

Lt. Thetford Newsletter.

June /July 2010

*Items for the next newsletter to Mrs. J. Staines 38 The Wyches, by **July 10th** please. Copy may also be e-mailed to jennifer.staines@btinternet.com.*

Baptist Chapel and St George's Church

You are most welcome at any of the services or events at both places of Christian worship in the village.

Baptist Chapel (all Sunday services at 10.30am)

June:

Tuesday 1st Coffee Morning at 10am
Sunday 6th Normal Worship with Holy Communion, followed by BBQ 12.30-3.30pm. All welcome R.S.V.P. to Tudor Parsons –see flyer or email tudorparsons@btconnect.com
Sunday 13th Joint Family Service at the chapel, with Girls Brigade. Led by Rev Steve Holland
Wednesday 16th Coffee Morning at 10am
Sunday 20th and 27th Normal Worship

July:

Sunday 4th Normal Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday 6th Coffee Morning at 10am
Sunday 11th Joint Family Service at St George's Church
Sunday 18th Normal worship, followed by BBQ 12.30-3.30pm. RSVP as above.
Weds 21st Coffee Morning at 10am

Girls' Brigade every Friday, 6pm, in term time, at the Chapel.

St George's Church (Sunday services at 9.30am – please check notice board for any changes)

June:

Sunday 6th, Morning Praise with Sunday Club for children
Sunday 13th Joint Family Service at the Chapel, 10.30am
Sunday 20th, Morning Praise with Sunday Club for children
Sunday 27th Holy Communion

July:

Sunday 4th Morning Praise with Sunday Club for children
Sunday 11th Joint Family Service at St George's, with Baptism
Sunday 18th Holy Communion
Sunday 25th Morning Praise with Sunday Club for children

For Families, Sunday Club for school-age children is held most Sundays, during the Morning Service, and there is always crèche space, with books and toys, available for parents/carers with babies and toddlers in the carpeted area at the back of the church.

Pathway Care

Pathway Care is a local fostering agency who are currently looking to recruit new foster carers to their agency. There are a high proportion of Cambridgeshire children in the care system and many of these are placed in local towns and villages. Pathway Care offers a high level of support, training and generous fostering allowance to their approved carers. For anyone who would like to consider fostering as a career, please contact 0871 226 3760 or visit the website www.pathwaycare.com

LITTLE THETFORD WI

A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was had by all at the talk and demonstration given by Pauline Blackburn on the Art of Flower Pressing which was held in the Village Hall on Monday 26th of April.

The next meeting is on Monday the 7th of June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and is a talk by Anne Barnes entitled 'With this Ring' a history of marriage customs through the ages.

For further information please contact Christine Bullen on Ely 649268 or Sarah Shea-Simonds on Ely 648890. All ladies of the village welcome

Sustainable Community Strategy

Following the first consultation phase, the East Cambridgeshire Strategic Partnership (ECSP) is now developing the new Sustainable Community Strategy, for launch in April 2011.

The feedback received during phase one of the consultation (1st March – 20th May 2010) provided the Partnership with information which organisations and members of the local communities felt to be of importance in East Cambs.

As a result, the Partnership has now produced a draft new Strategy which will replace the existing Sustainable Community Strategy for 2008-2011 and will run for 20 years, from 2011-2031.

This new Strategy sets out how services can be improved and delivered to increase the environmental, social and economic well-being of the district and will act as an overarching partnership plan for East Cambridgeshire.

For further details, or to view the draft document, email your request to lsp2@eastcamb.gov.uk or look out for details in the local press.

Christian Aid Collection

The door to door collection in Lt. Thetford raised £453:43p. for this most worthwhile charity this year. Thank you to all who gave so generously. The money this year is going towards urgently needed drinking water and proper sewage systems in Kenya, all stuff that we take for granted. Thank you also to the folk who gave their time to do the collection and count up the cash.

LittleThetford.org

The Little Thetford village website (LittleThetford.org) has been revamped recently and has many fascinating pages on the information and history of Little Thetford. We are gradually building up what we hope to be a useful resource for local residents or indeed, anyone interested in the parish. Do take a look and if you'd like to see something added to the site, please use the contact form on the website. And for those who know what it means, the website is even on twitter! (See website for details).

If you mislay your Newsletter you may find that on the website too!

VILLAGE HALL A.G.M 2010

Thursday 10th. June @ 8pm

Do please try to come to the village hall AGM. The hall is YOUR hall and one of the village's superb facilities but it does need everybody's support to enable it to continue to be maintained and to remain as Lt. Thetford's Village Hall for us all to enjoy and get maximum use from. The hall is managed by a board of Trustees and new Trustees are urgently needed. By the hall's constitution every village organisation may have two members represented on the board of Trustees. It would be good to have the new and additional support of those organisations that do not at the moment have even one representative as a Trustee. It may become necessary to consider an alternative method of managing the hall in the very near future if further Trustees do not come forward. Myself and all the current Trustees look forward to meeting you at the Village Hall for the AGM.

Robert Bullen (chair of Trustees)

Lt. Thetford Parish Conservation Volunteers

The 2010 AGM of the "Conservation Group" will be on Wednesday 14th. July @ 8pm in the village hall. The group manages and maintains the conservation land area on behalf of the Parish Council and has a constitutional responsibility to other areas of land within the parish as and when circumstances permit. There is no formal membership or subs to pay, the only things required are an interest in conservation and a little effort from time to time as and when you can offer it. A number of households and individuals indicated in the Parish Plan questionnaire that they are interested in conservation issues and might be willing to give a little of their time and energy and if you are one of those this would be an ideal opportunity to find out more about the group and conservation in the village and lend your support to the current volunteers who do urgently need some assistance. Look forward to seeing you.

Robert Bullen

Lt. Thetford Senior Citizens Club.

Members would like to invite other seniors in the village to our meetings, held in the village Hall every other Friday 2:30pm – 4:30pm. You will be very welcome. The Club has been running since 1978 and records show that at one time we had 45 members – sadly as time passed we have lost them one by one.

Our next meeting will be on May 28th and then every fortnight. For more information please telephone Mr Bert Taylor – Chairman 6495569 or Mrs Rose Bussingham – Secretary 663143.

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Lt. Thetford Social Club

Monday nights will be a new venture POKER EVENINGS members and non members welcome.

Tuesday 1st JUNE will be the start of our Wii nights come and join the fun.

Saturday 5th JUNE live entertainment with Jonny DEE tickets £5.00 adults only few left please call in at the club for a ticket or try on the night. All round entertainer singer comedian fun night in aid of Little Thetford Cricket Club.

Friday 25th JUNE Family Quiz night. Get your own team together or come and join one on the night.

Member ships are still available please call in the social club for a form or call 01353648100 and ask for Kevin, Julie or Shirley.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Police Surgery.

June 9th 3pm – 3:45pm outside the school.
PCSO Dan Stewart will be present and you are invited to go and introduce yourself and have a chat with him or discuss any matters of concern.

Lt. Thetford School.

Anyone with an association with the school, past pupil, parent, grandparent etc. is invited to come along to the

BIG ASSEMBLIES

at 9:05 in the School Hall on
Thursday June 10th & Tuesday July 6th

On July 9th you are invited to a Music Evening at 7pm on the school field featuring both children and adult songsters.

Please bring your own seating and, if you would like to, a picnic supper.

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LITTLE THETFORD F E A S T 2010

Great News !!! Great Event !!!

The 'new' *F E A S T* committee, headed by Rob Stead, is on the case! This year's FEAST will be held on "Oakfield" on Saturday 14th. August from 1pm onwards. The committee want this *F E A S T* to be a truly family afternoon out with all the usual fun of the fair; side shows ('splat-the-rat', coconut shy, wellie throwing, tombola: to name just a few), an extra special bouncy castle (you'll have to be there to find out exactly how extra special it is!), sports and novelty races, raffles, ice cream, cake stalls, a BBQ, burgers and beer and lots of fun. Hopefully there will be vintage vehicles to admire and covet. A pet show is planned, so

start grooming your cat, guinea pig, rat, chihuahua, pony, goldfish or stick insects *now*. A great new attraction will be flying displays - weather permitting - of raptors (birds of prey) and visitors will be able to see close up, learn about and perhaps handle these magnificent animals. Will a fire engine and crew turn up? Well that remains to be seen but our PCSO has promised to be there and he's said he doesn't mind hearing your moans and complaints but he intends to enjoy himself too. Village organisations will be encouraged to have stalls to raise funds for themselves and anybody with something to sell or skill they'd like to show off will be invited to attend as well. There will be a collection around the village during the preceding week to receive your contributions. What there will not be this year is the produce and handicraft competitive shows. These have been increasingly poorly supported over the last few occasions and the committee feel that type of show and competition has had its day, for the time being at least. Instead it's expected to have a number of Wii competitions using the new big screen in the club lounge, with various games to appeal to all ages from the youngest (as long as they can sit up) to the oldest (as long as they know what a Wii is!) That's all just for starters. So, put the date in your diary and reckon on being there. Where? "Oakfield". When? Saturday 14th. August. What for? The Little Thetford *FEAST* 2010. **ENJOY YOURSELVES!!!**

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Lt. Thetford Cricket Club

Sat 5th Jun	<u>Chatteris CC - 3rd XI</u>	vs	Little Thetford CC
Sat 12th Jun	<u>St Ives Town CC. Hunts - 4th XI</u>	vs	Little Thetford CC
Sat 19th Jun	<u>Willingham CC. Cambs - 2nd XI</u>	vs	Little Thetford CC
Sat 26th Jun	Little Thetford CC	vs	<u>Willingham CC. Cambs - 2nd XI</u>
Sat 3rd Jul	Little Thetford CC	vs	<u>Abbots Ripton CC - 1st XI</u>
Sat 10th Jul	Little Thetford CC	vs	<u>Chatteris CC - 3rd XI</u>
Sat 24th Jul	<u>Abbots Ripton CC - 1st XI</u>	vs	Little Thetford CC

New Cricket players, Umpires and Scorers required to join our Saturday team over 16 only. Please contact the Social Club after 8pm Monday to Saturday or 12pm to 11 pm Sundays on 01353 648100 or littlethetfordcc@aol.com

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Litter Pick Day!

Saturday May 29th 10- 12n

Meet in the Village Hall car park – bags etc provided – if you can bring gardening gloves, a florescent jacket and a picker please do.
All volunteers welcome.

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Lt. Thetford Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on May 10th when Cllr. Bullen was returned to the office of Chair and Cllr. Staines as Vice Chair. Appointments were made for two members of the Council to act as representatives on the Village Hall Committee, & The Conservation Group. A representative was also appointed to the Neighbourhood Panel.

A report was heard from Cllr Bill Hunt, County Councillor covering the possibility of a weight restriction on the A132 through local villages, the plans to build a new Village College in Littleport, a parking review in Ely, a possible new Railway Station in Chesterton etc.

Concern had previously been expressed about footpath no 3 being blocked, this had been reported to the Rights of Way Officers and it is understood a 'kissing gate' is to be installed. The P.C. are in the process of adopting the telephone kiosk, which means the telephone box will stay but we loose the telephone – BT reported that it had only been used twice in a number of months. This meant that the village was likely to loose the box so it is to be bought for the village for a nominal sum – future use to be decided.

The year end accounts and Annual Return were presented and agreed.

A short report was made from the April meeting of the Neighbourhood Panel.

The first piece of equipment for installation on the Play Area and funded by The Big Lottery Fund has been ordered and should be installed by the end of June. This is a wheelchair and buggy friendly roundabout from Park Leisure. If we are successful with a further bid for funding there are further improvements to follow.

An additional meeting was held in May to consider a planning application in Holt Fen. Future dates for Parish Council meetings are June 14th and July 12th at 7.30pm

Would You Like an Hour of Complete Relaxation?

Relaxation sessions every Wednesday, 9 - 10 am
The Scout Hall, St John's Road, Ely – the 1st
Class is Free! Then £6.50 a week, payable half
termly in advance. Over 60's £5.00 10% off for
residents of Little Thetford!

To book a place call Jackie Lamb
on 01353 649860
or email jackie@evthemonia.co.uk



We will shortly be entering into our last half term of the pre-school year, which means we will have to say a fond farewell to all our “big” boys and girls who will be going to “big school” in September. We will be very sad to see them go, but wish them well in their next big adventure. They are already visiting school every Thursday lunchtime, so you may see them walking through the village with the help of “Robbie the Rope”.

Before that though, we have a busy half term lined up, with an outing and also taking part in the Barnardo's Big Toddle. At the end of term in July we will have a party and a show, which is definitely something to look forward to.

Our Children's Club is looking forward to our first Summer Holiday Club, which will run throughout the school summer holidays for all children aged 4-11yrs. We have planned lots of fun activities to entertain the children in our care. In addition to half day or full day sessions, we have now introduced shorter sessions to cater for children who will be attending just for fun rather than a need for childcare. Please contact us for a booking form.

www.LittleThetfordAcorns.org.uk or call us
on **01353 649234**

Any donations of prizes for our events are still gratefully received, and our donation box is left

just outside our door from 9am-12pm every day.

Forthcoming dates for your diaries:

Friday 9th July: Bingo night in conjunction with FOLTS (7.30pm start at Primary School)

Little Thetford Acorns Toddlers

Toddler group will be held every Monday afternoon during term time 1.30-2.45pm. We welcome children aged 0-3years (older siblings are very welcome too!) and their parents or carers to join us for a variety of play time activities.

This is held in our new building, which allows lots of fun for the children and a lovely environment for the grown-ups too. Come along to our next session and make some new friends.

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A Trading Standards consultation opened on 10 May 2010 seeking people's views on what they would like the Service to make a priority in their area.

Trading Standards has a broad remit – from tackling the sale of alcohol to underage youngsters and confronting rogue traders, to checking petrol pumps are giving the right measure and ensuring that food is labelled correctly - and they want to know which things are most important to Cambridgeshire communities.

Until the end of June the survey can be found by going to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/consumer . Paper copies of the survey are also available from the hub libraries in the County or can be sent to you by contacting the County Council on (01223)

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