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Welcome to all our readers

Thruxton Parish Newsletter - March 2025

Hello and welcome to our March newsletter. Hasn't the weather been amazing over the last few days? – having said that, it will probably rain now for the next 2 weeks!!

It's been a relatively quiet month since the February newsletter. There are very few planning applications at present, although it's interesting to note that the application to build a new solar farm at Lains Farm on the south side of the A303 has been resurrected and is being considered at the Northern Area Planning Committee on 13th March.

We have been advised that there are planned road works in March on the A303 as it skirts round the village – there will be night-time closures to allow for patching repairs to be carried out. The good news is that at long last the slip road of the westbound carriageway is to be re-surfaced. We have requested that Highways ensure all associated signs are removed after the work and not just left to rust on the verges.

You may have seen that Thruxton Fete is being organised again this year – it will be on Sat. 16th August so please put the date in your diary. Anyone willing to help in any way should contact Sue King on suekingtfl@aol.com

You may have read about the Government's plans to re-organise local government and that Hampshire is one of the counties on the devolution priority programme. A public consultation has been launched and is open until 13th April – it can be found at Hampshire and the Solent devolution consultation - GOV.UK The

Dates for the Diary

Every Wednesday	Thruxton Loves Cake 10am–12pm, Memorial Hall
20 th March	Hall Grounds Clear Up 4pm – 6pm, Memorial Hall
23 rd March	Morning Worship 9am, Thruxton Church
26 th March	Gardening Club 7pm, Memorial Hall
28 th March	Film Night, 7pm, Memorial Hall
30 th March	Mothering Sunday Benefice 11am, Thruxton Church
3 rd April	Memorial Hall Meet & Greet 6.30pm – 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
6 th April	Holy Communion 9am, Thruxton Church
8 th May	Annual Parish Meeting 8pm, Memorial Hall
20 th July	Thruxton Open Gardens 1pm – 6pm
16 th August	Thruxton Fete Village Green

proposal will involve the loss of TVBC and other local authorities and the creation of a mayoral authority covering Hampshire, Portsmouth, Isle of Wight and Southampton. Please take this opportunity to share your views and opinions on this potential change that will have lasting impact on us all.

Whilst looking at Government actions, it has been brought to our attention that a national restoration plan to address chalk stream water pollution, water abstraction and habitat

restoration has been abandoned. Given the critical importance of chalk streams in our area we have been asked to publicise a petition to request the Government to reinstate this work. The petition can be accessed through <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/711368>

Finally, please make a note of the annual Parish meeting that will be held on Thursday 8th May at 8:00pm in the Memorial Hall, preceded at 7:00pm by the Parish Council AGM. We look forward to seeing you and, in the meantime, hope the weather gets warmer, remains sunny and allows you to enjoy yourselves. Thank you.

Peter Christie - on behalf of Thruxton Parish Council

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

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council met on Monday 3rd March 2025. As usual full minutes will appear on Parish Notice Boards and the website but key issues discussed included:

- TVBC Cllr Lashbrook reported that TVBC council tax will increase by 5.03% which translates to £5 per month for a band D property. He noted that 80% of the additional revenue goes to the central government. Hampshire County Cllr. Donnelly reported that the HCC share of council tax will increase by 4.99%.

- Thruxton Down Farm - Highways have requested further information from the applicant. It was agreed that the Parish Council write to the head of TVBC Planning expressing the dismay of residents that the site continues to operate despite an approved enforcement notice to cease operation and the applicant being able to change their application without further public comment.

- New road closures on major race days at the circuit have been confirmed. Aerodrome Road will be

closed from Thursday mornings when the campsites open until the end of the meeting. It will affect the Touring Cars, Superbikes and Truck meetings.

- Cllr Munday reported on biodiversity protection opportunities in the Parish. The recommended option is to work with the Pilhill Pan Parish Forum to look at protections for the brook and aquifer under Thruxton Down.

- Cllr Christie reported on discussion to implement a 20 mph speed limit in the village. A referendum will be required with 80% plus support, then a process has to be followed with Highways. This process is already underway in Appleshaw Parish. Cllr Earp will arrange relocating the speed signs which will provide required speed data.

- A resident has raised an issue with the perilous nature of the footpath adjacent to the Hall. It was agreed that although not a Parish Council responsibility we would look to fund remedial action. Councillors have been asked to look at the issue and propose potential solutions at the next meeting.

- The question of disabled access to the Village Green has been raised. Cllr Odling volunteered to look at options. The Parish Council has some reserved funds from the Jubilee that could be used to contribute to the solution.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 7th April at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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Scarecrow Competition

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with many excellent entries.



The competition will run to coincide with the Open Garden event on 20th July. Scarecrows will need to be

completed by Sat. 19th July. And - it's free to enter!!

Straw will be available for those that need it.

There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and winners will be announced at the Fete on 16th August.

For those interested in participating please contact Richard Earp for more information - rjearp@sky.com or call 07545 221378 after 6pm.

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Welcome to Thruxton and the Memorial Hall

The Trustees of the Hall are putting on a Meet and Greet event in the Memorial Hall on Thursday 3rd April from 6.30 - 7.30pm in order to give all residents a chance to meet some of their neighbours and take the opportunity to have a look round this amazing village asset whilst sipping on a complimentary glass of wine.

We would particularly like to welcome anyone new who has recently moved into the village. Or if you have a new neighbour, why not extend the hand of friendship and suggest you come together?

The Hall is increasingly being booked by hirers from outside Thruxton (quite often for weddings) and we also wanted to remind residents that it is a great venue.

For more information about the Hall see:

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Memorial Hall

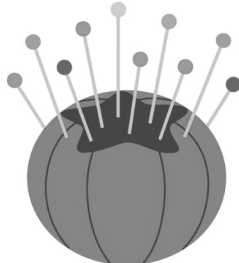
Saturday 29 March

10am - 4pm

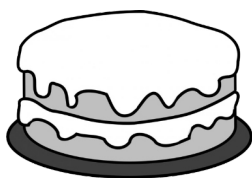
Another chance to join us for one of our Sit & Sew Saturdays.

Bring any sewing project you like. It could be something you wish to start or something you hope to finish - it really doesn't matter. What does matter is that you'll be in the company of other sewers for the day, sharing stories, swapping ideas and eating cake!

If you think you'd like to join us or want more information please call Kate on 07736 804445.



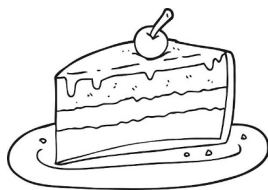
Thruxton Loves Cake!



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

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From the Hall

The Committee of the Memorial Hall really need your help! Do you have a few hours a month you could spend helping us to maintain our beautiful Hall?

At the moment our committee is composed of two non trustees and 5 trustees and its just not enough! Gill is going to stand down as Chair at the AGM in May and although she has said that she will still do the Booking Clerk's job, it leaves lots of small tasks that just can't be picked up by others who already have "stuff" that they do for the hall, some on top of full time jobs.

Please come and join our happy band of volunteers. We need you!

Call Gill on 07789145817

**Thruxton Memorial Hall are
delighted to be showing
Paddington in Peru**



Paddington returns to Peru to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, who now resides at the Home for Retired Bears. With the Brown family in tow, a thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected journey.

Friday 28th March

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showing**

Tickets £6 on the door

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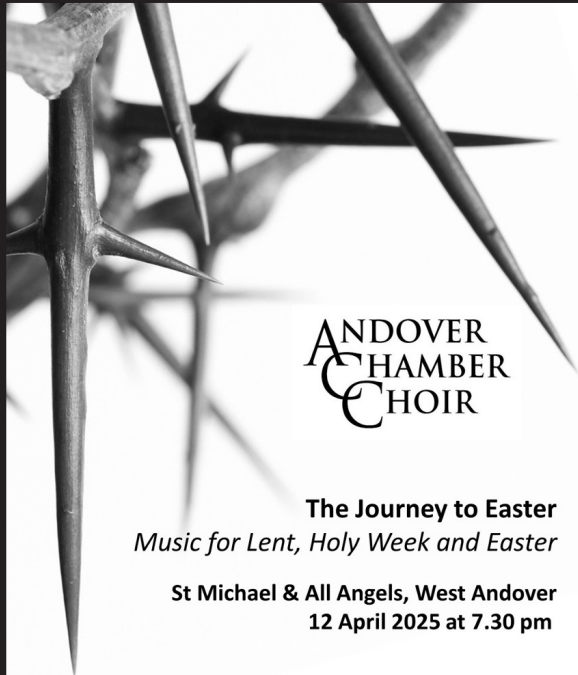
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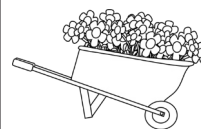
- Enthusiasm for education and a desire to make a positive difference.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- A commitment to Christian values and the ethos of Church of England schools.
- The ability to think strategically and make sound judgements.
- For this role, experience or qualifications in finance, business or marketing would be a particular asset.

Being a School Governor is a challenging yet incredibly rewarding role. It's a chance to give back to your community, shape young minds and be part of something truly special.

To find out more, please contact the Chair of Governors, Peter Christie at p.christie@skylarkfed.co.uk

Save the Date Thruxton Open Gardens Sunday 20th July 1 till 6pm

A fund raising event for Thruxton Memorial Hall and Thruxton Gardening Club.



Thruxton Gardening Club

A date for your diaries, Wednesday 26th March we will be holding our Gardener's Question Time with Ted and Keith, two very knowledgeable gentlemen. Come along with any gardening related queries or questions and they will provide a solution. Everyone is welcome. If you would like any more information, please contact Louise on 07944 746 849 or email louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk



Hall Grounds Clear Up

20th March 4pm till 6pm

Do you have some time to spare helping at the Hall? We have had the Laurels trimmed back but it has exposed a lot of unsightly "stuff" in the border.

Could you help clear this and other areas that need work?

Please come along and give us a hand.