

Down to business.....

The Boundary Committee is expected to publish its preferred option for local government in Norfolk soon after this newsletter. Some change is almost certain and the village could find itself on the boundary of the proposed new authorities - in which case there may be an opportunity to influence the outcome. Please come to the PC meeting on July 22nd if you wish to learn more - there will be more information and links on www.little-melton.org.uk.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Stewart Cable stepped down as Parish Council Chairman at the May meeting and John Heaser was elected as the new Chair. All Parish Council members are volunteers and the PC recorded a vote of thanks to Stewart for his huge commitment over the last seven years. The PC is always pleased to receive offers of help from people who may not wish to serve as Councillors.

A new website at

www.little-melton.org.uk is being constructed. We would like to include links to existing websites that relate to village organizations and to offer a page on the site to organizations that do not have their own web site. If you would like your organization to be included, please let us know by contacting us using the details on the right.

A reminder.....could you please ensure your hedges and/or trees are cut back and do not overhang the footpaths/footways around the village. During the growing season they can cause pedestrians problems if left to grow. Thank you

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For the Diary....

- 5th Jul** Concert at Noggs Barn, White Lodge at 7:30pm
- 14th Jul** Village Wildlife Group launch. 7:30 pm Village Inn
- 22nd Jul** Parish Council meeting 7:30 pm Village Hall
- 24th Jul** Meltonians visit to Colney Wood with tea. 2:15 pm
- 5th Aug** Oil Economy Group last ordering date.
- 6th Sep** Village Show Village Hall
- 9th Sep** Parish Council meeting 7:30 pm Village Hall
- 12th Sep** Last day for inclusion of items in the next newsletter
- 21st Sep** Back to Church service 10:30 am at the Church
- 25th Sep** Meltonians 'A Dog is for Life (Dogs Trust) 2:15 pm Village Hall

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BT are proposing to remove our Phone-box at the crossroads.

The consultation on this runs from the 8th June until the 6th September this year, so if you want to keep your village phone-box you need to write stating your views to;

Ian McArthur
South Norfolk Council,
Swan Lane,
Long Stratton
NR15 2XE

imcarthur@s-norfolk.gov.uk

If you, or you know someone, who does not have a phone and depends on the public phone-box please let the Parish Council know.

A Community Speed Watch could be coming into place with your help!!

The plan is for 4 or 5 parishes to work together on speeding issues in our area. Administration and training will be arranged by Norfolk Constabulary.

If you would like to help please let us know.

This is a great opportunity to engage and work together as a team to help what is an issue for our village. If you are interested please contact us as soon as possible.

 *Village Show 2008* 
Saturday September 6th 2008

Now is the time to start thinking about what you could enter in this year's show. There will be all the usual classes ranging from fruit, flowers, vegetables, to baking, painting, crafts and photography. Of course we will also have all the children's classes. Entry is open to anyone and detailed schedules and entry forms will be available a little nearer the time. So start thinking about sowing those seeds or embarking on a new craft project or trying out a new recipe. We look forward to a record number of entries again this year.

For further info or any enquiries contact Jo Buxton on 01603 811322 or Jean Chamberlain on 01603 812031

Bargain Oil prices in Little Melton! Watch Out!

*If you are new to the village or just haven't tried us yet, now is better than ever to join the **Little Melton Oil Economy Group**.*

It was formed 5 years ago to take advantage of the economy of purchasing oil in bulk for the village. This has been very successful, with over 200 people joining, including people from Bawburgh for the last 3 years. Order forms and instructions are available from the Village Store, School Lane or you can telephone John Sanders on 01603 810720 or John Copson on 01603 810142.

There has been a theft of oil from a tank in the village already so make sure your tanks are secure.

We all know too well how much a tank of oil is worth so if you can secure the tank and or your property, or make the tank more visible, or install an alarm or security light this could deter the thieves.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

At the time of writing there does not appear to have been any specific problems in the village over the last few months.

However, in the South Norfolk Area there are continual instances of individuals involved in distraction burglaries and carrying out inferior work for vastly inflated prices.

Residents are warned to be aware of any cold callers offering to do work. If you require any work to be done on your property make sure it is at your instigation and either use a known tradesman or obtain more than one estimate. A recent scam used the name of May Gurney when the company had no connection whatsoever with this company. The Norfolk Trading Standards would very much like to be informed if you are approached in this manner, their number is 0844 800 8005.

For distraction burglaries, the favourite scam is still to use water board or energy companies. To check authenticity of officials ask for their identity card and ring either Anglian Water on 0800 145 145 or for EDF call 0800 365 000 and make sure you make the person wait outside and lock your doors when making the call.

The Homewatch AGM will be at 7.30pm on Monday 8th September in the Village Hall.

PARISH *news*

Little Melton Mothers Union meet on the first Monday of each month at 1.30 pm in the Village Hall and are always pleased to welcome new members and enjoy Christian fellowship.



12 people from LM and 2 from Hethersett saved about 800 toads from being squashed on

Green Lane during the spring migration. Less toads were seen than last year (possible because of the cold evenings) but a good many Great Crested and Common newts were seen.

Please see www.toadwatch.org for a full report.

Village Wildlife Group to be Launched

Please come to the Village Inn on Monday 14th of July at 7:30pm if you would like to help wildlife in the village.

Peter Kitchener helped to form a successful wildlife group in Norwich and will be working with John Heaser to start a group in Little Melton. John has been coordinating the village Toadwatch group. Wildlife group activities will include - talks/demonstrations on gardening for wildlife, field studies and finding sites for owl boxes.

Please ring Peter on 01603 814134 if you are interested but can't attend the meeting.

CHURCH NEWS

The Church visiting team would be pleased to arrange a visit for anyone who would like one. Simply call the coordinator, Liz Tomlin on 01603 812209.

A member of the team can also bring communion to anyone unable to get to church. Call Di Lammas on 01603 810273.

There is a board inside the Church porch to request prayers. These are included in Tuesday morning prayer at 9.30 am, everyone welcome.

On Sunday 21st September there will be a **'Back to Church'** service at 10.30 am with well known hymns for those who may not be regular church-goers, followed by refreshments. Ours is one of many churches having these services throughout September.

Although there will be another newsletter before then, we would like to tell you about an event on the **7th November** where Jessica Perry, an artist, will visit to inspire us to decorate the church at Christmas, with pictures, sculptures and decorations made from recycled materials.

Concert Date.....

....for an informal concert at Noggs Barn (venue of the Village Book Club) on Saturday 5th July at 7.30 pm. Wine and Light Refreshments will be served and donations invited for an African hospital known to, and described by one of the performers. Anyone interested in coming would be very welcome. We hope it will be a warm summer evening!

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