

LITTLE THETFORD NEWSLETTER.

APRIL/MAY 2013

All items for the next Newsletter covering June & July should be with the editor Mrs. J. Staines by May 15th please, jennifer.staines@btinternet.com or 38 The Wyches.

Sundays at St. Georges

APRIL

- 7th** Morning Praise 9.30am
14th Word and Worship with All Age Band 10.30am
21st Holy Communion 9.30am
28th St. Georges Day United Family Service with Band
Followed by Bring and Share Lunch 11am

MAY

- 5th** Morning Praise 9.30am
12th Word and Worship with All Age Band 10.30am
19th Holy Communion 9.30am
26th Morning Praise 9.30am

Coach day excursions and short breaks

direct from Little Thetford.
Contact: Eagle Tours Cambridge
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FOR CHILDREN

- 1st Little Thetford Brigade, for boys and girls of school age. Fun, activities, games, food and music,
- Sunday Club for children available most Sundays, details from Jane -
- Creche space at the back of the Church, so parents/carers can occupy and supervise their own children, which still being part of the worship.

Christian Aid Week 12th to the 18th May

We are looking for volunteers please to deliver (and few days later collect) the Christian Aid envelopes in the village. If you would like to help by collecting your street/lane/road (or part of) please contact:- Trisha and Tony Shaw 649470

Friends of St. Georges.

Firstly, the Hundred Club. This is our main fund raiser and also provides worthwhile prizes of £ 20, £10, and £5 each month with a final draw in March of £75, £ 40, and £20. Tickets at £12. for the year are available from Tony Shaw (649470).

The Friends A.G.M. will be held on Tuesday 14th. May at 7.15pm. in the church. Please come along if you would like to help us in our work to maintain this historic building for future generations. We always welcome new members, there is no need to be a regular worshipper, just the wish to help conserve this wonderful building. There are leaflets in the church, or alternatively just contact Tony Shaw.

Cream Teas. This summer we would like to offer you all the chance to have a cream tea in the

churchyard ! Just think, sitting out there in the sun being waited on by attentive staff whilst you watch the world go by! At present we have 22nd June and 27th July booked , but there can be more dates if the demand is there. More details in the next Newsletter.

Repairs to the Church. Our glaziers have taken the window away for repair and promise to have it refitted later this month. This just leave the new stonework to be fitted (it's already prepared) and we will have completed this major task. Once again many thanks to folk who have helped finance this work, we certainly could not have carried it out without your support.

Little Thetford Baptist Chapel.

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him." 1 Corinthians: Chapter 2: verse 9.

Sunday 7th April at 10.30am
Morning Service with communion

Sunday 5th May at 10.30am
Morning Service with communion

Sunday 14th April at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 12th May at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 21st April at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 19th May at 10.30am
Morning Service - Pentecost

Sunday 28th April at 10.30am
Morning Service

Sunday 26th May at 10.30am
Morning Service

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Coffee Mornings at The Chapel:

Church Fellowship Group:

Wednesday 3rd April at 10am

Thursday Evenings: 7pm

Wednesday 17th April at 10am

Venue: 3, Chapel Close, Little Thetford

Wednesday 1st May at 10am

Dates: Refer to Chapel Bulletin

Wednesday 15th May at 10am

Please feel free to come along to any of our services which all start at 10.30am each Sunday. We are a small but growing congregation of all ages. Children leave during the service to attend their own group. A warm welcome is guaranteed to all.

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

LITTLE THETFORD WI

The next two meetings of the WI are as follows:

29th April. Travels in Australia, an illustrated talk by
Maureen Lee

3rd June. Calligraphy, A Talk/Demo by Rosemary Higgs.

Both meetings start at 7.30 and are held in the Village Hall.

Any queries please contact Christine Bullen on 649368.

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Both the Pre-school and Out of School Clubs welcomed lots of new faces at the start of this year and all have settled in well.

At the start of our Summer term (16th April) we have a number of new children joining our setting and we look forward to them starting .

The children have enjoyed their recent topic - "People who Help Us" and have had visits from the local PCSO, Ely Fire Service and a Nurse Practitioner.

Job Vacancy:

We are currently advertising for a qualified Play-worker (Level 2 or above) working for our Out of School Club, with the possibility of Pre-School hours also. If you would like any further information please contact us on the email or telephone number below

Easter Holiday Club - 8th to 12th April 8am - 6pm.

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

Fundraising events planned for the coming months
Saturday 27th April - Topsy & Tim Book Signing
Thursday 16th May - Kelly's Cooking Evening

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.

We Wish Everyone A Very Happy Easter Break

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

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A resident has asked that the following be included in this edition of the Newsletter:

'Whilst walking my dog recently I had to take avoiding action so as not to be hit firstly by a BMX bike flying over a homemade ramp and secondly by a scooter doing the same; neither children had seen me walking along the pavement accompanied by a dog.' The resident also raises concerns about the safety of children so occupied in the vicinity of traffic, near a busy junction.

Editors Note: Please be advised that it is not the intention of the Newsletter to be involved in this type of article nor does it have the space or resources to continue with this subject, however as childrens safety is important part of the item has been included for information, strictly as a one off.

Parish Council.

At the February meeting it was agreed that as soon as the weather allows work will begin on improving the old telephone box. It was noted that recent contact with the Environment Agency to follow up on previously report concerns about a sunken boat at the moorings received the same reply - that they are going through the process to remove it.

It was agreed to support the owners of the overgrown piece of land adjacent to the cemetery if they wish to make an application for a section of it to be included in the development envelope with approximately a third of it being dedicated to community use.

It was noted that the Planning Application for Popes Corner Marina had been approved and a start made on the conditions on the Planning Approval for land adjacent to Quarterway House.

It was agreed to use the payroll service run by Cambridgeshire Acre from April to cover the new regulations required by H.M.R.C.

The clerk was asked to make contact with the County Councillor and 'Connecting Cambridgeshire' for re-assurance that the village would be included in the plans for Superfast Broadband.

The March meeting heard a report from the meeting held with the Field Management representative about the possibility of using a small section of Oakfields for a BMX style cycle track – a further meeting is planned.

The contract for the grasscutting was awarded to a local contractor.

It was agreed to Invite the Crime Prevention Community Safety Officer to make a short presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting on May 1st at 7:30pm.

Councillors were concerned that the information available about a survey of premises' suitability for wheelee bins due to be introduced in the Autumn seemed to be lacking in detail and agreed that our own survey should be made – please see the separate flier enclosed with this Newsletter.

The next Parish Council Meeting is to be held on **Wednesday April 10th 7:30pm** in the Village Hall.

The Annual Parish Meeting which all residents are invited to attend will be held on **Wednesday May 1st** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall – as previously stated the Crime Prevention Community Safety Officer has been invited to attend so should be of interest to all householders.

MJS Gardening Services.

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