

Events

Apr 2nd	Litter Pick , meet at the Shop at 9.30 am
Apr 4th	Mothers' Union , Hethersett Church 2.00 pm
Apr 12th	Parish Council Meeting , School 7.30 pm
Apr 19th	PCC AGM , Church 7.30 pm
Apr 20th	Mobile Library
Apr 23rd	Anglian Singers Concert , Church 7.30pm
Apr 28th	Meltonians , Village Hall 2.15 pm (Bees & Honey)
May 3rd	Oil Economy last order day, forms from the Shop
May 9th	Mothers' Union , Village Hall 1.30 pm
May 18th	Mobile Library
May 24th	Annual Parish Council Meeting , School 7.30 pm
May 26th	Meltonians , Village Hall 2.15 pm (Annual Party)
June 6th	Mothers' Union , Village Hall 1.30 pm
Jun 15th	Mobile Library
Jun 18th	Church Summer Fete
Jun 23rd	Meltonians , Village Hall 2.15 pm (Lifeboat Man)
Jul 13th	Mobile Library

Mobile Library times

(Route No. CEN 346)

09:35	Near to 93 School Lane
10:00	Shop
10:20	Braymeadow Lane
10:45	Crossways
11:30	Ringwood Close
15:00	School

The **Book Group** is still going strong, and meets about every 6 weeks. For further details please ring Joan Wheatley on 01603 812668.

Village Hall Helen Symonds (01603 810671) manages bookings for the Village Hall. Full details of regular events are on www.little-melton.org.uk (see Village Facilities) and there is an email address for bookings there.

- * **Short Mat Bowls** Tuesdays 2.30-4.30pm and Thursdays 8-10pm. £2.50 per session. All you need is a pair of very flat shoes to avoid wear and tear on the carpets. Ring Chris Starr on 01603 819006 for more details, or just turn up.
- * **Mothers' Union** 1st Monday of the month, 1.30pm. Please contact Branch Leader Allie McClean 01603 946656 or littlemeltonmothersunion@gmail.com
- * **Meltonians** - usually meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2.15pm for a very entertaining talk by a speaker followed by refreshments and a mardle. Ring John Turner 01603 811750 to learn more.
- * **Powerhoop** classes at the hall 6.30 pm and 7.30pm on Tuesday evenings. 45 minutes workout with a weighted hoop (so easy to keep up). 15 minutes hooping and movement and many other muscle, strength and cardio routines with the hoop.
- * **Fitcamp Challenge** is 4 weeks of interval and circuit training, in a fun, supportive environment. The classes are designed to improve fitness and health through community motivation, laughter and nutritional education. All abilities welcome!

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

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Traffic Problems

Over the last month there has been discussion on the village Facebook page and at the Parish Meeting, about lorries flouting the weight restriction, increased traffic and about speeding. A discussion is currently taking place with both Highways and the Police about what actions can be taken to reduce the problems. Traffic calming and a 20mph zone outside the school have been suggested. Please let the PC know your thoughts about traffic calming on School Lane and whether you would like to help with traffic surveys and possibly resurrecting the Speedwatch group (who manned temporary speed display boards).

Village Show

This year's show will be held on Sept 10th and will be an opportunity for people to exhibit their skills at gardening, cookery and craft! There was no show last year and the committee is keen to hear from people who would like to help or who have ideas for new classes of exhibits. You can see the 2013 programme on the Community Trust page of the village website, contact details are on the Contact Us page. You can also leave suggestions at the shop.

Hedges

Hedges that obstruct the footpath are a regular source of complaint to the PC—please take a look at yours! There is advice on rhs.org.uk about when to trim hedges—there is a link on the PC website. The PC is considering asking a contractor to visit in early Sept to trim hedges for those unable to trim their own—householders would pay the contractor directly but there may be some economies of scale. Please let the PC know if you are interested in this service.

Peter Kitchener

The PC was sad to learn that Peter Kitchener passed away on the 27th Feb. Peter organized many wildlife and conservation activities in the village and had a national reputation for his work with birds, butterflies and moths. He was an active member of the Toadwatch patrol before his illness became too severe. Peter worked hard to make his large garden into a haven for wildlife and many villagers have enjoyed the fetes that he and Jan have hosted there on behalf of a number of village and other charitable organizations.

John Sanders

Condolences to the family of John Sanders who died on 20 January. John was a Parish Councillor from 1995—2003 and was at the helm of the village Oil Economy Group for over 11 years until July 2014.

MOBILE LIBRARY In Norfolk we are very lucky to have a wonderful Library and Information Service. Not only books but CDs and DVDs and a whole range of useful information. As a rural county, we not only need library buildings but also mobile vans. The service calls once a month on a Wednesday and now has an extra stop at the school 15:00 to 15:45—see the back page and the PC website for dates and times.

Little Melton Pre-School Nursery

We are looking forward to 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 the year and has been a great help with our nature theme for the past weeks.

The committee is busy planning more fundraising events for this year—look out for the posters etc. We are always so pleased with how many people from the village and surrounding areas come along to events that are open to all.

We still have some places available for September 2016. If you are interested in your child joining us 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 get taken up quite quickly so the earlier you book a place the more chance you have of getting the sessions you are interested in.

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



The Friends of Little Melton Church - Thanks to the support of the Friends the much-needed repairs to the church tower will commence in August and should be completed by December. A pledge of £10,000 from the Friends enabled the preparatory investigations by our church architect to be carried out so the promised government grant can be issued.

Please carry on the good work and join us, with your friends, as we celebrate HM the Queen's 90th birthday with a concert in the church on **Saturday 23rd April at 7.30 pm** by the Norwich-based **Anglian Singers**, Conductor John Barham. Tickets £7.00 Adults and £1.00 Accompanied Children are available from the Village Shop or by phoning Annetta on 810007.

Scarecrows—Rumour has it that there may be an invasion of scarecrows in the village to coincide with the **Church Summer Fete on 18th June!** Look out for more details nearer the time. Annetta Evans (Hon. Sec. The Friends of Little Melton Church)

The Churchyard, All Saints Church, Little Melton

Any person resident in Little Melton at the time of their death has a right to be buried in the churchyard irrespective of their beliefs. People who were not resident can be buried there with the agreement of the vicar. The rights of burial also extend to the internment but not the scattering of the ashes. In addition there are strict regulations regarding memorials that can be placed within the churchyard.

New churchyard regulations have come into force from this month. A copy is displayed in the church porch for people to read. They are set by the Dioceses and the Parochial Church Council is legally bound by these rules. They are not long but they are very specific on what can and cannot be placed in the churchyard. Therefore we would ask people to read the Regulations and consider what is appropriate. Unfortunately we will have to ask people to remove any items that do not meet the required standards.

The Parochial Church Council, elected by the church members, is responsible for the maintenance of the churchyard with the help of the Parish Council which pays for the cost of cutting the grass and trimming the hedges six times a year. Once a month volunteers tidy up, remove litter and try to control the weeds as well as taking on general maintenance.

The PCC AGM is to be held on 19th April at 7.30 pm in the Church

Nick Ganley and Graham Tomlin—Church Wardens

Little Melton Mothers' Union

On **4th April** we join Hethersett Mothers' Union for our annual Corporate Communion, this year in St Remigius Church at 2 pm.

On **9th May** at 1.30 pm in the Village Hall we welcome MU Speaker Sybil Martin to talk about the Angel Tree Project—an initiative started in Norfolk and now spreading to other counties which helps keep families united when a parent is in prison.

At 1.30 pm at the Village Hall on **6th June** MU Speaker Felicity Randall will be talking about the new prayer links being forged between Norfolk MU members and other MU groups in the world. **All** are very welcome at our meetings whether MU members or not!

The **OIL ECONOMY GROUP** places a bulk order every 3 months and gets the best price. The next ordering date is **3rd May**—order forms are 25p and available from the shop.

Litter Pick Due to the early date of Easter, the spring litter pick will be a week later than usual and we will meet at the shop at **09:30 on April 2nd**, pickers and bags are provided.

The final sum raised for the East Anglian Air Ambulance at the fund-raising dance organised by John Symonds (aka Mr Music) and his family was a grand total of £1,615.08. Thank you to everyone who supported us and gave raffle prizes for this worthy cause. John Symonds

Hethersett Hub Café for people with Dementia, their families, friends and carers on the third Tuesday of the month from 10 am—12 noon at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall. Call Richelle-01603 810786 for more information. For transport call Richard 01603 814343.