

# Thruxton Times

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*Welcome to all our readers*

## Thruxton Parish Newsletter - April 2022

Welcome once again to Thruxton Times - the newsletter for all residents of Thruxton. It's been another busy month, especially on the planning front (see more below), but I join with my fellow Councillors in wishing a relaxing and happy Easter to everyone in the community.

On the planning front, we now have 2 important applications lodged with TVBC. The application to build 26 houses on land off Stanbury Close has been extended to allow time for further statutory consultations to be held - we now understand that the application is open until 6th May. In recent days, the developers have lodged their response to the numerous objections that have been raised by you and other bodies (Highways, Archaeology, etc); their rebuttals of our objections have been forcefully challenged by some residents - notably Mrs Bryden and Messrs Windsor, Counsell and Watt - and the Parish Council have lodged their endorsement and total support to the resident's latest objections and comments. We understand that our local Borough Councillor, Cllr. Phil Lashbrook, remains committed to taking the application to the Northern Area Planning Committee if the Planning Department in TVBC approve the application. It continues to be a case of "watch this space". Residents interested in reading more detail can refer to the TVBC Planning website and follow application reference 22/00033/OUTN.

The other major planning application that is now open is for the creation of 9 self-build houses on land at the end of Lambourne Close - the reference for this application is 22/00768/OUTN. The Parish Council have already committed to holding a public meeting to allow residents to discuss this application and inform the Council of their views - this will be held in The Memorial Hall on Thursday 21st April at 7:30pm.

You may be aware that TVBC is updating the local plan - this will guide the development of the Test Valley Council area for the next 18 years to 2040. The Plan focuses on how the area will grow - including where new houses might be built, how the economy will be developed and how the environment and quality of life will be enhanced. To learn

### Dates for the Diary

Every Wednesday morning	Thruxton Loves Cake
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Gardening Club - Roger Hiron, The Plant Doctor
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Film Night - Belfast
25 <sup>th</sup> May	Gardening Club
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Memorial Hall AGM
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Jubilation Music Concert
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Films and Tea Dance
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Dance
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Children's Party and Games and Picnic

more about how the plan is being formulated and the issues being addressed, follow this link: <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/local-development-framework/draft-local-plan-2040>

The Jubilee Group and the Sports Field Trustees continue to plan events for the Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen's accession to the throne. To meet our aim of "Something for Everyone", there are a variety of events being put on including a music festival on Thursday 2nd June on the Sports Field, a film of the Coronation on the morning of Friday 3rd June along with a tea dance in the afternoon and screening of Singin' In The Rain in the evening (all in the Memorial Hall), a dance on Saturday evening - again in the Hall - and finally a children's party and games along with picnic for non-kids on the Green on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you at the events!

You may have noticed that the Village Green has been opened up by some excellent work by Ray Welch and Keith Edwards, for which many thanks. They have removed a load of dead shrubbery, ivy and other weeds and erected a fence to keep the Green safe for children and dogs; the cleared area will be planted up with new plants, shrubs and bulbs in due course but, in the meantime, we hope you enjoy the tidier look to the Green.

The Parish Council hope you have an enjoyable, relaxing and happy Easter weekend and that you and your families keep safe and healthy.

Thanks for reading - Peter Christie

# BELFAST

**Thraxton Memorial Hall  
Friday 29 April - 7 for 7.30**

A 2021 British coming-of-age drama film written and directed by Kenneth Branagh. The film stars Caitriona Balfe, Judi Dench, Jamie Dornan, Ciarán Hinds, Colin Morgan, and newcomer Jude Hill. The film, which Branagh has described as his "most personal film", follows a young boy's childhood in Belfast.



Tickets are only £6  
and can be purchased  
on the door or at  
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e/316696757527](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/316696757527)

or  
by calling Kate on  
07736 804445

## Parish Council Meeting – Wed. 6th April

The Parish Council met, as usual, on the first Wednesday of the month and the key points that were discussed were:

- Annual Assembly – after 2 years without an Assembly due to the pandemic, we agreed that we should call an Assembly in May. We discussed the format of the Assembly and who to invite as speakers and agreed to hold the meeting on May 4th following the scheduled Parish Council meeting – further details to follow.
- Councillors agreed that the layby on Village Street at the eastern end of the village (opposite the allotments) should be retained. Residents living in the immediate vicinity had requested that the Council support them in their desire to see the layby retained and this has been communicated to Hampshire Highways.
- Cllr. Durant reported that several potential sites for speed warning signs have

been identified around the village and that we are awaiting approval of these sites from Hampshire Highways. Once this is received we will purchase the posts and the signs – an allowance of £8,000 has been made in this year's budget. The signs will need to be periodically moved to different places in the Village – if you would like to help with this responsibility please contact the Parish Clerk, Heather Bournier.

- TVBC Cllr. Lashbrook briefed the Council on community resilience and the CERT programme that he leads for TVBC. The Council agreed that it should resurrect the work that was started over 2 years ago to develop a plan for Thraxton as, despite having a very strong volunteering spirit in the village as witnessed at the time of the flash flood and cottage fire in 2020, we have no formal framework to activate a response and to support the emergency services. Cllr. Lashbrook promised to share some sample templates that could be used to help develop a plan for Thraxton.

- The Clerk reported that HSBC have started to charge the Council £8 per month plus transaction fees for providing banking services. Following her research, she recommended to the Council that the accounts should be transferred to Lloyds and all Councillors agreed.

- Cllr. Davis reported that the Council had raised no objections to planning applications for tree works at The Moorings, Stanbury

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Road; a new house to be built alongside George House, Village Street; and for 2 new houses on land adjacent to The Laurels on Dauntsey Lane.

- Thanks from the community were recorded to Ray Welch and Keith Edwards for their work in clearing and tidying the Stanbury Lane side of the Village Green and for erecting a fence to keep the Green secure for children and animals.

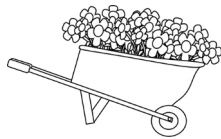
- The Council agreed to change the planned July meeting date from 6th July to 27th July to accommodate personal commitments of 2 members of the Council.

- The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th May 2022 at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

A copy of the full minutes will be posted on noticeboards and the Thruxton Village website in due course.

### **Pete Fletcher**

Specialist in lime wall construction and repair  
References from many Thruxton residents on request  
petehsr@hotmail.co.uk  
07980 159051



### **Thruxton Gardening Club**

We meet on the last Wednesday of each month and our next meeting is on Wednesday 27th April. Our speaker this month is Roger Hiron, The Plant Doctor, and he will be giving a talk on 'Plants for Continued Interest All Year Round'. Roger is always very interesting and informative. It is going to be a great evening so come along and join us. There will be a raffle and we will have wine for refreshment!

All are welcome and for more information please contact Louise Cushine on 07944 746849 or at [louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk).



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THRUXTON JUBILEE GROUP

"Something for everyone"

### **JUBILEE UPDATE**

Tickets are now on sale for the Thursday night 'Jubilation event'. Go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/300793520517> and remember, children and carparking are free.

You will be entertained all evening by a variety of performers including Sarah Mallock, Andover Ladies Choir, The Tumbleweeds and Mickey Ace and the Wildcards. There will be a Pizza van and a bar but you are encouraged to bring a picnic and something to sit on - the Beacon will be lit at 9.45. More details for this and all our other Jubilee events can be found on [www.thruxtonlife.co.uk/jubilee](http://www.thruxtonlife.co.uk/jubilee).

Tickets can also be purchased at The Welcome Stranger in Kimpton and from Heather Bournier: tel 773976

So that no-one can be in any doubt about Thruxton celebrating the Jubilee, we are asking everyone to decorate their houses for the weekend. More details in next month's Thruxton Times.

### **Public Meeting**

A public meeting will be held on Thursday 21st April starting at 7:30pm in The Memorial Hall to discuss the planning application for 9 self-build houses on land at the end of Lambourne Close. The planning application - reference 22/00768/OUTN - can be viewed on the TVBC Planning website by following this link: <https://view-applications.testvalley.gov.uk/online-applications/>

We hope to have a representative of the developer (Gillings Planning <https://gillingsplanning.co.uk>) - at the meeting.

All residents are welcome to attend.

**St. Peter & St. Paul Church,  
Thruxton**

Services for April and the beginning  
of May

**10th April 9.30am**

Parish Communion, Palm Sunday

**14th April 4.30pm**

Benefice service for Maundy Thursday  
at Shipton

**15th April 9.30am**

Morning worship for Good Friday

**17th April 9.30am**

Parish Communion, Easter Day

**24th April 9.30am**

Parish Communion

**3rd May 9.30am**

Parish Communion

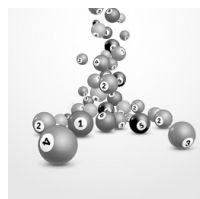
Our annual meeting will be held in  
the church on Monday 25th April at  
7.30pm. There is a vacancy for a  
churchwarden; if you would like to  
apply or need further information,  
please contact Christine. We also  
would like more PCC members; again  
please speak to Christine on 01264  
571029.

Christine Barrett - Churchwarden

**Wednesday Bonus Ball**

Now well into our 2nd year, the Wednesday  
Bonus Ball is proving very popular with our  
winners! We still have some un-taken  
numbers and if you would like to buy the  
opportunity of winning £25 for a £1 stake,  
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**Thruxton Loves Cake**

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excellent cup of tea  
or coffee and there is  
always cake – get  
there early, and you  
might bag a slice of  
Louise Cushine's  
excellent Victoria  
Sponge.

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