



DECEMBER 2024 THURSFORD TABLET

Report from the November Parish Council Meeting

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.

New Councillor

John Coles was unanimously elected to the vacant Parish Councillor position. He was warmly welcomed to the village and to the Council.

Financial and Governance Matters

The proposed budget was discussed and a Precept of £5,300 agreed by Councillors. This amounts to an increase of 1.8%. For a Band D household the annual Council Tax charge for the Parish will increase by £0.85 for the year, bringing the annual cost to £47.75. A copy of the budget and the report can be found on the website.

Defibrillator Training

Cllr Eckworth is investigating Defibrillator and CPR training in the New Year for local residents who are interested. Further Information will go on the website and Noticeboards as soon as it is available.

Tyre Bundling Plant on The Street, Barney

Concerns about noise and safety issues emanating from the site have increased significantly due to a large increase in the number of tyres and lorry movements on and off the site. It has been noted that there is an application to enlarge the site. The Parish Council are working with the Parish Council of Fulmodeston with Barney (in which Parish the site is located) to express their concerns. Cllr Eckworth is also writing to the owner of the site to express PC concerns.

Speeding through the village

Cllr Eckworth has been in contact with the local Police Beat Manager to request a Police

Speed check in the village. She has been informed that a police visit will be scheduled.

Flags on the Village Flagpole

The Parish Council have been questioned on the flying of the Ukrainian Flag on the Village Green. It is important that the flags we fly conform with the wishes of the Village, so it was agreed to ask this question in this Tablet and to review this matter at the next PC meeting in January.

Dates for Parish Council meetings in 2025

Parish Council meetings are currently taking place in the Conference Room at the Thursford Exhibition. **ALL WELCOME** Provisional dates for 2025 are Mondays 27th January, 17th March, 12th May & 15th September.

The **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** is planned for 7th April and will take place in St Andrews Church from 6pm.

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.

Macmillan Coffee Morning October 2024

Thank you to everyone who attended our event in St Andrews, at the beginning of October. Thanks also to everyone one who helped. As always, delicious cakes and treats provided. We made a grand total of £270 for this worthy cause. Some interesting donations were received – lots of lovely paper back reads and some vintage Magazines going back to the 1950's. We also had some lovely plants donated – herbaceous and perennials. Photo shows Rachel arranging her stall



Thursford and Hindringham Village Film Night

Our second **Winter season of films** being held on the **second Wednesday of the month** until February.

Film Night Wednesday 11th December 6.30pm for 7.00pm at Hindringham Village Hall.

The December Film Night, "**The Holdovers**", has a Christmas setting and amazing reviews. ***"The format may be unsurprising but there is nothing unsurprising about just how good and enjoyable this is... this is the kind of bittersweet, character-dialogue driven piece, they just don't do any more."*** **Mark Kermode**. Tickets £5 including popcorn and crisps. Refreshments at £3.50 per glass served before and after the film.

News from a new resident

A Very Warm Welcome

As some of you will know John and I moved into Clarks Lane at the end of August.

We wanted to say thank you for the welcome and kindness we have received. It has exceeded our expectations completely.

We are in 'Mrs Sheekeys old place'. It is just John and I here with our two dogs Rum and Tel.

If you walk Clarks Lane Rum will no doubt have barked. She is friendly just overly vocal (8 year work in progress!). Tel (white staffy) is deaf from birth and so may not notice as you walk by. That said we have learnt that for a 10 year old dog Tel is still able to clear a 3ft fence and we're very grateful to Jeremy for returning him twice! (Fence now higher!!).

We would like to say a special thanks to our nearest neighbours for putting up with increased disruption in recent weeks. We appreciate your kindness and patience very much.

You may have noticed a planning notice on our fence. This is in relation to a small annexe for my mum, to enable a semi independent life for her. If you have any queries about this please stop and have a chat.

We feel lucky to have 'found' Thursford. So thank you.
Bronwen and John Coles

Our BT Box

Our BT Box on the Village Green, is home to the **Defibrillator**. Hopefully this will not be needed – but you never know! **EASY ACCESS** into the Box is essential.

The BT Box has a second use - it provides some excellent reads for people and it's good that people make excellent use of it and **bring and borrow books**. BUT, please **do not** leave boxes of books on the floor as this impedes access into the Box. Books should be left on the shelves and if there is no room, bring them back another day. Recently a large box of books was left. This could have been a hazard. The books have been taken to a Care Home where they will be read and returned when there is space.



COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR - Fundraising

Our village green defibrillator needs to be replaced after ten years in the phone box. Thankfully it has never been used and long may that happy state of affairs continue.

A replacement is likely to cost at least £900 and the Parish Council can come up with about £300 of that money. It is hoped that the rest can be raised from a sponsored 25 mile walk that Jeremy and Chris are undertaking on the shortest day, December 21st, no matter how foul the weather is.

If you would like to support them there are two ways to help:-

1. Google "Just Giving" and search for "Thursford Rheinberg" and that will take you to the Just Giving page.
2. If you prefer, put an envelope with cash in it into Jeremy's postbox at Rosedene, 10, Clarks Lane. That is the white, modern bungalow, last house on the right in Clarks Lane. Please put your name on the envelope and mark it "Defibrillator"

Please support this. It might save your life one day!

Thanks, Chris and Jeremy



Barney, Fulmodeston and Thursford Food Production Club

Friday 31st January, 6pm – 8pm - **Seed Swap and Social**: free for all. Meet friends and neighbours for a chat, the bar will be open and tea and coffee will be available. Bring along any surplus and saved seeds from the garden and veg plot - also the perfect time to join or renew membership.

Annual membership is **£10** (due January) –this covers all members of the household. Almost all events are free to members. Charges for non-members at most events are £3 per person, making annual household membership a good offer

Payment for the foreseeable future will only be possible in **cash**.
Join at one of our events or contact Kerry or a member of the committee

We are looking for a few more people to join our committee – the role is not onerous: come along to the occasional committee meetings, have a chat and come up with ideas. Anything beyond that is a welcome addition. Drop me an email or give me a call
Kerry Harris Tel: 822583, email - Kerry_FoodProductionClub@yahoo.com

BARCLAYS – FIND US IN FAKENHAM

Community Centre, Oak Street, Fakenham, NR21 9DY

Every **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**: From **9.30am to 1pm** and **2pm to 5pm**

Dan is available to help with your everyday banking needs – but **NOT CASH** - this is a cashless site

PARKSIDE GARAGE AND TYRES

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FLOGAS BOTTLES STOCKED, COAL & LOGS

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Mobile Library Dates and Times (Route EDE 508)

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

HAVE YOUR SAY!

The Parish Council has been contacted by a non-resident, who has raised significant concerns about the **Ukrainian flag flying on Thursford Village Green**. Having discussed the complaint the Parish Council have decided to **ask you** (Thursford Parishioners), how you feel about this flag being flown.

Would you like to see the flag flying until the war is over?

Would you prefer that it is not flown at all?

Would you prefer to have a 'day for Ukraine', where it's flown, once a week / month / year?

Please do share your views, they really matter to us.

Email the parish council on parishclerk_thursford@yahoo.com, or speak to any of the Councillors.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 11th December 6.30 – 7.00 p.m. Film Night at Hindringham Village Hall The film is the hugely popular 2023 Film "The Holdovers". Entrance to include popcorn and crisps £5.00

Thursday 19th December 7.00 p.m. Carols at St Andrew's An informal service of carols, music and readings to herald in Christmas. Mulled wine and mince-pies. All very welcome.

Saturday 4th January 10.00 – Mid day Coffee Morning at St. Andrews

Wednesday 8th January 6.30 – 7.00 p.m. It's Film Night at Hindringham Village Hall.

Friday 31st January, 6pm – 8pm - Seed Swap and Social: Bring any surplus and saved seeds if you have any, collect those donated from the selection

Saturday 1st February 10.00 – Mid day Coffee Morning at St Andrews

Saturday 8th February 6.30 – 7.00 p.m. Themed Supper Evening at Hindringham Village Hall.

Oui are in France!

Wednesday 12th February 6.30 – 7.00 p.m. Film Night at Hindringham Village Hall

Saturday 1st March 10.00 – 12.00 Coffee Morning at St Andrews

Tuesday 4th March 7.30pm - Talk on Butterflies by Ian Bedford

Wednesday 19th March Community Lunch at St Andrew's

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

Thursday 19th December, 7pm: Carols at St Andrews

Traditional carols, readings, mulled wine & mince pies – the best way to lead in to Christmas

Tuesday 24th December, 9.30pm at Hindringham Church - Christmas Eve *Midnight Mass*.

Commercial advertisements in the Tablet are available at a cost of £5 per advert, per edition

We welcome contributions from all who read it to: the Parish Clerk - Kerry Harris at
Parishclerk_thursford@yahoo.com or Tel: 822583

Householders receive a hard copy which is delivered by volunteers.

The Tablet is also on the Village Website <https://www.thursford.org.uk>

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