

Little Melton



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Affordable Housing in Ringwood Close

The following homes (2 one bedroom flats - 1 two bedroom bungalow - 2 two bedroom houses—1 three bedroom house) will be completed early in 2017 and will be let by Saffron Housing Trust. Priority will be given to local people who meet certain criteria. **For further information see www.little-melton.org.uk or call Housing Advice Service at South Norfolk Council free on: 0808 168 2222.**

Litter on the roads and Hedges

The PC has received several complaints about spillage of maize harvested from the fields on Braymeadow. We are currently working to identify the landowner responsible. The regular PC litter pick will take place over the weekend of the 29/30th October. We will meet outside the shop at 09:30 on 29/10 to hand out litter pickers and bags. Please get in touch if you would like to help but can't make that time - or if you can help with tidying up the play area at any time!

Autumn is the best time to trim many hedges—please check that your hedge is not obstructing the footpath as this is a danger to the visually impaired and people with pushchairs.

Traffic problems

There have been many complaints about Hethersett construction traffic coming through the weight restricted zone on Burnthouse Ln. The PC has used this new problem as a reason to reopen the discussion with Highways about the need for improved signage of the lorry route so that lorries don't turn off the A47 at the B1108 and enter the village. Please get in touch if you have reasonable IT skills (writing emails and reading council documents online) and would like to help with this and other PC campaigns.

Village Show

The 21st Village Show took place in September. 316 people viewed the creative and horticultural efforts of 52 exhibitors, which was a good turnout after there being no show in 2015. Please let the Village Hall committee know your suggestions for next year—contact details and photos from this year's show can be found at www.little-melton.org.

New number for electricity supply problems—If you have a power cut, call 105 – Find out more at www.powercut105.com

Community Repair Hub—at Breckland Hall in Costessey on 10 October 2016. Residents are able to bring along broken items such as small electrical items, bikes, furniture and textiles and work alongside volunteers to have them repaired. This is a great way for residents to learn new skills and prevent items from going to landfill.

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. Look out for the notices around the village, and on our website for further details when they are available.

Places are still available for this year, but these are limited so if you are thinking of placing your child with us do 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 Mothers' Union After three lovely summer meetings (the US-themed tea party at Margot's on July 4th, the home communion at Sue's in August to commemorate our founder Mary Sumner and the very relaxed Coffee Morning at Margaret's in Sept.) we return to the Village Hall for the Autumn meetings.

On **Monday 3 October 1.00 pm** onwards we will be enjoying a **Simple Harvest Lunch** and raising funds for the Bethesda Children's Trust orphanages in Southern India. Sue, Liz and Jeremy will be visiting there later in the year. Suggested donation for the lunch is £5 and all will be very welcome so please invite friends and family members to join us. Please phone Annetta on 810007(answerphone) to book.

November Meeting will be on **Monday 7 November 1.30 pm** in the Village Hall. Subject T.B.A. in November "Good News".

On **Monday 5 December 1.00 pm** we will be having our **Christmas Party** in the Village Hall. (More details in December "Good News")

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.

The **OIL ECONOMY GROUP** places a bulk order every 3 months and gets the best price. The next ordering date is **1 November**—order forms are 25p and available from the shop.

Friends of Little Melton Church

Apples will be gratefully received for pressing to make the delicious apple juice sold in aid of Friends funds so if you have any to spare at this time and in good condition please leave them at Sue's house, "Maytyme" 6 School Lane (near the Bus Stop at the X-Roads) and she will take them to be pressed.

The church tower - Work has now commenced on the repairs designated as urgent in our architect's last report and the financial contribution from our funds to the preliminary work proved essential in obtaining a government grant to allow it to continue. This has been acknowledged in the notice attached near the Lych Gate.

A date for your Diary—the welcome return of **the Band of the Norwich Citadel Salvation Army** on **Friday 16 December 7.30 pm** in the church for a concert of music and readings in celebration of Christmas. More details in the December "Good News" Magazine.

Annetta Evans

MEDITATION There is a weekly meditation group at Nogg's Barn, White Lodge Nurseries, School Lane—Wednesdays 7.30-9.00pm . Please contact Chris Starr on 01603 819006 for further details.

LITTLE MELTON PAROCHIAL CHARITY exists to help any Little Melton resident who is in need of financial assistance. Help given in the past includes 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.

Following a goodwill gesture from local housing developer, Abel Homes, they have kindly made available a number of **allotments 'ready cultivated'** for immediate use on our site at Mill Road, so this is an ideal time to start your new hobby or extend your current vegetable patch. Please contact Chris Doggett for further details on 01603 812146 or 0788 423 3626.

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 Stephen 07808329102 for more information. For transport call Richard 01603 814343.

Events

Oct 3rd	Mothers' Union , Village Hall 1pm Harvest Lunch
Oct 5th	Mobile Library
Oct 11th	Parish Council Meeting , School 7.30 pm
Oct 27th	Meltonians , Village Hall 2.15 pm—Royal Security
Oct 29th	Litter Pick , meet at the Shop at 9.30 am
Nov 1st	Oil Economy last order day, forms from the Shop
Nov 2nd	Mobile Library
Nov 7th	Mothers' Union , Village Hall 1.30 pm
Nov 15th	Parish Council Meeting , School 7.30 pm
Nov 17th	Meltonians , Village Hall 2.15 pm—Quiz, Dr Signy
Nov 24th	Meltonians , Christmas Lunch Village Inn
Nov 30th	Mobile Library
Dec 5th	Mothers' Union , Village Hall 1pm Christmas Party
Dec 13th	Parish Council Meeting , School 7.30 pm
Dec 28th	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