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Seasonal Greetings to all our readers

Thruxton Parish Newsletter - December 2021

I can't believe it's December – where does the time go?? Answers on a postcard please....

I hope everyone is keeping well and managing to get the Christmas plans underway – only another 3 weeks to the "big day". As can be seen from the list of upcoming events, there is loads going on in Thruxton as we get ready for the holiday season and I hope there will be at least one community event that you can participate in and support. As ever, we are indebted to a myriad of residents who have been planning and preparing these events and our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who has volunteered their time and energy to create the different affairs for our enjoyment.

You may recall that we have been asking for people to join the Parish Council and I'm pleased to report that, subject to formal confirmation at the next PC meeting, the vacancies have been filled. Leo McDevitt has re-considered his decision to stand down and has offered himself to be co-opted back onto the Council and Richard Munday, who lives at Thruxton Down, has generously offered his services.

On 14th November, we had a very successful Remembrance Day lunch in the Memorial Hall that was attended by almost 60 people. Many thanks to the team of volunteers, led by the Memorial Hall Trustees who took over the organising of this event from Bob Hodges and John Davis. The team provided an excellent meal and opportunity to acknowledge the sacrifices of all who have fallen in the service of the country.

We couldn't issue the newsletter without recognising the incredible fund-raising efforts of the "Rowvember" team who recently completed a rowing marathon to raise £2,360 for Abby's Heroes, a children's cancer charity. A full report appears elsewhere in the newsletter but special thanks to the indefatigable Richard Smart for leading this amazing initiative.

Planning for the Queen's Jubilee in June 2022 continues and the next meeting for people interested in helping with the various

Dates for the Diary

12th Dec	Pantomime – Memorial Hall
16th Dec 6:00pm	Community Carols – Kimpton School
18th Dec	3 Villages Xmas Draw – online
19th Dec	Andover Ladies Choir – Memorial Hall
20th Dec 2:30pm	Children's Christmas Film – Memorial Hall
22nd Dec 10:00am	Thruxton Loves Cake at Christmas – Memorial Hall
24th Dec 11pm	Communion service – Thruxton Church
25th Dec	CHRISTMAS DAY!

events that are planned are invited to the next meeting which will be held on Thursday 9th December at 7:30pm in the Machin Room of the Memorial Hall.

With the holiday season almost upon us, don't forget to check on the changes to your bin collection days – TVBC have published the revised collection dates at <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/seasonalinformation/christmas-new-year-waste-recycling-collection>

It just remains for me, on behalf of the Parish Council, to wish everyone a very enjoyable and festive Christmas and to send you our very best wishes for a healthy and peaceful New Year. Thank you for reading the Thruxton Times.

Parish Council Meeting

We met on Wed. 1st December 2021 and, as normal, the full minutes will be published onto the noticeboards and the Thruxton Village website. The meeting was attended by 5 members of the public and the key points raised at the meeting included:

- Applications to become Parish Councillors from Leo McDevitt and Richard Munday; these will be voted on at our next meeting (see below);
- An update from Cllr. Davis on the electricity sub-station. He confirmed that the 2nd transformer has been installed

and is being commissioned; SSE have reported that they expect work to be complete by mid-January following which they will consider how best to repair the road surface of St. John's Lane to make good the impact of their lorries and vans;

- A new tree (an Acer Griseum) has been planted close to Mandy's Garden on the Village Green; thanks were expressed to Geoff Bourner for his work on this;
- The Council are waiting on the contracted tree surgeon to start work on several trees around the Village Green but unfortunately, he's been unwell. Whilst he is doing this work, he will also address the trees around the post box on Lambourne Way and the ivy that is strangling a tree on Village St at the junction with Church Lane;
- A member of the public requested that the footpath along Thruxton Down Road be cleared as it's covered in leaves and has become dangerously slippery; this request will be forwarded to Hampshire County Council;
- Cllr. Durant reported on progress with identifying potential sites for speed signs through the village. Additional sites are being considered and they will be submitted to Hampshire Highways for consideration – we hope HH will visit in the New Year to give their consent to the proposed sites. A member of the public requested that the Council also consider erecting one along Thruxton Down Rd. due to the excessive speed of some vehicles along that stretch – Cllr. Durant said this would be included as a "phase 2" of the project.

- Cllr Christie confirmed that Amport, Quarley and Thruxton Parish Councils have reached agreement with the developers of the Lains Farm solar farm on the community benefit to be paid and we now await the formal planning application process to be completed and the work to commence (probably Spring 2022). Thruxton will receive 15% of the community benefit (Amport 50% and Quarley 35%).

- The Council discussed 2 initiatives being launched by HCC – one which allows residents to join together to purchase solar panels, benefitting from the economies of scale that bulk purchasing offers, and the other being a plan to encourage re-wilding. Residents interested in the solar panel opportunity should contact a Councillor. It was agreed the Council should consider what steps it can take to encourage residents to consider planting more trees and wild flowers.

- The Council approved a proposal to increase the precept in 2022/23 to recognise the impact of inflation on the Council's budget. An increase from the current level of £15,250 to a new level of £15,750 (an increase of 3.28%) was agreed.

- Finally, community thanks were recorded for the work done by Edward Chamberlain in clearing undergrowth along Village St., to Geoff Bourner for planting a new tree alongside Mandy's Garden and James Kitchen for his significant work on maintaining the play equipment on the Sports Field.

The Parish Council will not meet in January so the next meeting will be Wed 2nd Feb. 2022 in the Memorial Hall.

Christmas Choir Concert



Andover Ladies Choir are excited to be returning to the Hall for their Christmas concerts on 19 December, hot on the heels of singing at the Tower of London! They have been working on repertoire both old and new and look forward to really getting you in the spirit, what better way to start your run up to Christmas?

All precautions will be taken. The choir regularly take LFTs and will do so on the concert day. We ask that all audience wear masks, and refreshments will be served outside after the performance under cover.

There will be two performances on 19 December, at 3pm and 7pm. Tickets are selling well and are available through Eventbrite, look up Andover Ladies Choir and choose your time, or from Beth 07515 854933. Adults £10, Children aged 3+ £5.

We can't wait to share our music with you all, get your tickets soon to avoid disappointment!

From the Hall



The Hall is here for the benefit of the community and this month our village is going to see some wonderful events many of them aimed at the 'smalls' who are every bit as important to the wellbeing of our community as the 'biggs'. On 20 December, we are showing ELF which is sure to appeal to young and old as a great Christmas movie.

We have done two film nights now under our own steam and are really pleased with the results. The audience in November voted for "The Courier" as our next showing so you can watch out for that in January. Also in January, the first of the events to raise funds for our Jubilee celebrations will take place. Just put Friday 21 January in the diary and get ready for a great night out. Tickets will be on sale soon.

The Trustees of the Hall wish everybody a Happy and Healthy Christmas. Thank you so much to everyone who supports us via the two Bonus Balls, TLC, Movie Nights or any of our other activities; our sole purpose is to keep the Hall ship-shape and ready for you - so please join us whenever you can.



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Church Services in Thruxton for December

12 th December 9.30am	Parish Communion
19 th December 9.30am	Carol Service
24 th December 11pm	First Communion of Christmas

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

'ELF'

Monday 20 December 2.30 pm

Looking for something
to entertain the
children before
Christmas? Look no
further than Village
Street.



**On Monday 20
December**, there will
be showing of this extremely popular
children's film in the Memorial Hall at
2.30.

Children under the age of 13 are free and
everyone else £5. Refreshments will be
available.

To book, call Kate on 07736 804 445 or
send her a text.

Rowvember Charity Challenge

November was "Rowvember" for Rick Smart and a group of local residents. Rick sent himself the challenge of rowing the length of the River Severn (220 Miles) plus the length of River Anton / Test to Southampton (36 Miles). He was raising money for the Southampton based Charity Abby's Heroes which supports families with children who have been diagnosed with Cancer. As part of Ricks fundraising a group of locals also took part in a 24 hour Rowathon in aid of the charity. The crew rowed 184 miles with Callum Jackman leading the way with a personal distance of 35 miles. It was also great to see youngsters Cody and Indy Hemsley join in and they managed an impressive 14 miles between them. Thanks to the generosity of friends and family Rick and the group raised £2360 for Abby's Heroes. Rick and the crew would like to thank everyone for their incredible support.

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Church Christmas Bazaar

Thrupton Church Christmas Bazaar went well on 28th November. Although very scaled down from previous years we still **raised a fantastic £938.55** profit on the day and another £40 afterwards, grand total of £978.55. A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the stalls and all who donated prizes to the Grand Draw.

Thrupton Loves Cake Christmas Special

On Wednesday 22 December, TLC will be holding a Christmas Special. Janet has promised to wear a funny hat and Natasha is digging out her elf outfit! On their own, these are surely not to be missed, but add cake, sausage rolls, mince pies and a hot drink - this must be the best morning out Thrupton has ever seen!



We'll be in the Hall from 10.00 and look forward to welcoming both the young and the slightly less young.

Grand Xmas Draw

There will be a Grand Xmas Prize Draw on Saturday 18th December with 17 amazing prizes worth over £1,200 up for grabs. Details of the prizes on offer and how to enter can be found at <https://thruptonlife.co.uk/village-events/>. The money raised will be used to make a donation to the Three Village Churches, The Andover Food Bank and the Three Villages Sports Trust (the money will be used to help fund the planned Three Villages Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations at the Sports Field in June).

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Charity Xmas Display

Katie and Shannon Tricker have once again transformed their house into a Winter Wonderland with an amazing light and festive characters display. They are located on the road to Weyhill about 50 yards before the Rosebourne turning. They would welcome people to come and enjoy their display and this year have asked for donations towards 2 great causes – Bright Futures Pre-school and Abbie's Army which is a children's brain tumour research charity. If you would like to donate please look at the Thrupton Life Facebook page or contact Katie on katietricker@yahoo.com.

2022 Racing Dates at Thrupton Circuit

During November, the Thrupton and District Protection Society held its annual meeting with British Automobile Racing Club (BARC) and the owner of the airfield (represented by Simon Bowder) to agree the racing dates for next year. Please see below for the agreed dates which meet all the requirements of the legal agreement between the parties.

Further updates will appear in the newsletter as we approach specific dates next year.

April 13 th	Wed	BTCC Media Day (09.00 – 17.00hrs)
April 14 th	Thurs	TOCA Support Test Day (09.00 – 17.00hrs)
April 23 rd /24 th	Sat/Sun	CSCC Race Meeting
May 28 th /29 th	Sat/Sun	BTCC Race Meeting 1
June 11 th /12 th	Sat/Sun	Thrupton Historic Race Meeting
July 2 nd /3 rd	Sat/Sun	Truck Race Meeting
August 12 th	Fri	BSB Test Day (09.00 – 17.00hrs)
August 13 th /14 th	Sat/Sun	BSB Race Meeting
August 25 th	Thurs	TOCA Test Day (09.00 – 17.00hrs)
August 27 th /28 th	Sat/Sun	BTCC Race Meeting 2