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Welcome to all our readers

Thruxton Parish Newsletter - May 2023

Hi - and thanks for reading the May edition of the village newsletter. On behalf of the Parish Council, I hope you all enjoyed the Coronation weekend, whatever you were doing and despite the challenges that the weather gave us.

Many of you will be aware of the sad passing of our Vice Chair, John Davis at the end of April. We send our condolences to Margaret and the family. A tribute from Steve Counsell appears later in the newsletter.

We had the local elections on 4th May at which 4 Councillors were elected unopposed – Peter Christie, Tricia Harris, Richard Munday and Will Odling. At the AGM on 10th May, Peter Christie was elected to continue as Chair and Richard Munday was elected Vice Chair. Will Odling will move onto the Planning team with Tricia Harris but it means we are looking to co-opt 3 people onto the Council. If you are interested in this opportunity to support the community, please contact me.

Many of you will be aware that there is a new planning application to build 14 houses on land off Stanbury Close. We have until Friday 19th May to lodge our comments on the TVBC website. Following a long and detailed discussion at the Parish Assembly on 10th May the Parish Council will follow the views of the residents who attended and object to the application; however, we need as many residents as possible to lodge their comments and we urge you to make your views known before the deadline.

I will keep my introduction relatively brief this month as we have plenty of other articles to fit in. Enjoy the Spring weather and we hope for warmth and few showers over the coming weeks.

Peter Christie – Chair

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

Dates for the Diary

Every Wednesday	Thruxton Loves Cake 10–12, Memorial Hall
31st May	Gardening Club 7pm, Memorial Hall
2nd June	Test Day Thruxton Circuit
3rd & 4th June	British Touring Cars Thruxton Circuit, road closures on the 4th
17th June	Thruxton Historic Race Meeting Thruxton Circuit
28th June	Gardening Club 7pm, Memorial Hall

Parish Council AGM and Parish Assembly – 10th May 2023

The Parish Council held its AGM which was deliberately kept brief to allow time for the Parish Assembly which followed. At the AGM the following key decisions were taken:

- Peter Christie was re-elected as Chair and Richard Munday elected as Vice Chair.
- We confirmed the core processes that determine how we conduct PC business – standing orders, code of conduct, financial procedures and Councillor responsibilities.
- Councillors approved the purchase of speed warning signs which will be fixed in prominent positions around the village to address the concerns of many regarding cars travelling through the village in excess of the speed limit.
- Cllr. Odling confirmed that the re-surfacing of St. John's Lane will proceed when we have a longer spell of dry weather and the puddles dry out.

At the Parish Assembly which followed the AGM we were pleased to welcome guest speakers Ben Taylor from the race circuit, Ian Hickman, Executive Head Teacher of

Skylark Federation which includes Kimpton, Thruxton and Fyfield Primary School and Graham Harris representing the Trustees of the Memorial Hall. All 3 guests gave interesting summaries of their activities over the last year and plans for the future.

We congratulated Cllr. Chris Donnelly and Cllr. Phil Lashbrook on their re-elections and were pleased to learn that Hampshire Highways is proceeding with their programme of pothole repairs and that TVBC will be introducing a new refuse collection system, to include plastics and bottles, by the end of the year.

The Assembly then discussed the application to build 14 houses on land off Stanbury Road (see introduction) following which the meeting closed and attendees were invited to enjoy drinks with members of the Parish Council.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 5th June at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall. Please note all future meetings will be on the first Monday of the month (excluding January and August).

Thruxton Threads



Our small but friendly sewing group meets every other Tuesday in the Memorial Hall. Last year, we made a quilt for the National Festival of Quilts and received a commendation from the judges!! We were delighted to be able to donate the quilt to the Countess of Brecknock Hospice for their raffle and were thrilled to learn that the quilt had raised £500! Call Kate on 07736 804445 for more information.



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.

Pete Fletcher

Specialist in lime wall construction and repair
References from many Thruxton residents on request
petehsr@hotmail.co.uk
07890 159 051

John Davis

23 March 1934 - 30 April 2023

A Tribute from Steve Counsell

I first met "Field Marshall" John Davis when preparing for a Village Fete in the late 1980s. He was never an Army man but served his country in the Royal Air Force and his Village in many, many ways. His RAF career as a Test Pilot took him, Margaret and their family to many bases around the world, including a stint as Air Attaché behind the Iron Curtain and he attained the rank of Wing Commander. After his RAF days he continued his aviation interests by working for the Civil Aviation Authority to keep flying displays and the public safe, also editing and proof reading a range of aviation publications.

John was a Parish Councillor for almost 50 years. He served as Chair and Vice Chair of the Council and led on Planning issues. His words still ring true in the Village Appraisal and Village Design Statement. He was even addressing Planning problems at his last Parish Council meeting in April. The Parish is a better place for his attention to detail.

In the Memorial Hall he managed the Flower and Produce Show and, his proudest achievement, instigated the Quiz and Chips nights. He was involved in the 2003 major refurbishment of the Hall. He successfully shouldered the burden of applying for various grants to fund the project. He helped the Village Association with the Fete until younger help took over. John was a forthright man but was unfailingly polite and respected the right of others to hold a different view to his.

His was a lifetime of service, impossible to sum up in a few words. He will be missed not only by Margaret and their family, our deepest and fondest sympathies are with them, but also by the Parish. A Memorial Service will be held in the Church on the 9th June 2023 at 3:00 pm followed by a gathering in the Memorial Hall.

RIP JD.

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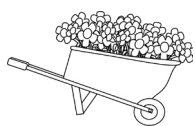


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Thruxton Gardening Club



Our last meeting was a most interesting and scintillating talk by Pauline Weeks on 'How to Encourage Wildlife Into Your Patch Whilst staying Pretty!' and took place just after the presentation by Ben Kyte on Re-Wilding.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 31st May when Lynda Warren will be giving us a talk on 'A Spoonful of Herbs - Their Use in Cookery, Health and Beauty'. Lynda was very interesting when she gave us a different talk last year. Anyone is welcome to join us.

Also anyone wishing to join the club should contact me for details - Louise Cushine on 07944 746849 or email me on louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Following the wide publicity given to last Monday's Bank Holiday being a celebration of community volunteers, we too are on the lookout for people to give their time and expertise for a variety of causes.

School Governors are needed to join the Governing body of Kimpton, Thruxton and Fyfield CofE Primary School which is federated with Appleshaw St Peters CofE Primary School to form Skylark Federation. As a Governor, you ensure that children receive high quality education in a safe environment; you work with the senior teachers to develop the strategic plan for the schools and support its implementation; you are involved in setting and monitoring the budget for the schools; and you contribute to helping the schools improve. If you're interested, please contact Peter Christie, Chair of Governors on 07783 000753 or Ian Hickman, Executive Head Teacher, on mr.hickman@skylarkfed.co.uk

Parish Councillors – we are looking for residents of Thruxton to step forward and join the Parish Council. We meet most months (the 1st Monday of the month except January and August), represent all the people of Thruxton Parish and pick up responsibility for one of our portfolios – e.g. roads and footpaths, the Village Green, etc. As an elected body, we are accountable to residents for the responsible spending of their money and for maintaining and enhancing Thruxton as a place to live and flourish. Anyone interested should contact Peter Christie, Chair of the Parish Council, on 07783 000753 or our Clerk, Heather Bournier, on clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com.

The **Memorial Hall** are looking for people to join the team of Trustees responsible for working to preserve and maintain our lovely hall for future generations. If you think you could help and can attend a committee meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm and have the enthusiasm and energy to help the existing Trustees to fund raise, show prospective hirers **WE NEED YOU!** around and generally promote and protect our wonderful hall, please contact Gill Odling at gill@odling.co.uk





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From Thruxton Memorial Hall



You will have seen elsewhere in this publication a request for more volunteers and the Hall is no exception! We will hold our AGM at 7.30 on June 6th so if you would like to know more about what we do please come along at 7.30; it will be a brief event with wine and nibbles to follow.

Our film for May is Elvis. Much acclaimed, this promises to be an entertaining evening - even without the bar and ice creams!

The Hall Trustees and Gardening Club are hoping to introduce a Thruxton Open Gardens day on the 23rd July. We would like to be able to direct people to between 6 and 8 gardens but we need gardens! Small or large, wild or manicured, new or established, a good mix would be wonderful. It's all about talking to others about gardens. Please contact Gill Odling or Louise Cushine if you feel you would like to be involved.

We have plans in hand for another Quiz Night later in the year, as well as the ever popular Thruxton Produce Show on 20th August so put the date in your diary for that.

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

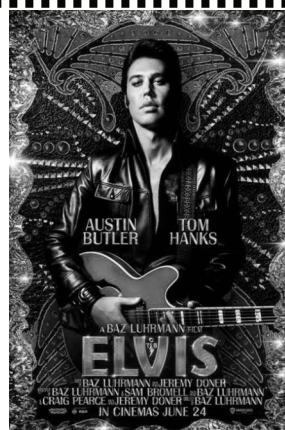
07789145817 or email
bookings@thruxtonmemorialhall.org

Thruxton Table Tennis Club seeks new players

Any age from teenagers to pensioners and any skill level - all are welcome.

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