

Thruxton Times

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Welcome to all our readers

Thruxton Parish Newsletter - April 2023

I hope you all enjoyed the Easter weekend and made the most of the glorious sunny weather that we had - for most of the time! I was occupied on a project in the garden so didn't have the time to finalise this month's Thruxton Times - hence the slightly delayed delivery. I hope you're not too disrupted by the later than usual circulation.

The most important event to highlight is the Local Election that will be held on Thursday 4th May - this is your chance to express your voice and vote for a Councillor to represent you on TVBC. Please remember to take along some form of photo ID which, for reasons known best to our Government, is now mandatory at all elections. Unfortunately, you won't get the chance to vote for the Parish Council as there were only 5 people standing for 7 seats - so all 5 candidates are automatically elected. The 5 Councillors are myself, John Davis, Tricia Harris, Richard Munday and Will Odling. It means that we have 2 places vacant for anyone who wishes to volunteer to be a Councillor; if you are interested, please contact me - pchristie@thruxtonparishcouncil.com. It also means that we say a fond farewell to Cllrs. Jo Durant and Janet Graham who have given fantastic service to the community during their times on the Council, especially in respect of our project to implement speed warning signs (thanks for all your hard work, Jo) and the custodian-ship of the Village Green (thanks to Janet for her commitment and energy in keeping the Green looking so pleasant).

Following the election of a new Parish Council, we will hold our AGM followed by the annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 10th May. The AGM will start at 7:00pm and will be followed at 8:00pm by the Parish meeting. As is

Dates for the Diary

Every Wednesday	Thruxton Loves Cake 10-12, Memorial Hall
16 th April	Table Top Sale 11am, Memorial Hall
22 nd April	Race Night 6.30pm, Memorial Hall
23 rd April	Morning Worship 9am, Thruxton Church
26 th April	Gardening Club 7pm, Memorial Hall
30 th April	Benefice Holy Communion 11am, Shipton Bellinger
7 th May	Holy Communion and APCM 9am, Thruxton Church

traditional, there will be drinks and nibbles following the end of the Parish Meeting - probably about 9:15pm or so.

We have another environmental initiative later this month. Hugh McPartlin has taken up the baton of encouraging re-wilding in the Parish and has arranged a talk on Friday 21st April at 7:30pm from Ben Kite about how communities can set aside an area to be planted with wild flowers, thus encouraging natural flora and fauna. There's a separate piece in this newsletter with more information.

Planning remains relatively quiet but we continue to expect a revised planning application for the land off Stanbury Road. A small but dedicated team from the community have been working hard over several months to prepare for such an eventuality and our thanks go out to Steve Counsell, Mike Windsor, Hugh McPartlin and Edward and Louise Chamberlain for their work. They have

summarised all the objections raised to previous applications on this land and stand ready to steer our response to a future application.

Finally, we have been advised that Hampshire County Council have been successful in applying for an additional £6 million to repair potholes across the county – it is estimated that this will enable an additional 40,000 pothole repairs to be made. Obviously, the first step is knowing about the potholes, so if you see a pothole please register it on the dedicated web page at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>

Thank you and best wishes for the forthcoming month.

Peter Christie – Chair.

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Parish Council Meeting

The current Council held it's last meeting on Wed. 5th April 2023 before being disbanded ahead of the Local Council elections in May. We had an uncontroversial agenda and the full minutes will appear on the Thruxton Village website and the notice boards, but the key points were as follows:

- Cllr. Munday reported that he continues to work on the biodiversity plan for the Parish and a survey of bird-life is currently being conducted.
- Cllr. Christie reported on the latest news on roads, including the planned re-surfacing of Thruxton Down in the summer and that we have requested that "slow" signs are added to the road surface.
- Cllr. Harris asked that the Council pass a vote of thanks to all the distributors of the newsletter, especially recognising their dedication through the cold and wet months of winter. Council unanimously agreed with the proposal.
- Cllr. Harris also offered to transport

people to Thruxton Loves Cake coffee mornings at the Memorial Hall should they need assistance.

- The Clerk reported that posts for the speed awareness signs have been installed and she was authorised to purchase 2 signs from a supplier, Elan City.
- The Clerk was also authorised to purchase new matting for the play area at the Sports Field; Ray Welsh has agreed to fit the mats when they have been delivered. Ray Welsh has also agreed to clear ground on the Village Green in preparation for planting new trees and shrubs near the main gate to the Green.
- The plans to re-surface St. John's Lane have been delayed due to recent wet weather; however, as soon as the surface dries out the work will start.
- The Council have been notified of 6 volunteers for First Aid training; we are awaiting additional volunteers from the surrounding communities.
- Councillors approved the end-of-year accounts which will now be sent for audit.
- Councillors agreed with a recommendation to file no objection to a planning application for tree works at Thruxton Manor.
- Councillors passed a vote of thanks for Cllr. Durant and Cllr. Graham for their service to the community during their time on the Council.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm. The next meeting – the AGM – will be held at 7:00pm on Wed, 10th May to be followed by the annual Parish Meeting.



Thruxton Loves Cake!



- This is a coffee morning for the village and surrounding areas held in Thruxton Memorial Hall.
- Every Wednesday morning 10 until 12.
- Come along and enjoy a warm welcome, lots of tea, coffee, cakes and chat! We also have books and puzzles available to borrow

**Sellers/stall Holders
£10 table fee**

Set Up from 9am



Thruxton Memorial Hall

**Tea, coffee, cakes and
more available to
purchase!**

Table Top Sale

Sunday 16 Apr 23

11am - 3pm

£5 Early Entry 11am - 1130am

£2 Entry Fee 1130am onwards

Visit www.thruxtonmemorialhall.org

Or contact Gill@odling.co.uk



Doing a Spring Clean? Got stuff you no longer use? Have antiques, arts and Craft items to sell?

Come along to the table top sale at

**Thruxton Memorial Hall on
Sunday 16th April 2023 from 11am - 3pm**

Clothes, Toys, Shoes, Hats and Scarfs

Bric-a-Brac, Ornaments, Kitchen ware & Household Furnishings

Antiques, Silver & Jewellery

Arts & Crafts - Paintings, Homemade Crafts and show off your creations!

Sports equipment - Golf Clubs, Tennis Racquets etc.

Or anything else you might like to sell! There will be tea, coffee, cakes and other items available for purchase!

Please contact Cathoslem@yahoo.co.uk or Gill@odling.co.uk for further information, to book a table or buy tickets to attend!


Tables will be set up in advance and we only ask that what you don't sell you take home with you.

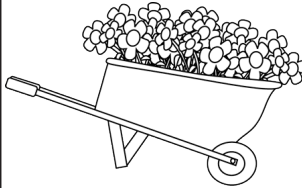


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Thruxton Gardening Club

Our meeting on Wednesday 29th March was a great success, as always, with Ted and Keith imparting a huge amount of knowledge in our Gardener's Question Time. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th April when Pauline Weeks will be giving us a talk on 'How to Encourage Wildlife Into Your Patch Whilst staying Pretty!' Basically what to build and how to build it, to bring the wildlife without looking like Stig of the Dump!! Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us.

Also anyone wishing to join the club should contact me for details - Louise Cushine 07944 746849



From Thruxton Memorial Hall

Have you booked your table for the Table Top Sale on April 16th? If you have been spring cleaning and have treasures to "share" or would like a chance to sell anything at all - e.g. artwork, antiques, jewellery, etc. - look for information on the website thruxtonmemorialhall.org or contact Gill Odling, details below.

Thruxton Loves Cake on a Wednesday morning continues to thrive (see separate report). Our monthly Film Night continues to be popular with 22 people watching "Living" in March, which was excellent. Our next offering will be "Amsterdam" on the 28th April.

We have plans in hand for another Quiz Night later in the year, and a Thruxton Open Gardens day on 23rd July, as well as the ever popular Thruxton Produce Show on 20th August so put the dates in your diary and get those seeds in soon.

If you have a party coming up please do consider the Hall. It really is a very beautiful, versatile space.

Gill Odling,

Chair of Trustees, 07789145817
or email bookings@thruxtonmemorialhall.org



Thruxton Loves Cakes meets Thruxton Cinema!

Would you like to join us to watch **The Coronation** on the big cinema screen in the hall? We will be serving teas, coffees and cakes! There will of course be bubbly available as well!

This will be a free event (apart from the bubbly) but we would like to know numbers so....Please let us know you are coming by contacting Gill
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for April's
cinema
evening.**

Friday 28 April

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showing**

Tickets £6 on the door

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Talk - Re-wilding parts of the village

Presented by Ben Kite BSc (Hons)
MSc CECol MCIEEM PIEMA

21st April 7:30pm Thruxton Village
Hall

We have now moved into spring
which has brought with it the buzz of
bees and the calls of nesting birds
The warmer evenings are bringing
out bats and we've even had otters
doing raids on garden ponds. We
have some rich examples of chalk
grasslands and wild flower meadows
in and around the parish, such as in
Thruxton Down and along
Snoddington Lane. The village has a
wealth of wildlife, all of which
depend on these wild areas in our
neighbourhood.

We now have a chance to add to the
wildness in our neighbourhood by
seeding some of the grassed areas in
the village with appropriate wild
seed, which, with a little work, can
become wild flower/wildlife "no mow"
zones.

Come to the talk and find out how,
from Ben Kite who has been
responsible in his spare time for
organising planting of wild flower
areas in and around Appleshaw
Parish, including the Church Yard &
Cemetery. What has been done in
Appleshaw can be done here; all we
need are some willing volunteers for
a couple of mornings with spades,
some grassed areas suitable for re-
wilding and a bag full of the right
seeds.

Ben is a Chartered Ecologist and
environmental planner with expertise
in Habitat Regulations/Appropriate
Assessments, Environmental Impact
Assessment, Strategic Environmental
Assessment and Sustainability
Appraisal. He is the MD of Ecological
Planning & Research Ltd. Ben
lives in Appleshaw and is a most
engaging and interesting speaker.

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

RACE NIGHT!



We are hosting a Race Night at Thruxton Memorial Hall. We hope to raise funds for Motor Neurone Disease and African Adventures Ghana 2023.

April 22nd 2023

First race runs at 6.30pm

Tickets are £25

Contact
cath.barrett@btinternet.com

07762 107 085

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The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday 7th May at Thruxton Church.

The meeting will follow on from the service of Holy Communion which starts at 9:00am.