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Thornborough News

June – August 2024

Thornborough Village Hall – ITS STARTED!!!!!!!!!!



Work on the Village Hall Refurbishment started on Monday 20th May after a busy weekend of clearing the cupboards & attic areas. Our builders Thomas Charles Grant have now moved in & the project is due for completion early September - there will be regular updates via Thornborough eNews.

We will be holding our **AGM at The Two Brewers on Wednesday 26th June**, 7.00pm, everyone welcome & we will be bringing the plans, kitchen / fabric samples & colour schemes if you want to have a sneak preview.

On Saturday 21st September we will be holding an opening party which our amazing Thornborough & Thornton Fundraisers are organising - put the date in your diaries.

Village Hall 59 Club

Congratulations to our FOUR 59 Club winners for March & April; Caroline Moore, Wesley Harrison, Nina Jones & Sarah Powell.

To be in with a chance to win £150 head to our 59 Club page on the Thornborough Village Hall website or see our posters around the village.

<https://thornboroughvillagehall.com/page/59-club>

And the good news keeps on coming – the ‘greased lightening’ speed Gigaclear broadband connection has now been extended to cover the church - a great result!

Liz Julier – Secretary 0778 8872717



Thornborough Annual Parish Assembly

**Wednesday 29th May
7.30pm at The Chapel**

- ❖ Reports from local groups
- ❖ Feedback on Parish Questionnaires
- ❖ Information on village from 2021 Census
- ❖ An opportunity to talk to your Parish Councillors about ways forward for your Parish

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Reflections from the Rectory by Rev'd Jacqueline Dove

It's that time of the year when the parish churches hold their annual general meetings for 2023 and I write my annual report as Rector of the Blackthorn Benefice for the whole benefice. This year I wrote that one of my highlights across the benefice was, "The Thornborough Churchyard community clean up with the support of National Trust volunteers."

Thank God for community spirit. Remember the importance of community spirit during COVID. COVID turned all our lives upside down, reminding us of our vulnerability. Having our lives suddenly turned upside down by the end of a relationship, a bereavement, ill health, loss of a job - to name a few, is a common human experience. Those times when one minute we feel like we might shatter into a thousand pieces while simultaneously experiencing just how deep our physical, emotional and spiritual reserves can be. Those times when we learn to really appreciate the kindness of others, especially close family and friends, neighbours, doctors and nurses, and to experience how unkind and debilitating officious behaviour can be. In other words, those times we are reminded of the importance of love.

The daily reflection from the *Centre for Action and Contemplation* this morning was titled, 'Love is stronger than Hope'. It suggested that our great mistake is that we tie hope to outcome. So, if we can see a likely path to our desired outcome, we have hope; if we can see no possible path to our desired outcome, we have despair. However, when our prime motive is love, a different logic comes into play. We find courage and confidence, not in the likelihood of a good outcome, but in our commitment to love. To put it differently, even if we lose hope for a good outcome, we need not lose hope of being good people, as we are able: courageous, wise, kind, loving, "in defiance of all that is bad around us."

I think this is the primary vision of the Church. We are a community that desires with the help of God to "live as beautifully, bravely, and kindly as we can as long as we can, no matter how ugly, scary, and mean the world becomes, even if failure and death seem inevitable." Father Richard Rohr describes this kind of hope as "the fruit of a learned capacity to suffer wisely and generously. You come out much *larger* and that *largeness* becomes your hope." Or as the Apostle Paul said, "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest, if we do not give up".

St Mary's Church – Services, News & Events



June	2nd	11am	Joint service, Church and Chapel at St. Mary's
	9th	4pm	Teddy Bears' picnic at the Rectory
	16th	9am	BCP Holy Communion
	23rd	4pm	Messy Church
	30th	10.30am	Benefice service HC at Whaddon
July	7th	11am	Joint service, at the Chapel
	21st	9am	BCP Holy Communion
	28th	4pm	Messy Church
August	4th	11am	Joint service, Church and Chapel at St. Mary's
	18th	9am	BCP Holy Communion
	25th	4pm	Messy Church

It was good to celebrate Easter with adults and children followed by an Easter Egg hunt. Many thanks to those who filled the church with beautiful flowers. The Infant School continue to visit the church for WOW (wonder/wander on Wednesday) every two weeks. There were three new interment of ashes in the area for cremated remains.

News and Events

Porch sales take place the 2nd Saturday of each month, 10-12 noon. This is an opportunity to support the church by buying home-made and home-grown produce. There is also the opportunity to chat over a free cup of tea/coffee, and new people to the village are guaranteed a warm welcome. The book corner in the back of the church continues to be well used, thanks to David for keeping the books in order.

Dates for your diary

13th July, BBQ at the Rectory, 4pm. RSVP to Richard and Jacqueline – revjdove@gmail.com or 01280 817828.

Porch Sales – 2nd Saturday of each month, 10-12noon in the church porch. A selection of homemade cakes, savoury pastries, jams, chutneys, plants and other produce being sold to raise funds for the church. Also, the opportunity for a chat with your 'neighbours' over a free cup of tea/coffee.



Thornborough Methodist Chapel

God loves you, the reader, just as you are, but He also loves you enough to not let you stay how you are. He wants to see you grow and change for the better. He sent Jesus to die for your sins so this would be possible. Does this sound interesting? Come to chapel to 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 02180 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 2 nd June	11am – United service in church
Sunday 9 th June	11am – Preacher Tim Edworthy with Communion
Sunday 16 th June	11am – Preacher Alan Peters
Sunday 23 rd June	11am – Preacher TBC
Sunday 30 th June	11am – Preacher Andrew Shergold
Sunday 7 th July	11am – Preacher Paul Kybird. United service in chapel
Sunday 14 ^h July	11am – Preacher David Teckoe
Sunday 21 st July	11am – Preacher Margaret Smith
Sunday 28 th July	11am – Jenny Boxwell
Sunday 4 th August	11am – United service in church
Sunday 11 th August	11am - Preacher Tim Edworthy with Communion
Sunday 18 th August	11am – Paul Kybird
Sunday 25 th August	11am – TBC

Thornborough Village School

Frogspawn

The recent change in the weather has been welcomed by the children and adults alike. We are all at our happiest when we can take advantage of our beautiful village. Just this morning our younger children enjoyed a visit from some tadpoles, scooped from the stream. They explored the life cycle of frog, cut out and created their own friendly, green amphibians and wrote some fabulous sentences, before returning our visitors back to the stream and marvelling at the other wildlife within.



Zoolab

Thanks to funds raised at the Community Cafe, Zoolab returned and the children were, once again, enthralled. Not only did they enjoy the experience (important in its own right) but the repetitious nature of the visit was designed to support the children's recall of previously taught content through the power of 'Retrieval Practice'. Stick with me, some of this education stuff is interesting! *Retrieval practice is the strategy of recalling facts, concepts, or events from memory to enhance learning.* The act of retrieving something from your memory strengthens the connections holding it there, making it more likely that you will be able to recall it in the future. Sometimes called the "testing effect," retrieval practice in teaching is not limited to quizzes or exams but can include any exercise where children attempt to retrieve what they have learned from their memory. Evidence shows that retrieval practice is especially effective at increasing longer-term retention and outperforms more common strategies. Research in classrooms demonstrates that retrieval practice is an extremely robust strategy across age groups and subject domains and that it also aids in higher-order thinking; it is not just for memorisation. Those who use retrieval practice perform better on complex tasks and show improved metacognition. The bonus of the Zoolab activity was that having activated prior learning, the new content can be added, and children have a 'hook' into those memories. So, while the children think they are having fun, we are filling their minds with knowledge about our world!



Speech Cup

We are excited to be hosting the next Community Cafe at school due to the refurbishment of the village hall. We are combining the event with the final of our Speech Cup event.

Two finalists from each year group will be chosen to perform their pieces on **Wednesday 5th June at the Community Café**, when the winner will be crowned, and runners up will receive medals from our guest judge.

Come along, have some cake, and enjoy some stories from the children.

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on

Thornborough Village Green

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I've been organising the distribution of the newsletter for a number of years now and feel it's time for me to turn the job over to someone new. As TNews is only printed every other month, the task is not too onerous and entails....

- ❖ Dividing copies into 12 rounds
- ❖ Dropping off to the 12 distributors
- ❖ Labelling and posting 24 copies

If you could help the team it would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Sue Percival 07305 009991 suzyper145@gmail.com

A graphic for 'Thornborough's Community cafe'. It features a wooden sign with the name in cursive, flanked by illustrations of a cake, a pizza, and several cupcakes. Below the sign, the text reads: '1st Weds every month at Village School whilst Village Hall is refurbished'. At the bottom, there are two illustrations of people sitting at tables and drinking coffee.

Thornborough's
Community cafe

*1st Weds every month at Village School
whilst Village Hall is refurbished*



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Thornborough Cricket Club Update by David Owen



Well, the incessant rain abated in the nick of time and an exciting 2024 cricket season is now in full swing at the Sir Harry Moore Playing Field which, thanks to the efforts of groundsman Andy Checkett and his helpers, has seldom looked better.

Predictably, the First XI has found it harder going this year after last season's promotion. Very pleasingly though, the short trip to the traditional village green setting of Evenley recently yielded a first SNCL Premier Division victory of 2024 at the third attempt. The team will be striving to add to this tally in the weeks ahead.

The A team has taken advantage of an early-season run of home matches to sweep all before them. At time of writing, captain Daniel Harrison and his team, a highly effective blend of youth and experience, had clocked up a hat-trick of victories, running up a maximum points-haul in the process.

Adult matches are scheduled to take place in Thornborough every Saturday afternoon throughout the summer. Our teams would welcome your support and there are few pleasanter settings for the great game when the sun is shining.

A busy summer of junior cricket is also under way, under the stewardship of Michael Ballinger and an enthusiastic team of coaches. The Thornborough Under-9s recently won their first-ever game, and the rate of progress among both girls and boys in this new adventure for the Club has been nothing short of extraordinary.

Age-group games are coming thick and fast as the days have been lengthening. **A Club Handbook containing a full (or full-ish!) fixture list is now available free of charge to anyone who wants a copy. You should be able to pick one up, while stocks last, at the pavilion.**

Mention of the Handbook reminds me to say a big "Thank You" to the Club's growing band of sponsors. Your support is hugely appreciated as we seek to raise Thornborough Cricket Club to the next level. Enjoy the summer!

THORNBOROUGH FUN RUN

**SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER
2024**

**START AT 10:00 AM
VILLAGE GREEN**

**10 MILE | 5 MILE
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**MORE INFORMATION ON
ENTRIES ETC. COMING SOON!**



Thornborough & Thornton Fundraisers update by Gwynne Grayson

The fund raising committee have been planning a varied programme for everyone to enjoy and really hope that you would like to join in. We are so close to ensuring our Village Hall is refurbished this summer.

Our latest event was the Miles Nottage evening held on Saturday 11th May, we shared this event with Padbury fund raisers, in Botolph Claydon, a larger venue for such a special event. What a night, a varied selection of jazz, blues and contemporary pieces old and new were performed late into the evening, everyone said how much fun they had and we were so lucky that Miles provided his time free of charge for our fund raising. All this, and as always, a fantastic Ploughman's supper to enjoy throughout the evening. The committee did a fantastic job ensuring everyone had a great time.

Save the Dates!

Saturday 20th July, ABBA Fest, to be held at Middle Shelspit Farm, gates open at 7pm. Early bird tickets £20 (£25 after July 1st) available from rkavery@icloud.com
Bar and Food outlets available - Fancy dress optional! Come and party until late.

Saturday 21st September, Celebration of the Village Hall reopening, this will be a family event, more details to follow.

Friday 18th October 50/50 Fashion Party, you bring along any unwanted clothing in GOOD condition, you decide the price, all we ask is that 50% is donated to the fund. There will be changing facilities and wine! More details to follow.

November date to be confirmed, we plan another of the amazing **Quiz evenings**, laughter and banter along with prizes and supper combine to make a November evening worth going out for.

May 9th and 10th 2025, Thornborough and Thornton Production of David Copperfield. This is being rehearsed already, with local thespians taking on Dickens characters, this will be a big production, don't miss it.

The fund raisers have made the first contribution of £9K to the refurbishment, with the outstanding amount to be made in September, **we aren't quite at the finishing line, so please do try and support some of the events.**

After many years as Chair of this Committee Ann Payne has now decided to stand down, she has been the inspiration and driving force behind many village projects, big and small, and thankfully will remain on the committee. I know many people will be aware of Ann's gentle encouragement to take on a project for the village, me included, and have really benefited from being involved in a community project. Ann has left huge boots to fill, but I will try my best, along with rest of the team to do her proud!

Thornborough Parish Council (TPC) Report

Cllr Mary Taylor was unanimously re-elected as chair at the Annual Meeting of TPC on 15 May 2024. This report is relatively short because the annual meetings for local councils include a fair amount of governance related business which doesn't make for exciting reading. The minutes provide the record of the business. The draft minutes are normally published on the TPC noticeboard and website (see link below) a week after the meeting and formally approved by TPC at the next meeting.

https://www.thornboroughparish.org.uk/Agendas_and_Minutes_36577.aspx

2023/4 Audit

TPC has again received a clean bill of health from the internal auditor. The audit document was approved for submission for external audit. The annual public rights period will be from 3 June – 12 July 2024 - the notice which explains this is an opportunity for residents to inspect the financial records will be published on the TPC noticeboard and website during the public rights period.

Environment and Facilities

This is a standing agenda item which frequently needs fairly lengthy discussion at TPC meetings and covers a lot of the work undertaken by the councillors between meetings. In addition to the various plumbing repairs recently undertaken, TPC has now approved the repair of the Sports Field and Pavilion showers at a cost of £1,280. An area of discussion at recent TPC meeting was the imminent closure of the Village Hall for renovation. TPC is pleased the Exercise Classes, and the Pilates and Yoga Classes will be using the Sports Field and Pavilion as an alternative during the closure because we are keen to extend the use of one of the parish's key assets. TPC has moved the Annual Parish Assembly, which is normally held in the Village Hall to the Methodist Chapel.

Future Meetings – change of venue

Due to the Village Hall refurbishment, the TPC meetings on 19 June 2024 & 17 July at 7pm will be held at the Sir Harry Moore Sports Pavilion and possibly the September meeting on the 18th. There is no meeting in August.

Might you be interested...

TPC still has two casual vacancies and also a vacant allotment area – please contact the Clerk, see below, if you are interested in becoming a councillor and/or growing your own vegetables.

Alison Robinson

Clerk@thornboroughparish.org.uk - 07756 247186

THE POST OFFICE & BANKING will not be available in Thornborough whilst the Village Hall is refurbished. It will, however, be at the following villages:

Tuesday 11.30-1.30 Little Horwood

Tuesday 2-4 Whaddon

Weds 9.30-11 Great Horwood

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Every Poppy Counts

Last year our village raised £470.70 from the Poppy Collection. This year



I am appealing for two more volunteer collectors.

You will not be seeing me going from door to door this year, but I shall still be collating all the boxes.

Many years ago I started collecting with my Mother. Recently one of our village collectors was accompanied by their grandchild.

It's only once a year (last week in Oct/first week in Nov).

If you feel able to try this well worthwhile job, please contact me: Janet Glew on 01280 821962 or j.glew962@btinternet.com

WI Report by Suzanne Osborn

As longer days with some sunshine make an appearance Thornborough and Thornton WI have had a busy few months.



In **April** Janine Kilroe talked to us about “Working with some of the most dangerous men in the country’ giving us an interesting insight into what happens behind prison doors.

May saw us debate and vote on this year’s WI resolution ‘Dental Health Matters’. The WI is fundamentally a campaigning and educational group going back to the Suffragette movement and votes for women. Each year the WI selects a campaigning topic and countrywide WI Groups vote on this. To help us make a more informed decision we invited the five prospective parliamentary candidates to come along to our May meeting. We were delighted that Labour – Callum Anderson, Lib Dem - Dominic Dyer were able to join us in person and Amanda Onwnememe from the Green party joined us via a written piece. They provided a fascinating insight to their personal and parties views on this topic and on our 2025 proposed resolution regarding those leaving the care system.

Thornborough and Thornton WI meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm. For the next few months, **we will be meeting in St Mary’s church** Thornborough as the Village Hall starts its major refurbishment. Visitors are always welcome to come along to hear our speakers & join us for a cup of tea & some cake.

Our **June speaker is Steve Wilkins ‘Wine Beyond the Label’** and in July our own **Jo Bursell will be speaking on ‘Centaur, Oracles and Byzantines a fortnight in Greece’**. Most meetings are also broadcast via Zoom for WI members who cannot attend in person.

You can contact us via email at: **thornboroughandthorntonwi@gmail.com** or visit our website for further information about our Women’s Institute (WI): **<http://www.thornboroughandthorntonwi.weebly.com>** 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.

"Must Have" Diary Dates		
North Bucks Country Show	Pilch Farm, Singleborough	Sat 1st June - All Day
Sports Day & Classic Car Display	Village Green	Sat 6th July - 12.30-4pm
T'boro "Abba Fest"	Middle Shelspit Farm	Sat 20th July - 8pm
T'boro Junior Cricket Festival	Harry Moore Playing Field	Sun-Mon 25-26 August - All Day
T'boro Annual 5k & 10k Fun Runs	Village Green	Sun 8th September - 10am
Village Hall Reopening Party	Village Hall	Sat 21st September
50/50 Fashion Party	Village Hall	Fri 18th October
Bonfire Night	TBA	Sat 2nd November
T'boro & Thornton David Copperfield Prod'n	Village Hall	May 9th & 10th 2025



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LOCAL EVENTS DIARY – SAVE THE DATES

EVENT	WHERE?	WHEN?
Chapel Weekly Drop-In	Chapel	EVERY Weds - 10.30-12.30
T'boro Cricket Club	H Moore Playing Field	EVERY Sat - 1.30-5.50pm
T'boro Annual Parish Assembly	The Chapel	Weds 29th May - 7.30pm
Woodlands Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 1st Jun - 9am
North Bucks Country Show	Pilch Farm, Singleborough	Sat 1st June - All Day
Joint Service, Church & Chapel	St Mary's	Sun 2nd Jun - 11am
Community Café	Infant School	Weds 5th Jun - 2-4pm
WI monthly meeting	St Mary's	Weds 5th Jun - 7.30pm
Teddy Bears' Picnic	The Rectory, Chapel Lane	Sun 9th Jun - 4pm
TPC Meeting	The Pavilion	Weds 19th Jun - 7pm
Messy Church	Chapel	Sun 23rd Jun - 4pm
Village Hall Trust AGM	The Two Brewers	Weds 26th Jun - 7pm
Community Café	Village School	Weds 3rd July - 2-4pm
WI monthly meeting	St Mary's	Weds 3rd July - 7.30pm
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Joint Church Service	Chapel	Sun 7th July - 11am
BBQ at the Rectory	The Rectory, Chapel Lane	Sun 13th July - 4pm
TPC Meeting	The Pavilion	Weds 17th July - 7pm
T'boro "Abba Fest"	Middle Shelspit Farm	Sat 20th July - 8pm
Final copy date for next Thornborough News		Sun 21st July
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