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Welcome to all our readers

Thruxton Parish Newsletter - December 2023

Welcome to the December edition of the village newsletter and it comes with warm good wishes from members of the Parish Council for a peaceful and happy Christmas.

We have prepared a separate article in the newsletter covering the latest planning application to develop affordable homes on land off Stanbury Close but please note that we have organised a Public Meeting on Thursday 14th December at 7:45pm in the Memorial Hall – we hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.

The other major issue for the Parish has been the on-going Southern Water work to re-line the main sewer and lateral pipes (that run between your house and the main sewer) to prevent groundwater overwhelming the system. The work is progressing well but we are fully aware of the disruption and inconvenience that has been caused to both residents and those driving through the village. SW – and ourselves – hope that the work will be complete before Christmas week and we can return to some form of normality. SW are committed to making good any damage that has been done to verges, etc and, in the meantime, we thank you for your understanding and tolerance.

We have heard that on 15th January Hampshire County Council will be announcing its decision on which villages will move to a 20mph speed limit. We will of course keep residents informed.

On behalf of the Parish Council, we wish everyone who lives in and around the wonderful village of Thruxton a very happy Christmas and we hope that the New Year brings great joy, success and health. Merry Christmas!

Dates for the Diary

16 th December	Andover Chamber Choir 7pm, St Mary's Church, Andover
17 th December	Carol Service 4pm, Thruxton Church
22 nd December	De Facto Singers 7pm, Kimpton Church
25 th December	Holy Communion 9am, Thruxton Church
31 st December	Benefice Holy Communion 11am, Thruxton Church

Housing Development in Village

As you may know, Orchard Homes has lodged a new planning application to build 14 affordable homes on land off Stanbury Close in the heart of the village. The Parish Council have called a Public Meeting to enable residents to debate the merits of the application and ask questions of the TVBC Planning Case Officer – it will be on Thursday 14th December at 7:45pm in the Memorial Hall.

Your comments to TVBC are important and invaluable. Remember that the comments you have made on previous applications are ignored – only comments made on this specific application will be taken into account. So please take the time to familiarise yourself with the planning application and submit your comments (either in favour or against) to TVBC Planning before 5th January 2024.

Key information:

- Planning Application 23.03026/OUTN
- TVBC Planning - <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/viewplanningapplicationsonline>

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council held its last meeting of the year on 4th December. Full minutes will be posted on noticeboards and the website in due course but the key highlights of the meeting included the following:

- Prompted by the very high water levels we are experiencing at present, we are looking for volunteers to act as Flood Wardens. This is not an onerous job – you would be required to contact people in the event of a forecast flood event and, should one occur, to help the community ensure vulnerable people are kept safe and people are contacted with warnings regarding the timing and severity of the flood. Anyone interested should contact Richard Munday – rmunday@thruxtonparishcouncil.com
- The Council agreed to purchase a tree and plaque to be planted on the village green in memory of former Councillor John Davis who passed away earlier this year.
- The Clerk reported that trees and shrubs have been planted on the Village Green (with thanks to Janet Graham for her help) and that trees have been planted to screen the electricity sub-station fencing on the land behind the Lambourne Way postbox (with thanks to Roger Oliver).
- The First Aid course is now being run on 25th January 2024 in the Memorial Hall. Anyone who wishes to sign up to attend should contact Heather Bournier – clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.com. Attendance will cost £22 per person if you're a Thruxton resident or £45 per person if not.

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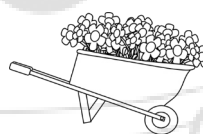
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- Councillors reviewed the precept (the amount charged to households in the Parish which funds the responsibilities of the Parish Council). After a detailed discussion which examined the freezing of the precept last year and a small increase the previous year, Counsellors approved an increase of 11% to increase the income of the Parish Council from £15,750 to £17,500.
- A long discussion was had over the planning application to build 14 affordable homes on land off Stanbury Road – see item elsewhere in the newsletter.
- Community thanks were passed for Janet Graham (for help with planting shrubs and trees on the Village Green), Sophie Jennings (for help with installing bird boxes on Parish Council land) and Greg Langfield, Bill Brewer and Graham Harris (for re-locating the speed warning sign).
- The Parish Council will not meet in January so the next meeting will be Monday 5th February 2024 in the Memorial Hall at 7:30pm

Thruxton Gardening Club



Garden Club would like to thank everyone for their support this last year and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Our next meeting will be on
Wednesday 31st January.

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Club of Andover

The Rotary Club of Andover wishes to thank "Thruxton Loves Cake" for allowing me to address one of the

coffee mornings in September this year to encourage local participation in the Rotary Wessex Shoe Box Scheme this year.

I can report that those who took part raised a total of 20 boxes and Kimpton, Thruxton and Fyfield School raised 11 boxes making a total of 31 Boxes from the Village

I can report that a total of 265 boxes were raised from the Andover area, including the 31 boxes from Thruxton. The boxes have been forwarded to our Depot at Hurn Airport and will be sent to Eastern Europe by articulated lorries. A total of 18,599 boxes were collected in the District which included the Channel Islands, Isle of Wight, Hampshire and Dorset.

The boxes will be delivered to Rotary Clubs within 5 countries in Eastern Europe and handed to the children aged 1 -15 by the Members of each of the Rotary Clubs in the destination countries in time for Christmas.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Andover and the children of Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania and Ukraine we thank all those in our Village who participated in the Scheme this year.

The impact of your generosity will be reflected on the faces of the children in those countries at Christmas time when they open the boxes. It may be the only present that they will receive. Thank you so much for your help.

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Thruxton Loves Cake!



Thruxton Loves Cake would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We will be closed on Wednesday 27th December but open every other week. We look forward to seeing you all for lots of tea, coffee, cakes and chat.

THE DE FAKTO SINGERS

INVITE YOU TO A
SIXTY MINUTE CONCERT WITH CAROLS
AND READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS



CHURCH OF ST PETER & ST PAUL KIMPTON
FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER 2023 6-7 P.M.



YOUR FAVOURITE CAROLS AND READINGS FOR ALL AGES

THE MAIN PROGRAMME WILL LAST 60 MINUTES BUT ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO PUT IN A SPECIAL REQUEST AND SING ANOTHER (FEW) CAROLS IS WELCOME TO DO SO!



From Thruxton Memorial Hall

In November in addition to our regular hirers the hall was used by Rick's Halloween Bash, The Remembrance Lunch with profits shared between the hall and the British Legion (many thanks to Alison Hopkins for cooking a delicious curry for us), the Church Bazaar, and just into December "What makes Putin Tick" from Sir John Cheshire. This was well attended with the profits shared between the hall and The Royal Air Force Charitable Trust.

The new heating is in and working, now its just a case of testing the system and learning how the App works!

Do please consider hiring the hall for your own function. We have tried to keep the rate for local hire as low as possible. If you would like to have a look around give me a call on 07789 145817 or have a look at the website. If you click on "book here" you can see the rates and the calendar for availability.

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A Very Happy Christmas to you all from the Hall Committee.

Gill Odling Chair of Trustees

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7:00 p.m. Saturday 16th December 2023
St Mary's Church, Andover

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