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Thornborough Village Hall - Summer 2025 Update

I finished the last Thornborough News edition with a thank you to Bernard Garbe who has been a vital and active



member of the Thornborough Community and member of the Village Hall committee for many, many years.

Bernard and Christine have now moved away from the village and we are so looking forward to formally thanking **Bernard and also Ray Goodger** for their contributions to the Village over many years.

Watch this space and Thornborough eNews etc for more details shortly.

59 Club

Numerous 59 Club winners to announce and some still to collect their winnings! Sandie Davis, Claire Morgan, John Crawley, Emily Cook, Teresa Connolly and me!

The 59 Club provides valuable on-going funds for the Village Hall and costs just £5 per month for either the Wednesday or Saturday Club and you'll be in with the chance of winning £150. Please message me & I'll email the form +44 778 8872717.

Village Hall Bookings

Village hall bookings continue to go from strength to strength and **if you would like to book the hall** or discuss requirements, please get in touch via the Village Hall website: https://thornboroughvillagehall.com or speak to our Hall Manager, Nikki Standing +44 7872 1948565

Thornborough Parish Council (TPC) Report

Cllr Mary Taylor was unanimously re-elected as Chair at the annual meeting of TPC on 21 May 2025. Cllr Taylor paid warm tribute to Ray Goodger who stood down at the recent local election. Ray was 19 years old when he joined TPC and served as a councillor for well over 40 years.

The names and email addresses of the six councillors who were elected uncontested are:

- Cllr Richard Burdon richard.burdon@thornboroughparish.org.uk
- Clir Rupert Bursell rupert.bursell@thornboroughparish.org.uk
- Cllr Richard Dove <u>richard.dove@thornboroughparish.org.uk</u>
- Cllr Lynn Morgan lynn.morgan@thornboroughparish.org.uk
- Cllr Michael Synnott <u>michael.synnott@thornboroughparish.org.uk</u>
- Cllr Mary Taylor <u>mary.taylor@thornboroughparish.org.uk</u>

There is a vacancy for a seventh councillor. TPC is keen to attract a younger councillor to represent that demographic in the parish. Coopting someone with DIY skills would be a huge bonus with the potential to save money on contractors for some of the minor repairs and maintenance. Filling this vacancy is a priority for TPC – please consider stepping forward.

Buckinghamshire Council

The recent election saw a reduction in unitary councillors and various ward boundary changes. TPC welcomed its new ward councillor Cllr John Chilver, Horwood Ward, Buckinghamshire Council.

The Sir Harry Moore Sports Pavilion

The Pavilion is ageing which inevitably means increased maintenance costs as the infrastructure and fabric of the building fails. Since the preschool closed, the rent paid by Thornborough Cricket Club (£1,200 in 2025) is the only income TPC receives to help offset those costs, plus its health and safety responsibilities as a 'landlord' of a public building. Burst pipes and repairing the immersion heater for the showers resulted in £500+ of plumbing and electrical bills in just four-weeks.

TPC has identified the Pavilion and its future as the priority for the new **electoral term**. Cllr Synnott, working with Cllr Taylor, has undertaken to kick start the project at the TPC meeting in June by preparing a discussion paper. This paper will help facilitate a discussion about best practice

elsewhere and possible sources of funding. Going forward TPC is keen to seek input from residents and parish community groups/organisations. Anyone keen to contribute before the launch of community consultation which won't be immediate is encouraged to get in touch.

Governance Matters

Hardly exciting but essential in ensuring local councils' activities are legally compliant and deliver value for money for the communities they are elected to serve. The outcome of the internal audit for the year 1 April 2024 to 30 March 2025 was another clean bill of health for TPC. As well as receiving the internal audit report, TPC approved the annual governance statement and the annual accounting statement for onward transmission to the external auditor. TPC also approved updated versions of its Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

Want to Know More?

Head to the TPC website where you will find the minutes, that provide more in-depth information about the business dealt with at meetings and much more:

https://www.thornborough-pc.gov.uk/

Alternatively, please just get in touch or better still come along to a meeting. The next TPC meeting is on **Wednesday 18 June at 7pm in the Village Hall**.

Alison Robinson
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NB The clerk's email address has changed and is now: <u>clerk@thornborough.p-c.gov.uk</u>

On behalf of the Village, TNews Editor

would like to thank all the many folk who have been involved in the

Thornborough Sports & Social Club,

organising the many and varied sporting occasions, other events and outings etc over the past 20+ years.

They have contributed so much

to the fabric of our wonderful village.

Special thanks should go out to the outgoing Committee:

Richard Wyllie, Jess Wyllie

Steve Illman & Jerry Haigh



Thank you EVERYONE!!



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29th June at 6pm

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Reflection from the Rectory by Rev'd Jacqueline Dove

I think the Christian calling is largely about opening our hearts to the transforming love of God which saves us from the worst aspects of ourselves. I have mentioned before that I lived in Mozambique for 11 years and I am sharing another reflection from Mozambique because, in my experience, this process of transformation is greatly enhanced when we open our minds and hearts to those whose lives are very different to our own. When we first moved to live in the remote rural village of Gurue, in 1998 we would visit the provincial capital of Quelimane, roughly once a month, where there were quite a number of young children living on the streets. A group of these children befriended me as I walked about the town hunting down produce to buy. They would carry my grocery bags and look after Godot, our dog when I entered the shops. Back at the house where we were staying the children would use the outside tap to wash themselves and I would send them on their way with food supplies. What they most wanted however was to be part of the general exodus to the beach, each Sunday. I loved seeing their joy as they would clamber into the back of our Toyota Hilux, as we made the 40min drive through coconut plantations, after the 7am Church Service, whenever we were in Quelimane on a Sunday.

By the time we eventually moved to Quelimane in 2005 there were no longer any 'street children' largely because of the work done by a local Christian Church which helped the 'street children' to trace their extended families so that they were no longer homeless. When I see great suffering, I'm inclined to shout to the heavens, "Where are you God?" God answers by opening my eyes to the countless acts of great love which are everywhere beating back despair with hope. May we too all play our small part. **Hope to see you on the 29**th **June.**

St Mary's Church Services and Events

June	1st	11.00am	Joint service, Church and Chapel, at the Church
	8 th	4.00pm	WILD at Nash Village Hall
	15 th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	29 th	6.00pm	Hymns and Pimm's at St Mary's, Thornborough
July	6 th	11.00am	Joint service, Church and Chapel, at the Chapel
	13 th	4.00pm	WILD at Nash Village Hall
	20 th	9.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
	27 th	4.00pm	Messy Church, at the Chapel
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August		11.00am	Joint service, Church and Chapel, at the <u>Chapel</u>
	10 th	4.00pm	WILD at Nash Village Hall
	17 th	9.00 am	BCP Holy Communion
	24^{th}	4.00pm	Messy Church at the Chapel
	31 st	6.00pm	Hymns and Pimm's at St Mary's, Whaddon

News and Events

It was wonderful to host the David Copperfield Production in the Church, which made great creative use of the beautiful, sacred space and the commitment of all those involved was inspiring. We are also grateful for their donation for the use of the church

We held our annual meeting on the 20th May where Laura Bentley agreed to replace Dave Bury as Church Warden, after Dave stood down after many years as Church Warden. We are very grateful for all the years of service Dave gave to the church. Other PCC members re-elected include: Charlotte Moore (Church Warden); Mary Parker (Secretary); Steve Bentley (Treasurer); David Parker, Gaye Warren; Rachael Proudlove and Ray Goodger.

Dates for your diaries

Chat-in-the-Chancel and Market Stall – the 2nd Saturday of each month, 10-12noon at St Mary's Church.

Display of Flowers in the Church for Open Gardens on the 14th and 15th June.

Hymns and Pimm's service on the 29th June at 6pm. Let me know if you have a favourite hymn you would like to sing at revidove@gmail.



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Thornborough Methodist Chapel



Where do you go to feel at peace? Do you step out into nature? Take some quiet time at home? Go to church? Jesus said 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you', John 14:27. This is not the peace of everything turning out exactly as we want without any troubles. It is a deeper and more nourishing peace, a peace of being known and loved, of being cared for and held, of being forgiven and cherished, wherever we are and whatever we have done. Come to chapel and find out more, you'd be very welcome.

Our usual activities continue as normal:

Drop-In: Held every Wednesday in our lounge area between 10.30am-12.30pm.

Anyone can pop in for a chat, meet/make friends and have free refreshments.

On the second Wednesday of the month, we hold a Bring & Buy sale.

Messy Church: The Chapel, along with the church, holds a Messy Church for children from babies to 11year olds and their parents on the *4th Sunday of the month* in the chapel room. Please contact Katy Morris on 07904 958033.

Meet & Eat: For £6, this popular monthly event, usually held on **the 1**st **Monday of the month**, consists of a two-course lunch followed by coffee and mints. If you'd like to come, **please contact Katy Morris** to book a place.

Lyrics and Lunch: Another popular event, usually held on **the 4**th **Monday of the month**, is a time for carers to come with their loved ones, who have dementia, to share singing well-known popular songs, a simple meal of homemade soups, fresh bread & home-baked cakes, and a short thought for the day. If you are interested, **please contact Katy Morris for details**.

Chapel Meeting Room: To hire, **please call Louise Springall on 01280 816887. Chapel Garden:** Please feel free to come and see the garden at the back of the chapel. There are a couple of pews and a bench to sit on.

Here are some of our future services. Please come along, you'll be most welcome.

Sunday 8th June 11am – Preacher Tim Edworthy with Holy Communion

Sunday 15th June 11am - Preacher Stephen Townsend

Sunday 22nd June 11am – Preacher John Boxwell Sunday 29th June 11am – Preacher David Thorpe

Sunday 6th July 11am – United service in chapel. Preacher Trevor Ray

Sunday 13th July 11am - Preacher David Teckoe

Sunday 20th July 11am – Preacher Tim Edworthy with Holy Communion

Sunday 27th July 11am – Preacher John Boxwell Sunday 3rd August 11am - United service in St Mary's

Sunday 10th August 11am - Preacher Trevor Ray

Sunday 17th August 11am - Preacher Andrew Shergold

Sunday 24th August 11am – Preacher Paul Kybird

Sunday 31st August 11am – Preacher Sarah Cliff with Holy Communion

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Looking Ahead to the End of Another Year at Thornborough Infant School

As we head towards the end of the school year, we couldn't be prouder of our incredible children. Their academic progress has been excellent, but what's truly impressed us is their kindness, resilience and infectious sense of



humour — they've made this year a joy from start to finish.

We're preparing to say a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 2s. They've been a huge part of school life and will be very much missed. At the same time, we've begun welcoming our new Reception intake with 'Stay and Play' sessions, and they're already proving to be another spectacular group!

The children are enjoying our newly installed play equipment, which is now up and looking fantastic. It's been brilliant to see them not only using it as intended, but also in a hundred and one ways we hadn't thought of! We're continuing to develop the playground even further, with a new sand and water area and – thanks to the amazing village fundraisers - fresh markings are on the way for classic games like hopscotch.

Play is such an important part of learning — helping children build relationships, manage frustration, and solve problems together — so we're thrilled to be creating an environment that supports this in such a fun and natural way. Thank you to the whole community for your patience during

the work — we know skips aren't the prettiest, and we're really grateful for your understanding.

We're also looking forward to our usual end-of-year traditions, including Sports Day, our class productions, and the much-anticipated Year 2 leavers' sleepover. It's a special time full of celebration, and we can't wait to enjoy every moment.



Thornborough Cricket Club Update

The most exciting news at our Cricket Club in the early weeks of the new season is that our women's team — the Thornborough Roses — is now up and running. Training sessions with A team captain Dan Harrison are taking place at the Sir Harry Moore Playing Field on Wednesday evenings, with the first competitive matches expected later in the summer. If you want to get involved, please contact Tamsin, the team's newly-appointed captain, at tclfisher@hotmail.co.uk.

HORNBORO

The sunniest May in years helped get the 2025 All Stars/Dynamos sessions off to a flying start, introducing the village's youngsters to the fun of cricket.

The thriving youth division prompted the Club to apply for a grant to cover the bulk of the cost of installing an artificial wicket to help keep up with demand for pitches. I am pleased to say that, following much hard work by Chris Cox, Andy Checkett and others, this grant has been approved. Installation should follow during the course of the summer.

At time of writing, the men's season is a month old. The 1st XI, powered by a strong bowling unit, has won as many matches as it has lost. The 'A' team, playing at a higher level than last season, has proved itself competitive, with the highlight so far an impressive run-chase to beat old rivals Preston Bissett.

The ground looks at its best at this time of year, so do pop over and watch some cricket while the sun is still shining. **Broadly speaking**, you can expect to see one of the adult teams in action on Saturday afternoons, with Sundays reserved for junior cricket.

David Owen - Secretary davidowen58@aol.com

Thornborough and Coombs Woodland Report

The woodlands are looking beautiful at the moment with flora and fauna in bloom and all the many & varied species of wildlife hard at work. To help us capture and share our visitors' experiences we have launched a new Facebook page, this can be joined at this address https://www.facebook.com/groups/10034520573234115 or through the Facebook search Thornborough & Coombs Woodland.

Of course, the woodlands would not look as good without the help of our **volunteer work parties**. All are welcome and you don't need any special skills and there is often a delicious slice of cake to reward your efforts.

Volunteers meet at the Depot on Padbury Road **weekly** on *Monday mornings 9.30am – 12.30pm* and **monthly** on *the 1st Saturday of the month 9am – 12pm.*

Additionally, for a donation we have some cut/split logs available for local delivery, if you are interested, please contact Andy at The Two Brewers.



100th Birthday Boy!!

Congratulations and best wishes to long term Thornborough resident, Sid Bunce, celebrating his 100th Birthday on June 12th.

Sid was born in a little cottage attached to the Tithe Barn on a farm in Lower End. He remembers that it flooded regularly with run off from the fields and the dampness meant they could never get wallpaper to stay on the walls! Aged 10 he moved to Bridge

Street, the end cottage of a row of 4, furthest from the road.

He clearly remembered the annual Sunday School Anniversaries at the chapel, when a child would be chosen to go up in the pulpit to help the Minister run the service. He was so excited the year he was chosen. Unfortunately, the heavens opened, quickly flooding the village and causing the service to be cancelled. The family in the first cottage moved in with the 2nd cottage family as they flooded. As the flood waters rose they all moved into the third cottage and eventually they were all piled into Sid's cottage! Eventually the filthy water rose 2 feet in his cottage. Flooding is clearly not a new problem in this village!!

Sid went to school in Thornborough and then to the Buckingham school on the bus. He dreamed of being a mechanic but missed out on an apprenticeship at Ganderton's so became an errand boy in a butcher's shop around the corner from the White Hart on 8/- a week. When Bert the Butcher sacked his other assistant because he couldn't do mental arithmetic, Sid was promoted with an additional shilling a week and learned about cheeses, how to bone ham and the maintenance of the slicing machine. Sid eventually managed to get a job with United Dairies as a trainee mechanic which was much

better paid at £2 a week. When World War 2 broke out Sid went into the Air Force, becoming a flight engineer mechanic on Lancaster Bombers. On his wall Sid has a photograph of his Lancaster crew, who successfully completed all 30 of their missions.

In the village Sid has played an active role, especially in the cricket team and in the chapel. He married Betty, a local farmer's daughter and they continued to live in the village, raising their two children. (Betty, a talented artist, produced the illustrated map on the exterior wall of the village hall.) As member and property steward at the Methodist Chapel for many years he was instrumental in securing many small grants that contributed to the funding of the chapel extension that included the lounge, kitchen, toilets and garden makeover. Facilities still enjoyed every Wednesday at the Drop-In, a free, open to all, opportunity to have a coffee or tea, often served with delicious homemade cake. A great legacy to all his hard work.

He has always had a passion for this village and it was with a heavy heart that he moved during lockdown to a care home in Bletchley, the year after Betty's death. Although his mobility has declined in recent months, he still takes an interest in all that goes on here, the place that he calls home.

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WI Report – June 2025 by Suzanne Osborn

With Summer almost here we are looking forward to our August WI outing which this year we are hoping to visit the **Oxford Botanic Gardens**.



We've had some fantastic speakers over the past few months and have welcomed a number of guests to our meetings. Visitors are always welcome, female and male! Meetings start at 7.30pm for a suggested £4 donation at the door

Our June and July talks may be of particular interest to villagers:

4th June - Dr Emily Jennings & Dr Richard Allen 'The history behind our **Thornborough Map'**. Emily & Richard are part of the archivist team at Magdalen College Oxford and last year gave us permission to reproduce the Thornborough map that so many of us bought.

2nd July Barry Smith 'Caring for Stowe Gardens'. Barry is the Head Gardener at Stowe where he has worked for 30 years.

August Garden Meeting - visit to Botanic Garden, Oxford.

3rd September - Richard McMahon 'Water Aid, how we support women and families'.

Our new Forays sub group, run by Di Franklin is off to Delepre Abbey on 21st June. This group has been a fabulous addition to the WI offer - if you want to do something but haven't got anyone to do it with then there will probably be someone from the WI who wants to do it too!

Bucks County Show is fast approaching and the Crafts sub group is busy working on this year's theme of a Teddy bear picnic. We have been pipped at the post (robbed!) the last couple of years and very determined this year!

Our Catering group continues to be in high demand for local functions and we are delighted to be catering for one of our members 50th Wedding Anniversary tea in June. Congratulations Jill & Dave.

New members are always welcome and feel free to come along to give us a try before you buy!

Thornborough & Thornton Fundraisers update

What fantastic performances of David Copperfield were given to help raise funds for the school.

All the cold nights rehearsing were worth it!

Open Gardens is almost here - 14th & 15th June.

Please do try and support it!

There's a free bus to get around the village and great refreshments.

We are all crossing our fingers for good weather.

Saturday August 30th Summer music event, with Lionel Ritchie Tribute band.

Lots of songs to sing along to and dance the night away!

Tickets on sale soon, watch out for posters and e news updates.

Book the date!

Gwynne Grayson

David Copperfield Review by Irene Caird

What a tremendous feat! Very impressed with it all - the acting of course, the staging, the music, the sound effects, costumes, audience involvement - everything! It was lovely to see all the different ages working together, with a fabulous community spirit and all in a good cause. I did think it's a shame it couldn't have reached a wider audience - drama groups, 'A' level Lit, Bucks Uni etc.

I thought how well that smaller, intimate space worked and many images keep coming back to me from the play. Those characters were really brought to life. The wonderful Mr Micawber! Superb! I loved that little jig he did down the aisle with Mrs Micawber and the waving from the boat with the 'twins'. Loved too, the look on Dan Peggotty's face, expressing such honesty and goodness and his repeated, 'Drown dead'. Enjoyed Mrs Gummidge eyeing the beer jug lasciviously and Miss Murdstone on her decidedly frisky horse. Betsey was just awesome throughout.

There was as interesting interpretation of Rosa Dartle, who I thought was just obsessed with Steerforth (an excellent performance from a budding young actor) but your version gave the impression that any man would do. Lovely idea!

I was wondering how you would manage the storm scene. Ham dashing down the aisle with a rope and then caught up on the masts with Steerforth was really powerful stuff. The 'Davids' provided a solid and steady narrative voice throughout and Uriah, Dora, Emily, Peggotty and Mr Dick were wholly believable and just a little bit different from other interpretations of them I've seen in the past.

How hilarious was Janet, flitting around at the beck and call of Betsy T? Poor woman could hardly think straight and she played the part with such energy and skittishness. Actors amongst the audience

worked really well and not overdone as I have seen in theatres recently. Martha and her boa did the job brilliantly.

The mark of an excellent play has to be when images and thoughts pop into the mind well after the play has ended. It keeps happening to me with this one. Hope others too will find Thornborough's answer to DC – unforgettable. **Very well done to all of you.**

A special "Shout Out" to the Wonderful David Copperfield Production Team:

Cath Sayer, Ann Payne,
Martin Boileau, Laura Bentley

Thank you!!





Must Have Diary Dates

"Must Have" Diary Dates		
EVENT	WHERE?	WHEN?
		2025
T'boro Open Gardens	Around the Village	Sat-Sun 14th & 15th June
T'boro Junior Cricket Festival	Harry Moore Playing	Sun-Mon 25-26 August
	Field	All Day
Bucks County Show	Weedon Park, Weedon	Thurs 28th Aug 8am-6pm
T'boro Lionel Richie Music Fest	Middle Shelpsit Farm	Sat 30th August - Evening
T'boro Annual Fun Runs	Village Green	Sun 7th Sept - 10am









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EVENT	WHERE?	WHEN?
Chapel Weekly Drop-In	Chapel	EVERY Weds - 10.30-12.30
Woodlands Work Party Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	EVERY Mon - 9.30-12.30
		June
Woodlands Work Party Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 7th Jun - 9am-Noon
WILD	Nash Village Hall	Sun 8th Jun - 4pm
T'boro Open Gardens	Around the Village	Sat-Sun 14th & 15th Jun
TPC monthly meeting	Village Hall	Weds 18th Jun - 7pm
Messy Church	St Mary's	Sun 22nd Jun - 4pm
Hymns & Pimm's Songs of Praise	St Mary's	Sun 29th Jun - 6.00pm
		July
Community Café	Village Hall	Weds 2nd Jul - 2-4pm
WI monthly meeting	Village Hall	Weds 2nd Jul - 7.30pm
Woodlands Work Party Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 5th Jul - 9am-Noon
Joint Church Service	Chapel	Sun 6th Jul - 11am
Meet & Eat	Chapel	Mon 9th Jul - lunch time
Chat in the Chancel & Market Stall	St Mary's	Sat 12th Jul - 10-Noon
WILD	Nash Village Hall	Sun 13th Jul - 4pm
TPC monthly meeting	Village Hall	Weds 16th Jul - 7pm
Messy Church	Chapel	Sun 27th Jul - 4pm
		August
Woodlands Work Party Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 2nd Aug - 9am-Noon
Final copy date for next Thornbo	Sat 2nd Aug - 8pm	
Joint Church Service	Chapel	Sun 3rd Aug - 11am
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WI monthly meeting	Village Hall	Weds 3rd Sept - 7.30pm

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