THRUXTON TIMES

NOVEMBER 2026

From the Editor

Welcome to the November edition of Thruxton Times. The Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, 3 November was followed by a talk from Ben Taylor, CEO of Thruxton Circuit.

The council was also pleased to welcome Dave Growcott, Head of TVBC Community Development Team amd Michelle Penn, Community Engagement Officer. HCC Councillor Chris Donnelly and TVBC Councillor Phil Lashbrook also kindly attended.

Planning applications were a key issue that were discussed and looking back, the Parish Council first sent in its objections to the proposed housing developments on Dauntsey Lane in November 2025! Fast forward a year, and these planning applications have now been refused. Let us hope that should the developers go to appeal, the decision to refuse will be upheld.

Cllr Donnelly reported that there have been major changes to how applications will now be considered. From 31 October, a national scheme of delegation comes into force, that sets which categories of decision are delegated to officers rather than taken by committee. More details on these changes will be put on the parish council website when confirmed by TVBC.

Diary Dates

See inside for more details

November

Friday	13	Quiz Night at the Hall
Wednesday	25	Gardening Club 7 15pm for 7.30pm
Friday	27	Movie Night at the Hall 7.00pm fpr 7.30pm **

** Please buy tickets online

Every week

Mondays	Board Game Group 2pm - 4pm
Wednesdays	Thruxton Loves Cake 10am to midday



Thruxton Church Services

8 Nov	10.50am	Remembrance
22 Nov	9.00am	Morning Worship
29 Nov	11.00am	Benefice New Dawn Holy Communion (Thruxton)
6 Dec	9.00am	Holy Communion

Church Bazaar
Saturday 21 November 2- 4 pm

See advert in newsletter

'The Promise of Christmas'
Friday 11 December 7 pm

Thruxton Church is pleased to announce a brand new, short musical, by Marilyn Childs, with sketches and carols, based on the real story of Christmas.

In consideration of the many changes to planning regulations, the Parish Council passed a resolution to become a member of the Town & County Planning Association. This will give it access to training and latest information, which will be of real benefit in respect of the changes to planning regulations and related matters of importance to the community.

TVBC Cllr Phil Lashbrook gave an update on the proposed Local Government Reorganisation, which has been put on hold for Hampshire. This means that there will be elections held in May 2027 for Hampshire County Councillors, based on existing council boundaries. New councils will be established for 2029. Further information will be provided by the government in due course.

Following the Parish Council meeting, Ben Taylor, CEO, Thruxton Circuit gave an interesting overview of current activities and plans for the Circuit and Airfield. One of the new hangars will house a cocktail bar, restuarant and diner. Plans are also in place for a new Grandstand, micro brewery and farm shop. All of which should bring work to the local community. As well as the motoring race events, the objective is to provide a great leisure experience and amenity that it is hoped will be a positive contribution to the area.

Residents from Thruxton and surrounding villages had raised concerns about the lack of communication in respect of events, most recently the aborted Hamsphire Air Festival.

Ben Taylor apologised for the many issues and agreed to provide regular schedules of events plus the latest race day calendar, which was being finalised.

Parish Councillor Steve Counsell requested that the the villages were kept informed of any license applications in future.

In conclusion, Ben Taylor emphasised that The Ciruit was keen to have the involvement of the local community and he welcomed ideas for future events.

New Parish Councillor elected

A further councillor was co-opted onto the parish council, Mrs Heather Bourner. This now makes the full complement of seven parish councillors. The support of residents in ensuring the parish council can fully represent the Thruxton community is very much appreciated.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday, 7th December at 7pm, in the Machin Room, Thruxton Memorial Hall.





From the Hall…

Although I think the phrase "There's no 'I' in team" is a little overworked, I completely buy into 'Many hands make light work'! For very good reasons, two of our Trustees have recently decided to step down. This is obviously a great loss to the Hall but we wish them both well and hope that some day, they may return to us. Of course, this sadly depletes our number and I hope that someone reading this may come forward to help.

As Trustees, we try to do things for the village as well as making sure we have enough money to keep the Hall going, particularly through the very expensive winter months. We meet once a month to discuss the boring stuff such as how much the windows cost to clean, and where to find a specialist surveyor to appraise our (now almost) unique pointing, but we also want to run events that will bring the village together and bring a smile to everyone's faces. In order to do this well, we need more people. If you think you could help in any way, please consider joining us.

We particularly need someone who can help co-ordinate the maintenance issues; finding an electrician or that elusive surveyor. It would also be wonderful if you'd like to get involved with some of the amazing ideas that Vicci has had for new and exciting events in the Hall.We meet monthly for about one and half hours and then find time (not a lot) to help carry out the various tasks that ensure that the Hall is available for residents and visitors alike.

As I write, this year's Remembrance lunch has sold out. This is amazing and many congratulations to Brian and his team for arranging such a fabulous tribute for such worthwhile causes. Also a huge 'Thank you' to everyone who bought tickets.

Once again, we are hosting the Church Bazaar on the 21st. All the money raised goes to help maintain our beautiful church and you may find a bargain for one of those little 'extras' at Christmas.

Friday 13th may be unlucky for some but our Retro Quiz on that evening will be winners all round as Tony once again entertains and delights with his questions that evoke so many memories. There may be some tickets left so zap the QR code on our ad, or pick up the phone and get yours today!



Please note the above event is in December

Thruxton Loves Cake!
Every Wednesday
10am - 12.00
Thruxton Memorial Hall

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

Come along and enjoy a warm welcome, lots of tea, coffee, delicious cakes and chat!



Gardening Club
Wednesday, 25 November
Quiz Night

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 25 November. Everyone is welcome to come along. Doors will open at 7.15pm and the talk will start at 7.30pm.

For more information, please contact Louise on 07944 746 849 Louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk.

Board Game Group
Every Monday 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Thruxton Memorial Hall

We have a new regular game being played - Mahjong. More players welcome! 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.



See the adverts for the Quiz Night on 13 November and and Film Night on 27 November


RETRO
50's
60's
70's
80's
FUN
QUIZ
NIGHT
Thruxton
Memorial Hall
Friday
13th
November
7 for 7.30
News at Ten
FILM
Max 6 per team
£6pp (includes first drink)
Bring your own snacks
Drinks from Bar only
Cash Prize
Scan QR code to book your tickets or call 07736 804445



Friday 27 November

7 for 7.30pm

at The Hall - £6pp + bar & ices

THRUXTON MEMORIAL HALL

Weddings Parties Meetings Clubs

SAVE THE DATE

27 Nov

Savage House

Thruxtonmemorialhall.org



Church Bazaar

Saturday 21 November 2-4pm
Thruxton Memorial Hall
Many stalls, refreshments, books, bottles, bric-a-brac, grand draw etc.
Tables available to hire to sell your own crafts. To book contact Christine 07933 352855
Please bring any donations for the stalls to the hall between 1pm and 1.30pm on the day or contact Christine for collection
In aid of St Peter & St Paul Church, Thruxton



Andover Ladies Choir
Carols & Owls
Hawk Conservancy
Friday, 18 November







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THE WHITE HORSE, THRUXTON
FESTIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET
THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER
6.00 - 8.30 PM
ENTRY £1 DONATION SUPPORTING ANDOVER YOUNG CARERS
LOCAL CRAFT MARKET STALLS
CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
SNOWBOARD SIMULATOR
SANTAS GROTTO
BRATWURST | MULLED WINE
MINCE PIES | CHURROS
TEA | COFFEE | HOT CHOCOLATE
CHRISTMAS CAROLS FROM GRATELEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
FOLLOWED BY LIVE MUSIC FROM
THE THRUXTON UKULELE GROUP