

# THRUXTON TIMES

## MAY 2010

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### Dates for your Diary

Wed 19 May W.I. In Hall ( see para.)  
Wed 26 May Gardening Club ( see para.)  
Tues 1 June Meeting at 15 Beech Close (para.)  
Wed 2 June Parish Council; Hall, 7.30pm.  
Sun 6 June **Fête Fête Fête** (see para.)

**Hall AGM** The Chairman of Trustees, Chris Rome, presented an upbeat report, and this was backed up by the financial report which showed an increase in bookings ; and total funds at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2010 of nearly £20,000, having risen by £5000 in the year. It was conceded that this was largely enabled by “Grants & Donations” of £6205 but on the other hand a sum approaching £4000 had been spent on providing attractive new facilities in the form of overhead projector and large screen, and also wireless broadband connection. Heating costs, which the accounts show as £3250 for the year, continue to be a worry, but this is being tackled. The Chairman paid tribute to the work of Margaret and John Davis, to Margaret Milner-Williams in her joint role as secretary and treasurer, to Ella and Bob Hodges ( Bonus Ball etc.) to Ken May, Ross Mallock and Roma Reeves, and to others who have given practical help. He emphasised that more help was needed for Margaret Davis and for Margaret Milner-Williams as they were both doing more than a fair share of the administrative work. Mr.Graham Knight of Lambourne Close offered to serve as a Trustee, and was gladly accepted.

**Fête preview** Over the next weeks leading up to the **BIG DAY** on Sun.6<sup>th</sup> June, our helpers will be calling on you to sell **raffle tickets** and to ask if you can donate any saleable bric-à-brac, or a bottle or two for the **bottle stall**. Arrangements can be made to collect any goods ( ring Richard on 771625, or Charles on 773546), or you may bring items to the Hall on the morning of Sat. 5 June. At the fête we will have details of all the classes you can enter in the first of the new series of **Flower Shows** which will be held on Sunday 12 September in the Hall.

**Children's activities** The picnic & games on the Green went ahead though it was colder than we would have liked. About 17 kids enjoyed the giant Jenga, and other fun items brought in by the county Youth Options group. It was also a pleasant opportunity for parents to meet up, and newcomers to get to know other families. The next activity being planned is **storytelling**. On **Tues.June 1<sup>st</sup> at 10.30am at 15 Beech Close** Richard Watson from TVBC will talk on projects that teenagers have set up supported by a **youth grant**. Suggestions for improving the variety of activities open to young people in this area are

needed. Anyone between ages of 13-19 can apply but the activities can also benefit younger children so any child with a viable idea should attend. Any queries to Mandy Squires 771175.

**Church Annual Meeting** At the meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> the Churchwardens, Christine Barrett and Valerie Wakeman were re-elected. The Rector warmly thanked them for their work, and all the other voluntary workers who keep the Church clean, who maintain the churchyard, who attend to the daily opening and closing in the summer months, and who work for fund-raising events. The treasurer, regrettably, had to report that the financial position is precarious.

**W.I.Report** Due to a mix -up we had to abandon the Embroidery talk, and instead discussed the **Resolution** to be put before the AGM next month, which concerned the proposal to make mandatory the labelling of food with its country of origin. At present labels need only list the country where the last process has taken place; so **pork pies** with pork from other countries can be called British if the **pie** is made here. Fuelled by a glass or two of Prosecco a lively discussion ensued, and eventually the motion was carried.

We are pleased that our two speakers on **Embroidery** are able to come in May, so we look forward to meeting them on Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm.

As always, visitors are assured of a welcome.

We are also taking part in the **W.I.Triathlon** , walking cycling, swimming. We have until the end of September . to walk or run 50 miles, swim 5 miles, and cycle 20 miles .

**Library teas...** next date May 26<sup>th</sup> 3-4pm.

**Singing for Fun ..** next date May 27<sup>th</sup> 2-3pm.

Info on all this from Julia Ward on 771625

**Death** Alfred Slingsby, Eighth Army veteran, until recently at Stanbury Road, died on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Gardening Club.** The “Gardeners Question Time” meeting was greatly enjoyed by our followers, with Ted Perrin & Keith Boxall giving their advice on our various woes.

**Remember** *Gardens need water; most of it perspiration*

Next meeting will be on Wed.26 May at 7.30 pm in the Hall when Annie Bullen will give us an insight into raising plants and running the **Country**

**Market Stall** in Andover. Everyone welcome at a cost of £1 for members, and £3 for non-members.

The next **Art Club** session is on May 27, in the Hall, 7-9 pm. No tuition given; just bring your brushes along and join our friendly group.

Guru for both the above is Gill Bally 772896.

