

Norfolk Putting People First

The Norfolk Putting People First consultation is open and will run for a period of 12 weeks from 19/9/13 to 12/12/13. Since August Norfolk County Council has revised upwards the figure of total savings that need to be made to £189 million over the 3 years commencing April 2014. You can find out about the consultation, read the proposals and have your say by visiting the NCC website www.norfolk.gov.uk/puttingpeoplefirst There are a variety of opportunities for people to give their views. These include face to face, online, telephone and in writing. Parishioners are encouraged to get involved via:-

Online at www.norfolk.gov.uk/puttingpeoplefirst

Email responses to : haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk

In writing to: Freepost Plus RTCL-XSTT-JZSK, Norfolk County Council, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH – you do not need to use a stamp.

However if you want to help the Council save money you can use a stamp and send to: Norfolk Putting People First, Norfolk County Council, Room 501, County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, NR1 2DH.

A number of events are being held to make the consultation accessible to a wide range of groups, many of which are being delivered in partnership. Further information about these events is on the website www.norfolk.gov.uk/puttingpeoplefirst

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Little Melton, Norwich, Norfolk

For the Diary....

15th Oct	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm at the School
26th Oct	Litter Pick 9.30am at the Village Shop
5th Nov	Last ordering day for Oil Economy Group
9th Nov	Christmas Craft Fair 10am-12 at the Village Hall
26th Nov	Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm at the School
7th Dec	Christmas Fair 2pm at the Church.
7th Dec	Christmas Quiz 7pm at the Village Hall £4 per person (8 per team max.)
18th Dec	Salvation Army Concert 7.30pm at the Church
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Dog Fouling

A few irresponsible people continue to create major problems that will impact on all dog walkers. Access to the Rugby Club has already been withdrawn due to dog fouling and now there is a serious problem on the village playing field. Lots of people use the field, both for informal and organized sport, and there is a danger that the ground is becoming infected with parasite eggs which people will take back into their houses on their shoes. Please report anyone that you see allowing their dog to foul the field, to South Norfolk Council – there is a fine of up to £1000. The Parish Council website has information about dog fouling under Organizations and Services.



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Housing Developments and Traffic

The proposed development of 20 houses at Ringwood Close is still awaiting final outline planning approval. Once this is granted then the developers propose to hold further consultations with the Parish Council and with Parishioners to discuss and receive feedback on the final layout proposals. The developers will have to provide funds for children's play equipment and the Parish Council will consult on how these funds should be spent. However, the funds will not be received until the development is half occupied. The developers will have to request that the County Council implement a 20mph speed limit on Mill Road at the Ringwood Close junction, due to poor visibility. The Parish Council has suggested that as Gibbs Close is already a 20mph zone, that the 20mph zone should include all of Mill Rd (as far as the church) and Ringwood Close itself, so that there is a single speed limit for the entire area.

No further information has been received in respect of the developments proposed for Mill Rd and Gibbs Close, which were both refused due to the traffic limitations of the nearby roads and junctions. Work has already started on the expansion of the Research Park and on the Hethersett North development; it will not be long before traffic levels through the village are affected by these developments. Volunteers have been using the Speed Awareness Machine that gives a display of vehicle speeds, both to make drivers aware of their speed and also to get a record of traffic volumes through the village that can be used to monitor changes in traffic patterns (the machine keeps a count of vehicles and speeds).

The cycle path that starts at the Hospital and goes to the other side of Norwich, has recently received government funding for improvements. Unfortunately no such funding was requested (by Norfolk County Council) to extend the path in our direction. There are plans to extend the path to Hethersett but they are dependent on funding from developers and work will not start until after there are significantly more cars on the roads. The Parish Council is unhappy with this position (which has safety implications for children cycling to school in Hethersett) and would like to hear from people who are prepared to help campaign for a quicker provision of safe cycling routes.

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

CHURCH NEWS

By the time you are reading this we shall have welcomed our new Vicar, the Rev. Derek McClean (pronounced McClane) along with his wife Allie and their three little daughters.

Christmas is not far off!!! Our Advent Christmas Fair will be in the Church from 2 until 4pm on Saturday 7th December. This year's decoration theme is European Christmas Customs. If you would like to contribute a picture, mobile, sculpture or whatever, do please advise Margaret on 811890.

Belgium, Spain, Sweden, Denmark and Wales are spoken for. The Salvation Army Concert will be on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm in the Church. Details and service times will be in the Churches Together Christmas card delivered to everyone in the village.

**WYMONDHAM MEDICAL PRACTICE, Postmill Close,
Wymondham, NR18 0RF**

MAIN FLU CLINIC – SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER 2013
TIMES TO ATTEND

SURNAME BEGINS WITH	TIME
A-B	8.00 – 8.30
B-C	8.30 – 9.00
D-G	9.00 – 9.30
H-K	9.30 – 10.00
L-N	10.00 – 10.30
O-R	10.30 – 11.00
S-V	11.00 – 11.30
W-Z	11.30 – 12.00

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

*If you are 65 or over, *Suffer from a disease such as Asthma, Lung, Liver, Kidney or Neurological Disease e.g. Stroke, *Have Diabetes, *A weak Immune System, *if you are pregnant

*If you have any queries please ask at reception

SECOND SATURDAY CLINIC (SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY) 9th
NOVEMBER 2013 – 8.00 am TO 10.00 am

Parish Council contacts:

Clerk: Richard Sinclair 01603 811432 clerk@little-melton.org.uk

Chair: John Heaser 01603 812472 chair@little-melton.org.uk

PARISH news

Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

The nursery would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our new families to the pre-school, we hope you will enjoy your time with us.

Our committee is busy planning lots of fundraising events for this year, one date for your diaries is our Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday November 9th, 10am to noon at the Village Hall. This is always a popular event and offers a wide range of gifts and crafts.

More details will be advertised locally and on our website for all our events. (www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk)

We welcome visits from anyone interested in coming to the nursery at any time when we are open, you do not need to pre-book. We currently have very few places available for this year but please do not hesitate to contact us in case we can accommodate your requirements.

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Takes place in the Village Hall Tuesdays 2.30pm to 4.30pm. and Thursdays 8pm to 10pm, £2.50 per session, loan bowls available free, refreshments included. Emphasis on sociability, not skill, but flat soled shoes essential. Ring Chris Starr on 01603 819006 for more details

At Little Melton Primary School

we have welcomed in 20 new children. raising our numbers to over 100 for the first time in the school's history.

We have been delighted with how well the children have settled in to the new year and their new classes.

We have lots of exciting events planned for the weeks ahead. both inside and outside of school. A particular project at the moment is to rejuvenate our long disused (10 years+) school pond and wildlife area. Any local offers of wheelbarrow loans to help us empty the pond of overgrown weeds and plants. would be gratefully received.

We are also always looking for volunteers to come in and read with the children in school. Please contact the school office on 01603 811446 if this is of interest and you have the odd afternoon to spare.

LITTER PICK

The autumn litter pick will take place over the weekend of 26 & 27th October. There will be a change to previous arrangements in order to make it easier for more people to take part. Equipment (pickers and bags) and areas to pick will be handed out from in front of the shop at 09:30 on Saturday 26th. People can then do the pick any time before Monday when the bags will be collected. Some people will do their stint on Saturday morning and meet at the Village Inn afterwards for a drink. Equipment will need to be returned to 8 Braymeadow Lane. If you can't be at the shop at 09:30 then please call in during the week before and reserve the area where you want to pick up litter – you can then collect the equipment on Saturday, up to 17:30 when the shop closes.