
THRUXTON TIMES

November 2025

From the Editor

Welcome to the November issue of the Thruxton parish newsletter. People may have noticed that there are road closure notification signs on Village street west of Stanbury road. Highways will be carrying out substantial repairs to the sunken roadside bank of the brook, originally caused by damage from a lorry three years ago.

After a lot of chasing from councillors and residents, it finally looks like a lasting repair is in sight. We will also be looking at protection from further damage in the future. Separately the green side bank has partially collapsed into the brook exposing an electrical cable. We have confirmed with BT Openreach that the cable is not a risk and are working with TVBC at a long term solution to the bank with a final objective to see a return of voles in the bank of a healthy chalk stream. This work is part of a wider initiative with TVBC on water related issues in the village. We will keep you updated.

In other news the council submitted objections to the proposed housing developments on Dauntsey Lane. An important point we raised was that there are three separate applications in the immediate area and the importance to look at the combined impact of the applications. This is not always the case with Planning authorities' evaluation of applications.

We will now await the recommendation from the civil servants in the planning department. We expect in due course the applications will be called to the TVBC Planning Committee where our democratically elected councillors decide planning applications.

Diary Dates - Thruxton Memorial Hall

14 November 'From Covid to Coronation'
Sir Christopher Gikha 6.45pm

26 November Gardening Club, 7pm

28 November Film - 'The Salt Path' 7pm

29 November Church Bazaar, 2pm - 4pm

Advance notice - special events

6 December Thruxton Christmas Party 7pm

7 December Andover Ladies Choir 3pm & 6.30pm

19 December The Polar Express 4pm
Christmas film for children

Every week

Mondays Board Game Group 2pm - 4pm

Wednesdays Thruxton Loves Cake (TLC)
10am to midday

Thruxton Church

Services at St Peter & St Paul

9th November 10.50am Remembrance
Sunday service

23rd November 9.00am Morning Worship

30th November 11.00am Benefice
New Dawn service in Fyfield

7th December 9.00am Holy Communion



Church Bazaar

29th November

2pm - 4pm

Thruxton Memorial Hall

Many stalls, refreshments, books, bottles, bric-a-brac, grand draw etc.

Donations will be gratefully accepted for the stalls, good quality bric-a-brac, cakes, books, bottles. Please bring to the hall on the day between 1.00pm and 1.30pm

If you need anything collected, please contact Christine as below

Tables available to hire to sell your own crafts. To book contact Christine on
07933 352855

In aid of St Peter & St Paul Church, Thruxton

From the Editor, cont

The life of a Parish Councillor

If you regularly read the newsletter you will have seen my call outs for new prospective councillors to come forward. I thought it useful to describe my personal experience and to show that the roles are personally fulfilling and not as daunting or onerous as some may imagine.

The role of Parish councillor is voluntary and no prior experience is required. I spent 36 years in IT, starting before the internet was even an idea, before taking early retirement.

I first engaged with our local councillors, apart from buying fete raffle tickets from our former chairman Charles Milner Williams, in opposing the establishment of a travelling showpeople site on Thruxton Down and later a solar farm on Snoddington Down. Both applications were potential blights on this scenic rural area of rare chalk downland. They were rejected after a lot of work from residents and councillors over several years.

The experience made me aware of the broad unseen work of councillors and I decided it was time to give a little time back to the community. The “what's in it for me” aspect is keeping up my cognitive skills in retirement, different from the physical health side I get from gardening and cycling. I spend a few hours a week varying upon issues arising, am always learning new things and meeting new people.

I joined the parish council in January 2022, and have found them a friendly and can do group with different skills committed to helping the local community. Cllr John Davis was a personal inspiration, knowledgeable and committed even through the later stages of his terminal cancer.

To give a flavour of the work, in the last few weeks I found, in a couple of hours using the internet, I was able to navigate to find the owners of the exposed cable in the brook bank and arrange for it to be assessed.

I took a call from a business engaged by the Circuit and directed them to TVBC planning. I set up a meeting with the Three Villages Sportsfield Trust to discuss the play equipment and joined a meeting of the Planning Forum. I also met the clerk and vice-chair to plan the November meeting .

The chairman role was not something I sought out but my experience in business has served me well, employing common sense and usually, a calm approach. I enjoy our council meetings and encourage public participation. I personally feel my role is to represent parishioners' interests.

Like many retirees I meet, I wonder how we ever had time to work given busy lives, but do manage to balance the time I spend on council business with family life. I can wholeheartedly recommend a role on the council for a few years as personally fulfilling and contributing in a few small ways to a prosperous parish.

Please send me an email if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor. I look forward to hearing from you.

email: rmunday@thruxtonparishcouncil.com

Parish Council Meeting November

The parish Council met on Monday 3rd November 2025 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. As usual full minutes will appear on Parish Notice Boards and the website, but key issues discussed included:

Collapse of the bank of the brook by the green exposing cables. A parishioner gave an update. Work has begun on repairing the partially collapsed retaining wall. The road will probably be closed for approximately three weeks. There has also been a partial collapse of the bank of the brook on the village green side exposing cables. These cables belong to BT/Openreach and have been confirmed as armoured and safe. A long term solution to shore up the bank and reburying the cable will be sought.

Parish Council November Meeting, cont.

- The new noticeboard has been received for Stanbury Rd., and Cllrs Munday and Earp will organise installing it.
 - The library books from the telephone box will be available in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday mornings whilst the work is undertaken to replace the door of the phone box, dates to be confirmed.
 - Roads – it was reported that various road signs around the village are damaged or incorrect and that this is being investigated. Cllr Donnelly stated that street signs are the responsibility of TVBC. Mention was made about the HGV restriction signs which do not prevent HGVs leaving the A303 and either going through the village or entering / then attempting to turn around. Cllr Donnelly asked if the parish council could further assess what signs would be best and then he would take this forward with Hampshire Highways. Regarding a move to reduce the speed limit through the village to 20mph, Cllr Odling stated that a referendum would be needed of all villagers to ascertain their wishes and that he hoped that this would be take place early in the New Year.
 - Green Spaces - the parish clerk has asked for quotes for a tree condition survey of the trees on the village green and is awaiting replies.
 - Sports field Play Equipment Area – Cllr Odling provided a paper recommending and a formalised timetable for the return of the management of the equipment to the Three Villages Sportsfield FTrust (TVSFT) by the end of the financial year. This was discussed and passed unanimously. Cllr Munday will confirm the decision with the Trust, including the handover activities and ongoing support from the council. The paper will be put on the council website.
 - Thruxton Planning Forum Group – It has been confirmed it is a parish council prerogative whether sub-committees allow public attendance of meetings. The group has decided to defer any decision to be adopted as a sub-committee.
 - **A Christmas community event** is being planned for 6th December as a way of saying thank you to the village community for all that they have done this year. Cllr Liechti is organising this with ex-councillor Cotterill. There will be a nominal charge for adults and children under 16 will be free. More information on this event will be advertised in various ways locally.
 - A suggestion from a parishioner was that the Agenda for future council meetings could be published more widely on Thruxton Life Facebook page. It is also published on Parish Council Website.
 - Funds for two 'Meet and Greet' events from the trustees of the Memorial Hall have been received and these were approved by the council.
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- Thruxton Parish Council Meeting
December**
- The next meeting will be on Monday,
1st December at 7pm in the
Machin Room,
Thruxton Memorial Hall.
- Members of the public are welcome
to attend**

From Covid to Coronation

Friday 14 November 6.45pm

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 Her Majesty 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 four of the most watched events in our lifetimes.

Tickets are on sale now through Eventbrite at:

<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.

British Automobile Racing Club (BARC)

At a recent meeting of the Thruxton and District Protection Society (TDPS), the provisional timetable for the 2026 race meetings at Thruxton Circuit was agreed with BARC.

Whilst the timetable is subject to some minor amendments before the racing season starts again next Spring, it is unlikely to change significantly.

Residents of Thruxton are eligible for free entry to the circuit on race days. Please contact the BARC office at the circuit for more information - 01264 882200.

2026 Thruxton Race/Test Dates - v4 - 29/09/25

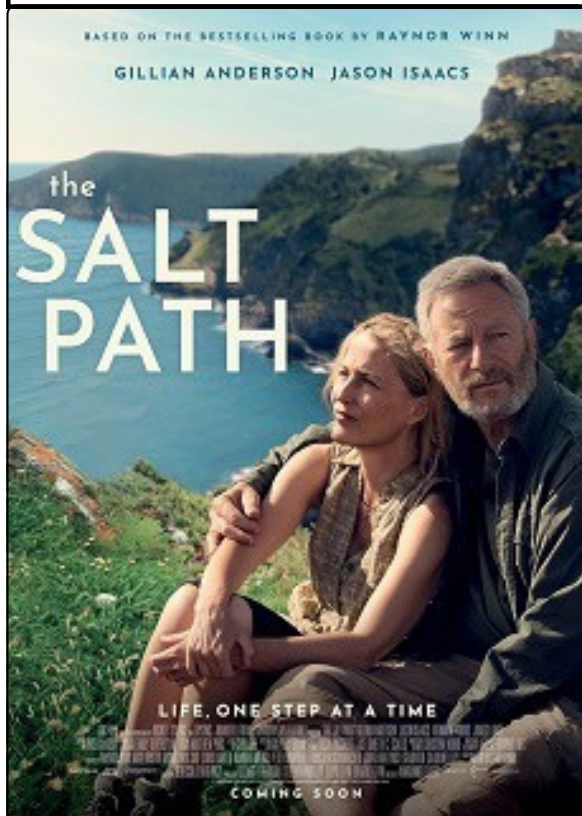
May 16/17	Sat/Sun	Truck meeting
June 6/7	Sat/Sun	Race meeting
w/c June 29	TBC	TOCA Support Test day
July 4/5	Sat/Sun	Thruxton Retro Race Meeting
July 24	Fri	BTCC Test day
July 25/26	Sat/Sun	BTCC Race Meeting
August 14	Fri	BSB Test day
August 15/16	Sat/Sun	BSB Race Meeting
August 20	Thurs	Test day
August 22/23	Sat/Sun	NGRRC Race meeting

Bold = Race Day *Italic = Test Day*

Friday Night is Movie Night!

Friday 28 November
Thruxton Memorial Hall
7.00pm £6

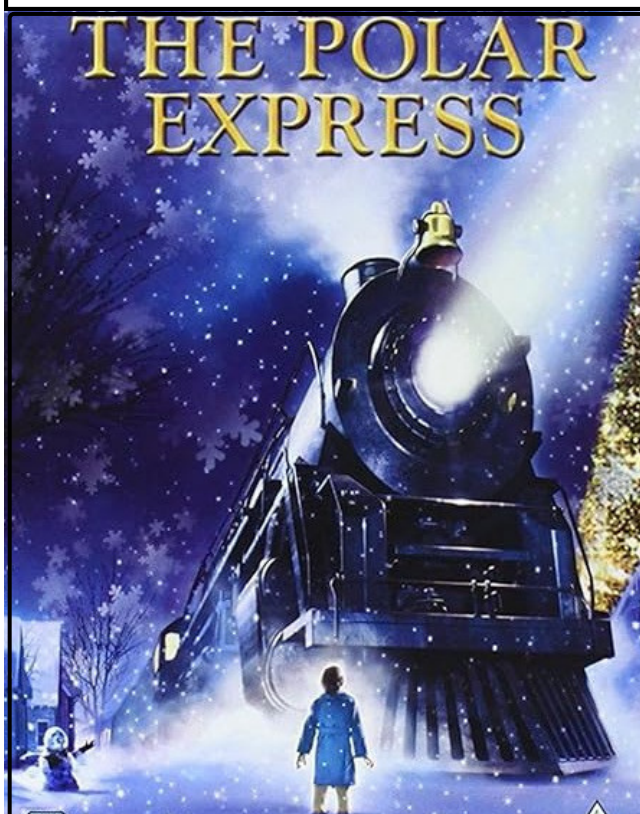
Latterly somewhat controversial, this is the true story of two people, escaping from the world by taking a long walk!.



A special movie for the children

Friday 19 December
Thruxton Memorial Hall
4.00pm

Get in the Christmas Spirit with this much-loved movie. Sponsored by the Fete Committee, this ever popular film will delight children and adults alike. Only £3 per adult with up to 3 children for free. Treats will be plentiful and we are expecting a very special guest!!



For tickets call Kate on
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Christmas is just a few weeks away!
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rehearsal, back in September 2017, and
gave our first concert there in March 2018.
We have returned several times over the
years, raising funds for the hall and the
church, plus other local charities, but have
not performed at the hall since 2022.

We are thrilled to be coming home on
Sunday 7 December, where we will
perform two concerts, at 3pm and 7.30pm.
These will help raise funds for our beautiful
village hall and The Bridge in Andover.
If you fancy hearing us sing, book your
tickets now (see advert above).
Order by 16 November and save £2 a ticket!
Hope to see you there!



From the Hall...

As winter approaches and the weather turns cold and damp, the old lady begins to show her age a bit.

The outside walls have deteriorated over the years and the repointing done in the past (with cement render) is only making the problem worse. It will require quite a lot of work to stop the walls worsening and as a listed building, we have to be so careful when undertaking repairs and improvements. At the moment we are finding it difficult to get builders to come and see the building let alone give us quotes, (if you know anyone who could undertake this work, please let us know).

We know that many residents will feel our pain in this, but the Trustees are determined that we will find someone and keep our Hall looking beautiful.

All the work associated with keeping the Hall well maintained and fit for community use takes a considerable time and right now we are very much in need of people willing to become Trustees to share the load and support the existing body. If you have skills that could be helpful, possibly in applying for grants, IT, marketing and/or fundraising, we'd love to hear from you. Just email Gill on info@thruxtonmemorialhall.org.

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, 26th November

Doors open 7pm for meeting at 7.30pm

This is our last meeting until the new year, so come along and join us for our Christmas Quiz, accompanied with cheese, biscuits and win. Looking forward to see you for some festive fun! As always, 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 13 December 10am - 4.00pm

Bring along any sewing project you like.

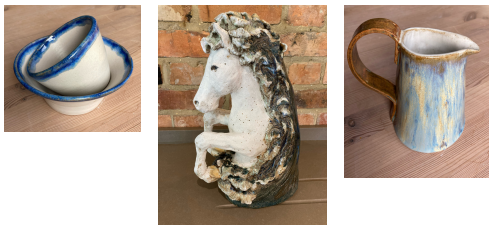
Spend the day stitching with a very friendly group of sewers, and maybe start (or finish) that project you've been thinking of for a while!

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

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