

## Down to Business.....

There have been some recent additions to

[www.little-melton.org.uk](http://www.little-melton.org.uk)

-Information about the playing field (including future bookings) and the tennis court.

- Precept details and Highways wish list.

- Archive of Newsletters and the Parish Plan - people who have recently moved to the village are encouraged to take a look at this.

People who make planning applications are encouraged to talk to their neighbours before submitting their plans to the District Council as it will cause additional delays and expense if plans have to be amended after submission. Most people will want to take their neighbour's wishes into account and it is better to do this from the outset rather than wait for people to raise objections via the planning process.

GNDP - The many letters written by LM residents were influential in the reduction of houses planned for Hethersett from 7000 to 1000. There are still plans for 5000 new homes nearby and this will inevitably lead to more traffic.

LGR - The final decision on the reorganization of County and District Councils has been further delayed until July.

### *Thanks to all you Litter Pickers.*

The next pick will be Sat 24th October, 11:00am at Village Hall, please come and help keep your village tidy.

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## For the Diary....

- 3rd Apr** Primary School Easter Assembly 9.30am at the School
- 7th Apr** Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
- 23rd Apr** Meltonians 'St Johns Ambulance' 2.15pm Village Hall
- 28th Apr** Wildlife Group Talk on Moths 7.30pm Tel 814134
- 29th Apr** Bingo 7.30pm Village Hall
- 4th May** Friends of LM Church Car Boot Sale 9.00am Colney Hall
- 5th May** Oil Economy Group ordering deadline.
- 12th May** Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
- 16th May** Primary School May Fair 12 noon at the School
- 28th May** Meltonians Annual Party 2.15pm Village Hall
- 28th May** Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
- 30th May** Bingo 7.30pm Village Hall
- 6th Jun** Wildlife Group Garden Walkabout 3.00pm Tel 814134
- 16th Jun** Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
- 25th Jun** Meltonians Can't cook, won't cook 7.30pm Village Hall
- 28th Jun** Bingo 7.30pm Village Hall
- Jul 2009** Next Newsletter

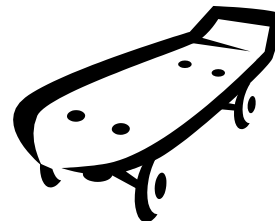


# Little Melton Parish Council newsletter

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**Too Dangerous To Cycle?** We all know that cycling is good for our health and reduces traffic pollution and congestion - but people will only cycle if they feel safe. The PC is pressing for an off road cycle path that will enable children to cycle safely to school in Hethersett and that will connect with cycle routes that are planned for the enlarged Research Park. The goal is to provide a safe, direct route to connect Wymondham, Hethersett and Little Melton to the Norwich cycle path network. We need to hear from as many people as possible about whether they would use such a facility to cycle to work, school or for leisure - please go to [www.little-melton.org.uk](http://www.little-melton.org.uk) and complete the online survey or complete the paper copy that can be obtained from the Clerk or from the Shop.



## We would like your views

about developing the play area and improving facilities for older children. Would you use the following?

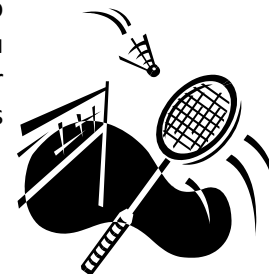
Bike Park, Skate Park, Individual swings, Nest Swing, Climbing Wall, Witches hat climbing frame.

If you would like any of these or you have other ideas that you would like to see on the playing field, please email them to us -see email address below.

We would also like to know if you would be interested in attending sports competitions/clubs such as badminton, tennis, table tennis and also a monthly get together for the village on the last Sunday of the month to have picnics, barbeques and play ball games. Or would you like a Badminton club, Tennis club, Table Tennis club, or monthly social get together. Please tell us of any other ideas you may have.

**Please send your feedback to Beany Hazell and Paul Runeckles at**

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**[www.little-melton.org.uk](http://www.little-melton.org.uk)** The website is still growing, check it out for latest news about Little Melton.....

## MORE BUSES!!!!

Due to the success of the Konect Bus service 9, through the village, they have decided to add some more services.

An additional service into Norwich Bus Station via the Hospital will leave from the crossroads at 12.31pm and two further services from Norwich Bus Station will leave at 11.00am and 1.00pm and arrive in the village at 11.22am and 13.22pm.

Also the buses leaving from Norwich will pick-up at Stand B in St. Stephens Street.

The toad migration started in early March and 18 people have been helping the animals across the road. The increased popularity of the Village Inn has led to many more cars in the early evening and has made it even more important that the toads are helped.

A full report is on [www.toadwatch.org](http://www.toadwatch.org).

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Since the last newsletter there does not appear to have been any specific criminal activity in the Village.

However, the Police have asked residents to be aware that fuel oil is still being stolen from commercial and domestic premises. They have stated they have suitable alarm systems available at a cost of £20.00. If anybody is interested in obtaining one, contact Ron Websdale at 01603 810652

The Little Melton Pre-School Nursery is very pleased to say its popularity continues to grow, and we have an almost full register of children. We have recently welcomed a number of children from Bawburgh. All the children and staff are looking forward to the Easter events which not only raise funds for this important local charity, but also provide a lot of fun! We are also currently in the process of setting up our own website which is hoped will be available in the next few weeks. If anyone wishes to apply for a place at the nursery please do contact us as we still have a few available, and are always happy to help wherever we can. For more information contact Jill Dyke, Supervisor on 01603 812362.

### Please bear in mind.....

It's spring and hedges and trees are growing again so please be considerate to users of the footpaths and keep them trimmed back.

In general, dog walkers in the village are great at collecting the mess that can be left behind, although why anyone thinks it's a good idea to leave the bags in hedges, ditches or outside houses defies common sense! Please put it in the bins provided or if that's not possible, take it home and put it in your own bin. If you see anyone not clearing up after their dog please call free on 0808 168 2999, and report it. The maximum fine is £1000, maybe they will think again.

### Oil Economy Group

Our group is climbing steadily, with 131 orders totaling 105,000 litres last quarter but please remember that 6pm on the due date is the last time orders can be accepted. We have had some people who post their order into our letterbox after the due date and time without ringing the doorbell to apologise. This we cannot accept. If you require further information, please contact either John Sanders on 810720 or John Copson on 810142.

# PARISH news

## CHURCH NEWS

Thanks to all who supported and enjoyed a great evening at the Quiz, and helped raise a fantastic £814 for the New Facilities Fund.

The Friends of the Church will be having a Car Boot sale at Colney Hall on Monday 4th May, enquiries to Ann Evans on 810007.

Building work at the church has been delayed by extreme temperature, however we have fixed a date for a Fete in and around the Church on Saturday 20th June and a dedication by the Bishop of Thetford with songs of praise and refreshments on Sunday 21st June. We hope to see lots of you who have supported this project so generously.

### Primary School update

Our Easter Assembly is on Friday 3rd April at 9.30am. All members of the community are welcome and there will be a cake sale and refreshments afterwards.

The theme for this year's May Fair will be 'Back to Basics' and we look forward to good old fashioned games and stalls such as, Punch and Judy, Coconut Shy, Soak the Head Teacher in the stocks etc. The fun begins at 12 noon and lasts until 4pm on Saturday 16th May. See you there. Our school garden is taking shape, we are always grateful for any tools, materials, seeds, plants etc. Which may help reduce the cost of setting up this project.

Our school was recently inspected by the Ofsted team with good results. You are able to access this report via our website at [www.littlemeltonschool.co.uk](http://www.littlemeltonschool.co.uk)

## HETHERSETT & DISTRICT AID AND SICKNESS FUND

The fund exists to help residents with buying medical equipment or treatment outside the range of the N.H.S.

Please contact Jean on 01603 810414 to see if we can help.

If you would like to help and take on more of a role to help other people, the fund is looking for a new representative in our area please call the above number.

## Village Wildlife Group

The Wildlife Group will be having a talk on Moths and visits to gardens to see how people have incorporated habitats into their gardens. Please see the calendar for dates and contact Peter on 814134 for details. We also plan to have a dawn chorus walk and the moth trap will be run once a month.

## MELTONIANS

Just a reminder that all our meetings are open to visitors as well as members (over 30 strong.) We meet on the fourth Thursday each month (except August) at 2.15pm In Little Melton Village Hall and enjoy each others' company with tea, biscuits and a fun raffle. So far this year we have had three wonderful meetings with Anne Carter's presentation on Zambia, an informative talk on Gardening for Wildlife and Paul Graves live demonstration of 'Cuts of meat' with half a pound of free sausages for each member! See the What's On section for forthcoming events.

A warm welcome awaits you, just turn up and we will be pleased to see you.