



**MARCH 2020**

**THURSFORD TABLET**

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**Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

The Vice Chairman took the Chair. She welcomed everyone. Apologies had been received from Cllrs Yerby, Plumbly and Cushing. NCC Cllr Aquerone had sent a report.

**NNDC Cllr Kershaw report.** Cllr Kershaw reported on the NNDC Tree Planting scheme in conjunction with the Woodlands Trust, aiming to plant 110 000 trees – the same number as the population of North Norfolk.; the rolling out of electric charging points - to be charged at 30p per k/watt and he reported on the North Norfolk Town and Parish Forum. He is on the Development (Planning) Committee and encouraged people to get in touch if they wanted to discuss anything.

**Litter Bin on the Village Green** A sign would be put on this bin asking that no dog poo should be left there. This is not a black household bin (where dog poo can be deposited). The contents of the Village Green litter bin are recycled.

**Clarks Lane** This is now impassable with deep water. The ditch should be dug out at the far end. The flooding is impacting on residents.

**Food Production Club Event** It was agreed to support the Biennial Farmers Meeting, to a maximum of £50. This event was being held on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**VE Day celebrations** It was noted that a Vintage Tea had been organized in St Andrews for the Queen's Jubilee and it was agreed to commemorate VE Day similarly. An article will be written for the Tablet and a separate committee will meet to discuss the details. Other suggestions were welcome. The Clerk will meet with Mr. Jenkinson who holds the village

Archive to see if there is any information to pass onto NNDC that would be useful for their map to commemorate the WW2.

**North Norfolk Parish Forum** A Forum to encourage sharing of information and issues between parish, town councils and NNDC had been held. Areas currently under review are parking, dog wardens and planning. The date of the next Forum meeting is 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 10.30am

**A148 Highway**

Cllr Eckworth reported on the Highways visit regarding the junction on the A148 near the Crawfish: NCC Highways have agreed to repaint the lines. There have not been enough incidents at the junction to warrant reducing the speed limit and the cost of flashing speed limit signs is currently too expensive for the Parish to consider, in addition to which, as the signs don't have planning permission they have to be moved regularly so would not always be located at the junction.

There was concern that the light from the Crawfish at the junction was too bright and might be a distraction to motorists.

**Police Meeting in Hindolveston**

Cllr Eckworth attended the meeting – all parishes were represented and it was useful to understand the role of the police in the local community. The biggest issue brought out by the parish representatives was that of police visibility. The police are interested in finding out about village issues and were interested in Thursford Assist – Cllr Eckworth will respond.

**Planning matters**

Primrose Pyghtle, North Lane – The improvements were welcomed. S15A – Albanwise – was noted. See item below.

**Next Parish Council Meeting** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 7.00 p.m. in the Methodist Chapel



### **Flagpole**

The base for the flagpole was installed in the centre of the Green in mid January. At the Parish Council meeting Cllr Eckworth thanked all those who helped. The pole was put in situ just before the February storm. The pulley system will shortly be tested. A Union Flag was purchased for the flagpole. A resident has offered to raise and lower the flag on agreed dates. A Village Flag would be made, it's design would be based on the refurbished village sign. The photo (supplied) left to right shows Di Dann, Cllrs Sherri Eckworth and Karen Drake as they prepare to fly the flag.

### **Middle Eastern Supper 1<sup>st</sup> February**

What a great night this was. Food was truly authentic – with delicious savoury dishes and puddings. Who would have thought that Hindringham Village Hall would serve up Riz Bi Djaaj (Chicken with Rice); Tabbouleh (Mint and Parsley Salad); Baqlawa (Nut Pastry) to name just a few dishes. Thank you to everyone who worked hard for the event and to those who came along and joined in the fun. Wasn't it great to see people from other villages supporting us, new residents in the village and somebody from as far away as Cambridge! A big thank you as well to the Thai Restaurant for providing their delicious rice. After expenses, the event made £650 which was a fabulous result! It will hopefully pay for the annual maintenance bill for St Andrews roof repairs and gutters clearance.

### **Save the date!**

Government has announced that the May Day Bank Holiday will be put back in 2020 to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. This is because it is VE Day. On 7 May 1945 the formal act of military surrender was signed by Germany, ending the war in Europe. The next day celebrations broke out all over the world to mark Victory in Europe or VE Day. In Britain, Churchill marked the occasion by declaring 8 May a public holiday. People held parties, danced and sang in the streets. Huge crowds gathered in London, both on Whitehall to hear Churchill speak and outside Buckingham Palace where King George VI and the Royal Family appeared on the balcony. For many though, the celebrations were bitter-sweet. People mourned their lost friends and loved ones, while others were still engaged in combat, as the war in the Far East continued. The Parish Council has agreed that this day which should be suitably celebrated and so there will be a Vintage Tea in St Andrews in the afternoon of 8<sup>th</sup> May. In 2016 something similar was held to mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Fakenham Food Bank**

The Trussell Trust runs the largest network of foodbanks in the UK, giving emergency **food** and support to people in crisis. Thirteen million people live below the poverty line and in the last year they gave 1,583,668 three-day emergency **food** supplies to people in crisis. Offering an essential service to residents of Fakenham and the immediate area Fakenham Food Bank is near the Connect Centre (behind the Library in Oak Street) and it is open either on a Monday 11 – 13.00 or a Thursday 13.00 – 15.00.

### **St Andrews Chard Chapel Window – a “Time Capsule” community project!**

The project involves creating nine replacement panes of glass in the Chapel window - each pane to convey a colourful theme of present day Thursford. The panes will be encapsulated by yellow and blue frames. The glass will be made by a local stained glass artist. Several sponsors have already come forward – but the project organiser is looking for just a few more. If you can contribute £100 or more you will have your name on a plaque. Donations over £500 will be sponsors. This project definitely has the wow factor. It will be unique, and without doubt create something for future generations to enjoy. If you are interested in taking part in this project contact Lance on lance\_sj@hotmail.com 01328 878933.



South Chapel east window, NTS



### **St Andrew's Celebrate a 'big win' on the Lottery!**

“It felt just like winning the lottery” said Steve Yerby, Church Warden of St Andrew’s Thursford, when a letter arrived announcing that the National Lottery Community Fund had awarded the church a £40,000 grant.

The money will help fund the scheme to fit out the church building as a community hub for the village. The project includes laying on water and drainage, installing a wheelchair friendly toilet and a kitchenette, providing disabled access and repairing Victorian windows which are distorting and cracking.

Success in winning the award is the direct result of support and involvement from all parts of the Thursford community who have attended numerous fund raising events and shown their enthusiasm for concerts, meetings, clubs, workshops and social gatherings which will now be able to be held in the church, along side monthly services, in comfort. As the award letter states, “We want to help your community thrive”.

“Pulling together funds for our project has been a long haul” said church treasurer Chris Rheinberg, “but we are now fully funded and we are all so grateful to the National Lottery, who along with the North Norfolk Big Society Fund, National Churches Trust, Norfolk Geoffrey Watling Trust, All Churches Trust and the Garfield Weston Fund have made it possible.”

### Thursford Early Spring Litter Pick

If you can spare an hour over the week end of 29<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March then please take part. Litter collection points are the North Lane end of Church Lane and under the crossroads sign at the Hindringham Road and North Lane junction. Equipment is available to use and refreshments will be provided at 5 Balls Lane at 11.00 a.m. on both days. Please Tel 01328 878196

### Deposits of statements, maps and declarations about existing Public Rights of Way and Town or Village Green landowner statements

Government legislation requires that Norfolk County Council keep a register which contains details of deposits of statements and maps and declarations made about existing Public Rights of Way made under section 31(6) of the **Highways Act 1980** and Town or Village Greens made under **Section 15A of the Commons Act 2006**. These can be viewed on the NCC website or a hard copy is also available at County Hall, Martineau Lane, Norwich, Norfolk, NR1 2DH. If you would like to view the hard copy format or have any questions contact the Legal Orders and Registers Team at [legalordersandregisters@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:legalordersandregisters@norfolk.gov.uk)

Featuring on the register for Thursford are areas of land managed by Albanwise (the Saxthorpe and Gunthorpe Estates) and the NWT Bretts Wood. A new declaration from Albanwise says that they do not intend to dedicate any *additional* public rights of way over their land. Under the above legislation it is required that a notice is displayed in the parish relating to this declaration by the landowner.

### ALLOTMENT PLOTS ON THURSFORD GREEN SITE

Useful for vegetables or flowers. Please contact Nigel Jenkinson  
01328 878376 [n.jenkinson741@btinternet.com](mailto:n.jenkinson741@btinternet.com)  
£30.00 per year full size plot or a half plot £15.00 per year

#### Diary Dates:

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February Next mobile library visit

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February/Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March Village Litter Pick

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 7.00 Men of Thursford meet. Contact Gordon on [zd862@btinternet.com](mailto:zd862@btinternet.com) (this is a regular event held on the first Thursday of each month)

Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>–7pm for 7.30pm Old School Hall, Fulmodeston Talk - Candi's Chutney

March 17<sup>th</sup> 7.00 p.m. Old School Hall, Fulmodeston Biennial Farmer's Talk - Farming & the Countryside in a Changing World

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 7.00 p.m. Thursford Ladies Club meet for Supper. Give Sherri a call for more details on 01328 878054 (this is a regular event held on the last Wednesday of each month)

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 7.00 p.m. St Andrews St Andrews hosts the Cantelinna Concert

Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> 7.00 – 7.30 Old School Hall, Fulmodeston A Year in the life of a Honeybee Colony

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 – midday MP surgery at Fakenham Parish Church

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 7.00 p.m. St Andrews Sam Smith Singers

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May Plant Sale & Craft Stalls Old School Hall, Fulmodeston

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