

## Down to business.....

Council business over the past three months has been 'sedate'. No threats of major housing have arisen. The usual flow of extensions and garden buildings have occupied the planning discussions along with the application to extend the village shop and build an additional cottage. A new bungalow has been allowed at 'Yarrow' on Braymeadow Lane.

The council are looking into the possibility of replacing the fencing around the Millennium Garden area and some remedial work on one of the Village Hall Windows.

The Tennis Court upgrade is complete and the Football pitch is being hired again this season

The next important issue will be the setting the Budget for next year which has to be completed by December. Still on the subject of finances, the Parish Council has now instigated an internal audit system, which combined with the mandatory external audits will ensure that all monies are used properly and to the best effect.

The next newsletter will be in January next year, and whilst we would not wish to be too premature, this is the Parish Councils last opportunity to wish our readers a very Happy Christmas

## Apologies

**Since we published the last newsletter, we had to change the date of the September Parish Council Meeting from the 11th to the 18th. If this caused any inconvenience to anyone we are genuinely sorry**

### Parish Council contacts:

**Clerk: Richard Sinclair**  
**01603 811432**

**Chair: Stewart Cable**  
**01603 812280**

## For the Diary....

- 1st Oct** Mothers Union Meeting  
1.30pm  
Music a Joy for Life with  
Suzanne Jones
- 6th Oct** All Saints Harvest Supper  
7.30 pm Village Hall
- 15th Oct** Mobile Police Office  
1:40 pm to 3.10 pm  
Village Inn
- 25th Oct** Meltonians Meeting  
Antiques Quiz with  
Dr Signy  
2:15pm Village Hall
- 30th Oct** Parish Council Meeting  
7:30 pm Village Hall
- 4th Dec** Parish Council Meeting  
7:30 pm Village Hall
- 8th Dec** Santa in his Grotto plus  
stalls and games at  
Colney Hall 11:30-2:30
- 16th Dec** Christmas Family Service  
10:30 am
- 19th Dec** Salvation Army Band  
Christmas Concert  
7.30 pm in the Church
- 24th Dec** Christmas Eve Crib  
Service 4:00 pm
- 25th Dec** Christmas Day service  
10:00 am
- Jan 2008** Next Newsletter



# Little Melton Parish Council newsletter

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## VILLAGE SHOW SUCCESSES

Once again we had a fantastic show of fruit, flowers and vegetables despite the awful weather over the summer. The cookery and craft sections were also well supported. We had a total of 114 exhibitors entering an amazing 583 individual entries! Congratulations to all the prize winners and everyone who made an effort to enter something, without you there would be no competition! We look forward you all coming back next year with even more impressive entries. Thank you. *Jo Buxton*

### Prizewinners

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| Heaviest Marrow Callum Doonan                                | Heaviest Pumpkin Callum Doonan           |
| 3 Vegetables Sue Vaughan                                     | Spray Chrysanthus Bob Hayward            |
| Best in Veg section A & J Bates                              | Best in Fruit section John Doonan        |
| Best Perennials Jo Buxton                                    | Best in Flower section` Sue Vaughan      |
| Best Contribution to Horticulture A & J Bates                |  |
| Best in Cookery section Fiona Doonan                         | Homemade Bread Fiona Doonan              |
| Best in Preserves section Fiona Doonan                       | Best in Wines section Sophie Chamberlain |
| Best Adult Photography Stephen Websdale                      | Best Junior Photography Rebecca Doonan   |
| Best in Craft section Judy Kerr                              | Best Preschool Henry Marsh               |
| Best 8 & under Henry Montague                                | Best 12 & under Sophie Cooke             |
| Best 15 & under Rebecca Doonan                               |  |
| Medals for painting or drawing presented to                  |  |
| Preschool: Henry Marsh, Abigail Leverett, Ezra Leverett      |  |
| 8 & under: William Prendergast, Hannah Rowland, Maddie Hayes |  |
| 12 & under: Isobel Wells, Clara Buxton, Jemma Cooney         |  |
| 15 & under: Rebecca Doonan, Rebecca Doonan, Tessa Peres      |  |

**UPDATES  
INSIDE**

**GAS SUPPLY FOR THE VILLAGE/ DOG BINS /  
BUSES/ ROAD SAFETY/ LITTER PICK/ PLUS  
MORE EVENTS**

# Buses ?!

Those of you who regularly use the bus should already know it has been 'all change' yet again.

The old service 59 by Anglian Coaches from Wymondham to the University Hospital has been replaced by the service 9 by Konnect over the same route. Times are similar, although some services in the middle of the day have been lost.

The times are displayed on the board near the crossroads (just into Mill Road) and buses leave from the telephone box to the Hospital at 07:11, 08:11, 09:26, 11:26, 13:26 & 15:26. Buses return from the Hospital to the village at 10:15, 12:15, 14:15, 16:15, 17:15 & 18:15.

Don't forget, we still have the Flexibus with scheduled services to and from Thickthorn Park & Ride in the mornings and evenings with the middle of the day on a 'dial-a-bus' arrangement.

## Village News.

**Little Melton Parochial Charity** Trustees carried out their annual inspection of the allotments and were very impressed with the range and high standard of cultivation especially on some of the newer allotments which have been created from rough ground.

The 'Best Kept Allotment shield and gardening voucher were presented to Mr & Mrs Bates at the Little Melton Village Show. There are several small vacant allotments at present. Please contact one of the trustees for details;

Mrs J Chamberlain - 812031. Mr C Doggett - 812146.

Rev. D Lammas - 810273 Mr. N Duffield - 810517.

Mr. J MacDonald - 810321

## The Home Watch

The Meltonians organisation exists in the village to assist in the prevention of crime and to inform residents of any crimes reported in the immediate area. Information is also given on notices posted in five locations. They are the notice boards on School Lane, Mill Road, and at the village shop, notices are also displayed in the shop window and in the village hall. Meetings are held in the Village Hall every six months for anybody to attend if they wish to discuss any relevant matter.

Ron Websdale

The Meltonians enjoyed Joe Carr's presentation of the Time & Tide Museum at their meeting in July as a result of which Peggy Chamberlain enjoyed a later visit with her family to the Museum in Great Yarmouth.

Just a reminder to say everyone is welcome to attend our meetings; enjoy the hospitality with a mardle over tea and biscuits and join in the fun of a raffle.

Harold Kerlake 01603 811228

## What's going on .....

You may be wondering what is happening in the field to the north of the village, towards the Watton Road. It is nothing to worry about; Anglian Water are laying a pipeline from a borehole in Barford to connect to the new treatment works being built near the Watton Road, A47 junction. This is to enable them to add better quality water into the Colney treatment works to achieve more strict Nitrate level limits.

# PARISH PLAN update

## DOG WASTE BINS

As the responsible dog owners of the village are using the bins provided, we have recently purchased number 3. This will probably be sited mid way along the 'dead end' section of School Lane in the near future.

Some people still think they are above the law and no one is watching so they cannot be bothered to pick up after their dogs. There are people watching, the fines are heavy and it applies everywhere - not just on footpaths.

## ROAD SAFETY

We have asked to be considered for inclusion in the Speed Awareness Message (SAM) scheme.

We are sure you will welcome any measure to reduce the speed of some motorists though are village. Most of us are considerate but a few fail to realise that circumstances could lead to a member of their family being hurt or even killed.

The joint initiative between Norfolk County Council and Norfolk Constabulary may well be monitoring your speed through the village in the future.

## GAS SUPPLY

Since we asked you to write in with your support for a gas supply in the village, the response has been somewhat disappointing. In fact only one person wrote in! We take it from this that as a whole the village does not want to pursue this any further.

## THE VILLAGE INN

By the time you read this the Village Inn should be open again (29th September) and those of you who entered the competition in the last newsletter should have been contacted.

# NEW GROUPS

Two new village groups have been formed;

## BOOK GROUP

Do you enjoy reading? Would you like to share your views on books with other people?

If so, please come along to White Lodge, 97 School Lane at 7pm on Tuesday 2nd. October for a preliminary meeting of the Little Melton Book Group.

For further details please ring 801646 or 812668.

ALL WELCOME

## Little Melton Investment Club

If you would like to join a new Investment Club then please contact

john@heaser.com . We are planning to meet

once a month on a Monday

evening at the Village Inn, There is information on Investment Clubs at

<http://www.proshareclubs.co.uk/>