

Down to Business.....

Buses

David Holt has been pressing Konnect to improve the service available to bus pass holders and has received this statement - In the case of Little Melton, upon presentation of your pass to the driver you can travel to the N&NU Hospital on the 0921 for the price of a child single (£1.20) and can represent your pass to the driver/machine at the NNUH at 0930 for free onward travel into the city and free home. Therefore you can travel into Norwich if required on the 0921 for just £1.20.

Dog bins

Recently it seems that the bins were not emptied for some time and became full. The bins should be emptied twice a week, so if regular users suspect that the schedule has been missed then please could they alert the Clerk so that he can chase the contractor. South Norfolk Council have reported that in some areas bins have been filled with other waste which makes them unavailable for the intended purpose with unpleasant results! Each bin costs the village about £60/yr to be emptied.

Playing Field

Several PC members recently relocated one of the goal mouths so that it is still available for practice but so that the regular penalty area can be re turfed over the summer. If you are going to the playing field then please take a bottle of water to empty over turf which should be laid soon - it all helps get it established

For the Diary....

10th Jul	Mothers Union Annual Tea Party
16th Jul	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm at the School
25th Jul	Meltonians 2.15pm at the Village Hall
6th Aug	Last ordering day for Oil Economy Group
3rd Sep	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm at the School
7th Sep	Little Melton Village Show
26th Sep	Meltonians 2.15pm at the Village Hall
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Visit the Parish Council Website to find out about; South Norfolk Council's Neighbourhood Fund, launched on the 1st July 2013. This fund will help support community based projects which will make a positive contribution to community life. and **Your Neighbourhood Your Choice** consultation, where you can help set priorities for South Norfolk Council

RECYCLE & HELP OUR SCHOOL

Anyone who has empty inkjet cartridges can help the planet and the school. Please take your empty cartridges to the school where they can sell them to raise funds.



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Housing Development

Outline planning consent (subject to a further ecological survey) has been granted by South Norfolk council for the building of 20 houses at Ringwood Close. Applications to build 20 houses at Gibbs Close and 20 on Mill Rd were rejected due to Highways limits set on the cross roads. However it expected that these applications will be resubmitted along with proposals for improvements to the junction – a roundabout has been suggested. The majority of parishioners are against further development and the Parish council will object to new applications for large scale development, however until sufficient houses are approved to close the current deficit in the 5 year supply the current development boundary is not considered to be grounds for objection and the Parish Council can only object on issues such as highways and drainage.

Somewhat bizarrely, the Highways assessment of the crossroads does not take into account the likely effect of the 1200 houses recently approved to be built alongside Burnthouse and Little Melton Road. The Parish Council is requesting measures to discourage occupants of these houses from using Little Melton as a through route and believes that changing the crossroads into a roundabout would be contrary to that aim as it would effectively prioritise traffic going to and from Hethersett.

If you have views on this then please let the Clerk know. The Ringwood Close developer has provided the following information.

The Grady Family who own the site at Ringwood Close have contacted the Parish Council to express their desire to work with the Parish to deliver a site that positively affects the village. The planning obligations will likely require significant contributions to the local schools and play facilities, and provide for improvements to Mill Road. Work has already commenced on improvements to the village drainage system which will hopefully go some way to assisting the flow of water from the village. Should any member of the parish have any further ideas on how the development can support the village or would be interested in the housing available on the site they should email ringwooddevelopment@gmail.com

Bawburgh and Little Melton Parishes

Day Trip Opportunities:

Norwich Door to Door will be offering mobility bus transport on **four pre-booked** day trips:

- Tuesday 18th June Longwater Lane Shopping Trip—lunch at the Copper Beech if you would like
- Tuesday 25th June Bressingham Gardners Day entrance fee: £10.50 Cons £9.50 including a ride on an accessible diesel haul train; Regular entry £8.75 Cons £8.00
- Monday 1st July Loddon Market 9—1pm
- Tuesday 2nd July Whittingham Broad – tea at the café, boat trip on the lake; 50 minutes, adults £5, children and concessions (over 60s) £4
- Tuesday 9th July Highways Nursery – wander around the complex, stay for lunch, home in the afternoon
- Tuesday 16th July Loddon town and the Staithe, tea at Rosy Lees Tea Room
- Tuesday 23rd July trip to Wymondham, visit the abbey and afternoon tea at Brief Encounter restaurant at Wymondham Station
- Tuesday 30th July trip to Flixton Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum Free admission, refreshments available, shop, picnic tables and raised boardwalk to River Waveney

This is a 10 seater mini bus:

Space is dependent on individual needs:
walkers, wheelchairs, shopping aids

To book a place on the bus please contact **Ruby** at Norwich Door to Door on 01603 776735

This enhanced service is funded by the South Norfolk Council's Your Neighbourhood, Your Choice initiative via the Northern River Valleys Neighbourhood Board



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PARISH news

Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

We have had another fantastic year. Our committee has been very dedicated and as many of them leave us we would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU. The staff have been very committed to their roles as always, and we are pleased to say that we are once again rated very highly under Norfolk Children's Services RAG scheme. We are 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

Little Melton Village Show

Saturday 7th September

Please make a note of this date. The show is a great village social event and raises funds for the running of the Village Hall. Watch out for details - schedules will be delivered to all houses in the village in early August.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Short mat bowls continue at the Village Hall, 2.30 – 4.30 Tuesday afternoon. Cost £2.50 per session including refreshments.

Loan bowls available.

Our emphasis is firmly on sociability rather than expertise, £1 gets you a spectator seat and half time refreshments if you just want to see what it's all about.

Village Hall Management Committee

We are looking for new members of this committee responsible for the day to day running of the Hall. Any one who may be interested should contact Richard Smith, chairman of the committee on 01603 811201 or smithrmg@gmail.com

Village Hall Availability

The Village Hall currently has no user group on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening. Any individual or group who might be interested in a regular booking should contact Jean Chamberlain on 01603 812031

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