

# Thruxton Times

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*Welcome to all our readers*

## Thruxton Parish Newsletter - October 2022

Welcome to the October edition of the village newsletter. I hope you find the content interesting and you can keep abreast of what's happening around Thruxton. If you have any suggestions for how we could improve the newsletter, please let me know - politely of course!!

Have a good month - Peter Christie.

### Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 5th October and the key issues discussed included:

- A presentation by Gemma Clinch of Hampshire Countryside Access which supports communities in maintaining and improving their rights of way (footpaths). Gemma explained that grant funding would be available from next April to help communities with their footpaths as well as training volunteers in brush clearance and hedge cutting with associated first aid training! Anyone interested should contact Martin King at mking92039@aol.com

- Cllr. Christie reported on his meeting with Hampshire County Cllr. Donnelly to discuss improving the "no lorry" signs in the village. Cllr. Donnelly has agreed to take up this issue with Hampshire Highways.....watch this space!

- Cllr. Graham reported on her work to maintain Mandy Garden and the seats on the Village Green. Some of the benches need more substantial maintenance and it was agreed that the Clerk would approach someone to assist.

- Cllr. Christie reported on his meeting with residents of St. John's Lane to discuss re-surfacing the road. Cllr. Odling will draft a specification of works which will then be put out to tender with ground-works contractors.

- Cllr. Durant had circulated her recommendations for the purchase of speed warning signs. After a full discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Graham and the Clerk would review the recommended locations and identify a list of 4 - 6 which will be put

### Dates for the Diary

16 <sup>th</sup> October	Holy Communion Thruxton Church, 9.30am
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Baptism Thruxton Church, 12pm
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Film Night, 7pm Memorial Hall
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Thruxton Church, 10.50am
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Quiz Night, 7pm Memorial Hall
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Holy Communion Thruxton Church, 19.30am
27 <sup>th</sup> November	Morning Worship ( Thruxton Church, 12pm
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Mulled wine & mince pies, Gardening Club Christmas quiz Memorial Hall
December	No Gardening Club
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Gardening Club, talk by National Garden Scheme Memorial Hall



### Remembrance Lunch

The annual Remembrance Lunch will take place in the Memorial Hall on Sunday 13 November.

Traditionally, this has always been a curry lunch (although an alternative is offered) with a homemade pudding. This year, the cost will be held at £18 per head and a bar with wine and beer will also be available.

Any profit from the event goes towards the maintenance of the Hall and the money raised in a silent collection is donated to a service charity.

If you would like to join us for this very special occasion, please contact Peter Christie on 07783 000753

to the November meeting; following agreement on the sites the Council will place orders for the materials. A request for volunteers to help locate and maintain the equipment will be placed in the newsletter.

- The Clerk reported on planned work to trees in the village (by the Lambourne Way post-box and by the milestone on Village Street) and also on hedge planting on the Village Green, which will now be done in the Spring.

- The Clerk reported on the closure of the Parish Council's bank account with HSBC and the opening of a new account with Lloyds Bank. This has been done to reduce costs of banking.

- Cllr. Davis reported on Planning matters. An application to demolish a pool house and erect a garage with ancillary accommodation for a house in Dauntsey Lane was approved.

- Community thanks were registered for Leo McDevitt who has been conducting a monthly health and safety check on the play equipment on the Sports Field, despite no longer being a Councillor; he has now resigned from this role and Councillors expressed their thanks for his voluntary work. Thanks were also registered for Richard Thorne for being responsible for the flags that are flown from the flag-pole on the Village Green and, last but by no means least, recognition for the dedicated team of volunteers who distribute the monthly newsletter – Pam Alderson, Pat Counsell, Dave Griffiths, Graham Harris, Helen James, Sue King, Ann Lockwood, Gill Odling, Penny Perkins and Terry Strong. Thank you – we appreciate all that you do.

- The next meeting will be held on Wed. 2nd November at 7:30pm in the Machin Room – all are welcome.



## Chimney Sweep

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**BIG QUIZZ NIGHT**  
Nov 18th 7pm  
THRUXTON MEMORIAL HALL

Bar and icecreams

Pizza included £10

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### Speed Warning Signs

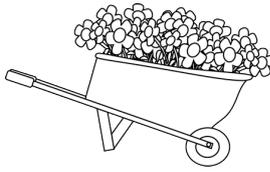
As reported in the Parish Council Meeting notes, we are planning to purchase 2 speed warning signs to be located around the village. We need volunteers to help with this project – to fix the signs on the poles, move them to different poles every month and to collect the data for analysis (also monthly). If you are interested and think you can help please contact Heather Bourner – [clerk@thruptonparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@thruptonparishcouncil.com)

### Pete Fletcher

Specialist in lime wall construction and repair  
References from many Thrupton residents on request  
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If there is anything happening in the village that you want to shout about please send your piece to [thruptontimes@gmail.com](mailto:thruptontimes@gmail.com)

## Thruyton Gardening Club



Unfortunately our planned garden visit in September was called off by the host as the garden wasn't up to a showing standard. This was a disappointment but understandable when you looked round and saw how our gardens had fared in the summer months.

Our next meeting will be 26th October when we will have a speaker from Featherstone's English Flower Company. This is a sustainable flower farm and florist, growing a wonderful range of seasonal British flowers and foliage in a three-acre field in the rolling Hampshire hills, using environmentally friendly farming practices and they will be talking about their business and how it started etc. Everyone is welcome to come along.

As previously reported, our chairman stepped down and we are now asking for anyone interested in taking on this role to please contact me.

Louise Cushine 07944 746 849.

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The Jubilee Group are thrilled to announce that the accounts for the Jubilee weekend have at last been finalised and that the profit for the weekend in June was an amazing £5,600.

We now have the task of deciding what we should do with the money and would welcome suggestions from our residents. We have already received some ideas but are anxious that we consider as many thoughts as possible. If you have any suggestions, please get in touch with Kate on 07736 804445 before 4 November.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way or added to this magnificent sum just by attending one or more of the events – we simply could not have done it without you.

## Brigadier Raymond Allan Bradbury

9th Jan. 1943 - 15th Aug. 2022  
aged 79

Ray moved to Thruyton in 1991 with his wife Carole and 2 daughters. Over the years he was involved in all areas of village life and could be seen on a regular basis driving his vintage motorcycle around the lanes.

As a devoted family man, Ray took a considerable hit when his wife Carole died ten years ago after several years fighting cancer. His two daughters and his five grandsons gave him great joy and satisfaction until he too succumbed to cancer. He was church warden in his local parish, a shrewd golf player, kept his social links with Army and business colleagues.

He will be remembered - as he would wish - as a Northcountryman, a successful and competent Army officer, and a sociable and devoted family man.

His memorial will take place on 19th November 2022 in Thruyton Village Church at 11am. All are welcome.

Please let sasha.kennedy@sky.com, know if you plan to attend.

## Request for Help for Swifts

Hampshire Swifts was formed in 2016 in response to the on-going decline of this iconic bird across Hampshire. Their objective is to reverse the decline of Swifts in the county which is best done by ensuring we provide an ever-increasing supply of suitable nest sites for Swifts. This can be achieved by conserving existing nest sites and by providing new nest sites on existing and new buildings.

A recent survey showed that a number of houses in the village would be suitable and we have been approached for villagers to volunteer their house-eaves as a site for one of these boxes. Please contact Hampshire Swifts via the contacts link on their website: [hampshireswifts.co.uk](http://hampshireswifts.co.uk) or by email: [info@hampshireswifts.co.uk](mailto:info@hampshireswifts.co.uk).

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### Condolences

It is with sadness that we learned of the death of long-time village resident Christine Paviour, who passed away in September after a brave fight with cancer. Christine lived in Lambourne Way and we send our condolences to husband Ken and the family. There will be a private funeral and committal.

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### Bonus Ball



An easy and fun way to support the Memorial Hall is through the Bonus Ball run by Bob Hodges (Saturday) and Graham Harris (Wednesday).

Choose one, other or both but please consider supporting the Hall in this way. For £1 each number you choose, you could be lucky and win £25 if your number comes up as the Bonus Ball on either Saturday or Wednesday respectively.

Joining is easy, just contact Bob ([hodgesrobertj@gmail.com](mailto:hodgesrobertj@gmail.com)) or Graham ([rosieswalk@outlook.com](mailto:rosieswalk@outlook.com)) and they will tell you what needs to be done next. The Hall has never needed your help more so please make that call and you could be a winner!

### £300 for the Macmillan Coffee Morning

A CUP OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT



COFFEE MACMILLAN

On 28 September, we held the annual Coffee Morning in the Hall. Never have so many cakes been seen! It was a lively morning and we were pleased to see some new faces

as well as all our old friends.

Thank you to everyone who made cakes and came along and to those who helped on the day. In total, we have sent £300 to this most worthwhile of charities. A wonderful achievement I'm sure you will agree.



## Downton Abbey

Thrupton Memorial Hall  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October - 7 for 7.30**  
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