
THRUXTON TIMES

October 2025

From the Editor

Welcome to the October issue of the Thruxton parish newsletter. The last month has seen the onset of autumn and the first heavy rains. The Pilhill stream remains dry and now would be an ideal time to carry out the repairs to the damaged roadside bank by the green.

On the green side, the bank has partially collapsed and further exposed some unknown cables. We are still awaiting Hampshire Highways to undertake repairs after three years of chasing although we are told it is progressing. We have been engaging with TVBC along with a group of residents and identified addressing multiple issues around the stream as an area to focus on as part of a community engagement initiative. More on that in the coming months.

Along with the Jubilee committee's new entrance to the green project and the phone box/library refurbishment, we hope to secure and improve this public space for all to enjoy in the decades to come.

Last week, I accompanied a TVBC safety inspector to look at the play area on the Sports field. He identified the uncommissioned see-saw and the brick climbing structure outside the fenced area as safety risks. A parent spoke to us stating particular concern about the brick wall, having seen incidents there. A young parishioner also approached us to lobby for more swings, a future leader in the making !

We listened, and have agreed to take action to make equipment safe and look to fund improvements.

Diary Dates

15 October Macmillan Coffee morning
10am - 12 noon TMH

25 October Sit & Sew Saturday 10am - 4pm

29 October Gardening Club 7.30pm
Machin room, TMH

Thruxton Memorial Hall - every week

Mondays - Board Game Group 2pm - 4pm

Wednesdays - Thruxton Loves Cake (TLC)
10am to midday

Thruxton Church

Services at St Peter & St Paul

26 October 9am Morning Worship

2 November 9am Holy Communion

3 pm Benefice - All Souls' service -
'Time to Remember', Kimpton

9 November 10.50am Remembrance

New housing in the area continues to be a controversial topic. Two new planning applications for twenty and fifteen houses along Dauntsey Lane have been submitted. These were discussed at our meeting and the Parish Council will submit our comments before the deadline of 16th October.

As always, we encourage residents to submit comments to TVBC Planning as these are a statutory consideration for any planning decision. These can be emailed to planning@testvalley.gov.uk.

The Application references are
25/02226/OUTN, 20 houses on the
Western Side

25/02233/OUTN, 15 houses on the
eastern side.

From the Editor, cont

Lastly, I am sad to say that councillor Suzie Cotterill has tendered her resignation from the Parish Council.

Suzie, who is moving out of the area, has been a valuable member of the team with her legal knowledge and proactive work around green spaces and the fete committee.

We wish her well in her future endeavours. This makes the council two positions short from a full complement of seven. I ask again for parishioners to seriously consider coming forward to apply for a post on the council. I am happy to chat to anyone and explain our work and the parish councillor role.

Email rmunday@thruxtonparishcouncil.com

Parish Council October Meeting

The Parish Council met on Monday 6th October 2025 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. There was a large attendance by the public - standing room only! As usual full minutes will appear on Parish Notice Boards and the website but key issues discussed included:

- Hampshire Cllr Lashbrook was in attendance and stated that in response to the 2042 Draft Local Plan, the council had submitted Option 1 to the government, for re-organisation into a new Unitary Authority, which would combine TVBC with East Hampshire/Winchester and the New Forest as one Authority.

Cllr Lashbrook said Option 1 was considered a better fit for the residents in these rural areas, rather than combining with Southampton and Eastleigh.

- Mirrors on Halcyon Drive – hedges are encroaching on these. Cllr Earp will follow this up.

- Collapse of the bank of the brook by the village green exposing cables. There was much discussion as to who would take the lead on getting this repaired as it involves various agencies. The chairman said he will action further with the authorities
- Two outline planning proposals have been received by TVBC to build 15 and 20 new houses either side of Dauntsey Lane, filling in the green spaces. There was a lengthy discussion on this and how it will affect current residents. Cllr Lashbrook urged residents to submit comments collectively with their objections. The Parish Council (PC) will be objecting to both of these plans.
- A member of the public asked what the PC would do about the regular flooding that occurs on Dauntsey Lane. Responsibility lies with Hampshire Highways. PC will follow up on this.
- Trees – Cllr Cotterill and the Clerk had met with Darren Smith, Arboricultural Officer, Planning Services, TVBC, regarding the state of the trees on the village green, which are the responsibility of the parish council. He recommended that the parish has a full Arboreal Cultural Survey done – plotting every tree, to assess them and advise on how best they can be managed going forward.
- Play Area – Cllr Odling provided a report on management of the Play Area, and in particular the safety of the existing equipment. At the moment the Seesaw has been disabled pending either removal or more safety features being added. Further discussions are needed on how the PC can resolve the ongoing problems of maintenance of the play area.

Parish Council October Meeting, cont.

- A new notice board at the top of Stanbury Road has been ordered. As well, a new door for the telephone box library was approved. It was suggested that Thruxton Memorial Hall could be used whilst the box is being repaired. Cllr Odling will ask the Hall trustees.
- Thruxton Planning Forum Group – a member of the public raised a query as to whether this should stay as an informal group rather than a formal sub-committee as it would change the nature of what they do – to just advise the council and therefore not subject to attendance by public and press. Further information is being sought.
- The A342 group asked the PC if the Hall could be available for use occasionally for their meetings and whether the council would cover the costs of hire. This was agreed.
- Applications for funds from the Fete Committee to be put forward to the Fete committee first and then submitted to council.
- Cllr Munday thanked Cllr Cotterill for her time on the council and presented her with a card and gift voucher.

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Parish Council Meeting November

The next meeting will be on Monday, 3rd November **at 7pm** in the Machin Room, Thruxton Memorial Hall.



SUPPER CLUB

Thursday 16th October 2025

'THE HAMPSHIRE TABLE'

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Friday 31st October 2025

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From the Hall...

We are holding our breath to see if our application for a grant from TVBC to refurbish the kitchen has been successful.

Thank you to everyone who signed our community support forms and to those who trod the streets to collect the signatures! We are seeing an increase in the number of bookings for the Hall which is very encouraging as we see the Hall take its rightful place at the centre of our community.

Booking the Hall could not be easier, just go to our website and check out the availability in the 'Book Here' section – fill in your details and we'll get back to you usually within a day or so.

Also, check out the website to find out what is happening in the hall and the range of activities that are open to you. And if you're planning a wedding, do consider us, the Hall is a beautiful backdrop for a really special day and has all the facilities you could possibly want.



Thruxton Loves Cake! **Every Wednesday morning** **10.00 - 12.00**

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

Come along and enjoy a warm welcome, lots of tea, coffee, cakes and chat! We also have books and puzzles available to borrow.



Gardening Club



Wednesday, 29th October - a date for your diaries! 7pm for 7.30pm in the Machin room in Thruxton Memorial Hall. We will be having a talk about Sweet Peas by Darren Everest, who is an award-winning expert in this field. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us. For more information, please contact Louise on 07944 746849 or email louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk



Board Game Group **Every Monday afternoon** **2.00pm - 4.00pm**

We are a very relaxed, friendly group. If you don't know how to play we would love to teach you or you may like to bring your own game and teach us. It's not about the playing but the company and chat over a nice cuppa. All very welcome.



Sit & Sew Saturday Only £10 for the day Thruxton Memorial Hall **Saturday 25 October 10 - 4.00**

Bring along any sewing project you like.

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Friday 31 October

Thruxton Memorial Hall

7.00pm

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From Covid to Coronation

Friday 14 November 7pm

An evening with

Sir Christopher Ghika

In Thruxton Memorial Hall

Head of the Household Division (2019 -2023), Sir Christopher was responsible for The funerals of both Prince Philip and Queen Elizabeth II, he also oversaw the Queen's Jubilee celebration and the Coronation of King Charles III.

We are delighted that he has agreed to share his experiences of these momentous occasions with us, for what will surely be a unique opportunity to hear how to organise 4 of the most watched events in our lifetimes. Tickets are on sale now through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com/d/united-kingdom--hampshire/sir-christopher-ghika/>

Or find the link on the Thruxton Life facebook page.

£25 will include your first drink at our well-stocked bar and the delicious canapés that will be on offer at the drinks reception. There will also be a raffle with amazing prizes. The money raised will add to the funds for a new gate for the village green with a contribution to a military charity of Sir Christopher's choosing.



November 5th is Guy Fawkes Night

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