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Happy New Year!

Thruxton Parish Newsletter - January 2022

A very happy new year to all our readers. On behalf of the Parish Council, we hope you enjoyed the Christmas period and managed to celebrate the start of 2022, despite all the concerns associated with the continuing pandemic, and we wish you a peaceful and fulfilling year ahead – but, above all, a healthy one.

As many of you will know, the Parish Council doesn't meet in January – our next meeting will be on Wed. 2nd February in the Machin Room of the Memorial Hall – but we thought it would be useful to produce a newsletter to keep everyone up-to-date with what's going on in Thruxton. In the last newsletter, we reported that our vacancies on the Parish Council had been filled – Leo McDevitt rescinded his resignation and Richard Munday volunteered to be co-opted. Unfortunately we were unable to hold a vote to agree to Leo and Richard becoming Councillors in our December meeting so this will now take place at our February meeting.

The village did itself proud in the run-up to Christmas, presenting a pantomime for the first time for several years and raising funds for needy causes in the process – many thanks and great respect to all the organisers and players who put in many hours in preparation and performing 2 shows on 12th December. Sadly, other events that had been planned before Christmas (Andover Ladies Choir, community carols at the school and a children's film) had to be cancelled due to the significant surge in Covid cases associated with the Omicron variant – something we're still grappling with. Please stay safe and take care.

Dates for the Diary

21st January	Online Murder Mystery
28th January	"The Courier" Film Night Memorial Hall
19th March	Thruxton Rumble Jumble

You will see elsewhere in the newsletter an update on recent planning applications and you may be interested in an update on the pending application for development of the field at the end of Lambourne Way. I understand that a pre-application was submitted to TVBC in October and they have proposed a number of changes to be made to the plans; these are in the process of being worked on by the developer and we expect a formal planning application to be submitted before Easter, at which point the Parish Council will convene a meeting for residents to share their views and opinions on the matter. Also, word on the grapevine is that the possible development of land behind Stanbury Close is still being considered – there has been no official application (or, indeed, any communication) from the developer but there remains a possibility of an application to build houses on this land. The solar farm development at Lains Farm is still progressing – we have been told that their planning application will be submitted later this month.

Plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee continue to develop – see page 4 in the newsletter for an update from the organising team, including details of an online murder mystery event on 21st

January being held to raise funds for the Jubilee weekend.

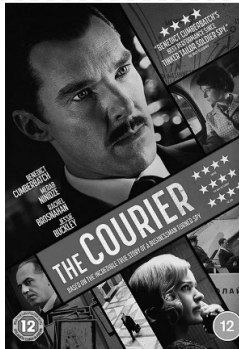
Finally, roadworks at Thruxton Down will continue over the coming 4 (yes, four) months – full details can be found at <https://one.network/?tm=GB124335610> Please note that, between Mon. 24th January and Fri 25th March (9 weeks), the road from the A303 westbound off-slip into Quarley will be closed to through traffic.

Best wishes once again for the year ahead and I look forward to seeing you around the village over the coming weeks and months.

Peter Christie



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Thruxton Memorial Hall
Friday 28 January.
7.00 for 7.30
£6 available through Eventbrite
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/238314925357 or on the door
A gripping thriller that tells the incredible, untold true story of an unsuspecting salesman who becomes a spy during the Cold War in an effort to provide crucial intelligence needed, to avoid a nuclear confrontation and defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis.
Masks must be worn and seating will be spaced appropriately. There will be a bar and ice creams available.

Thruxton Rumble Jumble

Save The Date

Saturday 19th March 2022

Want to get rid of your accumulated stuff in the attic/leftover Xmas presents/grown up children's detritus?

Why not be part of our village-wide jumble sale on your own drive?

Donate £5 as a stall holder, we will do the advertising and you keep the profits for yourself.

Potential "customers" will pay for access to a map showing the sites round the village. Everyone gains! More details to follow – watch this space!!

Pat Counsell

Planning

It's been a very quiet month on the planning front. Although we have had no feedback on our comments concerning an extension to Thruxton Down House, it is expected that TVBC will send out an officer for a site visit before the plans are submitted to the Northern Area Committee.

A comprehensive plan for tree works on the Village Green has been submitted on behalf of the Parish Council covering both safety and maintenance work.

A revised plan for work on an extension to Floral Villa has been submitted and the Parish Council will not raise any objection to the application.

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YOGA CLASS with Paul Hicks

Thruxton

Memorial Hall

Fridays

13.30 TO 14.30hrs

£5 PER SESSION

Paul Hicks is very skilled both in Yoga postures and communicating them to a wide range of practitioners from complete novices to double-jointed contortionists.

As one regular said, "For one full hour a week I leave all my worries and anxieties at the door, and my body benefits so much; little-used joints get moving, but at my own pace and within my own capability." The Hall is spacious with enough room to feel at ease and safe. Bring a Yoga mat if you need one, and the cost is just £5 a session.

Please join us, novice or contortionist, if you would like to be a part of this gentle group adventure in Thruxton.

For more information contact Heather on 07934 828 728 or just come along and meet us all.

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

There's been a **murder** in the Village and YOU could be the one to solve it!



We cannot hold the planned Race Night in aid of our Jubilee fund owing to the uncertainty surrounding restrictions so we have teamed up with a hugely experienced

'detective' agency to solve an hilarious and hair-raising mystery – from the comfort of your own home.

All you need is a laptop or some other fiendish computing device, Zoom (so easy to download and help can be given if necessary), together with some dastardly questions for the suspects in the case. We will have about 90 minutes to find out who dunnit - and have a lot of fun along the way.

We will be in the safe hands of the professionals and no residents will be harmed during the evening. All profits will be added to the coffers of the Thruxton Jubilee Fund. The price will be set at £20 for a household of 2 people and £5 for any extra ~~bodies~~ people taking part. Please join us for what promises to be an evening with a difference with some surprise prizes along the way and a great way to kick start our Jubilee celebrations.

To book your ticket, simply call Kate Christie on 07736 804 445 – and please remember – it's not always the butler – although it might be!!!.....

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Plans are racing ahead for our spectacular weekend of celebrations for the Queens Jubilee. Your generosity for the Christmas raffle has covered many of the costs for the Thursday evening when we will light our official beacon but there is still some way to go if we are to achieve all we have set out to do.

Renewed restrictions surrounding Covid and the uncertainty they have caused has meant that we have decided to postpone our race night in the Hall. Hopefully we will reschedule very soon. Instead we have organised a fun evening in the comfort of your own home and we do hope that you will join us. See page 3 for full details.

To support the tea dance on Friday 3 June, we have been offered the service of two professional dancers to come along and teach the basics. Sorry - not Anton du Bec, but Michel du Healy is confident he can teach even those with 3 left feet to get round the floor in a couple of sessions. Watch this space!!

We want to make this weekend the best ever – so please support us by joining in with the events planned beforehand and on the weekend itself. All funds raised will go to the Thruxton Jubilee Fund and any profits at the end of the weekend of celebrations will go towards a lasting commemoration of the Queen's reign.

St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Thruxton

Services during January will be at 9:30am each Sunday.

On 9th January there will be Morning Worship and on 16th, 23rd and 30th January the service will be Parish Communion.

Christine Barrett

Chris Goode

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Chris Goode, who died peacefully at home on December 28th. Bob Hodges, a close friend of Chris and Tessa, writes:

I have known Chris for 11 years, since he and Tessa moved to Thruxton, and a more friendly and generous man would be hard to find. He had many friends in the village and everyone who knew Chris commented on his generosity, reliability, humour and helpfulness; above all he was excellent company.

Chris joined the Royal Marines aged 18 and served from 1957 to 1974. He had a wide-ranging career with service in UK, Aden, Malta and the Far East. His love of sport was allowed full rein – he represented the Combined Services and the Royal Navy in both rugby and cricket. He was invalided out of the Royal Marines aged 36, due to injured knees. He was awarded an MBE in 1972 for services to Public Relations.

When he and Tessa retired from business in 2000 they moved to France, then moved to Thruxton in 2010, where they quickly settled into the community. He loved his garden, was a keen member of Thruxton Gardening Club and a loyal and generous supporter of Thruxton Loves Cake. He built strong friendships with many village residents.

We send our deepest condolences to Tessa and the family.

SSE work on electricity sub-station

All the main works have been completed although there may be some small jobs to be completed in the coming fortnight. The repairs to St. John's Lane are planned to be completed during February/March but are dependant on the weather.