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Thurton Thunderer

**WELCOME
to the first issue
of the Thurton
Thunderer.**

You are probably thinking 'What on earth is the Thurton Thunderer?'

Do you remember the Parish Plan? In that plan several of the actions highlighted the need for better communications within the village and the possibility of a newsletter was to be considered. Although we have the 'Eleven Says' it cannot incorporate all the information for our village.

So here goes.....

We are planning to produce the Thunderer every two months and initially it will be small but will grow over a period of time.

For starters, we have contacted the groups who use the Village Hall for their details to ensure that their existence is publicised with their forthcoming events. These will be listed in every issue.

We have plans for other information and articles which we hope will be of interest to you.

Please let us have your comments, questions and ideas so that we can provide you with a newsletter which will be interesting, entertaining and informative. **See back page for contact details.**

Seasons Greetings

New Era for Thurton Primary School

Following the recent retirement of Gill Coathup after a dedicated 7 years to the school, Mrs Sonia Innes has taken over the roll of Head Teacher. Mrs Innes, originally from Lincolnshire is very excited about the future for the school, especially its role within Thurton's community. Particularly exciting are the school's developing sporting links with nearby secondary schools which will really encourage the children to develop and keep a healthy life-style. Furthermore, on the horizon are proposals for a much-needed new school building which will benefit the children and families of the village and surrounding areas. The school hopes that local people will continue to be as supportive in the future as they have been in the past. You are welcome to attend school events (see PTA announcement below) and your help in school is valued if you have any spare time or expertise (although you would need to undertake a CRB police check).

Mrs Innes is particularly keen to develop a strong partnership with everyone in Thurton and the surrounding parishes in the years ahead.



Thurton Primary School PTA

The **Parent Teacher Association** welcomes all new parents and carers to Thurton Primary School. We meet on the last Wednesday of each month at either, 3pm or 7pm (alternately). **Sec: Teresa Stone 528573**; Our next event is the Winter Fayre on 24th November 3pm-5pm at the school. Stalls, games, crafts, Christmas Gifts, Cards, etc. All welcome.



Thurton & Ashby St. Mary Pre-school for children aged 2 years to under 5 years, held at Ashby & Thurton Village Hall from 9am to 11.30am (not on Wednesdays) during term-time. We have received a "Good" outcome in both care and education from Ofsted and have places available. The parent run committee employs 4 members of staff and a leader to organise the Parent, Baby & Toddler Group which meets Thursdays 1.15pm- 2.45pm during term-time. We feel very much part of the community and our fundraising events are always well supported. Our next event is a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 9th December 2pm- 4pm opened by Father Christmas who will judge the Children's Fancy Dress Competition. For more information please contact Sandra Rennie (Playleader) 480545 or Nicky Grint (Chairperson) 480083 & Rosalind Limbach (Parent Baby & Toddler Group) 480440

**Ashby & Thurton Village Hall
Fund Raising Christmas Party**

To be held on

Saturday 2nd December 2006

7.30pm to Midnight.

Dancing to **Cedarwood**
(a live group)



Tickets from Keith Wells
480071

£5 a head (bring your own
drink plus a plate of food
for the buffet)

Raffle prizes appreciated

Ashby & Thurton Village Hall desperately need volunteers to help organise fund raising events for the planned updating of the Village Hall. Your help and ideas will make a difference. Give as much or as little time as you can spare. A very warm welcome awaits you at our next meeting to be held on Thursday, 23rd November 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Phone **John Pidgen 480511** or **Keith Wells 480071**

Thurton, Ashby & District W.I.

We meet on the 1st Thursday of every month in Ashby & Thurton Village Hall at 7.30pm We have a 'Speaker' most months of the year. The next two speakers will be:-

4th January 2007: Esme Wilson-Staniforth will be presenting 'Tales of Mystery. Tales of Long Ago'.



1st February 2007: John Ford of Claxton will be talking about 'The life and times of Adrian Bell' (journalist)

There will be a Jumble sale at Thurton Village Hall Saturday 17th March 2007 at 12 noon.

New members are always welcome.
Please contact:- **Irene O'Neill (Sec) 480802**

CLAIM MONEY WHICH COULD BE YOURS!

In the United Kingdom we have one of the most complex State Benefit systems in the world and as a result many benefits go unclaimed. The purpose of this article is not to encourage anyone to become a 'scrounger' but to claim a benefit if it is due. You may have paid into the fund, which provides the money for many years if you have been paying tax and national insurance on your earnings.



The main **categories** of benefits are:-

- 1) Those that arise because of **health** problems
- 2) Those designed to cure **shortage of money** for some reason

Health

The first category may be paid irrespective of your income and is designed to compensate in some way for your damaged health and to help with the increased costs, which follow being unwell for a long time. These include Disability Living Allowance or its equivalent for those past retirement age, Attendance Allowance.

Also within the first category above are **Income Replacement Benefits** which set out to provide income lost because a claimant cannot work. This includes Incapacity Benefit which is the long term equivalent of statutory sick pay. (This is, in fact, what you might be paid if off work because of illness). Unlike the benefits mentioned above, it does rely on there being a history of National Insurance contributions in the past.



Shortage of Money

Unemployed?

The second category above includes Job Seeker's Allowance, which as the name suggests, provides some funds while a claimant seeks a job.

Working part-time?

If you are working less than full-time, then you may qualify for Income Support. This in turn may act as a 'passport' to other benefits, such as free school meals, some health benefits, Sure Start, maternity grants and cold weather payments.



Working full-time or you have children?

If you are working full-time, then you may qualify for Working Tax Credit. Whether in full-time work or not you may qualify for Child Tax Credit.

Retired or caring for someone?

If you have reached retirement age then you may qualify for Pension Credit. This is a benefit on which the take-up is low; maybe you are due to receive it but you haven't applied for it.



If you are at home, caring for a family member, then it may be worth looking into Carer's Allowance.

What should I do?

Many of these allowances can only be claimed after completing a long form but it may still be worth the bother.

If you think that any of these might be appropriate for you, why not telephone one of these helpful organisations who will be able to obtain the forms and help you in completing an application.



Disability Rights Norfolk	01603 666951
Age Concern (who can visit at home)	01603 787111 (10-4pm)
Citizens Advice Bureau	01603 765783

All Welcome Group

Based in Ashby & Thurton, the All Welcome Group was formed in 2001. We are a group of friends who wanted to use the Village Hall for a wider variety of entertainments, available to everyone and appealing to all age groups. We are a non-profit making group but are committed to providing quality events for the enjoyment of our two communities.

We are able to bring you these high-quality, professional productions in association with Creative Arts East, whose aim is to bring mainstream arts to people living in rural communities.

Our next event is on Friday 16th March 2007 Sophie Garner Jazz Quartet

For further information or to book tickets please contact:-

Jan 480211	Linda 480276
Tricia 480695	Karen 480600

Christian Groups

LITTLE FISH Wednesday mornings, fortnightly in term-time - 10.30am at the Village Hall. Short services specially designed for 0's to 5's. This is an informal way of introducing children to Christian teaching in an informal atmosphere. Contact:- Rosalind Limbach 480440, Angie Broadberry 480477, Rev. Peter Knight 480738.

EXPLORERS Friday evenings, fortnightly in term-time 7.00 to 8.15pm at the Village Hall. Opportunity for children 7-11 yrs to have Christian contact and explore and grow in faith through meeting together for theme linked games, craft, a bible story and related activities. Contact:- Angie & Tony Broadberry 480477, Rosalind Limbach 480440, Keith Lincoln 480036.

HALOS Friday evenings, fortnightly in term-time 7.15 to 8.30pm at the Village Hall. For 7 & 8 yrs and led by the Bramerton Group Youth Worker, Jacqui Hill. Adult volunteer helpers needed. Please contact Jacqui Hill 528534.

ROCKAHOLICS Friday evenings, fortnightly in term-time 8.30 to 10pm. at the Village hall. Follows on from HALOS and is for 9 –11 yrs. Adult volunteer helpers needed. Please contact Jacqui Hill 528534.

HOLIDAY CLUB An annual event during August at the Village Hall where parents and teenagers work together to provide a week of fun. Learning and activity for all 5-11yr olds. Next Holiday Club dates are Mon 6th- Sun 12th Aug 2007. Contact Angie Broadberry 480477, Rosalind Limbach 480440, Sandra Rennie 480545.

Friends Of Thurton Church

The Friends of Thurton Church were formed almost 25 years ago. The aims are to help the Parochial Church Council with raising funds for the rolling programme of restoration work on this fine Grade 1 listed building. Tens of thousands of pounds have been raised both locally and nationally.

We have over sixty members who pay an annual subscription towards the 'Friends'. As well as fundraising we also have various social events which are great fun.

We are, at the moment, looking for a secretary for the committee which meets about six times a year. Our next meeting will be in January next year, date and time yet to be fixed.

If you feel that you can help and/or would like to become a Friend please contact Irene O'Neill 480802 or Lynton Johnson 480629

The George & Dragon Public House



Sally and Clive, the new landlords at the George & Dragon, are pleased to announce that the renovations to the premises are at last well under way.

The builders are in and have started in earnest on the remedial work that is required to make the building safe and secure. Some parts of the pub, especially the outbuildings, had been neglected for such a long time that finalising all the necessary building permissions have taken much longer than was first anticipated.

Sally and Clive apologise for the delay in reopening the premises but they are anxious to get up and running as soon as possible.

They are looking forward to providing a really warm welcome to a comfortable venue with first class service when the renovation and refurbishments of the George & Dragon are complete.

Sally and Clive commented that they are eager to meet the local residents and are looking forward to making lots of new friends in Thurton.

Arnall Capps Update

On 31st October 2005 the Skip Hire side of the business was sold.



The Forecourt is occupied by Toft Monk Car Sales.

In the top workshop two units are occupied by TDS Motors who service and repair cars.

Two other units are occupied by Shawn Taylor Racing who also does service & repairs to cars

On another part of the premises P & M Home Deliveries occupy two offices for their newspaper delivery business.



There are two vacant units in the top workshop plus a small and large workshop available for rent as well as a large yard

For further information contact Mrs Patricia Loades **480356**



Thurton Parish Council

You are all welcome to attend the next Parish Council meeting to be held on 30th November at the Village Hall at 7.45pm prompt.

Currently there are vacancies for a Parish Councillor and a Tree Warden.

For further information please contact the Parish Clerk, Richard Taylor 480092 or Email:-thurton_pc@msn.com

Web :- www.eastspace.net/thurton/

Spooner and Fuel Allotment Charity.

Money is distributed each Christmas to residents of Thurton who have lived in the parish for at least 5 years and are either widows/widowers or are in receipt of a retirement pension.

Thurton Parish Council asks anyone who is eligible and has not previously received Christmas money from this charity to contact one of the trustees below:-

Mr P. Byrne 480382

Mrs J. Miller 480032

Mr G. Sentinella 480744

Mrs F. Pidgen 480511

Thurton & Bergh Apton Players



Thurton & Bergh Apton Players are a theatre group who are in their 29th year, performing shows, cabaret, quiz evenings, race nights etc. Last year alone we raised over £20,000 for various charities.

Our main show this coming year will be Bigger, Better & Even More Spectacular, the show being LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, which is a musical comedy. We also do various cabaret evenings which are great fun to be involved with.

In June 2007, we have been asked to put on a show in Borgo Di Vagli in Tuscany, Italy, all expenses paid. We meet every Sunday and Monday night in Bergh Apton Village Hall. For anyone wishing to join this fun group there is always a warm welcome, young and not so young alike, you don't have to go on stage, just be part of the group, it costs nothing to join, we don't charge you a penny! So please phone 480629 or check our web-site Thurton & Bergh Apton Players for further details of this great fun hobby.

Ray Wharton. Director of the Players

Thurton & Ashby Football Club was reformed in 2005 and currently play in the Crown Fire Central & South Norfolk League, competing against teams within a 25 mile radius of Wymondham. Home matches are played at the Playing Field, Ashby Road on Saturday afternoons with kick-off times at 2pm for the months of November, December, January and February. Details of our fixtures can be found in the Eastern Daily Press on Saturdays with results being published in the same publication on Mondays.

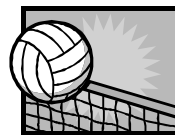
The Club offers a warm welcome to anybody interested in either playing football or helping to run the club on a Saturday afternoon. Interested persons are asked to contact one of the following:-

Chairman **Mark Williams 480173**

Secretary **Malcolm Crickmore 480035**

Team Management **Johnathen Keeler 480030**

The Club is actively seeking sponsors to help with the ever increasing burden of finance and any person or business who feel that they may be able to help are asked to contact one of the officials above.



Landmark change. Due to environmental pressures and a change to more demanding metals the cupola at Thurton Foundries will be coming down before Christmas. Thurton Foundries are going all electric but due to the poor supply will be generating their own electricity which will also act as a standby in the event of power cuts. More news in our next edition.

Deadline for all material ("copy") for the next issue will be 15-01-2007 email ivan.chadwick@tiscali.co.uk or by hand to 21, Mill Close.

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