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Welcome to all our readers

Thruxton Parish Newsletter - December 2022



The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents and their families a very happy and peaceful Christmas and to wish you a healthy and enjoyable New Year. Despite all the well-known hurdles we face with global economic and social challenges, we hope you agree that we are lucky to

live in such a safe and supportive community in a beautiful part of the world – so let's celebrate the positive whilst recognising and supporting those less fortunate than ourselves.

In the run-up to the Christmas period, there are several important developments to keep you informed of. Some may have read on Facebook about a consultation programme being run by TVBC on their "Plan for Community Involvement in Planning". The consultation closes on Fri. 16th Dec and can be reached at <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-and-building/planningpolicy/draft-statement-of-community-involvement-in-planning-sci-2022>. We urge you to participate.

We have been told that Hampshire CC are assessing whether to convert to a "unitary authority" which would entail greater devolved decision-making and tax-raising power from central government (Westminster) at the expense of local democracy – i.e. there is a chance (likelihood?) that local authorities, such as TVBC, would disappear in a drive to centralise the provision of services at the County level. If you have a view on this matter, please contact your County Councillor, Chris Donnelly on cllrcondonnelly@testvalley.gov.uk. We have asked Cllr. Donnelly to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 3rd Feb. to explain the County's thinking and to answer questions – members of the public are, as usual, welcome to come along.

As noted in the report of the Parish Council

Dates for the Diary

Every Wednesday	Thruxton Loves Cake 10-12, Memorial Hall
Every Friday	Yoga 13:30, Memorial Hall
18 th December	Carol Service 10:30, Thruxton Church
25 th December	Holy Communion 10, Thruxton Church

meeting, it is relatively quiet on the Planning front. However, we remain alert to the possibility of a revised application coming from developers wanting to build on land around the village and, to that end, a small group of residents has been meeting regularly for the last 3 months to ensure we have the arguments necessary to ensure that developments will only proceed if they are in keeping with the character of Thruxton and our Neighbourhood Development Plan. Whilst on this topic, you may be interested to know that TVBC have a new Head of Planning, Simon Finch, who joined recently from Winchester.

Finally, we are continuing our efforts to improve road usage in the Parish. Discussions continue with Hampshire Highways about ways in which we can deter lorries from entering the village unless they absolutely have to (e.g. deliveries, transit to other villages) and to prevent the very large articulated vehicles from using our narrow roads and endangering pedestrians. In addition, we have started the installation of the posts that will ultimately carry speed warning signs. The locations of these posts were detailed in the November newsletter and, once installed, we will purchase the speed warning cameras and start to have an influence on driver behaviour. You have been warned!!

It just leaves me to repeat our good wishes for the festive season. Take care, stay well and see you in 2023.

Peter Christie on behalf of the Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 7th December. As it was our last meeting of the year, the Chair produced wine and mice pies (courtesy of Mrs. Chair aka Kate Christie) for the delectation of Counsellors and members of the public. However, before we indulged ourselves, we held the formal meeting and the key issues covered included:

- **Roads:** The Chair updated Counsellors on discussions with Hampshire CC Cllr. Donnelly regarding improvements to the "no lorry" signage. Hampshire Highways have changed the sign at the western entrance to the Village but the Council agreed that further changes are required and the Chair will meet with Cllr. Donnelly in the New Year to pursue this. Any changes to road layout – e.g. road narrowing – will have to be funded by the Parish Council. Highways have cleared the culverts at the junction of Amesbury Road and Village Street so we hope that will prevent further flooding in that area.

- **Play equipment on Sports Field:** Cllr. Odling presented his monthly report on the safety of the play equipment. Some minor maintenance is required on the swings and Cllr. Odling undertook to carry out the required work himself, for which he received the thanks of the Council. Cllr. Odling has contacted the Sports Field Trust regarding some safety issues associated with the gates into the play area and clearance of rubbish from around the table tennis table.

- **Tree works by post box:** The Clerk reported on the tree works completed by the post box on Lambourne Way. A further tree needs to be felled and she had received a quote for £820. Councillors believe this was expensive and further quotations will be sought.

- **St John's Lane:** Quotations are being sought for the re-surfacing of St. John's Lane. The Council will be kept apprised of quotations received and a decision on which contractor to appoint will be made in the New Year.

- **Speed Awareness Signs:** Agreement has been reached on the location of 5 posts to carry the speed awareness signs and Hampshire Highways have been instructed to install the posts. The cost to the Council is £658.

- **Street Lights:** The Council agreed to work being carried out on the street light on Village Street, close to Lovell Close; the work will protect neighbouring houses from glare from the light.

- **Thruxton Circuit Race Days 2023:** The Chair reported on the agreement reached for dates when race meetings will be held next year. Details appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

- **Planning:** Cllr. Davis recommended no objections to 2 planning applications received in recent weeks – one for new windows and insulation at George Cottage and another for a shed to be installed at George House.

- **Community thanks:** Thanks were recorded for Brig. Edward Chamberlain for the work he has done in his own time on clearing the stream bed and cutting back hedges around the Village Green.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm. The next meeting will be held on Wed. 3rd February 2023 starting at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

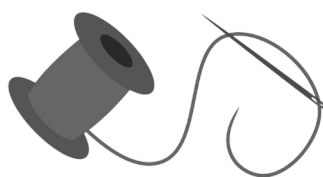
Full minutes will appear on noticeboards and the Thruxton Village website in due course.

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It is now a long-held belief that Patchwork and Quilting is one of the very best ways to exercise your mind whilst

at the same time providing an excellent opportunity to meet people and socialise.

Thruxton Threads meets every other Tuesday in the Memorial Hall at 10.00. We are a small group who are always keen for others to join us. We work on our own projects but also undertake group projects that everyone takes part in. Some of us bring sewing machines, others don't. Basically, we are not only friendly but flexible too!

If you would like to join us, call Kate on 07736 804445. And don't worry if you don't know one end of a needle from the other – beginners are also always welcome.

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

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☕ 10 till 12 on Wednesday mornings ☕

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21st Jan 2023
7.30.



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Thruxton Memorial Hall News



We enjoyed two Trustee led events in November in addition to the Thruxton Loves Cake mornings. We made a change to the the

Remembrance lunch this year with Alison Hopkins cooking for us. The food was excellent and the difference in cost contributed enormously to the monies raised. Many thanks to all who helped, but especially to Alison and the ladies on Kitchen duties.

Thanks must also go to Fitz and George, ably assisted by Cat and Annabel, for the very entertaining quiz night that was enjoyed by 50 people whilst also raising money for our hall. It was won by a team (from Thruxton, Kimpton and Appleshaw) who came together on the evening! Many thanks to all who attended.

While maintaining our lovely old building continues to be our main focus, heating costs will be our number one concern during the winter and spring and all monies raised will ensure that we can keep our doors open for longer (not literally!).

On the 19th the hall was full to bursting after the memorial service for Ray Bradbury. A fitting farewell to a much loved member of our community. As someone said, "he would have loved it".

Please buy tickets for The Casino Night, our next big occasion. If you, like us, fancy getting dressed up for a bit of fun in deepest darkest January this is the occasion for you!

And remember we are here for you to hire as well at www.thruxtonmemorialhall.org

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January Church Service Dates

1 st January	Benefice Family Service 11am, Shipton Bellinger
15 th January	Service of the World 11am, Thruxton Church
22 nd January	Morning Worship 11am, Thruxton Church
29 th January	Benefice Holy Communion 11am, Kimpton

Yoga Thruxton Memorial Hall
One of the things that the hall supports is a
Yoga class on a Friday lunchtime.
1.30pm for a hour of stretching, trying to
copy Paul as he shows us how flexible we
could be with more practice! 🧘
We have a mixture of male and female
participants; just wear loose clothes and turn
up with your £5 note and a mat or towel.

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Thruxton Race Dates 2023

The following dates for race events have been announced by the circuit. Please note the meetings that will involve road closures on the Sunday (marked by *).

Date	Day	Event
April 12 th	Wed	Test Day – 0900 to 1700
May 6th / 7th	Sat / Sun	CSCC Race Meeting
June 2 nd	Fri	Test Day – 0900 to 1700
June 3rd / 4th	Sat / Sun	BTCC Race Meeting. *
June 17th / 18th	Sat / Sun	Thruxton Historic Race Meeting
July 8th / 9th	Sat / Sun	Truck Race Meeting
July 28 th	Fri	Test Day
July 29th / 30th	Sat / Sun	BARC Race Meeting *
August 11 th	Fri	BSB Test Day
August 12th / 13th	Sat / Sun	BSB Race Meeting. *

Bold – Race Day

Italic – Test Day

* Road closures on Sunday

Any questions please contact Peter Christie (pchristie@thruxtonparishcouncil.com) or
Brian Hamilton (brian@pilotservices.org.uk)

Correct as at 14th November 2022