

# Thruxton Times

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*Welcome to all our readers*

## Thruxton Parish Newsletter - March 2024

A warm welcome to the March edition of the village newsletter. Sadly, the weather continues to protest against the arrival of Spring but we live in hope for warmer and drier days – especially drier days! - ahead.

Despite the inclement weather, there has been plenty of activity in the village, most notably with Southern Water (SW) continuing their planned sealing of the main sewer pipes and drains. Thankfully, this is now complete and the road closures and traffic lights have departed to other villages in the catchment area. Interestingly, the work is having a major impact on the “flow” through the pumping stations that has enabled a significant reduction in the number of tankers in the village, despite continuing high levels of groundwater.

We would also like to draw your attention to the TVBC Draft Local Plan 2040 which is out for public consultation until 2nd April. We have enclosed a leaflet about the Draft Plan with this newsletter and we encourage you to engage with the consultation as it is your chance to have a say on how the area in which we live will develop over the coming 16 years. The Plan lays out where the major house building projects are likely to be sited as well as the development of new employment areas such as the Industrial Estate on the airfield. It's a big document but well worth looking at.

On the subject of planning, we are awaiting the Planning Officer's decision with respect to the application to build 14 affordable houses on land off Stanbury Close. As was reported last month, there were well over 80 individual comments from village residents and we are hopeful that the over-whelming expression of negative

### Dates for the Diary

Every Wednesday	Thruxton Loves Cake 10am-12pm, Memorial Hall
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday, Morning Worship 9am, Thruxton Church
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Gardening Club 7pm, Memorial Hall
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Maundy Thursday, Benefice 6pm, Fyfield Church
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday 9am, Thruxton Church
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Day, Dawn Service 5am, Thruxton Church
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Holy Communion 9am, Thruxton Church

opinion toward the development will have an influence on the final decision.

Finally, we're delighted to announce that the Village Fete is returning. Following a meeting held on 3rd March a team comprising Baz Myers, Sue and Martin King, David White, Pat Fagan, Kate Phillipson, Tricia and Graham Harris has been formed to plan and deliver the event. It will be held on Saturday 17th August and further announcement will appear in due course. Anyone wishing to volunteer their services should contact Baz at bgmassessments@gmail.com

Enjoy the upcoming Easter weekend.

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**

## Thruxton Parish Council Meeting – 4th March 2024

The Parish Council met, as usual on the first Monday of the month, The full minutes will appear on the website and noticeboards in due course but the key points covered in the meeting included:

- A short talk from Simon Bowder regarding the references in TVBC's Draft Local Plan 2040 for development of the airfield Industrial Estate, following which he answered questions from residents.
- A member of the public asked if the Parish Council would remind residents of their responsibility to keep hedges trimmed back from paths and footpaths. Although it is now bird nesting season, residents should endeavour to keep their hedges from restricting paths.
- A tree has been purchased and will be planted on the Village Green in commemoration of contributions to the community of John Davis who died last year.
- Following receipt of contributions from Kimpton and Fyfield Parish Councils, a contract has been signed for the grass cutting on the Sports Field through the remainder of this year.
- The next meeting will be on Monday 8th April (the first Monday being a bank holiday) at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.



### Thruxton Gardening Club

Wednesday March 27th, a date for your diaries. Come along and join us for our Gardener's Question Time. Ted and Keith will be here to answer any gardening questions and give any garden related advice. Everyone is welcome.

For more information please contact Louise Cushine on 07944 746 849 or [louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk)



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### George Fox

Funeral – Thursday 14th March –  
3:00pm

Our oldest resident, George Fox, died recently aged 103 and his funeral is being held at the Church on Thursday 14th March at 3:00pm. The family would welcome anyone from the village who knew George to attend and join them afterwards in the Memorial Hall.

### Pete Fletcher

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**THRUXTON FETE**

Save the Date

17th August

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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!

# AUCTION

## SAVE THE DATE

The Auction/Event date has been changed to 29th June 2024, please amend your diary. The supporters of the Thrupton 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

### 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 Thrupton Times and on Facebook (Thrupton, Fyfield and Kimpton Residents and Thrupton Life groups).

To make a pledge, request an email form from pauline520c@gmail.com

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## Are you interested in the History of Thrupton?

Ann McKenzie, who has spent many years researching Thrupton, the place and the people, has recently given her Archive to the Hall for safe keeping. The Trustees would love to find a small team of people who would be willing to take on the role of keeping, updating and generally managing the archive.

As you can imagine, the various boxes are full of interesting information and images.

Ann has said that she would be willing to run a workshop day on progressing a project, with a view to hopefully finding a small team to become the village archivists!

Please let me know if this might interest you. Hopefully we can get a group together and pick Ann's brains about how to discover the rich past of our village.

Gill Odling 07789145817

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## WANTED – PARISH COUNCILLORS

We are currently 2 people short of our full complement on the Parish Council. We would love to find volunteers willing to give a few hours each month to support your community and help continue to make Thruxton a great place to live. If you're interested please contact Peter Christie at [pchristie@thruptonparishcouncil.com](mailto:pchristie@thruptonparishcouncil.com)

## Thruxton Down Farm - Update

The owner has created a yard for lorries and trailers on an agricultural site without consent. Many residents reported the dangerous entrance and unfortunately there was a fatality on the road outside the site in August 2023. An Enforcement Notice was issued by TVBC Planning during the last week of February 2024 requiring the site to cease storage of vehicles and trailers, close the repair shop and remove the hard standing and bund. The owners have 28 days from the notice to respond either to accept or appeal. The Case Officer believes they will probably appeal. The appeal process is likely to take a number of months as there is a large backlog of appeals in the system. If the appeal is rejected then enforcement will proceed. The owners then will have 4 months to comply. Unfortunately the wheels of justice are slow but at least we have an end in sight.

The Parish Council will keep you informed of progress and keep focussed on unapproved and illegal activity in our Parish.

## From The Hall

It's been a quiet month. We've been learning how the new heating works and it does seem to be able to provide a nice warm space, which is a relief.

Thruxton Loves Cakes on a Wednesday morning continues to thrive as does Thruxton Threads on alternate Tuesday mornings - why not come along and give them a try?

The quiz night was well attended with 7 teams taking part. The worthy winners Lindsay, John, Alison, Simon and two interlopers (Carolyn and Alistair who used to live in the village!) went home with 6 bottles of wine. A good time was had by all. Many thanks to Fitz and George for the excellent questions.

Our yoga instructor has had to cut back due to ill health but excitingly Baz Meyers has taken up the challenge and is trialing a Fitness class on a Tuesday lunchtime. Do come along, you can work to your own pace.

In addition to the Promises Auction at the end of June, to raise money to refurbish the kitchen, we are also planning an Open Day on the 19th May mainly to raise awareness of what a great asset the hall is. Please put the date in your diaries and pop in for a drink and a slice of cake.

Finally please don't hesitate to call me if you'd like to have a look around or discuss an event - I am always happy to show it off and our local resident rate is very reasonable.

Gill Odling  
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