

THRUXTON TIMES

July 2010

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Dates for your Diary

Sun 11 July Fyfield Fete. Worth a visit !
Wed 21 July W.I in Hall; see para.
Thur 29 July Outing to Hillier's (see para.)
Wed 18 Aug. Gardening Club (see para.)
Sat 7/ Sun 8th Circuit TRUCK RACING
Sun 12 Sept. **FLOWER SHOW** (see para.)

Planning Appeal (Thruxton Down)

Following the news that the application to have a " Travelling Showman" site on agricultural land at Thruxton Down (which has been twice turned down) is to be taken to appeal, an informal meeting was convened on 29th June. This was attended by Cllrs. Phil Lashbrook, John Davis, and Joanna Ferguson, and members of the "Action Group". The Action Group decided to prepare and circulate a leaflet to lay out the facts, and to ask community support in, once again, opposing the plan, which they consider would be seriously detrimental to an unspoilt agricultural area. If any reader has not received the leaflet, or would like to talk to someone about it, please ring Alan Leslie on 01264 889307. Deadline July 30th

Village Association Many thanks to all who helped to make this year's fête one of the most successful yet. As usual the V.A. will distribute the £2141 profit amongst Village organisations, and **requests for a grant** should be sent to the Chairman, Richard Ward, at 4 Lambourne Close, phone 1652, or e-mail rjward47@tiscali.co.uk.

The V.A., along with its partners, the Hall Trustees, and the Gardening Club, are planning the **Thruxton Flower Show**, to be held on Sunday 12th Sept. There are categories for flowers, fruit and veg., cookery, wine-making, arts & crafts and the visual arts as well as sections for children to enter. Look out for further details later, but entry forms are available **NOW** from Richard - contact details as above.

W.I.Report. Last month we had a lovely day in London to celebrate our 90th anniversary. The weather behaved itself while we enjoyed a very informative cruise down the Thames, and then after lunch a "flight" on the London Eye. It really is to be recommended if you haven't been. The subject of our July talk is **Jane Austen in Hampshire and Southampton**. Visitors are always assured of a warm welcome. The meeting starts at 7.30 pm Wed.21 July, but if anyone

male, female, young or old, would like to come to the talk, that is at 8pm. Do ring Julia on 771625 if you have any queries. Library teas; next July 21st 3-4 pm Hall Singing for fun next July 22nd 2-3pm Hall

Gardening Club A great evening was spent by the members as guests of the Romes on the 30th June. Our thanks to Chris and Margaret for a memorable meal and a very pleasant event. Our next "do" is a trip to **The Arboretum at Hillier's near Romsey** on the 29 July (see below) and then on 18th Aug. our AGM and **fuchsia judging** at our usual venue- 7.30 in the Hall. Fuchsias have to be **in 7" pots**. Your annual subs will be due £10 per person; £15 for a couple. Can we urge new members to come along and join this very friendly group, and help us with next year's programme.

Arboretum visit.. a coach has been hired to leave the Hall at 2pm on the 29th, returning at about 5pm. A guide will take us around the grounds to show us the trees and plants in season. The trip is open to **all** villagers. Contact Gill 772896 to book a place. £5 will be charged to Club members and £7.50 for non-members. This is to cover the cost of the bus, the guide, and entry (usually £6.50) Still a few places;**so book now** The Art Group will be in the Hall 7-9pm on July 22, Aug 12 and 26. Dig out those paints and join us!

Children's Activities *Storytelling fair and performance:* unfortunately we couldn't get a TVBC grant for this, but it does not mean that we won't do it at some point, if we find other funding. On a more positive note, a group of Thruxton teenagers are planning a day trip to an activity centre in September to encourage team-building for future projects. Contact Mandy on 771175.

The Village Hall Car Park Would parents please remind their children that the Hall Car Park is not to be used as a playground.

No cycles, skate-boards or football please. The Trustees have just spent over a thousand pounds having the walls repaired.

Also, people who rent the Hall do not want children playing in the car-park while they are having meetings or parties.