

Thrupton Times

Dates for your Diary

Sat Mar. 12 Footpath Working Party (para.)
Sat Mar. 12 QUIZ NIGHT in Hall (see para.)
Wed Mar. 16 W.I. in Hall (see para.)
Sat. Mar. 26 GRAFFITI CLASSICS (para.)
Wed Mar 30 Gardening Club (see para.)
Wed Apr. 6 Parish Council, Hall, 7.30 pm.
Sat Apr. 16 Progressive Din. Party (para.)

ROYAL WEDDING Distributed with this issue are details of the 2 village events to celebrate this event. If you would like yourself or your children to attend either of these functions, please ensure your details are passed to the organisers as soon as possible. Thank you.

Dog Muck. There has been a marked increase in the amount of dog faeces left lying around on The Green, and on the Sports Field. Also, a new habit has developed of some or even one owner hanging neatly tied bags of doggy poo on the fence or on the hedge at the Stanbury Close end of the popular footpath; this is quite plainly DAFT ! Put this stuff into the (green) public wheelie bins, please.

There has also been an increase in the amount of rubbish left lying around, on paths, in hedges, and especially on the Sports Field.

A number of people do sterling work in collecting, and tidying away rubbish, but it should NOT be NECESSARY. Please, as responsible villagers, do ensure that you clear up after your dogs and help by cleaning up and collecting. None of us wants to see Thrupton spoiled. If you spot an offender, and are reluctant to challenge, please let me know, on 773546. Charles Milner-Williams.

Fun Quiz Night 7pm Sat. 12th March, in aid of Church funds. £6 per person (teams of 4) Names by Wed. 9th March to Christine 772904 for catering purposes. *Come and join the fun.*

"Graffiti Classics" in the Hall, Sat 26th March Doors open 7pm. "Superb music, inventive comedy, and relentless dance energy" DAILY MAIL. Tickets £15 in advance, incl. light supper from Chris Rome 772755 or Ross Mallock 773504.

Footpaths The Parish Council has qualified for a Grant to restore the footpaths between Beech Close & Village Street, and between the Post Box and St.John's Lane. **Earthline** have kindly agreed to donate the necessary material. There will be a Parish working party on Sat . 12th & Sat 19th March to do the work. If you

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can spare a couple of hours on either day to join those who have already volunteered please come to the Hall at 9.45am. Wheelbarrows and shovels will be required. Path users should be aware that some preparatory work will be done which may involve spraying weeds and loosening the edges of those paths.

Bellinger Bowls Club wish to promote in-door short-mat bowls as a fun sport for persons of all ages and abilities. All are welcome to join us at Thrupton Hall on **Friday 20th May** from 7.30pm onwards to enjoy a taster of the sport. Tea, coffee & biscuits will be available. Tuition and guidance will be provided; all you need is yourself; play will be without shoes ! Cost will be £1 per person. Contact Alan Leslie on 889307.

P.D.P. The next Progressive Dinner is on Sat 16 April. Info and explanations from Jeremy 2896. You meet lots of people but only have to cook one course yourself. Returns must be in by April 3rd at latest, for planning purposes.

Gardening Club There will be some magnificent veg this year at the Flower Show after the most informative talk on growing veg given by Ted Perrin at our last meeting. **Fuchsias** have now been purchased for our annual competition and will be on sale at our March30 meeting; in the Hall 7.30pm ; when we will have a talk **Everything You Want To Know About Ponds** by Sandy Worth. If you can't attend , the **fuchsias** can be found at 12 Beech Close. The meeting : £1 for members, otherwise £3. and don't forget **The Art Group**, 10th and 24th March £3.50 to cover costs, bring your paints & join us at 7 pm. Questions to Gill on 772896.

W.I. Report The planned Feb.speaker was not able to attend and instead a quiz was arranged with the lure of chocolates as a prize! Congrats to Rosemary Harper; Margaret Davis runner-up We intend to enter a team in the Hants W.I County Quiz which runs from May to the finals in Oct. Let's hope 2011 is our year. Next meeting is on Wed. 16th March at 7.30 pm when Ian Bradford will talk about **The Great Wall of China**. Competition colour for March is **green** ; congrats to Gill Bally who won in Feb. with an old **white** £1 note printed in Andover.

For more info regarding our group please contact Pauline 400362, Claire 771803, or Gillian 772338. New members & visitors always welcome. Consider joining our quiz team !