



Little Melton Parish Council newsletter

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AROUND THE VILLAGE

PLAYING FIELD: Following long standing complaints from people hiring the football pitch, the Parish Council has provided an additional dog waste bin and bag dispenser – paid for from the Parish Precept, as is the annual fee for emptying each bin. The bags are intended for use by dog owners who have forgotten their bags and by those who have to clear the field before it can be used safely by young children and others.

Notices will soon appear by the play area stating any play equipment defects should be reported to the Parish Clerk. If you regularly visit the playground, please get in touch if you can make occasional visual inspections or help with maintaining the play equipment.

HEDGES: This is a good time to trim any hedges that have encroached over the pavement. The PC gets many complaints about hedges obstructing the pavement and it has a duty to ensure pavements are kept clear. If householders allow their hedge to obstruct the pavement then NCC Highways has powers to trim the hedge and charge the householder. The PC prefers not to have to request Highways to perform this duty, so please check your hedge—they have grown quickly in the warm summer we've enjoyed!

HOUSEHOLDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS: To speed up the process SNC will no longer be posting site notices for householder applications unless there is a statutory requirement to do so. They will continue to notify, in writing, all neighbours adjacent to the boundary or opposite (if there are front alterations or new access) the site. The Parish Council will continue to notify those materially affected by the proposal.

KONECT BUS SERVICE THROUGH LITTLE MELTON: The Konect Bus Service to and from Little Melton now terminates at the N&NUH and passengers need to change to either a Konect No.3 or 4 bus or a First Bus 11/11A to get into the city and also for the reverse journey. New timetables are on the village noticeboards and available at the Bus Station.



Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big welcome to our new families that have started with us this term. The new committee is already planning events for this year, many of which are open to everyone including the Christmas Craft Fair. Look out for the notices around the village and on our website for further details when they are available.

Unusually this year we do have some spaces still available, so if you were thinking of placing a child with us please get in touch. We always warmly welcome visits from prospective families whenever we are open, there is no need to pre-book.

For more information - www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk

Little Melton Primary School

The term has started busily at Little Melton Primary. Over the summer we asked a local artist to paint a mural on the classroom wall facing the playground to reflect our school values. The design was partly the idea of a group of children in the school, who worked alongside the artist in the early stages.



There are lots of events planned for the next few months—keep a check on our website for regular updates—we do a weekly newsletter. www.littlemeltonprimaryschool.co.uk

Any local parishioners who can donate top soil for our new raised beds—please contact the school.

Meltonians

A lively Autumn is promised. Kate Finlayson gives a talk on the Norwich Food Bank on 23rd October, Peter and Margot Markham are running a quiz on 20th November and our Christmas Lunch at the Little Melton Village Inn is on 27th November.

Meltonians meetings are generally at Little Melton Village Hall, 2.15 pm on the fourth Thursday of the month. Ring John Turner on 01603 811750 for more details.

Macmillan Event—Saturday 4th October 2-5pm at 64 School Lane (next to the shop). Come and enjoy the large garden and support Macmillan—children welcome. Donations of cakes, plants, preserves to sell would be welcomed. Enquiries to Jan Kitchener, 01603 814134.

The **OIL ECONOMY GROUP**—started many years ago by John Sanders and David Perrin is now being run by John McDonald (at the village shop) and Edwina Clark. The group places a bulk order every 3 months and gets the best price. The next ordering date is 4th November—order forms are 25p and available from the shop.

All Saints Church, Little Melton

Lead thefts have been reported in the Norwich Diocese. We would be grateful if anyone witnessing any suspicious behaviour near the Church would report it to the police.

We will be celebrating our **Harvest Festival** on Sunday 19 October at 10.30 am. The service will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch and all are very welcome.

We are organising a **Pamper Evening** in the Village Hall on Friday 21 November at 7 pm when a range of therapies will be on offer to ladies and gentlemen to make you feel pampered. There will also be stalls selling items suitable for Christmas gifts. Refreshments will be served.

Our **Christmas Fayre** is on Saturday 6 December 2-4 pm in the Church. There will be lots of homemade items, stalls, games and Father and Mother Christmas may put in an appearance! Come along and see our Church beautifully decorated for the festive season.

The **Norwich Citadel Salvation Army Band** is making a welcome return on Thursday 18 December 7.30 pm for a concert in the Church. Refreshments will be served and the £5 admission will be divided between the Salvation Army and Friends of Little Melton Church.

The **Mothers' Union** is back to its regular 1st Monday in the month meeting in the Village Hall at 1.30 pm. The October meeting will be a celebration of harvest and the December meeting will be our Christmas Party. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

Details of all the Christmas services will be on the Christmas card sent to everyone in the village in December.

WISpire—Providing better broadband for the community

WISpire is interested in providing a better broadband service to local communities across Norfolk and there is an opportunity to transmit from Little Melton Church if 25 or more people register an interest. For further details contact Annetta Evans 810007 or Margaret Waller 811890 or visit www.wispire.co.uk or call 08451 800 026.

Short Mat Bowls

Village Hall 2.30—4.30 Tuesdays and 8-10pm Thursdays

Roll up, roll up, winter bowls are here again! Thursday 8—10pm again and Tuesdays 2.30—4.30pm never stopped.

Only £2.50 per session including refreshments with loan bowls available if needed. The emphasis is on sociability not expertise.

Ring Chris Starr on 01603 819006 to find out more.

Events

Oct 2nd&7th	Short Mat Bowls , Village Hall (see entry for times)
Oct 4th	Macmillan Event at 64 School Lane 2—5 pm
Oct 8th	Mobile Library
Oct 9th&14th	Short Mat Bowls , Village Hall (see entry for times)
Oct 14th	Parish Council Meeting , at the School 7.30 pm
Oct 16th & 21st	Short Mat Bowls , Village Hall (see entry for times)
Oct 19th	Harvest Festival , LM Church 10.30 am
Oct 23rd	Meltonians , Village Hall 2.15 pm
Oct 23rd & 28th	Short Mat Bowls , Village Hall (see entry for times)
Oct 30th&Nov 4th	Short Mat Bowls , Village Hall (see entry for times)
Nov 4th	Oil Economy last order day, forms from the Shop
Nov 5th	Mobile Library
Nov 6th & 11th	Short Mat Bowls , Village Hall (see entry for times)
Nov 13th & 18th	Short Mat Bowls , Village Hall (see entry for times)
Nov 20th	Meltonians , Village Hall 2.15 pm
Nov 20th & 25th	Short Mat Bowls , Village Hall (see entry for times)
Nov 21st	Pamper Evening , Village Hall, 7 pm in aid of Church
Nov 25th	Parish Council Meeting , at the School 7.30 pm
Nov 27th	Meltonians , Christmas Lunch, Village Inn
Nov 27th&Dec 2nd	Short Mat Bowls , Village Hall (see entry for times)
Dec 3rd	Mobile Library
Dec 4th&9th	Short Mat Bowls , Village Hall (see entry for times)
Dec 6th	Christmas Fayre , LM Church, 2—4 pm
Dec 11th	Short Mat Bowls , Village Hall 8-10 pm
Dec 18th	Norwich Citadel Salvation Army Band , Church 7.30 pm
Dec 31	Mobile Library

Mobile Library times

09:35	Near to 93 School Lane
10:00	Shop
10:20	Braymeadow Lane
10:45	Crossways
11:30	Ringwood Close

LITTLE MELTON PAROCHIAL CHARITY

At the end of our financial year any annual surplus can be distributed to an appropriate village community project. In the past grants have been given towards new facilities at the School, Church, playground and Village Hall as well as supporting community events. Please contact any Trustee (see below) should you wish for more details.

The **Book Group** is still going strong. For further details please ring Joan Wheatley on 01603 812668

LITTLE MELTON PAROCHIAL CHARITY exists to help any Little Melton resident who is in need of financial assistance. Help given in the past include chiropodists' fees, children's school bus fares, fuel costs, essential house repairs, medical charges. All enquiries are treated with utmost confidentiality just call, Jean Chamberlain 812031, John McDonald 810321 or Chris Doggett 812146.

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