



Thruxton Times



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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thruxton Parish Newsletter

Where has the year gone? It seems only last week that I was preparing for New Year 2024 and yet, here we are getting ready for Christmas.

It's been a busy month in the village with lots going on. As we wrote last month, the planning issues on land at the edge of the village have been uppermost in the Parish Councillor's minds. We submitted our comments to the Planning Inspectorate regarding Orchard Homes' appeal against the refusal of planning permission to build behind Stanbury Close and now await completion of their review of the case – we are told it could be anything between 30 and 60 weeks, so don't hold your breath. At the end of November, Foreman Homes held a meeting to share their design concepts for land at the end of Lambourne Way – I'm told it was a "robust" meeting in which 40 or so residents shared their views with a team from Foreman Homes. We await their next move.

A word of thanks to TVBC Cllr. Phil Lashbrook and his wife, Deputy Mayor Linda, who will be laying a Remembrance Wreath just before Christmas at the Menin Gate in Ypres, Belgium on behalf of all those from local communities who gave their lives in the Great War. Thruxton is one of the Parishes named on the wreath.

We would like to add our more general thanks to TVBC Cllr. Lashbrook and to Hampshire Cllr. Chris Donnelly for all the support they have given to Thruxton over the last year. They have a thankless job of trying to please all the people all the time and we appreciate all their advice and encouragement that they provide to the Thruxton community. In our Council meeting on 2nd Dec. we recorded the community's specific thanks to 2 residents – Jason Bailey, for

Dates for the Diary

Every Wednesday	Thruxton Loves Cake 10am–12pm, Memorial Hall
15 th December	Carol Service 2.30pm, Thruxton Church
22 nd December	Morning Worship 9am, Thruxton Church
24 th December	Midnight Christmas Communion 11pm, Thruxton Church
29 th January	Gardening Club 7pm, Memorial Hall

doing a myriad of jobs in and around the village to keep things looking tidy and neat, and to Martin King for his work keeping our footpaths serviceable. Thank you to them and to everyone else who contributes to life in the community.

On behalf of the Parish Council it just remains for me to wish you all a very happy Christmas and to send our hopes for a peaceful and healthy New Year ahead.

Peter Christie – Chair of Thruxton Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council met on Monday 2nd December 2024 in the Memorial Hall. As usual full minutes will appear on Parish Notice Boards and the website but key issues discussed included:

- Flooding on Village Street - though Hampshire Highways had carried out some work the problem persists. Cllr Christie will chase Hampshire Highways accentuating the potential risks from ice forming on the footpath.
- Speeding - Cllr. Earp will arrange moving the speed signs to other

locations in the village. Most of the speed awareness volunteers have received their training and suitable locations to operate will be confirmed. A hand held speed camera will be purchased by the Parish Council.

- Village Green - a regular audit of trees on Parish Council land by a tree surgeon will be arranged. A number of overhanging branches will need work undertaken. Four red Copper Beech bare root trees have been reserved from the Hampshire Forest Partnership to be planted in front of the electricity substation on Lambourne Way.

- Land at the end of Lambourne Way - the recent public presentation by Foreman Homes who are looking at submitting a planning application for 10 new homes was discussed. Residents raised a number of concerns and the developers hope of community support were challenged. The Council will await the next contact from the developer.

- Land off Stanbury Close - regarding the appeal to the refused application for homes on the land adjacent to Stanbury Close, it was noted the deadline for public comments has passed and the decision from the planning inspectorate is likely to take between 30 and 60 weeks - yes, really!!

- County Cllr. Donnelly reported that TVBC has initiated a winter fuel payment support scheme for pensioners on low income who are affected by the removal of the winter fuel supplement. He also referred to the consideration of implementing a unitary authority with an appointed mayor that has been resurrected by the new government; this is likely to take a considerable time to process given the size and complexities of Hampshire.

There is no Parish Council meeting in January. The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 3rd February 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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

Thruxton Times

We are looking for people to volunteer to **deliver the newsletter** to Parish residents in the **Thruxton Farm area**.

Dave Griffiths, who has done the job for many years, has sadly had to give it up and we need a replacement from the community in that part of the Parish.

Two more changes are afoot – from this month we will be posting the Thruxton Times onto the village Facebook pages so people can access a soft copy as well as the hand-delivered version. Finally, we will have a new Editor from May – Peter Christie is stepping down from the Parish Council and Heidi Liechti will become the new Editor.

Bob Hodges

I would like to thank all my friends in this village for the overwhelming love and support I have received since my husband Bob Hodges died.

Bob had an amazing life and loved living in Thruxton; after an Army life of constant moving it seemed a such a haven to finish a life of travelling, for me too. Bob was a Trustee for the Memorial Hall and also worked for the Church, managed the Saturday Bonus Ball and loved arranging the Tea Parties and the Remembrance Day lunch. He always wanted to make life better for people.

He had a fitting farewell with friends from his beloved Regiment and also with friends from the village and our wider life. I am staying in the village as it has been our home for many years and to continue to take a part in village life in the future.

Ella Hodges

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Winter Fuel Support

A scheme to provide financial support to pensioners affected by the Government's withdrawal of Winter Fuel Payments as been launched by TVBC. The Council want to make sure that funding is available for those struggling to afford heating and people over the age of 66 who need this additional financial support are urged to contact Citizens Advice (CA). CA will complete an assessment and those that qualify could receive a payment of up to £100.

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From the Fete Team

Following our request in the October edition of the Thruxton Times the Fete Team received 6 bids for funding from fete profits. We are delighted to report that we have agreed to grant 5 of these bids as follows:

- £400 to Steve Counsell for village archives
- £200 to Mrs Alvis at Kimpton School for Play and Stay activities specifically to fund arts and craft materials, sensory toys and musical instruments
- £200 to Kate Christie to re-start Community Teas
- £200 to Kate Christie for materials and equipment for Thruxton Threads
- £200 to Marie Dyke for the purchase of board games and 4 weeks hall hire to set up a new board game group in the village hall.
- The Team has retained £700 for new fete equipment and £2,500 as start-up funds for the 2025 fete, date to be announced in the new year.

Many thanks for your continued support and we look forward to next summer's big event.

Thruxton Fete Team



Thruxton Loves Cake!



A very merry Christmas and a happy New Year from everyone at Thruxton Loves Cake.

We will be closed on Wednesday 25th December and 1st January 2025 but back on Wednesday 8th January 2025 and then each Wednesday thereafter. Come and join us for lots of tea, coffee, cake and chat. A warm welcome awaits everyone.

From the Hall



The Hall Trustees and Committee members would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

We hope you enjoy your festivities and don't forget, if you need a Hall for any of your parties or events, we have a lovely Hall here in the village to hire. Have a look at our website (thruxtonmemorialhall.org) or contact Louise Cushine (07944 746 849) or Gill Odling (07789 145817) to have a look round.

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2025/26 Council Tax

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that there will be no increase in the Thruxton Parish Council precept in your Council Tax bills for the next financial year. After a full discussion at the meeting on 2nd December, it was decided that the Council has strong reserves and has managed to deliver a balanced budget for several years – i.e. our expenditures are in line with our income. As a consequence, we will not increase the amount you pay for the Parish Council.

Hampshire County Cllr. Chris Donnelly stated that the County is likely to increase Council Tax by 3% with a further 2% added to cover social care costs. A final decision on the precise amount will be made in the New Year.

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Thruxton Gardening Club



Garden Club would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy New Year.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 29th January 2025 when Gillian Taylor will be giving a talk on The English Garden: a quest for paradise.

As usual, please contact Louise on 07944 746849 or email louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk if you would like any more information.



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Pete Fletcher

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