



LITTLE THETFORD

NEWSLETTER.



OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER 2016

Items for the next Newsletter covering Dec. 2016/Jan. 2017 should be with the editor Mrs. J. Staines no later than Nov. 15th please. jennifer.staines@btinternet.com or 38 The Wyches.

St George's Church.

The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with Joy. Psalm 126 v 3.

OCTOBER.

Sunday 2nd 0930 Morning Praise. Preacher Rev Julia Chamberlin. Leader John Marshall.

Sunday 9th 1030 Family Service. Leader Claire McGinley.

Sunday 16th 0930 Morning Praise with Baptisms. Leader Rev Julia Chamberlin, Preacher John Marshall.

Sunday 23rd October. 1030 Holy Communion. Preacher Canon Linda Church.

Sunday 30th October. 0930 Morning Praise. Rev Stephen Leeke.

NOVEMBER.

Sunday 6th November. 0930 Morning Praise. Preacher Rev Julia Chamberlin.

Sunday 13th November. 1030 REMEMBRANCE Service, followed by the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial. Leader Rev Julia Chamberlin. Preacher Pastor Peter Cockerton.

Sunday 20th November. 0930 Morning Praise. Preacher Rev Julia Chamberlin.

Sunday 27th November. 1030 Holy Communion for 1st Sunday in Advent. Preachers Canon Linda Church & Rev Julia Chamberlin.

Following all our services we have a time of Fellowship with Coffee and Biscuits, everyone welcome.

The Church is informal and Open every Day during daylight hours for prayer, peaceful reflection or meditation.

The week of November 6th – 13th there will be Nightlight candles just inside Church for anyone to

place on a tree in the grounds with a label if you wish to name a person or special memory and we shall pray for these and switch them on each night.

REGULAR EVENTS.

Tuesday 6-715pm Informal hymn singing and band practice, all who love to sing or play an instrument most welcome.

Alternate Tuesday's at 7.30pm we have a new Home Group where we pray, study the scriptures & chat over Coffee and Cake. Dates for October Tuesday 4th and Tuesday 18th,

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November Tuesday 1st and the 15th. For further details please contact Peter Cockerton on 649493.

Wednesday 9-11am 'POP IN' for Coffee, Cake, Friendship, Chat and Laughter! George the Bear is back from his Holidays and will do story time for under fives 10-10:30 am.

Wednesday 3pm 'MESSY CHURCH' following the whole school assembly, crafts, games, cakes and fun for families.

Thursday 6-7.30pm 1st Little Thetford Brigade for Girls and Boys of school age. Leader Jane Dunseath. Craft work, Badge work, fun, games and Wi Fi!

DRAGON CLUB, for all age adults 2.30- 4pm. Talks, Quizzes, Tea, Cake and friendship.

Tuesday 18th October. A talk by Rev David Chamberlin 'Before Ministry and being a Vicar.'

Tuesday 15th November. Illustrated talk by Roland Lerner on the ' Numegeen Marches'.

Little Thetford Fitness Classes
at the Village Hall:
Tuesday Evenings:
Kettlebells 18:55
Powerhoop 19:45
www.taniafitness.com
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SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER is our Grand Christmas Fayre held at the Village Hall 12md-4pm. Raffle, Tombola, Homemade cakes, Refreshments, Games and much more, lots of Fun.

For all enquiries about Weddings, Baptisms or Funerals please contact Rev Julia Chamberlin on 01223 861511 or julia.chamberlin@elyteam.org

The Friends of St Georges. 'Rockin Ukuleles at St. George's, Saturday 22nd. October 8.00 - 9.30 pm. Play the 'human Juke box', bring along your ukulele to join in, or sing along or just come along to enjoy & make the evening swing! Refreshments available. Donations for St. George's & Prostate Cancer.'

Additional information: There is a collection of village information & wonderful photos from over the years at the church being put into some order & folders for people to gain access & enjoy. If you have any that could be copied & included please contact Alan Hall or Jane Dunseath (Ely 649 232) or leave a note at the church. Thank you'

Royal British Legion Poppy Collection.

With Hazel and Richard Poulter leaving the village we need someone to help with the collection in the Main Street please.

There are also new arrangements for counting the collection and we would be very grateful for help here as we have been asked to do this in the village this year. Can folk please contact Trisha on 649470 with offers of help please.

Coach day excursions and short breaks

direct from Little Thetford.
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LITTLE THETFORD WI

The meeting of the WI on 7th of November is an illustrated talk by Nora Gardner on
Ely Riverside's notorious past!

This meeting is open to all in the village whatever your gender. There will be a charge of £3.00 which will include refreshments. The time is 7.30pm and the venue is Little Thetford Village Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

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The Parish Council now has its own website. littlethetfordparishcouncil.btck.co.uk. It is still in its infancy and will be added to as time goes on. Much more information regarding the Parish Council, its personnel, meetings and decisions will be included as well as links to other authorities, organisations and the Clerk. However, the Council recognises that not every parishioner uses the internet and for the time being at least information will still be published in the newsletter and on the noticeboard.

Repairs to the carousel and 'Burma bridge' in the playground have been authorised and these should be taking place shortly as will the replacement of the gate. As with all things of this nature we are in the hands of the contractors and, of course, the weather. On the subject of gates, Council is aware of the difficulties being experienced with the cemetery gate and is trying to find a suitable contractor to repair it whilst retaining its historic and aesthetic appearance. Council has also been pleased to approve the erection of memorial stones for two recent graves. Trees on the green in The Wyches that overhang the noticeboards are to be inspected by the ECDC trees officer for advice on their safety and maintenance.

Council continues to press the highways authority regarding the white lining at the A10 corner as previous promises of action have still to materialise.

On planning matters, Council understands that the Authority (ECDC) has refused an application for an extension and alterations to 38 New Close Road, whereas approval has been given for a single storey front and side extension at 7 New Close Road and the revised plans for land south of the caravan site. Council has no objection to the small amendment to previously approved plans for 3 Holt Fen and after very careful consideration and a site visit has recommended acceptance of plans for a detached bungalow to the rear of 12 The Wyches.

Following a presentation from the district co-ordinator for "Speed watch" and representations from residents of Red Fen Road, Council is supportive of the setting up of a Speed Watch team for the village. The scheme, which is approved and supported by the police, requires several volunteers who have no powers other than to operate the monitoring equipment and to report incidents of speeding to the police who may then issue cautions. Interested residents should contact the co-ordinator for the initiative, Charlotte Mitchell 07968 970491. A suggestion for a speed restriction and traffic calming measures in Red Fen Road is to be put to the highways authority for consideration under the 'local highways minor improvement scheme'.

Council has been informed of concerns felt by several residents of suspected illegal and antisocial activities becoming increasingly prevalent in several areas of the village. The Clerk will pass this information to the police but residents are advised to report to police, by calling 101 or 999 if they consider it urgent, at the time they witness such activity and give as much information as they can; callers may request that police do not visit them or divulge their identity.

For residents annoyed, distressed or inconvenienced by the interruptions in power supply regularly experienced in the village there is now a 'help line' set up to report failures and obtain more information. Access by calling 105.

Parish Council meetings normally take place on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the village hall and are open to all. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the noticeboard 5 clear days beforehand or check the website.

Information Kiosk.

The information in the kiosk has recently been refreshed/updated. New leaflets give you all sorts of information on a variety of subjects from the local John Townsend Charity to who to contact in a power cut. Do take a look.

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Little Thetford Village Hall

It was new beginnings and the end of an era for Little Thetford Village Hall Board of Trustees, as Lisa Stubbs succeeded Robert Bullen as Chairperson. Robert had been Chairperson of Little Thetford Village Hall Board of Trustees for 15 years and was also the Caretaker for 3 years. The new board of 18 Trustees met for the first time on 8 September. Lisa paid tribute to the outgoing Chairperson, Robert, for his steady leadership and inexhaustible dedication.

The new board will now develop a Village Hall website and the Chairperson has appointed working parties amongst the Trustees to focus on fund raising and marketing. The board of Trustees welcome new ideas from the community on events and other uses for the Village Hall.

The Village Hall is a valuable community asset providing an affordable venue for community groups and private functions. The board believe it is important to reach out to the local community and promote the Village Hall as the first choice venue for local people. Were you aware of the Post Office service available Monday mornings at the Village Hall, Acorns Mums and Toddlers sessions Tuesday morning or fitness classes on Tuesday evenings? However, the Hall remains underused and the board want to change this to the benefit of local people.

Little Thetford Village Hall is a registered charity and a non-profit organisation with any revenue reinvested in the hall for maintenance, improvements, and repairs.

For Village Hall bookings or enquiries, please contact Clair on 07521 931 063 or littlethetfordvillagehall@gmail.com

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Welcome Back

We hope all our children and their families have enjoyed the summer holidays and both the Pre-school and Out of School Clubs welcome our old and new children at the start of this academic year. All of our children in our setting have been getting to know one another, making friendships and enjoying our new, refreshed learning environment.

40th Birthday Celebration Thank You

A huge thank you to all those who joined us to celebrate our 40th Birthday earlier this month, we were delighted with the turnout on the day and overwhelmed by the support we received both before, during and after the event. There is currently a memory book in circulation to mark this special milestone; if you would like to add a memory to the book please email admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk

Annual General Meeting & Committee

Our AGM is coming up in October and will be held at Little Thetford Acorns at 7:45 pm (date to be confirmed). Our continued success relies heavily on the support of our parent and local community - so please do come along, as new committee members are always very welcome and appreciated. We take this opportunity to thank all our valued committee members for their hard work and dedication given to the setting.

Fundraising Events

Our first main fundraising event this year will be a cake stall at **Ely Market on Saturday 1st October** - we would like to kindly ask all parents, grandparents, friends and village community to bake a cake to support this valuable fundraising event. Please deliver your yummy donations to Little Thetford Acorns on Friday 30th September between 2-4 pm or bring directly to our market stall between 8.30-9.30 am Saturday morning. Thank you in advance for any cakes you are able to donate.

We continue to plan for further exciting fundraising events throughout the year and will keep you informed of future dates and initiatives over the coming months. We also encourage 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.

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~ Thank you in anticipation of your continued support. Fundraising events are significantly important in enabling us to continue to provide the greatest experience for the local children in our care ~

Children in Need

We will be holding a cake stall on Friday 18th November at 12.15pm - the children will be manning the stall and selling some lovely cakes raising money for Children in Need, please come and help us raise as much money as we can!

For enquiries about our services please do not hesitate to contact us - 01353 649234 or admin@littlethetfordacorns.org.uk or via our website www.littlethetfordacorns.org.uk

From the editor: As a guest at the 40th Birthday Celebrations I would like to thank the organisers for a delightful 2 hours of conversation and cake!

Responsible 16 year old from the village, good with children, available for babysitting.
Please contact Isobel 07508656278.

Little Thetford Social Club Oncoming events for 2016

21st October **AGM 8pm**

- Looking for new committee members

28th October “Halloween Family disco”

- Prizes for the best dress. This is to raise funds for the Netball Club

10th December “Bert’s Christmas Bingo”

- Eyes down at 7.30pm. Lots of prizes to be won.
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23rd December “Christmas Karaoke”

- Free entry for members. Come along with your singing voice

24th December “Father Christmas Visit in the club”

- On the most important night, he will be popping into the club for a little break. Bring the kids and family

Christmas Day – the bar is open from 12 till 2pm only

31st December “Family New Year’s Party” 8pm

This year again it will be free entry with your 2017 membership

These will be posted to you in December.

Non-member £5 each per person

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