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Welcome to all our readers

Thruxton Parish Newsletter - January 2023

Happy New Year! We hope you and your families enjoyed a relaxing and sociable Christmas and that the year ahead will bring much happiness, health and peace to you all.

We don't have a Parish Council this month so, in its place, our newsletter contains a short article written by John Davis reflecting on some of the changes that have taken place in the village since he and Margaret moved here in 1971. We hope you enjoy the trip down memory lane!

I have a couple of items to share with you this month. Firstly, you may be aware that we have local elections on 4th May this year which means that you have the opportunity to vote for both TVBC and Parish Councillors. Due to changes in legislation, you will be required to show photographic identification at the polling station to enable you to vote – this could be your passport, driving licence, bus pass, Defence id pass or one of several alternative forms of id. If you need a special Voter Authority Certificate (VAC) you can apply at no cost to voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk from Monday 16th January. We will be posting more information in the coming weeks onto the Thruxton Village website and there will also be information issued by TVBC, so please keep your eyes peeled – we do not want you to lose your ability to vote.

If you wish to stand for election to either Parish Council or TVBC please contact Heather Bournier for more information (clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com)

Secondly, at the February Parish Council meeting on Wed. 1st Feb., we will be having a presentation from Hampshire County Councillor Chris Donnelly regarding possible changes to the organisation of the County Council. There have been some different interpretations

Dates for the Diary

Every Wednesday	Thruxton Loves Cake 10–12, Memorial Hall
Every Friday	Yoga 13:30, Memorial Hall
15 th January	Service of the World 11:00, Thruxton Church
25 th January	Gardening Club 19:30 Memorial Hall
22 nd January	Morning Worship 11:00, Thruxton Church
29 th January	Benefice Holy Communion 11:00, Kimpton Church

aired at local authority and county level regarding these changes and this is an opportunity to hear direct from our County Councillor on what is planned, what benefits will accrue to Hampshire residents and where things stand at the time of the meeting. All members of the public are welcome to attend.

To close, I wanted to recognise all the many acts of selflessness and contributions to our community that are made week in, week out. We try to give recognition to people in our Council meetings when these have been notified to us, so please do nominate someone if you're aware of someone helping others or giving their time to the benefit of the community. Recently, I was made aware of the fantastic work by Sue and Martin King to collect litter from the slip-roads to the A303 – I understand that 4 sacks of "stuff" (a polite term for the rubbish collected) had to be disposed of. Also, welcome back to the village to Richard and Dee Thorne and our appreciation for keeping the flag flying on the village green. A HUGE thank you from us all.

Best wishes for the month ahead. Peter Christie – Chair

Southern Water (SW) Update

Relining of the Thruxton Sewer network starts 30 January 2023

SW is scheduled to start relining the sewer pipes in Thruxton on Monday 30 January. This is part of an ongoing relining programme to tackle groundwater infiltration in the Pillhill Brook catchment area. The work involves relining both public and private sewers. SW took the decision to fund relining of private sewer pipes because about 42% of our sewer network is made up of privately owned pipes. During groundwater season, when groundwater levels are high, these private pipes make a significant contribution to the groundwater infiltration that threatens to overwhelm SW's water pumping stations. The work is focussed on the northern villages of Kimpton, Thruxton, Fyfield and East Cholderton to reduce the cumulative effects of infiltration further down the catchment and the work on privately owned pipes will commence later in the Spring.

SW's contractor Cappagh Brown Utilities Ltd (CBUL) have completed the relining work in Kimpton and now move into Thruxton. CBUL are using a product called Tubogel which involves two tankers containing different fluids that react with each other to form a watertight seal along each pipe. Whilst SW and CBUL will make every effort to keep disruption to a minimum the relining work required along Village Street will require width restrictions and road closures. SW will be working closely with Peter Christie and the Pan Parish Forum (PPF) to make sure that residents of the village are kept informed of both road closures and the progress being made to complete the relining program. The Pan Parish Forum is made up of representatives from Kimpton, Thruxton, Fyfield, Amport, Monxton, Quarley, Abbots Ann and Upper Clatford Parish Councils. Together the Forum is working with SW to represent resident's best interests. Please keep an eye out for updates on Facebook and the Thruxton Village website – <http://thruxtonvillage.com>



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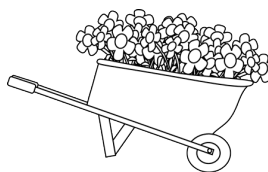
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Thruxton Gardening Club



Gardening Club would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy new year.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th January when we will have Mark Porter from the National Garden Scheme coming to give us a talk on 'Will there be enough cake? - The history of the NGS'. All are welcome to come along. Following that, in February, we will be enjoying a visit to a garden to see some snowdrops.

Anyone wishing to join the club should contact me for details -

Louise Cushine 07944 746849.

We are sad to report the death of AnneMarie Kelly, beloved wife of John Kelly for 53 years and resident in Thruxton for over 25 years. She passed away on 9th November last year, aged 83 years. AnneMarie was born in Clermont-Ferrand, France and was a keen dancer – she enjoyed all the dance functions in the village hall until, in recent years, her health started to decline. The funeral was held on 9th December and she is now buried in Thruxton churchyard.

We send our condolences to John and his family.

If there is anything happening in the village that you want to shout about please send your piece to thruxtontimes@gmail.com

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Yoga

Thruxton Memorial Hall

One of the things that the hall supports is a Yoga class on a Friday lunchtime.

1.30pm for a hour of stretching, trying to copy Paul as he shows us how flexible we could be with more practice! 🧘

We have a mixture of male and female participants; just wear loose clothes and turn up with your £5 note and a mat or towel.

Thruxton Memorial Hall News



Happy New Year from the Trustees of the Memorial Hall. We look forward to hosting more events this year

as well as seeing some of the old favourite events return. We are busy planning a band night, a jumble sale, and a party of some sort for The Coronation. We're also discussing a Thruxton Open Gardens day and organisation of The Produce Show. As ever we are looking for more help so if you feel you'd like to be involved in any of this or have any ideas you would like to suggest please get in touch with one of us. Gill Odling, Graham Harris, Margaret Davis, Nick Williams, Clare Oliver, Louise Cushine and Cat Boslem.

Lastly, don't forget, TLC... Thruxton Loves Cakes every Wednesday morning. Pop down and have your coffee and cake at the hall.

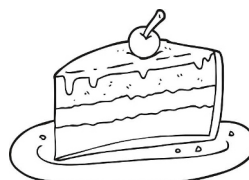
Thruxton Loves Cakes!

Thruxton Loves Cakes wishes everyone a very healthy and happy new year.



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John Davis writes - I have been invited to write an article for the January Newsletter, and thought I would pen something a little different as we have space and there is no Parish Council meeting to summarise.

We arrived in the village in April 1971. Lambourne Way had 12 houses, all built by Dunning. Where numbers 14-20 stand today was a green field on the Andover side and a copse with running spring on the other. One of my first undertakings was to hold a bonfire and firework display on the field - at that time, we hadn't learned to be worried about the thatch on adjacent properties!

I was invited to join the Hall Committee by the Chairman, Alf Machin. I agreed,

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but as a serving military officer, would not get embroiled in village politics. At our first January meeting the Committee was debating whether or not the vicar should be allowed to use the Hall for his Christmas Sale because he hadn't swept up after the last one. The debate had to be heard to be believed and it became very lively !!. The voting was 3-3 so I was asked to cast my vote. I refused, this was village politics so I would abstain. I persuaded the Chairman to vote for the status quo, so the vicar was allowed to continue to use the Hall.

There was racing every Saturday and Sunday at the Circuit, but the Protection Society, was fighting a High Court battle to have this reduced. The High Court recommended 8 noisy days each year but the Minister (Wedgwood Benn) allowed 12; however, he was swiftly overruled by the Court and the Circuit is limited to the agreed number of race days to this day.

On the airfield, additional to racing and normal airfield operations, there was a gliding club, a parachute club and other activities. There was a very nasty accident one Sunday on the airfield resulting in the death of a parachutist so this was curtailed.

There was a field behind our house with horses grazing – this subsequently became Stanbury Close as it is today. The Conservation Area was set aside in the early 70s and remains where it is today.

We had two shops – Ann Gerrish had a

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splendid shop in Bray Cottage, selling absolutely everything from darning needles to cheese, and a separate Post Office run by John McKenzie was also an extended shop until this too closed. Sadly, this has left the village with no local shop.

The Sports Field was part of Henry Pelham's estate (Henry owns the Airfield) and he kindly donated it to the Parish Council. Thanks to the sterling work of a number of villagers, it is now managed by the Three Villages Sports Trust and the field is protected by the Fields in Trust organisation which means that it can never be used for anything other than recreation for the three villages.

Lovell Close and Halcyon Drive were built ahead of Lambourne Way with Lambourne Close in 1974 as soon as mains drainage was extended Thruxton Down was built later and there has been little infilling elsewhere to get the village to its current shape. We have seen many changes over the 50+ years we have been in Thruxton but it remains a wonderful community to live in.

John and Margaret Davis.

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