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Thank You Ivan!

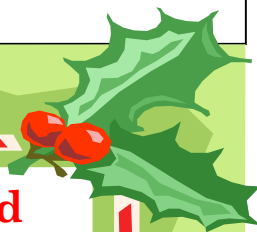
The Editorial Team would like to thank Ivan Chadwick who from the outset of the Thunderer and for the past three years, has been responsible for formatting the pages, copy and advertisements of our newsletter.

Ivan was recruited to the team by his mate Chris Stratton and was instrumental in designing the original layout of the Thunderer. Ivan was also responsible for designing and adapting many of the advertisements that keep the Thunderer viable.

So, to Ivan we say "Thank you and you will be missed" and to Jill we say "Thank you for the numerous cups of tea, coffee and toast!"

BUT, the Thunderer must go on. Ivan's departure means we have a big hole that we need to fill. If you have any Desk Top Publishing skills or know someone who has or if you would be willing to learn them then please, we need your help. We can promise that you will find it interesting!

Please take note of our new contact details on the back page of this issue.



The Editorial Team would like to take this opportunity to wish all our readers a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year



Thurton PC News

Police Report: During October 2009 one offence was reported in Thurton of 'violence against a person'.

The Meadows Sewers: Following a query from a resident Anglian Water stated a sewer built on to an existing sewer by Persimmons Homes in 1993 had not been formerly adopted by Anglian Water and was therefore private property. The Parish Clerk was asked to investigate the legal position with 'Persimmons Homes' and Anglian Water. The sewer was the subject of Water Industry Act 1991 s104 agreement in March 1993 which had an expiry date of March 1994. Anglian Water moved its HQ and have so far been unable to confirm whether the agreement was finalised. They have requested documentation from the companies archives.

Old School Building: The latest news from the Church Diocese is that a claim has been received from a party for ownership of the school. This has been passed on to its solicitors.

Damage to Parish Council Notice-board: The Parish Council has now authorised repairs to the Parish Council Notice-board which was recently vandalised. A quote in the region of £180 has been accepted.

Parish Council Notices: Notices of Parish Council Meetings and agenda for the meetings are placed on the Parish Council Notice Board adjacent to the Old School Yard at the corner of Ashby Road/A146. In future notices of meetings will also be posted at the Village Hall.

Thurton PC Web-site address: www.parishcouncilinvolve.net/thurton-parish-council/

Richard Taylor Clerk to Thurton PC

Thurton & Ashby Village Hall All Welcome Group (AWG)

(in conjunction with the Village Stage and Creative Arts East Rural Touring Scheme)

AWG would like to thank all those who have supported our shows during the 2009 season. In February the Opera Dudes treated us to a wonderful evening of their dynamic mix of popular songs, humour and opera! In March the Eastern Angles performed their evocative new play about the changes in East Anglian rural life in their show "Return to Akenfield" and in August the Krazy Kat Theatre Company, in conjunction with SNC, delighted a family audience with a completely signed version of "Goldilocks and How Many Bears?" In November we had 'Miracle on 34th Street' - a classical, magical Christmas tale with a great feel good factor at the Village Hall. In 2010 we look forward to bringing you the powerful musical story of Hollywood icon Judy Garland. Details will be in the next edition of the Thunderer.

Thank you and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our AWG audiences from Tricia, Linda, Joanna and Janet.



Thurton CE Primary School



Whats new!

Fantastic new after school activities In addition to the many after school activities we run, we have been able to start a Street Dancing club for KS2 pupils through the Small Schools Partnership. Its great to be able to try something new and the children are thoroughly enjoying the club.

A Pottery club is also run by one of our parents and is very successful. On Saturday 17th October, children and families attended a "pottery workshop" at the school, run by our Pottery club tutor parent Mr Marsom. The aim of the workshop was to make pottery plaques representing our families. It was a thoroughly enjoyable morning, discussing motifs/designs and what our families meant to us. Some fantastic ideas and creative designs were transferred into brilliantly crafted plaques. Our thanks to Mr Marsom for delivering a fun pottery workshop. The morning was made possible by funding from the Family Learning Festival.

Celebrations

National Children's Book Week We celebrated National Children's Book Week, the theme being Words and Pictures. Each year group explored; Traditional stories, exploring ancient Egypt and Oliver Twist. Mrs Tigerschild gave a brief talk on how children learn to read, how to give support at home and how Literacy is being developed in the school.

Harvest Festival It was lovely to see so many at Thurton Church joining us in our harvest festival celebrations. All donations of food were taken to the Norwich Night Shelter.

School Council

Samaritans Purse As part of the School Council's fundraising initiatives it was decided to take part in the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal. By wrapping a shoebox and filling it with appropriate gifts, to be delivered to children in need. This is a special way in which children can help others less fortunate than themselves to receive gifts at Christmas time.

Getting Sporty!

Inter-sports tournament Well done to the Year 5 and 6 children who took part in a cluster sports event at Loddon Junior School. Everyone had a really good time including those parents who came along to cheer Thurton on.

Five High Netball Well done to those Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in the South Norfolk Schools Partnership High Five netball tournament at the UEA Sports Park. Thirteen schools took part and all the children who participated thoroughly enjoyed the event. Our school team consisted of Olivia, Katie, Lydia, Lucy, Becky, Isobel, Sidney and John. They were very successful; winning three out of four very thrilling games in their group and were crowned champions of a 'quick pass' challenge event!

PTA

Winter Fayre will be held on Friday 4th December 2009, 3.30 to 5.30pm. The focus this year is 'fun'. So lots of fun filled activities for the children, gifts & handmade crafts at bargain prices & Father Christmas in his Grotto. Any Tombola donations gratefully appreciated.

Successful Quiz & Chips Night Thank you to those who supported this event we raised £165 some of which will go towards the new stage and lighting fund. Please see the Community notice board for the new PTA calendar.

Thurton School Website - www.thurton.ik.org



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

Ashby & Thurton Village Hall

On behalf of the Management Committee I would like to thank everyone for their support during the past year, we thank you especially as 2009 has been our 40th anniversary year.

I ask for your continuing support especially for Thurton & Ashby Pre-school (for the rest of the year and into 2010) as they endeavour to raise funds to bring them out of the difficulties they have experienced this Autumn. We all hope the situation will resolve itself as the number of children attending Pre-school increases in the coming months.

The Management Committee continues to work steadily on behalf of residents and all the Village Hall and Playing Field users and hopes to continue providing further facilities into the foreseeable future. We are hopeful that a closer working relationship with our neighbours in Ashby St Mary may result in additional facilities being obtained. If you would like to be involved in bringing about the extra facilities we would all like to see at the Village Hall and Playing Field - or if you have any expertise that might be helpful - then please contact me or give your name and number to any member of the Management Committee. We shall be very glad of your ideas, suggestions and offers of help. Thank you.

I wish everybody a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

John Pidgen Chairman

Proposed Hearing Loop at the Village Hall

Please let us know if you would find this additional facility at the Village Hall an advantage. We would like to apply for grant funding to cover at least some of the costs of the installation of a hearing loop system but we have to demonstrate there is a local need for the loop. Individuals and User Groups are asked to write to us confirming they would find a hearing loop a useful addition at the Village Hall and might encourage continued or extra usage. Please contact Janet 480211 or Jan 480899 for further details.

Village Fete 2010

A Village fete has been proposed for the Summer and a planning meeting is to be arranged in the New Year. The event could be a major fund-raiser of the year for lots of village organisations so lets make it BIG! Please contact Karen on 480993 if you are interested. Ps Does anyone know where we can get hold of a freeby climbing wall for the Fete?

Safer Neighbourhood Scheme for our Area

Have your say! If you have an issue or concern about where you live tell the local police, the District Council and their community partners at the next meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel. The next meeting of SNAP is to be held on Wednesday, 20th January 2010 at 7pm at Ditchingham Primary School, Rider Haggard Way, Ditchingham. Contacts are: Neighbourhood Officer, Mrs Armana Handley on 01508 533925 www.safernorfk.co.uk or the Non-Emergency police tele no. is 0845 456 4567.

Play Area Re-development Project (PARP)

Thank you to all those who have helped and supported the youngsters in their endeavours to bring about new play equipment to the Village Hall Playing Field.

A village meeting is to be held in the New Year to finalise the play apparatus wish list and to start the process of obtaining financial help through grant applications. It is hoped that a joint community venture between our youngsters, parents, residents, village organisations, the School, Thurton Parish Council and Ashby Parish Council will bring the next phase of Play Area Re-development Project into action in 2010 and consequently result in safe, up-to-date additional play facilities at our playing field. Please watch the notice boards for details of the next PARP Village meeting and please offer your help and support if you can. Thank you.

The kids from the PARP group wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Further information and offers of help with the project to Karen Bonsell on 480993 please.

Thurton Short Mat Bowls Club

Monday 7th September was the second anniversary of Keith Wells death. Keith was a loyal member of the Bowls Club until his death and is still sadly missed by all its members. The Club played a triples competition in memory of Keith for the shield that was kindly donated by Pat. The winners this year were Ann Rix, Pam Grint and Trevor Howard.

If you are interested in having a go at Short Mat Bowls why not come along to the Village Hall and see what we do. It's great fun and you will be very warmly welcomed. Please contact Jan McClintock (Secretary) on 01493 488337 for more details of when and where we practice and play.

Loddon-on-Call Update

Loddon-on-Call in partnership with the East of England Ambulance Service continues to provide a valuable First Response service to Loddon and the surrounding villages. We wish to express our sincere thanks to all those who have given us support over the past 3 years as this has been vital to the success of the service we provide.

At the moment we are in the process of building a web-site to keep you up to date with our activities. The site will provide information about who we are, what we do and very importantly how you can join us. In addition statistical details and announcements etc. www.respondersuk.org/loddon or www.loddon.respondersuk.org

Please take a moment to have a look at the site from time to time and of course contact us on 07809 212120 if you have any questions.

A Healthy & Happy Christmas to you all.

Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time at Loddon Library

As from Friday 27th November Baby Bounce and Rhyme Time has changed days. Loddon Library invite all pre-schoolers and their parents or carers to come and join in the fun of songs and rhymes every Friday afternoon from 2.15 to 2.45 pm. Come with your friends and make new ones in the friendly atmosphere of our library.

Readers Letters

OUR THANKS TO YOU ALL

Eileen and I would like to thank all of you who so kindly sent us 'Get Well Cards' and sent messages to us while I was in hospital in October having the cancer tumour removed from my cheek. They were of a tremendous help and support during that traumatic time. After three operations in four days and then two and a half weeks in hospital I was eventually allowed home. I am now recovered and am my old self again. Knowing that you were all thinking of us and praying for us was very comforting and we cannot thank you enough for this. Once again our very grateful thanks.

Eileen & Jim Leathers

THANKS FROM THE GEORGE AND DRAGON

Firstly a BIG thank you to everyone who sponsored our own Matthew Miller on his 10,000 ft tandem parachute jump on 10th October. We all had a fabulous day at Old Buckenham and after a lengthy wait and a few hot chocolates the cloud cleared and 12 people completed the jump, all in aid of Saffron Community Foundation, which helps Community Projects with financial aid for local projects. WELL DONE.



Christmas bookings are filling up so please book your Christmas lunch or dinner to avoid disappointment. New Year's Eve, we are open from 11.30am to 3pm and then closed until we re-open at 7pm until 1am. We will be having a themed menu which will be available very soon but you can book now, or just join us for our "1970s Cocktail Party". (Fancy dress optional) ALL WELCOME.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

From Vicky and Family and all the staff at the George and Dragon.

Letters to the Editor

Please include your name, address and contact number when submitting your letters so that we can contact you if the need arises.

THURTON LITTLE FISH

Little fish are the 0's – 5's who meet at the village hall on alternate Wednesday mornings at 10.30am for a short service specially designed for them. Afterwards there's a drink and biscuit and playtime.

Little Fish absorb the sounds of worship from the earliest age. The sound of singing and praise and the shakers in their hands, the sound of the spoken word in the stories they listen to and watch, the gentle sound of thoughtful prayer and the rhythmical speaking of the Lord's Prayer with the amen to join in with at the end. Little Fish is making space for God in the every day routine of life....and lays a pattern for regular worship in the years ahead.

Little Fish meet on 9th December. For later dates contact Veronica 480406 or Angie 480477.

THURTON EXPLORERS

All 7 – 11 year olds are welcome to come to Explorers on alternate Friday nights during term time at the village hall from 7pm – 8.15pm. Meetings are on December 11th, January 15th and 29th. If you want more information contact Angie 480477 or Rosalind 480440.

CHURCH SERVICES

The Toy, Gift and Carol Service is at Thurton Church on Sunday 6th December and the times of the Christmas Services can be found in '11 Says' along with the places and times of all the Church Services in the Bramerton Group.

Transport is available – please phone Angie on 480477 if you would like a lift.

If you know someone who is housebound (permanently or temporarily) and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Rev. Knight.

Confidential Pastoral Contacts: Rev. Peter Knight 480738 and Jasmine Wood 480751

Autumn Update for Thurton & Ashby St Mary Pre-school

A very big thank you to everyone who helped at the recent Table Top and Jumble Sale. A profit of £150.00 was made. Thanks also to all those who donated toys, jumble and bric-a-brac and to all those buyers who came along in search of bargains.

The Christmas Shopping Afternoon on November 14th was great fun and raised a good profit on the day. Many thanks to Andrea who organised the event, thanks to the helpers and to all the stall-holders. These events and the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 28th are our main fund-raisers this autumn and we are very grateful to those who have supported all the Pre-school events in our fortieth anniversary year.

Our fund-raising continues with a Jumble Sale on Saturday 30th January at 12noon till 2p.m. and we ask your support for that. If you can help with donations of jumble, bric-a-brac, toys, books, cakes or raffle prizes ... Pre-school will be very grateful.

Thurton & Ashby St. Mary Pre-school welcomes families with children from 2 to under 5 years of age. We have places available Monday - Friday (excluding Wednesday). Pre-school sessions are 9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. at £6.00 per session. (sessions are Grant Funded in the term after child's 3rd birthday).

For more information and a prospectus please ring Sandra Rennie on 480545.

Thank you.



GARDENING NOTES FOR DECEMBER 2009 and JANUARY 2010

Where ever has the year gone to? Here we are at the turn of the year once again and we hope that 2010 will be a little kinder than 2009.

These are two of the quiet months of the year although there are some tasks that can be carried out if the weather is kind. We have had a very dry year and the recent rains are very welcome. My garden is like concrete still. Broad Beans and Early Peas can still be sown to provide early crops next year which will escape some of the attentions of black fly etc. Clear any vacant ground and dig over as soon as possible so that frosts can work on the soil to break it down ready for spring.



New trees and shrubs can be planted and if you are thinking of moving existing trees or shrubs now is the time when they are dormant and they will have chance to develop good root growth ready for spring. If you are moving existing plants then give them a thorough watering for at least 24 hour before. If you wish to, now is the time to spray fruit trees with a winter wash to kill off any insect eggs that may be there and kill any disease also. You can also spray roses with this but only if all the leaves have gone as this spray can sometimes damage them.

In the flower garden Dahlias, Begonias and other corms which you may be storing should be checked and if there is any sign of disease or mildew, dust with sulphur or something similar.

Tidy up herbaceous borders and plant any spring flowering bulbs that you may have. As I have said before look through the new garden catalogues and make a list of what you require in the way of seeds. With the present cost of seeds it is very easy to be carried away by the packets in the shop and you can save a considerable amount of your hard earned cash by buying just what you need. Seed potatoes should be ordered in January to avoid disappointment if stocks run out.



Lawns are best left alone unless the weather is very dry when scarifying and aerating can be carried out. It is too late to sow grass seed now, leave this until the spring.

I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and New Year and good gardening in 2010.

Jim Leathers

HERB LADY OF THURTON

Did you know there are ten types of mint! Spearmint, Bowles, Apple, Curly, Eau-de-Cologne, Pineapple, Peppermint, Black and White, Water mint, Pennyroyal and Chocolate!

Why not in the long dark evenings plan an indoor herb garden or window box. If planning a plot in the garden, choose a sunny south facing position with a slight slope. Grow some sunflowers at the back for the birds. Herbs have a long dormant period and remember some will need protection this winter.

A Merry Christmas to everyone



Love your Herbs





Women's
Institute

Thurton, Ashby & District Women's Institute.

The W.I. held its AGM on Thursday, 5th November at the Village Hall. The A Peal of Bells ladies would be practising on 16th November at 2.30.pm.

The Church Quiz went well with several members taking part. The outing to Langley Cross and the Langley School was enjoyed on a beautiful sunny afternoon. The visit to Greyhound Racing also went well as did the visit to Norwich City Football Ground. The organisers of these events were thanked.

A cyclamen pot plant was sent to Mrs P. Smith who could not attend. An excellent trading stall run by Mrs M. Roots did good business. Invitations from neighbouring W.I.s were read out and members soon took up the places for these. Reminders were given out about the forthcoming 48th Birthday Party on 3rd December, this would start at 7.00pm. A letter was to be sent to the Norwich Diocese regarding the Old Primary School Building being used by the community.

The business of the AGM then commenced. Mrs M. Cole, the WI Secretary, gave her report on the year's activities followed by Mrs B. Catchpole who gave the Treasurer's Report. The president, Mrs Chadwick then gave her annual address and said she was pleased with how another year had gone.

The officers were then elected. The officers and committee members for the coming year are:-

Madam President, Mrs J. Chadwick. Vice President, Mrs E. Leathers (who is also Press Correspondent). Secretary, Mrs M. Cole. Assistant Secretary, Miss I. O'Neill. Treasurer, Mrs B. Catchpole. Assistant Treasurer, Mrs O. Salm (who is also the Village Hall Representative). Other committee members are Mrs L. Thompson, Mrs J Stanley and Miss J. Reynolds. Mrs E. Leathers proposed a vote of thanks to the officers on behalf of the W.I. members. Mrs M. Roots will continue as Programme Secretary and sales table organiser. Mrs J. Keeler agreed to run the raffles.

Mrs J. Rackham and Miss J. Whitehouse agreed to act as Speakers Hostesses and Mrs L. Purling continues as the Competitions Organiser. Other members volunteered to do Monthly Meeting refreshments, flowers for the table and the votes of thanks etc.

The President thanked the Vice-Presidents, the officers and all members who had helped in any way at the fund raising events and providing refreshments. The competition for 'A Family Photograph' was won by Mrs C. Peck and the raffle by Mrs J. Chadwick.

Eileen Leathers



A Railman's Tale



The work in the main signal box outside Norwich Station finished. This was probably the biggest signal box outside London with one hundred and seventy levers controlling signals and points within the station area; hence the need for two signalmen and a box boy to log the train movements in and out of the station.

The thing that struck me was the rich vein of humour, even though the work was based on safety. There was a small signal box behind, controlling the freight yard, which was nicknamed the Wendy House or the garden shed.

We moved on to Thorpe Junction. Passing there in both directions were trains to and from London and Cambridge plus other movements of freight trains hauling various goods. This signal box only required one man at a time on each shift. One rather difficult afternoon the signalman on duty told me he thought the job would be okay if it was not for the trains!

Each signalman had to be tested and passed out for the box he would be working in, each one having its own peculiarities. The signal supervisors were Basil Hyatt and Bob Thorpe, both men were held in high esteem because what they did not know about railways, really was not worth knowing. Holidays, rest days and sickness were covered by relief men who had been passed out for most boxes in the area. One of those signalmen was David Guy, a very helpful and funny man, who remains a valued friend to this day.

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Christmas Celebrations at St Ethelbert's Church

The Carol and Toy Service on Sunday 6th Dec will be held at 11am.

The new Bishop of Thetford - Bishop Alan - will be there.

The Christingle Service at Thurton will be on Christmas Eve, Thursday 24th Dec at 4pm.

The Midnight Service at Thurton on the 24th Dec will start at 11.30pm.

Christmas Day Communion will be held at Thurton at 11am.

On 31st Jan there will be the Annual Service of Christian Unity, starts 11am at Bergh Apton.

Friends of Thurton Church

Thank you for your support at the Quiz and Supper held on October 31st at the Village Hall. We raised approx £190.00 towards the fabric of the Church.

If you would like to become a Friend of Thurton Church then please contact Irene O'Neill on 480802 for membership details. We look forward to hearing from you.



DIARY OF EVENTS

Day	Month	Time	Event	Venue	Day	Month	Time	Event	Venue
Thur	03 Dec	7.00pm	WI 48 th Party Meeting	V Hall	Tue	05 Jan		Back to school	School
Fri	04 Dec	3.30pm	Winter Fayre	School	Thur	07 Jan	7.30pm	WI Meeting	V Hall
Sat	05 Dec	2.00pm	Football Match	P Field	Fri	08 Jan	7.15pm	Youth Groups	V Hall
Sun	06 Dec	11.00am	Toy, Carol & Gift Service	Church	Sun	10 Jan		Thunderer Deadline	
Wed	09 Dec	10.30am	Little Fish	V Hall	Wed	13 Jan	7.30pm	VHMC Meeting	V Hall
Thur	10 Dec	6.00pm	School Play	School	Fri	15 Jan	7.00pm	Explorers	V Hall
Fri	11 Dec	6.00pm	School Play	School	Sat	16 Jan	2.00pm	Football Match	P Field
Fri	11 Dec	7.00pm	Explorers	V Hall	Wed	20 Jan	7.00pm	SNAP Meeting	Ditchin'
Fri	18 Dec	7.15pm	Youth Groups	V Hall	Fri	22 Jan	7.15pm	Youth Groups	V Hall
Sun	20 Dec	11.00am	Family Service	V Hall	Thur	28 Jan	7.45pm	Parish Council Mtg	V Hall
Thur	24 Dec	4.00pm	Christingle Service	Church	Fri	29 Jan	7.00pm	Explorers	V Hall
Thur	24 Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Service	Church	Sat	30 Jan	12.00am	Pre-School Jumble Sale	V Hall
Fri	25 Dec	11.00am	Communion Service	Church	Sun	31 Jan	11.00am	Unity Service	Bergh Apton
Thur	31 Dec	7.00pm	1970s Cocktail Party	G & D					
			Night and New Year Celebrations	Public House					

Pre-School Sessions in term time held weekday mornings (except Wednesdays) in the Village Hall.

Short Mat Bowls Club Meets Monday and Wednesday evenings in the Village Hall.

Dance Club Meets Tuesday Evenings in the Village Hall.

Don't Forget

Thurton Primary School Christmas Play Performances will take place on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th December '09 at 6.00pm at the school.

Village Hall Keys and Bookings
Karen Bonsell of 32, Ashby Road.
Please phone 480993.

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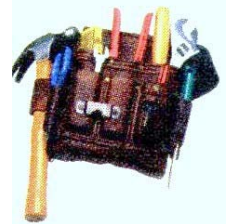
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