

## Down to Business.....

Little Melton Parish Council has registered its concerns to the Environmental Impact Assessment in respect of the proposed Hetherset Urban Expansion - to South Norfolk Council - on the significant residential housing development etc being proposed to the north of existing Hetherset development, as part of the EIA process.

These included:-

- \* The effect of increased vehicular traffic through Little Melton.
- \* The lack of cycling facilities.
- \* The so called creation of "quieter lanes".
- \* Traffic forecasts failing to take account of increased congestion due to other nearby (e.g. Wyndham) planned developments.

Thanks go out to those who came to the recent play equipment maintenance working party where we laid more replacement safety tiles and attended to other items of maintenance.

The Parish Council has funding for another **Dog Waste Bin** in the village. If you have feelings about where this should be sited please let us know.

Following the recent resignation of Ron Websdale - as **Homewatch** Coordinator after many years of service in this role, which has been much appreciated - a new service is being introduced called Police Direct, which cuts out the middle man when letting local residents know when and where special care is needed.

See enclosed leaflet for more information or contact Chris Starr, 8 Braymeadow Lane 819006 or register for your automatic notifications online by visiting <http://policedirect.norfolk.police.uk/registration/>

**Don't forget, there's more information, updated regularly on**

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

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## For the Diary....

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| <b>2nd Oct</b>  | Nursery School<br>Nearly New Sale<br>10 am Village Hall       |
| <b>2nd Oct</b>  | Wildlife Group<br>Fungal Foray<br>2.30pm Colney Hall          |
| <b>6th Oct</b>  | LDF Presentation<br>2.30 pm to 8.00 pm<br>Village Hall        |
| <b>8th Oct</b>  | Primary School Harvest<br>Festival 9.30am                     |
| <b>19th Oct</b> | Parish Council Meeting<br>7.30 pm<br>Village Hall             |
| <b>30th Oct</b> | Litter Pick<br>11 am Village Hall                             |
| <b>3rd Nov</b>  | Primary School Open Day                                       |
| <b>7th Nov</b>  | Youth for Christ Gospel<br>Choir. 6.30 pm Church              |
| <b>20th Nov</b> | Nursery School<br>Xmas Card & Present Fair<br>am Village Hall |
| <b>26th Nov</b> | Mambo Jambo<br>7.30 pm Village Hall                           |
| <b>30th Nov</b> | Parish Council Meeting<br>7.30 pm<br>Village Hall             |
| <b>4th Dec</b>  | Church Christmas Fair<br>Village Hall                         |
| <b>14th Dec</b> | Primary School<br>Christmas Play dress<br>rehearsal           |
| <b>Jan 2011</b> | <i>Next Newsletter</i>  |

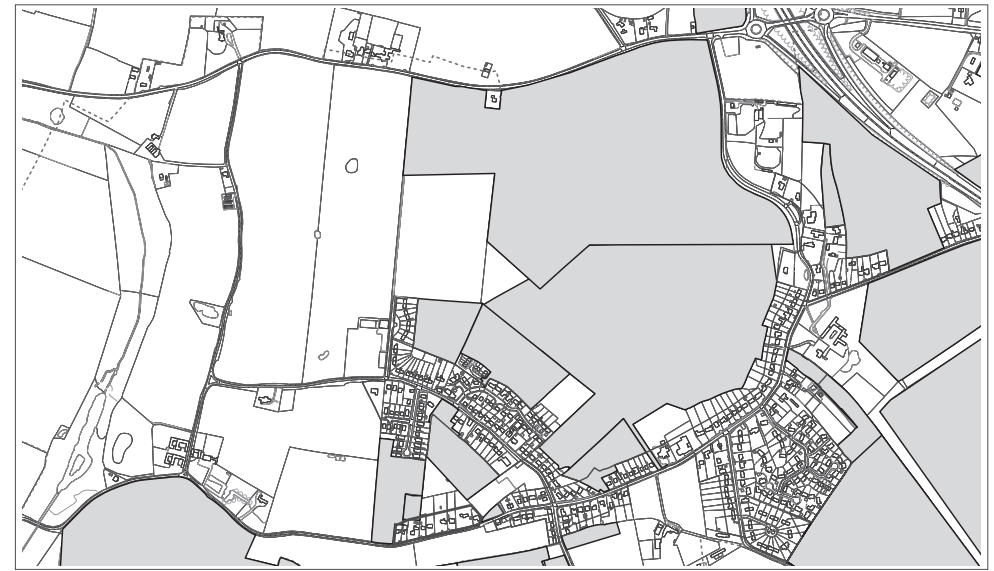


# Little Melton Parish Council newsletter

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The shaded areas on the map below is all the land put forward for development in Little Melton.



Now is your chance to have your say on what happens to this land. The Local Development Framework is under consultation and on October 6th, in Little Melton Village Hall between 2.30pm and 8.00pm, you can find out more and give your views to South Norfolk Council.

Find out more inside.....

## LITTER PICK

It's that time of the year again!

The Autumn Litter Pick will start from the Village Hall at 11 am on Saturday 30th October. Why not come along and help and don't forget to wear some stout shoes or boots. We usually end up in the Village Inn for a quick drink when we've finished. Please come and help.

## Local Development Framework .....

South Norfolk Council are inviting people to visit the Village Hall on Wednesday 6th October between 2.30pm - 8pm. People will be able to comment on the land that has been put forward for development and to comment on the assessment process. Large amounts of land, both in LM and in Hethersett, have been proposed for development by landowners and developers. However the amount of large scale development will be determined by the regional Spatial Strategy. The new government has recently overturned much of the process that has led to the creation of a strategy for this area and it is currently not clear what will replace that strategy. Our best guess is that Little Melton will have to find space for between 10 and 60 new houses by 2026 - in addition to any infill development that may take place within the current development boundary. It is likely that Hethersett will have an allocation of around 1000 new houses.

In 2006 the village created a Parish Plan that stated that only a small number of new houses should be developed'. The January edition of this newsletter asked if this was still how people felt and no comments were received - so the PC will endeavour to restrict development in LM to the minimum. We have made many representations to the planners about the effect that additional traffic from Hethersett will have on Little Melton - as will increased congestion on all surrounding roads as a result of dualing of the A11 and increased housing at Cringleford, Wymondham and Attleborough. Therefore the PC will suggest that new developments in Little Melton should be within easy walking distance of the School, Village Hall, shop and bus stops so as to minimize car use within the village. The maps of development land are available on [www.little-melton.org.uk](http://www.little-melton.org.uk) and on the notice boards. Members of the Parish Council will attend the event on the 6th and we hope to have someone available at most times to talk to villagers.

## Little Melton Church

We shall soon be collecting gifts for the Harvest Festival and would like your edible offerings for the service on 17th October, 10.30 am. The Mothers Union recently had a visit from the manager of the Ashcroft Project who said our gifts are welcome and very much appreciated. Instead of a supper this year, we are trying a shared lunch in the Church after the service. Please bring a plate of savoury food or a salad to share. Jacket potatoes and puddings will be provided along with soft drinks and wine. No tickets needed, just come along and join us

We have two events in November. On Sunday 7th at 6.30 pm we have a visit from the Youth for Christ Gospel Choir, a group of 14 to 19 year olds who meet every week in Hethersett, and everyone who has heard them thinks they are exceptional! The guest speaker will be Rev. Platten, now vicar at Easton and known to many of us from training here in Little Melton. There will also be an exhibition of art and art textile work by our local GCSE and A level students. Refreshments will follow.

Creative Arts East will be returning to the Village Hall on Friday 26th November at 7.30 pm with Mambo Jambo. An eclectic musical entertainment for all the family. See the posters around the village for more information.

The friends of the church are delighted that the final restoration work on the windows is underway and will be completed by the end of the year. The friends hope to put some funds to work on the leaking nave roof too!

On Saturday 4th December we are having our Christmas Fair at the Church with our Alternative Christmas Trees made from recycled materials by local people and schools. The usual stalls will be there along with Father Christmas in his Grotto and of course Refreshments.

We hope to have our annual concert in December - date to be announced.

# PARISH news

## Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

The nursery is looking forward to the new play area being completed (weather permitting!) during the early autumn. The generosity of the Parish Council has enabled the nursery to develop an unused piece of land to enhance the learning experience for the children.

Dates for your diary -

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Nearly New Sale at the Village Hall (Baby and Toddler goods) 10 am -Noon

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November morning only -  
Christmas Craft and Present Fair at the Village Hall.

## Wildlife Group

Members have enjoyed hearing bats hunting near the river in Bawburgh, Moth trapping and a workshop on small mammals. The wet weather should ensure a good crop of fungi for our October visit to Colney Hall - please see the calendar for details. You can ring Peter on 814134 for more information.

## Oil Economy Group

The Group continues to flourish, with 80 orders last month, totalling 63,500 litres. A 500 litre order at the price we secured would have saved you £20 against the standard rate for that quantity.

Join us and save pounds over 12 months.  
John Copson - 810142  
John Sanders - 810720

## Primary School update

We look forward to members of the community joining us for our Harvest Festival assembly, which takes place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am. Afterwards there will be a cake sale and refreshments.

This autumn, topics are based on Conflict, including a study of the Tudors and Guy Fawkes. Activity week, beginning 18<sup>th</sup> October will help to cement our learning of these topics. Planned activities include lace making, firework safety, cooking and poetry workshops. If you would like to assist with any of these please give us a call on 01603 811446, we would love you to join us.

**School Open Day - Wednesday 3rd November.** An opportunity for us to welcome all prospective parents to come and take a tour of the school, speak to staff and Governors and learn more about our great school. Sessions running at 9.30am and 1.30pm will last for approximately 1 hour. Please telephone the school office to find out more and obtain a prospectus or alternatively have a look at our website [www.littlemeltonprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.littlemeltonprimaryschool.co.uk)

And finally, Villagers are welcome to attend the dress rehearsal of our Christmas play on 14th December at 10.00 am.

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