
THRUXTON TIMES

February 2026

From the Editor

Welcome to the February Issue of the Thruxton Parish Newsletter.

I am pleased to be able to welcome two new parish councillors, David White and Baz Myers who were duly voted on board at the council meeting. Both have a wealth of experience and will I am sure add new impetus to our work.

We are still short of a full complement so please consider if you could give a few hours a month contributing to the community and apply to become a parish councillor. At a time when it feels like our communities are being impacted by decision makers elsewhere it is important we do whatever we can to protect and improve our little piece of heaven.

On January 3rd I attended the funeral of former Thruxton Parish Council Chairman Charles Milner Williams. The Salisbury crematorium was packed with military comrades, friends and relatives. A wonderful gathering at the Thruxton Memorial Hall followed with a display of mementos. I spoke with his daughter. She revealed with a smile that Charles had made a posthumous request that she inherits his procured title of Lord of Thruxton and "looks after" the Parish.

Diary Dates

Thruxton Memorial Hall

Saturday, 14th February 'Sit & Sew'
10.00am - 4.00pm

Wednesday, 25th February
Gardening Club
7.00pm - 9.00pm

Every week

Mondays Board Game Group
2pm - 4pm

Wednesdays Thruxton Loves Cake
10am to midday

'Library': whilst the telephone box 'library' is temporarily not in use whilst undergoing repairs, a selection of books are available in the Hall on Wednesdays from 10am to midday.

Thruxton Church Services

St Peter & St Paul

No further services in February

1 March 9.00am - 10.00am

Parish Holy Communion

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We discussed ideas and a memorial plaque for him and his wife Margaret who both made great contributions to the village. We will seek approval at our next meeting and with agreement from the hall trustees, purchase and display the plaque in the Machin room.

From the Editor, cont.

In other news, myself and fellow councillors from Ampport, Fyfield and Kimpton met with Alex Thistlethwayte, Thruxton Circuit and airfield owner.

It is heartening that they have great plans, are supportive of our communities and endeavour to be good neighbours seeking to minimise negative impacts such as noise from aircraft and the Circuit. They are developing plans for new businesses in the industrial estate bringing local jobs, a new restaurant and micro-brewery when the old Jackaroo restaurant and control tower building are demolished.

They are planning a 5Km permissive footpath around the Circuit for walkers with dogs welcome, opening hopefully in September. Lastly, The Hampshire Airshow is coming to Thruxton on the 12/13th September, and we look forward to a fantastic display.

We are very aware of the continued flooding issue at the junction of Amesbury Rd and Wiremead Lane. Hampshire Highways has attempted a resolution with a drainage channel but this has not been successful. We have escalated the issue through our County Councillor, Chris Donnelly. He reported Hampshire Highways have announced the much needed resurfacing of the A303 west bound slip road between 16th -19th February.

Finally, we have now been able to resource a replacement door for the telephone box 'library' on the green and Cllr Odling has kindly volunteered to re-assemble the door. Hopefully the box will soon be returned to its former glory.

Parish Council Meeting February 2026

The parish Council met on Monday 2nd February at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. As usual full minutes will appear on Parish Notice Boards and the website but key issues discussed included:

- **Two new councillors** were co-opted onto the council with a unanimous vote – David White and Baz Myers. The chairman welcomed them onto the council.
- A parishioner from the **Community Engagement Forum (CEF)** talked through the meeting he had last week with various officers from TVBC with a walk through the village, highlighting the various issues, how these often involved different departments in TVBC who don't co-ordinate their efforts and that he recommended going forward a more holistic approach to the various issues. The TVBC chief executive supports this and the idea of CEFs across parishes.
- **A342 Group** – Sighting of Speed Indicator Device (SID) post is proposed at the bottom of Halcyon Drive to gather additional data for traffic flows. Funding for purchase and erection of the SID post was sought and approved.

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Parish Council February Meeting, cont

- **Speed Awareness** – A questionnaire is enclosed to gather residents' views on speed limits within the parish boundaries. There are two options for completion – online with a QR code link, or on paper. A post box will be provided on the railings at the Memorial Hall for paper returns.

TRAFFIC CONSULTATION !!

The Parish needs your help !
Hampshire County Council has agreed to some villages being eligible for 20 MPH speed limits on some roads. We really need your views to enable a decision by the parish council to apply to reduce speed limits in the Parish. The data we collect from our electronic speed signs together with verbal feedback all suggest that average speeds are uncomfortably high in places through Thruxton for drivers, pedestrians, cyclists and horses, especially where there is no footpath. Please complete the enclosed questionnaire or online at :
www.surveymonkey.com/r/LXFPTJR
or use the QR code that is given in the enclosed Questionnaire. Thank You.

- **Play Equipment** – transfer of responsibility of the Play Area to TVSFT is progressing and will be completed by End of March.
- **Lengthsman** - Tender documents for the renewal of the Lengthsman contract have been prepared, giving new additional services required. These will be published on the parish website on 9th February.

- **Pillhill Brook Association (PBA)**

Janet Wright gave a presentation on the work of the PBA and the importance of maintaining this rare chalk stream. Small amounts of funding for insurance and other small projects were sought from the council, to be shared amongst the 9 parishes that the Pillhill Brook crosses on its route to the River Anton.

An A2 poster is being produced showing the route that the stream takes and they would like to add a section with photos etc. to the posters that show the individual parishes – the posters would then be specific to that parish. It was suggested that the Community Engagement Team could be involved in this. These were approved by the council.

- **County Council Elections**
Cllr Donnolly reported that the government has agreed that elections will take place this year, but this will probably delay the re-organisation of unitary councils until 2028.

- The date for the **village fete** is 22nd August 2026.

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Thruxton Parish Council
The next meeting will be on
Monday, 2nd March, 7pm
Thruxton Memorial Hall



From the Hall...

January and February are usually quiet months for us with few bookings and not a lot going on but we've had some new customers recently. Emma from Relax and Restore has been running her Sound Bath events and Olivia from Liv Pilates in Monxton will start classes this month on Monday evenings.

We were hoping for news about the installation of the new kitchen but it looks like it might be March now. As a bit of interim excitement, the new cooker arrives this month.

Some of you will know that we had a leaking roof in the entrance foyer. Hintons arrived very quickly and have worked on the problem, we think its OK but its really hard sometimes to know quite where the water is getting in. That along with new electrical standards that required us to upgrade our fuse boxes will make a big dent in our budget for maintenance this year. On a lighter note we have applied to Test Vally Council for a grant to upgrade most of our lighting to low energy fitments.

A date for your diary. The Open Gardens event will be on the 19th July this year, so please bear that in mind if you'd like to show off your efforts. We've also been successful at applying for a grant from the Fete Monies to run the Produce Show this year and are planning this for September.

Finally and most recently, we watched a great film in January "The Roses". If you would like to join us we are showing 'Downton Abbey, The Grand Finale' on 27th February. There will also be a Retro Fun Quiz on March 6th so keep a look out for information about it on the notice boards around the village.

Board Game Group

Every Monday 2.00pm - 4.00pm

We are a very relaxed, friendly group. If you don't know how to play we would love to teach you or you may like to bring your own game and teach us. It's not about the playing but the company and chat over a nice cuppa.

All very welcome.



Thrupton Loves Cake!

Every Wednesday 10am - 12.00

This is a coffee morning for the village and surrounding areas held in Thrupton Memorial Hall. Come along and enjoy a warm welcome, lots of tea, coffee, cakes and chat! We also have books and puzzles available to borrow.



Sit & Sew Saturday

Only £10 for the day

Saturday 14 February 10am - 4.00pm

Bring along any sewing project you like. Spend the day stitching with a very friendly group of sewers, and maybe start (or finish) that project you've been thinking of for a while! Lunch is bring and share and there's always tea, coffee and cake!!

Call Kate on 07736 804 445 for more info.

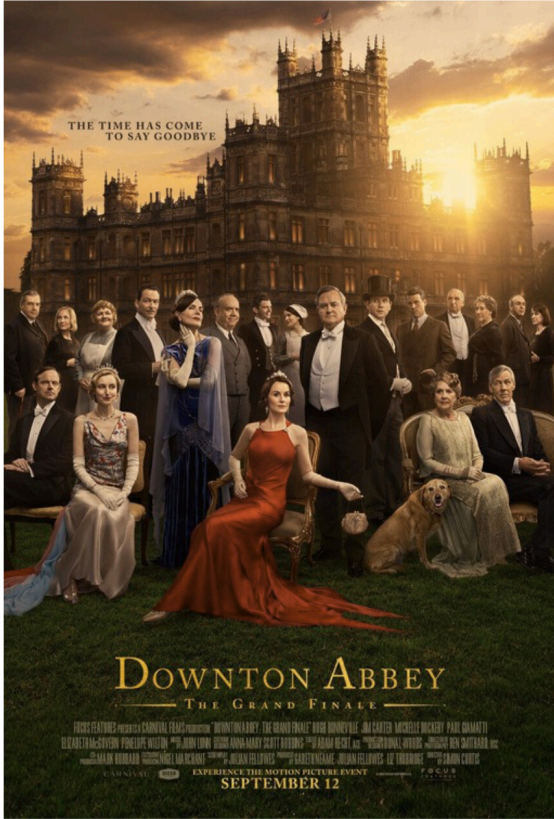
Gardening Club

Wednesday, 25th February

Doors open 7pm for meeting at 7.15pm
As always, for more information, please contact Louise on 07944 746849 or email louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk

Friday Night is Movie Night

Thruxton Memorial Hall
Friday 27 February
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Friday
March 6th

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