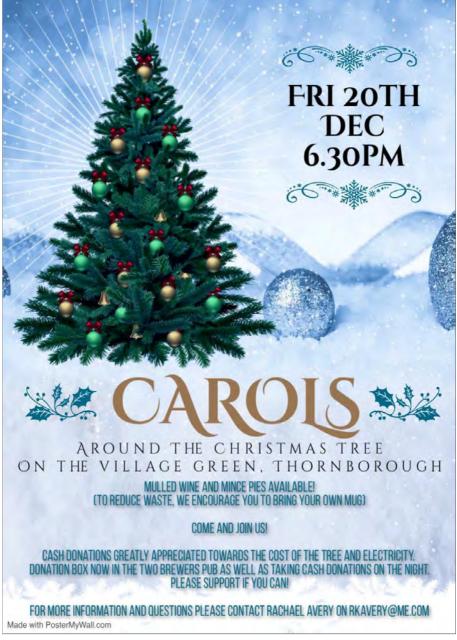
# Christmas is coming......



# **Thornborough News**

November – February 2025



# Thornborough Village Hall December Update

Our fabulously refurbished hall has now been open for 3 months! Regular hall



users are loving the improvements and there are new people booking all the time. You can have a look at what's on and make bookings via our website: <u>https://thornboroughvillagehall.com/calendar</u>

We now have crockery, cutlery and glassware for 70 – some purchased and others on loan - huge thanks to Claire Morgan.

With grateful thanks to an 'anonymous donor', we are waiting delivery on 4 chair trolleys for the 'old' plastic chairs. **This will make the Furniture Store even more accessible,** and Sue Kenyon cannot wait to mark up the floor of the store to clearly show where everything lives!

**Our next project is to sort out the AV** – first stage will be to buy a new projector and then review how the system works to make it as simple as possible to use.

This has all been possible because of the generous support of so many people, the incredible Thornborough & Thornton Fundraisers (£30,000) and recently all those who have supported Vince Julier during his 'marathon' effort which raised over £1,500! **THANK YOU**.

The **continued support of our 59 Club is much appreciated** and vitally important **BUT always room for more members**. Just £5 per month in either our Wednesday / Saturday draws (or both for £10) with the chance to win £150. Lots of winners since the summer; Debbie Morris, Mary Parker. Helen Davis and this month Jamie Gander & Clare Hay. <u>Message</u> Liz on 0778 8872771 for a chance to win.

And finally, very exciting news that **we have a new Hall Manager. Nikki Standing** will be taking over the management of the village hall from January. Nikki will be our first point of contact for enquiries and bookings and ensure the high standards of cleaning, care and maintenance are kept up for the next 20 years!!!!! **Nikki 07872 194856** 

Liz Julier – Thornborough Village Hall Secretary

# Flood Report compiled by Thornborough Parish Council arising from Walkabout meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (8.00 – 9.30 am)

**Those present**: Mary Taylor (TPC), Richard Dove (TPC), Lynn Morgan (TPC), Mary Wise (resident), Annie Peele (resident), Cllr Adekunie Osibogun (Ward Cllr Bucks Council), Cllr Anja Schaefer (Ward Cllr Bucks Council)

TPC is very grateful that the Ward Councillors and 2 residents were able to join us for this meeting.

The main problem identified during the walkabout that followed the floods of 27 September 2024 was the fact that Thornborough is vulnerable to flooding owing to its location and the fact that a number of water courses converge as they enter the village. If the water courses are obstructed at any point, the water causes flooding at a number of locations. The water must be able to flow through and exit the village at Lower End without barriers.

As identified by the "Flood Action Group" that is no longer in existence, we, as a Parish can only go so far with flood alleviation. Residents need to help themselves to reduce flood damage to their properties. The National Flood Forum provide a webpage and guidance leaflet for homeowners on the steps towards installing their own Property Flood Resilience (PFR) measures:

https://nationalfloodforum.org.uk/about-flooding/reducing-yourrisk/protecting-your-property/

https://www.knowyourfloodrisk.co.uk/sites/default/files/floodguide\_f orhomeowners.pdf

A full, technical investigation was carried out under the direction of Buckinghamshire Council into flooding in Thornborough following the December 2020 flood. For those interested in this very detailed report, it is found by searching online for **Thornborough Section 19 Flood Investigation**. Some of the recommendations made in this report relate to the key points listed below.

### Key points arising from this meeting:

**Drains:** All drains require to be checked and cleared at regular intervals by Bucks Council. *Residents need to report drains causing obstruction on 'Fix my Street'.* It would be preferable if residents could 'adopt a drain' near their property.

Bridges: A number of bridges on private land were identified as causing obstruction to the flow of water. Riparian owners are required to ensure that all bridges are kept clear. The Parish Council will monitor the situation by regular checks to known bridges. The main road bridge at Lower End has become silted up and this is obstructing passage of water at this critical point where the water leaves the village and flows towards the River Ouse. The Ward Councillors present at the meeting agreed to pursue the issue of the silt build up under and around the Hatchet Leys bridge with Buckinghamshire Council.

Ditches / Water courses: *Riparian owners are reminded of their responsibilities in ensuring that the banks of streams and water courses are kept clear of debris as they pass through their property*. The Parish Council will monitor the situation with regular checks.

**Blockages:** The water exiting the village at Lower End may be hampered by the gate and associated containers that are connected to it that are hanging from the bridge to prevent the escape of sheep into Hatchet Leys area. The Parish Council will contact the owner to see if the situation can be remedied.

Weir at Thornborough Mill: There are mixed messages concerning the role of the weir at Thornborough Mill which may be involved in controlling water levels on the Great Ouse into which all flood water eventually flows. The Parish Council will seek to clarify the role of the weir in the event of flooding in Thornborough.

### **Further Village Stream Walk**

The Parish Council will organise a walk through the pathway of the streams in the village to check for blockages to the flow of water and would be very grateful to anyone who could join us in this task. Date to be advised and wellies / waders will be required. Please let us know if you are not happy with us walking through your garden following the watercourse.

Report compiled by TPC Cllrs on November 15th 2024



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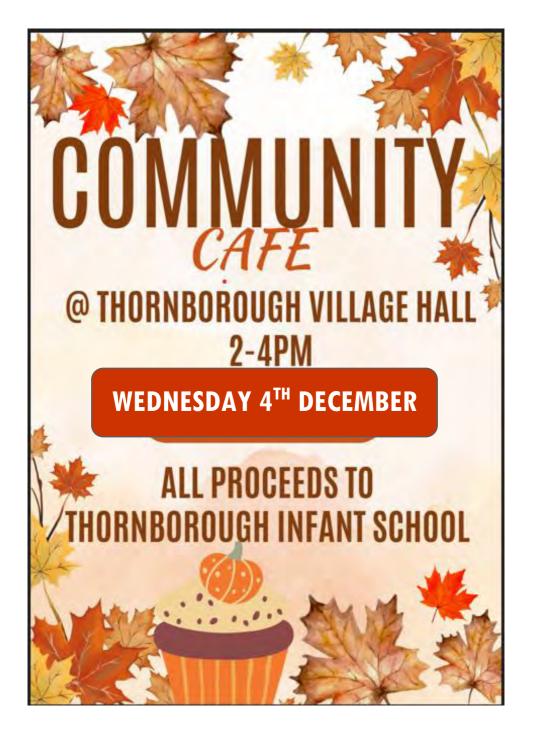
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### Reflections from the Rectory by Rev'd Jacqueline Dove

As I start to write, the song, 'it's the most wonderful time of the year' has invaded my mind. I'm not ready to even start thinking of Christmas as it's still November. I think of November as a sombre, reflective time because in 'November we Remember' those who have died.

At this time of year we are reminded about life and death because of the changing appearance of the trees and plants around us. There are many bare branches who have lost all their leaves. When people we love have died, we can feel a bit like a bare branch – bereft of those who were once so close.

The leaves are dying but they are also changing into compost which will help make more leaves to grow. They no longer produce oxygen but it's like they are on a new part of their journey as they still have an important role to play in the web of life. Likewise, Christians believe that death is not the end of life. They believe that Jesus rose from the dead and revealed himself, to many at the time, to demonstrate the truth of this.

I told the children from the Thornborough Infant School who visiting the Church for WOW this morning that remembering those who have died can make us sad and glad at the same time. Like the way the sun can shine when it is raining, resulting in a rainbow. I have found that when I allow sadness and gladness to sit side by side, it can produce Joy.

So perhaps I can start to look forward to the wonder of Christmas, while still in November, after all. I really hope you all have a very blessed Christmas, and are able to glimpse the mind-blowing mystery at the heart of the Christmas story, God-with-us. The extraordinary miracle that God, the blessed trinity, who created the universe out of their relationship of self-giving love, came and pitched their tent amongst us. Hope to see you at one or more of the many services over Christmas. Happy Christmas!

# St Mary's Church – Services, News & Events



December	1 <sup>st</sup>	11am Joint Church and Chapel at the Chapel	
8 <sup>th</sup>		6pm	Benefice Advent Carol Service
		4.00pm	WILD Christmas Party at Nash Village Hall
	15 <sup>th</sup> 9am BCP Holy Communion		BCP Holy Communion
22 <sup>nd</sup>		4:30pm	Carol Service
		4pm	Messy Church at the Chapel
		5pm	Christingle
		10pm	Midnight Mass
	25 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Family Holy Communion
	$29^{th}$	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion at Nash Church
January	5 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Joint Church and Chapel at the Chapel
	12 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	WILD at Nash Village Hall
	$19^{th}$	9am	BCP Holy Communion
	26 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Messy Church at the Chapel
February	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11am	Joint Church and Chapel at the Chapel
	9 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	WILD at Nash Village Hall
	16 <sup>th</sup>	9am	BCP Holy Communion
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	4pm	Messy Church at the Chapel

### News and Events

**Churchyard Tidy** – Special thanks to Laura Bentley for organising several sessions with cake on offer and to those who came & helped.

Joint Church and Chapel Harvest Festival – It was such a joy to see such a full church, as well as the beautiful flower arrangement and decorations. Thanks to all contributed, including the children of Thornborough School who both sang & produced lovely artwork and for Amanda Hodges, from the Chapel, playing the organ.

Service of Remembrance - It was good to commemorate all those who died serving their country in various conflicts at the War Memorial together with representatives of the Chapel, Parish Council and WI. Thanks to Stuart Mitchell for playing the Last Post and Reveille, to Percy and Stella Bullman for reading, to Amanda Hodges for playing the organ and to all those who laid wreaths. WILD, the *new benefice club for families and children* taking place at the Nash Village Hall has started with children from across the villages attending. Don't miss out on this good, wholesome fun. WILD is held 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month @4-5.30pm.

The monthly **Porch Sales** is *having a revamp with more of an emphasis on its social aspects*. We will be setting up more tables and heating the church during winter. **Please do come on the 7<sup>th</sup> December between 10-12pm as we celebrate the 'season to be merry'**. And keep your eye out for the Big Brunch taking place next year.

Thank you to all those who give their time to keep the church yard tidy, it is much appreciated. Also, to those who provided flowers, and decorated the church.

Please feel free to contact the Rev'd Jacqueline Dove for Christenings, Weddings, Funerals and any pastoral concerns on 01280 817828 or revjdove@gmail.com

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# **Thornborough Methodist Chapel**



'All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth' sang Spike Milligan in 1944. As Christmas draws near, what do you want? Presents, parties and delicious food are nice and there is nothing wrong with that. But when it's all over, what do you have left? Jesus offers you the best Christmas present of all – forgiveness, salvation and an eternity in heaven with Him – presents that last forever. Come to chapel and find out more.

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 £**5**, this popular monthly event consists of a two-course lunch followed by coffee, mints and a quiz. If you'd like to come, please contact Katy Morris to book a place.

**Lyrics and Lunch:** Another popular monthly event is a time for carers to come with their loved ones, who have dementia, to share singing well-known popular songs and some kind of meal/snack 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 1 <sup>st</sup> December	11am – United service in Chapel		
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	11am – Preacher Margaret Smith		
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	11am – Preacher Tim Edworthy + Holy Communion		
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	11am – Preacher David Lewis – Carol service		
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am – Christmas Day service		
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	11am – Preacher Carina Shergold		
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	11am – Preacher Trevor Ray. United service in Chapel		
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	11am – Preacher Tim Edworthy – Covenant Service		
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	11am – Preacher Alan Peters		
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	11am – Preacher Andrew Shergold		
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	11am – United service in Chapel		
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	11am – Preacher Carney		
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	11am – Preacher John Boxwell + Holy Communion		
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	11am – TBC		

### **Thornborough Infant School Update**

It's been an especially busy start to the year at Thornborough Infant School. Our new Reception class have settled in well and are already busy creating portraits of themselves, learning to play musical notes and exploring the woods on a Gruffalo trail. Their reading, writing and maths skills are also coming on a treat so we are looking forward to seeing what the rest of the year will bring!



The children are very much looking forward to visits to The Stables Theatre and Milton Keynes Museum in the next few weeks. Our Eco-Champions will also be out and about in the village litter picking, so do give us a wave if you see us on your travels.

Thank you to everyone in the community who has helped to spread the word about the school: *our Open Mornings have been very well attended*. We have another Stay and Play session for any Pre-School children on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December so do let friends and relatives know. We are hoping that people can combine a Stay and Play session with a trip to the Community Café and have a thoroughly lovely afternoon!

At this time of year, our thoughts are very much with Christmas and rehearsals for our Nativity performance in the Church are well underway. Our performance in the Church at **2pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** is open to the whole community so please do come along if you can. The children will also be performing songs at December's Community Café, Meet & Eat and Lyrics & Lunch. They are very much



looking forward to spreading Christmas cheer. As I'm sure you can imagine, Christmas excitement is already palpable in this building!

Thank you to everyone who is supporting our fundraising efforts in Tesco Buckingham. We are currently raising money to replace the play equipment in the back playground, which is distinctly past its prime. PAFOTs (our parent-run fundraising committee) have been spectacular in their fundraising efforts over a number of years but we are still some way short of our target. If you are aware of any companies which offer match funding, we would

very much like to hear from you! Thank you.

# Thornborough Cricket Club Update by David Owen

You could be forgiven for thinking that this was a quiet period for village cricket clubs. In fact, much of the hard

work that will determine if next summer is a success is undertaken after the clocks go back.

At our club, a particular priority this winter is paving the way for a number of improvements at the Sir Harry Moore Playing Field. These are needed because of the greatly increased activity on the square as a result of the roaring success of the new youth section. Progress towards the eventual installation of an artificial pitch continues, while other work to improve the appearance of the ground and pavilion area is anticipated. This is over and above the herculean labours of groundsman Andy Checkett as he strives to ensure our lovely home venue is at its best next spring.

All of this, of course, costs money, so the winter months are also when fundraising plans are hatched, grants are applied for and budgets prepared. Next season, we expect to produce new adult team shirts for the first time in three years. *It would be wonderful if these could showcase a local Thornborough business or two*. If you are interested, please touch base with Adam Powell or Chris Cox who will be glad to provide more details.

Since the last issue of *Thornborough News*, the club has staged its youth and adult awards events – the first at the splendidly-refurbished Village Hall, the second at the Two Brewers, a valued sponsor. A big highlight was the inaugural presentation of the impressive Sid Bunce Cup by Club President David Wise to our Youth Player of the Year, Zac Taylor (see photo). The Cup was kindly donated to the Club by Brian Goodger.

It only remains for me to wish everyone an

enjoyable festive period and a happy and prosperous new year. Many thanks for your support during what was a busy and eventful 2024.





# **Thornborough and Coombs Woodland Report**

The wood next to the quarry is still having to be closed for periods of time so the ash trees can be felled. This is done for the safety of everyone and we hope is not causing too much inconvenience.



To access the wood to the left of the carpark, the path through the woods at the back of the carpark has been widened and woodchip placed on it to make it easy to walk on. We have put barriers up to deter walkers using the main walkway as it is very muddy and slippery.

We have been reviewing the slope on the permissive path and you will see notices up as it is slippery to walk on and there is barbed wire fencing to prevent the cattle knocking over the fence, so care needs to be taken when using it. After discussions with the landowner and, with their kind permission, we will be levelling out the slope and putting a wooden barrier over the barbed wire. We hope to have this work completed by the end of the year.

The monthly work party meet the first Saturday of each month, at the depot at 9am. Please come along and help with the upkeep of the woodlands and enjoy a well-earned slice of cake.

There is also a work party every Monday morning and everyone is more than welcome.

The woodlands are maintained by a group of volunteers and by charitable donations. If you enjoy the woodlands, please support us by visiting our website, www.thornboroughwoods.org.uk and donating.

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# PUBLIC WI-FI AROUND VILLAGE HALL, CHURCH & SCHOOL

# It's now "Church and Village Free Wi-fi".

**Stuart Mitchell,** who gave significant time and experience to link the church to the Wi-fi community hub in the village hall, tells me that *152 devices have already connected to the free Wi-Fi*.

**Thanks to Laura Bennett**, the Church received a grant from the Oxford Diocese which covered about half of the total costs of equipment and installation. The rest of the money came from regular donate to St Mary's Church so that it can stay open & active.

St Mary's Church is very grateful to all those who have made it possible to have access to the internet inside the church and it's a great bonus that the additional hubs have meant that Wi-Fi is now available in the area surrounding the Church, Village Hall & School.

Please note again that the name of the free Wi-Fi, which doesn't require a password, has changed from 'Thornborough Public Wi-fi' to:

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### Thornborough & Thornton Fund Raisers - Gwynne Grayson

Following the completion of the Village Hall refurbishment, an invitation for local groups to apply for funding was made. Following our AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> October **we agreed to fund the TPC so that a noticeboard can be provided in the village**, which I am sure they will give more details of. We have also agreed to **assist with the funding for replacement play equipment at the school**, along with the Governors, parents and friends of the school, over the next 2 years.

With Christmas just around the Corner, **the village tree is being sourced** and will be erected to **allow everyone to join in the Carols around the tree on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm,** refreshments will be available so do come and join in, carol sheets provided, and musical accompaniment is welcome.

**2025** events start with a "**Safari Supper**" on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March - more info to follow but do book the date, it will be a great evening of good food, wine, and company. For those new to the Village do join in and meet your neighbours!

**Finally, what a great celebration of the newly refurbished village hall, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September** - despite a downpour, SO many people came to join in!!

The fundraisers did a great job coordinating the day - sports day races, children's fancy dress and creative classes. Evening entertainment too, with a BBQ, bar and 6Scentric providing live music. **Special thanks to lan Davies** for arranging everything.

# Children's Panto Trip - 4th January 2025

Generous donations from both TTSC and Thornborough & Thornton Fundraisers mean this trip is going ahead. 😚 😚

Tickets are booked and we're off to see Beauty and the Beast!!

Thanks to all those parents that have put their hands up to volunteer to join the trip; we will be in touch to confirm the arrangements shortly.

### TSSC Seniors "Lunch" & Fireworks Display updates by Jess Wyllie

### **TSSC Seniors "lunch"**

Thank you so much everyone who came along for our afternoon tea this year. We know it was a little bit different; however we are glad everyone enjoyed it. Always great to see the faces who show every year without fail to support us!

Thank you to the lovely ladies and gentlemen who stayed to help us clean up and to the ones who took **the tablecloths home to clean**. However, please return them to Richard Wyllie or directly to Sue Percival.

### **Thornborough Fireworks**

Fireworks were successful as always (other than one wonky firework!!). A big thank you again to all our helpers and The Original Fireworks Warehouse in Buckingham who threw in a few extras for us to wow the crowd. We would like to apologise again for there being no food due to unforeseen circumstances.

Many Thanks, everyone for all your support.

# Thornborough Parish Council (TPC) Report

This report provides information about the areas of TPC activities that are most likely to be of interest to the community. The minutes provide the formal record of the meeting, they are published on the TPC noticeboard outside the Village Hall and the TPC website. TPC met on 15 October and is meeting again on 20 November shortly after the newsletter copy deadline. TPC does not meet in December – the January 2025 meeting will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### The Flooding Overnight on 27 September 2024

This was a major topic of discussion at the October meeting. Please see the separate report prepared by ClIrs Morgan and Dove.

### The New Community Noticeboard

The suggestion for a new community noticeboard came from the questionnaire TPC delivered to all households as part of its preparations for the Annual Assembly in May. It will have two bays with glazed, lockable doors, and be made from manmade timber (MMT). One bay will contain community information. The other bay will be used to provide information on Biodiversity in Thornborough, Coombs and the local area. TPC plans to include water sampling results for the village pond, pictures to assist in identifying wildlife species, contacts and information to help those wishing to increase biodiversity in their own gardens and a wide range of other information. MMT is a maintenance free alternative to a traditional timber noticeboard incorporating the extensive use of recycled plastic materials. In addition to minimising maintenance costs for this new parish asset, TPC wanted a 'green' approach to encourage implementation of its Biodiversity policy. TPC wishes to thank the Fundraising Group for approving the funding application and agreeing to raise 75% of the noticeboard supply and installation costs. And a big thank you to Cllr Morgan who developed the funding proposal.

### **Parish Assets**

The parish assets include the playground, the Sir Harry Moore Sports Field and Pavilion, the village greens and what is referred to in the local government sector as 'street furniture'. In Thornborough the generic term covers the various benches and bins. Bigger parishes and towns inevitably have a lot more. Maintaining these assets and ensuring they don't pose safety risks inevitably drives much of the business for TPC at its meetings.

The annual safety inspection report identified some low -evel risks such as missing caps or moving parts which needed tightening. TPC would like to publicly thank the resident who carried out these repairs.

Cllr Morgan is currently the lead councillor for the playground; **please do let the Clerk know if you'd be happy to help with the playground**. Unsurprisingly fallen leaves are the main issue at this time of year. The other major issue is keeping the weeds under control to maximise the life span of the playground surface. This is no small task as climate change extends the growing season further into the autumn or if spring arrives earlier than it traditionally did.

The annual fire risk assessment, servicing and certification for the pavilion and cricket equipment storage shed has recently been carried out. TPC needs to replace the three of the emergency lights in the pavilion that failed ten minutes before the end of the three-hour test. A total of 28 electrical items were PAT tested and passed. The fire extinguisher was replaced in the cricket equipment storage shed because after 5-years it had reached its use by date.

### What's Upcoming?

At its November meeting TPC will discuss the first draft 2025/6 budget so that the budget and precept level can be approved at the January 2025 meeting.

The next scheduled local elections in Buckinghamshire will take place on Thursday 1 May 2025. All parish council seats will be up for election. Buckinghamshire Council's 97 seats, in the 49 wards, will also be up for election. The reduced number of councillors reflects the changes from the Local Government Boundary Commission's electoral review. As avid readers of the Newsletter(!) will know, TPC has been carrying casual vacancies for virtually non-stop since the 2021 local elections – this inevitably impacts on what can be achieved by a depleted number of councillors.

Alison Robinson Clerk, TPC – 07756247186 - <u>clerk@thornboroughparish.org.uk</u>

# WI Report – December 2024 by Suzanne Osborn

Once again, we have had some memorable speakers over the past few months; most recently Ian Hunter Smith gave us an informative and entertaining insight into his former role within the Royal Household as a Footman. This was followed by our AGM.



On 4<sup>th</sup> December we are looking forward to a practical demonstration from the amazingly talented Caroline Mills from Nash Bakehouse. Caroline will be speaking on 'Inspiring Christmas Cake Decorations' - everyone is welcome to join us for this part of our monthly WI meeting first Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm Thornborough Village Hall.

Our 2025 Speakers Programme is being finalised and for **everyone who bought the** <u>17<sup>th</sup> Century Thornborough Map</u> – save this date! On 4<sup>th</sup> June Dr Emily Jennings & Dr Richard Allen from the Magdalen College Oxford Archivist & Record team will be telling us about "The history behind our Thornborough Map". A must have date for your diary!

As a WI we hold 10 meetings a year and in August & January we do something a bit different. For our summer meeting we went to Kathy Brown's garden in Stevington, Bedfordshire - a wonderful garden and afternoon tea was delicious too. **On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025 we are lucky enough to have 'Alice through the Looking Glass' catering for us in the Village Hall** - something we are all looking forward to it.

Although our official WI title is 'Thornborough & Thornton WI' we also represent Nash, Beachampton, Coombs and welcome everyone from the local area. For 2025 we will be starting a series of ad hoc events ranging from cinema and theatre trips, walks, jigsaws, book club ... pretty much anything any of our members fancy doing. If our members have something they want to do and want some company doing it then we'll try and organise it.

### Surely after all this you will want to join us!!!!!

Please contact us via email at: thornboroughandthorntonwi@gmail.com or visit our website for further information about our Women's Institute (WI): <a href="http://www.thornboroughandthorntonwi.weebly.com">http://www.thornboroughandthorntonwi.weebly.com</a> Alternatively, just come along to one of our meetings and see what we get up to!

For any other enquiries, including our local catering provision, call Suzanne on 0780 5869498. Meetings are also broadcast via Zoom for WI members.

"Must Have" Diary Dates		
EVENT	WHERE?	WHEN?
Village "Xmas Tree" Carol Singing	Xmas Tree on the Green	Fri 20th Dec - 6.30pm
Christingle Carol Service	St Mary's	Sun 24th Dec - 5pm
		2025
Valentine's Quiz Night	Village Hall	Sat 15th Feb - 7pm
"Safari" Supper	Around the Village	Sat 1st March - Evening
Buckinghamshire Local elections	Village	Thurs 1st May
T'boro & Thornton	Village Hall	Fri-Sat 9th & 10th May
David Copperfield Prod'n		
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
T'boro Annual Fun Runs	Village Green	Sun 7th September - 10am



### LOCAL EVENTS DIARY – SAVE THE DATES

EVENT	WHERE?	WHEN?
Chapel Weekly Drop-In	Chapel	EVERY Weds - 10.30-12.30
T'boro Post Office & Bank	Village Hall	EVERY Weds - 2-4pm
Joint Church Service	Chapel	Sun 1st Dec - 11am
Advent Carol Service	St Mary's	Sun 1st Dec - 6pm
Pre-school children "Stay & Play"	Infant School	Weds 4th Dec - Morning
Community Café	Village Hall	Weds 4th Dec - 2-4pm
WI monthly meeting	Village Hall	Weds 4th Dec - 7.30pm
Woodlands Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 7th Dec - 9am
Xmas Porch Sale & Cake	St Mary's	Sat 7th Dec - 10-Noon
WILD Christmas Party	Nash Village Hall	Sat 8th Dec - 4pm
Carol Service	St Mary's	Sun 15th Dec - 4.30pm
Children's Nativity Play	St Mary's	Tues 18th Dec - 2pm
Village "Xmas Tree" Carol Singing	Xmas Tree on the Green	Fri 20th Dec - 6.30pm
Messy Church	Chapel	Sun 22nd Dec - 4pm
Christingle Carol Service	St Mary's	Sun 24th Dec - 5pm
Family Holy Communion	St Mary's	Weds 25th Dec - 9.00am
Xmas Day Service	Chapel	Weds 25th Dec - 9.30am
Children's Panto Trip	The Venue, Milton Keynes	Sat 4th Jan
Community Café	Village Hall	Weds 8th Jan - 2-4pm
WI monthly meeting	Village Hall	Weds 8th Jan - 7.30pm
WILD	Nash Village Hall	Sun 12th Jan - 4pm
Joint Church Service	Chapel	Sun 5th Jan - 11am
TPC Meeting	Village Hall	Weds 15th Jan - 7pm
Final copy date for next Thornbor	ough News	Sat 18th Jan
WI "Xmas" Event	Village Hall	Sat 18th Jan
Messy Church	Chapel	Sun 26th Jan - 4pm
Joint Church Service	Chapel	Sun 2nd Feb - 11am
Community Café	Village Hall	Weds 5th Feb - 2-4pm
WI monthly meeting	Village Hall	Weds 5th Feb - 7.30pm
Valentine's Quiz Night	Village Hall	Sat 15th Feb - 7pm
TPC Meeting	Village Hall	Weds 19th Feb - 7pm
"Safari" Supper	Around the Village	Sat 1st March - Evening
Buckinghamshire Local elections	Village Hall	Thur 1st May

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