

An Early Winter Clean Up....



Thornborough News

Jan-Feb-Mar 2022

Thornborough Fundraisers update by Ann Payne

A Happy New Year to you all. We are delighted to announce that we made a profit, after expenses, of £961 from this year's Christmas quiz. This means we sold almost 600 quizzes.

As there were only three all correct entries, we have decided to award a prize to all three. The order of the winners was decided by the tie break question judged by all members of our committee. We have also decided to award two tie break answer prizes this year of £15. As always £95 will be going to an outside charity and the rest spent on projects within Thornborough and Thornton.

First prize this year went to Helen Lewis, Second Prize to Kay Bradley and Third Prize to Angie Joint and family. The tie break winners were Christine Garbe and Geoff Goodger. I know people like to know the Tie Break answers and so for the quiz they were in order: 'Turmoil Twixt Thorn and Tonne', Climbing the Hill where the Thorn Trees grown' and 'The Hill where Thorn Trees Grow'. The tie break winners were: 'Church, Chapel and Two Smoking Brewers' and 'The Happy Highways where I went and cannot come again'. The second really resonated with me having spent all my life in the village and seen so many changes and people come and go. Although the scenery remains relatively unchanged, the way of life has changed beyond recognition since the 1960s when the village was very much a farming community.

Well done to all the winners and once again our thanks to you all for taking part and sending our quiz out far and wide.

We hope that this year we will be able to hold other events and we will keep you posted. In the past year we have brought litter pickers and hoops for the village, replaced the children and adult pads for the village defibrillator and made a donation to a villager. Obviously not being able to actively fundraise has meant that we have been limited in what we have been able to do in the village but let's hope that 2022 is the year we are able to return to some normality!

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Thornborough Methodist Chapel

It is with deep sadness that our new year starts with news that Joan Hodges passed away on Christmas Eve. She was a member of chapel for many decades and was loved by us all. **Her funeral will be held on 3 February.** We send our deepest condolences to her family.

We are Christians who believe that God loves us, and wants us to offer to everyone, everywhere, all that Jesus has made available. God gives the kind of welcome people never forget, and we would love you to join this exciting journey with us.

What's in a welcome? More than you might think. Jesus met a woman at a well. This woman was an outsider, but Jesus showed her that her life mattered to God. He healed the broken parts of her life. Water is one of life's essentials. Jesus offered the woman 'living water' by which he meant the Holy Spirit. He said this water would satisfy her deepest thirst – and our deepest thirst too. He said that it would become in us a spring of water welling up to eternal life. Today we welcome you to come and find the true healing water of Jesus.

You are also welcome at **our Drop In (coffee morning) every Wednesday in the meeting room between 10.30-12.30** where we offer free tea/coffee and biscuits/cake. We also have a **Bring and Buy sale on the first Wednesday of each month.** It's a great place to meet people and make friends.

- Sunday 6th February** 11am -Preacher Margaret Smith. A united chapel/church service in the chapel.
- Sunday 13th February** 11am -Preacher Trevor Ray.
- Sunday 20th February** 11am -Preacher John Boxwell.
- Sunday 27th February** 11am -Preacher Sarah Cliff.

Please note that the united chapel/church services will take place on the first Sunday of the month, alternating between chapel and church.

Just a reminder that we have a lovely meeting room at the rear of the chapel (which can be hired out) complete with modern kitchen and toilet facilities, including wheelchair access to one of the toilets. In the main chapel there is an Induction Loop system for the hard of hearing. If you have something you would like prayer for, or you need a pastoral visit, please contact Katy on 07904 958033.

Reflections from the Rectory by Rev'd Jacqueline Dove

I have no idea what 2022 has in store but if it's anything like 2021 it will no doubt have plenty of really challenging times. I am increasingly aware how my well-being is intrinsically linked not only to the well-being of my nearest and dearest, but also the well-being of my village, my Church community, my countries (Britain and South Africa), the other nations of the world and indeed the very planet itself.

We live in an era which elevates the individual above all else. We are encouraged to celebrate our own unique stories, our own personal truth. There is a lot that is positive about this. If we are to love our neighbour as we love ourselves, we need to know and love ourselves.

But we can also so easily become self-absorbed to the point of being consumed by our own story in isolation from each other's stories. The world can feel very noisy, with everyone wanting to be heard, and very few people willing to listen, truly listen. It seems sometimes as if it is the loudest, most self-centred and potentially most destructive individuals who end up being the 'King of the Castle'.

Likewise, it feels, at times, as if it is the loudest and most self-absorbed of my own emotions which rule the roost, overriding my good intentions and causing me to slide all the way down a long snake in an emotional game of 'snakes and ladders'. I'm the first to admit I need help from God if I am to come anywhere close to being the person God created me to be. The person my family and friends, my Church and country and the planet need me to be. This is why I start and end each day spending time in prayer and meditation.

Thomas Keating (1923–2018), the founder of the practice of Centering Prayer, explained how meditation is linked to the healing of our shortcomings. He called it the divine therapy: 'The only prayer you need to say is, "Help!" It's right to the point. It describes what we need. And when it comes from a heart that is broken by its own failures, it moves God to the very roots of the divine nature and God responds.' (Thomas Keating with Tom S., *Divine Therapy and Addiction: Centering Prayer and the Twelve Steps* (Lantern Books: 2009), 102, 105-106.)

So perhaps this is the best way to start 2022, not with yet another list of resolutions but rather with a cry from the heart as we acknowledge our personal, and collective, deep-seated need for God's transforming love. Happy New Year!

Please do contact me in relation to baptisms, weddings, funerals and pastoral care needs at revjdove@gmail.com or 01280 817828.

St Mary's Church – Services & Events



January	30 th	11am	Candlemas Benefice Service at Beachampton, followed by Benefice lunch
February	6 th	11.00am	Joint Church and Chapel at the Chapel
	13 th	4.00pm	Messy Church at the Chapel
	20 th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion
	27 th		No Service
March	2 nd	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service
	6 th	11.00am	Joint Church and Chapel at the Chapel
	13 th	4.00pm	Messy Church at the Chapel
	20 th	9.00am	BCP Holy Communion

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Our committee have also been working hard on our annual fundraising events! From organising our village Pumpkin Hunt, Merry Market (both working around difficult weather conditions) and finishing with collecting Christmas trees.

All staff and committee thank our parents and local village members for all of your continued support and wish all a Happy New Year for 2022!!

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Thornborough Infant School Update

by Miss Olivia Quirke



We said goodbye to 2021 with our Christmas performance. The Christmas Nativity in the Church was joyous and we were thrilled that we could perform to our parents. It was especially nice to see Farm Slice outside and many of our children enjoyed a hot pizza supper with their family to celebrate.

We welcomed 2022, and the children, to a chilly Spring term indeed! However, we have been wrapping up warm and enjoying our learning inside and outside the classroom. This term we are focusing on 'Flowering Friendships' and are looking forward to seeing the signs of Spring when we are out and about in the village.

Our fundraising continues and forthcoming **Community Café dates are: Wednesday 2nd February; Wednesday 2nd March and Wednesday 6th April. We look forward to seeing you there.**

We welcome visitors and volunteers to the school. If you are interested in sharing a hobby, skill or interest with the children, please do get in touch.

Thank you Thornborough, as always, for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Thornborough Mums On The Run, supporting Cancer Research UK

You may have seen an increased number of runners pounding the pavements of Thornborough since the start of the year. The reason being is that many of us mums are in training for The 10km London Winter Run on Sunday 13th February, supporting Cancer Research UK.

We are trekking down to London on the Sunday morning and are hoping to raise over £1,000 between us to help those affected by Cancer.

If you are able to make a donation then please do - any contribution, big or small is massively appreciated.

Thank you, Thornborough Mums on The Run x

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Thornborough Rocks Again – on hold for now... 😞 😞

But we'll be back - probably in the late Spring when hopefully the Village Hall will be warmer, the weather sunnier and Covid numbers will be much, much reduced! Until then.....



Village Hall & Trust 59-Club update

by David Telford (Treasurer)



The monthly Village Hall 59 club continues to run, and our lucky winner for November was Mark Neenan, and for December was Marj Banks. We have a few vacant numbers in our monthly 59 Clubs. This is the principal fundraiser for the village hall and is essential to support its continued upkeep, so if anyone is interested in taking a number on, it's only £5 per month and every month two lucky winners get £150. You have a 1:59 chance - better than the Lottery! If you want to join, please give our Hon Sec, Bernard Garbe, a call on 07725 421534 or email garbeb@gmail.com.

The Village Hall continues to be open and available for bookings, with rates starting at £8 per hour for village organisations, £10 per hour for residents and £12 for non-residents, and with access to both a projector and sound system, it is a great place for your next event. Anybody wishing to hire the Hall, please give our Bookings Secretary, Sue Kenyon, a call on 07704 730466.

The Post Office is regularly open between 2pm to 5pm on Wednesday afternoons and continues to offer a full range of services.

As we head into 2022, we are reviewing priorities around the improvement of the Village Hall and have been discussing with the Parish Council. There are certain structural priorities around damp proofing and insulation which we are focussing on initially, and then looking at options around interior refurbishment, to ensure the Village Hall remains a welcoming place for the use of local groups and residents. We are open to suggestions from local groups and residents around the plans, and please feel free to get in touch with either myself at david@davidtelford.com or Bernard at garbeb@gmail.com.

Thornborough Parish Council (TPC) Report

Since the previous edition of Thornborough News was published TPC has met twice in November and January. The minutes of the TPC meetings provide the formal record of the business. The minutes are published on the TPC noticeboard and website. This report focuses on topics that are likely to be of greatest relevance to residents.

YAY! Celebrating the good news

TPC successfully applied for funding from the Buckingham and Villages Community Board (B&VCB) to install a new floor in the Sir Harry Moore Sports Field Pavilion. The work was undertaken in the first week of January and in advance of the new Preschool term.



Grant funding was also secured for the pond to be dredged. This activity is usually funded by TPC from its budget which in turn means it is paid for by the residents of Thornborough. However, the work undertaken by TPC with volunteers in the wake of the December 2020 flooding allowed a successful funding case to be made to B&VCB. The work was undertaken in November (see Front Cover) so as not to disturb the wildlife. The surrounding area got a bit churned up because the ground was wet. However, the first shoots of recovery grass are already bravely coming through.

Sometimes good news really does come in threes. The funding application submitted in October 2020 for parking on the verge outside the pavilion was also approved late last year. The work will be undertaken by Transport for Bucks which means TPC doesn't have any control over the timescale, so fingers crossed

we have to wait months rather than years. It will be worth the wait when it is done, particularly for the Preschool parents and children who will no longer have to deal with the challenges of the winter mud.

TPC is still waiting to hear if the funding application to replace our streetlights with energy efficient LED lanterns is successful. If this grant funding is secured it will reduce both Thornborough's streetlighting bill and carbon footprint. The cost of streetlighting energy was increased by 33% as of 1 December 2021.

In the coming year TPC also hopes to work with the Village Hall Committee so we can jointly apply for grant funding to undertake the much needed renovations to the Village Hall. This will be a significant amount of work so please do get in touch if you'd like to volunteer to help.

2022/3 budget and precept setting

The budget covers the responsibilities that fall under TPC's remit as a local council. The precept is the small proportion of residents' council tax bill which funds TPC's activities. The precept is based on the tax base which reflects the number of Band D equivalent properties in the parish. It changes year on year which reflects changes in those qualifying for council tax relief, house sales and new builds. An unchanged precept would have required an increase of 0.72%. Mindful of the challenging economic climate, TPC has kept the precept increase to a minimum:

2022/3 Precept	% Increase on 2021/2	2022/3 Band D Charge	Band D Increase on 2021/2
£23,000	1.62%	£76.30	£1.22

Dog waste bins

TPC has been monitoring the dog waste bins near the sports field, in the centre of the villages and by the allotments to establish whether an additional bin is needed. The cost of purchasing a bin and the ongoing cost of the emptying service is quite substantial. As long as the dog waste bins aren't misused, TPC has concluded the cost of a fourth bin can't be justified at the present time. Under the contract TPC has with Buckinghamshire Council the dog waste bins should be emptied every Friday (twice a week in the summer).

Please use the following website to report any missed collections:

<https://www.aylesburyvaldc.gov.uk/dog-waste-bins>.

Alternatively, if you let me (see below) know I can report it. And please do let me know if the problem of misuse reoccurs - see the previous Thornborough News.

Thornborough allotments – we have some vacant plots coming up

Two plots are being vacated – half a plot has been allocated. Please do get in touch if you are interested in becoming a plot holder. The 2022/3 rent is £30 per plot or £15 for a half plot. The second full plot which is becoming vacant can be split if there is sufficient demand for smaller plots. Not interested yourself but know someone who might be then please give them a nudge.

Alison Robinson

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A Village Tale by Ann Payne

A story that my dad used to tell me.

At the turn of the century there was a cottage in the walls of Thornborough Manor. You can still see where the door and windows were - the village stocks were also located outside this cottage. In this cottage lived a Mr & Mrs Tommy Dodds. The couple were notorious in the village for their terrible rows. One day their argument reached such a pitch that they decided they were going to go their separate ways. A cart was brought up to the house and Tommy began loading his belongings. All was going well until they reached the grandfather clock. Both insisted that the clock belonged to them. Tommy brought the clock outside the cottage and Mrs Dodds hung onto the clock refusing to let it go - another dreadful argument began with most of the village looking on. Suddenly Tommy appeared swinging an axe, Mrs Dodds screamed and ran off as she thought her time had come. Tommy took the axe and cut the clock straight down the middle, turned to his wife and said, 'there you are, you take the morn and I'll have the after'. The couple never did separate but continued their very volatile lives in the little cottage until one day when Tommy took his horse and cart to Buckingham. Somewhere near the old bridge on the A421, the horse was startled, tipped the cart over and, sadly, Tommy died. Apparently at the funeral Mrs Dodds was beside herself with grief and told everyone that she and Tommy had rarely had a cross word in their life together.....

WI Report December 2021 – February 2022

Teresa Connolly, President



It seems like a long time since our Christmas meeting, at the beginning of December, in the Village Hall. Many happy memories remain, however, of the fun and the laughter generated by an excellent Beetle Drive. All who participated enjoyed an entertaining evening thanks to Pam King, our secretary, who prepared and supervised the notable occasion. Congratulations to the raffle prize winners too.

2022 brings a new programme of events, listed below. Visitors are always welcome. **Thornborough and Thornton WI meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Most meetings are also broadcast via Zoom** for WI members who cannot attend in person.

2022 Programme

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| 2 nd February | The local NHS patient support service, Keith Hofgartner |
| 2 nd March | The women of Bletchley Park, Pam Wignall |
| 6 th April | The work of a Macmillan nurse, Gwynne Grayson |
| 4 th May | Resolutions |
| 1 st June | Iran, Ray Rowlson |
| 6 th July | Silk for Sundays, Yvonne Bell |
| 3 rd August | Garden meeting |
| 7 th September | Milton Keynes a city in the trees, Andy Lane |
| 5 th October | Animal Computer Interaction, Clara Mancini |
| 2 nd November | Annual General Meeting |
| 7 th December | Festive Entertainment |

You can contact us via email at: thornboroughandthorntonwi@gmail.com or visit our website for further information about our Women's Institute (WI): www.thornboroughandthorntonwi.org

Additionally for any other enquiries, including our local catering provision, you can phone Teresa on 07824 618579.

Thornborough Cricket Club Update



Happy New Year to you all let's hope for a better 2022!!

With the start of the New Year our thoughts start to turn to the spring and summer and warmer days ahead which includes cricket, although we hope for a better performance than the current English shambles down under!!!

Since the last edition of the village newsletter the club held its AGM on 26th November which saw the chairman, Ian Davies and first team captain Cameron stand down from the roles they have held in the previous 3 years.

Under Ian's stewardship the club has undergone a transformation with the new fixed net and mobile net which proved invaluable in the growth of the club, sightscreens, and power to the cricket clubs shed which has proved invaluable instead of fumbling around in the dark, and we also have a healthy playing squad to select from.

Cameron has been a main playing contact for the club and organising teams despite being unable to play during 2021 was there at all first team matches.

Both will be missed but both remaining within the club and will still be assisting in the preparation of wickets in the forthcoming season.

From the AGM a chairman was not formally appointed but following our first committee meeting I can now confirm that Derek Davis is the new club chairman with David Owen taking on the treasurer's role from March 1st.

We welcome Ben Horton who has taken on the role of first team captain with Ian McStraw as vice captain, and Andrew Checkett moving into the A team assisted by Tim Jones as vice captain. We wish them all well in the coming season.

We will again be fielding 2 sides with the league due to commence on Saturday 30th April running through till end of August. Fixtures have yet to be issued but we will let you know in the next edition of TNews.

In preparation to this we have our indoor net sessions at the Royal Latin School for 6 weeks commencing Tuesday 22nd February 8pm till 9pm, for a total of 6 weeks, if anybody interested in attending please contact me or any club member.

Our successful 100-1 club membership is coming to an end and for the current year and members will be approached to continue with their membership which at £30.00 is good value and aids cricket to be played within the village.

Latest winners each winning £100.00 were Derek Thomas in November (ball number 28) and Caroline Moore in December (ball number 28), and Paul Chapman (ball number 35) in January so good luck if you are in it to win it!!

Yours in sport

John Osborn (Secretary)

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THINKING OF MOVING?

I found this perfect village 6 years ago. I've made so many friends and had so much fun but now I'm in need of a new home and want to stay in the village.

I'm a cash buyer, so no chain!

So, if you are thinking of moving perhaps you could call or email me.

Absolute discretion promised.

Sue Percival 07305 009991 / sue@sueandnick.co.uk

Thornborough & Coombs Woodlands Report by Sarah Powell, Board Member - Thornborough and Coombs Woodlands Enterprise Trust

A huge thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for our Christmas Draw. We raised over £1,000 and the monies will be used to continue our maintenance of the woodland.



As winter has continued to be wet and mild, the ground conditions have continued to be challenging in all areas of the woodlands. As a consequence the large top wood has unfortunately been temporarily closed. This decision has been taken to preserve the ground for the forthcoming year and will be re-opened as soon as possible.

The work parties still continue despite the weather and meet the first Saturday of the month at 9am. Refreshments are provided (the cakes are fantastic!).

We are always looking for more helpers so please come along if you can spare a couple of hours once a month.



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EVENT	WHERE?	WHEN?
Candlemas Benefice Service & Benefice lunch	Beachampton	Sun 30th January - 11am
Community Café	Infant School	Wed 2nd February - 2-4pm
WI monthly meeting	Village Hall	Wed 2nd February - 7.30pm
Woodlands Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 5th February - 9am
Shared Church Service	Chapel	Sun 6th February - 11am
TPC Meeting	Village Hall	Weds 9th February - 7pm
London Winter Run in aid of Cancer Research UK	London	Sun 13th February - morning
Messy Church	Chapel	Sun 13th February - 4pm
T'boro Cricket Club weekly Indoor Nets	Royal Latin School	Tues 22nd February - 8-9pm
T'boro Cricket Club weekly Indoor Nets	Royal Latin School	Tues 1st March - 8-9pm
Community Café	Infant School	Wed 2nd March - 2-4pm
WI monthly meeting	Village Hall	Wed 2nd March - 7.30pm
Woodlands Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 5th March - 9am
Shared Church Service	Chapel	Sun 6th March - 11am
T'boro Cricket Club weekly Indoor Nets	Royal Latin School	Tues 8th March - 8-9pm
TPC Meeting	Village Hall	Weds 9th March - 7pm
Final copy date for next Thornborough News		Sun 13th March
Messy Church	Chapel	Sun 13th March - 4pm
T'boro Cricket Club weekly Indoor Nets	Royal Latin School	Tues 15th March - 8-9pm
T'boro Cricket Club weekly Indoor Nets	Royal Latin School	Tues 22nd March - 8-9pm
Woodlands Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 2nd April - 9am
WI monthly meeting	Village Hall	Wed 6th April - 7.30pm
Community Café	Infant School	Wed 6th April - 2-4pm
PACE - The Big Walk	Ridgeway	Sat 23rd April

Editor's Corner

New Contributors & Advertisers always welcome and please get in touch with tnewseditor2018@gmail.com with any possible forthcoming local events or articles of local interest! But please try to keep articles to two A5 pages otherwise I will likely have to edit without warning...!!!

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