

# Thruxton Times

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*Welcome to all our readers*

## Thruxton Parish Newsletter - March 2023

Welcome to the March edition of our village newsletter – I should be saying welcome to Spring but it feels too cold for that sort of greeting! Let's hope the thermometer rises soon...

At our March meeting, the Parish Council decided to organise First Aid training to enable residents not only to become trained in providing first aid but also to learn how to use the defibrillator. We have received a quotation from St John's Ambulance to provide this training which would be at a cost of £158 per head – depending on the response, we may be able to subsidise this. If you're interested in being trained, please contact Heather Bourner (clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com) – once we know the numbers we'll decide on any subsidy and get some dates in the diary.

We also had a discussion regarding the £200 energy payment from the Government which everyone who is not connected to mains gas supply should have received. If anyone has not received their payment, please contact pchristie@thruxtonparishcouncil.com and we will support you in accessing the payment.

Cllr. Richard Munday has taken on the responsibility for environmental matters and would like to identify people who share his passion for identifying different forms of wildlife that we have in the Parish (see page 4). If you're interested in getting involved in surveying wildlife populations in and around Thruxton please contact Richard (rmunday@thruxtonparishcouncil.com). In the discussion we were told of a phone app that anyone can download to help identify birds that are around you – Merlin Bird id. It will pick up birdsong

<u>Dates for the Diary</u>	
Every Wednesday	Thruxton Loves Cake 10-12, Memorial Hall
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Benefice Holy Communion 11am, Appleshaw Church
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning Worship 10am, Thruxton Church
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Gardening Club 7pm, Memorial Hall
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Film Night 7pm, Memorial Hall
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Egg Hunt & Games Time TBC, Sports Field
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Table Top Sale Time TBC, Memorial Hall
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Gardening Club 7pm, Memorial Hall
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Local Council & Parish Council Elections Memorial Hall
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Parish Meeting 7pm, Memorial Hall
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Gardening Club 7pm, Memorial Hall
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Produce Show Memorial Hall

and identify which types of bird are in the vicinity.

You will see from the Dates in the Diary section that we have some excellent community events coming up, including Rick Smart's Easter Egg Hunt for children on 7th April and the Produce Show on 20th August. The Produce Show is "under new management" so will follow a revised format from

previous years – keep your eyes peeled for more information about categories and how to enter.....and get growing / crafting / producing in time for mid-August.

Finally, please note that the annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wed. 10th May in the Memorial Hall. We will have (short) talks from key guests and you will have the chance to ask Parish Councillors any question you like – well, almost any question! The new Parish Council will have been elected the previous week so we hope that it will also provide an opportunity to meet the new Council. As usual, refreshments and nibbles will be provided.

That's all for this month – we hope you enjoy the coming weeks. Best wishes – Peter Christie, on behalf of Parish Councillors.

**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)**

## **Parish Council Meeting**

The Parish Council met on Wed. 1st March. The key items we discussed are summarised below but, as usual, the full minutes of the meeting will appear on the notice boards and Thruxton Village website.

- Councillors agreed to submit a request to Hampshire Highways to change the speed limit through the village from 30 mph to 20 mph. This would be part of a County-wide plan to offer rural communities the chance to reduce speed limits in their villages and hamlets. For Thruxton, the speed limit would apply to Village Street, Stanbury Road and Stanbury Hill plus all side roads off these thoroughfares. We will also ask Highways to move the speed limit signs at the west end of the village so that the limit applies before cars reach the residential area. The Council is also in discussion with Highways to paint "slow" signs on Thruxton Down Road in an attempt to reduce some of the crazy driving that takes place on that stretch of road. We will keep residents informed of any developments on these issues.

- Councillors approved quotes for work to remove the tree behind the post box on Lambourne Way and to use the money gifted by SSE for the re-surfacing of St. John's Lane. We also agreed to continue our programme of upgrading and replacing street lights that are the Council's responsibility; this year we will replace 3 of the street lights.

- We agreed that, effective June 2023, Parish Council meetings will be held on a Monday evening instead of Wednesdays; this will allow our Clerk to manage her workload of being Clerk to other Parish Councils as well as achieve an improved work:life balance. Further notices about this change will be made closer to the time.

- The Clerk has investigated providers of First Aid training and we have been given a quotation from St. John's Ambulance of £158 per head – a reduction from their normal rate of £175 per head. Anyone interested in being trained should register with Heather Bournier via her email ([clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com](mailto:clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com))

- The Council agreed to the Planning Group's recommendation to agree to the application to fell a tree at The Long House on Stanbury Road.

- Community thanks were noted for Edward Chamberlain for his work pruning shrubs on the Village Green.

The next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Wed. 5th April 2023 in the Machin Room of the Memorial Hall.

It is with great sadness that we report the death of long-time village resident Amanda Williams who passed away in February. She was a very well-known character in the community and will be sadly missed.

### **Pete Fletcher**

Specialist in lime wall construction and repair  
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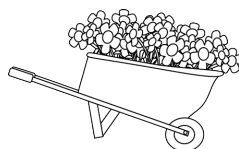


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## Thruxton Gardening Club

There was no meeting in February, instead we went to Chawton House to see their display of Snowdrops which was enjoyed by all, especially the cream teas!! Our next meeting in the Hall will be on Wednesday 29th March when we will have Ted and Keith and Gardener's Question Time. The geraniums for the competition will also be ready for collection.

Anyone wishing to join the club should contact me for details - Louise Cushine 07944 746849

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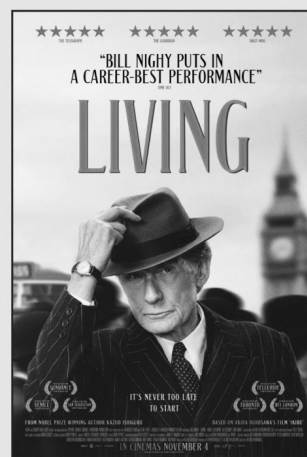
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A chance to win on the lottery AND support the Memorial Hall.

Every Wednesday a Bonus Ball is chosen as part of the Lottery Draw. Every Wednesday, one of our lucky Bonus Ball members wins £25 if their number is drawn – simple! For just £1 per week, you could not only be in with a chance to win, but also know that you are supporting the Memorial Hall by contributing to its upkeep and maintenance.

All you need do is contact Graham Harris at [rosieswalk@outlook.com](mailto:rosieswalk@outlook.com) and he will explain all.

## Calling all animal lovers!



Are you interested in and want to protect local wildlife and plant life? Have you participated in the RSPB birdwatch and can share results or would you like to

spend an hour surveying local bird species to aid protecting our native species? If so please email Richard, [rmunday@thruxtonparishcouncil.com](mailto:rmunday@thruxtonparishcouncil.com), and he will send you a recording sheet with instructions. Look out and you may spot a wild Parakeet! One has been spotted on Thruxton Down.

The council are promoting the creation of a Parish Wildlife Map. This is a graphical representation of some of the key habitats and species within our parish boundary, created from a combination of background materials and surveys. This we hope will identify key initiatives to protect and improve our diverse environment. We are starting with bird species but hope to expand to mammals and plants going forward.



## Thruxton Loves Cakes!



■ This is a coffee morning for the village and surrounding areas held in Thruxton Memorial Hall.

■ Every Wednesday morning 10 until 12.

■ Come along and enjoy a warm welcome, lots of tea, coffee, cakes and chat

## Ludgershall Business Park



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## Thruxton Church Services in the next month

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Holy Communion, Palm Sunday 9am
<b>9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	DAWN, Holy Communion, Easter Day Time to be confirmed
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Morning Worship 11am

## Brushes Up

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## News from the Hall

Spring really feels like it's here now with bulbs opening all around. The Coronation is on our radar, we are hoping to screen the event in the hall alongside afternoon tea hoping that lots of you would like to watch this wonderful occasion together. If you'd like to meet more village residents come along to our regular events Thruxton Loves Cakes on a Wednesday morning and the Cinema on the last Friday of every month.

Plans for the table top sale on April 16th are well underway so if you have been spring cleaning and have treasures to "share" or would like a chance to sell anything at all; bric-a-brac, artwork, antiques, etc look for information on the website [thruxtonmemorialhall.org](http://thruxtonmemorialhall.org) or contact Gill Odling. 07789145817 or email [bookings@thruxtonmemorialhall.org](mailto:bookings@thruxtonmemorialhall.org)

Bookings are coming in for parties throughout the rest of the year which is encouraging. If you have a party coming up consider the Hall, it really is a very beautiful, versatile space.

Gill Odling, Chair of Trustees