

LITTLE THETFORD NEWSLETTER.

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Apologies if you are late receiving this Newsletter - some technical difficulties have been experienced during it's production.

Items for the next Newsletter covering Dec. 14 / Jan. 15 should be with the editor Mrs. J. Staines by Nov. 15th please, jennifer.staines@btinternet.com or 38 The Wyches.

St. George's Church.

As long as the Earth endures, seed time and Harvest, Cold and Heat, Summer and Winter, Day and Night, will never cease. Genesis Ch. 8 God's promise to us all!

Sunday 5th October.	09:30	Morning Praise.	Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday 12th October.	10:30.	Family Service.	Leader Claire McGinley.
Sunday 19th October.	09:30	Morning Praise.	Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday 26th October.	09:30	Holy Communion.	Preacher Canon Nigel Abbott.
Sunday 2nd November.	09:30	Morning Praise.	Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday 9th November.	10:30	Remembrance Sunday.	Preacher Pastor Peter Cockerton with Claire McGinley.
Sunday 16th November.	09:30	Morning Praise.	Preacher John Marshall.
Sunday 23rd November.	09:30	Holy Communion.	Preacher Rev Alan Jesson.
Sunday 30th November.	10:30	Family Praise joining the congregation at St. Mary's Church, Ely and all the team Churches.	

Saturday 29th November. Grand Christmas Fayre. 12-4pm. at the Village Hall.
Games, Raffle, Lots of stalls, Tombola and Hot and cold refreshments.

Our outreach work has commenced for the New Term with Qube Club and Open the Book Assemblies in School, and Brigade for School age Girls and Boys Thursday 6-7.30pm at Church with Leader Jane Dunseath. and informal Singing and Band Practice Tuesday 6-7 pm all welcome.

If you could help with any of these activities, even just occasionally, please contact John and Ruth 01353 648819 or Jane Dunseath on 01353 649232.

For any Baptisms or general enquiries please contact Rev Chris Hill 01353 662308 or for Weddings or Funerals please contact Rev Margaret Talbot 01353 698410.

1st Lt. Thetford Brigade raised £234 for The British Heart Foundation with the 5K Skip Relay (in June). A big thank you for all the support.

We would welcome more members, boys and girls. Please contact Jane Dunseath, Leader, (649232) or call in on our company evenings – Thursday in Term Time 6pm – 7:30pm at St. Georges Church.

Friends of St. Georges. We have just had our most successful Flower Festival ever. With a record number of visitors calling to admire the wonderfully imaginative displays of flowers and artifacts, see the beautifully restored memorial plaque and share our home made

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cakes, tea and coffee. We believe that we will have a profit of more than £700 which means that we can now make the final payment to the restoration company. Over the weekend there were many highs, one being a packed house for Mike Petty's enthralling talk. It is difficult to take in that he has now been giving these for 50 years, the presentation is still so spellbinding. Sunday evening's rededication service, taken by the Rev. John Sansom was also packed, with visitors from other villages joining us for this special occasion. John carefully wove some pieces from the original dedication service, held in March 1921, into the proceedings, as we once again remembered those lives so cruelly cut short in the First World War. None of this would have been possible without the time and effort put into the weekend by the small band of volunteers, led so ably by Jennifer Bedford and we owe her and them, a great debt. We also need to say thank you to the local businesses who so generously sponsored the back page of the programme, and Tesco, who helped with the cost of the flowers. So thank you all very much. If you were unable to visit over the weekend and would like to see our beautifully restored memorial, just pop in when you are passing, the Church is open every day

LITTLE THETFORD WI

The next meeting of the WI will be Monday 6th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall when two of our members will give a talk about knitting.

The meeting for November will be on the 3rd at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and there will be a demonstration on how to make your own Christmas Decorations.

Any enquiries to Christine Bullen on 01353 649268.

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Friends of Lt.Thetford School

The Friends ran a Coffee Morning at the School on September the 26th as part of 'The Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning' in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. They would like to thank everyone who supported them helping to raise the sum of £285 for this most worthwhile cause

Parish Council.

Cllrs expressed their thanks to The Chair Cllr, Bullen for his organisation of the Commemoration of the outbreak of WW1 held in the cemetery on August 4th

Cllrs agreed to recommend refusal for a Planning Application to build on land adjacent to 4 Holt Fen on the grounds that it was overdevelopment of the site and detrimental to the neighbouring properties, including the host property. In response to the planning application for an additional 10 caravan pitches at Saunders Piece, although outside our Parish, the PC agreed to comment that there was a caravan and camping site here in the village and the development of Saunders Piece could be detrimental to the present site.

A development company had asked for comments from the PC about a proposal to develop the former Scaffolding Site in Holt Fen for housing – the clerk was asked to point out that this site was outside the Village Development Envelope and therefore the plan could not be supported by the PC.

Also at the August Meeting representatives from the Social Club put forward the idea of building a skate ramp on Oakfields – The PC were supportive of the idea to provide an activity of this sort and shared with them the views of the public when they themselves had tried to do something for the young teen age group and reminded them of the need to put in Risk Assessments and Insurance cover.

At the September Meeting, Cllr. R. Bullen reported on the recently held Pilot Parish Conference for Parishes across East Cambridgeshire. It had been a worthwhile, if long, meeting and the hope was that it would continue with the same valid input that there had been in the Pilot Meeting.

Points of information had been received on two planning applications.

It was decided for this years bid for the Local Highways Improvement Initiative to bid for the installation of some form of flashing speed restriction reminders in the main part of the village.

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The Clerk was asked to investigate the supply and storage of sand bags in the Parish so that if in the future the same problems occurred as they did in August when some buildings were flooded there was easy access to an initial supply of sandbags.

Members of the public had again brought to the attention of Councillors cars parked across areas of the village pavements. Drivers are asked when parking their cars to remember wheelchair users and people with pushchairs need to be able to pass on the pavement and stepping out into the road for them is difficult and unsafe.

From these reports readers will see that the Parish Council deal with a variety of issues for the locality at their meetings which are held usually on a monthly basis. Next year, in April the Council will come to the end of its current term and an election will be held early in May to elect Councillors to continue the work of the Parish Council. We have asked for permission to reduce the number of Councillors we have to 7 as we have been unable for the whole of the 4 year term to have a full council of 9 Councillors. We are aware that at least 2 of our Councillors will not be standing for election again and so we are asking parishioners to seriously consider standing as Parish Councillors at the elections next year. We believe that even in a small Parish a local council is vitally important and only local people can give genuine and fair consideration to local matters. If you would like to know more about the role of a Parish Councillor please speak to one of our present Councillors or come along to a Parish Council Meeting held on the 2nd Monday of the month – next one October 13th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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Cemetary Groundsman a vacancy has arisen for a contractor to undertake this work from the beginning of November. A Job Description and other details are available from the Clerk to The Parish Council Mrs Sandra Thompson ltcouncil.clerk@btinternet.com or telephone 01353 666385 or 9 Cole Close, Witchford, ELY.CB6 2JX Written applications to the clerk please by October 11th

From the Editor:-

A sincere ‘thank you’ goes to Mrs Bennett who for a number of years has delivered Newsletters to a section of Cowslip Drive but has now expressed a wish to ‘stand down’.

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John Townsend Charity Trustee Vacancy.

Due to a resignation The Parish Council need to appoint a Trustee to this local charity until June 2016. The work of the Charity can be seen in the leaflet enclosed with this Newsletter. An application form for this post may be obtained from the Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs Sandra Thompson ltcouncil.clerk@btinternet.com 01353 666385 9 Cole Close. Witchford. ELY CB6 2JX

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Thanks are due to Mr Merrell for acting as the local coordinator of this scheme for Little Thetford. As you will see the scheme has now been centralized and is open to anyone wishing to use it.



Now is the time to consider your heating oil requirements for the winter months. Traditionally heating oil prices in the summer and early autumn months tend to be cheaper and deliveries faster than in the colder weather.

Cambridgeshire ACRE's community oil buying scheme is designed to help purchasers of central heating oil to make savings by buying in bulk. The scheme is open to anyone in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. Community buildings such as churches and village halls as well as businesses which are reliant upon heating oil can join too. The annual membership fee for domestic users is £20 and covers as many oil orders as you need during the course of the year.

Through our partnership with AF Affinity Limited, a subsidiary of Anglia Farmers Limited, the leading agricultural purchasing co-operative in the United Kingdom, the scheme makes the most of collective purchasing power.

The average saving is usually 2pence per litre against online prices. In July and August this year members who ordered oil in these months got it at less than 50pence per litre (exclusive of VAT at 5%). The environment benefits too as every time a tanker comes out to make a delivery, it is using a lot of diesel – a full tanker can get as little as a horrifying 8 miles per gallon. If deliveries are organised so that one tanker delivers to several customers in a village, instead of making lots of individual deliveries, the fuel consumption is reduced and so is traffic in the village.

There are five easy steps to cheaper heating oil:

- **Step 1: Join the Cambridgeshire ACRE Community Oil Buying Scheme**

Complete a membership form or apply online and then set up a direct debit to pay for your future oil purchases.

- **Step 2: Receive a reminder to check your oil levels**

Each month, we'll remind you to check your tank and notify you of the deadline to place an order. The minimum order is 500 litres.

- **Step 3: Place your order online**

Use our online portal to let us know how much oil you want to buy. Your order increases our negotiating power, so once submitted we regard it as binding.

- **Step 4: Sit back whilst our negotiators get the best possible price**

AF Affinity Ltd negotiate the best price from a range of suppliers. We advise you who the supplier is, the price per litre (exclusive of VAT, currently at 5%) and the approximate date of delivery.

- **Step 5: Take delivery of the oil and pay the company**

The oil will be delivered as soon as possible and your bank account is debited with the amount you owe.

To find out more about the Cambridgeshire ACRE Community Oil Buying Scheme go to our website www.cambsacre.org.uk or contact Julie Weekes on 01353 860850 email oil@cambsacre.org.uk

An additional point on heating oil – Crime prevention Officers are warning that there has been an increase in theft from storage tanks and householders are reminded to ensure tanks are locked securely – other information about oil tank security is posted on the Notice Board.

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