM Session** – Sweet treats – Enjoy baking some sweet treats, cake pops, biscuits

**PM Session** – Forest school craft – Come along and create forest school crafts, bug houses and more

**Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> July Am Session** - First Aid Training with Amelia Grant First aid – Part 1 – An opportunity for your children to learn first aid skills, some of the most important skills for life

**PM Session** – Science with Dr Lucy – Come along and enjoy another exciting science session

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> July AM Session** – Day at the beach – Fun at the beach, mocktails, beach games galore

**PM Session** – Movie afternoon – Come along and watch the latest blockbuster at our very own cinema – popcorn and sweet treats as well.

#### Week two

**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> July AM Session** – Rounders & football – Come along and put your bowling and fielding skills to the test. **PM Session** – Engineering Club – A new addition to our holiday club, come along and take part in group activities, putting your engineering skills to the test.

**Tues 1<sup>st</sup> August . AM Session** - Animal Experience with the Lion Learners – Back by popular demand, come and enjoy a hands-on experience with scaly, fluffy and hairy creatures. **PM Session** – Pizza Parlour – Come along and make your very own pizza with Karen – lots of delicious toppings to choose from

**Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> August AM Session** - Dancing with The Lane Academy. **PM Session** – Water fun in the garden – Enjoy an afternoon of getting absolutely soaked (swimwear & towel essentials)

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> August AM Session** - First Aid Training with Amelia Grant First aid – Part 2

**PM Session** – Spy Club – Come along and enjoy one of our popular activities – take on the role of sleuth, follow the clues and find your reward.

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup> August. AM Session** Party day – Begin our morning with face painting from Kellie at Blue Kangaroo (her 2<sup>nd</sup> visit to us) **PM Session** – Finishing our Summer holiday club with a party and a Disco with DJ

Please contact us on 01353 649234 or  
admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk for further details

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**Barnardo's Big Toddle – 7<sup>th</sup> June 10 am** The preschool children will be raising funds for Barnardo's by doing a toddle around the village recreation ground with the theme this year being Superhero's! We would love to see other families within the community join us to help raise money for this valuable cause – please meet us on the field on the day!

**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 eligibility) 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.

**Little Thetford Toddlers** Please come along to our friendly Toddler Group every Tuesday (term time) 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.

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"

## **LITTLE THETFORD WI**

The next two meetings of the WI will be held in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

**The meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>** is a demonstration and participation in One-stroke painting given by Margaret Ringham.

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> of July meeting** is a talk by Caroline Stanger on her work as a first responder. She will also give a demonstration of CPR.

All ladies from the village welcome. For further information please contact  
Christine Bullen on 01353 649268.

### **Little Thetford Village Hall.**

The Trustees of Little Village Hall held their AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 and were very pleased to report an upturn in event bookings for our valuable community asset.

Our continued good relationship with our regular hall bookers i.e. the Parish Council, Acorns Toddlers, Fitness, Pilates, the Women's Institute, the Theatre Group, the Ely Guild of Wood Turners, the Sports and Social Club, Jackie's Relaxation Evenings and our usual welcome bookings for Weddings and Birthdays confirm the Village Hall is the first choice, affordable venue for local people!

### **Vacancy.**

The John Townsend Charity has a vacancy for a Clerk to work approximately 80 hours per year.

For more details and an application form please contact  
Mrs J. Wardle, 01353 648820 or  
jtownsendcharity@btinternet.com

The Trustees were delighted to have successfully applied for a grant from East Cambridgeshire District Council and be awarded a £10000 grant to refurbish the kitchen. Works, scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017, will result in a wonderful enhancement to our much-loved Hall.

**MJS Gardening Services.**

**24 The Wyches. Lt. Thetford  
649795 or mobile 07747864303.**

**Patios, Decking, Turfing,  
Garden Maintenance.  
Fencing & Odd Jobs.**

There is still much work to do. Volunteers are welcome to help with our Spring Clean of the Hall and its various outbuildings on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017 from 11am. Please come along, the more the merrier!

The tireless Annie Foulser is busy organising a fundraising Table Top/Car Boot Sale on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2017. If you would like to reserve a space, please contact Annie on 07432 056008. Please come along.

The Hall is a registered charity and a non-profit organisation with any revenue reinvested in the hall for maintenance, improvements, and repairs.

Thank you to all the Trustees for our fantastic first year. The combined efforts of all ensure we can look forward to enjoying our Hall for many years to come.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Council has recommended to the Planning Authority (ECDC) that two additional sites put forward to the Authority for inclusion in the District Plan (land east of the caravan park and land off the A10 partly in Stretham) should not be included in the plan on sustainability, infrastructure, traffic and countryside development grounds.

A local contractor has been asked to estimate for additional grass cutting within the village (excluding the A10 corner) to enable Councillors to assess the viability of accepting Cambridgeshire CC offer of funding to the Parish to take on the service.

Discussions continue with ECDC on the possibility/viability of the Parish obtaining ownership of the playpark area and green space in New Close Road.

Councillors are very aware of residents' concerns regarding perceived antisocial parking and other activities in New Close Road in particular and continue to attempt dialogue with *Sanctuary Housing*, so far without success.

The upgrade to the fencing and gate to the play area should be commencing very shortly as soon as the material is supplied by the manufacturer.

At the May Council Meeting Robert Bullen was re-elected chair, and Trevor Dickenson vice chair of the Parish Council for the year. Charlotte Mitchell was co-opted as a Councillor to fill the vacancy.

Councillors have met with the Highways dept. project manager to attempt to achieve a plan for Red Fen Road traffic calming measures as a result of the recent success in obtaining a grant for such under the Local Highways Improvement scheme. Various suggestions put to CCC are under consideration and a definitive plan, that has to come in under £4,000, is awaited. Although it seems a fairly large sum of money Councillors understand that given current costs, County Council policies, policing considerations and the topography of the location, not a great deal can actually be achieved although Cllrs. will continue to press for as good a deal as possible. 'Highways' have made it quite clear that the provision of official passing places on Red Fen Road is financially impossible at this time and even the making good of road side and verge pot holes will not be undertaken by the Authority.

Little Thetford Fitness Classes  
at the Village Hall:  
Tuesday Evenings:  
Kettlebells 18:55  
Powerhoop 19:45  
[www.taniafitness.com](http://www.taniafitness.com)  
[taniamcquilkin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:taniamcquilkin@hotmail.co.uk)

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public, the next being scheduled for 12 June and 10 July.

"Responsible 16 year old from the village, good with children, available for babysitting. Please contact Isobel 07508656278

Will all who contribute items to the Newsletter please note the earlier date for items for the next edition to be submitted please.



## **Little Thetford CE Primary School**

We are now well into the Summer Term and fingers crossed we will have lots of warm weather and sunshine which will enable us to take lots of our learning outdoors. Our Year 6 children have this week completed their SATs assessments and have all worked incredibly hard in preparing to do their very best in these statutory national assessments. Other children will also be completing assessments over the coming weeks. Of course there is far more to education than simply assessments and children will be engaging in a wide range of learning tasks and extra-curricular activities over the term ahead including forest school, a range of sports tournaments, school trips and our end of year production.

We also have two events coming up which I would like to invite the community to come along to. On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, we are holding our Sports Day from 13.30. As well as the races which will begin at 13.30, there will be a range of activities and stalls to enjoy once the races have finished. On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, we will be hosting our picnic evening on the School Field. Live music will be playing and families are warmly invited to bring a picnic along and enjoy a relaxed evening of entertainment. This will begin at 18.30.

I look forward to seeing you there!

### **Little Thetford Feast.**

**Date: July 8<sup>th</sup>. Time: 12n – 4pm Place: Oakfield.** (adjacent to the Village Hall) Come along and enjoy a barbecue lunch, various stalls to browse, school photograph competition to view, bouncy castle, toddler corner, ride the bronco and other entertainments. Tea and cakes will be available all afternoon and the social club bar will be open. Proceeds from the day will go towards a defibrillator for the village.

#### **Coach day excursions and short breaks**

direct from Little Thetford.  
Contact: Eagle Tours Cambridge  
01763 252870 or visit  
[www.eagletourscambridge.co.uk](http://www.eagletourscambridge.co.uk)

#### **Little Thetford Social Club Presents**

##### **“Summer Nights”**

24<sup>th</sup> June - Vision  
29<sup>th</sup> July & 2<sup>nd</sup> September – bands to be confirmed  
Check the notice boards for updates  
£10 for members  
£12 for non members

#### **The Field Committee is looking for volunteers on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June**

People needed please to give some time to help by ‘litter picking’ on the field and tidying the garden in front of the changing rooms. We are also looking for donations of magnolia emulsion so we can paint the changing rooms that same weekend. Please call Georgie 07971018795 if you have any emulsion or would like to volunteer

#### **Link Decorating.**

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## Speed Watch

Charlotte Mitchell, the local speed watch co-ordinator, is looking for some more volunteers for the village speed watch programme. Please call her on 07968970491 if this is something you would like to help with.

## Little Thetford Neighbourhood Watch

Many of you may have heard about Little Thetford Neighbourhood Watch and seen the signs on the lamp posts, and are wondering what is it all about?

The objective of Little Thetford Neighbourhood Watch is:

- ***to bring neighbours together to create a strong, friendly, active community where crime and anti-social behaviour are less likely to happen.***
- The aim of our scheme is **focused on trust and respect in which people are safe from crime and enjoy a good quality of life.**
- Neighbourhood Watch is about ***making sure that fewer people feel afraid, vulnerable or isolated in the place where they live.***

Neighbourhood Watch is supported through volunteers who act as coordinators of the scheme for the street in which they live. We have managed to cover most of Little Thetford, but need coordinators for New Close Road, parts of Cowslip Drive, Ely Road, and Orchid Close.

The job of a coordinator is:

- To communicate helpful crime prevention advice and tips to the neighbours in their street.
- Coordinators also provide a helpful link between the Police and the local community ensuring news and advice is passed on as well as letting Police know about local concerns.
- To enroll you to the "ecops" scheme, an email alert system advising subscribers about incidents of crime occurring in their local area,
- Advise on how Residents can report suspicious activity, and how to look out for your neighbour.

Neighbourhood Watch is well-known to help reduce burglary, anti-social behaviour, doorstep crime and environmental problems. How is Neighbourhood Watch so effective? By being a trusted source of information and support for people within their communities and keeping their eyes open for those who might be vulnerable.

Criminals rely on the deterioration of neighbourly concern where people mind their own business and do not report suspicious behaviour. This is a fate we do not wish for Little Thetford and all we need to do is be neighbourly.

There are no gimmicks, no intrusion, no hassle. All we need is for people to look out for one another, take notice of the elderly and vulnerable people in our village and give each other the feeling of safety through being neighbourly.

The erosion of a community is a slow process when gradually people only care about themselves, this opens the door to anti-social behaviour and crime. Being neighbourly is the best way to counter the breakdown of a community and repel the rot that comes with it. All you need to do is look out for one another.

If you want to know:

- who your coordinator is
- how you can receive information on crime prevention
- sign up to "ecops" the email alert system
- live on New Close Road, Cowslip Drive, Ely Road or Orchid Close and want to become a coordinator

Please email Dom at [domingo@greenlightfm.co.uk](mailto:domingo@greenlightfm.co.uk) with your Street and Postcode.

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