

# LITTLE THETFORD NEWSLETTER.

**JUNE 2014/ JULY 2014**

**Did You Know?**  
The Newsletter is now  
40 years old - the first  
one was published in  
April 1974!

Items for the next Newsletter covering Aug /Sept 2014 should be with the editor Mrs. J. Staines by July 15<sup>th</sup> please, [jennifer.staines@btinternet.com](mailto:jennifer.staines@btinternet.com) or 38 The Wyches.

## St. George's Church.

<b>Sunday 1st June.</b>	<b>09:30</b>	Morning Praise. Preacher John Marshall.
<b>Sunday 8th June.</b>	<b>10:30</b>	United Pet service and Pentecost, joining with the school. Please bring your pets! Leader Claire McGinley.
<b>Sunday 15th June.</b>	<b>09:30</b>	Morning Praise. Preacher John Marshall.
<b>Sunday 22nd June</b>	<b>09:30</b>	Holy Communion service. Preacher Canon Abbott.
<b>Sunday 29th June</b>	<b>09:30</b>	Morning Praise. Preacher Scott Eversman.
<b>Sunday 6th July</b>	<b>09:30</b>	Morning Praise. Preacher John Marshall.
<b>Sunday 13th July</b>	<b>10:30</b>	Family service.
<b>Sunday 20th July</b>	<b>09:30</b>	Morning Praise. Preacher John Dickerson.
<b>Sunday 27th July</b>	<b>09:30</b>	Holy Communion service. Preacher Canon Laurie Blanchard.

All are welcome at any of our services and for our time of fellowship over Coffee at the end.  
Regular events held at St. George's and outreach.

**Tuesdays 6-7pm** Informal hymn singing and band practice, if you enjoy singing do join us.

**Thursday 6-7.30 pm** at Church Brigade for girls and boys. Further details Captain Jane Dunseath, 649232.

**Qube Fun Club Tuesday 3-4pm** at school in term time and 'Open the Book' assemblies once a month, a fifteen minute Bible story with actions.

**Saturday 14th June** we are holding another 'MUSICAL MARATHON' in Church featuring continual music from 9am to 7pm with Organ, Wind instruments, Singing, Hand Bells and much more. All welcome to join in, bring your instrument or voice, refreshments available.

For any Wedding or Funeral enquiries please contact Rev Margaret Talbot 01353 698410

For all other enquiries or Baptisms please contact Rev Chris Hill 01353 662308.

*We pray all readers will enjoy the glory of summer and praise the Lord for the beauty He surrounds us with.*

### **Little Thetford Fitness Classes**

Every Tuesday @ Village Hall

FitSteps 19:00-19:40 - £4.50

Powerhoop 19:50-20:50- £6

Or both for £9

For more information & to book your place please contact Tania:

[taniamcquilkin@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:taniamcquilkin@hotmail.co.uk)

or 07983440187

**QUBE FUN CLUB at Little Thetford school needs YOU!!** This is an after school 'Sunday School' on a Tuesday 3-4pm for 12 children. We play team games, have a simple Bible story then a craft session, colouring, sticking, making models or doing word puzzles.

Calling all Parents, Grandparents, Friends and Neighbours, could you help

our team to keep this Club going during term time? No experience needed, just caring and a sense of

Fun. Please contact John and Ruth Drewry, 01353 648819 or email [johnandruthdrewry@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:johnandruthdrewry@hotmail.co.uk) or contact the school on 01353 649260.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt Thetford Brigade-** please help The Brigade meet the challenge of a 5K Relay Skip 'Jump Rope for Heart' on **Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm** at St Georges details from Cpt Jane Dunseath 649232.

## Friends of St. Georges.

We held our AGM on 13<sup>th</sup> May when the officers were elected and the Chair, Tony Shaw, thanked members for all of their efforts both in fund raising and the work constantly being carried out to keep the Church in good order. Although we have no Vicar of our own at the moment, we do have the support of the whole Ely Team. We are very fortunate to have John Marshall, a lay reader who takes two services each month and Claire McGinley, a reader in training, who leads our monthly Family Service. In the background we have Ruth and John Drewry, whose organisation ensures that we have a minister for Communion every month and for any fifth Sunday in the month through into the autumn. We are very thankful to have so many devoted people supporting St. Georges.

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May we enjoyed wonderful weather for our Cream Teas in the Churchyard, we are now looking forward to the next one on Saturday 28th. June. Why not pop along, the food and company are second to none !

The organisation of the Flower Festival is well advanced with Jennifer Bedford having already put in many hours of research into the different aspects of the First World War that we want to display. All the proceeds of this event, together with those from Mike Petty's talk on 20th. September, will go toward the cost of refurbishing the brass plaque which commemorates the lives of the villagers who lost their lives in the conflict. We have estimates for the cost of this work at approximately £1,500 and already have received offers of sponsorship. If you feel moved to add your support, please contact Tony (649470) because we still have some way to go.

## Little Thetford Acorns Pre-School & Children's Club

All the children have settled back into the Summer term well and are enjoying their current topics and activities. The Setting garden has also had a make-over and we would like to thank all parents, staff and Committee who gave up their weekend to make this possible. After half term the children will be preparing for their school production and looking forward to their summer school trip to Angle Farm Park in Soham and staff will be getting ready for our leavers party and presentations.

### **Summer Holiday Club – Monday 28th July - Friday 8th 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 fundraising events during April and May and would like to say a very **BIG thank you** to Pippa Goodhart, Author of the delightful 'Winnie the Witch' children's books for attending our Book Signing on the 5th April. A fantastic morning was had by everyone.

On 3rd May we held a Boden shopping day - **thank you** to everyone who supported this event.

### **Future Events to look out for:** Summer BBQ and Grand Draw - 12th July 2014

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.

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

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## Little Thetford School

The school has settled in well to the new term and, in fact, due to the positioning of Easter and the Spring bank holiday we are almost ready for our half term break. This term is, as usual, very busy with lots of sports and opportunities for matches and tournaments. We are lucky to have external coaches in cricket, football, tennis and multi-skills, as well as a range of sports offered in our clubs. This is also the term when we travel to Ely for swimming lessons, always a popular lesson with the children.

Our trips are starting next week with the infants taking part in the Farm to Fork trail led by Tesco stores. They will have a fun and lively day starting at the farm, looking at crops in the fields and in the factory. They will then go to Tesco where they will take part in a range of activities, including making bread and finding out about foods from around the world. The children are very excited and it should help to enrich our topic work about the environment.

### 2014 Village Feast

The 2014 Feast Committee have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Feast celebrations. The Committee hope it will be in a position to resume the Feast again in 2015. The profits generated from the 2013 Feast are currently being held. The existing Committee will be meeting to discuss its distribution to new projects for the benefit of the village's children. The Sports & Social Club are hoping to arrange a smaller scale family day during the course of the Summer holidays. We will of course keep you all informed.

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## LITTLE THETFORD WI

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June at 7.30 in the Village Hall the talk is A history of Ely Cathedral. The meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> of July same venue and time, an illustrated talk on The gardens at Peckover House. All ladies of the village welcome. Any enquiries to Christine Bullen on 01353 649 268.

## VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall **AGM** will be held on **Tuesday 22 JULY at 8.30pm.**

Please put the date in your diary and do your best to support YOUR village hall and attend the AGM. It will not be a long meeting and your interest will be much appreciated by the Trustees who are finding it harder and harder to maintain the hall in the condition and for the purposes required by its constitution and charity status.

The hall is the only place in the village capable of holding parties, meetings and gatherings of all sorts. It has to be marketed commercially to a certain extent in order to attract a larger income (necessary for its maintenance and improvement) than can be generated from its status as a village hall alone. However, The Trustees have to maintain the hall for the social, educational and recreational benefit of the parishioners of Little Thetford. Please consider the village hall as your venue for children's parties, family gatherings, celebrations, meetings and social events. Hiring charges start from £25 for a half day session of 2 – 4 hours generally; ideal for kiddies' parties for instance – so you won't get jelly and crumbs trampled into your carpets or sticky fingers on your furniture and your treasured ornaments will be safe! Friday and Saturday evenings start at around a very competitive £100 with the availability of the lounge. The bar and a family disco can be arranged in association with the Social Club. Please contact Robert Bullen on (01353) 649268 or [robert.bullen1@tesco.net](mailto:robert.bullen1@tesco.net) to make enquiries or a booking.

### **MJS Gardening Services.**

**24 The Wyches. Lt. Thetford**  
**649795 or mobile 07747864303.**

**Patios, Decking, Turfing,**  
**Garden Maintenance.**  
**Fencing & Odd Jobs.**

## **Little Thetford Social Club.**

**June.** Poker Night 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month, all abilities welcome, cash prize - so over 18 only.

**Fri 27th Quiz Night....** Great fun quiz with prizes plus the chance to win over £170 on 'Play Your Cards Right'

**Sun 29<sup>th</sup>** Cash Bingo... Eyes down at 5:30...

Snowball game stands at £120!

**July** Poker Night 1st & 3rd Sunday

**Fri 4th July KARAOKE**

**Fri 25th Quiz Night**

**Sun 27th Cash Bingo**

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

Field Committee present

"Race Night"

Fun for all the family

Little Thetford Hall

7.30pm

You will be able to view ALL the England games in the World Cup plus a selection of others including all quarter finals, semi finals & final at the Social Club.

Please like us on facebook using this link <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LTsocialclub/>

The Social Club are also looking for dart players on a Tuesday night - enquiries to the Steward at the bar.

The Social Club would also welcome anyone who would like to join the committee again initial enquiries/information from the Steward.

### **Parish Council.**

Two new benches have been sited in the Parish and a third will shortly be placed in the Conservation Area. The PC supported the concerns of the neighbours regarding a Planning Application 14/00158/FUL for 19 Main Street.

A meeting was facilitated at the end of April between parents, young people, The Project Manager of The Connections Bus Project and The Youth Development Co-ordinator for this area to see if there was sufficient adult interest in forming a youth group. The meeting was not well attended but Mr John Maiden undertook to be the link between these professionals and the local parents and was hopeful of being able to set up a further meeting with them to progress this. If you are an interested parent please contact John and let him know – [maiden3667@googlemail.com](mailto:maiden3667@googlemail.com)

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on April 30<sup>th</sup> and again this was not well attended but reports – either verbal or written were received from 10 organisations which made for an interesting meeting

At the May PC Meeting Cllr Bullen was elected to the Chair and Cllr Staines as the Vice Chair for the coming year. Working Groups were reviewed as were the varied documents and procedures that govern the working of the PC. The Annual Internal Audit report was received along with the Accounting Statements for 2013/14. Cllr. Stoeber was elected to represent the PC on the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Russell reported on a visit from the District Council Tree Officer. Consent was given for more trees to be planted on Holt Fen later in the year.

A contractor was agreed to do the work on the gate to the Play Area. As there is a large piece of concrete that has to be removed to replace the gate posts this work is likely to take at least two days so the area will be cordoned off and there will be no access to the Play Area. We will endeavor to give as much notice of this as possible and apologise in advance for any inconvenience.

The next Parish Council meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **Coach day excursions and short breaks**

direct from Little Thetford.

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