



SEPTEMBER 2024 THURSFORD TABLET

Report from the September Parish Council Meeting

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting

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

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.

Vice Chair

Councillor Drake had resigned since the previous Council Meeting. Councillors unanimously voted for **Councillor Pointer** to become Vice-Chair.

There is a vacancy for a new Councillor. If you are interested, contact any Councillor or the Clerk.

Financial and Governance Matters

The way the Council works is regulated by their Standing Orders (the rules they follow) and Financial Regulations (how they spend your money). Both of these are reviewed by Councillors on a regular basis to ensure they remain fit for purpose, and this was confirmed at this meeting. The updated policies are available for viewing on the website.

Defibrillator

The Village defibrillator was installed in January 2014, donated by a charitable trust. It has never been used, but it is there... However, it is now reaching the end of its viable life. The current battery will last for a further year or so, and then it should be replaced. The current replacement cost is about £800 +VAT. See below for further information and fundraising activities.

Highways Matters

The Parish Council is active in reporting issues to NCC Highways such as the broken sign near the cemetery and potholes, but all residents can also do this by contacting NCC Highways Report a Problem online portal where you will receive a reference number and kept informed of updates.

Village Matters

Residents have requested help from the Council regarding the noise from the Tyre Bundling Plant operating on the outskirts of Barney. The Council discussed correspondence from the owner and the occupiers and mitigation that had taken place. Concern was also noted about Highways movements. They also discussed correspondence received regarding Lynden House, an empty property in the centre of the village.

Dates for the final Parish Council meeting in 2024

7pm on November 18th in the Conference Room at the Thursford Exhibition.

The November Parish Council meeting is when the budget is discussed and set for 2025 – 2026 and when the Precept (the Parish Council part) of the Council Tax is set. Come along and listen to the discussion.

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

THURSFORD ASSIST



NEED A HELPING HAND?

Thursford Assist are here to help out with those small tasks to help over a difficult period

So if you need a helping hand – or would like to join the team - call Chris and Janet on 878476 (mobile 07970 818712) or Lance on 878933 (mobile 07425 159013).

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.

What's happened and what's happening in Thursford – St Andrews Venue

We held an intriguing Murder Mystery in July – in fact no one in the audience was able to guess who the murderers were. Some delicious refreshments were served in the interval.

A Sausage Sizzle was held in the Churchyard in August. Excellent food and some great Blues music to accompany the diners. A lovely warm evening as well. A real treat!

We had a really enjoyable Coffee Morning on Saturday 7th September raising £158.54. As always some delicious homemade cakes to enjoy with filtered coffee. Coffee Mornings are the first Saturday in the month.

Macmillan Coffee Morning in St Andrews

Our next Coffee Morning is **Saturday 5th October** 10.00 – midday: All proceeds to Macmillan. Do come along and support this worthy cause.

Friday 1st November – it's Village Quiz

Night to be hosted by the Chequers at

Binham. Sausage, Mash and gravy - £15 pp

Quiz £2.50 pp max 6 per table. The Chequers have kindly agreed a donation of £5 pp for St Andrews. Note that this is likely to be a popular event so you are advised to book as soon as you can. Please book direct with the Chequers T 01328 830297 binhamchequersinn.co.uk

Christmas Coffee Morning. There is a Wedding in the Church on the first Saturday of December so note that we are moving our monthly Coffee morning forward to Saturday 30th November.

FRIENDS OF ST ANDREW'S HELP FUND NEW HEATERS AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Anyone who has been to a Winter community event, or service, at St Andrew's has got used to putting on umpteen layers of clothing to ward off the chill. Unfortunately, the current heaters just don't do enough and in recent years heater bars which are no longer available for replacement have one by one blown.

But light, or rather heat, is at the end of the tunnel. Friends of St Andrew's through the Hundred Club, a grant from the Diocese and a further grant from the Benefact Trust have raised the funds needed to replace all the heaters in the nave. So look out for more effective heaters which are also better looking and friendlier to the environment. We are hoping they will be fitted by mid-November and that everyone will feel the difference.

Bryan's 90th Birthday celebration

A very Happy 90th Birthday to Bryan Plumbly. Bryan celebrated this big event with his lovely wife Heather and his family and friends in their beautiful garden at Middle Farm. Bryan was born in the village at Nortons Farm, Balls Lane. His grandfather had moved from Lincolnshire to take up a job at Melton Constable Station. Bryan went to school in Walsingham and his first job was as a Butchers Boy in Wells-Next-The-Sea. His first land purchase in Thursford was an area between Jean Self's house and Parris Wood. From there his farm developed and he became both a pastoral and arable farmer and had many breeds of animals and birds on the farm. Heather still has a goose at Middle Farm!

We send our very best wishes to both Heather and Bryan.

Macmillan Coffee Morning in St Andrews
Saturday 7th October 10.00 – midday



All proceeds to Macmillan
Flower, Plant and Produce Stall plus a Book Stall.
If you would like to help then that would be really welcome.
If you have anything you would like to donate to the stalls then contact
didann@outlook.com T 01328 878196

Thursford and Hindringham Village Film Night

Film night at Hindringham Village Hall Wednesday 9th October. The first film in this winter series is "One Life". Ticket price is £5 inc crisp/popcorn with wine/beer at £3.50 per glass. Doors open 6.30 for film at 7.00 p.m.

https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/one_life

Held aloft by outstanding work from a tremendous cast, *One Life* pays heartwarming tribute to a remarkable humanitarian effort.

[Critics Reviews](#) - *One Life* is a true tearjerker that will inspire viewers with its depiction of how one person really can make a major positive difference.

Our two villages are getting together to launch the first of a **Winter season of films** held on the **second Wednesday of the month** until February. Kicking off with **ONE LIFE** starring Anthony Hopkins.

COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR

As many of you will know the village's defibrillator is located in the telephone box on the Village Green. It is available for anyone who needs it to use - a code needs to be entered to access the secure cabinet in which it is kept. Its location is registered on The Circuit, aka the national defibrillator network. This enables emergency services to know where it is, as they may also need to use it. This piece of vital equipment can save a life if someone has a cardiac arrest and has been available, but thankfully not required for ten years.

Please always phone 999/112 as in addition to the access code the emergency services are informed and attend to assist with the situation too.

Regular checks are undertaken and consumable parts replaced to ensure the Defibrillator remains operational. However, typically defibrillators need to be replaced every eight to ten years; which means ours will need to be replaced with an updated model within the next 12 months or so. The cost for this is in the region of £1,000.

We were very fortunate that the current defibrillator was funded by donations. The Parish Council is now actively considering how this amount could be raised and would really welcome your ideas. Contact the Parish Clerk, or any member of the Parish Council if you are able to make a donation and/or wish to share fundraising ideas. Also keep an eye on the Tablet, the Noticeboards and the website for fundraising activities: we don't want to be without this vital bit of kit.

Thank you

THURSFORD NEEDS A NEW DEFIBRILLATOR - LONGEST WALK ON THE SHORTEST DAY

Although it has thankfully never been used and is only about ten years old, our defibrillator is on its last legs. Apparently ten years is about the average shelf life, however well we maintain it.

To help raise this money, Chris and Jeremy are going to walk to the coast and back, around 25 miles, on December 21st, the shortest day of the year. Whatever the weather!

If you would like to support them, please see this link to their Just Giving Page

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Thursford-defibrillator?utm_id=1&utm_term=XqJGbKRgw

If you have any problems finding that link, and we appreciate that it is very long, just drop an envelope in Jeremy's letterbox at Rosedene, 10, Clarks Lane, making sure to put your name on the envelope.

Please help us to raise this money. One day it may save your life



Barney, Fulmodeston and Thursford Food Production Club

FPC is approaching its 85th year of planting, producing and exhibiting!

Now in its 84th Year this club was set up in WW2 with the aim of encouraging households to grow their own food and make the most of their produce and crafting skills. Annual membership of FPC is only £10 per household and this entitles members to come along free to various events held during the year and also to enter into the Annual Exhibition. If you are interested in joining then come along to one of our events and find out what it is all about.

Note the Schedule for 2025 Exhibition has just been finalised and the Show date is set for Saturday 26th July. As well as events the Club also has an annual Seed Swap evening at the end of January when members swap or collect seeds collected by members during the previous year. (You don't need to bring seeds, to take some away!) Most events are held at Fulmodeston Old School Hall.

For details of the next events, see the diary below.

Little Snoring Post Office – use it or lose it!

The Post Office and Store has recently reduced its opening hours, in the hope of being able to continue in business. It is a valuable and excellent service so please use it as much as you can. Hopefully it can then stay open

Mobile Library Dates and Times (Route EDE 508)

4th October, 1st November, 29th November, 24th January 2025 & 21st February 2025
2.15pm – 2.30pm, Station Road; 3.35pm – 3.55pm, Methodist Church,
4pm – 4.15pm, Clover Cottage, Heath Lane

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 1st October David Ward from the Hawk and Owl Trust at Old School Hall, Fulmodeston. (FPC event)

Saturday 7th October. Macmillan Coffee Morning 10.00 – midday

Wednesday 9th October Film night at Hindringham Village Hall. £5 p.p. Doors open at 6.30.

Friday 1st November. Quiz night to be hosted by the Chequers at Binham. Please book direct with the Chequers T 01328 830297 binhamchequersinn.co.uk

Thursday 21st November Jim Paine of the Walnut Tree Nursery “The Secret Life of Plants” (FPC event)

Saturday 30th November. Christmas Coffee Morning 10.00 – midday.

Services at St. Andrews

Sunday 27th October, 4pm: Café Church at Thursford. For further details – see the website

Bonfires

There are no specific laws regarding bonfires however with Bonfire Night approaching, please consider the following guidelines: Consider your neighbours: Don't have bonfires when your neighbours are likely to be enjoying their gardens, such as on weekends or bank holidays. Check that your neighbours have their windows closed and aren't drying washing outside

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Parishclerk_thursford@yahoo.com or Tel: 822583

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