

# Autumn comes flooding in.....



## Thornborough News

October – December 2024



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## The recent Floodings

Following the extent and speed of the recent floodings, particularly those in Bridge St and opposite the Village Hall, TNews Editor thought it would be useful to share our fellow resident (and Councillor!) Mary Taylor's suggested actions set out in Thornborough eNews:

**"As a village we ought to inform Buckinghamshire Council of the damage done here by the storms.**

In the pub last night I was told about blocked pipes in the roads making matters worse and flooded houses. As I walked around yesterday I saw drain lids raised up and spewing water. I could smell raw sewerage. **We need to get this information together so that we can ask for support before next time.**

The first strategy is to use the FixMyStreet website:

**<https://fixmystreet.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>**

**If everyone does that**, the message should get through that we have serious concerns about drainage on our roads here in Thornborough.

The second sensible thing seems to be to make a record of what happened. *I am happy to collate this if people will let me know details of damage.* I think it is worth recording near misses too, so that we can try to get a picture of how the village flooded and the time frame too. The pond is reported to have drained quickly after about 3am. **We need to ask the question as to why that happened and could that have happened earlier.**

I am doing this as a resident and not with my Parish Council hat so please use my private email [mtaylor230@btinternet.com](mailto:mtaylor230@btinternet.com).

I am simply volunteering to try to collate information and would welcome help with this.

**Please make your own contacts and complaints/queries/etc as well."**

**Well done & thank you, Mary!!** 🙌 🙌 😊

# Thornborough Village Hall

## Autumn 2024



When Liz and I moved to Thornborough 34 years ago, the village was debating what to do with the village hall – renovate or build a new one. Following the decision to renovate, we were captivated by the village's ability and creativity to raise the required funds.

When, on Sept 20<sup>th</sup> 2022, 2 years ago we held a meeting in the Church and asked the village to support us in raising funds to rescue the hall, we were optimistic that we could garner the support we needed. The hall was damp, cold, and unloved. The energy crises were driving up the cost of the heating and it was quickly becoming prohibitive and depleting our cash reserves.

We anticipated we needed c.£100k, but never imagined we would end up investing in excess of £140k in our village hall.



This has been achieved with the unbelievable help and support of the Thornborough & Thornton Fundraisers who, through their relentless campaign to raise funds have contributed a staggering £29k.

It doesn't end here. The Village Hall Management Committee is a registered Charity and we rely on your ongoing support to enable us to maintain and improve the hall. **You can do this by using it, joining the 59 clubs, or simply making donations via Just Giving.**

There are a huge number of people to thank and I wanted to use this opportunity for a few significant mention; Sue Kenyon our incredible project manager who worked so hard to make this happen, Liz Julier an irresistible force, Steve Coppins for the successful grant application, John Kenyon for the 50+ hours spent on the hall floor plus so many other jobs, Steve Quanton for staining the windows & doors, Stuart Mitchell, Richard Dove & Sue K for sorting

the wifi mesh, Jill Bury and Tina Bright for making the curtains, Gaye Warren & Nathan Avery for answering last minute eNews call to help, Ray and Dan Goodger for the AV support, Jacqueline Dove for the use of the Church for storage and displaced bookings, David and Bethan Telford and Vince Julier for window scraping, the Parish Council for their generous use of the Sports Pavilion for storage & manual labour to get everything there and the extremely generous & anonymous donation of new trolleys for the existing chairs and for everyone who turned up to help with the cleaning, moving items in & out and general support.

A thank you to all my fellow Committee members – Bernard, Lynn, Gwynne, Sophie, David, Ann, Liz and to all the lovely villagers who have donated time and money to help us achieve this

Finally, the Fundraisers who to date have raised over 29k and have been critical in achieving the village hall refurbishment and a specific thank you to Ann Payne who has recently stepped down after leading the charge on fundraising for many years and deserves a special mention – we could not reopen the hall without expressing our thanks and appreciation for all she has done and I hope our new hall stands as a fitting tribute to all her work and support.

Steve Wilkins

Chair - Thornborough Village Hall

**PS – and a huge thanks to Steve for his leadership for over 10 years as chair of the committee! THANK YOU STEVE**



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

I've noticed my reflections can easily veer towards abstract ideas which are easy to write about but not always easy to put in practise. I'm very much an 'ideas' person. It is my husband, Richard, who usually provides the essential practical help needed to execute them. Ultimately love is as much a verb, a 'doing word' as it is a noun.

Remember the COVID 'lock down' how suddenly communities realised the need for love-in-action. In times of crises like floods, fires and pandemics, communities are often very good at pulling together. The problem is we often get 'compassion fatigue' in the long run. I think 'compassion fatigue' is also 'discomfort fatigue', in that loving our neighbours often takes us out of our comfort zone especially if we are naturally more introverted.

Talking of putting love into action, I have a dream for a Blackthorn Chase Benefice free *Families and Children's club* called **WILD**. I love doing Collective Worship in both the Thornborough Infant School and Whaddon Church of England School and I think it would be wonderful if children from across the five villages (Beachampton, Nash, Thornborough, Thornton and Whaddon – and beyond) got together once a month to have fun and forge relationships. The long-term dream is to also start a Youth Hub.

**WILD (Wow, Imagine, Love, Discover)** will take place in the Nash Village Hall, Nash Recreation Ground, Nash Church and Church Yard (because Nash is in the middle) on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month from 4-5.30pm, ending with an optional meal**. So that you can get your children home ready for bath and bed.

So why did I start with talking about love-in-action? Well, the focus of WILD, which will include stories, games, creative activities, and times of reflection is to teach children values such as gratitude, generosity, kindness, courage... In other words, those values that help us to let our light shine, as we learn to love others as well as loving ourselves. We are starting in October, with the theme of Autumn and the value of gratitude. Really hope to see you there. For more information email me on: [revjdove@gmail.com](mailto:revjdove@gmail.com).



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

October	6 <sup>th</sup>	11am	<b>Harvest Thanksgiving, Joint Service at St Mary's</b>
	20 <sup>th</sup>	9am	BCP Holy Communion.
	27 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Messy Church
November	3 <sup>rd</sup>	11am	Joint Service in the Chapel
		4pm	All Souls Service, Nash
	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.50am	<b>Remembrance Service</b>
		4pm	WILD at Nash
	17 <sup>th</sup>	9am	BCP Holy Communion
		4pm	<b>Memorial Service</b>
December	24 <sup>th</sup>	4pm	Messy Church
	1 <sup>st</sup>	11am	Joint service, Church and Chapel at St Mary's
		6pm	Benefice Advent Carol Service
	15 <sup>th</sup>	9am	BCP Holy Communion
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	4pm	Messy Church
	24 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	<b>Christingle</b>
		10pm	Midnight Mass
	25 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Family Holy Communion
	29 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Benefice Holy Communion

## News and Events

We have recently welcomed the following as members of the PCC, David and Mary Parker, Gaye Warren, Laura Payne, Stephen Bently, and Rachel Proudlove.

It has been wonderful to see the village coming together to celebrate the opening of the village hall. It was a privilege to host the events in the church during the renovations.

Jaqueline has said how much she has enjoyed meeting the new children who have started school this term.

Thank you to those who give their time to keep the churchyard tidy, it is much appreciated. Also, to those who provide flowers/ decorate the church for festival services. Also, to those who provide goods to sell at the monthly porch sales.

***Porch sales take place the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



## Thornborough Methodist Chapel

Over the summer, the chapel, which was built in 1903, has been undergoing some repairs and maintenance both inside and outside. You may now have noticed scaffolding around the chapel. We are having the roof repaired as a large number of tiles are worn and letting in water. We expect the work to take several weeks but the chapel will still be in use.

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 29 <sup>th</sup> September	11am – Preacher Jenny Boxwell
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	11am – United service in church
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	11am – Preacher David Teckoe
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	11am – Preacher David Lewis
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	11am – Tim Edworthy with Holy Communion
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	11am– Preacher Alan Peters, Utd service in Chapel
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	11am – Preacher John Boxwell, Remembrance
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	11am – Preacher Carney
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	11am – Preacher Sarah Cliff with Holy Communion

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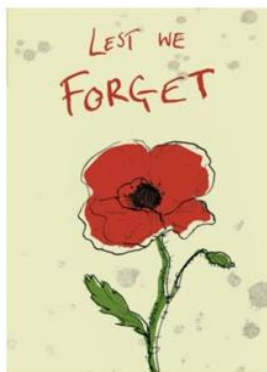
## **POPPY COLLECTION**

There will not be a village poppy collection this year as the Buckingham Branch of the Royal British Legion has closed after 25 years of local service.

Our village has supported this worthwhile charity throughout this time and thanks go to all those who have donated so generously and to our teams of collectors.

Janet Glew

# **Remembrance Sunday**



**10<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

**Gather at the War Memorial at 10.50am  
followed by service in the church.**



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# Thornborough Infant School Update

As we embark on another year at our wonderful school, I'm thrilled to share some of the fantastic happenings and upcoming events that are making this autumn term truly special.

First and foremost, a warm welcome to our new Reception class! It's been an absolute joy to see our youngest pupils settle in so well, already becoming an integral part of our school family. Their enthusiasm and curiosity are infectious, reminding us all of the wonder of learning.

I'm delighted to report that our Forest School programme is up and running once again. This invaluable outdoor learning experience continues to enrich our curriculum, allowing our pupils to explore, discover, and connect with nature in meaningful ways.

Looking ahead, we have some brilliant events on the horizon. We're eagerly anticipating a Gruffalo hunt around the village, which we'll be undertaking alongside our friends from Great Horwood School. It promises to be a magical adventure for all involved! We're also honoured to be welcoming our local MP, Callum Anderson, to Thornborough Infant School. This visit will provide a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to learn about local government and community representation. In celebration of literature, we're excited about our upcoming trip to Thornton College for their inaugural Literary Festival. This event aligns perfectly with our commitment to fostering a love of reading and writing among our pupils.

Lastly, I must express how delighted we are to be utilising the fabulous revamped Village Hall. This wonderful space has already enhanced our school activities and we're so grateful for the support of the Village Hall committee in making this possible.

As always, I'm immensely proud of our pupils, staff, and wider school community. Thank you to everyone involved in making Thornborough Infant School such a special place. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!



Callum Anderson, MP    Walk to School Week

Laura Passenger  
Headteacher





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## Thornborough Fun Run 2024 Report

What a brilliant day! Despite the rain we had 164 runners across the kids run, 5 mile and 10 mile routes. Entries were up 50% on last year.

We had 47 kids run the 1 mile.

This year we were a championship run for both Buckingham and Stowe and Brackley and District running clubs which really boosted numbers. We hope to involve more clubs next year.



The new route for the kids 1 mile involved a lap of the cricket pitch which seemed popular - especially as the littlest legs were able to just do one lap! Some fantastic running - toddlers and parents included.



The chapel put on a wonderful display of cakes and served tea and coffee and the BBQ was popular with both runners and supporters.

We raised a total of just over £2000 which will go towards the funding of village events.

**Massive thanks to all the (37) volunteers** without whom the event wouldn't happen. **Special mentions must go to Donall and Tank** who put up all the signage **and to David and Bethan** for the registration and timing.



**Thank you to the marshals** who braved the rain to make sure no one got lost and to everyone to helped set up and clear away.

**Lastly thanks to our sponsors: DB standing, ExemplaCare, Lion House Dental and Hearth and Holland chimney services.**

***Bring on next year! Save the date... 7th Sept 2025!***

Mary, Sarah, Faye and Rach

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## Thornborough Cricket Club Update by David Owen



We have had so much rain lately that the 2024 cricket season already seems like a distant memory! Happily, the cricketing summer ended on a positive note for all Thornborough CC teams.

The inaugural Youth Cricket Festival was a great success, with teams from Buckingham, Stony Stratford, Westcroft and TCC playing a series of highly competitive matches over the August Bank Holiday weekend. I am pleased to report that TCC's fast-improving XI fought their way through to the final, where they went down to Westcroft's more experienced line-up with heads held high. Thanks to all mums and dads who supported the Club in this exciting new venture. **Plans are already being laid for a second – no doubt bigger and better – Festival to be staged at the same time in 2025.**

The adult teams also finished their respective seasons on a high. The A team's consistency over four months was rewarded with promotion from Division 3 of the South Northants Cricket League. The race for the title went down to the wire, with Dan Harrison's men finishing just five points behind champions Woodford Halse A. The TCC first team also achieved their aim in securing their status for another season in the SNCL Premier Division in 2025. With the last home match a washout, everything hinged on the visit to local rivals Maids Moreton on the season's final Saturday. A tense encounter ended with TCC victorious by three wickets – enough to leapfrog Castlethorpe to safety.

As we go to press, the final touches are being made to **end-of-season award presentation events for juniors and adults, with both scheduled to take place in the village on October 12th.**

There may be no cricket, but the autumn and winter months are when much of the hard work is done at the Sir Harry Moore Playing Field. As you may have noticed, the square – which endured particularly heavy usage in 2024 – is in the process of being "Koro'd". It is expected that the new surface will perform better and stand up to the inevitable wear and tear in seasons to come. Paperwork needed to pave the way for installation of an artificial wicket, that should greatly facilitate further development of junior cricket at Thornborough, is also moving ahead.

**David Owen – Secretary.**

## Thornborough and Coombs Woodland Report



The woods next to the quarry have now been reopened. The majority of the ash trees has been felled however there is still some more to go and while this work is in progress the woods will be closed for the safety of everyone.

The recent rainfall has made the top large wood very wet at the far end so please take care while walking up there. The rest of the woodlands have stood up well to the rainfall but as always, we continue to monitor the situation.

**On Saturday the change bottle in The Two Brewers was emptied** and counted, thank you to all who helped. **We are delighted to announce that the bottle raised £924.** A new bottle has now been started and please accept our ongoing appreciation for all those who donate to help raise funds for the Woodlands.

**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.

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](http://www.thornboroughwoods.org.uk) and donating.

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### A Massive Thank You, Sue!!

**Sue Percival has been valiantly organising the distribution of TNews for a number of years but has decided to step down – thank you, Sue!!**  
**Nikki Standing has agreed to step in – hopefully she can put up with TNews Editor.....**

# **One of the Poems from the Opening Day Celebrations**

## **“Thornborough Village Hall – 2024: On its Renewal”**

**by Cath Sayer**

Four walls that stood the test of time  
Renewed, designed, polished, gleamed,  
Yet offers much the same  
It's always been.....  
A sanctuary, a place to rest, restore –  
Escape from home and every household chore  
It's here you're free  
To dance and shout and speak,  
Cause a stir, place a bet and sleep  
Ask a question, sing a song,  
Enjoy a nod when speakers speak too long  
Reflect on life, design a quilt,  
Imagine all your inner walls re-built  
Be in a group that weeps for who has passed  
And tell a tale about them when you're asked  
Eat a dinner, munch a cake,  
Dance all night to sounds that wake  
All mortals near and far  
And wish upon the nearest, brightest star.  
Make a promise, drink some fizz  
Perform a daring poem, join a quiz.  
**In Thornborough let us celebrate our village Hall**  
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## NAME CHANGE FOR 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 Fundraisers update by Gwynne Grayson

**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 Ian Davies** for arranging everything.



**Our next event is a 50/50 “Posh Togs” night on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October.**

Please help by finding all those clothes you don't wear / fit / like / want, that are in good condition. You set a price and we ask for 50% of the sale. The money raised will be the final donation to the Village Hall to provide further crockery, cutlery and glasses. **More info on Facebook, with application forms. Deliver items to Ann Knight Lower End, Jan Davies Back St, or me Nash Rd.**

From November 1<sup>st</sup> we will be looking for a new project. **If you / your organisation need funding for a Community Project please contact me with details before the AGM 24<sup>th</sup> October.** You will be invited to present your proposal to the committee at the AGM to enable questions - a decision will not be made immediately. All proposals will be considered and the project(s) we support will be made public.

## Future events

- **50/50 Posh Togs event Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct 7-10pm Village Hall.**
- **AGM Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct Village Hall 7pm**
- **Quiz night Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Nov Village Hall**
- **Safari Supper Jan 2025 tbc**
- **David Copperfield production May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> 2025**
- **Open Gardens June 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> 2025**

We hope that you can join us at further events, and if you have any fund raising ideas please share them.

**gwynnegrayson@aol.com – 07970 026953**



## **Thornborough Parish Council (TPC) Report**

The most recent TPC meeting was on 18 September 2024. This report provides information about the areas of business which 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 our website:

[https://www.thornboroughparish.org.uk/Agendas\\_and\\_Minutes\\_36577.aspx](https://www.thornboroughparish.org.uk/Agendas_and_Minutes_36577.aspx)

### **The 2024 Village Maintenance Priorities**

The identified village maintenance priorities for this year have been completed. As many residents will already know, both village pumps have been renovated. In addition to repainting, the posts and rails have been replaced. The bench on the village green in front of the school has also been renovated and the TPC noticeboard has been smartened up. One of the many challenges for small rural local councils is the cost of maintaining parish assets. TPC undertakes an annual survey as part of the budget setting process which in turn determines its precept requirement. Please do get in touch if you have any suggestions for maintenance priorities in 2025. Needless to say TPC will not necessarily be able to implement all suggestions, not least because it also needs to be able to deal with the unanticipated. This year it was the birds attacking the playground gazebo. This was particularly unfortunate not least because only last year the gazebo was comprehensively repaired.

It is worth mentioning the decision to allocate funding for the work required to the cherry trees on the green in front of the school. The contractor may well have completed this work before you read the newsletter.

### **Thornborough Cricket Club (TCC)**

TPC is committed to working with TCC to support the artificial wicket grant application it is preparing. The requirements of funding bodies tend to be complex for community groups and small local councils. TPC is currently finalising a 5-year season hire agreement to support TCC's grant application.

At the recent meeting TPC also considered at some length TCC's wish to erect a netted post and rail fence along the Sports Field Back Street boundary. On balance the councillors felt some of implications of the proposal required further exploration in advance of a decision.

### **Pond and Diversity Project**

Cllr Dove and Morgan attended the recent Biodiversity Conference arranged by the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keys Association of Local Councils in partnership with the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust. A day well spent - the conference was interesting and informative. Cllrs Dove and

Morgan will now plan how best to take forward relevant information with the villagers who expressed interest at the Annual Parish Assembly.

### **External Auditors Report and Certificate**

The report has now been received for the financial year 2023/4. It confirms TPC's governance and accounting arrangements are satisfactory – in case you are wondering this is highest accolade that can be achieved! A copy of the document is on the TPC noticeboard, it has also been published on the website:

<https://www.thornboroughparish.org.uk/UserFiles/Files/External%20Audit%20Report%20and%20Completion%20Certificate.pdf>

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## WI Report by Suzanne Osborn

We've had some great speakers over the past few months whilst meeting in our temporary venue of St Marys Church - however we are now back in our natural setting!



We were very grateful when Richard Dove brought forward his planned talk (by 18 months) and spoke to us about his 'Life & Work in Rural Mozambique' and we became converted to the advantages of the orange fleshed sweet potato!

We have an exciting speaker's programme for the next few months and meetings will be broadcast on zoom. As always everyone very welcome for a tea & cake donation.

On **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Roger Mason** will speak to us on '**Votes for Women**' a subject close to the WI's heart. In **November** we'll hear from **Ian Scott-Hunter** '**Memories of a Royal Footman**' and **4<sup>th</sup> December Caroline Mills of Nash Bakehouse** will be '**Inspiring Christmas Cake Decorations**'.

You can contact us via email at: [thornboroughandthorntonwi@gmail.com](mailto: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 07805 869498.** Most meetings are also broadcast via Zoom for WI members.

"Must Have" Diary Dates		
50/50 Togs/Fashion Party	Village Hall	Fri 11th October 7-10pm
T'boro Fund Raisers AGM	Village Hall	Thurs 24th Oct - 7pm
Bonfire Night	TBA	Sat 2nd November
Remembrance Service	St Mary's	Sun 10th Nov - 10.50am
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
T'boro & Thornton David Copperfield Prod'n	Village Hall	Fri-Sat 9th & 10th May
T'boro Open Gardens	Around the Village	Sat-Sun 14th & 15th June
T'boro Junior Cricket Festival	Harry Moore Playing Field	Sun-Mon 25-26 August All Day
T'boro Annual Fun Runs	Village Green	Sun 7th September - 10am

## LOCAL EVENTS DIARY – SAVE THE DATES

EVENT	WHERE?	WHEN?
<b>Chapel Weekly Drop-In</b>	<b>Chapel</b>	<b>EVERY Weds - 10.30-12.30</b>
TSSC Over 60s Lunch	Village Hall	Sat 5th Oct
<b>Harvest Thanksgiving Joint Service</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Sun 6th Oct - 11am</b>
<b>50/50 Posh Togs Party Event</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>Fri 11th Oct - 7-10pm</b>
TPC Meeting	Village Hall	Weds 16th Oct - 7pm
<b>T'boro Fund Raisers AGM</b>	<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>Thurs 24th Oct - 7pm</b>
Messy Church	Chapel	Sun 27th Oct - 4pm
Woodlands Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 2nd Nov - 9am
<b>Bonfire Night Fireworks Display</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Sat 2nd Nov</b>
Joint Church Service	Chapel	Sun 3rd Nov - 11am
Community Café	Village Hall	Weds 6th Nov - 2-4pm
WI monthly meeting	Village Hall	Weds 6th Nov - 7.30pm
<b>Remembrance Service</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Sun 10th Nov - 10.50am</b>
<b>Final copy date - Xmas edition of Thornborough News</b>		<b>Sat 16th Nov</b>
Fund Raisers Quiz Night	Village Hall	Sat 16th Nov - (7pm?)
<b>Memorial Service</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Sun 17th Nov - 4pm</b>
TPC Meeting	Village Hall	Weds 20th Nov - 7pm
Messy Church	Chapel	Sun 24th Nov - 4pm
Joint Church Service	St Mary's	Sun 1st Dec - 11am
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
<b>Village "Xmas Tree" Carol Singing</b>	<b>Xmas Tree on the Green</b>	<b>Fri 20th Dec - 6.30pm</b>
Messy Church	Chapel	Sun 22nd Dec - 4pm
<b>Christingle Carol Service</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Sun 24th Dec - 5pm</b>
<b>Xmas Day Service</b>	<b>Chapel</b>	<b>Weds 25th Dec - 9.30am</b>

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