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Thornborough News

Nov-Dec-Jan 2020/21

Reflections from the Rectory by Rev'd Jacqueline Dove

What a difference a day makes! I write this the day after the announcement of another national lock down. I spent yesterday putting together an Order of Service for the act of Remembrance taking place at the War Memorials in the four villages I serve. Since arriving here I have felt the need to sprint to try and catch up with where I would like to be as I missed out on planning ahead. Now I need to slam on breaks it seems.

The days between November 1st and 11th are a season of national remembering, when people move from thinking about personal losses through to remembering those who have died serving their country. In the Church we start with *All Saints Day* on the 1st November, when we remember those who have inspired us by their acts of compassion and courage, as well as those quietly in the background enabling others to do great things. This COVID pandemic has revealed that there are many living saints (heroes) in our midst.

The 2nd November is *All Souls*, when we remember those we love who are no longer with us. In St Mary's Church, this year there will be tealights available from 2nd November till the 11th November for people to come and light a candle. There will also be hearts which you can place on a tree, with the name of the person you are remembering.

This time of remembering and mourning is made even more important by the Coronavirus pandemic, which is resulting in many thousands of deaths across the UK, in addition to the usual 600,000 per annum. Lots of people are grieving - much of this grief will be complicated as the usual support structures have been restricted.

I recently came across *The Bereavement Journey* which is a 6 week course which Churches across the country offer at this time to people who have been bereaved in the last five years. In October 2020, its founder, Jane Oundjian, has been awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List. Its key premise is that when we embrace our bereavement, we grow rather than shrink. Grief itself can enable us to become a saint/hero as it can enlarge our hearts.

If you are needing any bereavement support at this time please contact me at revjdove@gmail.com or 01280 817828.

Church Tower Update by Sue Kenyon - Project Manager

I am delighted to report that the scaffolding will be coming down soon! The whole of the parapet has been lime rendered, thanks to our fantastic new contractor, **Sean Lardner**. He has been working under difficult conditions with the terrible weather we have had recently. We just need a few dry days for final repairs, and then the parapet walls can be left to cure fully.

Once Sean has finished, Boden & Ward will be back to remove the scaffolding and clean up the site. By the end of November, everything should be complete.

Thank You

Gaye, Tom and Tasha Warren would like to thank all villagers and friends for thinking of their family during what has been a most difficult time following the sudden death of Paul.



The cards, letters, messages, flowers, cakes and meals were so comforting and greatly appreciated as was the incredible show of support and respect for Paul throughout the village on the day of his funeral.

Our thanks too to the Rev Jacqueline Dove for her support and for conducting the funeral service in such a fitting manner and for everyone who has given donations to the causes we chose in Paul's memory.

Paul and I always knew this village was special when we moved here over 32 years ago. We were so right, thank you once again.



Thornborough Methodist Chapel

Just as the chapel had opened up again for services, the latest lockdown has caused us to revise our plans for services. For the next few weeks, we will open up only for quiet, private prayer. But whether we are open or closed, we will be praying for you all. **If you have something you would like prayer for, or you need a pastoral visit, please contact Katy on 07904 958033.**

Sunday 8th November 11am - Remembrance Sunday. Meet at St. Mary's (gate) at 10.50am for a short Act of Remembrance. No service is possible but the Methodist Chapel will be open between 11am – 12pm for private prayers.

Sunday 15th November 11am - The Methodist Chapel will be open until 12pm for private prayers.

Sunday 22nd November 11am - The Methodist Chapel will be open until 12pm for private prayers.

Sunday 29th November 11am - The Methodist Chapel will be open until 12pm for private prayers.

Sunday 6th December 11am – A normal service is planned. Preacher TBC.

Sunday 13th December 11am – A normal service is planned. Preacher TBC.

Sunday 20th December 11am – A normal service is planned. Preacher TBC.

Friday 25th December 9.30am – A thanksgiving service for Christmas Day is planned. Preacher TBC.

Sunday 27th December 11am – A joint service with St Mary's is planned. Preacher TBC.

Due to the current situation, Christmas celebrations are going to have to be altered. The Chapel & Church are coming together to organise the celebration (like we did for harvest) and **if you would like to be involved, please contact Rev Jaqueline Dove or Louise Springall.** There are already some ideas on the table!

All our usual events, Monday Meet & Eat, Wednesday Drop In café, Friday Art Group and Messy Church remain on hold and we look forward to the day they can resume.

Remembering the journey Mary & Joseph took all those years ago, the uncertainty and fear they must have felt in trying to find somewhere to stay is not dissimilar to the fear and uncertainty we are experiencing today. Fear, uncertainty and anxiety has always been with us but listen to what Jesus has to say to us: *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 4:6-7). And in Matthew 11:28-30 he says to us *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”* **Take Jesus at his word – he won’t let you down.**

Act of Remembrance

Sunday 8th November at 10.55am

On behalf of all in Thornborough, a very short Act of Remembrance will take place on Remembrance Sunday within government guidelines. No service is permitted in the Church. Wreaths will be laid (involving only two people at any given time) by representatives of the Thornborough and Thornton WI, the Parish Council, the Methodist Chapel and the Church.

The roll of honour will be read, the last post sounded, two minutes silence observed and a short prayer said.

Plans are being made to livestream the event to allow vulnerable persons to be part of the occasion and to demonstrate we are trying to restrict the number of those attending per the Government’s guidelines.

Social distancing must be maintained at all times.

St Mary's Church - Services and events



Firstly, a huge thank you to all those who have supported the sale of goods in the church porch throughout the year. Both those people who have kindly donated a wonderful array of produce, and other items. Also, our thanks go to those who have purchased them.

Also, may we thank those who have decorated the church so beautifully for Harvest, and those who have helped to keep the churchyard maintained.

Monthly services had resumed, with the now required social distancing, for a little while now, and with a good attendance. However, due to the latest changes, and reinstated lockdown measures, that have been announced with regards to COVID19, the church will now only remain open for funerals and for individual private prayer. Formal services are now back in abeyance until at least the 2nd of December.

When services do finally resume a revised order of the services throughout the Blackthorn Chase Benefice will be put in place.

On Remembrance Sunday this year we (as with all other churches throughout England) will not be able to have a service. Nevertheless, Thornborough church will remain open for private prayer and lighting of candles for those who wish to do so. Tealights will be made available within the church from the 2nd of November.

On another, and more pleasant point; even though we were unable to hold a Harvest festival service in the church a short service, with people well separated was held outside the church followed by a parade of tractors around the village finishing by the village green.

A total of 250 cans of produce, and over £90 were donated for those in need.

"do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication WITH THANKSGIVING let your request be known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4.6-7

Christmas Services and Celebrations

St Mary's is exploring in consultation with the Methodist Chapel ways we can celebrate Christmas in creative ways outside. For example :

1. **A trail for children to follow. Nativity scenes in windows, or Nativity story stones** hidden in the local area and **rocks with Nativity scenes** hidden around the village
2. **Lessons and Carols Community Walk.** Laminated sheets tied to trees or lampposts or on wooden posts hammered into the ground – each sheet to include a Bible lesson and a carol with a QR code that takes you to a YouTube recording of the carol
3. **Stations of the Nativity.**

If the lockdown is lifted there will be some services in Church, although numbers will necessarily be limited to maintain social distancing.

Rambling with the Rector

I would love to get to know more about Thornborough, both it's history and the stories of the people who live here. COVID has limited my ability to meet people and hear their stories.

*BUT in the second lock down I can still
meet up with one other person.*

So, if you would like to go on a ramble with me, either around the Church yard which has a handy bench, the village or further afield please contact me on 01280 817828 or email me on

revjdove@gmail.com



Thornborough & Thornton Fundraisers by Ann Payne

Christmas Quiz

Hopefully by the time you read this our 2020 Christmas Quiz will have arrived from the printers. The power of Social Media has helped us enormously this year and we have already sold 365 copies of the 500 we have available. We will be coming round to sell to those of you who have not pre-ordered but it does look as if numbers will be in short supply this year so please, if you would like to ensure you get a copy, do contact me on allan.fred.payne@sky.com or private message me on Facebook and I will ensure a copy/copies reach you. We are extremely grateful that so many of you have offered to take more than one copy to give to family and friends or pop into someone's Christmas Card as a little extra surprise, please do consider doing this as well as obtaining just your copy. This year we are trying to raise funds towards refurbishing our much loved village hall. This is a cause that will benefit almost everyone who lives in the village so please do support us. The cost remains at an inflation beating £2, so will not break the bank. These are not easy times for fundraising but this is one way that we can continue to ensure we can raise some money for the benefit of our community.

Promises Auction

As you might remember we were on the brink of releasing our brochure for a Promises Auction when lockdown hit. As soon as we are able we intend to resurrect this event with a few changes. So many local businesses had been extremely generous in their donations but it does not feel the right time to go back and ask them to give, after some have had such a difficult time. Therefore we hope to make it more of a 'homemade' type of promise. Therefore if you think you could donate a promise of babysitting, an afternoon tea, organise a dinner party, offer a swim in your pool, a game of tennis on your tennis court, make a cake, knit an item or donate a craft item please do let us know. We have had some thoughts that if things do not ease we might try and arrange an online auction, no idea yet how to do that, but where there's a will.....

Gateway to Local Art in Thornborough By Michael Synnott, Little Ash House, Thornborough

I was not long in Thornborough when I first came across the unique artistic delights to be found at the Capel family farm, just off Nash Road. A city boy from way back, I had naively assumed that the countryside was for pleasurable rural walks but art was something to be found in formal galleries in the city. Imagine my delight then, to discover in the meadows of the Capel family farm, that I could combine a delightful stroll with a stimulating example of community arts & crafts.

Nestling in the pastoral landscape, visitors are charmed and intrigued by 20 or so, highly individualistic wrought iron gates crafted by George Capel at various times since the 1950s. From a chance meeting with the maker, I learned that upon his return from war time service as an RAF pilot, Mr. Capel recommenced his education in the evening at the Royal Latin school.



Here he acquired his understanding of the decorative and ornate capacities of wrought iron which are now so attractively embodied in the gates around his farm.

According to Mr Capel, none of the gates was designed on paper prior to starting work. Instead, he relied on spontaneous inspiration while working with the metal. The result is a delightful mixture of playful cartoon figures and representations from nature. At one moment the visitor is confronted with a sun rise or a smiling bugs bunny character. But then, a little bit further on, we encounter beautiful representations of foliage and flora.

William Morris, the founder of the English Arts and Crafts movement in the mid-19th century, advised crafters working with natural forms “...to combine clearness of form and firmness of structure with the mystery which comes of abundance and richness of detail”. I think Mr. Morris would have enjoyed a visit to George Capel’s farm.



My only concern is that these authentic examples of local arts and craft are already beginning to show signs of nature’s wear and tear. It would indeed be a great pity and a loss if this lovely collection were ever to fade away.



Through

THE LOOKING GLASS

With the supper club unable to open, I am offering "ready to heat" take away two course meals. The meals come with simple instructions to re-heat the food in an oven. Collection is on the Friday evening but the meal can be enjoyed any time over the weekend.

Information on take away dates and menus can be found on Facebook ([throughthelookingglassAW](https://www.facebook.com/throughthelookingglassAW)). If you'd like to be on the mailing list then please call, text or email info@alicesupperclub.co.uk

I also offer a dinner party delivery service. Two or three courses delivered on the day of the party. Perfect for post lock down "parties of six" (or more!). Please contact me for any enquiries or to "pencil" something in for December or 2021.

alicesupperclub.co.uk - 07970 422194
Alice [Woodyard](#) - Barley Hill Farm, MK17 0HL



Help Super Fast Broadband Come to Thornborough NOW

- ✓ Frustrated by outages and unreliable internet connections and speeds?
- ✓ Working from home more and need reliable Zoom/Microsoft Teams/Video calls connections?
- ✓ Angry with the slow broadband speeds compared to other villagers, towns and cities whilst paying the same charges?
- ✓ Hoping that Openreach may one day provide Super Fast Broadband?
- ✓ Want to maximise the value of your house?

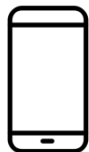
Well there's good news!! You can help get Super Fast Broadband into Thornborough **for no commitment today, likely no installation costs** and only a 12 month commitment when installed (hopefully within 6 months).

Simply register your interest for up to 1000mbps full fibre broadband via the Ecom Fibre website (www.ecomfibre.co.uk) or, for the more tech savvy of you, "snap" on the QR code on the cover of TNews.

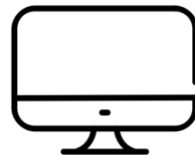
A project is underway to take advantage of UK Gov't and Buckinghamshire Council grants to fund the installation of full-fibre broadband in Thornborough and surrounding farms and houses. **But we must get as many registrations of interest as we can - please persuade your friends and neighbours!!**

Why do you need it?

We're all using the Internet more and more: for work, for fun and for education. The recent COVID crisis has made it even more important to use **Skype** or **FaceTime** to keep in touch with friends and family, **Zoom** or **Microsoft Teams** to work from home; **Spotify**, **YouTube**, **Netflix** or **BBC iPlayer** for entertainment



and crucially **Google Classroom** to educate our children remotely. We rely on the Internet and a **fast, reliable** service is essential. As technology improves, we will also all need even **faster**



broadband too: streaming in HD video needs at least **4Mbps** but 4K/UHD requires **15Mbps**. Despite this many of our neighbours struggle to have any usable Internet at all: in the village, close to the cabinet in Lower End we can enjoy **80Mbps** connection speed but outside the village, many houses struggle with only **4Mbps** and are unable to access even basic services.

Isn't Super Fast Fibre here already?

No! The current service (**Fibre To The Cabinet or "FTTC"**) initially transformed broadband services in the village when it finally arrived in 2015. Thornborough was late in the roll-out because we are rural and therefore **not a priority** for Openreach. FTTC relies on the old copper cables originally installed for telephones to bring the broadband service to your house: that was installed decades ago and will **always be a bottleneck** as to how fast the service can run. Also, it's susceptible to problems because it was never really intended to carry data - cable joins, damp, interference etc all affect **Internet speed and reliability** of connection.

Fibre To The Premises is now the answer - by running a fibre directly from the Openreach cabinet to your home or business you can be certain you have a **future-proof Internet connection** that won't be affected by climate conditions or drop out every time someone in the house uses an old electric motor and we will be able to move up to at least **1,000Mbps** when we need Internet that fast. You might not feel you need it now but it's an investment for your home and the community.

What can we do? What's the plan?

There are **currently** generous grant vouchers available to run new fibre networks, **some on a first come first served basis, hence the need to act now.**

For every successful **home** application vouchers are available as follows:

- Government voucher **£1,500** "Buckingham" voucher **£2,000**

For every successful **small or medium business** application the following:

- Government voucher **£3,500** "Buckingham" voucher **£3,500**

If sufficient voucher applications are made, this will enable local company **Ecom to install the fibre network for free.** But the Buckinghamshire Council funding is on a **first come, first served** basis whilst the current Government funding scheme only runs until the **end of 2021.** We need to move quickly to get the full benefit of this money. **Ecom** has registered their intent to fibre Thornborough and has applied to the Government for us to be included in the voucher scheme, **but they need to ensure there is enough interest from the local homes and businesses.** So, **as many people as possible need to register their interest** to receive the service to maximise our chances. **PLEASE REGISTER!!**

There is **no commitment, nothing to pay** and you only need to provide your **address, phone number and email address** at this stage.

With enough registrations, **Ecom** will contact everyone to explain the next steps. **You can register in less than a minute by visiting www.ecomfibre.co.uk or scanning the QR code** on the front page onto your smartphone.

Who are Ecom?

Ecom are a local company (based in Creslow nr. Whitchurch) and they have undertaken a number of fibre to the property rollouts already (Whitchurch and Wingrave are their biggest... but they have also completed others, a total of 6 villages, comprising 15-620 properties each).

Which houses are included?

The plan is for Thornborough and as many of the houses in the surrounding area as possible - *the more people register now the better the chance we have of including everyone*. **So register now and help everyone in your community.**

What's the cost?

Cable installation will be **FREE** IF enough villagers register. Ecom provide *300mbps for £36 a month with landline included*. You only have to commit to a single 12-month contract **IF** you wish to proceed in due course.

How do I register?

Simply go onto the Ecom Fibre website (www.ecomfibre.co.uk) and enter your postcode in the box, click search, select your address, click submit, click "register now", **provide an email address, name & phone number & SAVE/SUBMIT.**

What's in it for me?

Fast reliable internet access! This will at least quadruple your speed! Fast Internet is also essential for most house buyers and **every doubling of speed increased house value by 3%**. No more paying for that copper landline anymore and help support local businesses that rely on the Internet. **We particularly need the village to join in to help the wider community get connected.**

For more info visit Thornborough eNews (via Facebook) or email thornboroughfibre@outlook.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thornborough Infant School Update

We have had a fabulous start to the academic year welcoming 14 new children and families to the school. The children have settled incredibly well and enjoyed the beautiful weather we had in September. We enjoyed a lot of outdoor learning!



The governors and I are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Nina Hoskins as our new full-time Teaching Assistant and Mrs Gemma Graves as our lunchtime supervisor. Both staff members have embraced our school and ethos and have become invaluable to our school both now and in the future. On this note, we are very happy to inform our community of the very positive interest we have had from potential families for next academic year 2021-2022.

You may have enjoyed seeing the children on their bikes. They thoroughly enjoyed their sessions with Club Sport, learning essential skills in cycling and safety. We are working towards our Bronze Award with Buckinghamshire Council and their School Travel Plan, encouraging children and families to walk, cycle or scooter to school. If this is not possible then 'Park and Stride' is encouraged, parking away from school and walking, cycling or scooting the distance.

We held a cake sale at the end of the half term for our parents and pupils – raising a total of £179.00. All of the money will go back into the provision for the pupils of Thornborough. We are currently re-designing our school library and hope to get some additional resources and furniture with this recent fundraising amount.

We welcome the Reverend Dove to Thornborough Infant School and discussions are in place to re-ignite our pupils' participation in weekly assemblies in our lovely church.

As always, thank you Thornborough Village for your continued support of our joyous school.

Miss Olivia Quirke and Thornborough Infant School Governing Body

Thornborough Preschool update by Kathryn Gevaux



Thank you to all the villagers that participated in making our pumpkin hunt a success! Whether it was by joining the hunt, putting out your own pumpkins or by buying some delicious cake this all contributed! The weather was against us but we still had a good turnout! AND, we raised £473.50!!

As you will be aware Covid 19 is affecting businesses all around the country and it has had a great impact on our September numbers. So we really do appreciate all the support that we receive with our fundraising efforts!

We have been talking about doing **our Annual Merry Market on the 5th December but outside.** This will be very much dependent on whether the rumours of another national lockdown go ahead and the guidance at the time!

We Wish you all a Merry Christmas! And Happy New Year!





Kate Goodger
Local Pet & Wildlife Artist
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Village Hall & Trust 59-Club update

by David Wise (Honorary Treasurer)



Thornborough Village Hall Trust

I am pleased to report that the 59 Clubs have continued to operate during lockdown, and the Hall itself has been open since mid-August. In the Saturday 59 Club, the winning number for August was 16, the owner of that number being Alan Wall. The winning number for the Wednesday draw was 45, owned by Robert Mullis. In the September draw, the happy owner of the Saturday 59 Club prize number 45 was Mary Parker, while the Wednesday winning number 36, is owned by Liz Julier. All four have received a cheque for £150.

Since the Lottery was expanded to 59 numbers, we have had several vacant numbers, so if anyone is interested in taking one on, please could they give our Secretary, Bernard Garbe, a call on 814344.

As mentioned above, I am pleased to report that the Hall has now reopened having been given a very thorough clean beforehand and is available for bookings. As the Hall has of necessity been empty for five months our income has been very much reduced this year, so should anybody wish to hire the Hall, could they please give our **Bookings Secretary, Sue Kenyon, a call on 07704 730466**. Obviously with the new lockdown just announced this situation has changed, and we will reopen as soon as we are able.

A plea to householders with hedges bordering Village paths

Could I please make a plea for householders with hedges bordering the paths in the village to keep them trimmed back, particularly any bramble branches poking through which can be incredibly dangerous when walking around after dark?

There seem to be quite a lot of these at eye level these days!

Many thanks!

Melanie Staff

W.I. Report September – November 2020

by Teresa Connolly



In our September meeting Jo de Montgros, a member of Thornborough and Thornton WI and engineer, gave us a fascinating insight into green energy resources associated with the generation of electricity. She talked about her career as a female engineer. A job that had taken her all over the world. Amazing slides, excellent content that stimulated our members to ask many questions. Jo also included some information about our local solar farm at Thornborough grounds as she had inspected it. Its 5mW and can power 1,500 homes.

October brought us a thoroughly enjoyable insight into Julie Grose's life as a sculptural designer and a lady Blacksmith. She showed us beautiful slides of her amazing creations and gave an entertaining talk. This was first time she had given a presentation via Zoom. November is, of course, our AGM which will be followed by a talk about the pioneering adventures of the first women professionals, given recently at the Buckinghamshire History Festival. Our December meeting will be something Christmassy and crafty. Details to follow.

We have also had social gatherings too. In September Rev Jacqueline Dove, our new vicar, introduced herself and gave us an insight into her journey to Thornborough via 5 other countries. In October Dr Shirley Heywood, an obstetrician, who normally works in Nepal but is currently in the Lake District spoke to us about her work. Shirley and Pam King, our WI secretary, trained together as medics at the university of Liverpool. Some may also remember that Shirley's Dad was the vicar in Thornborough many years ago.

Thornborough and Thornton WI meet on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm online via Zoom. Visitors are always welcome. Email us for the Zoom link: thornboroughandthorntonwi@gmail.com or visit our website for further information about our group: www.thornboroughandthorntonwi.org

Read on for details about making your homemade hedgerow spirits this year and for information about a special WI membership offer valid until March 2020.

You'll also find details about a scheme in Milton Keynes that enables the recycling of particular household items.

Hedgerow spirit making

We are unable to host our annual event this year due to Covid restrictions. So here are two recipes to follow if you'd like to make your own hedgerow spirits. If you haven't been able to collect any hedgerow fruits, e.g. sloes, blackberries or blackcurrants, do contact us and they can be supplied to you.



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Hedgerow Spirit

250g sugar to 500g fruit to 1 litre
spirit or equivalent ratios

Thornborough & Thornton WI



The Sipsmith process for sloe gin

1. Harvest sloes when ripe, freeze for a minimum of 24 hours
2. Fill a wide-mouthed lidded jar halfway with frozen sloes
3. Add gin to the jar, fill to the top. Turn the jar a couple of times.
4. After 3 months take a sample out to taste
5. Strain the sloe gin and add sugar syrup (recipe below) a little at a time until it reaches your preferred sweetness

One of the common complaints about standard sloe recipes is that some years they produce a too-sweet liqueur, while other years they are not sweet enough. Sweetening to taste at the end of the maceration yields a perfect batch every time. If you use simple syrup instead of granulated sugar, you don't have to wait for the crystals to dissolve.

The Sipsmith syrup recipe

Combine equal measures of sugar & water in a saucepan over a low heat. Warm the mixture until the sugar dissolves, then allow it to cool. If you prefer a higher-strength sloe gin make the syrup with 3 parts sugar and 2 parts water to reduce the dilution. Be sure only to add a little syrup at first, as it sometimes requires only a fraction of the quantity of sugar called for in standard recipes.

Full details at: <https://sipsmith.com/how-to-make-the-perfect-sloe-gin>

SORTING GUIDE

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IMPORTANT

**WE CANNOT RECYCLE ANYTHING NOT LISTED
IF IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT OUT!**

ITEMS MUST BE SEPARATED INTO THE CATEGORIES ABOVE

Last year £30,000+ was raised through this scheme. You can also recycle bread bags & ink cartridges. N.B. The Great Linford parish council offices are closed during lockdown.

TSSC Update by Richard Wyllie

A note from the Thornborough Sports and Social Club Chairman to all Villagers

On behalf of the TSSC committee, I want to tell all villagers in Thornborough, The Coombs and Thornton how sorry we are to have postponed, effectively cancelled, all the 2020 planned events.

It is very frustrating for us. Planning was in place as usual and we had booked venues, transport and tickets early to ensure that our social and sporting events would go ahead as planned.

We will of course be resuming planning all these events and more as soon as we can. We have been holding our socially distanced meetings where and when allowed, the committee are still together and dedicated to making life in the villages more enjoyable.

But a plea to all the younger Mums and Dads – we need you!

We have a large committee but we are nearly all either retired or getting there. We always get plenty of volunteers to help with every event, which nowadays is essential. With all the bad backs and other ailments, we struggle with many of the physical tasks, like moving water barrels or erecting marquees. We are a happy and sociable bunch, meeting in The Two Brewers or occasionally in our gardens – come and join us! Contact:

Richard Wyllie, Bridge Street

text or phone 07952 259774

Stephen Illman, Lower End

e-mail secretary@tssc-mail.org.uk

Bernard Garbe, Hatchet Leys Lane

e-mail: garbeb@gmail.com

tel: 07725 421534

Thornborough Parish Council (TPC) Report

TPC met remotely on Monday 21 September and Thursday 15 October 2020.

Planning

At the meeting in September, TPC dealt with five planning applications. The most significant of these were:

- 20/02810/APP Faccenda Chicken Thornhill Poultry Farm - Demolition of 11 no. existing poultry houses and erection of 2 no. replacement poultry houses and associated infrastructure.
- 20/02771/APP Faccenda Chicken Thornhill Poultry Farm - Change of use of land to permit the creation of a container storage facility. (Subsequently withdrawn.)

TPC agreed to oppose both planning applications because of concerns about increased traffic and pollution; the adverse impact on the local community and the rural countryside. TPC did not object to the other three planning applications which involved improvements to homes in the village.

At the October meeting, TPC considered the White Paper Planning for the Future and agreed to respond to the consultation fully supporting the response prepared by Buckinghamshire Council. TPC is a member of the North Buckinghamshire Parishes Planning Consortium (NBPCC) which also submitted a robust response to the White Paper consultation drawing on the views of its member councils.

Finance Group

A Finance Group has been appointed to advise TPC and provide a more robust approach to:

- The annual budget building and precept setting processes.
- Ongoing budget monitoring and forecasting.
- The parish assets, maintenance and, where appropriate, replacement.
- Actively explore opportunities for TPC to increase its financial and other resources through grants, sponsorship, donations, etc.

The Finance Group will be chaired by the Clerk, as Responsible Financial Officer. Its members comprise: Cllrs Taylor, Tribe and Williamson.

The Playground

A heartfelt and public enormous thank you to the parent group who worked with TPC to enable the playground to be 'Covid secured' and reopened in time for the summer holiday. Going forward this volunteer group will undertake the monthly playground safety checks which are required by TPC's insurers. In addition to these monthly checks, RoSPA undertakes an annual inspection for

the annual safety report. Semi-permanent Covid-19 playground signs will shortly replace the laminated signs because they are unable to withstand the bad weather.

Buckingham and Villages Community Board (B&VCB)

The establishment of Buckinghamshire Council as a unitary authority included replacing the former local areas forums (LAFs) with 16 community boards. TPC comes under the remit of B&VCB and is represented on it by Cllr Tribe. TPC has recently applied for permission and 2021/22 financial year funding to address the parking problem by the Sir Harry Moore Sports Field and Pavilion. Currently Pre School parents have no choice but to park on the verge when delivering and collecting their children. During the winter and other periods of bad weather the verge becomes churned-up with thick mud which is rutted and extremely slippery. If successful, the application to B&VCB will grant permission and match funding towards the installation of a dropped curb between the road and the verge, and the installation of grasscrete with associated drainage on the verge to provide safe parking.

Next Meeting

The next TPC meeting is on Monday 16 November 2020, commencing at 7pm. There is no December meeting. Meetings will continue to be held remotely until further notice. Instructions on how members of the public can attend a remote meeting are published in the meeting agenda on the TPC noticeboard and website. TPC uses Zoom as its remote meeting platform which allows members of the public to join by phone if they prefer or don't have internet access.

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Editor's apologies.....

Many apologies if this edition is not quite up to the usual standard.....

The unexpected Lockdown announcement is resulting our printers, Phillips Print, closing from Thurs 5th November leaving TNews Editor only 24 hours to pull together this edition.....all-day session and a sleepless night the result....!

The Thornbuck Jammers, Thornborough Rocks Again & Bucks Ukulele Group update



"Thornborough Rocks Again" is still on the back burner; however as soon as it is safe for us all to get together again in the Village Hall then we will be starting up again....👍😄🎸🎤🎤..

With regards to "The Thornbuck Jammers", we are still rehearsing every so often, so when the right occasion is here we will try to put something on for the village....👍😄🎸🎤..

The Buckingham Ukulele Group (B.U.G.) is also still rehearsing and due to the amount of members, they are using Zoom to get together. Fingers crossed they may be performing in Padbury & Dadford just before Christmas for the lights being put on, although again still to be confirmed. Three members of B.U.G. are from the village (Alan Payne, Fiona Coppins & Keith Newman).



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Thornborough & Coombs Woodlands Report

by Mary Taylor



As we enter autumn it is time to step back and take a look at the last few months. Covid brought some different experiences but life, in the main, went on as usual. Our key activity has been the clearing of two acres or so in the large field. We always said this would take a while and so it has proven. Due to the hard work and efforts of our volunteers, we have cleared over half the site and work will continue through the winter so that come the spring we will be able to start on preparing the land in advance of replacing the trees.

One of the volunteers who can be regularly seen in the woods is our latest Trustee, Charlie Ledwood. Charlie joined following our AGM in September and we look forward to working with him. Those that attended the AGM will recall that comment was made about progress regarding the provision of a new route re-joining the two large fields. Those that have walked in the large field will have noticed that the public footpath has now been re-routed and we are awaiting the final legal sign off. Work will begin on the provision of fencing a new path in the near future.

Another volunteer to note is Paul Warren who sadly passed away recently. Paul was an enthusiastic member of the team and was generous with his time and general support. He will be missed by all of us. The Woodlands were fortunate to be one of the beneficiaries of his memorial fund and we will be announcing what we intend to do with it at a later date.

As always we are grateful to our supporters and volunteers. If you think you could become either please visit our website (www.thornboroughwoods.org.uk) or join us in the woods or at the Depot the first Saturday of the month at 9am. See you there!

Try the WI!

You can have a taste of the Women's Institute for 6 months for only £10.75*



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- The opportunity to involve yourself in exciting local and national campaigns
- Bespoke member only events held virtually with organisations including the National Gallery and England Netball
- A new member pack including the members' book of discount offers

Do contact us via email at thornboroughandthorntonwi@gmail.com or visit our website: www.thornboroughandthorntonwi.org for further details.

Thornborough and Thornton WI are planning our monthly meetings in 2020 via Zoom. These will include talks from members about the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) and Age UK as well as a variety of other subjects. We will also hold a social Zoom once a month enabling members to see and hear each other as well as exchange news.

Visitors are always very welcome so why not try your local WI?

** This is half the usual price as new members usually join in October-December for £10.75. this offer is for 3 extra months for free. Subscriptions can be renewed in April 2021 at £44 for a year. No subscription is automatically renewed.*

LOCAL EVENTS DIARY – KEEP THE DATES

EVENT	WHERE?	WHEN?
Act of Remembrance	St Mary's	Sun 8th November - 10.55am
T'boro Parish Council Monthly Meeting	Zoom	Mon 16th November - 7pm
WI monthly meeting	Zoom	Weds 2nd December - 7.30pm
Woodlands Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 5th December - 9am
T'boro Pre-School Annual Merry Market	??	Sat 5th December - ??
Padbury Christmas Tree Trail	Padbury	Sat & Sun 5th/6th December
2021		
Copy date for next Thornborough News		Mon 4th January 2021
WI monthly meeting	Zoom	Weds 6th January - 7.30pm
VE Day 75+1yr Celebrations	Thornborough	Sat 8th May 2021

Editor's Corner

I know times are uncertain but please get in touch with tnewseditor2018@gmail.com with any possible forthcoming events whether in Thornborough or nearby villages.

Please also send in any "adverts" for local businesses and always feel free to send in any articles of local interest. I can't guarantee to include but I will try!

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