

# Thruxton Times

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## Thruxton Parish Newsletter - September 2022

The Parish Council join all members of the Thruxton community in mourning the death of Queen Elizabeth II. For most of us, she has been the one constant presence in our lives and has provided an outstanding example of duty and service to the nation over her 70 year reign. We send our deepest condolences to her family and to all the people of the United Kingdom and the Realms.  
God Save The King.

Whilst we all enjoyed the frequent sunny days and the warmth over the summer, I'm sure that the recent rainfall and onset of autumn has been welcomed – at least it has removed the immediate possibility of water rationing and stand-pipes that were being discussed at the height of the drought. Nevertheless, we must remain careful and I urge everyone to be frugal in their use of water until the reserves return to more normal levels.

Southern Water continue to invest in the improvement to our sewer system by scanning and, where necessary, re-lining the public sewer through Thruxton. In addition, they are approaching residents for permission to scan the pipes between your house and the public sewer; if faults are found in the pipe, SW will seal the pipe to stop any

### Speed Limits in the village

Hampshire County Council is in the midst of conducting a public consultation on the introduction of 20 mph speed limits in villages across Hampshire. If you would like to participate in the survey please go to: [hampshirecc.welcomesyourfeedback.net](http://hampshirecc.welcomesyourfeedback.net)

The survey closes at 0030 on Monday 12th September.

### Dates for the Diary

28 September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
30 September	'The Duke' TMH Film
26 October	Gardening Club
18 November	TMH Quiz Night

leakages or ingress of ground-water to ensure that the sewage system is not over-whelmed by ground-water infiltration.

The Parish Council welcomed Will Odling as its newest member, co-opting him onto the PC with immediate effect at our meeting on Wednesday 7th Sept. Will's expertise in housing and planning matters as well as his commitment to sustaining the community and environment will be valuable additions to the Parish Council's capability.

We were also delighted to welcome Revd. Sarah Sharland as the new Priest for the Benefice of which Thruxton is a part. As you may know, we have been without a Parish Priest for over 3 years so we look forward to Revd. Sarah re-energising the congregation. She has written a short introduction of herself that

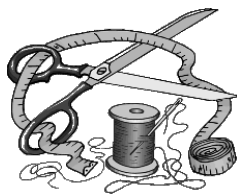
appears elsewhere in this month's newsletter.

As we move beyond the season of bird-nesting, it becomes the time to prune back hedges. Please would those residents whose hedges border footpaths ensure that the foliage is pruned back and does not obstruct vision or limit movement along the footpath. The Parish Council will approach local land-owners with a similar request.

I am confident that you will be pleased to hear that planning matters have calmed down from earlier this year. There are no major developments in the pipeline and even the application for a solar farm on Lains Farm to the south of the A303 has been withdrawn while the developer re-considers their approach. However, we remain vigilant and it is almost certain that a new application to build houses somewhere within the community will be made at some point – especially as we know that TVBC are coming under increasing pressure from central government to allow more houses to be built. We will keep the community informed if any developments are made.

In the meantime, we wish you all a pleasant month ahead and look forward to meeting you out and about around the village.

### Thruxton Threads



This small group of sewers meet every other Tuesday morning at 10.00 in the Memorial Hall. Last month, at the National Festival of

Quilts, theirs was one of only 4 quilts shortlisted for a prize out of the 58 entries in their category. This was a spectacular achievement and every member of the group deserves a huge pat on the back.

If you enjoy sewing and would like to come along, new members are guaranteed a warm welcome, so please come and join us.

### Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 7th September. The full minutes will be posted to notice boards and the website in due course, but the key issues we discussed included:

- The co-option of Will Odling to be Councillor.
- Lorries travelling through the village – the Chair agreed to write to the companies with operations on the airfield industrial site to request that they route their lorries away from the village. He will also discuss with County Cllr. Chris Donnelly whether better signage can be placed at the entrances to the villages to discourage lorries coming into the village.
- The Council has received money from SSE to re-surface St. John's Lane. A meeting will be held with residents to agree the specification for the re-surfacing and contractors will then be appointed.
- A quotation for tree works on various sites around the village has been received and work will commence (we hope) before the end of the year. The main sites are by the post-box on Lambourne Way and by the milestone on Village Street.
- The Clerk updated the Council on plans to plant shrubs and saplings on the Village Green alongside Stanbury Road. An order for the plants was approved and planting will take place when these have been delivered.
- The Clerk reported on the opening of a new bank account with Lloyds Bank for the Parish Council. The old PC account with HSBC will be closed.
- Planning matters were discussed and the PC will enter no objection to the felling of trees at Flint House and George Cottage or to the reception of a double garage at 29 Stanbury Road. It was noted that an application for a new roof at Brook Lodge had been withdrawn and an application for alterations to George Cottage had been refused.

- Community thanks were recorded to Edward Chamberlain for his repair of fencing on the Village Green that had been damaged by a passing lorry; to Graham Harris for the repair of play equipment on the Sports Field; and to Geoff Bourner for his repair and replacement of the mirrors opposite the Sports Field car park.

- The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 5th October at 7:30pm in the Machin Room, Memorial Hall.



## Thruxton Memorial Hall To Let

The Ballet school have now moved to premises of their own which means that the Hall has lots of availability for special interest groups, parties, events and business meetings. The Hall is extremely well equipped (see the website for more details –

[www.thruxtonmemorialhall.org](http://www.thruxtonmemorialhall.org) ) and can accommodate up to 100 people in the main Hall alone.

If you run a group or activity and are looking for a new home or maybe you have an idea to start one, please think about TMH. Check out the website and contact Kate on 07736 804445. We are especially keen to start a dance class – any other ideas?!

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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!

## A Call for Volunteers

With autumn upon us, there are some jobs to be done around the village. The dates are to be agreed but will be over weekends in October and November. Each working party will be for 2 to 3 hours.

We need people to help:

1. Stream clearance - clearing weeds and rubbish from the stream bed alongside the Village Green and
2. Planting - planting shrubs and saplings on the Village Green (along the Stanbury Road side).

Please contact Janet Graham on [jgraham@thruxtonparishcouncil.com](mailto:jgraham@thruxtonparishcouncil.com) or Peter Christie on [pchristie@thruxtonparishcouncil.com](mailto:pchristie@thruxtonparishcouncil.com) if you can give some time.

## An Introduction

Hi, I am Rev Sarah, the new priest of the Appleshaw, et al, Benefice which includes Thruxton, Fyfield, Kimpton, Appleshaw and Shipton Bellinger. I moved here over the summer and I am settling wonderfully into village life in Shipton Bellinger. I have come from Plymouth where I was serving in a more urban setting for four years, where I met many wonderful Christians and was able to be involved in outreach to many people in the local community. While this benefice is a very different place from Plymouth, I am not entirely new to village life as prior to that I lived for a considerable time in Hampshire in a village south of Winchester. I haven't been a Christian all my life and came to faith in a bit of a Damascus Road type event – ask me someday. Since then life has changed for the better. I am excited to be your new priest and look forward to seeing all that the Lord has in store for the village and the benefice. My ministry here will begin with getting to know you as a congregation and as a village and seeking together the plans the Lord has for us. He is a great God and has plans 'to prosper you and not to harm you' (Jeremiah 29:11). I was pleased to read in an earlier edition of The Thruxton Times about the great community spirit so evident here at Her Majesty's Jubilee and I am very much looking forward to meeting you over the coming months. There have been some big knocks to the local worshipping community having been without an incumbent for three years and of course being hit with Covid and all its implications. The congregation has shrunk, but I am confident that there remain those faithful to Jesus who are waiting to return to church in due course. If that is you, we would love to see you return now. There awaits a warm welcome for you. And that invitation extends to all, whether you have never set foot inside a church before or have but not recently. This church has been an integral part of

Thruxton village life for many generations of residents who have found it a place of community, joy, solace and wonder. If you would like to contact me, please do.

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Do you love singing?

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Do come and have a sing, a natter and a cuppa and see if our choir is the one for you.

If you can't make this date but would still like to join us, give Clare a call.

For more info, call Clare 07970 139395 or visit our website  
[www.andoverladieschoir.co.uk](http://www.andoverladieschoir.co.uk)





## Thruxton Memorial Hall website

[www.thruxtonmemorialhall.org](http://www.thruxtonmemorialhall.org)

It's taken a while, but we now have our very own website. Please take some time to log on and have a look. The bookings calendar is up to date and there is plenty of room for us to include village activities, particularly those that are using the hall.

## Thruxton Neighbourhood Watch



I have taken over as the Thruxton Neighbourhood Watch coordinator, and I am trying to update the records. I have emailed all those on the original list of members to see if they wish to remain on the list, and most have responded. The others may have left the area or their email addresses may have changed. I only had email addresses but no names, so can't work out who everyone is.

If there is anyone living in the Parish of Thruxton who would like to become a member, could you please email me at [mking92039@aol.com](mailto:mking92039@aol.com) with your name, the best email address for you, your address and a phone number. Sending this information will be taken as your agreement to be sent emails on Neighbourhood Watch matters. Those who have already confirmed their continued participation and had it acknowledged need not respond.

As the coordinator, I will forward any updates, warnings and crime figures that I receive from the Andover and Villages Neighbourhood Watch Group and the Police. I also have some torches and alarms for anyone who feels that they are particularly vulnerable. It is understood that some insurance companies take account of membership of Neighbourhood Watch in setting their rates.

*Martin King*

**If there is anything happening in the village that you want to shout about please send your piece to [thruxtontimes@gmail.com](mailto:thruxtontimes@gmail.com)**



## THE DUKE

**Thruxton Memorial Hall**

**Friday 30 September - 7 for 7.30**

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Starring the much-loved Jim Broadbent and Helen Mirren, this British comedy tells the true story of a man who is determined to get the Government to spend more on care for the elderly. Whilst without doubt a worthy cause, perhaps this was not the best way to go about it. Still, no-one ever made a hit movie about a petition!

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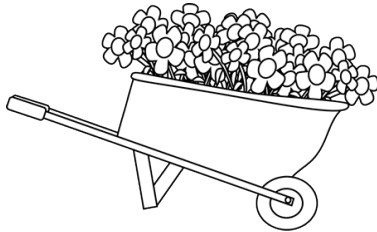
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## Thruxton Gardening Club

We held our Annual General Meeting on 31st August and are pleased to report that our finances are in a healthy state and that we have a strong list of future speakers lined up. We bid a sad farewell to Chris Rome as Chair of the Club after many years of stewardship and invite anyone interested in succeeding him to contact me (see number below).

Our next meeting will be 26th October when we will have a speaker from a local horticultural organisation - Featherstone Flower Company. Following that, our ever-popular Christmas Quiz will be held on 30th November and all residents are welcome to attend.

Anyone wishing to join the club should contact me for details of subscription and the dates of our meetings.

Louise Cushine 07944 746849



## Macmillan Coffee Morning

**Wednesday 28 September**

**Thruxton Memorial Hall**

**10.00**

Last year we raised nearly £700, which was fantastic, let's see if we can do even better this year for such a brilliant and worthwhile cause.

Put the date in your diary and make a cake! There will be a raffle and other fundraising activities. Why not agree to make this your meeting place for friends that day and spend time with them and at the same time know that you are giving to a charity that gives so much to those who are suffering.

## Condolences

Sadly, as many of you now know Peter Alderson passed away in Cornwall on 16th June whilst on holiday after a short illness. He had lived in the village since 1985 after moving from the Midlands with his wife Pam and two children Christopher and Charlotte. He was a very well respected member of the timber trade and was a man of many talents including a very good golfer, a long-time member of Tidworth Golf Club and an excellent woodworker and craftsman. A very helpful and kind person - you only had to ask Peter for a favour, and he would do it. He was a great asset to his family and the village and will be greatly missed.

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