



Development – A planning inspector has overturned SNC’s refusal of permission for 30 houses to be built on land adjacent to Elm Farm. The main reason given was that the Inspector was not convinced that SNC has a five year housing supply (the same argument was used to justify the three recent developments). In this situation, the development boundary is set aside and there is a ‘presumption in favour of sustainable development’. The PC will request that the developer makes a significant contribution to traffic calming measures on School Lane.

Games Afternoon - An afternoon of games for all ages will be held at the Village Hall on March 16th between 14:30 and 17:30. The plan is for people to bring their favourite games and some cake to share and then mix in and get to know some other people in the village. There will be more details on the Facebook group and website nearer the date.

Play Area Improvements— in the last newsletter we asked what people thought about creating a Multi Use Games Area but did not get many responses! On Feb 16th at 14:45 there will be a meeting at the Village Hall for parents and children to comment on some alternative suggestions based on a scooter ramp and zip wire.



Boundary Changes - on April 1st the boundaries with Bawburgh and Hethersett will be simplified— the B1108 will form the northern boundary, the power lines will form the southern boundary. Hopefully this will give us more say about traffic related matters on Burnthouse and Little Melton Rd.

Elections— all Parish Councillors have to stand for election on May 2nd. Nomination papers have to be in by April 3rd. There will be some vacancies on the PC and on the Community Trust—we need at least four new people to come forward if these bodies are going to keep going. Progress on things like traffic calming would be a lot better if we had more help!! Please see web site for more info, Nomination papers and to get in touch.

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 360 members and is well used—please see the website for how to join.

Little Melton Pre-School Nursery



The nursery has enjoyed another busy festive season, especially being part of the church decoration event again this year, and watching the nativity play at the primary school. It is always lovely to feel part of our wider community in the village. The committee is continuing to plan a lot of fundraising events for the spring - look out for the notices around the village! (**Craft Fair on 23rd March, 10 to 13:00 at the School**) We always really appreciate it when members of our local community come along to support us. Any money raised by these events is totally spent on improving the facilities and activities we offer. If you are interested in a place for your child please contact us via our website www.littlemeltonpreschoolnursery.co.uk or on 812362 to arrange a visit. We are open - Term-time - each weekday morning 9.15 to 12.15.

Little Melton Mothers' Union - We have a very interesting and varied programme planned for 2019 and invite all interested to join us on the first Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Village Hall (unless its a Bank Holiday). Full details are in " Good News" magazine each month . In February Easton Coaches will be telling us about their outings and holidays for 2019 and in March local author Phyllida Scrivens will be talking about her recent book, "Escaping Hitler" so do come along and join us! Tel. Annetta 810007

All Saint's Church - The 100th anniversary of the ending of WW1 was marked by a memorial service. The statue of the soldier in the churchyard provided a very visual reminder generating a lot of interest in the village. It was made by Stewart Cable and for those of you who don't read morse-code the message on the statue is simply "Remember Them".

December was a busy time with the Christmas Fayre, carol services for the school and playgroup, our own carol service, the Salvation Army concert, the Crib Service on Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day Service.

The art project this year was Christmas trees and the church was beautifully decorated with trees of all shapes, sizes and materials made by both children and adults from the village. A big thank you to all who helped.

Services - In January there will only be one service, a family communion at the church on the 6th January.

From February - 1st Sun, 10.30am Family Service, 2nd Sun 9am Holy Communion, 10.30am ABC service (A short fun service for children 8 years and under with a parent/grandparent), 3rd Sun 10.30am Holy Communion, 4th Sun 9am Holy Communion

In addition each Tuesday there are morning prayers at Rambler Cottage, Great Melton Road.

Church Quiz—Saturday 26th Jan at the VH, 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start. Tickets are £7 which includes a cheese supper. Please bring drinks, glasses and nibbles. Teams can be made of up to 8 people.

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 - contact Peter or Val on 810834. There is also Thursday bowls 8-10pm (not in summer) - contact Derek 810292.
- * **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
- * **Zumba**—18:30 to 19:30 on Wednesdays— Jane Keeley - 07944 234388
- * **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
- * **Street Dance**— Saturday mornings during term, 4-7yrs, contact Emily Spurgeon on 07766406542 or stardancecompany@icloud.com—www.stardance-company.co.uk

Litter Pick—We will be doing a litter pick over the weekend of 30/31st March. Please come to the Shop at 09:30 on Saturday, to collect pickers, bags, hi viz or to the regular last Friday in the month Coffee and Cake at the Shop on Friday at 10:30. You can pick the litter any time before Monday. Contact details are on last page if you can't make the above times.

Wilf Chamberlain served the village in many ways and for many years before he passed away last year. His family have said—*“Following Wilf's funeral, we are overwhelmed that over £1000 in donations has been raised for the Acute Oncology Service at the hospital. They gave Wilf such wonderful care and were always patient and supportive. Also over £300 was raised for the Red Cross whose loan of equipment helped us to care for Wilf at home and made such a difference to his last weeks. Thank you to all who so kindly donated and supported us, Jeannie and all the family.”*

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| Jan 26th | 19:15 | Church Quiz | Village Hall |
| Feb 16th | 14:45 | Discussion of Play Area extension plans | Village Hall |
| Mar 11th | 19:30 | Parish Meeting | Village Hall |
| Mar 16th | 14:30 | Games afternoon | Village Hall |
| Mar 23rd | 10:00 to 13:00 | Preschool spring craft fair | School |
| Mar 30th | 09:30 | Litter Pick | Shop |

Mobile Library times

Jan 23, Feb 20, Mar 20

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. In case anyone thinks our Book Group is women only, it is not and we would welcome more men to join us. It widens the choice of books and the discussions. 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". 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 on the first Tues in Feb, May, Aug and Nov in order to get the best price. 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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Other PC contacts and information are at

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