

Thruxton Times

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Welcome to all our readers

Thruxton Parish Newsletter - October 2024

Welcome to this month's edition of the Thruxton Times – and welcome to a rather damp autumn! With almost 3 times the average monthly rainfall arriving during September, it's no surprise that the Pilhill Brook is flowing freely so early in the season – not to mention the return of the puddles along Village Street. These have been reported to Hampshire Highways (again!) and we await their action.....but please don't hold your breath.

Given the time of year, work has been done to clear the stream alongside the Village Green and our thanks go out to the team of volunteers who helped – Richard and Dee Thorpe, Sue King, Edward Chamberlain, Louise and David Cushine, Richard Earp, Judy Fowler, Keith Edwards and Ray Welsh. Thanks too to Richard Munday for organising and marshalling the volunteer group. For those of you living alongside the Brook, please remember your "riparian" responsibilities to keep the stream clear and flowing as the summer vegetation dies back.

We have been approached by Foreman Homes, a property developer, who will be submitting a planning application to build houses on the field at the end of Lambourne Way (Jason's Field). They will present their plans to the community at the next Parish Council meeting – Mon. 4th November at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend to hear about their plans and to ask questions; we plan to allow a 10 minute presentation with 20 to 30 minutes for questions and the item will be at the top of the agenda so will be completed by 8:15pm at the latest.

The Parish Council continue to work toward addressing the issue of speeding through the community. We want to create a team to be trained in a

Dates for the Diary

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| Every Wednesday | Thruxton Loves Cake 10am-12pm, Memorial Hall |
| 19 th October | Thruxton Archive 10am-3pm, Memorial Hall |
| 23 rd October | Macmillan Coffee Morning 10am-12pm, Memorial Hall |
| 30 th October | Gardening Club 7pm, Memorial Hall |
| 2 nd November | Rocking Bandits 7.30pm, Memorial Hall |
| 10 th November | Remembrance Lunch 12.15pm, Memorial Hall |

Community Speed Watch initiative and already have 4 volunteers – but we need more. If you're able to help out please contact Cllr. Susie Cotterill on scotterill@thruxtonparishcouncil.com.

Still on the question of traffic, we will be meeting with Hampshire Cllr. Chris Donnelly to investigate the process for reducing the speed limit through the village to 20mph. In the recent Housing Needs Survey we included a question to establish whether such a move would be supported in the community and 62% of respondents were in favour so we are now going to investigate the process and costs associated with making this change. The other good news is that Hampshire Highways are willing to discuss installing road-width controls to limit the ability of large HGV lorries to enter the village; again, we will discuss this further and keep you informed.

As previously announced, our long-serving (suffering?) Clerk, Heather Bournier, left her role at the end of September and we welcome her

replacement Wendy Turkington. Wendy can be contacted at clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com.

One of the jobs that Heather used to do was issue keys for the dog-walking field across the road from the school. This role has now been taken on by myself so if you need a key to access the field please contact me on 07783 000753.

That's all from me – have a good October and stay fit and well.

Peter Christie – on behalf of Thruxton Parish Council.

Parish Council Meeting – Mon. 7th Oct 2024

The Parish Council met on Monday 7th October in the Memorial Hall. As usual, full minutes will appear on Notice Boards and the website but key issues included:

- We are pleased to welcome the new Clerk, Wendy Turkington, who brings a wealth of business experience to the role. Heather Bournier, our retiring clerk, has kindly agreed to assist Wendy (when needed) in getting up to speed with the many duties of the clerk role.
- The purchasing of laurel trellis screening for the electricity sub-station in Lambourne was agreed, to be financed by a resident with a contribution from the Parish Council.
- The high recent rainfall was discussed with several impacts including groundwater levels at double the average, the brook flowing a month or more earlier than normal and the road flooding at the east end of Village Street due to a blocked drainage pipe. This has been reported to Highways and escalated via HCC Cllr Donnelly.
- The annual brook clearance at the village green was carried out on the 15th September and 5th October. Many thanks to the volunteers for their sterling efforts – community thanks to all volunteers are noted in the introduction. Sincere apologies if we missed anyone.
- The damaged brook retaining wall next to the green has been surveyed by Highways. A reinforced solution will be required and plans are being prepared. Consideration will be given to stopping large HGVs using this part of the road. A bollard by the phone box which emergency vehicles could unlock is suggested as the best way to achieve

this.

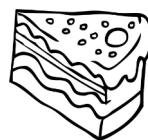
- The Parish archive previously curated by the church has been returned to the Parish. A workshop has been arranged for 19th October in the Hall to showcase the contents. A permanent location to safely store the archive is under consideration. Fundraising ideas to pay for storage including sale of albums of old photos were raised.

- The aerodrome had recently hosted an aerial acrobatic display. There was a mixed reaction from locals and apologies from the owner for not giving advance notice. This will be discussed when the Thruxton and District Protection Society meets this month with representatives from the local area and circuit/aerodrome.

- Foreman Homes have requested an opportunity to present their plans to apply for new houses to be built on the field at the end of Lambourne Way. It has been agreed that they give a short presentation and take questions at the November Parish Council meeting. Parishioners are encouraged to attend.

- The Thruxton Down Farm HGV yard enforcement order has been confirmed to return the site to its original state but this will be subject to the outcome of the fresh retrospective planning application. TVBC Planning has not yet determined the outcome of the latest application as key reports, including from Highways, have not yet been submitted.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 4th November 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall.



Thruxton Loves Cake will be hosting a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Come along for a cup of coffee or tea, some cake and lots of chat. We would love to see you there!

If anyone would be willing to make a cake or donate a raffle prize that would be fabulous, please let Brenda or Louise know.

Many thanks from TLC



Can You Help Please?

The Trustees of the Village Hall are looking for a volunteer to assist with Hall Bookings.

The role can be carried out from home without attending Trustee meetings and involves sending invoices on receipt of a completed booking enquiry form, receipts for monies received and reminders for overdue payments using an app.

Based on previous years, it is envisaged you might dealing with around 15 invoices a month which should take a maximum of three hours a week.

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From the Hall

It's been a quiet month for the hall, but there are a few things on the horizon that need a mention.



On the 19th October the newly formed Thruxton Village Archive Group would welcome your input or interest at their Workshop and Display, It will be an opportunity to see some of the documents they have and perhaps add to the information they hold about the history, the people and the buildings in the village.

The Cinema is back. At the end of September we shared a few gasps of horror and a few giggles watching Wicked Little Lies.

The Rocking Bandits are coming. We all had such a good time last year! You can book tickets with Richard Earp or Gill Odling and pay bacs or cash. Sat 2nd November

If that's not up your street come and be sociable by attending the Remembrance Lunch on the 10th November, especially if you are new to the village, its a good way to get to know people.

Book this with Sally Haines by emailing for a form.
sally@albemarletraining.com

Thruxton Threads continue to hold their thriving sewing group every other Tuesday and Baz has now introduced an evening session of Fitness on a Monday night in case you can't get to the Thursday lunchtime sessions. Gardening Club continue to meet on the last Wednesday of the month with some excellent speakers coming up

Lastly I must mention Thruxton Loves Cake every Wednesday morning and thank the wonderful villagers who organise it and those who attend and make it so successful.

As always if you would like to know anything about the hall or have a look around, give me a call on 07789 145817

Gill Odling

MESSAGE FROM THE FETE TEAM - INVITING PROJECT BIDS

Thruxton Village Fete was held for the first time in five years on Saturday 17th August 2024. Leaving it until August had given the new team time to plan but also avoided other local fetes (and ensured that the team were all available!). Despite being in the middle of the school holidays and August weather being notoriously iffy we had the most stunning English summer day. Andover Van Hire had kindly donated a van for our use for the weekend which made the transfer of kit to the Green so much easier. Whilst setting up started so did the lawn mowing! A brilliant team helped to get the grass short enough for the arena to take shape, with youngsters involved as well raking up the grass cuttings. What a team to start the day! By lunchtime everything was in place and at 2pm the gates opened to more people than we could ever have imagined. It was wonderful to see so many people walking through Thruxton to join us. We collected generous donations at the gate and the bottle stall just inside did such a roaring trade that it was sold out within the first hour. Children enjoyed rides on the small steam tractors, whose smell and sounds they could hear as they approached the Green, run by Roberts Butchers. There were lots of activities: skittles, coconut shy, china smashing, hang tough, splat the rat, face painting, crafts with the church, 'Nearly New', petting the alpacas and much more. Tea and cake, a very popular bar and delicious barbecue were also on offer. Inside the arena a fun dog show took place judged by Margaret Rome followed by children's races and a tug-of-war. The band played and the raffle was drawn. What a day. The fete ended at 5pm and by 8pm everything had been stowed away by the team and its very generous helpers. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to such a successful day: grass cutting, raking, selling, organising games, setting up, clearing up, lifting, serving tea, making cakes, pouring drinks, cooking the BBQ, selling raffle tickets, etc etc etc.

We are delighted to announce that this year's fete raised an impressive total of £6,200, with a profit of £4,500. The team has decided to retain a portion of this for new fete equipment and a cash float for next year's event. The remaining funds will be allocated to benefit the Parish, and we are now inviting bids for specific projects.

If you would like to apply for funding, please send your bid to Pat Fagan at fagan.patrick@yahoo.com by 31st October. Bids should include:

- The amount requested
- Details of the project
- Contact information for the person in charge

Please note that we will not consider bids from commercial ventures. However, if you are planning to establish a new enterprise or club in the village for the benefit of those living here, your bid will be considered, especially if you plan to use the Memorial Hall.

We look forward to hearing from you and supporting any projects that will benefit our community.

The Fete Team

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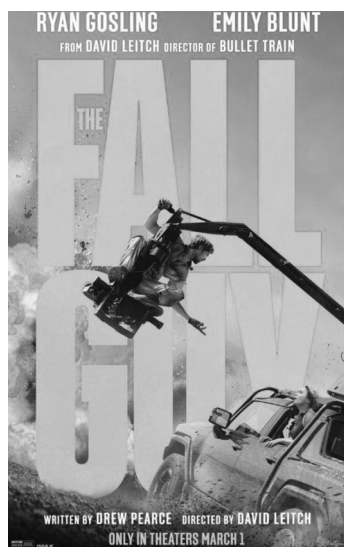
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Friday 25th October

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Thruxton Loves Cake

Wednesday 23rd October

Thruxton Memorial Hall

10am to 12 noon

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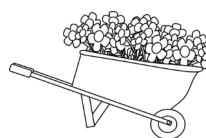
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Thruxton Gardening Club



**Wednesday 30th
October, come and join
us for a talk from Mark
Porter on 'From Vine
to Wine' plus some
wine tasting**

**afterwards. What could be better on
an October evening??**

For more details contact Louise
Cushine on 07944 746 849 or email
louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk

Upcoming Fundraisers

The Countess of Brecknock Hospice are holding 2 fund-raising events in the run-up to Christmas. On 16th November between 10:00am and 3:00pm at the Hospice there will be a Christmas Craft Fair with craft and gift stalls, Santa's Grotto, refreshments and a raffle. Entry is free.

On Thursday 5th December at 6:30pm there will be a special service of Light up a Life at Andover Community Church for all those who wish to remember someone special as we approach Christmas. You will need to book a seat at cob.org.uk/events/light-up-a-life-2024

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

Bonus Ball, Thruxton Memorial Hall

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Upcoming Church Services

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| 27 th Oct | Morning Worship 9am, Thruxton Church |
| 2 nd Nov | All Soul's 6pm, Thruxton Church |
| 3 rd Nov | Holy Communion 9am, Thruxton Church |
| 10 th Nov | Remembrance Service 10.50am, Thruxton Church |



**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

WALK THROUGH TIME IN THRUXTON

Saturday 19th October 2024 10am until 3pm in the Memorial Hall

Come and take a fascinating trip through time in our Parish to see how the Archive is shaping up. Spend as much or as little time with us as you wish. We have maps from 1817, documents from 1843, photographs from the 1920s, family histories, who lived where and much, much more. An entry donation, to help us preserve and build on what we have, will be asked for. The TLC ladies will be there so there will be tea, coffee and cake.

“Ask, not what your Parish can do for you, but what you can do for your Parish.”

Apologies to President J F Kennedy
Can you help us with more? Give us or lend us (to copy) your Parish history items, memories, photographs or other interesting things.

Pete Fletcher

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