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POST OFFICE SERVICES	THURSDAY MORNINGS	10.00am to 12 noon / The Bungalow

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THORNER NEWS

JULY 2023

CHAIRMAN'S INTRODUCTION

This Newsletter is the first from the new Thorner Parish Council, elected in May 2023 following applications received from within the community. I would like to welcome and thank the two new councillors, Angela Wallis and Catherine Wilson, for their determination to further contribute their time and knowledge. I also wish to acknowledge and congratulate the three other Councillors forming the team, returning to their roles unopposed, Rosamund Brittain, Sheila Llewellyn and Tom Mycock.

I have made a personal commitment to support change and to improve the connections between the Council and the village. The Parish Council is currently rolling out a new website format. The goal is to allow easier access to updates and information related to the village and surrounding areas, and to share the agenda and meeting minutes of the Parish Council.

All agenda and minutes of the parish council are published on our web site www.thornerpc.uk and are the main means of the parish council communicating our actions and decisions to residents of Thorner. The meetings are at 7pm on the first Tuesday of the month at the Bungalow and I would encourage anyone to attend the meeting who wishes to see how the council works. The first 15 minutes of each meeting are given to public representations. In accordance with national guidelines for parish councils, members of the public are limited to 5 minutes to make comments. It is advised that members of the public contact the Clerk advance, to alert the council of the wish to speak and therefore be prioritised to talk after the initial meeting introductions and formalities. Thereafter, the Council meeting will resume and during this period, standing orders do not permit interference or other comment from members of the public.

The Parish Council will continue to occasionally post on the Thorner Facebook page to remind or refer the public to the new website. However, we

will no longer comment or respond to comments within social media. This is not the correct forum to engage or respond to observations posted therein. At times, posts have been incorrect or not factually based and to respond directly, individually may be inappropriate, potentially inferring official council policy or position. The definitive response will be published within the meeting minutes or directly to individual correspondence by email where applicable and appropriate.

Leeds Festival at Bramham Park is approaching. This magazine contains a copy of the information from Festival Republic relating to the event, including but not limited to road closures and the bus from Thorner to Bramham park and return. Thorner Parish Council is represented at meetings by a councillor and therefore is the best place to communicate the concerns of the village to the organisers. We will stay in touch over any issues that are brought to our attention.

We also want to remind residents that it is the Thorner Community Fund who organise the bus from Thorner to the festival and e-ticket distribution, and not the Parish Council. Contact details of the festival organisers in case of issues or complaints are published in the relevant article. We wish everyone, a safe and enjoyable LeedsFest and look ahead to potentially sunnier/dryer days.

My Chairman's report, presents a record of the achievements of the former council, highlighting what contributions have been made to benefit the village. I urge you to refer to this and learn about how this busy council continues to work on maintaining the village and surrounding area. We are looking for new Councillors to return the Council to its full strength - please read the article from the Clerk.

Alistair Scott, Chairman.

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YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS ARE:

Alistair Scott (Chairman) / Tom Mycock / Sheila Llewellyn / Ros Brittain / Angela Wallis / Catherine Wilson

Visit the parish council web site at www.thorner-parish-council.org.uk

COME AND SING WITH US - IT'LL BE GOOD FOR YOU!

Thorner's Community Choir has been running now for 12 years, and meets Monday evenings in Thorner Parish Centre, from 7pm to 8.30pm. There are 24 members, men and women who value the relaxed atmosphere to simply sing for pleasure.

The Choir has been supported by funding from Leeds City Council and the Thorner Community Fund.

Comments made by recent new recruits are... "It's uplifting"... "I really look forward to coming"... "Tommie (the tutor) passes on his enthusiasm"... "tiredness slips away after 15 minutes here".

No auditions are needed (so don't worry if you feel you're not a talented singer), there are a wide range of abilities, and a wide repertoire.

We'll restart after the holidays on Monday 4th September, so feel free to come along to join in or just listen.

But don't worry if you can't make that session - come along any Monday and try it for free! Thereafter there's a modest subscription to cover room hire and tutor time.

John Calvert

HELLO, FROM THORNER PRE-SCHOOL & TODDLER GROUP

We are a local pre-school providing care for children within our community and surrounding areas.

We are open from 8.50am - 3.10pm Monday - Friday.

We also run holiday clubs throughout half term for children aged 2 to 11 years old. The next holiday club will be from Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November 2023, 8am - 5pm.

We are rated 'Good' by OFSTED and have lots of availability for the new academic year.

We take children aged 18 months - 4 years old and we are located in the grounds of Thorner C of E primary school.

If you would like to book a visit, please get in touch.

We look forward to meeting you.

**Izzy Taylor
Preschool Deputy Manager**

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Should you wish to have anything included on the agenda to be discussed and/or agreed by the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk at thornerparishcouncil@gmail.com by Friday of the third week in the month.

Barry Riley

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION



POPPY APPEAL

This year, the Thorner & Scarcroft branch of the Royal British Legion celebrates its centenary and as the Branch Poppy Appeal Organiser, I would like to make this year's Poppy Appeal our most successful to date.

Although the Appeal does not take place until November, I have to place our orders for stock by 1st September.

Many of you have over the years ordered wreaths commemorating various regiments or branches of our armed forces. In fact there are over three thousand centre badges available that the wreaths can accommodate. Ribbons in gold letters printed on a blue ribbon with the inscription 'Lest we Forget',

'In Remembrance' and 'In Loving Memory' can also be added.

It is also possible to order Wooden Remembrance sticks depicting various faiths.

If anyone would like to order a wreath or remembrance stick or has any questions regarding what is available, they can email me at jasonfalk@hotmail.com

**Jason Falk
Poppy Appeal Organiser**

DEFIBRILLATORS IN THORNER

Thorner is in the enviable position as a small village, to have three community accessible defibrillators. These are housed at the rear of the Victory Hall, outside The Fox Public house and also at the top of Church Hill in a repurposed red telephone kiosk.

When dialling 999, in situations requiring use of a defibrillator (e.g., suspected cardiac arrest), the emergency operator will direct callers to the nearest available defibrillator and provide the access code. The unit is then out of action and will not be returned to use until the equipment is inspected and replacement pads or other accessories are replenished.

I am aware that some organisations have the code on display in their facility. **Even if you know the code, it is irresponsible to remove a defibrillator before you call 999, 'just in case'.** Other callers may be directed to a defibrillator cabinet, having already called for help, only to find that the equipment has been removed. **This action can put lives in danger.**

The two defibrillators on Church Hill and at The Fox are managed by the Parish Council, which includes the purchase of replacement adhesive pads and batteries ahead of expiry dates. These devices are the same type as used by Yorkshire Ambulance Service Community First Responders (see photograph).

The equipment, once opened, guides the user through steps for use and instructs when to perform cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (rescue breaths and chest compression). It only instructs the application of an electric shock when the electrical activity of the heart indicates that this is required.

Individuals have mentioned at prior Council meetings, that they had questions about using such equipment. Most people have never seen the equipment and few people have exposure to it in emergency situations, so there are understandable fears, concerns and doubts about what would happen if called upon to use a defibrillator.

Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) can provide an information session. These last around one hour to explain what happens when you dial 999, how the call is triaged and how a defibrillator is accessed if required. They also bring a training defibrillator and manikin to show how a defibrillator works, how to check if a person is or isn't breathing and how to do CPR.

Thorner Parish Council will arrange a session, funding this on behalf of the village, subject to YAS trainer availability and a location being identified and booked.

Our intent is to offer a session for up to 30 residents, on a first come, first served basis. Further sessions may be arranged, subject to availability, as stated above.

Please email the Clerk with an email subject line including 'YAS Defibrillator Training-interest'.

Alistair Scott
Thorner Parish Council



\\ Defibrillator type used by Yorkshire Ambulance Service \\

\\ The Fox defibrillator \\

\\ The Phonebox defibrillator \\

THORNER FOOTPATH VOLUNTEERS

Walkers and runners who regularly use the Carr Lane/ Scarborough Walk route will have noticed the mowing in early July of the new path parallel to Carr Lane (done by Leeds City Council contractors), and the rebuilding of the retaining wall on the Scarborough Walk by the landowner, Mexborough Estates.

Excavations for the wall were disrupted by a large rock, resulting in a recess being created in the gabions to incorporate it.

A bench has already been installed further along the path in earlier works to replace one that was crushed when the old wall collapsed. There is a suggestion of a second bench being created to go in the new recess.

It's a lovely spot to sit, enjoy the view, watch the buzzards and kites, to unwind and reflect for a while.

The Mexborough Estates have agreed to a bench being installed in there.

Does anyone have any ideas for the design and construction of a simple bench that would blend into the recess? Perhaps someone would be willing to fund a bench, or make a donation, design or build one?

If anyone has ideas or would like to make a donation to contribute to a bench, or would like to know about volunteer work being planned for maintenance on any of Thorner's footpath network please email thornerfootpathvolunteers@gmail.com.

John Calvert



LEEDS FESTIVAL 2023

Information for Thorner Village Residents

Please find enclosed 3x Thorner Road Closure Passes, that will allow access through the road closures that are in place during this year's Leeds Festival.

If you require any additional passes, Parish Councillors Catherine Wilson and Angela Wallis and the Thorner Village Liaison Manager, Marcus Griffiths, will be running a collection date at the Over 60's Bungalow on Main Street from 18:00-19:00 hrs on Tuesday 15th August & Wednesday 16th August 2023.

As in previous years, you will receive an information letter from Melvin Benn, Festival Director, Festival Republic that confirms their plans for Leeds Festival 2023.

Scott Marshall

THORNER JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

Our members have enjoyed another successful year at the youth club, taking part in a variety of activities. The youth club will restart on Tuesday 12th September after the summer break.

The current youth club committee and leader have been looking after the club for at least the last 18/20 years and the committee now believe that 'new blood' and younger ideas are required going forward.

In the first instance we are looking for an assistant to help the leader Jenny set up the equipment, to oversee activities on a club night and to step-in when Jenny is unavailable.

The post is for two hours each week during term time on a Tuesday evenings and is a paid post. Child Protection, Health and Safety Policies and Equal Opportunities Policies are in operation. DBS Disclosure is required which we will pay for.

If anyone would like further information and application form please contact Belinda Swift, Chairperson on 0113 2892946 or email bswift43@hotmail.co.uk.

Marian G Peaker

VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Thorner Parish Council comprises of 9 members. It has a statutory duty to employ a Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer, who is its only part-time employee.

The Parish Council is a legal entity and a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the parish and has an overall responsibility for the well-being of its local community.

It is the level of government closest to the community, with the district authority above it in the hierarchy. As it is the authority closest to the people, Parish Councils are often the first place that people contact with concerns or ideas.

For this reason, they are a vital part of the community.

Its work falls into three main categories:

- Representing the local community
- Delivering services to meet local needs.
- Striving to maintain and improve the quality of life in the parish.

Why become a Parish Councillor?

If you've never been to a Parish Council meeting before, you may be forgiven for thinking that Parish Councillors are just a group of senior people who meet now and then in a draughty village hall. If, however, you live in a community where something 'big' has happened, you'll know that when people in the community need support and guidance, it is sometimes the Parish Council that is turned to.

How much time does it take up?

The Council meets once a month to which members of the public are also invited.

Meetings may last two or three hours, depending on the content of the agenda.

In addition to the regular meetings, Councillors are occasionally required to attend other meetings representing the council, for example acting as a representative on an outside body, community activities or helping develop a new project for the community.

How long does a Parish councillor serve for?

Once elected, Parish Councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years.

If you wish to remain a Parish Councillor you can stand for re-election.

By becoming a Parish Councillor, you become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support a community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve. Seeing your community change for the better, because of decisions you have helped make, is something that can give you a sense of achievement and pride.

Although the Parish Council has limited powers to make decisions beyond what they are responsible for, they do have the ability to negotiate with, and the power to influence, organisations that do make the final decisions such as the many Leeds City Council Departments.

The Parish Council therefore invites individuals with an interest in their community to consider applying for a position on the Council.

Please email Barry Riley at thornerparishcouncil@gmail.com for more information.

NEWS FROM THORNER VICTORY HALL

Salsa!

Our new Salsa Class (Thursday, 7pm-8pm) has proven popular form of inspiring, dance-related fun! The current sessions end on June 29th but will return in October. Suitable for absolute beginners and no partner necessary. For more details contact Tanya directly via WhatsApp **07874 379714** or email tancusan@yahoo.com.

Monday Badminton

Our long-running Badminton group, which meets on Mondays from 2-4pm, would like to welcome new players to join them! All ages/abilities welcome, for more details contact Rosie Cooke on **01132892351** or rosiecooke@yahoo.co.uk

Victoberfest

Our first Victoberfest last year SOLD OUT quickly and was such a hit that we ran out of beer, embarrassingly! This year we promise there will be plenty, along with some cracking food to soak it up, and brilliant live entertainment from 'The Yorkshire Oompah Band'. Saturday 28th October, tickets are now available on our website or from the Postbox Deli.

www.thornervictoryhall.com/buy-tickets

Thorner Ball

Another popular annual event, this year's ball will take place on Saturday 18th November, in collaboration with the Royal British Legion to celebrate their centenary. For details or to book tickets email Catherine Wilson: ciw56@btinternet.com

Did you know?

As well as badminton and salsa (see above) we host a range of classes and groups throughout the year including keep fit, pilates, pickleball, film club, junior cricket, wreath making... Hopefully something for everyone! We also offer flexible hiring options, from a small meeting room for a couple of hours to the whole hall for a wedding weekend! Visit our website for all information about classes and hiring.

Stay updated

For all the latest on our events and news of everything coming up in 2023 and beyond, you can sign up to our newsletter. Just email info@thornervictoryhall.com or follow the subscribe link on our website. We're also on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Peter Schofield. Chair Thorner Victory Hall Committee

Thorner Victory Hall presents
Victoberfest
Saturday 28th October 2023
7:30pm
Live traditional Oompah Band
'Frankenfeast' Monster Sausages
Tickets £10
www.thornervictoryhall.com/buy-tickets