

Little Thetford Newsletter.

Feb/March 2012

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

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH

*Sunday 5th February MORNING PRAISE 9.30am

*Sunday 12 February FAMILY SERVICE (All Ages together for an informal, family-friendly time of worship) 10.30am

*Sunday 19th February HOLY COMMUNION 9.30am

*Sunday 26th February MORNING PRAISE 9.30am

*Sunday 4th March MORNING PRAISE 9.30am

*Sunday 11th March FAMILY SERVICE 10.30am

*Sunday 18th March MOTHERING SUNDAY. TEA TIME SCHOOL/CHURCH SERVICE FOR ALL THE FAMILY.

ALL WELCOME. 5PM, in the church

*Sunday 25th March HOLY COMMUNION 9.30am

*Children at St George's: We start the service all together, and then children have their own group in the "Upper Room",

with a team led by Jane Dunseath (leaders CRB checked)

There is a Bible story, games, crafts, and chance to meet with friends

For parents/carers with babies and toddlers, there are flexible arrangements, including carpeted space with quiet crèche games and Bible story books, which allows parents to remain part of the service.

Further details from Margaret (645128) or Jane (649232)

*For Quiet Space for reflection and prayer, the church is open most days, approximately within the hours of daylight.

*For enquiries about weddings or baptisms, or other pastoral matters, please contact Rev Margaret Harper 645128

Little Thetford Baptist Chapel.

We are Christ's ambassadors . God is using us to speak to you: we beg you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, receive the love He offers you - be reconciled to God.

(2 Corinthians 5:20 The Living Bible)

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All Age Service with Holy Communion

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Mothering Sunday service

Sunday 25th March at 10.30am

All Age Service

Community Coffee Mornings:

Wednesday 1st Feb at 10am

Wednesday 15th Feb at 10am

Wednesday 7th March at 10am

Wednesday 21st March at 10am

Church Fellowship Group:

Thursday Evenings: 7pm

Venue: 3 Chapel Close, Little Thetford.

All are welcome to join us for services at the Chapel or events held there. Even if you come alone, a warm welcome is guaranteed!

A big thank you to all those in the village who contributed towards the many presents and donations brought to the Chapel gift giving service in December. The Emmaus community wish to pass on their grateful thanks and appreciation.

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Parish Council.

Following some considerable discussions and time spent on research the Councillors decided at their December meeting that they would not pursue the idea of joining with Stretham and Wilburton Parish Council in the Community Land Trusts Project.

The results of the Village Vision, an East Cambs. District Council, initiative which just 33 residents responded to reflected the findings in the Parish Plan. The PC support the majority of respondents who stated that they would not like housing growth on the edge of Lt. Thetford.

The Conservation Group AGM was called but was not quorate and there were insufficient responses to the flier from the Conservation Group to form a committee and so the PC has taken back responsibility for the area. People walking in this area and notice anything amiss are asked to contact the Parish Clerk – Sandra Thompson, Tel 666385 or ltcouncil.clerk@btinternet.com or any of the Councillors.

A planning application for The Wyches has been approved and one in Main Street refused – another for Main Street is currently with East Cambs. District Council, as is a retrospective application on Ely Road.

At the January meeting the Councillors were concerned to hear of the recent car crimes in the village and it was agreed that this matter be brought to the attention of the Neighbourhood Panel Meeting later in January with a request for a more visible police presence. Those who attended the Neighbourhood Panel meeting were reminded that the police do have powers to remove cars parked on the verge at the A10 junction and will use them, as reported in the last Newsletter – so please do be aware. It was also brought to our attention that Dog Fouling is now being dealt with by the Clean Neighbourhood Enforcement Officer who may be contacted on 01353 665555 or e-mail mark.mehaffey@eastcambs.gov.uk Stray dogs or similar issues are still being dealt with by the Dog Warden. There have been a lot of tyres dumped by the roadside particularly in the Grunty Fen area, Mark Mehaffey would like to hear from anyone who sees anything that can help trace the perpetrators. It was reported that East Cambs. District Council have a number of cases to deal with where cars are causing damage by crossing grassed areas to reach homes that have no vehicular access, each case is being dealt with individually.

Parish Council Meetings will be on Monday February 13th and March 12th at 7:30pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday April 25th.

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Little Thetford Acorns – Pre-School and Children's Club

Both the Pre-school and Out of School Clubs have welcomed lots of new faces at the start of this year, and many more new starters will be joining us throughout the term.

Everyone had a lovely time at the end of last year with the children's Christmas performance, trip to Wicken Fen to see Santa and end of term party being very successful.

We are now very busy planning for 2012 and our **February Holiday Club – 13th to 17th February 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

We will be holding a **Valentine Cake Sale on Friday 10th February at 9.15am**

Please come along to buy some lovely cakes. We are also holding a

Book Stall on Thursday 26th and Friday 27th January – 9.00 to 9.30 and 11.45 to 14.30 we would appreciate any book donations for the stall or why not come along and grab a few bargains!

Advertising Board

At the entrance of the setting (outside) we now have a dedicated advertising board. So, if you wish to advertise anything you may want to sell or wish to come along to see what people are advertising, please do come along and have a look.

We have many fundraising events planned for the coming months – **Bert's Bingo Friday 23rd March 7.30pm** We would really appreciate your support when we do a village collection very soon, any spare chocolates, perfumes, biscuits etc left over from Christmas would be great and very much appreciated.

(Date to be advertised very soon)

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The Spinal Injuries Association

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 18th May 2012

Want to do something different? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 18th May 2012 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services. You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralyzed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralyzed people to lead independent lives. For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fishandchips@spinal.co.uk or visit www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips

Little Thetford Newsletter Feb/March 2012 – Addendum

The Friends of St Georges Church. The repairs to the Church are proceeding well and the stonework along the south wall of the nave should be looking beautiful again by the spring. We now have enough funds to carry out the repairs to the south window, this involves cutting out all the badly perished stone and replacing with new material, at the same time we will need to have the glazing replaced because several panes are broken and the lead work is very tired. This has allowed the large areas of glass to sag and they will have to be completely re-built. This is a costly job but thanks to our fundraising and some very generous gifts we can do it. **Thank you all.**

Looking ahead, we will celebrate the Queens Jubilee with a mini Flower Festival on Saturday June 2nd. There will be a chance to attend a preview on the Friday evening (June 1st) when Mike Petty will give one of his wonderfully entertaining talks at 7:30pm. This one will cover changes in the Cambridgeshire fens since 1952 and be entitled '**Elizabethan Fenland**'

Please Book the dates and support us if you can. More details nearer the date.