



Little Melton Parish Council newsletter

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Road Closures—Burnthouse Lane is now closed until 29/08, this means that the HGVs from the Business Park will have to come through the village. The closure is to enable the new road from the Hethersett developments to connect through to Colney Lane. The new road will **eventually** go round the north and west of Hethersett and hopefully will divert some traffic away from Little Melton.

The Watton Rd will be closed in **both** directions between 06/08 and 24/08—this will be followed by overnight closures (till 27/08) of the roundabouts and the junction with Green Lane, for resurfacing. There is a danger that this will create gridlock on Braymeadow if we get traffic in both directions trying to avoid the official diversion. The police have been asked to monitor the situation and have been told that some drivers are speeding and driving inconsiderately—please ring 101 and ask for the Hethersett Safer Neighbourhood Team if you experience problems. Hopefully the police will do some random speed checks if enough people complain.

Hedges—the PC Chair had first hand experience of how narrow some of our pavements are, when his wife broke her leg recently and had to be pushed in a wheelchair! Overhanging hedges are a source of frequent complaint to the PC—autumn is a good time to trim them.

The **23rd Village Show** will be held at the Village Hall on Sat 8th Sept and is an opportunity to display your skills at growing vegetables, flowers and fruits and at crafts and cookery. There are junior classes for 4 age ranges. Entry forms will be distributed soon to every house in the village, there are spares at the shop and you can download from the website—follow the link on the Calendar page. The exhibits can be viewed from 14:00, there are teas and a bar. A Stardance Performance is at 15:00. Much of the produce is auctioned at 16:00.

Barbara and John, at the shop, have provided a much appreciated service to the village for many years but are planning for their retirement. There is an opportunity for the shop to become a Community operated shop if enough volunteers are prepared to organize this. Please email the PC (see back page) or leave your details at the shop, if you can help.

There are links on www.little-melton.org.uk to matters discussed in this newsletter and further announcements will be made via the Facebook group—which has over 300 members and is well used—please see the website for how to join.

Little Melton Pre-School Nursery



Where does the time go, here we are again wishing all the children who leave us for 'Big School' all our very best wishes.

The nursery has had another very busy year. Our committee have worked hard to organise fundraising events which have meant that we have been able to buy some new equipment again and fund outings for the children. We always appreciate what our parents and wider community does to support us.

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! It is because of their hard work that we are very pleased to say that we achieved a rating of 'Good' in our latest Ofsted Inspection.

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 as the nursery is actually closed. We regularly check the email during the holiday time and will be happy to take your enquiries. Visits can be arranged for anyone who wishes to look round via email or by telephone. For more information - www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk

Little Melton Mothers' Union On August 6th we celebrate the birthday of our founder, Mary Sumner with a home communion service at "Maytyme" on School Lane kindly hosted by Sue.

September 3rd sees us fund-raising for MU projects here and abroad and this year Liz has kindly offered to host the event at "Pond Piece" 72, School Lane starting at 10 a.m. when we will have a raffle, bring and buy stall and lots of tea, coffee and biscuits and chat so please come along and have an enjoyable morning with us.

On Oct 1st at 1:30 p.m. we return to the Village Hall for the start of our Autumn programme which seems to very food-orientated so watch out for more details later!

More info from Annetta 810007

Christian Aid Week 2018 Sue and Annetta would like to thank all who so generously contributed to this good cause this year, to the helpers who distributed the envelopes in the village and to John and Barbara at the Village Shop for acting as a drop off point for the envelopes. Just under £400 has been sent to Christian Aid and with the promised Gift Aid they are able to claim this will grow to just under £450 so well done to all the village for this total.

The Friends of Little Melton Church Thank you to all who continue to support our fund-raising efforts to keep our small medieval church in good order for ourselves and future generations. The donation we gave to enable work on the church tower to commence was much appreciated by the PCC. Watch out for the Apple Juice "campaign" in the Autumn and details of the return of the Salvation Army Norwich Citadel Band just before Christmas.

Village Hall

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

- * **Badminton**—Mondays 19:30, contact Stephen 810006, new players welcome
- * **Short Mat Bowls** Tuesdays 2.30-4.30pm A small friendly group who meet throughout the year and welcome new members. We have spare bowls, and ramps for those who need assistance. All you need is a pair of very flat shoes to avoid wear and tear on the carpets, come and have a try - £2.50 per session, tea and biscuits included. For further info please call Jean on 812031. There is also Thursday bowls 8-10pm (not in summer).
- * **Powerhoop** 18.30 pm and 19.30pm on Tuesdays. 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. Fun for all and suitable for all levels as options are given. Jane Keeley - 07944 234388
- * **Little Poppets - Baby and toddler group** for playtime, tea and a chat. We have soft play and toys for all ages and everyone is welcome, whether parent, grandparent or carer. First time is free, £2/session thereafter. For more information, check our facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/littlemeltonpoppets/> or email us on Littlemeltonpoppets@gmail.com
- * **Meltonians** - usually meet on the fourth Thursday of the month at 14.15pm for a very entertaining talk by a speaker followed by refreshments and a mardle. Ring Trisha Harvey 01603 812984 or 07809288884 to learn more.
- * **Yoga**— Thursdays 18:15 to 19:30, Sarah Lewis on 07962 169185— sarah.r.lewis@hotmail.co.uk
- * **Fitcamp Challenge**—Fridays, 19:00, 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! Becca Jermy - 07411 347341 - www.beccajermy.com
- * **Street Dance**— Saturday mornings during term, 4-7yrs and 8-12yrs, Summer workshops on Aug 10th and 22nd, 10:00-12:00 for 4-7 yrs, contact Emily Spurgeon on 07766406542 or stardancecompany@icloud.com— www.stardance-company.co.uk

Crusaders Rugby Club thank everyone who attended their 10th Annual Beer festival last month and it was great to see a good number of people from the village enjoying the hottest weekend of the year.

The new season starts for juniors starts on Sunday 2nd September new players are very welcome. In the meantime senior training as well as Touch rugby continues for males/ females of all ages and abilities on Tuesdays and Thursday nights (7pm) and the popular Rugby-Fit classes will run each Wednesday (7pm) throughout August. Do join in. For more info please contact Martin Alcock on 07952524154

Date	Time	Event	Place
Aug 7th		Oil Economy - last order day	Village Shop
Sep 8th	14:00	Village Show	Village Hall
Sep 24th	19:30	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall
Oct 27th	09:30	Litter Pick	Village Shop
Nov 6th		Oil Economy - last order day	Village Shop
Nov 26th	19:30	Parish Council meeting	Village Hall

Mobile Library times

Aug 8, Sep 5, Oct 3 & 31

09:35 Near to 93 School Lane

10:00 Shop

10:20 Braymeadow Lane

10:45 Crossways

11:30 Ringwood Close

15:00 School

Little Melton Book Group Wants New Members

We are a very friendly group and meet in each others' homes about every 6 weeks. We take it in turn to choose a book and one member then orders and collects copies from the Library for distribution.

Since we started in 2000 we have read and discussed a wide selection of books. Recent ones have been "A Gentleman in Moscow", "The Little Red Chairs", "Black Water" and the biography "First Lady". The July choice is "Sweet Caress" by William Boyd.

If you would like to try us out, please ring Joan on 01603 812668 for more information and the date of the next meeting. We'd be so pleased to see you.

The **oil economy group** places a bulk order every 3 months and gets the best price. The next ordering date is **7th August** —order forms are 25p and available from the shop.

DHF Café is a friendly place to meet for those experiencing memory loss, loneliness or needing a listening ear. On the third Tuesday each month from 10:00 to 12:00 at Hethersett Methodist Church Hall. Call Stephen on 07808 329102 for more information

The **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.

The charity owns the **allotments**, please call Trevor Baker on 811636 if you would like one.

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