

# Thruxton Times

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*Welcome to all our readers*

## Thruxton Parish Newsletter - February 2024

The snowdrops are out – spring is on its way! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas period and that the new year has started out positively for you and your families.

I wanted to open this month's newsletter by acknowledging the years of service to the village community by Tricia Harris. Tricia has stepped down from her role as Parish Councillor after 5 years dedicated and committed work in a variety of roles; she was always one of the first to volunteer to help people in need and her steadfast support and sound common sense has been invaluable to the Council in general and to me in particular. We shall miss her sage contributions to our discussions but know that she will continue to contribute to the village, albeit in a less formal manner. We wish her a long and healthy "retirement" from the Parish Council.

I would also like to thank all those who have spent time to comment on the planning application to build houses on the land off Stanbury Close. Due to some arcane bureaucratic reason, the window for comment is open until 14th February but as of today (5th Feb.) there have been over 80 comments from residents, which is an amazing testimony to the strength of feeling about this matter from across the community – on behalf of the Parish Council, a very big thank you to everyone. We await the outcome with interest!

Still on planning matters, the TVBC Local Plan 2040 is out for consultation until 2nd April 2024. This document is a key framework for determining how communities across TVBC will evolve over the coming 16 years so, whatever your attitude towards local government might be, it will have a big impact on us.

### Dates for the Diary

Every Wednesday	Thruxton Loves Cake 10am–12pm, Memorial Hall
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday Benefice 9am, Kimpton Church
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Quiz Night 7pm, Memorial Hall
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Morning Worship 9am, Thruxton Church
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Film Night 7pm, Memorial Hall
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Thruxton Fete Meeting 11.30am, Memorial Hall
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Gardening Club 7pm, Memorial Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Holy Communion 9am, Thruxton Church

For example, there is a proposal for the development of the industrial estate on Thruxton Airfield and for large-scale housing development on the edge of Ludgershall (1,500 houses to be built). If you want to express your views on the Draft Local Plan 2040 please visit [www.testvalley.gov.uk/localplan2040](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/localplan2040) where you can read the Draft Plan and comment.

Finally, you may be aware that Henry Pelham has recently sold the airfield. The new owner is Alex Thistlethwaite, who lives in Chute and is a historic car racing enthusiast. We hope to invite Alex to our annual village meeting in May but in the meantime, I'm pleased to share that Henry's representative, Simon Bowder, will be at the next Parish Council meeting to speak about the plans for the industrial estate and to answer questions. All residents are welcome – the meeting starts at 7:30pm on Monday 5th March.

**If there is anything happening in the village that you want to shout about please send your piece to [thruxtontimes@gmail.com](mailto:thruxtontimes@gmail.com)**

## **Parish Council Meeting – 5th February 2024**

The Parish Council held its first meeting of the year on 5th February. As usual, full minutes will appear on the noticeboards and the website in due course but the key items discussed included:

- A farewell to Tricia Harris who is stepping down from the Parish Council but we welcomed Becky Sherlock to the Council. Becky spent most of her childhood in the village and returned to live in Thruxton 3 years ago and is looking forward to contributing to the continued development of Thruxton.
- We acknowledged the support from Hampshire Highways in clearing the flooded roads along Village Street, caused by the very high groundwater levels following heavy rainfall in December. However, their continued failure to address the collapsing wall alongside the Village Green was also noted and the Chair committed to seek urgent solutions through Hampshire CC Cllr. Donnelly.
- The Clerk summarised the data being reported from the speed cameras in the village and told Councillors that the camera on Stanbury Road (by Elm Close) will be turned round shortly so that it faces downhill and measures the speed of vehicles driving north, up Stanbury Road.
- Councillors approved the purchase of water testing equipment to assess and monitor water quality in Pilhill Brook. This is part of a wider initiative by the Pan-Parish Forum across the Pilhill Brook area.
- Volunteers are sought to help with the layout and distribution of the Thruxton Times. Anyone interested in becoming involved should contact Peter Christie in the first instance ([pchristie@thruxtonparishcouncil.com](mailto:pchristie@thruxtonparishcouncil.com)).
- The Council approved a grant of £500 to assist the Three Villages Sports Field Trust maintain the field through

grass cutting and tidying. Similar grants have been given by Kimpton and Fyfield but the Trustees will need to contribute an additional £800 to meet the costs of upkeep.

- The Chair announced that the Draft Local Plan 2040 has just been published by TVBC. It includes proposals for how all areas in the Borough will develop over the coming years, including housing developments to the east of Ludgershall and growth in the Thruxton Airfield industrial estate. The public consultation is open from 6th February to 2nd April and all residents are encouraged to read and comment on the Draft Plan.
- It was agreed to conduct a Housing Needs Survey for Thruxton with the survey questions designed to meet our specific needs – i.e. we will not use a TVBC pro-forma survey. Volunteers are sought to assist with this important exercise from questionnaire design, data gathering through to analysis.
- Community thanks were recorded to Jason Bailey for his help in digging culverts to help mitigate the road flooding as well as helping to clear away a fallen tree on Stanbury Road.
- The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th March at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

We are incredibly proud to share that we raised £435 at the Macmillan Coffee Morning in November. Huge thanks to everyone who made this possible and to all the members of the village who came along to make this such a fantastic event. Special thanks go to Louise Cushine, Janet Mitchell and Brenda Jarman for all their hard work in setting up the event and in running TLC (Thruxton Loves Cake), the weekly coffee morning, every Wednesday morning at the Memorial Hall.

### **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.

# AUCTION

## CHANGE OF DATE

The Auction/Event date has been changed to 29th June 2024, please amend your diary. The supporters of the Thruxton Memorial Hall are planning an Auction of Promises and Things to raise funds to refurbish the kitchen, ensuring it's 'fit for purpose' for external caterers. The more outside events we can host the less pressure there is to raise funds, through events like this, for the upkeep of the hall.

We asked you to put on your thinking caps, and consider what you might offer? What skills, talents or items for auction can you donate?

### Here are a few examples of Promises:

- Baby sitting
- Gardening help
- Grocery shopping
- Ironing a wash (donated by Peter Christie)

### Here are a few examples of Things:

- Complimentary tickets
- Unwanted Christmas presents
- Meal at a local restaurant
- Box of craft beer (promised by Thornbridge Brewery)
- Free place on ceramics class (pledged by Gill Odling)

I'm sure you can think of many more Promises and Things to make the auction a success.

More details in the coming months in the Thruxton Times and on Facebook (Thruxton, Fyfield and Kimpton Residents and Thruxton Life groups).

To make a pledge, request an email form from [pauline520c@gmail.com](mailto:pauline520c@gmail.com)

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**Friday, 16 February 2024**  
**7pm - 10:30pm**  
**Thruxton Memorial Hall**  
**TICKETS £5 PER PERSON**  
**INCLUDES TABLE SNACKS**  
**For Tickets email:**  
**[quiz@thruxtonmemorialhall.org](mailto:quiz@thruxtonmemorialhall.org)**  
[www.thruxtonmemorialhall.org.uk](http://www.thruxtonmemorialhall.org.uk)

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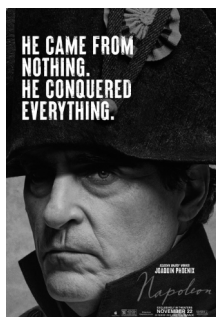
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**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
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## Thruxton Gardening Club

A date for your diaries -  
Gardening Club,  
Wednesday February 28th. We have  
Gilbert's Dahlia Nursery coming to  
give us a talk on 'The Gilbert's Dahlia  
Year'. There will also be the  
opportunity to purchase Dahlia  
tubers. All are welcome to come  
along.

For more information please contact  
Louise Cushine on  
louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk or  
07944 746 849.

## WILL POWER

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## Pete Fletcher

**Specialist in lime wall construction  
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References from many Thruxton  
residents on request  
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## From Thruxton Memorial Hall

**Happy New Year to  
You All!**

Do you have any ideas for activities that you  
would like to see happen in the Hall? Or  
perhaps know someone who would like to  
run a class or an event of some sort? Please  
direct them to me, Gill Odling on  
07789145817. We are very keen to run more  
weekly events for the village.

In the Deed of Declaration the hall is held in  
trust "for the purposes of physical and  
mental training and recreation and social  
religious moral and intellectual development  
through the medium of reading and  
recreation rooms library lectures classes  
recreations and entertainments and  
otherwise as may be found expedient for  
the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish  
of Thruxton". As Trustees we are charged  
with spending all our income on maintaining  
the Hall for these purposes.

At the moment we are marketing the hall to  
a wider audience, trying to make enough  
income to cover the costs of maintaining it  
whilst keeping a discounted local rate.

As examples of the challenges involved:  
Some time ago we realised that our heaters  
were failing. After much thought and  
discussion we had new heating installed in  
the main Hall at the beginning of November.  
The toilets require decorating and a little  
maintenance. The Kitchen will require a  
larger sum of money so please read the info  
about the promises Auction on the 29th  
June and consider an offering if you can,  
however small.

Please put the date in your diary, and look  
out over the coming months for more  
information about the brilliant lots you will  
be able to bid for.

Most of all remember that the Hall is here  
for you to use, it is a really inexpensive party  
or wedding venue right on your doorstep.

Gill Odling, Chair of Trustees, 07789145817