



Little Melton Parish Council newsletter

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Housing Developments

In January the South Norfolk Development Management Committee accepted if the Mill Rd/School Lane cross roads is repainted as a roundabout then previous objections to housing developments on Mill Rd are overcome. The PC Chair and our two SNC representatives all raised objections but the committee had little choice but to accept the Planning and Highways officers' recommendations to approve the applications, as unfortunately there is a deficit in the five year housing supply for the Greater Norwich Development area and this means that there is a presumption in favour of 'sustainable' development in this area. Exactly what is meant by 'sustainable' seems open to interpretation.

There was discussion at the Parish Meeting about the aspects of the development that we will have opportunity to influence—ie provision of public spaces, speed restriction on Mill Rd. There is a list on www.little-melton.org.uk under News/March—Parish Meeting. Please let the Clerk know if you have suggestions.



Sports Association

The South Norfolk Village Games will be at Long Stratton on June 8th and the Hethersett and Meltons Sports Association is looking for people to take part—contact Peter Steward <petersteward@lineone.net>

- * Archery - senior and junior
- * Athletics - combined senior and junior
- * Badminton - senior
- * Darts - combined senior and junior
- * Fitness Triathlon - combined senior and junior
- * Five-a-side Football - senior
- * Rounders - combined senior and junior
- * Short mat bowls - combined senior and junior
- * Table Tennis - senior plus junior
- * Tag rugby - junior
- * Tennis – senior



Little Melton Pre-School Nursery



The children are all busy with their Easter events at the nursery, we are looking forward to some great decorated treasure boxes! We are also looking forward to all the good things to come in the summer term which will include our summer outing. The garden area is such a bonus at this time of year, and has been a great help with our nature theme for the past weeks.

The committee is busy planning more fundraising events including a quiz evening open to all on 21st June at the Village Hall, 7.30pm to 11pm - look out for the posters etc. This always proves to be a very popular event, it's such a fun evening and we are always so pleased with how many people from the village and surrounding areas come along.

We still have some places available for September 2014 and bookings are being taken now. If you are interested in your child joining our nursery do come along for a visit, there is no need to pre-arrange this simply pop in when we are open - every weekday morning during term time 9.15 to 12.15. We are a very popular nursery and places do get taken up quite quickly, the earlier you book a place the more chance you have of getting the sessions you are particularly interested in.

For much more information visit our website - www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk

Little Melton Primary School

Our big spring event is the May Fair, on Saturday May 17th, between 11am and 3pm. This year is planned to be as fantastic as ever, with a great range of attractions for all the family- including this year a miniature railway. All are welcome to attend, and any offers of help with marquees would also be gratefully received by the organisers who can be contacted through the school.



In school we have recently enjoyed a fantastic 'Aspirations week' with children dressing up as their 'future selves', listening to a range of excellent career talks from visiting parents and a local artist, and even applying for jobs in the school- including the 'prize' of being Headteacher for a morning! We have also just enjoyed school trips to Gressenhall to experience life as a Victorian child, and to Cringleford to take part in an Olympic Legacy Arts and Dance showcase. Three new cubs have also started in school- with 'Young Film-makers', 'Newspaper' and ' Draughts' adding to the good range we already do. We are also planning to end the term with a special Maths focus week and 'Maths Café'.

www.littlemeltonprimaryschool.co.uk

All Saints Church, Little Melton

We are now in the very important season of Lent and looking forward to celebrating Easter Day on April 20th. The Church is taking part in the **Easter Egg Hunt** when churches from all over Norfolk will be hiding an egg and there will be a prize for finding and tweeting the most photos of eggs. The competition runs from April 1st to April 22nd. The church is open every day.

In May we will be taking part in Christian Aid Week when churches in England take part in collections to support people of any religion in developing countries who need help to improve their lives.

Further ahead, our **Summer Fete** will be on Saturday 5th July 2-4 p.m. in the lovely garden at 64 School Lane by kind invitation of Jan and Peter. Do come along and enjoy the afternoon!

The Friends of Little Melton Church are planning an event in the Autumn so look out for details of that.

Little Melton Mothers' Union is 100 this year and special celebrations are planned for Sunday June 29th at the 10:30 a.m. Benefice Service. Our banner is being refurbished and will be rededicated. We are very pleased that Mrs Ali McClean has agreed to be our new leader.

All our Church events are open to all and all are very welcome!

Margaret Waller and Graham Tomlin

Help received and Help needed

The Parish Council thanks Stewart Cable for creating and producing this newsletter since it started in 2007 until this year—27 issues in total! If anyone would like to practice their publishing skills then please contact the Clerk. Thanks to Chris Starr for once again organizing the bi annual litter pick. We thank the 10 people who turned out to help but are sad that they managed to fill 20 bin bags with litter—this is worse than usual.

Kevin Ward is unable to continue as a member of the PC and the vacancy will be advertised soon. The development of 60 more houses in the village is going to put a big load on the existing volunteers and if you can help either as a councillor or occasional volunteer then we would like to hear from you—see the back page for contact details.

Events

April 11th	Boat Trip , Norwich Door to Door—see below
April 14th 14:00	Hethersett Pensioners , Norwich Door to Door—see below
April 23rd	Mobile Library —see below for times
April 25th	Stonham Barns , Norwich Door to Door—see below
April 25th	Quiz Night , Norwich Door to Door—see below
April 28th	Cinema City , Norwich Door to Door—see below
May 6th 19:30	Parish Council Annual Meeting , at the School
May 6th	Oil Economy last order day, forms available at the Shop
May 17th 11:00-15:00	School Fete . This year is planned to be as fantastic as ever, with a great range of attractions for all the family- including this year a miniature railway.
May 21st	Mobile Library —see below for times
May 22nd	Meltonians Party at the Village Hall
June 10th 19:30	Parish Council Meeting , at the School
June 18th	Mobile Library —see below for times
June 21st 19:30	Little Melton Pre-School Spring Quiz Night Little Melton Village Hall, Teams of up to 8 people. £4 per person. All money raised in aid Little Melton Pre-school
July 5th 14:00-16:00	Church Summer Fete in the lovely garden at 64 School Lane
July 15th 19:30	Parish Council Meeting , at the School
July 16th	Mobile Library —see below for times

Norwich Door to Door

Offer door to door mobility bus transport on **pre booked** events— contact Ruby on 01603 776735

Mobile Library times

09:35 near to 93 School Lane

10:00 Shop

10:20 Braymeadow Lane

10:45 Crossways

11:30 Ringwood Close

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Other PC contacts and information are at www.little-melton.org.uk