
THRUXTON TIMES

MAY 2026

From the Editor

Welcome to the May Issue of the Thruxton Parish Newsletter. The Annual Parish Council Meeting (APM), held on 11th May, was a largely procedural meeting. The Annual Parish Assembly which followed, was held to give a report by the parish council on its work over the year; to hear presentations from guest speakers on matters of community interest and to receive questions from parishioners.

A summary of the Chairman's report is given and the full report will be available on the parish council website.

Special thanks were given to:

- Kate and Peter Christie for fund raising and progressing a replacement entrance to the green. The design will celebrate the late queen, Elizabeth II
- Joan Jackson who runs the library and to Cllr Will Odling for all their tireless efforts in the work in restoration of the telephone box/library, near completion
- Ray Welch, our former lengthsman who served the parish for the last 15 years
- The community engagement forum for contributions to planning responses and the Neighbourhood Development Plan
- Roger Oliver for clearing pavements and Martin King for clearing footpaths
- Sue and Martin King for litter picking and running the highly successful fete
- The newsletter delivery team
- County Councillor Chris Donnelly and our councillors for their dedicated efforts
- Everyone else who has volunteered - you are the heart of this community.

Diary Dates May

Thruxton Memorial Hall

Wednesday, 27th Gardening Club
7.15pm for 7.30pm

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 being repaired, a selection of books are available in the Hall on Wednesdays from 10am to midday.

Church Services

St Peter & St Paul

unless otherwise stated

24th May 9.00am Morning Worship

31st May 11.00am Appleshaw
Benefice Holy Communion for
Trinity Sunday

7th June 9.00am Holy Communion

28th June 9.00am Morning Worship

cont.

Regarding planning, in the last year we submitted comments on:

- The TVBC 2042 draft plan, raising serious concerns on housing allocations
- The Local government reorganisation, where our preferred option of mid-Hampshire will be adopted
- Dauntsey Lane, Jasons Field and behind Stanbury Close housing applications, and Thruxton Down HGV yard.

From the Editor, cont.

On the Pillhill Brook and flooding:

- Thruxton along with parishes received an award for work with Southern Water on sewer lining to drastically reduce the need for tankers
- The Brook wall by the Green was repaired

Other activities undertaken included:

- This year we handed back responsibility for the sportsfield play equipment to the Sportsfield Trust.
- In December we held an informal pre-Christmas celebration for the parish in the memorial hall. The event was well attended and we received very positive feedback from attendees. A big thank you to all those that helped at the event. We hope it will be repeated.
- Launching a road safety initiative with a view to reducing speed limits in places
- Contributed to the A342 group to raise the profile of road issues with TVBC
- In January, I attended the funeral of ex-chairman Charles Milner-Williams. Charles' Daughter , Victoria, who now lives in Canada is in discussion with the council to install a memorial bench on the green.

Guest Speakers:

Alex Thistlethwayte, owner of the Circuit and Airfield updated the audience on developments and plans including a new modern building replacing the old control tower with a top class restaurant, cafe and micro-brewery, a dog walking facility, an EV car charging capability using solar power. Their overall aim is to broaden the appeal beyond motor and aircraft enthusiasts.

Ben Taylor, group CEO of the British Association of Racing Cars (BARC) updated the audience on the altered schedule for this year to work around TV coverage of the football world cup this summer. All details on the BARC website. The free passes system for local residents has been updated with a limit for eligibility of 1.5 miles from the circuit so this parish will be unaffected. Ben was thanked for BARC's continued support for local fundraising. He kindly offered cars for the Fete again.

Janet Wright, Treasurer of the Pillhill Brook Association (PHBA) reported on the large team of volunteers who monitor the health of the brook, an important headwater for the Anton and Test rivers. As a bourne that only runs for part of the year it is even more ecologically important. Janet kindly presented the parish with an A2 poster with information and a map of the brook and thanked Louise and Edward Chamberlain for Thruxton specific information. We will display the poster in a suitable noticeboard.

Steve Counsell, a representative from the Thruxton Community Engagement Forum (CEF) explained the background, role and aspirations for CEFs to campaign in areas such as planning and working with parish councils, other organisations and TVBC with a community led approach. A separate event will be organised.

Peter Christie, Chair of the Governors for Kimpton, Thruxton and Fyfield Church of England Primary School, explained the role of the Skylark foundation, its christian principles of faith hope and love, the challenges of decreasing birth rates in the area and increased numbers of special needs students.

The Parish Council is grateful to all the guest speakers at the Annual Parish Assembly and to all the residents who attended.

Lastly, I would like to give special thanks to our team.

Cllr Will Odling, Vice Chair, has been at the heart of the planning team. Will has spearheaded the road safety initiative and been our representative on the pan parish A342 group to focus TVBC on road issues.

Will had sole responsibility for maintaining the play equipment and oversaw the handover to the Three Villages Sportsfield Trust. Also, as previously mentioned, Will has been the chief engineer and worker on the revamp of the phone box.

Cllr Richard Earp has been a core team member throughout the year, taking responsibility for roads, the dog waste bin in the dog walking field, the defibrillators, erecting the new noticeboard on Stanbury Road, the new road safety mirrors and running the highly successful Scarecrow competition at the annual fete.

Not least, many thanks to our hard working clerk, Wendy, for her sterling efforts over the year. Not only does she fulfil the extensive clerk duties, as our financial officer, she is implementing a professional accounting package. She has also covered overseeing the green spaces role when we were short of councillors. Wendy undertakes the bulk of the work to produce the newsletter, and is proactive in all matters relating to the parish.



Save the Date
Thrupton Open
Gardens
Sunday 19th
July 1 till 6pm

A fund raising event for
Thrupton Memorial Hall and
Thrupton Gardening Club



From the Hall...

Our AGM 1st week gave the Trustees the opportunity to thank everyone who has helped and supported the Hall over the past year. The meeting was well attended(but there will always be room for more) and Gill Odling, our retiring Chair, gave a lively speech to acknowledge those in the Village who give up so much of their time to help us.

Gill also cut the ribbon to officially open the new and much improved kitchen, which has been her special project for many months and it was agreed that the finished project was well worth all her time and effort.

We also said farewell to Nick Williams, who has organised our Movie Nights for several years. We are delighted that Graham Harris, although standing down as Treasurer, will continue to be a Trustee. A full record of the meeting will be published on our website in the coming days.

Our new Chair, Kate Christie, is an old hand at the job and is very much looking forward to working with the team, which now includes Vicci Lashmore-Smith for publicity, and Peter Christie, who takes up the role of Treasurer.

The response to the Open Gardens event has once again been brilliant and Louise and Gill are looking forward to running another successful event in July - more details to follow next month.

In the coming weeks, we will be making the Hall summer-ready with some lovely new planters. In the meantime, please feel free to drop in to TLC on a Wednesday morning or the Games Club on Monday afternoons- they'll love to see you.

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.



Thruxton Loves Cake!

Every Wednesday 10am - 12.00

This is a coffee morning for the village and surrounding areas held in Thruxton Memorial Hall.

Come along and enjoy a warm welcome, lots of tea, coffee, cakes and chat! We also have puzzles and books from the library to borrow, as it is still under repair.



Gardening Club

Wednesday, 27th May

Come along and join us for our next meeting.

Doors open at 7.15pm Talk starts at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

For further information please contact Louise

on 07944 746 849 or

louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk.



Sit & Sew Saturday

Only £10 for the day

Thruxton Memorial Hall

Saturday 20th June 10am - 4.00pm

Call Kate on 07736 804 445 for more information.

LEONARDO DICAPRIO SEAN PENN BENICIO DEL TORO REGINA HALL TEYANA TAYLOR CHASE INFINITI

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Winner of 6 Oscars
ONE BATTLE AFTER ANOTHER

Friday 29 May
7 for 7.30pm
at The Hall - £6pp + bar & ices

June Hamnet July to be confirmed
Thruptonmemorialhall.org

THRUXTON MEMORIAL HALL

Weddings Parties Meetings Clubs

Book your next event at The Hall
Thruptonmemorialhall.org

What's Happening at The White Horse, Thrupton

QUIZNIGHTS

Wednesday 27th May
Wednesday 10th June

BEER FESTIVAL & FAMILY FUNDAY

Saturday 20th June 12pm till late!
Live music all day, local ales, tug of war,
bouncy castle, all day BBQ
£5 per ticket | Children free

H O E D O W N

Get your boots on and your twang out!
Saturday 22nd August
Join us for a fun action packed evening of
Line Dancing,
Live Music, Texas BBQ & Rodeo Bull
Cowboy/Cowgirl costumes encouraged!

TAKEAWAY

Take away Pizzas & Fish & Chips
Monday - Saturday 6-9pm

Stay up to date with our live music and food
events on our Facebook and Instagram pages

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