



# Thruxton Times

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*Welcome to all our readers*

## Thruxton Parish Newsletter - November 2022

Welcome once more to this month's Thruxton Times – with the clocks having fallen back last weekend it feels as if autumn is well and truly established and the dark evenings are rapidly creeping up on us. Given that it's the start of November, I'd like to open with a request for those planning Bonfire parties on and around 5th of the month to respect neighbours, pets and local wildlife by exercising consideration and great care in using fireworks and to seriously consider attendance at an organised gathering rather than having your own party. Having said that, I hope you and – especially – the children enjoy the ooohs and aaahs!

After all the work associated with responding to major planning applications earlier in the year, it has become a relatively quiet period for the Parish Council with few applications registered recently. Certainly, we've not received anything contentious and all the current applications are proceeding smoothly. We continue to make progress – albeit slightly slower than wished – on the installation of speed warning signs in the village but continue to look for volunteers to assist with the on-going support of the equipment. If you'd like to support the community by helping to move the signs and download the data please contact Peter Christie by email at pchristie@thruxtonparishcouncil.com

We are delighted to see that Richard and Dee Thorne have returned home to the village after 2 years away whilst Bridge Cottage was repaired following the devastating thatch fire. Welcome back and we hope the renovations are proceeding smoothly.

The Parish Council have been in discussion with our Hampshire County Councillor Chris Donnelly regarding improvements to the signage to discourage lorries from entering the village as well as improving drainage at the eastern end of the village. Cllr. Donnelly is taking up the cudgels to fight our corner with Hampshire Highways and, whilst these are both long-standing issues, hope springs eternal. Hampshire CC are also considering a plan to introduce 20 mph speed limits in

### Dates for the Diary

13 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service 10.50am
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Quiz Night
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Holy Communion 9am
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Film Night
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Service of the World 10am
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Gardening Club Mulled wine & quiz

villages across the county; the Highways Select Committee is examining the proposal and will report back early in the New Year.

We were incredibly impressed to learn that the various events held to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in early June raised an amazing total of £5,700 – a massive thanks to everyone who was involved in organising and running the different events. The team of people involved will meet during November to consider the best way to create a lasting commemoration of this historic celebration.

Finally, please be aware that the Parish Council have appointed tree surgeons to carry out work on the trees growing on various patches of Parish Council land, including the village green, the land by the post box on Lambourne Way and the land by the mile-post on Village Street. The work will be carried out during this month – it is hoped on 22nd Nov.

If you have any articles that you'd like to see in the newsletter, please contact Peter Christie before the end of the month prior to publication.

Peter Christie

### **Parish Council Meeting – Wed. 2nd Nov. 2022**

At our November monthly meeting the following items were discussed:

- Cllr. Munday reported on his work related to flood risk in the village and maintaining / enhancing bio-diversity across the Parish. The Parish Council are seeking volunteers to



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act as Flood Wardens and any person interested should contact Richard Munday – rmunday@thruxtonparishcouncil.com. An Environment Agency leaflet will be distributed to all households that connect to the Pilhill Brook to remind them of their riparian ownership responsibilities. In the meantime, Cllr. Munday continues to develop a Flood Plan for Thruxton as well as preparing a bio-diversity status report for the Council.

- Cllr. Graham wished to thank Ray Welch for his maintenance work on Mandy Garden on the Village Green.
- Cllr. Odling has assumed responsibility for the monthly checks on the play equipment on the Sports Field and presented his report which identified a number of small maintenance and repair tasks to be completed to maintain safe operation. The Chair agreed to speak to some residents to seek their assistance with this.
- The Clerk reported on progress regarding the purchase and installation of speed warning signs. A final list of 5 preferred sites has been agreed and we are now in discussion with Hampshire Highways regarding the installation of posts on which the equipment will be mounted. The locations are the junction of Village St. and Church Rd., Village St. at the eastern entrance to the village, Stanbury Rd. near the bus stop, Stanbury Rd. near Elm Close junction and Stanbury Rd. close to St. Johns Lane junction.
- Community thanks were passed for the work done by Ray Welch around the village and especially clearing the Village Green of garden waste left there by person(s) unknown.
- The next meeting will be held on Wed. 7th December at 7:30 when the Chair and Vice Chair will share in the traditional mince pies and wine with Councillors and

### **Pete Fletcher**

**Specialist in lime wall construction  
and repair**  
References from many Thruxton  
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residents.

As always, the full minutes will appear shortly on the website and notice-boards.

### **Thruxton Gardening Club**

At our last meeting, Katie and Jess from Featherstone's English Flower Company gave us a talk on their company and how and why they set it up. They have certainly worked very hard in the last year to get where they are.

Our next meeting is our fun Christmas quiz on 30th November. There will be mulled wine and mince pies and prizes for the winners. Everyone is welcome to come along and pit their wits against the quizmaster.

On another note, our chairman stepped down and we are now asking for anyone interested in taking on this role to please contact me, Louise Cushine on 07944 746 849.

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Andover Ladies Choir are delighted to be holding their first Christmas Concert since 2019. We are also celebrating our 5th anniversary and hope you will come and join us for some uplifting seasonal songs.

Andover Ladies Choir presents

## *Christmas Celebration Concert*



Sunday December  
11th  
7pm, Thruxton  
Memorial Hall

Seasonal songs & festive favourites  
Mince pies and mulled wine available  
Bottle raffle on the night

Tickets £10, children £5  
Available from Eventbrite  
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Friday 25 November  
 7pm for 7.30pm  
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 purchase

## Doris Liechti 1927 - 2022

With sadness we report the death of long-term Thruxton Down resident Mrs. Doris Liechti who passed away peacefully in her sleep whilst at home on 27th September aged 95. Doris lived in Downlands on Thruxton Down for 41 years – not quite as long as 2 other residents who have lived at Thruxton Down even longer!

Doris' husband Len died in 1999 but she continued to lead a full and active life with friends and family, particularly enjoying her tea and cake at Rosebourne. In the last 2 years, as her health deteriorated, Doris was cared for by her daughter Heidi and son Grant; Heidi will continue to live at Downlands for the foreseeable future.

## Christmas Bazaar

4th December  
 1pm – 3pm

Thruxton Memorial Hall



Refreshments - mulled wine, mince pies, soup, scones, tea & coffee.

Bottle stall, bric-a-brac, books, etc and craft stalls.

3 tables available for hire to sell your own crafts. Contact Christine to book on 07933 352 855

Donations of bric-a-brac, books, bottles much appreciated; please bring to the hall between 11am and 12noon on the day.

In aid of St Peter & St Paul Church, Thruxton

## From the Hall



Over the last couple of weeks, the old girl has been having a wash and brush up with the next phase of decorating. The Machin Room looks lovely as do the more boring bits of the lobby and hallway. The upstairs windows have also had a major spruce up and we hope will now last until hell freezes over and we are allowed to consider double glazing. Heating the Hall for the next couple of years is going to be a real challenge as our electricity costs spiral. Please consider using the Hall for your celebrations, be they parties or weddings – with excellent wifi, we can now host off-site business meetings in a very comfortable and convenient space. For more information and to book, go to our website [www.thruxtonmemorialhall.org](http://www.thruxtonmemorialhall.org)

After 4 years at the helm, Kate Christie is stepping aside and Gill Odling will be taking over as Chair of Trustees. Gill and the team have wonderful plans for the coming months so keep watching this space.

# Brushes Up

## Chimney Sweep

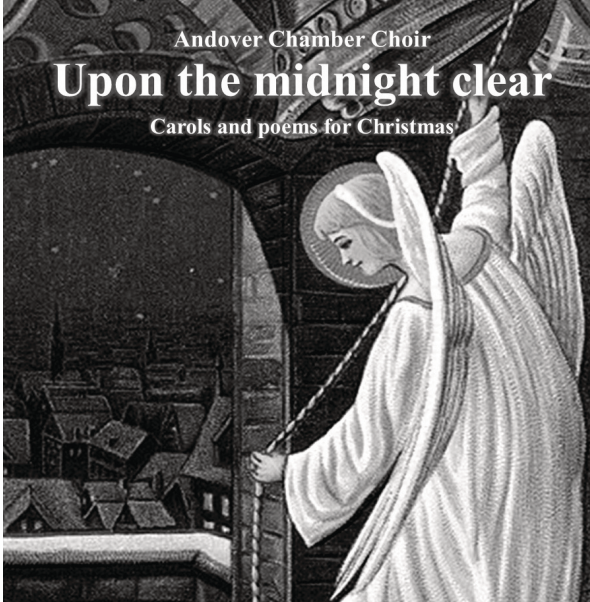
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Andover Chamber Choir  
**Upon the midnight clear**  
 Carols and poems for Christmas



**7:00 p.m. Saturday 17th December 2022**  
**St Mary's Church, Andover**

Tickets £12 (incl. refreshments) on the door  
 or £10 in advance from The Lights, Newbury Building Society, Andover,  
 or from choir members. Under 16s free.

 In aid of Andover Foodbank  
[www.andoverchamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.andoverchamberchoir.org.uk) 

**BIG QUIZZ NIGHT**  
 Nov 18th 7pm  
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 village that you want to shout about  
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[thruxtontimes@gmail.com](mailto:thruxtontimes@gmail.com)

### Thruxton Church Services in the following month

<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Holy Communion 8.30am
<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Carol Service 10.30am
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Holy Communion 10am

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## CAN YOU HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?

The Parish Council would like to hear from anyone willing to spend 1 or 2 hours each month to help move speed warning signs to different locations around the village and to download data from the machines.

You would need to be comfortable handling basic tools (screwdriver, spanner, etc) and working on a (short) ladder.

If you think you could help please contact

Heather Bournier  
[clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com)

or

Peter Christie  
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