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Welcome to all our readers

Thruxton Parish Newsletter - August 2022

Welcome fellow-Thruxtonians! I hope you're enjoying the summer and that you didn't suffer too much from the recent heatwave.

The newsletter opens this month with an apology. As many of you will know, we normally publish in July and then don't have a newsletter in August; this year we didn't publish in July due the delayed Parish Council meeting. I hope the change hasn't disoriented you too much!

Since our last newsletter, we have been informed about the refusal of planning permission to develop 9 self-build houses on land at the end of Lambourne Close. Given the level of objections raised by residents and the Parish Council, it came as little surprise that TVBC refused permission. However, we are acutely aware of the pressure upon local authorities to allow more houses to be built and so we need to remain alert to ensure that any future applications are only put forward for appropriate locations and types of development that are in line with the Neighbourhood Plan and maintain the village and rural essence of Thruxton.

Many residents are concerned about the issue of speeding traffic through the village and on surrounding roads. Hampshire Highways are conducting a consultation exercise to seek the views of residents on a proposal to reduce the speed limit in the village to 20 mph. You can have your say by going to <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transport schemes/20mph-speed-limits-consultation>. The survey takes around 10 minutes to complete.

In the meanwhile, the Parish Council continue to develop their plans for installing speed awareness cameras in the village and we will be discussing our plans at the next Parish Council meeting on 7th September.

As you will probably be aware, Southern Water continue their project to upgrade the resilience of the local sewage infrastructure by ensuring the system is not allowing groundwater to infiltrate the pipes. They are engaged on a programme to repair any cracks in the main sewage pipe running through Thruxton toward Amport and Abbots Ann and are also scanning and repairing the "lateral" pipes that connect each household to the main sewage system.

As you know, the newsletter is one of the ways in which the Parish Council communicates with residents, the others being through the website (www.thruxtonvillage.com) and the Facebook groups. The effectiveness of the newsletter depends on the small group of volunteers who hand deliver to each house across the Parish and we are enormously grateful to each and everyone of them. We are looking for 2 new volunteers to take on the distribution to houses along Stanbury Road; if you're interested in giving a small amount of time each month to do this please contact Tricia Harris at pharris@thruxtonparishcouncil.com. Thank you.

Parish Council Meeting – 27th July 2022

The Parish Council meeting was moved from its normal date of the first Wednesday of the month due to Councillor's holidays and other commitments. IoT will resume its normal pattern in September by meeting on Wednesday 7th September at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

At the July meeting the following items were discussed – full minutes will be published on the Parish Council website and posted to noticeboards in the coming days.

- We discussed the offer from SSE to pay for the re-surfacing of St John's

Lane following the completion of their work on the sub-station and the agreement given by each resident of the Lane to their plan. Contracting of the work will take place once the money has been received from SSE.

- The Parish Council agreed to fund replacement mirrors at the entrance to the car park on the Sports Field. The current mirrors have been damaged in a collision and are no longer effective as a guide to cars exiting the car park.

- Following a request from a resident, it was decided to improve the signage for the defibrillator that is located on the front wall of George House so that people unfamiliar with the village could find the machine more quickly.

- It was noted that the cost of electricity for the street lighting that is paid for by the Parish Council will be increasing. The Clerk noted that the precept had been raised for this financial year to cover the expected increase in costs so this is covered in the current year's budget.

- Cllr. Graham proposed that the Parish Council invest in the creation of a history board for the village to capture and celebrate the long and varied history of the village. The proposal was unanimously supported and Cllr. Graham was asked to initiate research into material that could be included. It was suggested that the most appropriate site might be near the entrance to the village green and the Chair volunteered to identify a resident who might construct the frame.



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- Following the damage to trees planted on the Sports Field several years ago, a resident has approached the Parish Council to ask for funding to replace those that are unlikely to recover. The Clerk was asked to speak with the Trustees of the Sports Field to co-ordinate on the funding and replacement of the trees.

- The Planning Advisory Committee reported that they propose no objection to applications to convert a chalet bungalow on Dauntsey Lane into a 2-storey dwelling nor to an application for tree works at The Old Rectory. A site visit is planned to review an application for work at George Cottage (Grade 2 listed) but it is anticipated that no objection would be recommended in this case too.

- Community thanks were given to Keith Edwards and Ray Welch for their work clearing undergrowth from the pavement along Village Street and to Leo McDevitt for continuing to review the safety of the play equipment on the Sports Field despite no longer being on the Parish Council.

- The next meeting will be on Wed. 7th Sept at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

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Thruxton Gardening Club

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JUBILEE THANK YOU



WINDSOR CASTLE

7th July 2022

Dear Miss Christie,

The Queen wishes me to write and thank you for the letter you sent on behalf of the Thruxton Jubilee Group in which you congratulated Her Majesty on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee.

The Queen was interested to hear about the wide range of activities that took place in Thruxton over the Bank Holiday weekend. Her Majesty was also pleased to receive photographs of the splendid mural, created by Gill Odling and based on the creative ideas of children in two of your local primary schools, which has been unveiled in the village to the delight and pride of your community.

The Queen is most grateful to you for sending Her Majesty details of Thruxton's celebrations in this historic year, and I am to thank you again for your kind good wishes and for writing as you did.

Yours sincerely
Sally Foreman

Lady-in-Waiting

Miss K Christie

There can surely be no-one in the village who has not seen our marvellous Jubilee Mural! We thought that it deserved a wider audience and it was used by the Andover Advertiser as their Facebook cover page over the weekend. Not only that but we were so proud of it that we sent a collection of photos to Her Majesty so that she could see not only the whole piece but also close-ups of some of the details. Earlier this month, we received this wonderful letter from Windsor Castle and thought you would all like to see it.

The whole weekend was a huge success and certainly fulfilled our ambition of 'something for everyone'. We are still awaiting some final money to come in and hopefully will be able to share profit figures in the September issue of Thruxton Times where we will also be asking for your ideas of how to spend it.

So many people worked so hard to put the event together but a special thanks must go to Clipper Tea, Trickers, Lenham Storage, The Shearing family, Edward Chamberlain, The White Horse, Thruxton Race Circuit and Travis Perkins for their sponsorship and support both financial and providing infrastructure

without which much of what took place could not have done so. A massive thank you must also go to all those who had been working on the event since September 2021! Heather Bourner, Stella Chandler, Peter & Kate Christie, Pat Counsell, Keith Edwards, Graham & Tricia Harris, Sally Hayns, Ian Hickman, Joan Jackson, Martin & Sue King, Theresa & Leo McDevitt, Gill & Will Odling, Rick Smart and everyone whose help during the weekend made it such a success. You are all stars and were a great team to work with. Thank you

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Music in the Garden



Thanks to all that came along, those who donated their ticket money because they couldn't come, those who helped, especially Natalie and Graham with the Gazebos and Sally and Stella who did a fantastic job on the bar. We made just over £200 which was wonderful. Half will go to the church and half to the hall.

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