

# LITTLE THETFORD NEWSLETTER.

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## JUNE/JULY 2013

All items for the next Newsletter covering August & September should be with the editor Mrs. J. Staines by July 12th please, [jennifer.staines@btinternet.com](mailto:jennifer.staines@btinternet.com) or 38 The Wyches.

### Little Thetford Baptist Chapel.

*"But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever; the purposes of His heart through all generations." Psalm 33 verse 11*

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 10.30am**  
*Morning Service with communion*

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am**  
*Morning Service with communion*

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am**  
*Morning Service*

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am**  
*Morning Service*

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am**  
*Morning Service*

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 10.30am**  
*Morning Service*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 10.30am**  
*Morning Service*

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am**  
*Morning Service*

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am**  
*Morning Service*

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will do wait & return.

### Coffee Mornings at The Chapel:

### Church Fellowship Group:

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 10am**

**Thursday Evenings: 7pm**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10am**

**Venue:** 3, Chapel Close, Little Thetford

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 10am**

**Dates:** Refer to Chapel Bulletin

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 10am**

**Summer Bar-B-Que** All welcome to join us for a bar-b-que on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm

*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.*

### Chapel Repairs:

After more than 146 years of worship and service, the chapel requires urgent and essential maintenance work to be carried out. The cost will be significant and we would ask you to join us in praying for the Lords provision in this area. Many thanks.

**Chapel contact:** Tudor Parsons (Pastor) 01353 648082 email: [tudor.parsons@btinternet.com](mailto:tudor.parsons@btinternet.com)

## Sundays at St George's Church

### June

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Morning Prayer	9.30am
9 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service	10.30am
16 <sup>th</sup>	Holy communion to be confirmed	9.30am
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning Praise	9.30am
30 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	9.30am

### July

7 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Praise	9.30am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Family Service with Baptism	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Holy communion	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Morning Prayer	

- **PET SERVICE with LITTLE THETFORD SCHOOL** – advance notice – we hope this will be a Sunday in September at 5pm in the Church. Watch this space.

### Music Marathon

There will be a 'Music Marathon Fundraiser' on Saturday 29th June from 9am -- 7pm. Calling Musicians and singers of all ages and abilities to take part in this non-stop performance, organ music, wind instruments, hand bells, singers and many more, all welcome. Refreshments, Teas, Coffees and home- made cakes served all day. Do come and listen over a Cuppa! Grand finale 7pm followed by a bring and share meal. For further information or to book a '15min slot' contact Jane 01353 649232 or John 01353 648819 or see list inside the Church.

**Christian Aid.** Thank you to all who gave so generously to Christian Aid again this year. We are especially grateful to the collectors who gave their time towards this very worthy cause. The total collected was £426:92.

**100 Club** The tickets sold in record time this year, so thank you all for your fantastic support. This is our main fund raiser and we are very grateful. Look on the notice board in the porch for the list of last year's winners. And wait for the brown envelope through your letterbox to see if you have been lucky this year!

**Cream Teas at St. Georges.** We have moved the June date to 29<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the Music Marathon which is being organised by Jane and Angela. The July Cream Teas will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> so please book the dates and join us in the sun in the churchyard.

**Brigade:** Open Evening Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 6pm – 7:30pm at St. Georges. Refreshments, games, crafts & a quiz. All with a 'French Flavour'.

## VILLAGE HALL

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 10am – 2pm.** The village hall will be hosting a **VILLAGE YARD SALE.** It works like this: **YOU** dig out all the clutter and stuff you want to get rid of – all those unwanted gifts, clothes you've never worn, that sort of thing – that you've been meaning to take to a car boot sale for months but never got round to it, and display it for sale on the day at your gate, in front of your garage, in your front garden, having first registered with the village hall which will produce a map for the benefit of punters (sorry, potential customers) so they will know the locations of all the yard sales in the village; and the rest is up to you. You sell from the comfort of your home without all the hassle of having to get the car out, loading it up, driving for miles and setting up a stall and then doing it all again in reverse to get home. Or you could display and offer for sale your own handicrafts. Whichever, you stay at home and the village hall does all the work. It will cost you only £5 to register and customers will be able to buy their maps from the hall when they arrive in the village. Light refreshments will be on sale in the hall. Posters and advertising will be going up in the next few days, if they aren't already, so 'watch this space' as they say. **To register Email [lisamurfitt@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lisamurfitt@hotmail.co.uk) or 'phone 0707545340577**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>. September:** We hope to hold a barn dance, ceilidh, or something similar, (fun for all the family) so please put that date in your diaries and watch out for further announcements during the coming months.

**AGM: Village Hall** AGM will be on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup>. June at 8pm.** Please support YOUR village hall. Remember: ***USE IT, OR LOSE IT!***

We are still experiencing some difficulties with the heating with half of the radiators not performing to full power. Fortunately with warmer weather coming (so we must believe!) this should not be much of a problem for the next few months and the system will be in full operation again before next autumn. The new hand driers in both ladies' and gents' loos are now installed and operating. You may have noticed that there are little bits of patching up decorating to be finished both inside and out and this in hand. Trustees are looking into the possibility of purchasing a new noticeboard (similar to the village noticeboard) for village hall and social club notices for the front to replace the two very untidy black boards by the car park entrance, as well as new smoking litter bins to replace the current very dilapidated ones. We are pricing a revamp of the front gate, gate to the yard and front fencing which it is hoped to be put in place in the coming months, finances permitting of course. Trustees are well aware that the overall appearance of the hall, especially the front aspect and garden, leaves much to be desired and these plans when they come to fruition will go a long way to help. It all comes down to money in the end. All events put on by the hall are for fund raising purposes. So, at the risk of being boring I would again urge all you Little Thetfordians (especially you BIG ones) to support your village hall. As I've said before, ***USE IT, OR LOSE IT!!***

### **LITTLE THETFORD WI**

The next meeting of the WI will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and is a talk and demonstration of **Calligraphy** by Rosemary Higgs. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of July same venue and time there will be an illustrated talk on **The art of beekeeping** by John Woodford. These meetings are open to all ladies in the village (or beyond). For more information please contact Christine Bullen on 01353 649 268.

**DID YOU KNOW**.....that the recycling bins in the Car Park adjacent to the Village Hall now take plastic bottles as well as cans and glass?

### **Lt. Thetford Acorns Pre-School & Children's Club.**

At the start of this Summer term we welcomed a number of new children into the Setting and they have all settled in well. The children are enjoying their current topic - "Dinosaurs and Large Animals", which will be followed by "The Farm". After half term the children will be preparing for their school production and looking forward to their Summer school trip to Milton Country Park and staff will be getting ready for our Leavers party and presentations.

**Committee:** At our next committee meeting on the 21st May, Helen Williams will be stepping down as Chairperson, although Helen will still remain on the committee for the foreseeable future, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Helen for all her hard work and dedication to the Setting over the last few years.

**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

**Summer Holiday Club – Monday 29th July - Friday 9th August 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@littlthetfordacorns.org.uk

**Fundraising:** We've had two successful fundraising events during April and May and would like to say a very **BIG thank you** to Jean Adamson, Author of the delightful Topsy & Tim children's books for attending our Book Signing on the 27th April. A fantastic morning was had by everyone. We hope to arrange another date nearer to Christmas when her new book is published.

**Thank you** too to Kelly for another "delicious" cooking night on Thursday 16th May

We are also encouraging everyone to help us raise funds using the 'Easy Fundraising' website – [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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.

For enquiries about our services please do not hesitate to contact us – 01353 649234 or [admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk](mailto:admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk) or via our website [www.littlethetfordacorns.org.uk](http://www.littlethetfordacorns.org.uk)  
Please be our friend on Facebook - "Little Thetford Acorns"

### **Governing Body Vacancy at Little Thetford School.**

Due to retirement, we will have a vacancy for a community governor on the School's Governing Body, starting in September.

Community governors should have an interest in local education, understand and care about the status of schools in society and wish to make a positive contribution to education and the community.

Community governors are important to the strategic management of the school as they broaden the experience and skill base of the governing body and can bring objectivity and a fresh pair of eyes to the issues we face.

If you would like to register an interest, or would like any further information, please call Sue Hampton, Clerk to the Governing Body, on 01353 648181, or email: [office@littlethetford.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@littlethetford.cambs.sch.uk).

### **Ely Guild of Wood Turners.**

Looking for a hobby or perhaps just interested? The Ely Guild of Wood Turners are holding an open day in Lt. Thetford Village Hall on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>. We are open from 10am to 5pm. Members will be present with a variety of lathes and will be pleased to talk about their work, answer questions and allow visitors to 'have a go' and get the feel for the job. Admission is free but visitors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Parish Council.**

The Parish Council Annual General Meeting was held on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Cllr Bullen was elected as Chair and signed the Declaration of Acceptance. The Vice Chairman elected was Cllr. Staines. A review of the working groups and representatives took place and also the statutory annual reviews of various documents and standing orders.

The Accounts and Annual Return was presented and approved for signature.

Following a visit from East Cambs. District Council's (ECDC) Forward Planning Officer, and an explanation of the requirements to include a piece of land into the Development Envelope it was agreed not to pursue this at this time.

Councillors were pleased to hear that the wrecked boat had been cleared from the river.

The Annual R.O.S.P.A. Inspection of the Play Area Report was received and an account of the Weekly Inspections. The Play Facilities Working Party made a short report and a letter objecting to the siting of a BMX style cycle track on Oakfields adjacent to The Lt. Thetford Acorns was read. This is an ongoing project and the Working Party continue to work towards finding a suitable site.

A number of 'Wheelie Bin Questionnaires' have been returned and will shortly be sent on to ECDC. The clerk has requested an inspection of the breaking road signs on the surface of The Wyches.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

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