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Welcome to all our readers

Thruxton Parish Newsletter - November 2023

A warm welcome to all our readers to this month's edition of the newsletter. I trust that everyone survived Storm Ciaran at the start of the month and that there was no serious damage to property or life. Together with the higher than average rainfall during October, recent storms and low pressure systems have resulted in the water table rising faster and earlier than normal which has resulted in the Pilhill Brook starting to flow much earlier than usual – long-term village residents have told me that this is the first time they can recall the stream running before the end of October. At least we might be spared hosepipe bans next summer!

Despite the rising groundwater levels, Southern Water are pushing ahead with their work to re-line the main sewer running through the village and it is expected that this work will continue into December. This means that the traffic light controls on Village Street will be here for a while and I'm told that there is likely to be a few days of road closures – we're not sure exactly when the closures will happen but I will endeavour to give as much notice as possible through Facebook and the Thruxton Village website. If you have any questions for Southern Water please contact their Project Manager, Glenn McCubbin on 07840 717987 or at Glenn.mccubbin4@southernwater.co.uk

On the planning front, there are several applications for tree works at various houses in the conservation area (none of which have raised any objection from the Parish Council) but the 2 principal applications relate to a new house on land alongside George House (what was The George pub) and a change of use application for a barn at Thruxton Down Farm. The new build house did not raise any objection at the Parish Council

Dates for the Diary

Every	Thruxton Loves Cake
Wednesday	10am-12pm, Memorial Hall
18 th November	Chuch Bazaar Memorial Hall
24 th November	Film Night 7pm, Memorial Hall
26 th November	Morning Worship 9am, Thruxton Church
29 th November	Gardening Club 7pm, Memorial Hall
1 st December	'What Makes Putin Tick' 7pm, Memorial Hall
3 rd December	Holy Communion 9am, Thruxton Church

meeting but the Council do intend to object (again!) to the change of use application at Thruxton Down Farm due to road safety concerns and the environmental and social impact of increased activity on the site.

Finally, a plea to everyone who drives through Thruxton to take care and drive sensibly. The road through Thruxton Down is known for its risk to drivers whilst the combination of dark evenings, wet leaves and road works going on through the village present their own dangers. Please, please drive safely and considerately.

Thank you – Thruxton Parish Council.

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Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council met on Monday 6th November in the Memorial Hall. As usual full minutes will appear on Parish Notice Boards and the website but key issues discussed included:

- Re-planting screening trees in front of the electricity sub-station on Lambourne Way. The previous evergreen trees had to be cut down earlier this year as they were dying off and presented a risk of falling branches to passing members of the public. Since then, the site has been open and nearby residents have complained about the unattractive sight of the sub-station. The Council voted in favour of purchasing dogwood and viburnum saplings that will, in time, screen the view of the sub-station from Lambourne Way and return the area to a more rural setting.
- Cllr. Christie updated the meeting on Southern Water's activities and confirmed that road works will continue throughout November with the likelihood of several road closures through the village lasting several days later in the month - dates to be confirmed.
- Cllr. Harris asked if there was anyone in the village who would volunteer to help deliver the newsletter - the current group of volunteers are all committed to specific deliveries and we have nobody available in the event of sickness or holiday. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Cllr. Harris on pharris@thruxtonparishcouncil.com
- Cllr. Cotterill gave advance notice that she will be organising a working party in the Spring to help tidy up Mandy's Garden and prepare the ground for next year's growing season. Anyone interested in helping should contact

scotterill@thruxtonparishcouncil.com

- Councillors discussed the location of the speed cameras and decided to move the one currently located near the allotments to a post on Village Street at the junction with Church Lane.
- Councillors approved expenditure on replacing the dragons teeth on land at the west end of the village by the junction to the Airfield Industrial Estate. It was estimated that the total cost of materials and labour would amount to £271.
- The Clerk reported that she had confirmed a provider of first aid training and that the training would be arranged for Thursday 30th November at a cost of £40 per head, with Thruxton residents subsidised by 50% - i.e. the cost to Thruxton residents would be £20 per head.
- The Clerk presented an initial draft budget for 2024/25 to be reviewed by Councillors before the next meeting when a decision will be made regarding a possible increase in the precept to be paid by residents.
- Community thanks were noted to Pat Counsell and Gill Odling for their sterling work in arranging the recent Safari Supper.
- The next meeting will be held on Monday 4th December in the Machin Room of the Memorial Hall. All residents are welcome.

If there is anything happening in the village that you want to shout about please send your piece to thruxfontimes@gmail.com

Thruxton Gardening Club



Come and join us for our fun Christmas Quiz on Wednesday 29th November. There will be mince pies and mulled wine and prizes will be awarded for the winners. Pit your wits against the Quiz master.....

This is our last meeting this year, our next one will be on Wednesday 31st January. For more information, please contact Louise Cushine on 07944 746 849 or email louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk

What Makes Putin Tick?
Friday 1st December 2023 7pm
Thruxton Memorial Hall

Why did he invade Ukraine?

A talk by AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR JOHN CHESHIRE

Sir John joined the Royal Air Force in 1961 and completed several flying appointments on the Hercules. He was then seconded to the Royal Brunei Air Force as the Commander of their Air Wing. He has held several staff appointments with the most prominent as the United Kingdom's Air Attache in Moscow in the late 1980s. Subsequently, he kept in touch with events in Russia in senior NATO appointments as the United Kingdom's representative to NATO, and in command of the Allied Forces Northwestern Europe – a Command with several countries bordering on Russia. After retirement from the Royal Air Force in 2000, Sir John was appointed Lieutenant Governor of Jersey from 2001 to 2006.

Donations Please to be shared between The RAF Charitable Trust and the Hall

Thruxton Memorial Hall are delighted to present 'Oppenheimer' for our November Cinema Evening



Friday 24th November

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm showing

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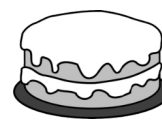
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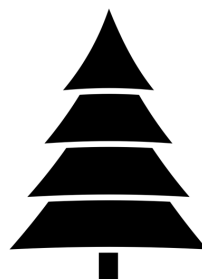
Thruxton Loves Cake!



This is a coffee morning for the village and surrounding areas held in Thruxton Memorial Hall.

Every Wednesday morning 10 until 12.

Come along and enjoy a warm welcome, lots of tea, coffee, cakes and chat! We also have books and puzzles available to borrow



Church Bazaar

18th November

Tables available to book to sell your own craft items.

Limited tables available, please contact Christine to book.

christine.barrett1@yahoo.co.uk
07933352855

Pete Fletcher

Specialist in lime wall construction and repair

References from many Thruxton residents on request

petehsr@hotmail.co.uk
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We Need Your Help!

The Thruxton Times is delivered to all houses in the Parish by a dedicated team of volunteers.

We are constantly on the look-out for new people to join this team to cover for holidays, sickness, etc.

If you're interested - and able - to offer your time once a month to help out and ensure that the newsletter gets to everyone in the community, please contact Tricia Harris on pharris@thruxtonparishcouncil.com.

Remember, it will help you keep your steps up!! Thank you.

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Ray Beacher

It was a very sad day when Ray passed away at the Countess of Brecknock hospice on 31 October.

We moved to Thruxton in the early 70s when Ray was serving in the Royal Army Medical Corp. Two weeks after we moved in, Ray was posted to Germany, with myself and our two young children following a month later. We spent the remainder of his Army career either living in Thruxton or abroad. When it was time to think about entering into civilian life, he trained as a chiropodist and ran a successful practice for many years. He retired when he was 79!

A wonderful loving husband, father and grandfather who was much loved and will be much missed.

There will be a memorial service in the church. Date to be advised



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