
THRUXTON TIMES

JULY 2026

From the Editor

Welcome to the July issue of the Thruxton Parish Newsletter. This month we are saying goodbye to Cllr Will Odling. Will has served on the parish council for the last four years, more recently as Vice Chairman and this month as Chairman. Will is currently working in the background to complete the application to Hampshire County Council for a reduction in the speed limit through the village, which is a very complicated process, before retiring. The Council wish to thank him for all his efforts and wish him well for the future.

The Parish Council met on Monday 6th July at the Memorial Hall. At the moment we do not have a permanent chair of the council, so going forwards, Cllrs White and Myers will alternate in the chair from the September meeting, until a more permanent chair can be elected. We are still hoping for more volunteers to join the council as there are only 4 currently. A full complement is between 7 and 10!

Please consider stepping up, if you as parishioners and wish to be adequately represented in all matters concerning the village. If you are interested, email the Parish Clerk, Wendy Turkington at clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Lashbrook attended the meeting and updated the council in respect of a planning application for new houses to the rear of Lambourne Close. It was pointed out by a member of the public that there were errors in the application and this was being discussed by TVBC Chief executive and the planning office. No updates on this so far.

Diary Dates

See inside for more details

July

Sunday 19 Thruxton Open Gardens
1pm - 6pm

August

Saturday 1 Music in the Garden
1pm - 4pm Booking required

Saturday 22 Thruxton Village Fete
1pm - 4.30pm

September

Friday 18 Quiz Night at the Hall

Friday 25 Movie Night at the Hall

Every week

Mondays Board Game Group
2pm - 4pm

Wednesdays Thruxton Loves Cake
10am to midday

'Library': As 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.

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Local Church Services

2 Aug 11.00am Holy Communion
Fyfield

9 Aug 11.00am Holy Communion
Kimpton

16 Aug 11.00am Holy Communion
Thruxton

23 Aug 11.00am Holy Communion
Shipton Bellinger

30 Aug 11.00am Holy Communion
Appleshaw

6 Sept 9.00am Holy Communion
Thruxton

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There was a long discussion about the Hampshire Air Festival due to take place at the Circuit over 12 - 13 September with much participation from concerned parishioners. Cllr Lashbrook advised that TVBC was only responsible for licensing and the health and safety aspects of the event.

The main concerns are traffic control, noise, and the lack of communication from the organisers with the local residents and this left people feeling ignored and disgruntled. It is felt that there should be a parish liaison officer who could communicate with the owner of the airfield, BARC and also Thruxton District Protection Society(TDPS). The chairman will follow this up and Cllr Myers was happy to be that person.

On this note there were several complaints about the noisy event last weekend that went on until late in the evening. A request for a list of events and type was requested and this will be sought from the Circuit.

Free tickets to the Circuit events was also discussed and recently there had been a reduction in people eligible for these from local areas. For the Hampshire Air Festival, those that had already applied online, will be contacted again by email and the organisers have said they will honour those who have already applied for tickets. The deadline for applications has now been passed, however, the organisers, Montserrat Events, have advised that people can still apply through the website

<https://montserratevents.co.uk/>

The council would like to give community thanks to Janet Graham who has painted all the flower boxes around the village. Many thanks Janet for doing these.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is Monday 7th September 2026 in the Machin Room, Memorial Hall.

Fire in Beech Close

There was a devastating house fire at Linda Fitch-Wilkie's house in Beech Close, Thruxton on Saturday 20th June. Linda was left with only the clothes she was wearing and so we would like to do a small fund raising effort to help her buy a few things to keep her going until her insurance is sorted out.

Linda very sadly lost two of her four dogs in the fire: Freya the Bassett Hound and Thor the Huskie. She is left with her St Bernard and another Bassett Hound and would dearly like to find temporary accommodation to rent where she could have the dogs with her. Anyone who can help with this please let Linda know. Linda also has two cats, one of which has since been seen but not the other one. She is temporarily based in Andover.

Linda has lived in Beech Close for over 30 years, a stalwart of Thruxton village. We would love to be able to offer her a little financial support to buy clothes and basic essentials to get her going again. If you feel able to help please do so via this GoFundMe page at:

<https://gofund.me/9ccaa2986>

Don't Forget - Request for ideas!

Last month, we reported on the dead tree in the triangle of grass below the church which the council were hoping to reduce in height and use as a place where flower baskets could be placed.

However, whilst trying to reduce it in height it became apparent that there is a metal spike running up through the middle of the tree.

Anyone with any ideas on how to turn the tree into a feature, please email Cllr Earp rearp@thruxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

And finally, another appeal for Parish Councillors!

If you are interested, please email the Parish Clerk, Wendy Turkington clerk@thruxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk



Gardening Club



Wednesday, 26th August

Our next meeting will now be at the end of August when we will have our AGM. Everyone is welcome to come along and find out what we have done over the last year and what we intend to do in the next one.

We will also have the judging of our Geranium competition, which is always hotly contested. Who will be walking away with the last prize this year?

There will be no meeting at the end of July as we are focusing on the Open Gardens Event which takes place on Sunday, 19th July. We do hope you can come along and enjoy our lovely gardens. For more information please contact Louise on 07944 746 849 or louise.cushine@hotmail.co.uk.



Music in the Garden

At George House, music by Jackamanda
1st August 2026
£10 per person Bring your own picnic
Bar available, all profits to Thruxton Memorial Hall
gill@odling.co.uk phone 07789 145817



From the Hall...

The recent heatwave took its toll on the Hall last month with several cancellations including Movie Night. Fear not, Hamnet will now be shown in September and we look forward to an excellent turn out.

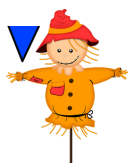
In the coming weeks there is the annual Open Gardens event on 19th July this year, not to mention the Garden Party at George House – so much to look forward to!

July will also see the launch of our new website. Vicci has been working tirelessly for several weeks and we are almost ready to push the button. Full details of how to access the site will be on Facebook, Instagram and local notice boards. The site will also enable us to take bookings digitally for our events which we hope will encourage many more of you to come along and support the Hall.

Lastly, the Village Fete will soon be upon us and we look forward to seeing everybody there for what is always the highlight of the Thruxton year. Put the date in your diary!

Thruxton Village Fete Saturday, 22 August 1pm - 4.30pm

In the meantime, have a great summer, enjoy the sunshine and make the most of all the activities going on in the village.

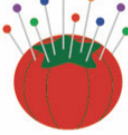


Thruxton Loves Cake!

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.



Sit & Sew Saturday

Usually only £10 for the day
Thruxton Memorial Hall
Saturday 29 August 10 - 4.00

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 information.

Board Game Group Every Monday 2.00pm - 4.00pm 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.

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What's Happening at The White Horse, Thruxton



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!

T A K E A W A Y

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

www.facebook.com/whitehorsethruxton/
[@thewhitehorsethruxton](https://www.instagram.com/thewhitehorsethruxton)



PAINTINGS & CRAFTS

Will be on display in the garden of Well Cottage, Thruxton
On 22nd-23rd & 29th-30th August
From 10am-4pm

Sylvia French, Susan Hawkins and Lynne Mayo will be exhibiting traditional, modern and expressive landscapes, seascapes and still life paintings.

Sarah Hawkins will display gifts and jewellery, often made using recycled materials.

REFRESHMENTS. Of home-made cakes, teas, coffees and soft drinks will be available for donations which will be passed to the charity Different Strokes. Lynne, the new artist joining us this year, is a stroke victim and has used art as a therapy to aid in her recuperation.



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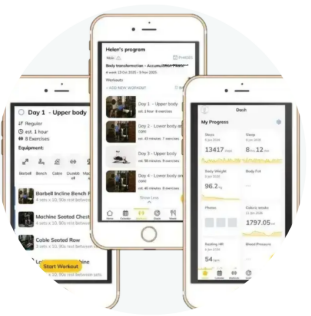


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