



OCTOBER 2025 THURSFORD TABLET

Report from the September Parish Council Meetings

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council meetings are open to All and the Councillors look forward to welcoming you.

There is always an opportunity to have your say about anything that is of concern or that you would like the Council to act upon. Meetings are currently taking place in the Conference room at the Thursford Collection.

Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation

Election for a joint Norfolk/Suffolk Mayoralty are currently on track to take place in May 2026.

The County, Districts and City Council have now all presented their submissions to the Government who will decide whether Norfolk has 1, 2 or 3 Unitary Authorities.

Highways Matters

After a meeting between Councillors and the Highways Officer the bus stops on Melton Road are being revamped and the Parish Council is putting in an application for a flashing SAM3 Speed Monitor.

Tyre Bundling Plant in Barney

The Planning Application has now been submitted to Norfolk County Council for this site. The Parish Council have submitted a response containing their views.

Defibrillator Update & Training

Cllr Eckworth informed the meeting that she was finalising the details for this valuable training.

Financial and Governance Matters

Purchase of a Noticeboard for the Cemetery was Approved to display Notices and Regulations pertinent to Cemetery users.

Standing Orders – the written rules the Council follows to operate – were renewed and a new IT Policy was introduced in line with new Regulations. The Council's email address and website will also need to be

updated to comply with the new regulations on Governance

Cemetery Matters

A Topple Testing of Memorials and Stones at the Cemetery was undertaken in the Summer. Almost all were found to be sound.

The newly cleared area of the Cemetery will be included on the Plan for any new graves later this year.

Matters raised by Residents

Potholes

Monies needed to fund the Church

Talk by James Thomson on 28th November on the windows in the Church – see advert later in the Tablet.

Dates for Parish Council meetings in 2025

Parish Council meetings are currently taking place in the Conference Room at the Thursford Exhibition. **ALL WELCOME**

The date for the final meeting in 2025 is Mondays 3rd November. Provisional dates for 2026 will be agreed at this meeting.

The meeting to discuss the Budget and Precept for 2026 – 27 will take place in January 2026..

Full minutes and further information about discussions at Parish Council meetings can be found on the website and Noticeboards

DOG WASTE BIN



The Parish Council provide a bin for Dog Waste on the Village Green at the top of Clarkes Lane – **let's keep waste out of our fields & hedges.**

KEEP CHILDREN AND WILDLIFE SAFE.

SAV (the name for the St Andrew's Venue Team) in St Andrew's Church

First Saturday in the month Coffee Morning 10.00 until midday.

Coffee & Cakes is a regular event at St Andrew's usually on the first Saturday of every month, Come and enjoy fresh coffee, tea and a wide selection of homemade cakes.

The St Andrew's Venue Team (SAV) arranges events and activities where people can meet, chat and share together as a community. These are held in St Andrew's Church and in other local venues, mostly in the winter months. We have several things coming up which may be of interest.

The Village Quiz is held every year at the Binham Chequers on the first Friday of November. So, this year it is **Friday 7th November**. You need to book now if you would like to attend. The event is open to everyone and tables **quickly sell out**. You can also order a supper at the Chequers ahead of the Quiz. So, pick up your phone and call the Chequers on 01328 830297.

We have booked the date! Every third year Thursford holds an **Open Gardens Event** and this will be coming round again in 2026. We have booked **Sunday 7th June** with the Thursford Collection. We need to do this as we use the Car Park and they kindly open the Collection to those attending the Open Gardens. But we need your help to do all of this. If you are interested in opening your garden or can offer help during the day then please contact Jeremy via jeremybolam@btinternet.com In 2023 we raised over £5000 for our Church Funds. The weather was definitely on our side then, so fingers crossed for 2026.

And a lot of good news from the events we have held so far this year:

The Music event held in June was a rip-roaring success, the mix of guitars and blues was great and the food was delicious. Thanks to Lance for providing the inspiration for this event. A grand total of £446 was made at the event. We hope to arrange a return of those talented musicians in 2026!



The Churchyard, guests chatting and sausages sizzling on the BBQ. August 2025

The Sausage Sizzle held in August in the Churchyard was again a great event blessed by some lovely evening sunshine and super musical entertainment from our local talented artists. Over £290 was raised. It's a lot of work for our dedicated team of cooks and chefs but we think it is fun to do and everyone left with happy hearts as well as full tummies. Thanks to Jeremy for providing the inspiration for this event.

It is always a challenge to think of different things to do; if you have any ideas please do say. We've had an idea to arrange a Collections Week End in the Church in 2026 – an opportunity to display our favourite things (it need not be anything of high monetary value!). It could be just a collection of interesting memorabilia. If you have something like this which lurks in a suitcase in your loft or in a box in a drawer then it is your chance to "give it an air". Please make contact with Di - didann@outlook.com We would love to hear from you.

Vehicles SPEEDING in Thursford

Residents have been raising concerns about this issue, and the Parish Council are looking into purchasing a **flashing speed awareness machine** that could help with this. As soon as we hear anything, we'll let everyone know.

St Andrews Church

The Time Capsule



The Churchwardens of St Andrew's Church
Invite you to the launch of
**THE STAINED GLASS OF
THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW
THURSFORD, NORFOLK**
A Record by
James Sidgwick and James Thomson
The Recorders will be present and deliver a
power-point presentation describing the book
which will be available.
FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2025 at 1830
St Andrew's Church, Thursford
RSVP by 21 November 2025
Lance Sharpus-Jones
Chris Rheinberg
Churchwardens
Drinks and
Finger Buffet
Car Park

This Beautiful Ancient Village church is in need of Urgent works to the tower, roof. etc amounting to £190 thousand.

The Church is our Village Heritage with outstanding Stained and Leaded Glass.
Without your help we will lose this Magnificent Building

If there is anyone who could come to our Aid with donations of Time, Money, Attending Events and/or Expertise we would love to hear from you. Your help will be most appreciated.
Please phone or email Lance on 07425159013 Email lance@hotmail.com
Thank You

Barney, Fulmodeston and Thursford Food Production Club

Tuesday 25th November – 7pm at the Old School Hall, Fulmodeston: the bar will be open and teas & coffees also available.



At Home Evening - Demonstration by FPC members with tastings of classic dishes:

Free to members (you can join or renew for 2026 at the door - £10 per household per year)
£3 per person for non-members. **Payment for the foreseeable future will only be possible in cash.**

Friday 23rd January – Winter Get-Together & Seed Swap: 6 – 8pm at the Old School Hall, Fulmodeston

A great time to begin to get out again as the days begin to get a little longer and we look forward to spending more time outside.

Bring & swap seeds if you have any spare, collect some that interest you, if you don't or just come along for a chat. This event is free to all.

The bar will be open and there will also be tea and coffee

Membership is due - £10 per household - cash only please.

Talks arranged so far for 2026: How to make your soil work for you; Companion Planting; Container Planting

For any further information on the Club, drop me an email or give me a call –
Kerry_foodproductionclub@yahoo.com

CPR and Defibrillator Awareness Sessions

Saturday 25th October 3pm - 4.30pm - Hindringham Village Hall

The event is free. Donations are welcome and all money raised will go to Community First Responders

Please do come and join us for this valuable insight into how to save a life



T A - Thursford Assist

The T A is a voluntary support system to Help, "Short Term". People who need some assistance when they have a problem such as :- Need a prescription, shopping, lift to the surgery, dog walking etc.

Each application is taken on its merit.

If you can help by putting Your Name on the list of people willing to aide fellow villagers who need Help. - Please email Jeremy on jeremybolam@btinternet.com

Thank You for showing a community spirit.

Mobile Library Dates and Times (Route EDE 508)

31st October, 28th November, 23rd January

2.15pm – 2.30pm, Station Road; 3.35pm – 3.55pm, Methodist Church,

4pm – 4.15pm, Clover Cottage, Heath Lane

Services at St. Andrews - For further information – see the website

Sunday 26th October, 4pm – Café Church

Sunday 9th November, 10.40am – Remembrance Service

Sunday 23rd November, 11.15am – Communion

Sunday 7th December, 10.30am – Communion

Thursday 18th December, 7pm – Carol Service

PARKSIDE GARAGE AND TYRES

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MOT TESTING & VEHICLE REPAIRS,

FLOGAS BOTTLES STOCKED, COAL & LOGS

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Parishclerk_thursford@yahoo.com or Tel: 822583

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