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Welcome to all our readers

Thruxton Parish Newsletter - June 2022

Greetings from the Parish Council. We hope you enjoyed the Jubilee weekend and managed to participate in some – if not all – of the events that were arranged in the village to celebrate The Queen's magnificent Platinum Jubilee. Many of us were deeply involved in the celebrations which explains the late production and distribution of this month's newsletter – we hope the delay hasn't dis-orientated you too much!

First and foremost, we must thank everyone who was involved in contributing to the events over the Jubilee holiday weekend. Obviously, to name everyone would take pages and pages – and we'd inevitably miss someone out! So suffice it to say that you know what you did and we are all immensely grateful for the energy, creativity, resilience and selflessness which you have shown over the last 8 or 9 months that it has taken to organise and deliver the different events. Judging by comments I have received and seen on Facebook, everyone who attended an event enjoyed themselves and appreciated all the effort. Thank you!

Many of you will be aware that the planning application to build 26 houses on land off Stanbury Close has been withdrawn. We are very grateful for the huge number of people who submitted comments – overwhelmingly objecting to the proposal – and created such a significant set of hurdles to be overcome that the developer decided to retreat "tae think again" as the Scots put it. We are expecting that there will be another application submitted at some point in the future, so although the battle was won we have not won the war. A small group of residents have kindly volunteered their time to collate all the objections and comments so that our defences are fully prepared for the next application. On the other major application – for 9 self-build houses on land at the end of Lambourne Close – there is no news to report; the date for comments has passed and we await the decision of the Planning team at TVBC. Obviously, we hope that our objections have been taken into account and that the application will be refused, but we can only wait for the process to issue its conclusion. We have been

Dates for the Diary

Wednesdays	Thruxton Loves Cake
24th June	Film Night – West Side Story
29th June	Gardening Club A Spoonful of Herbs
27th July	Parish Council meeting
27th July	Gardening Club Garden Design Work
31st August	Gardening Club AGM and Geranium judging

advised by our TVBC Councillor, Phil Lashbrook, that if the application is approved it will be reviewed at the Northern Area Planning Committee at which we will have the opportunity to voice our concerns. We will keep residents posted on how this develops.

We have been asked by Cllr. Phil Lashbrook to make sure we make our voices heard in the consultation period for the new TVBC Borough Plan later this year. The Plan is in the process of being prepared and will act as a focal point for planning matters for the coming 20 years, so this is the opportunity to influence how TVBC treat rural villages like Thruxton. The next stage of consultation (so-called Regulation 18, Stage 2) will be open later this year (late autumn) and at that time we will be asking you to make your comments and providing links to the Plan. In the meantime, you can learn more at <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/local-development-framework/draft-local-plan-2040>

Southern Water continue their "pathfinder" project to upgrade the sewage system in the area. You will have seen that tankers are frequently working around the village – this is to enable scans to be taken of the sewage pipes to identify where they need repairing and to keep the pipes clear while re-lining takes place. During the coming couple of months, SW will be surveying laterals (the pipes between your house and the main sewage pipe) to identify breaks and cracks where groundwater can get into the system and will be planning to repair these in the

coming months. You should receive a letter from SW regarding this work in the near future.

Please note that the July edition of the newsletter will also be delayed – I am away at the start of July so we will aim to produce the newsletter after the first week of July and distribute over the following weekend.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy the coming month and that we are blessed with fine and warm weather. Thanks for reading - Peter Christie.

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Parish Council meeting – Wed 1st June 2022

As usual, the Parish Council met on the first Wednesday of the month – 1st June – and our key points of discussion were as follows:


- Sadly, Cllr. Leo McDevitt has resigned from the Council due to pressure of work. He has kindly agreed to continue his monthly check of the play equipment on the Sports Field but it does mean we're looking for a replacement Councillor. Anyone interested in applying should contact the Clerk, Heather Bournier (clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com)
- Cllr Munday reported that he's in discussion with County Councillor Chris Donnelly and Hampshire Highways to find ways to improve the speed signage on Thruxton Down Road. Cllr Durant was unable to attend the meeting so her report on speed control measures in the village was deferred to July.
- The Parish Council agreed in principle to support the Memorial Hall by funding the costs of purchasing a new oven. Consideration will need to be given to the source of the funds and a final decision reached in due course.
- The Clerk reported concerns from



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several residents regarding over-flowing waste bins on the Sports Field and at the junction of Amesbury Road and Wiremead Lane. This has been reported to TVBC and the Council will ensure that the bins are fully connected to the stanchions to prevent large bags of waste being placed in the bins or the bins being used for fly tipping.

- The Council reviewed and approved the Planning Group's recommendations not to register any objections for applications for an extension, porch and changes to internal layout at Floral Villa; tree works at 15, Beech Close; and a certificate of lawfulness for a single story extension at 2, Lovell Close.

- Community thanks were noted for Edward Chamberlain for his work on the fence and hedges at the entrance to the Village Green; to Roger Oliver for his on-going work to control weeds on the stream-bank and road verges; to Graham Harris for his work to spruce up the library phone box ahead of the Jubilee weekend; and to everyone who took the time to raise objections to the planning application to build 26 houses on land off Stanbury Close.

Please note the next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Wed. 27th July in the Machin Room of the Memorial Hall.

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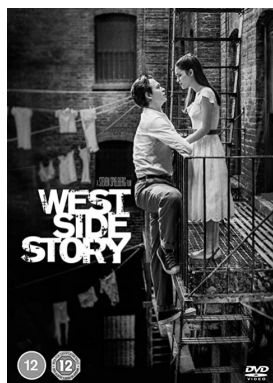
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West Side Story

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Friday 24th June - 7 for 7.30**

This amazing 2022 re-make of the classic movie is certain to thrill. Stephen Sondheim loved it and we hope you do too. A timeless story of Romeo and Juliet with fabulous music



and brilliant and much loved songs, music and dancing. Join us in the Memorial Hall for a showing on the big screen of this award-winning movie.

As always, there will be a bar and interval ices.

Only £6 on the door or though Eventbrite

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Festivities



This last weekend was a triumph of community spirit. On Thursday, together with Fyfield and Kimpton, we lit the beacon and started a full 4

days of festivities to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. There are so many people to thank that this page would be full of names, but The Jubilee Group and Rick Smart hope that we fulfilled our ambition of 'Something for Everyone'.

Thursday night and some 400 descended on the Sports field to bask in the sun, enjoy a musical extravaganza and celebrate. It's fair to say we showed what an incredible community the three villages is. We danced, we sang, we ate, we drank, we mingled and everyone respected the field and left it spotless - epic. Of course, these events don't happen by magic so firstly thank you to Heather and Geoff Bournier for organising the container from Lenham Storage which made a great stage. Dave Smith and Callum Jackman for equipment and help with lifting and shifting. Richard Earp and Keith Edwards who once again worked tirelessly over three whole days, Kyle Gibson and Stephen Drinkwater for loaning us the generators, Sammie Robbins for doing an emergency dash for fuel and Max Bailey and Leo for keeping the power on all night and also to members of the Thruxton Jubilee Group for setting up and running the bar. A huge thank you also to The White Horse for donating a barrel of beer. Thanks to Howard Floyd who set all the lights and sound on the

stage. To everyone who marshalled the car park and the team who helped collect tickets at the gate. Kimpton School for kindly allowing us to use the toilet facilities and everyone else who was part of the team in one way or another.

We were royally entertained by some class acts; Howard Floyd and The Tumbleweeds, Clare Oliver and the super talented Andover Ladies Choir and Mike Venner and Mickey Ace and the Wildcards who had us dancing along till late in the night. Last but by no means least the incredible Sarah Mallock. Her first set was an incredibly moving tribute to her late father and Thruxton legend Ross Mallock and in the second set she had young and old up dancing like their pants were on fire. Our beacon was lit by Thruxton's oldest resident, George Fox. At 102 years young George did us proud.



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On Friday, a valiant few watched the full 3 hour Coronation in the Hall. This was followed by our very own Jubilee Tea Party. There was not much dancing but we sure ate a lot of cake not to mention sandwiches (with no crusts) and 100 of Roger Oliver's very best scones. In the evening, we sang along to Gene Kelly in Singin' in the Rain. Every song was clapped and there was much laughter.

Saturday was the Jubilee Hop. Local band Nokando were brilliant and there was a lot of

HAMPSHIRE'S FAMILY FESTIVAL

is back for 2022 with an incredible fund-raising target for our local NHS hospitals



Good Festival (formerly Hampshire Country & Garden Festival) is returning to its incredible location in the beautiful gardens of Bere Mill on the River Test in Whitchurch, on the 25th and 26th June 2022.

The festival is an annual event organised by The Hampshire Medical Fund, who purchase pioneering medical equipment for Basingstoke, Andover and Winchester NHS hospitals that is not covered by NHS budgets. The charity is aiming sky-high this year, to raise £200,000 for a state of the art machine for interventional radiology, enabling tumour ablations in patients with lung, liver & kidney cancers. The festival begins with a Saturday evening supper and auction and continues into Sunday with an all-day family festival. This family friendly event celebrates good living - with delicious food, exciting attractions, stalls, displays, talks and a delightful dog show. Visitors will have a wonderful time and critically, help to support this incredible cause that will have an impact on cancer treatment in our local NHS hospitals.

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dancing, particularly by Sue and Martin King who put us all to shame with their Twist!.

Sunday was the Big Lunch. About 50 children were signed up and feasted on sandwiches, cake and proper jelly (with mandarin oranges!) made by Pat Counsell who purports never to have made jelly before! Every child was given a memento of the Jubilee and Thruxton; a tin, shaped like the phone box, crammed with goodies. Thankfully, the weather was kind and the Green was filled with families and children alike having enormous fun playing games, running races and tugging the rope. Janet Mitchell and Brenda Jarman gave out some welcome hot tea and some wonderful cake.

Any profit from all of these events will be used to mark the Jubilee in a permanent fashion. The plan is to ask for suggestions as to what we might do and then ask the opinion of all our residents.

The Thruxton Jubilee Group and Rick Smart

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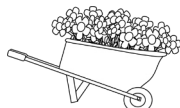
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Thruxton Gardening Club



We meet on the last Wednesday of each month in the Hall and our next meeting is on Wednesday 29th June. Our speaker this month is Lynda Warren and she'll be giving a talk on 'A Spoonful of Herbs'. She will be exploring why we should all be growing our own herbs and how a beginner can get started with little cost and effort. It is going to be a great evening so come along and join us.

All are welcome and for more information please contact Louise Cushine on 07944 746849 or at louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk

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