

Little Melton



# Little Melton Parish Council newsletter

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## TRAFFIC

Many villagers are upset by the traffic through the village and the speed at which some of it is travelling. People are also annoyed by lorries which transgress the weight restrictions on Burnthouse Lane and Braymeadow Lane. The PC is involved in discussions with both the police (who have been supportive and have agreed to do spot checks on speed) and NCC Highways but it all takes a lot of time and the PC only has a few members who are prepared to read the documents and write the emails that this involves. The matter is being discussed on the village Facebook page and some villagers are helping with the campaign. Chris Starr is organising a 'lorry watch' in order to gather some hard facts to help make our case. Please get in touch if you would like to help in any way. The address for the Facebook page and a form for reporting lorry transgressions are at [www.little-melton.org.uk](http://www.little-melton.org.uk).

## HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

It is hoped to have a member of the PC on hand at the Village Show to answer questions about the developments and other PC matters – please see below.

The **Village Show** will be held on **10 September** at the Village Hall. We will have the usual classes for vegetables, fruit and flowers plus a cookery section to include preserves, crafts and photography including children's classes. The show is an 'open' event for everyone to enter; you do not have to be an 'expert'. The show will be open for all to view the exhibits in the afternoon so please come and visit and help us make this a fun day. More information will be delivered to each household and will be on the village web site.

**The Parish Council hopes to have a representative at the show to explain the work of the Parish Council (there are two vacancies for Parish Councillors) and to answer questions relating to the new developments in and around the village.**

The Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee would like to thank **Foster Property Maintenance Ltd** for the assistance provided to rectify a number of leaks on the Village Hall. Foster kindly completed work to gutters, roofing and rooflights without charge to the village. Many thanks.

**LITTLE MELTON PAROCHIAL CHARITY** A number of **allotments** have become available on our site at Mill Road. If you are interested in taking on a new hobby or extending your current vegetable patch, please contact Chris Doggett for further details on 01603 812146 or 0788 423 3626.

## **Little Melton Pre-School Nursery**



Another school year draws to a close, and once again we are very pleased with another fantastic year. Our committee worked very hard and as such has been very successful in all the fundraising events. Fundraising is so important to the nursery as we are a charity and can use the additional money raised to fund extra equipment and outings. It is always lovely when the local community takes part in these events too, we really appreciate it.

The staff have all once again been very committed to their role, making sure that the experience for both the children in our care and their families has been a positive one!

We are already very busy for the next academic year so 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. During the holidays please email through our website ([www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk](http://www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk)) as the nursery is actually closed. We regularly check the email during the holiday time and will be happy to take your enquiries.

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.

## **Little Melton Mothers' Union**

As this is the holiday season we are off on our outing on **4 July at 2.30 pm** to have an U.S. themed afternoon tea at the home of our member Margot Markham, Beck Cottage, Watton Road.

On **1 August at 1.30 pm** we will be remembering our founder Mary Sumner's birthday at a home communion service by kind invitation of Sue at Maytyme, School Lane, Lt Melton. Our

Coffee Morning on **Monday 5 Sept 10 am–12 noon** will be at 17 Greenacres by kind invitation of Margaret. Please note change of venue for this year's event. There will be lots of lovely refreshments and chat, a raffle and bring and buy stall. Admission £1-00. All are very welcome so please bring friends! Money raised will be for MU 'Good Causes'.

If you want any more information on these events or need a lift, please phone Annetta on 01603-810007.

**OUR 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 has an extra stop at the school 15:00 to 15:45—see the back page and the PC website for dates and times.

## Friends of Little Melton Church

Thank you to all who continue to support our aim of preserving the fabric of our church for future generations.

This Spring we combined our fund-raising with a celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a concert by the Anglian Singers. As the date was April 23<sup>rd</sup> they had lots of scope in the choice of songs as it also coincided with St George's Day and the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shakespeare's death. It was a most enjoyable evening.

Work should be starting in the early Autumn on the remedial work on the Church Tower detailed in the Church Architect's last Quinquennial Review. The PCC was awarded a Government grant for the work but the grant could not be accessed until a bat survey had been carried out and 'cherry-picker' hired for exploratory survey. The Friends Committee authorised an immediate donation of £10,000 to enable these to be carried out and without this donation the grant itself could not have been accessed. This shows just how important your support is to the preservation of our lovely medieval church!

Annetta Evans

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH LITTLE MELTON

The AGM was held on the 19 April. All members of the PCC agreed to continue except for Mrs East who decided to step down following many years of service. Dealing with the tower repairs as well as support for the Ashcroft project has occupied much of the PCC's time. Financially we did not go into the red although that had been predicted. There were reports from Mothers Union, The Friends of Little Melton Church and Churches Together.

The tower repairs have been funded by a government grant and a donation of £10,000 from the Friends of Little Melton Church. Final figures have been agreed with the Listed Places of Worship fund and cannot now be revised. The next stage is a pre-start meeting with the architect and contractor to agree housekeeping matters and to sign the final contract.

On the 4 June we hosted a 'bat walk' organised by Norfolk Wildnights who gave a wonderful talk on the bats in and around the church as well as the truly amazing variety of insect life in the churchyard.

**And finally** ..... We now have a new notice board by the lych gate with up-to-date service times and contact details. The previous board had been around for many years and although much loved with its idiosyncratic freehand corrections it really was time for a change.

Nick Ganley and Graham Tomlin –Churchwardens

The **OIL ECONOMY GROUP** places a bulk order every 3 months and gets the best price. The next ordering date is **2 August**—order forms are 25p and available from the shop.

**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.

## Events

July 4th	<b>Mothers' Union</b> , Beck Cottage 2.30 pm
July 5th	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> , School 7.30 pm
July 13th	<b>Mobile Library</b>
July 28th	<b>Meltonians</b> , Village Hall 2.15 pm (Lifeboat Man)
Aug 1st	<b>Mothers' Union</b> , Maytyme 1.30 pm
Aug 2nd	<b>Oil Economy</b> last order day, forms from the Shop
Aug 10th	<b>Mobile Library</b>
Aug 25th	<b>No Meltonians</b>
Sept 5th	<b>Mothers' Union</b> , 17 Greenacres 10-noon
Sept 6th	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> , School 7.30 pm
Sept 7th	<b>Mobile Library</b>
Sept 10th	<b>Village Show</b> , Village Hall
Sept 22nd	<b>Meltonians</b> , visit to Archant Print
Oct 5th	<b>Mobile Library</b>
Oct 11th	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> , School 7.30 pm
Oct 27th	<b>Meltonians</b> , Village Hall, 2.15 pm
Oct 29th	<b>Litter Pick</b> , meet at the Shop at 9.30 am

## Mobile Library times

**(Route No. CEN 346)**

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

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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.little-melton.org.uk)**