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# THRUXTON TIMES

March 2026

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## From the Editor

Welcome to the March Issue of the Thruxton Parish Newsletter. In the blink of an eye we are into meteorological spring and it is lovely to see the daffodils out, particularly along Village Street.

The Pillhill is at the top end of a babbling brook and looks picturesque but if we get much more rain, flooding in the village is a real risk. The junction of Wiremead lane and Amesbury Rd remains a problem that Hampshire Highways are yet to resolve. We hope residents in the at-risk properties have flood safeguard measures ready but please contact us if you need advice or have vulnerable residents. The government floodline has good advice, having sandbags ready is a key measure.

Downstream along the Pillhill brook at Little Ann there has been a sewerage overflow incident and as a result we have seen tankers at Wiremead lane to help alleviate the problem. The sewer lining project in Thruxton, Kimpton and Fyfield has been very successful in stopping groundwater ingress but Southern Water still has more work to do downstream at Monxton and beyond.

The new noticeboard in Stanbury Rd and the replacement door for the phone box will be put up over the next few weeks with the kind assistance of Cllr Will Odling.

## Diary Dates

### Thruxton Memorial Hall

**Village Halls week : 16<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 undergoing repairs, a selection of books are available in the Hall on Wednesdays from 10am to midday.

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## Thruxton Church Services

### St Peter & St Paul

22<sup>nd</sup> March 9.00am Morning Worship

3<sup>rd</sup> April 9.00am Good Friday service

5<sup>th</sup> April 8.20am Easter Day service

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Meanwhile the work of the parish council continues apace with a new lengthsman contract for maintenance of the green and other areas, new road safety mirrors, and the road safety survey - still time for households to complete this by 9 March, see details further on in this newsletter.

A separate survey is also underway, relating to the wider A342 corridor and new housing, so please participate. Details are given on the next page.

## From the Editor, cont.

The parish council is also applying for various grants, including the new green entrance. A decision has been taken to adopt a cloud based accountancy system provided by a company called Scribe, whose service is used by over 1,600 councils in the UK. This will help the parish council improve its financial management and transparency.

Last but not least, our two new parish councillors are very much engaged in these activities and are discovering the rewarding and varied nature of parish council work.

Do not despair parishioners, we still have a vacancy on the parish council, so please get in contact soon to avoid disappointment.

Please email me for me details at [rmunday@thruptonparishcouncil](mailto:rmunday@thruptonparishcouncil)

Many thanks!

## Parish Council Meeting March 2026

The parish council met on Monday, 2nd March in the Memorial Hall. Apologies were received from Cllr W Odling and HCC Cllr C Donnelly.

As usual full Minutes will appear on the parish notice boards and website, but key issues discussed included:

Public participation – a parishioner said that the footpath leading up to the garden centre had now been cleared, partly by the lengthsman and also a local resident, Mr Brian Tobin. The council wishes to thank Mr Tobin for kind his help.

- **Flooding** -The chairman reported that the water levels are still rising through the village, they are not yet at flooding level, but the risk is there.

## Flooding, cont

- The chairman reported that the water levels are still rising through the village, they are not yet at flooding level, but the risk is there. There had a been a sewage incident at Manor Farm, but this was being dealt with. A local parishioner has put forward ideas and wording for the A2 poster that the Pillhill Brook Association is being commissioned for the parishes, and this will now be taken forwards with approval for a specific Thrupton poster.
- **Speed Awareness** – The road safety questionnaire was sent out with the Thrupton Times last month and we have received a good response from residents. The data will be collated this coming month and hopefully this will support the council's application to reduce the speed limit through the village. New mirrors have been placed off the A303 slip road and these have been received well. The council approved the sighting of new larger mirrors at the bottom of Beech Close.
- **A342 Group** – The group have produced a very comprehensive questionnaire around traffic issues on the A342 and environs. These will be distributed shortly and parishioners can also complete the questionnaire online using the link or scanning the QR code below, which will also take you to the survey.

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/PVXZRQY](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PVXZRQY)



## Parish Council March Meeting, cont

- **Green Spaces** – The design for the new Jubilee Gate at the entrance to the green has been received and is awaiting approval by the Jubilee committee. More funding will be needed and TVBC Community Engagement Team have been approached to help fund this. Re-configuring of the slope and area around the new gate will hopefully be co-ordinated at the same time.
- **Lengthsman** – 2 tenders had been received for the new contract and the committee voted on this. A member of the public asked if the verges could be left during the time that bulbs are flowering and for 6 weeks after to ensure survival of the bulbs., and It was agreed this be added to the contract.
- **Phone Box** – The new door has been received and now just awaits painting and installation of the castings before placement.
- **Budget 2026/7** - This was approved by the council, as well as adopting a simple accounting software package rather than the current manual accounting. This will provide greater transparency and make it easier for auditing purposes. The council approved the appointment of the internal Auditor for this year.

There has been a noise complaint by a councillor regarding an incident of a low flying aircraft over his house and he queried whether there were any restrictions on flight paths. Initially this will be taken up on an informal basis with the airfield. Members of the public were also concerned about the proposed Air Show in September and how this would affect the village with noise. This will also be raised.

## Thrupton Parish Council

The next meeting will be on  
Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 7pm  
Thrupton Memorial Hall

Please note that this meeting is a week later than usual, due to Easter weekend.



## Village Halls week 16th to 22nd March

As part of the nationwide celebration of Village Halls and all they have to offer, Thrupton Memorial Hall would like to invite you to our Hall and see what goes on week to week.

Monday: Games Club, 2- 4pm, pop into the Machin Room and say hello,– new members are always welcome.

Tuesday: Thrupton Threads are in the main hall from 10 till 1pm. If you've ever wondered what they do there is an open invitation to have a look.

Tuesday evening finds Nidges Pizza van in the car park from 6pm. Put your head round the door as we will be open and offering a free glass of wine if you'd like to have a look round.

Wednesday: 10 -12 it's Thrupton Loves Cake our friendly community café. Come in for a slice of Louise's famous sponge or just a cuppa again, everyone is welcome.

**We will be holding an impromptu "Meet and Greet" evening from 6 to 8 on Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March** if you'd like to meet the committee that run the hall. Most of us will be there and again a free glass of something awaits you.



## Village Halls week 16th to 22nd March



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In addition to the open events, you might like to know that there is a **Pilates** class that runs on a Monday evening. Contact Olivia on 07418633135

- **Thrupton Gardening Club** meets here on the last Wednesday of the month. See opposite for details.
- **Andover Ladies Choir** rehearse here on Wednesday evenings. For more information contact Clare at [andoverladieschoir.co.uk](http://andoverladieschoir.co.uk)

Lastly that we run a **cinema evening** on the last Friday of the month, see the notice board for details. At the end of this March we are showing 'F1 The Movie', starring Brad Pitt. See advert.

### From the Hall...

Great News! The long-awaited kitchen is just around the corner. Installation begins at the end of March and should take no more than 2 weeks. We are hopeful that the work will cause minimal disruption to existing bookings – the singers and sewers will hopefully find their way around the chair stacks! The Trustees are so excited that the end is in sight. It's been a long haul but we know it will all have been worth it. The new oven is already in place; it looks splendid and works a treat.

In other news, we are cleaning up the car park on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, any and all help would be much appreciated. There is also talk of running a mid-week cinema afternoon showing old movies – what do you think?

**Do join us at some point during 'Village Halls Week' – the Memorial Hall is a fabulous venue for all occasions and this is a great opportunity to come inside and have a look.**

### 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 puzzles and books from the library to borrow, as it is still under repair.



### Gardening Club

**Wednesday, 25th March**

Doors open 7.15pm for meeting at 7.30pm  
Thank you to all who came to our fun quiz with cheese and wine in February. A very good time was had by all!!

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March where we will have Ted and Keith, two very knowledgeable gentlemen, who will answer all our gardening questions. The Geraniums will also be ready for collection for our annual competition.

Everyone is welcome to join us.  
For further information please contact Louise on 07944 746 849 or [louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk).

**Buckle-up! We're in for a fast ride!!!**

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Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March - QUIZ

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March - PASTA NIGHT

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April - QUIZ

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April - BURGER NIGHT

**CHILDRENS EASTER EGG HUNT**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10:00 AM

Join us At The White Horse for Easter Fun!  
£3 per child



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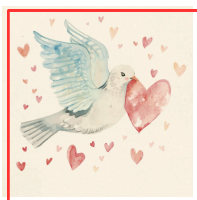
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15th March - Mothering Sunday  
 3rd April - Good Friday  
 6th April - Bank Holiday Monday

