

# Thruxton Times

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*Welcome to all our readers*

## Thruxton Parish Newsletter - March 2022

Welcome to our March newsletter. Although it's only been a short gap since our last edition, it seems so much has happened with continued easing of the Covid pandemic rules and guidelines through to the awful events of the last 10 days in Ukraine – our thoughts and prayers are with everyone caught up in the conflict. We are immensely grateful to Rick Smart to be so quick out of the blocks to organise one of his infamous meat raffles in aid of the people of Ukraine and hope that as many people as possible have contributed to this cause, especially now that the Government will match any donations.

On a more parochial level, we have not heard anything further relating to the planning application to build houses on land off Stanbury Close – I suspect the Case Officer in TVBC Planning has been over-whelmed by the 71 individual submissions which were overwhelmingly objecting to the application. We await developments..... Sticking with planning issues, we continue to await the submission of a planning application to build houses on the field at the end of Lambourne Close – we have been told it will be submitted in early March, following which we will call a special meeting to allow residents to express their views.

We understand from Cllr. Phil Lashbrook that TVBC have reviewed Council Tax rates for the new fiscal year 2022/23 and that a Band E property will increase by 3.4% - somewhat less than the average increases being reported from other local authorities and below the current price and wage inflation indices. Individual Council Tax letters will arrive in the coming weeks.

SSE have completed the installation of new, upgraded transformers in the sub-station on St John's Lane but have not

### Dates for the Diary

Every Wednesday	Thruxton Loves Cake
6 <sup>th</sup> March	SSE Tea Party
9 <sup>th</sup> March	TLC for Ukraine
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Jumble Rumble
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Film Night - Dream Horse
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Gardening Club - Gardener's Question Time
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Pig Racing for the Jubilee
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Gardening Club - Roger Hiron, The Plant Doctor

yet completed the ground-works – primarily, the repairs to the road surface of St John's Lane. This work has been put out to tender and we have been told that they plan for the work to be done within the coming 8 weeks. We are hoping that the puddles and small lakes that have been a feature of the Lane for the last few years will be despatched into history!

Many of you will have seen the damage to verges caused by vans and trucks over the last month. We have engaged with Hampshire CC Cllr Chris Donnelly to explore what further measures we can take to limit the number of trucks entering the village, including engaging with Sat-Nav companies to amend their coding models to keep large vehicles out of our narrow roads and lanes.

Finally, you may have noticed that the waste bin by the Village Green has been removed by TVBC – they say that the refuse collectors found it difficult to access. We have taken this up with TVBC and are hoping that the bin will be replaced but sited in a more accessible position. In the meantime, we ask that you ensure you take home any litter (yes, including dog poo bags!).

Thank you – Peter Christie

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### Parish Council Meeting – Wed 2nd March 2022

We had our monthly meeting on 2nd March. Unfortunately, Cllrs. Joe Durant and Leo McDevitt were unable to attend but we were pleased to unanimously agree to co-opt Cllr. Richard Munday onto the Parish Council with immediate effect. Cllr. Munday lives on Thruxton Down Road and will be a welcome representative for the community in that area of the Parish.

The key issues discussed in the meeting included the points below; the full minutes will appear on noticeboards and the Thruxton Village website (<http://www.thruxtonvillage.com/community/thruxton-parish-council-14865/home/#>) in the coming days:

- St John's Lane – a resident has asked if the Lane, currently an unadopted highway, could be brought up to adoptable standard following the completion of the SSE work. The Chair explained that this would need to be paid for by the owners of property that front onto the Lane (called "frontagers") and it is unclear whether they (the owners) want this and would be willing to pay for it. It was agreed that we would wait and see in what condition SSE leave the Lane and, in the meantime, explore the process and costs associated with bringing the Lane to adoptable standard; once the SSE work is complete, we can then invite owners to decide if they want to take the road to adoptable standard and what it might cost.

- Layby on Village Street – a (different) resident has asked if the layby at the eastern end of Village Street, opposite the allotments, could be removed and the footpath made continuous. He expressed concern over the danger to pedestrians caused by having to walk in the road if a vehicle was parked in the layby and he is also worried by the danger to passing traffic

because vehicles are unable to pull fully off the road. The Chair reported that he had a meeting with HCC Cllr. Donnelly and Hampshire Highways and that creating a full layby which allowed vehicles to fully pull off the road is not possible - there is insufficient land available. It was agreed that the Chair would consult with residents in the immediate vicinity and report back to the next meeting.

- Planning – Cllr. Davis reported that it's been a quiet month with no information from TVBC on progress of the application for housing adjacent to Stanbury Close. Following January's public meeting Cllr. Davis suspects that the Planning Department has been overwhelmed by the number of letters written, predominantly against the proposals. He reported that an Application had been lodged that day (2nd March) by the owners of George House for a single detached 3-bedroom house on land alongside George House; full details will be available shortly on the TVBC planning website.

- SSE – Cllr. Davis has continued to liaise with the Project Manager from SSE on their upgrade to the sub-station. The new transformers are now installed and operational and work has started on repairs to the road. However, the resurfacing has had to be put out to tender and it may be 6-8 weeks before we see any progress. Once this work is done, their project will be completed.

- SSE are hosting a Tea Party in the Memorial Hall this coming Sunday (6th March) between 3:30pm and 5:30pm. This is a "thank you" to the village for putting up with the disruption caused by their work, mainly in St John's Lane itself. Tea and cakes will be served and all residents are invited.

- The Councillors recorded their appreciation for the efforts of all the residents who helped clear up the damage and debris caused in the storms over the weekend of 18-21 February.

The next meeting will be on Wed. 6th April at 7:30pm in the Machin Room.

We are sorry to announce the passing of Alan Leslie, aged 73, a long time resident of Thruxton Down. Alan died peacefully on Friday 18th February after a battle with cancer. He will be much missed by wife Heather, family and residents up on the Down.

# Brushes Up

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### Thrupton Memorial Hall

Friday 25 March 7.00 for 7.30



On Friday 25 March, we will be showing "Dream Horse" starring Toni Collette and Damian Lewis. This is a true story of a horse that was bred on an allotment but was born to be a winner! Tickets are still only £6 and

can be purchased on the door or through Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/preview?eid=260057648427/>

## THRUPTON LOVES CAKE FOR UKRAINE

On Wednesday 9 March TLC will be raising money for Ukraine. Please come along and support this desperate cause by donating money for your tea/coffee and cake. We are investigating whether we can act as a collection point for items needed by refugees and will post updates on Facebook.

If you can make a cake, that would be fantastic, but most important of all, **PLEASE JOIN US!!**



## Rumble/Jumble

Saturday 19th March 2022

2 - 4 pm

Want to get rid of your accumulated stuff in the attic/leftover Xmas presents/grown up children's detritus. Why not be part of our village-wide jumble sale on your own drive. Donate £5 to the village as a stall holder, we will do the advertising and you keep the profits for yourself. Potential "customers" will pay for access to a map showing the sites round the village. Everyone gains! Any income raised will go towards the Jubilee Celebrations

Location map needs to be produced by Wednesday 16th March so please send address and contact information (and £5) to Pat Counsell, Frogis Land, 17 Lambourne Way (house with green fence directly opposite the Memorial Hall) or email [pat4tennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pat4tennis@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 773296/07787-946016.

If you are coming to buy, a location map of the stalls can be purchased on the day for £2 from Pat at the above address.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE,  
THRUXTON, JUNE 2022

**SAVE THE DATE** – the Thruxton Jubilee Group would like to remind you that the village will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June and we would love you to join us for some if not all of the planned events. Here is a short resume of what is planned for you:

**Thursday 2nd June** we start the celebrations with a big event up at the Sports Field. Bring a picnic and enjoy some live music, cash bar and then the highlight at 9.45pm of Lighting the Beacon. This is an event for all three villages, friends and families. £10 for a ticket including parking (children under 12 go free); enjoy the entertainment from 5.30pm til late.

**Friday 3rd June** we have arranged a showing of a film of the CORONATION in the Memorial Hall followed by a TEA DANCE. In the evening 'Singing in the Rain' will be available to watch in the Hall. This was the most popular film in 1952, the year of the Queen's accession to the throne.

**Saturday 4th June** there will be a Village Dance in the Hall with a local band 'No Kan Do'. A cash bar and snacks to purchase will be available. Come patriotically attired and enjoy the dancing.

**Sunday 5th June** and it's THE BIG LUNCH being celebrated throughout the country. Long tables will be set up on Village Street beside the Green and children under 12 will be invited to a picnic lunch courtesy of Thruxton and receive a memento of the occasion. Adults are welcome to bring their own picnics, there will be live music and activities organised on the Village Green.

All this and a few other surprises are taking a fair amount of thought and planning and you will also see some fund raising activities being organised in the run up to the weekend – please support these too. Please keep the dates free to join us to celebrate such a special occasion and one which the children should remember for a lifetime. Keep on reading the Thruxton Times for further details as things evolve. We can't wait to share this long weekend of celebration with you.

Sue King



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Services being held in the Church during March will be as follows:

**6th March** 9.30am      **Lent week 1**  
Parish Communion

**13th March** 9.30am      **Lent week 2**  
Parish Communion

**20th March** 9.30am      **Lent week 3**  
Parish Communion

**27th March** 9.30am      **Mothering Sunday**  
Morning Worship

Christine Barrett - Churchwarden

**Thruxton Gardening Club**

**We are back!!**

We meet on the last Wednesday of each month and our next meeting is on **Wednesday 30th March**. This will be our Gardener's Question Time with Keith & Ted. They are two very knowledgeable gentlemen with a great many awards. Keith and Ted are both very highly respected in their fields of plant expertise (delphiniums and daffodils to name just two!) and judge numerous shows all around the country. There will also be the opportunity to buy Geranium plants for our annual competition at this meeting.

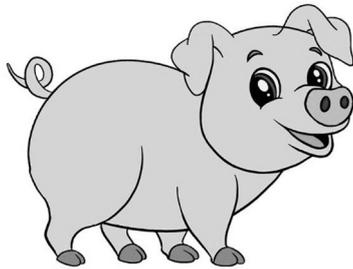
It is always a great evening so come along and join us. There will be a raffle and we will have wine for refreshment!

All are welcome and for more information please contact Louise Cushine on 07944 746849 or at [louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk).

## Pig Racing

Friday 8 April sees tiny pink piggies racing round the Hall to raise money for the Jubilee Fund. Tickets are priced at £10 and include a great night out and a chicken and chip supper (other options are available). Liz and Dave are past masters at running this event and a good time is guaranteed!

Tickets are already on sale and can be purchased through Eventbrite:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/290316493447>



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## From the Test Valley Neighbourhood Policing team

January crime stats show that burglaries were still quite high with The Pentons, Broughton and Monxton being targeted quite heavily. We make sure to visit every victim of crime for prevention advice, welfare checks and reassurances for the future. You may not be aware of the series of burglaries that occurred in Monxton at the end of January when offenders were pursued by Police and the vehicle was seized along with its contents. The vehicle and property are currently being examined and will be returned to their owners ASAP. It feels good to be able to mention this as it shows we are out and about and, sometimes, we do get the results we're looking for. On several occasions suspected poachers were rumbled in the act, pursued, but unfortunately driving

off too dangerously to stop. But all this information is good intelligence for the future, we understand more and more of the vehicles and people involved in rural crime.

As we have still seen a consistent number of burglaries, 50 happening in the Test Valley area, we have been actively stopping suspicious vehicles and doing checks to make sure everything is above board. Following this, we have booked a couple of operations to tackle rural crime. These are booked in for February so the next issue of the newsletter should be a juicy one!

A small but perfectly balanced team covers Test Valley North Rural comprising PC Tim Allen, PCSO Max Cleary and PCSO Conor Hill. We try to keep our residents updated as much as possible via our Social Media Accounts letting you know what we are doing: @TestVlyRuralPol Test Valley Cops [hampshirealert.co.uk](http://hampshirealert.co.uk).

Please bear in mind that the crime statistics cover the whole of the Test Valley Rural North including over 50 villages & hamlets so they may seem inflated, but this is not the case. Once again burglaries are quite high but we have had more results than in previous months, lots of stolen property returned to their owners and more to come as well. To re-iterate, all burglaries recorded were shed breaks not house-breaks. We recommend that you cover windows, use BIG padlocks and keep valuables indoors.

We'd also like to mention the age-old problem of speeding. It is reported to us a lot, and rightly so, but not through the correct channels. If, for example, I have multiple mentions of speeding in Stockbridge and run a check to find there have been no speed-related incidents in the last 2 years in can be difficult to action. Please report speeding through 101 online or if dangerous via 999, vehicle registrations are always helpful. We can then use this knowledge to enforce the problem areas better with more resources.

Please be vigilant and report all suspicious activity to 101 online.

**If there is anything happening in the village that you want to shout about please send your piece to [thruxtontimes@gmail.com](mailto:thruxtontimes@gmail.com)**



Having celebrated its 50th anniversary with a live-streamed Christmas concert (still available to view on YouTube) The Harmonium Singers started the new year with a new identity – Andover Chamber Choir.

Rehearsals are underway for the first concert of 2022 - *From Dawn to Dusk*, a lovely programme of music spanning over five hundred years and charting a course through a single day, from the darkness before dawn to sunset.

The concert will take place at the church of St Michael & All Angels, West Andover (Colebrook Way) at 7.30 pm on Saturday 2nd April.

Proceeds will be donated to the I Can Therapy Centre, the local charity which provides exercise to those with limited mobility using specially adapted power-assisted equipment to move and mobilise muscles and joints.

Tickets cost £10 (under-14s admitted free) from The Lights, Newbury Building Society or choir members.

Further information:

Veronica Bacon

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[www.andoverchamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.andoverchamberchoir.org.uk)

### Southern Water

SW continue to work on the 6 commitments they have made to the Pan-Parish Forum to improve the water infrastructure across our communities. Fortunately, the weather this winter hasn't been too wet (despite the recent storms!) so ground-water levels are lower than they have been for the last 2 years and over-pumping and tankering has not been required – so far! SW are

upgrading the integrity of their drainage systems by ensuring the drains don't allow infiltration of ground-water or surface water with the intention that this will drastically reduce the occasions when over-pumping is necessary. They are working on revising the Infiltration Reduction Plan (IRP) for this area – once this is complete and signed off by the Environment Agency it will be made available for all to see. SW are also committed to improving their engagement and communication with customers – you will soon start to receive notification if road-works are being planned within this or neighbouring parishes.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact me - Peter Christie on [pchristie@thruxtonparishcouncil.com](mailto:pchristie@thruxtonparishcouncil.com)

### Test Valley Local Plan 2040

You may have seen the publicity for the Local Plan for the period to 2040. This Plan will guide the future development of the Test Valley area and forms the basis for planning policies to address the needs of the different communities – e.g. housing, employment, transport, climate change, etc. Although it sounds rather “theoretical” it will have a profound effect on all of us through its impact on decisions that the Council will make in the years ahead.

The Plan is now at the stage where TVBC are inviting comments and contributions from the public – your chance to have a say in how the area will develop in the coming years. More information can be found by following this link - <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/local-development-framework/draft-local-plan-2040> - where more information on the process and content can be found.

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