

Down to Business.....

OVERGROWN HEDGING

This is the time of year when hedging etc. is growing significantly and this can cause problems, particularly obstruction.

Where hedging adjacent to the public highway is growing over pavements this obviously reduces the full width of the pavement, and makes it difficult and dangerous for pedestrians, especially for those with pushchairs and small children, the elderly not to mention those who are partially sighted. Would everyone therefore please check their boundary (mostly front) hedging to ensure that it is not encroaching over the rear part of the pavement.

Failure to prune back overgrown and encroaching hedging can result in owners being reported to the County Council, who can then cut the hedging back and charge the owner. **Be warned.**

Villagers should be aware that the police will continue to make random, speeding spot checks as speeding is a regular source of complaint to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council has had to adopt a new Code of Conduct as a result of government legislation and this has to publicised – details are at www.little-melton.org.uk

There are photos of the Jubilee Fete, Tree Planting and Village Sign plaque ceremony on the Little Melton Facebook page – there is a link from www.little-melton.org.uk

IMPROPER USE OF (GENERAL) WASTE BINS ON VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD

On a number of occasions recently dog walkers have deposited dog mess in the general waste bins inside the Village Playing Field. **This is totally unacceptable** and not least because of health and safety issues.

There is a dog waste bin for depositing (bagged) dog mess in, just outside the south/eastern corner of our playing field. Would dog walkers please make sure that if they do deposit **bagged dog mess it is only put in the dog waste bin outside the village playing field.**

Dog fouling also continues to be a problem, in particular at Homecroft where dog walkers have made an unofficial access to the field alongside the houses. Dog owners should be aware that if the problem continues then they will be prevented from using this and other paths – most of which are not public rights of way. Dog owners are dependent on maintaining the good will of land owners.



CLEAN IT UP!



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50 HOUSES FOR LITTLE MELTON?

A Local Development Framework (LDF) process has been on-going for several years, to find sites for the many thousands of new houses to be built near to Norwich. The Parish Council has sought to minimize the impact on the village and has campaigned against plans for 5000 houses between us and Hethersett and more recently has rejected suggestions that 100 houses should be allocated to the village. During June some details have been published by South Norfolk Council which indicates that 50 houses should be built on land in the triangle formed by Great Melton Road, Mill Road and Ringwood Close.

Links to the South Norfolk Council maps are on www.little-melton.org.uk

There will be an exhibition by South Norfolk Council on Oct 2nd at the Village Hall between 15:00 and 19:00 and members of the Parish Council will be in attendance to listen to villagers. South Norfolk Council are on record in the Eastern Daily Press as admitting that the supply of housing land for the next 5 years is inadequate. Until the LDF is adopted in late 2013, developers have an opportunity to put forward sites to contribute to the 5 year supply. So this leaves the Parish Council with little option other than to ensure that the new development outlined by South Norfolk Council meet the needs of villagers and to minimize the adverse effects on those whose houses adjoin the development. There is a requirement for smaller houses suitable for older people and for young families. The Parish Council will seek to reject any other large scale plans that may appear.

Another problem facing the village is increased traffic from the 1226 houses allocated to Hethersett, but to be built along Little Melton Road and Burnthouse Lane. Major developments are also planned for the Norwich Research Park that will lead to more traffic on nearby roads. A recent traffic survey indicates a doubling of traffic through the village over the last 5 years. The Parish Council will be campaigning for measures to deflect new traffic away from the village and for a transport plan for the whole area.

All this places a heavy load (reading planning applications, attending meetings etc) on a small number of volunteers. Please contact the Clerk if you wish to help.

**Don't forget, there's more information, updated regularly on
www.little-melton.org.uk**

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Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

All the hard work and dedication of the staff has been recognised by both Ofsted and Norfolk County Council Children's Services this year. We have not only achieved a 'Good' rating from Ofsted, but have also had another really positive 'RAG' rating from Norfolk Children's Services for the 2nd year running.

Our Committee has also had a really brilliant year in its fundraising efforts. The Quiz night in April was one of our most successful events ever, and it was so lovely to see so many of the people from the village there. We always appreciate the support we have from the local community, and will try to organise a similar event again. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came.

The nursery is once again very busy for the forthcoming academic year. Available places are very limited, but if you are interested in a place for your child please contact us and we will try to accommodate your wishes.

The nursery would like to take this opportunity to wish all our children and families best wishes for the summer holidays, good luck to those moving on to 'Big School' and we look forward to welcoming new and existing families back in September.

For more information - www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk

Have you heard of Little Melton Parochial Charity?

It may be able to help you. The organisation exists to help any Little Melton resident who is in need of financial assistance. Examples of help given to parishioners in the past include chiropodists' fees, children's school bus fares, fuel costs, essential house repairs, medical charges.

All enquiries treated with utmost confidentiality just call Chris Doggett 812146, Jean Chamberlain 812031 or John McDonald 810321.

At the end of our financial year any surpluses can be distributed to an appropriate village community project. In the past grants have included new facilities at the school, church, playground and village hall. Please contact Chris Doggett if you wish your local project to be considered.

For the Diary....

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| 17th Jul | Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm Village Hall |
| 26th Jul | Meltonians
Foodbank talk.
2.15pm Village Hall |
| 7th Aug | Oil Economy Group last day
for ordering. |
| 4th Sept | Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm Village Hall |
| 8th Sept | Village Show
2pm Village Hall |
| 27th Sept | Meltonians
Making gardening easier
2.15pm Village Hall |
| Oct 2012 | <i>Next Newsletter</i> |
| 16th Oct | Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm Village Hall |
| 28th Oct | Litter Pick |

PARISH news

Church News

The Revd. Di Lammas has advised us of her forthcoming retirement. Sunday 30th September will be her final service at Hethersett, a United Benefice Service at 10:30 a.m. Further details will be in the magazines/Good News.

Our Jubilee Party and Fete was a great event, we estimate that over 200 people attended. Special thanks to Jan and Peter for hosting the event and working hard on the preparations and to all helpers. £635 was raised by Church stall-holders. We were able to provide a free tea, a bouncy castle, face painting and games etc. due to generous grants from the Village Parochial charity and South Norfolk District Council. Eighty six free mugs were distributed.

The Friends of Little Melton Church followed on with a tree planting on Jubilee Sunday when a lovely oak donated by Sir Edward and Lady Evans-Lombe was planted by Sir Edward and a young helper near the Children's Play area on Mill Road. Thanks are also due to Stewart Cable, Wilf Chamberlain and Derek Sutton for their spadework and to all who turned out in the pouring rain for the event! This was followed by a short service in All Saints Church after which wine, coffee and a Jubilee cake were enjoyed to mark the special occasion.

**Don't forget
Little Melton
Village Show on Saturday
8th September in
the Village Hall.
Schedules for entries can be
downloaded from
www.little-melton.org.uk now
and printed ones will be distributed
soon.**

Little Melton Mothers Union

continues to meet on the first Monday of each month at 1.30 pm. We are a very happy group and have varied speakers. This month a member has invited the branch to her house and garden for afternoon tea. We would always welcome new members, just come along or ring Rev. Mary Kerslake 01603 811228

If you are in need of friendship just come along and join us - you wont regret it.

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