

THRUXTON TIMES

Dates for your Diary

Tues July 19 Mobile Library visit & teas (para)
Wed July 20 W.I in Hall (see para)
Wed July 27 Gardening Club (and 24/8) para.
Sat July 30 Circuit ..MGCC club race-day
Sat Aug 13/Sun Aug 14 Circuit: Truck Racing
Wed Sept 7 Parish Council; Hall; 7.30pm
Sat Sept 10 Ride & Stride (see para.)
Sun Sept 11 **Flower & Produce Show** (para.)

Village Wildlife A member of our Village was horrified to learn that all the mallard chicks, and all but one of the Canada geese goslings had been savaged and killed by a dog in the field at Mullens Pond. Please keep your dogs under control (to safeguard our wildlife) so that this doesn't happen again.

Flower & Produce Show The date for this year's Show, Sunday Sept. 11th, is creeping up remarkably quickly. Last year's event was an outstanding success and we hope to make this one even larger, so get growing all you horticulturists ! The Schedule, Rules, and Entry Forms are on the Village Website from where you can download them. If you would prefer a hard-copy please contact John Davis 772711, Charles 773546, or John McK. 772788, Keep the day free, and GET GROWING !!!

Chairman's remarks FISH & CHIPS is back. Debbie & Mike are serving take away F.& C at THE GEORGE, Mons.to Sats.bet.6.30 and 8.30pm. Just ring 772480 to order. Debbie says that if this goes well she will extend the menu to scampi and burgers. Remember how popular the van was. Let's give this a good try, too !

And the Mobile Library, with our own Joan Jackson at the helm, will be at the Hall 2.35 - 3.05pm on these **Tuesdays**; July 19, Aug 16, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, and Dec 13.

The ladies of the W.I. will still be on hand to provide excellent home-made cakes, teas and coffees. This is such a good way to meet people so if you are new to the Village and free do come along. If you have already tried it you know how good it is , so keep coming !

And The Fête..thanks to all who supported, on what must have been the wettest Sunday pm for years. Although numbers attending were down by some 200, the profit overall was only down by about £300 to £1750 odd. This is because people bought lots of raffle tickets, and came along and had fun....Smash the Crockery had a record result ! There were many heroes & heroines on the day, working hard in the pouring rain. Thank you all.(contd.)

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(contd.) The main purpose of the Fête is to fund our local organisations. All are eligible to seek a GRANT from the Village Association. These will be considered soon ,so if your society or group needs funds please drop a note to me, Charles Milner-Williams at "Hazelhurst" or to Elizabeth Whittington at "The Old Forge", soon as poss.

PTA School Fête (Helene Smart) A hot dry start to the morning saw the School abuzz on Sunday 3rd July, when the committee provided a fun-filled family occasion. Officially opened by Sir George Young, the fête raised a fantastic **£3443.98**. The PTA with help from the teachers hosted a variety of demonstrations, entertainments, games, tombolas, face-painting, and stalls selling everything from plants to books to bric-à-brac:something for all ages. Displays included Kick-boxing, the School Guitar Club run by Mrs.Buttery, Salto Gymnastics display, and a Tae Kwondo display. Plenty for the taste buds too ; a barbecue, afternoon teas, Pimms tent, home-made cakes. The children had competitions for writing, drawing, flower arranging, cupcakes, and making a garden. Local businesses had donated some very generous raffle prizes. Too many winners to list here, but 2 unclaimed: Coppers in a jar winner- Karen Astill, and Sweets in a jar winner – Laura Burchell please ring 07976 177730 . We will deliver. We are so grateful to the volunteers, and the Local Businesses, and to Mrs. Pam Simpson and the teachers. The fête is run by the community for the community. We had a great turn -out which made it a wonderful success. **P.S. Coffee morning** at the School Fri. 15 July 9am -10am. ALL WELCOME.

Gardening Club (Gill Bally) I think that every -one who went to the garden of Andy McIndoe on 13 June enjoyed the visit and agreed that his garden was lovely and the weather wonderful. Our next "happening", 27 July is for members and their partners only. Names please to 12 Beech Close (772896) for the meeting at the Manor. 24 August sees us holding the AGM and the judging of the **Fuchsias**. This year the plants should be presented in a 6" pot, so bring your fuchsia along whatever its condition. It might be the winner. See you at 7.30 in the Hall, and don't forget we will be collecting the our annual subs, which will remain at £10 per person, or £15 for a couple.

LIFE IS HARD.....CHOCOLATE HELPS !!

The W.I. report. for once, is on the other side.