

# Thruxton Times

June 2025

Thruxton Parish Newsletter

## From the Editor

Welcome to this packed June edition of the Parish newsletter. We had a busy month in May, holding the Annual Council Meeting and Annual Parish Assembly; and the Parish Council meeting in June.

I became the Chairman of the Parish Council after Peter Christie stepped down last month. His many years good service is very much appreciated by the community.

The big news this month is the granting of a planning appeal for 14 homes on the land by Stanbury Close, overriding local concerns. The Parish Council had opposed the application particularly on the grounds of road impact and safety. There are however, many significant items to be covered before the developer is allowed to commence building. We are engaging with the developer and Planning to seek to influence and minimise adverse impacts where possible.

On a positive note, we agreed a £5,000 grant to the Memorial Hall towards a replacement kitchen. The Hall is at the heart of the community and an asset for all to use. Please see the back page for all their news.

Lastly, a plea on behalf of the Parish Council. The work of the council contributes to a thriving community. We are a friendly volunteer group who contribute a few hours per month to give a little back, ably supported by our part time clerk. Although we currently have five councillors, we desperately need new councillors to share the load. Please consider putting yourself forward by contacting me in the first instance. If you are thinking "someone should ...." on local issues, please remember you are someone.

Richard Munday, Chair of Parish Council  
[rmunday@thruxtonparishcouncil.com](mailto:rmunday@thruxtonparishcouncil.com)

## Diary Dates

**21 June** Sit & Sew, Thruxton Memorial Hall\*

**27 June** Thruxton Cinema \*  
Bridget Jones 'Mad About the Boy'

**7 July** Parish Council Meeting

**19 July** Music in the Garden  
George House

**20 July** Thruxton Open Gardens

**16 Aug** Thruxton Village Fete

### Regular events - Memorial Hall \*

**Mondays** Board Game Group

**Wednesdays** Thruxton Loves Cake

**\* See the back page for details and times**

## !! PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION !!

### Thanksgiving Service

#### Margaret Milner-Williams

The Thanksgiving Service to celebrate the life of  
Margaret will be held at

**11:00am (NOT 11.30am)**

**Friday 20th June at Romsey Abbey.**

All members of the Thruxton community are  
invited but please let Charles know by early June  
if you plan to attend

[mncharlesmw@hotmail.com](mailto:mncharlesmw@hotmail.com)

## Thruxton Church Services

### St Peter & St Paul

**1 June** 9.00am Holy Communion

**22 June** 9.00am Morning Worship

**29 June** 11.00am -5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month -

**Benefice Service** - Healing service  
with Holy Communion, Appleshaw

**6 July** 9.00am Holy Communion

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## Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Assembly

The Parish Council Annual Meeting and the Parish Annual Assembly were held on Wednesday 12th May, and the Parish Council on 2nd June. Full minutes will appear on Parish Notice Boards and the website but key items included:

- Councillor responsibilities were agreed  
**Cllr Richard Munday - Chairman**  
Planning, newsletter  
**Cllr Will Odling - Vice-Chair**  
Planning, Play area  
**Cllr Suzie Cotterill**  
Green spaces, speed awareness  
**Cllr Heidi Leichti**  
Flooding, Environment  
**Cllr Richard Earp**  
Roads, Footpaths, Speed Signs, Defibrillators  
**Clerk - Wendy Turkington**  
Administration, Finance, newsletter
- Parish Finances are in good shape with no increase in the precept, which is the portion of your council tax that funds the parish council. The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday, 7 July, at 7.30pm, Thruxton Memorial Hall

### ***Guest speakers were invited to the Annual Parish Assembly***

*Test Valley Borough Councillor Phil Lashbrook spoke on Devolution and the planned Unitary Authority. This will replace the borough councils and put a county mayor in place. It is the reason that was given for cancelling county council elections.*

*Cllr Lashbrook advised this will not be implemented until 2028 earliest but is already impacting the council who have to run existing services and plan the changes. For more information, contact Test Valley Borough Council [www.testvalley.gov.uk](http://www.testvalley.gov.uk)*

## ***Annual Parish Assembly, Guest Speakers***

*TVBC Cllr Lashbrook stood in to explain the role of the TVBC Community Engagement Officer, Michelle Penn, who was unable to attend. The main responsibilities for such an officer are to provide a single point of contact for Ward Councillors and to provide a link to partner organisations and community networks. Ms Penn offered to come to a future meeting to speak to residents.*

### ***British Automobile Racing Club (BARC)***

*Ben Taylor, Group CEO, BARC, spoke about its community work with the school and Armed Services, and gave details about some of the scheduled events for the Circuit. New events include the retro weekend over the summer solstice weekend. The circuit owner could not attend the meeting but had reported plans including the rebuilding of the control tower; creating a new eatery and microbrewery; revitalisation of the industrial estate focussed on motor engineering and hopefully aircraft businesses; the planned return of fireworks at the circuit on 1 November and continued use of the dog walking field for Thruxton residents.*

### **Public Participation**

Questions were asked by the public and these are addressed in the draft Minutes, which will be on the parish website and noticeboards.

### **Parish Council Meeting held on 2 June**

Key points from draft Minutes:

- To engage more proactively with Orchard Homes and the Planning Inspectorate over the Stanbury Close proposed development
- To propose the Fete Committee becomes a sub-committee of the council
- To give a £5000 grant towards the refurbishment of the Memorial Hall kitchen
- Further tree work around the green to be assessed and undertaken as required
- Access to Village Green - see p.3
- Proposed 20mph speed limit - see p.3

## Accessibility to the Village Green

The Parish Council is planning to improve the pedestrian entrance to the village green, by easing the slope off the road and replacing the pedestrian gate to assist people with limited mobility.

We are in the very fortunate position that along with Parish funding more monies are available from the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

This means that we can have a lasting tribute to Her Majesty by designing and installing a feature entrance as well as tackling accessibility for all.

**We are seeking a talented designer to offer proposals and any recommendations will be appreciated, with suggestions by 1 July.**

Please send to [clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com) or call Will Odling on 0778 9995777

## Traffic and Pedestrian Safety in Thruxton

The housing needs survey last year included questions on speed control and safety through the village. The responses received were strongly in support of reducing the speed limit and other potential measures.

To take this forward, the Parish Council will need help with the issue and collection of a referendum asking everyone what measures they will support.

**A team of volunteers is needed** to visit each home to make sure we receive the maximum possible response and possibly help with taking it further. This will be in the autumn at the very earliest.

The more volunteers we have the smaller will be the task for each person.

If you are able to help, please drop a note to our Clerk at [clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com) or call Will Odling on 0778 9995777

**This is for your village, so please help us.**

## Thruxton Village Fete Saturday, 16th August 1.30pm - 4.30pm

**BBQ, Pimms, Bar, Cream Teas, Games, Dog Show, Raffle, Children's Races, Tug-of-War, small petting zoo, plus many other attractions.**

**We need:** cakes, bottles, books, nearly-new items, fresh garden produce, chutney, jams and marmalade. If you can help with any of these please bring them along to the Green on the morning of the fete or contact me: Sue 07747 061473 for collection.

*Plus, we need some more help on the gate welcoming people and we need volunteers to man the Nearly New stall. We also need some strong, fit and able help on the morning of the fete to unload equipment, erect gazebos and tables, put up bunting and generally set up for the day. AND we need help at the end of the fete reversing the procedure. If you can offer your time for this on the day we will be so grateful. Just turn up from 9am onwards on the Green.*

**Please help us to make this a memorable fete and encourage family and friends to come along as well.**

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### ***Music in the Garden***

***Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 1pm - 4pm***

*£10 per person*

*Come and picnic in George House Garden*

*This year we are excited to have  
Jackamanda back again!*

*By email:*

*[gill@odling.co.uk](mailto:gill@odling.co.uk) 07789 145817*

*All profits to Thruxton Memorial Hall*

### ***Thruxton Open Gardens***

***Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1pm - 6pm***

*A fund raising event for Thruxton Memorial  
Hall and Gardening Club.*

*To visit, please collect a Map from the  
Memorial Hall and pay the entry fee of £7  
Visit as many gardens as you like. The Hall  
will be open with access to the toilets  
Refreshments and a Plant Stall*

### ***Scarecrow Competition***

*We are launching our Scarecrow  
Competition again, which will coincide with  
the Open Gardens event. Scarecrows need  
to be completed by Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> July and  
straw is available if needed.*

***Free to enter !***

***Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places!***

*Winners announced at Fete on 16<sup>th</sup> August.*

*Call Richard Earp for more details  
on 0745 221378 after 6pm or email  
[rjearp@sky.com](mailto:rjearp@sky.com)*

### ***Hedgehogs in your garden***

Would you like to help the hedgehogs in the Village and encourage them into your garden? Here are a few tips, contributed by Gill Odling.

- Supplementary feeding gives hedgehogs a chance to eat when their usual meal proves difficult to hunt. The best food that you can leave out for hedgehogs is meat-based cat or dog food, (not fish based) or specially made hedgehog food from a wildlife retailer or crushed up cat biscuits. 'Human food' will upset their tummies and make a mess in your garden.
- As hungry as hedgehogs can be, there are a couple of things to avoid giving them. Although they're an insect, mealworms can cause health problems when eaten in large quantities so it's best to avoid them. Also avoid giving out bread as this is low in energy and has no nutritional value.

You could use an upturned storage box with a hole cut in the side for a tunnel, perhaps made from an old ridge tile. The tunnel stops other animals from eating the food. Another common misconception is giving them milk.

Hedgehogs are actually lactose intolerant so putting milk out for them will give them diarrhoea. Instead, consider creating a 'hedgehog hole' at the bottom of your garden fence to allow hedgehogs to move from garden to garden with ease; rewilding parts of your garden by constructing woodpiles and allowing areas to become overgrown. This will provide a natural source of food and shelter for them.

Also, don't clear away natural materials like twigs, dead leaves, feathers and hedge cuttings. If you see a hedgehog out in the day, it is really unusual and probably means it's not very well.

The Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital can give you advice and or take in poorly hedgehogs.

*Tel: 01980 629470*

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## THRUXTON MEMORIAL HALL

*Welcome to a new page of news and events from Thruxton Memorial Hall*

### ***From the Hall....***

*The AGM last month was well attended and thank you to all who came and offered such support and thanks also to the Committee for their hard work over the last year. Clare Oliver officially stood down and much grateful thanks was recorded for all her work in marketing the Hall.*

*We are in the final stages of submitting an application for a grant from TVBC to have the kitchen refurbished. This work is vital if we are to attract events such as weddings and parties whose financial support is needed to maintain the Hall to its current high standards.*

*Fundraising is really important to us and in the coming weeks we are looking forward to both the Open Gardens event and the Music in the Garden afternoon. If you have any ideas for things we might host that would be fun for everyone, please contact Gill Odling at **info@thruxtonmemorialhall.org** and if you are interested in becoming a Trustee for the Hall, Gill would love to hear from you.*

### ***Sit & Sew Saturday***

***Only £10 for the day***

***Saturday 21 June 10am - 4pm***

*Bring along any sewing project you like. Spend the day stitching with a very friendly group of sewers, and maybe start (or finish) that project you've been thinking of for a while!*

*Lunch is bring and share and there is always tea, coffee and cake!!*

***Call Kate for more information  
on 07736 804 445***

### ***Cinema***

The last page in Bridget Jones' diary, **'Mad About the Boy'** is a bittersweet movie about life and grief. Mark Kermode, film critic, said 'I cried like a baby' and that Hugh Grant, 'in the golden age of his career' was hilarious, and Emma Thompson was amazing. So, film goers, maybe bring some tissues but also be prepared for a rollercoaster of laughter as we watch Bridget emerge (once again) from her chrysalis and grab life with new men in her wake.

***Friday June 27th  
7pm for 7.30 pm***

### ***Gardening Club***

***Wednesday, 25th June, 7pm***

*Thruxton Memorial Hall  
You don't have to be an expert  
gardener to come along -  
everyone is welcome!*

*We also have a request, if anyone is able to donate some plants for the Open Gardens plant stall, they will be very gratefully received.*

*Many thanks*

***Please contact***

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