

# Thruxton Times

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*Welcome to all our readers*

## Thruxton Parish Newsletter - September 2023

Hello once again. I hope you've enjoyed the summer break and are enjoying the current spell of warm, sunny weather – isn't it strange that we get these beautiful days just as the holiday season finishes?!

Back in July, we were delighted to be told that TVBC had refused the planning application to build 14 affordable homes on land off Stanbury Close and thank everyone who made objections to this application. The Parish Council fully expect the developer – Orchard Homes – to come back yet again with a revised application and we will remain vigilant to ensure we have the opportunity to assess any revised application against the needs and wishes of the community. We have been advised that it is likely that a revised application will be made in the coming weeks to change the permitted use of the barn on Thruxton Down Road; following the recent fatal accident there, where a motor-cyclist ran into the back of a stationary lorry waiting to enter the site, we remain implacably opposed to anything that would result in more vehicles using this site.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience and forbearance over the past few weeks as Southern Water have been working on the main sewer pipe running through the village. The road closure around The White Horse will end on Friday 8th September and SW will move the focus of their work to Monxton. However, they will be back later this month when they will be working on the sewer beneath Village Street and Stanbury Road. Once the details of timing and impact on roads are known we will put an announcement on Facebook and the Thruxton Village website to let everyone know what is happening and how your travel will be

### Dates for the Diary

Every Wednesday	Thruxton Loves Cake 10am-12pm, Memorial Hall
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Festival
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Holy Communion 9am, Thruxton Church
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Safari Supper 7pm, Thruxton
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Gardening Club 7pm, Memorial Hall

affected.

Some members of the community will be aware that Kimpton, Thruxton and Fyfield Primary School were inspected by Ofsted in late May. The results were released in mid-July and we would like to congratulate the leadership team of the school in being rated "Good" across all categories – very well-earned recognition of the work and dedication of the staff over the past few years.

At long last, the stream has dried up and so the Parish Council is arranging a working party to clear the stream bed alongside the Village Green. This will happen on Sat. 23rd September at 10:00am – if you can spare an hour or two to help please contact Richard Munday at [rmunday@thruxtonparishcouncil.com](mailto:rmunday@thruxtonparishcouncil.com)

In recent months, the Thruxton Loves Cake (TLC) coffee morning each Wednesday in the Memorial Hall has become a popular meeting place for a growing number of people. Huge thanks are due to the people responsible for providing this opportunity to chat with neighbours and friends – Janet Mitchell, Brenda Jarman and Louise Cushine plus

their army of cake-makers. It's well worth a visit!

Sadly, one of the regulars at TLC and long-time resident of Thruxton – Connie Moss – passed away at the beginning of the month. We send our condolences to her family. The flag on the Green was flown at half-mast last Saturday and Sunday and will do so again when her memorial service takes place (date to be advised).

Finally, celebrations to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day are being planned across the country for 6th June 2024. If anyone wishes to organise a commemoration in Thruxton – including lighting the beacon that we acquired for the Queen's 70th Jubilee celebrations – please would you contact me and I can put you in touch with the national organiser.

Thank you – have a good month ahead.

Peter Christie – Thruxton Parish Council

**If there is anything happening in the village that you want to shout about please send your piece to [thruxfontimes@gmail.com](mailto:thruxfontimes@gmail.com)**

### **Parish Council Meeting**

The Parish Council met on the evening of Monday 4th September and covered a wide range of topics. As usual, the full minutes will be posted on the Council notice-boards and the website, but the key items covered included:

- An update from Cllr. Munday on re-wilding various parts of land including part of the Village Green, land close by the sub-station and (possibly) verges of Thruxton Down Road. He also commented that the wildlife survey didn't raise a great deal of interest so attention will turn to assessing the number and type of endangered species that can be seen in the Parish.
- The Parish Council has paid for the installation of a dog waste bin at the entrance to the path that runs off Dauntsey Lane toward Fyfield. Residents had complained about the lack of such a facility and the mess along the path. We hope the bin will help to solve this issue.
- Cllr. Christie gave an update on the Southern Water operations in the village

and the need for road closure around The White Horse. He has been advised that the work will end on 8th September but will return to the village later this month. Further updates will be shared once the plans have been finalised.

- The Clerk reported on the installation of speed warning signs in the village and the data that is now being analysed. If anyone would like to see the data please contact Heather Bournier -

([clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com)). We have data from the sign on Stanbury Road by the Elm Close junction and it shows that the vast majority of people drive past at less than 30mph (average speed around 23mph) apart from a small number of incidents when cars have been measured at speeds of 45mph and one case of 54mph. The data also provides the number of vehicles passing which will be useful information when it comes to looking at the suitability of our road network.

- Cllr. Cotterill has investigated First Aid training and identified a provider who is cheaper than St. John's Ambulance. We will go ahead and arrange a date for the training and notify those people who have asked to be trained.

- The Council had a long discussion regarding the recent fatal accident on Thruxton Down Road and determined that the Chair would write to the Head of Planning at TVBC to enquire about the enforcement of planning regulations on the owner of Thruxton Down Farm and the reduction in the risk of a further serious road accident at this spot.

- HCC Cllr. Donnelly reported that the possible re-organisation of Hampshire CC will not now proceed. He also mentioned the extensive programme of pot-hole repairs that is on-going as well as the County Council's decision to ban the sale of single use vapes.

- Community thanks were noted for the team who provide the TLC coffee morning each Wednesday and to Edward Chamberlain for clearing the stream bed of vegetation in readiness for Hampshire Highways to repair the wall alongside the Village Green.

- The next meeting will be on Monday 2nd October at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

# SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2023

3.30pm, Thruxton Memorial Hall

*"Thruxton 1919 - 1945"*

an illustrated talk given by Revd Ann McKenzie

Displays from the village archives

Refreshments after the talk

No ticket needed, but donations in aid of the Hall and the Church, please.

## Connie Moss

We were saddened to learn of the death of long-time resident Connie Moss. Her friend Jan Lawrence writes:

Connie passed away on Saturday 2nd September.

She first came to Thruxton in the early 70's to work in the Civil Service in Andover. Connie soon became involved in village activities when several people got chatting in the George pub (as it was then) about The Queen's upcoming Silver Jubilee. The group decided to organise a tea party for all the children with a celebration mug and perhaps some games and races - but where could this take place? The Glebe Field gave permission and a successful day was had by all, including the adults who enjoyed a disco in the evening.

When the Village Association was formed, Connie joined the Committee and helped to raise money to purchase the Glebe Field - now our beautiful Village Green - from the Church.

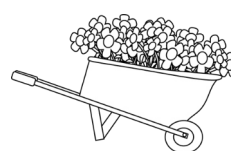
Connie was very active with The Thruxton Players. She was in most of the plays - who remembers Dicky the Plumber? In the annual panto she always played the Fairy, good or bad - when playing the Bad Fairy if she didn't get at least 2 children in tears then she wasn't doing her job!

When our precious Georgian Grade II listed Memorial Hall was in desperate need of expensive renovation, it was decided to apply for a Lottery Grant. Connie was on the Committee at the time and over the following 6 years, many forms were completed until a

Heritage Lottery grant of £500,000 was awarded. In the meantime, Connie "encouraged" many people onto the Committee to arrange builders and to send begging letters for kitchen equipment, chairs, curtains, stage furniture, etc. During this time, Connie became Chair of the Memorial Hall Trustees and, once the Hall was up and running again (some 2 years later), she handed over the Chair with the satisfaction of a job very well done.

Connie "retired" and concentrated upon her beloved cruising - happy times with loads of fun, laughter and those ironing boards.....!

There will be a memorial service in the Church in due course - date to be advised.



## Thruxton Gardening Club

There will be no meeting in September as we have a potential

garden visit but we do have a date for your diaries, October 25th. Rosemary Legrand will be talking about Idyllic Italian Gardens which may just chase away those winter blues. Come and join us.

We are also still looking for a Chair so if you are interested please contact Louise Cushine - Louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk or 07944 746 849.

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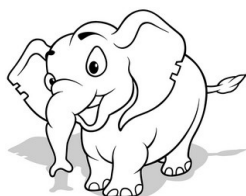
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# Safari Supper

21<sup>st</sup> October

7pm



After five years, Thruxton Memorial Hall are delighted to revive this fun, food-orientated, carousel event. It's an opportunity for singles, couples, cooks and non-cooks to meet with other villagers, and for us all to socialise as a community. We have canapes and a glass of wine in the Hall, walk to a village house for the main course, walk again to another house for dessert, then walk back to the Hall for cheese/biscuits/coffee.

The fun element is that you will have no idea in advance who you will be eating with for mains and desserts, or even where!

All will be revealed on the night.

**SO:**

► Pay nothing - and provide a main course (plus wine) for up to six people in your own home.

► Pay £13 per person - provide either pudding or canapés for six and get dinner cooked for you (you will be serving your canapes in the Hall. If you prefer to provide a pudding, you will be serving this to guests in your own home.)

► Pay £20 per person - all you need to do is turn up, with no cooking or washing up (although we have to ensure we have enough people to cook!)

All profits go to Thruxton Memorial Hall

For a booking form, contact Pat Counsell at Frogis Land, Lambourne Way; phone 01264 773296 or 07787 946016 or email [pat4tennis@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pat4tennis@yahoo.co.uk)

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# REMEMBRANCE DAY LUNCH

You are invited to join us for this annual event in aid of the Royal British Legion and Thruxton Memorial Hall

SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 12TH  
2023

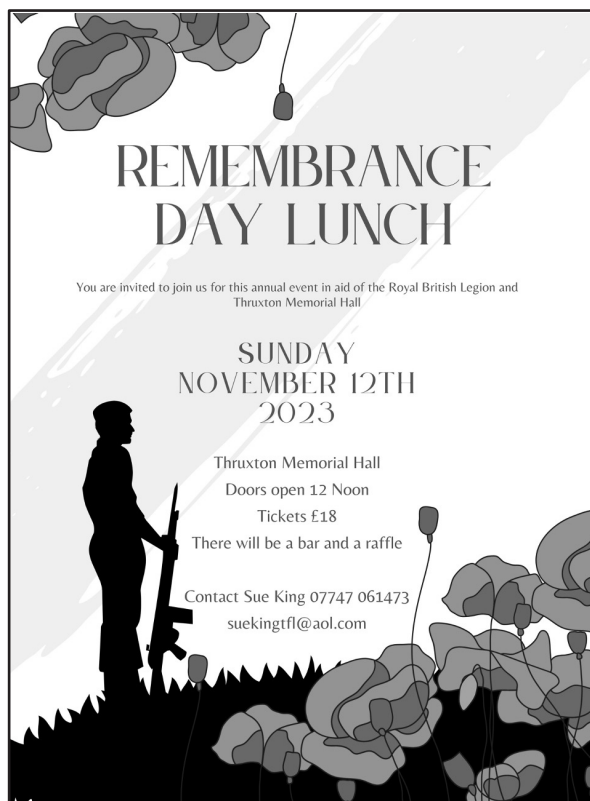
Thruxton Memorial Hall

Doors open 12 Noon

Tickets £18

There will be a bar and a raffle

Contact Sue King 07747 061473  
[suekingtfl@aol.com](mailto:suekingtfl@aol.com)



# Harvest Festival

24<sup>th</sup> September



Donations of tins and packets will be most gratefully accepted and will be taken to the Foodbank afterwards. If you are unable to attend the service but would like to donate food items (no fresh foods please) you can leave them in the Foodbank box in the church.



## Thrupton Community Tea Club

Thrupton Community Tea Club was started with Bob Hodges and John Davis thinking it would be good idea for Villagers to get together periodically for tea and a talk. So, with a bevy of willing enthusiastic ladies and a lovely load of delicious sandwiches and homemade cakes, the Tea Club was formed and met each quarter, interspersed with an annual fish and chip lunch. We had many interesting talks including one by Ann McKenzie on the history of Thrupton; Rosebourne generously sponsored a strawberries and cream tea party; Connie and Jan ran a small raffle - everyone loves a flutter don't they? However, Covid shut us down and sadly time and age have overtaken us, making it impossible for the team to start again. The Wednesday Coffee morning in the Hall each week is very popular for villagers to carry on meeting. John Davis passed on a scrupulously managed fund accumulated by the Club and with this we have purchased an 8-seater picnic table and a Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Bench. These are on the Green now and I hope that they will be enjoyed by all who use them. There was a small surplus which has been donated to the Village Hall.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Tea Club.

Ella Hodges

### Pete Fletcher

Specialist in lime wall construction and repair

References from many Thrupton residents on request

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## Church Bazaar

18<sup>th</sup> November



Tables available to book to sell your own craft items. Limited tables available, please contact Christine to book.

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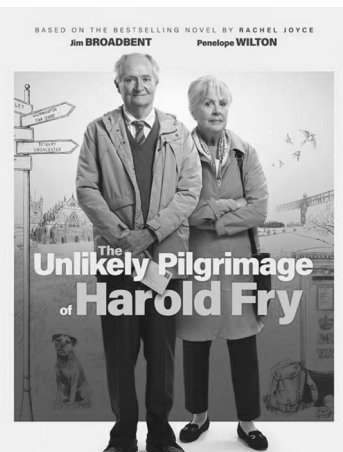
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## CAN YOU KNIT OR CROCHET?

The Hall is planning for Remembrance Day and want some extra poppies for display. We can supply an easy pattern and wool - what we need is your help. Please call Kate on 07736 804 445 for more information.



## Thrupton Memorial Hall are delighted to present The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry



Starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton, based on the book by Rachel Joyce

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

September

Doors open 7pm for a 7.30pm showing

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## From Thruxton Memorial Hall

Thruxton Open Gardens day on the 23rd July was enjoyed by

people and did add valuable funds to the Hall and the Gardening Club coffers. Thanks to all who took part. We were encouraged by the response and plan to do another next year. Sadly the produce show had to be cancelled as we had so few entries. We will try again next year but perhaps at a later date.

The committee is planning a safari supper in October, always a popular affair. If you are new to the village it involves moving around the village for different meal courses. After a little wine walking around the village in the dark trying to find a house you may not have been to before can be a bit of adventure! Details elsewhere in this edition.

You will also find an invitation to the Remembrance Lunch on the 12th November.

Margaret Davis who has been a member of the committee longer than any of us can remember has stepped down. We cannot thank her enough for her support over the years and are hoping that we can say a proper thank you at the Remembrance lunch.

We are always looking for new members to join the committee so if you feel you could help even in a small way please chat to one of the committee members.

The maintenance of the Hall is the Trustees' primary aim. During the summer the external woodwork has been decorated and the Gutters cleaned and inspected for leaks. Next year we aim to decorate/ update the toilets and Kitchen.

Thruxton Loves Cake has continued throughout the summer and we are all extremely grateful to Janet, Brenda and Louise for their amazing efforts.

The cinema is back at the end of this month. This month we are showing "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry". I really enjoyed the book so am looking forward to the film.

Don't forget that regular users of the hall, Gardening Club, Yoga, Thruxton Threads would all welcome you.

If you have a party coming up please do consider the Hall. It really is a very beautiful, well equipped, versatile space.

Gill Odling. Chair of Trustees

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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