

Thurton Thunderer

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The Thurton Thunderer has now been going for five years ... Happy Birthday Thunderer and thank you to all those who have had a hand in bringing all the news, views, ads, info and photographs to every household in our very special community. Well done Thurton!

Potential Development in Thurton and Ashby

Thurton and Ashby Parish Councils invite you to a public meeting on Thursday 13th October at the Village Hall.

You will be able to look at displays and proposed development sites for Thurton and Ashby from **6.30pm**. The meeting will be from 7pm to 8pm. Representatives from South Norfolk Council and the Parish Councils will attend to explain the process, answer questions and hear your views.

Thurton and Ashby have been asked to identify sites for 10 to 20 dwellings in groups of at least five dwellings, in addition to infill and affordable homes for local people.

The article on page 13 by South Norfolk Council explains more about the Planning Local Development Framework consultation process. Please take the opportunity to read it, attend the village meeting and have your say.

Give us your views on homes and jobs

South Norfolk Council is about to start the next stage of its consultation with YOU on where housing and jobs growth should go in South Norfolk. This is an opportunity for YOU to influence where new homes and jobs will go and what our village and towns development boundaries will be in the future.



To read South Norfolk Council's article about the consultation please turn to page 13.

COMMUNITY HERO WANTED

Do you want to keep your IT skills up to date and are able to use/learn Desktop publishing? If so we would welcome you to join the Thurton Thunderer Team to help produce the newsletter ready for printing. We are able to offer a small remuneration for your work.

Please contact us via thurtonthunderer@hotmail.co.uk.

Thurton Parish Council News

The next Parish Council Meeting is on 24 Nov 2011 in the village hall at 7.45 pm. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend. Future meetings: 26 Jan, 29 Mar 2012.

Local Development: Thurton and Ashby Parish Councils are holding a joint public meeting in the village hall on 13 Oct from 7 pm to 8 pm, displays and plans can be viewed from 6.30pm. Representatives of the District Council will be present to consult on the Local Development Framework.

Police Crime Report: In July the police reported one burglary of a dwelling in Thurton. In August one crime of violence against a person was recorded along with one other unspecified crime. Police are asking residents across South Norfolk to take extra care over vehicle security and to report incidents of suspicious activity. The warning comes as offenders continue to target vehicles across the district – breaking into cars by smashing windows and stealing valuables that had been left on display. In many cases cars have been left unlocked making it even easier for opportunist thieves. Police are urging motorists to ensure vehicles are locked and secure – even when parked on a driveway – and that drivers do not advertise their property to thieves. Valuables such as laptops and sat navs should be removed from the vehicle completely or placed in the boot or glove box and kept out of sight.

Old School building - proposed full time day care nursery: The Parish Council held an additional meeting in August to comment on a planning application to undertake minor alterations to the building. This was supported. The conversion of the building into a Nursery does not need a planning application, as it is not considered to be a change of use. However there are concerns about the additional volume of traffic a nursery might generate and implications for parking and pedestrian safety. At the Parish Council's invitation, the nursery owner and manager attended the meeting and had initial discussions with the Head Teacher and school governors, as well as representatives from Pre-school and the Village Hall Management Committee. Some interesting suggestions were made about possible road and pedestrian safety measures. The Parish Council invited representatives from Norfolk County Council Highways Dept. and South Norfolk Council, Operational Partnership Team to the September meeting to meet with villagers to explore the viability of these suggestions.

Road Safety A146 speed limit: The Parish Council was disappointed to receive a letter from Norfolk County Council Cabinet Member for Travel and Transport rejecting our request for a reduction to the speed limit through Thurton. The County Council's view is that "the speed limit is working well and accident data confirms this". He goes on to say, "Unless there is a significant change in the environment or accident record, I cannot justify reassessing the current 40mph speed limit". The parish council has agreed to fight on and discussed the matter further at its meeting with a Highways Officer. The council is also exploring the possibility of a vehicle activated flashing speed limit warning sign and have sought County Council funding following press reports in August of a fund to pay towards such measures.

Standing Orders: Thurton Parish Council has reviewed and improved its Standing Orders. These are the rules that determine how we operate as a Council. They are available on <http://thurton-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

Maintenance programme: The Parish Council manages and maintains a range of assets in the village. It has recently arranged for the woodwork to be refurbished on the bus shelter (Norwich direction). Refurbishment of the bus shelter (Loddon direction) is programmed for the next financial year.

Footpath repairs: The Parish Council asked Norfolk County Council to repair the footpath in Ashby Rd. Initially the County Council said it was adequate. The council lobbied County Councillor Gunson and the footpath is now repaired.

Bulb Planting: Thurton Parish Council is requisitioning a quantity of bulbs to plant in the village to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The bulbs will be available to plant in certain areas of the village. The Council is seeking volunteers to help with the planting. The Parish Council has contacted organisations in the village to find out whether they will be organising events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year.

Bergh Apton Waste Recycling Site: The Parish Council is again lobbying Norfolk County Council to re-licence the Bergh Apton site next year.

Thurton Parish Council Web site:

The new site address is <http://thurton-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

Mail for Thurton Parish Council should be forwarded to: The Clerk to the Parish Council, c/o 16 The Meadows, Thurton, NR14 6BB. Email thurton_pc@msn.com

Parish Council Clerk/Financial Officer: Richard Taylor telephone 480092.

Digital Switchover Help Scheme The Tacolneston TV transmitter will be switching from analogue to digital in November. Help is available for vulnerable domestic consumers. Norfolk Rural Community Council is supporting the local switchover help scheme. Support could potentially be retuning an existing TV to providing and installing a set top box, or even a new aerial. People are eligible for help if they are: age 75 or over, or have lived in a care home for at least 6 months, or get disability living allowance, Attendance Allowance or Mobility Supplement, or are registered blind or partially sighted. The help costs £40 for most people but is free to those people in the above list who also get one of the following means tested benefits: Pension Credit, Income Support, Income-related employment and support allowance, Income based Jobseekers Allowance. To get help you can make a free call to 0800-4085900. Norfolk RCC are looking for volunteers who would be willing to get involved and attend a free training workshop at Norfolk RCC offices. To find out more call Henry Meiklejohn tel: 01362-698216 email henry@norfolkrc.org.uk

Free insulation. Free loft and cavity wall insulation has been available for over 70s since January 2008. You must be a homeowner or a tenant renting from a private landlord.

100% FREE Insulation Grants: If anyone in the household receives a qualifying benefit, credit or allowance. OR anyone in the household is aged 70 or above at date of this enquiry. Lofts must have 2.5" (60mm) or less to qualify for a free insulation grant.

40% to 70% Insulation Grants: All homeowners or private tenants qualify, regardless of income. Even if working full or part-time, you can still claim a grant. Lofts must have 4" (100mm) or less to qualify for a partial insulation grant.

USEFUL SOUTH NORFOLK AND COUNTY COUNCIL NUMBERS

SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL

Main tele 0800 168 2000
General enquiries 01508 533633
e-mail council@s-norfolk.gov.uk

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Main tele 0344 800 8020
web www.norfolk.gov.uk
e-mail information@norfolk.gov.uk

The non-emergency police contact number is 0845 456 4567 www.norfolk.police.uk

Gardening Notes - October/November

October and November are change over months. Summer has gone and we need to prepare for the winter.

Bedding plants that are looking good can be left until the first frosts but if you want to plant Wallflowers and/or Sweet Williams, you will need to be a bit ruthless and make some space. Spring flowering bulbs need to be planted in October. Dig the soil over and apply a little bone meal to give a good display in the Spring.



Containers and pots should be emptied and re-potted with winter Pansies, dwarf conifers and winter flowering heathers to give some colour throughout the winter months.

In the vegetable garden, finish off harvesting marrows, courgettes, runner beans, beetroot and carrots, but leave parsnips and swede until they have had a frost on them to help improve their flavour. Any green tomatoes left can be turned into chutney. Potatoes need to be lifted and put into paper sacks and stored in a cool, dry, dark and frost-free place in October before the first frosts arrive.

Onions and garlic sets should be planted in October and, given a good winter, they will be ready to harvest in June next year. Over wintering lettuce and spring onions can be sown in October and if you have any spring cabbage plants, plant them in early October.

Early November is the ideal time for planting 'over wintering' broad beans, along with Feltham First peas and a sowing of carrots to give an early crop next year. You will need to protect both if the winter is harsh.

Any bare soil in the vegetable garden should be sown with a green manure to stop weeds from growing and to put a little nitrogen back into the soil. Otherwise, dig over the soil before the frosts so that it will break down easily next spring.

Collect and compost in bin bags all fallen leaves. Add a little Garrotta to the leaves to help them break down and this will make a good compost or mulch next year.

Let's hope for a better and milder November this year but if it's not, then it may be an idea to find your snow shovel!

Andrew Carver Loddon Garden and Seed Centre

Thurton Thunderer Trophy

Congratulations to Isobel Rix who at Thurton Primary School's end of term assembly was awarded the Thurton Thunderer Chris Stratton Memorial Trophy for Communication.



Isobel was awarded the trophy for her abilities in:

- Taking lead, running assemblies on days like The Royal Wedding
- Lunchtime dance club
- And then organising an assembly to show what the children had learnt
- Explaining issues to children when they worked in mixed up groups on special school days
- Leadership in the playground as a play leader
- General communication around the school
- Writing pieces for the school newsletter as a reporter throughout the year

“Congratulations and well done Isobel. Good communication skills are so important.” from all the members of the Thurton Thunderer Editorial Team.

Thurton Primary School PTA Doing it for the kids!

Annual PTA Quiz Night

Saturday 8th October

In the School Hall

7.30pm start

£4.00 per person

Maximum of 8 adults per team

Bring your own drinks and snacks

Theme and dress your team table and the best will win a prize!

There will also be a raffle in the interval.

This is an event to mark in your diary and not be missed!

Kindly sponsored by Alan Baugh.
All proceeds for Thurton School.
Contact Vicky on 480242 or the
School office on 480335

Thurton & Ashby St Mary Pre-school

We have started the new school year with twenty one children offering 15 grant funded hours with two extended days to 1.30 p.m. The autumn term promises to be full of exciting things to investigate, explore and discover through play so if you are looking for a caring, child-centred setting for your pre-school child we still have places available.

Our autumn fundraising events include a Christmas Shopping Afternoon on Saturday 12th November 2 – 4 p.m. and our popular Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 26th November 2 – 4 p.m. with Father Christmas Grotto and an exciting new Winter Wonderland. For more information please contact Sandra on 480545.



Readers Letters

Hi everyone

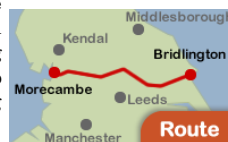
Due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to cancel the Thurton vs. Ashby Rounders Match and Charity Prize Auction. We aim to hold the Rounders Match sometime in the spring. There will be adult and children's matches and will be good practice for the 2012 Norfolk Village Games!

The Charity Prize Auction lots/prizes are listed here in the Thurton Thunderer on a separate flyer and we will be holding a Secret Auction for them. I will also list them in the Village Hall and on Facebook so please do take part and make your bids for the prize lots. Please let me have your bids by Saturday 15th October. The money raised is for new play and community area equipment on the playing field. Thanks to you all for your support.

Karen Bonsell 480993

Teachers take to the road to raise cash.

At the beginning of the school summer holidays twelve local teachers and support staff took part in a three day coast to coast cycle ride in the continuing effort to raise funds for the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit at Addenbrookes Hospital. The team pedalled 170miles from the west coast to the east coast along the Way of the Roses, cycling from Morecambe in Lancashire, up and across the Pennines, and then on to Bridlington on North Humberside. David Wilkinson and his sponsored cycling colleagues would like to thank the whole community for their support of the family and for the fund-raising venture. It was hard work but totally worthwhile was their verdict!



Currently the total of funds raised is over £6000, which is superb.

Thank you.

David Wilkinson



Paul Edwin Harvey

The Harvey family – Veronica, Adam and Lucy, Derek and Jill, wish to thank friends, neighbours and everybody for their support given during Paul's illness and his sudden death on 2nd September. His sad loss has been heart breaking to us all.

The beautiful cards (over 250), letters and flowers received have been such a comfort.

Our grateful thanks to:- Rev. Peter Knight and everybody who took part and attended Paul's funeral, over 400 attended, the car parking teams at Thurton Church and Bergh Apton Village Hall, Lynton Johnson and his team for organising wonderful refreshments at the village hall, the medical teams, especially our district nurses, who attended Paul at home daily.

Thank you to good friends who kindly looked after Adam and Lucy during our difficult times and to Ben Burgess & Co Ltd at Norwich and Beeston where Paul worked for twenty-nine years. The Directors, Managers and all their staff – thank you for your support and help.

Finally, thanks to the farming community whom Paul was involved with – their letters, emails, remarks and generosity have been overwhelming – you have made us so proud of him.

All donations received in Paul's remembrance will be going to the Big C and we hope to let you know the grand total in the next newsletter.

Veronica Harvey

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, Ashby & District WI



August 2011

At the August Meeting of Thurton WI the Speaker Mr Mike Sparks of the Norfolk Wherry Trust gave a most enjoyable talk and slideshow about the history of the Norfolk Wherries. There were many old photographs showing the journeys they made up and down the rivers locally and also details of the way they had been built. They still operate but nowadays it is only to give visitors trips whilst giving them some history of the river and how the Wherries had been used.

Following the Speaker the usual business of the meeting took place. The Peal of Belles are still in demand with their skills and will be ringing for another local wedding. Details of the Christmas party were discussed and the menu for the meal approved by members. Future outings include visits to local WIs, a trip to Northex RC Cathedral in Norwich with a view to climbing the tower as well as a trip to the Theatre Royal in the New Year to see a production of Hello Dolly. Jill Chadwick our President told us about the presentation of the WI cup she had made to a school child from Thurton Primary School.

The competition for a River Scene was judged by our Speaker and was won by Eileen Leathers and the evening concluded with our usual tea and biscuits and a good chat.

September 2011

After welcoming members and guests to the WI September Meeting the President Jill Chadwick welcomed the Speaker Mrs Valerie Mulhall who gave a very interesting talk on The Beauty of Faberge. She kept the audience enthralled with accounts of the Russian Royal Family as well as the background of Faberge members. There were many interesting photographs of beautiful Faberge pieces from eggs to jewellery as well as many which are included in the Russian Crown Jewels.

The meeting continued in the usual way with the minutes of the previous meeting being discussed and approved. Our Peal of Belles have rung for two more local weddings and are much appreciated by those who hear them. Discussions took place regarding proposed future outings which should include a visit to the Greyhound Racing in Great Yarmouth, afternoon tea at Yesterday's World, a visit to Aviva in Norwich as well as two coffee mornings to be held locally, one in aid of the Big C on 17th September and one on 30th September in aid of Macmillan Nurses. It is intended to have a Trading Stall at the October meeting and members were asked to bring items for this.

Members were asked to indicate if there were any activities they would like to see arranged at the Village Hall, as there were vacancies both in the afternoon and evening of most weeks. Keep Fit, Craft and Games such as Cards or Board Games were suggestions, which received the most interest.

Lillian Thompson won the competition for a Golden Egg and the meeting ended in the normal way with a cuppa, biscuit and chat.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings and the next one will be on Thursday 6th October when Beautiful Handbags is the title of the talk by Mrs Julia Catchpole. We are a very friendly organisation and feel sure any visitors would enjoy an evening with us.

Julie Powell

NEWS FROM THE GEORGE & DRAGON

We were proud to part sponsor a classic car rally on Sunday 28th August, and we really enjoyed seeing all sorts of classic cars pull up outside the pub and stop for refreshments.

This was in aid of James Paget neonatal ward, and initial totals show over £3000 had been raised which is fantastic.

PLEASE can I once again remind everyone who will be hoping for tickets for The Children's Christmas Party, to please pop into the pub and support the fund-raising. So many of you wanted tickets last year and were disappointed and those who attended really did enjoy a great party, **BUT** this event can only take place with **YOUR** support.

On **SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER**, we are having a **HALLOWEEN PARTY** in The Dragon Bar, with LIVE MUSIC from The Foolish. Fancy dress is optional but there are prizes to be won for the best!!! Music starts at 8pm until 10.30pm close. **ALL THE FAMILY ARE WELCOME.**

Also look out for more LIVE MUSIC on 2nd December, with Adrian Duffy, more details nearer the time.

From Vicky , Ian and Family and all the staff of Thurton's George and Dragon.

South Yare Wildlife Group

Twenty eight people turned up for our August event - a walk round part of Thurton and Ashby. We were very lucky as the weather was warm and we experienced a lovely sunset.

Starting from the George and Dragon , we visited the churchyard , where Angie Broadberry gave a great short talk about the wildlife there. We then walked past the refurbished "duck pond" and from Hall Rd across footpaths to Lion Lane. Heading back to Whiteheath Rd we took footpaths across the fields to Cookes Rd then on up Sandy Lane to Prospect Place and down to Ashby and Mill Common. Its a lovely walk, so if you haven't been that way, give it a try.

Thanks to Vicky for welcoming us back to the George where we put our feet up in the Dragon Bar.

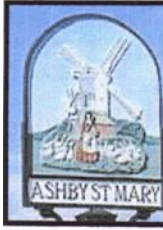
I think it did some good for Thurton's image, as several members from other villages said that previously all they knew about Thurton was the A146!

In September we had a stall at the Fayre on the Yare and a quiz at The New Inn at Rockland St Mary.

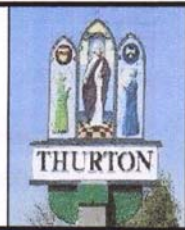
Our next event is Thursday 20th October 7.30pm at Bergh Apton Village Hall when local wildlife writer Mark Cocker will give a talk entitled "Meet the neighbours 2". There will be a £3 charge on the door - refundable if you take out membership on the night, which is £10 for a year. Refreshments are included.

For further information contact southvarewildlife@gmail.com

Chris Popplewell



*Ashby St Mary & Thurton
Village Hall & Playing Field
Management Committee*



(Registered Charity No. 303890)

Is there any activity you would like to see catered for in the Village Hall?

There are vacant times available both afternoon and evening and if enough people indicate they would like to take part in various activities perhaps they could be arranged. Please let us know of anything you would like to join. Various proposals have been made and these are detailed below.

Please would you give your name and telephone number, indicate if you would prefer afternoon or evening and also let any of your friends know about the suggestions. My telephone number is 480966 if anyone wishes to contact me.

Thank you

Julie Powell

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| Keep Fit | Music | First Aid | Craft | Games | Others? |
| Zumba | | | Knitting | Cards | History Group |
| | | | Sewing | Board Games | Book Club |

Just want to say thank you to Greg Meo for digging out and re-defining the bike dirt track and berms at the far end of the playing field and to Mike Frost for filling in the potholes in the driveway in time for Holiday Club. Thanks also to Eric Rennie who regularly picks up and clears away the rubbish and the litter around the village hall and playing field and to Keith Todd who keeps a watchful eye out for the moles! Thanks boys!

**Thurton Short Mat Bowls Club
Division 2 Champions.**

We attended a presentation evening at Thorpe Marriott on 15th September where we were presented with our winners Trophy for Division 2 so next season we will be playing in Division 1. Well done to all the players who played this season.



If there is anyone interested in joining us do come along to the Village Hall on any Monday Evening at 7.30pm. We are a very friendly bunch and you will be made most welcome. For further information about the Short Mat Bowls Club and our activities please contact me, the club secretary Jan McClintock, on 01493 488337.

Thank you.

Jan McClintock.

Tea Afternoon at the Village Hall

The next Tea Afternoon will be on Monday 17th October at 2pm at Ashby and Thurton Village Hall.

Please spread the word – a cup of tea, wide selection of homemade cakes, catch up with old friends and make new ones!

If you like making cakes here's an opportunity, if you don't - then you have the job of enjoying them!

Above all it is the company that is the main reason for being there so do give it a try if you've not been before.

Tea afternoons 'happen' every six weeks or so and if you want more information contact Angie on 480477.

Friends of Thurton Church



Quiz & Supper

Saturday 15th October

7.30pm start

at Thurton Village Hall

£6 per person

including Supper

Bring Your Own Bottle

Teams of Six

Come and Pit Your Wits

Compere & Quizmaster

Ray Wharton

To book contact: 480802/480899

THURTON LITTLE FISH

Little Fish are the 0's - 5's who meet at the village hall on alternate Wednesday mornings (during term time) at 10.30am for a short service specially designed for them. Afterwards there's a drink and biscuit and playtime. For more information or future dates contact Angie (480477) or Veronica (480406).

THURTON EXPLORERS

All 7 - 11 year olds are welcome to join Explorers. We meet on alternate Friday evenings (during term time) at the village hall from 7pm - 8.15pm. Next meeting dates are October 21st, November 11th and 25th. Contacts for more information are Angie (480477) and Rosalind (480440).

CHURCH SERVICES

Church Services at Thurton can be found on the back page of '11 Says' along with the places and times of all the services in the Bramerton Group. Transport is available - please phone Angie (480477) if you would like a lift. If you know of someone who is housebound (permanently or temporarily) who would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Rev. Knight.

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

Thurton Holiday Club

Mention the words 'MISSION RESCUE' and 43 children's voices respond **"GO, AGENTS, GO!"** From Monday 8th to Sunday 14th August it was 'all go' for everyone at our annual Holiday Club in Thurton - our mission was to learn about Moses and how God gave him a mission to lead the Hebrew people out of slavery in Egypt.

Based at the village hall (mission HQ) the club ran from 10am - 12.15pm on four mornings and again from 2 - 4pm each afternoon. Midweek we had an all day family outing to Suffolk Wildlife Trust's Carleton Marshes Nature Reserve and had fun doing all the specially arranged activities, including dyke dipping and watching a rare warbler being ringed.

Over the years we have benefited from a strong group of core leaders to oversee the morning sessions at Holiday Club, but all parents are encouraged to help and input, even if it is just for a short time during the week. Involvement is a good introduction to what we do as well as an opportunity to get to know each other better.

For us, youth involvement is crucial. We rely on their help and value their lively input. Notable for 2011 is the fact that 22 young people aged 12 to 17 asked to help us, so we had a large youth team (led by youth worker Andy Rose) who were responsible for daily provision of keep fit, operation challenge (team challenges), the security report (puppets) and a secret agent's drama production. In addition some assisted with the small group sessions and are pleased that they can use this experience of working with young children to support their application for university courses in primary education.



Agents 'X' (Rev. Dr. Peter Knight) and 'Y' provided the links and comedy. The daily story instalments were beautifully told by one of the leaders and involved all the children in a gentle and very memorable visual presentation. The Desert, Pyramids, Oasis and River Nile were destinations for the small group time where all the age groups had story related activities and the space to ask questions and respond.

In the afternoons we made secret agent kit boxes (containing mobile phones, disguises and code wheels), played games on the field, got all kinds of injuries from a medical make up artist (very popular!) and played team building sports which ended with the traditional water fight!

The week concluded on the Sunday with a display of the children's work and a special Holiday Club Service in the village hall for families, friends, neighbours and everyone.



A good week ... a good mission ... and good memories that will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

Angie Broadberry



A Railman's Tale



When I joined the rail industry I could not have understood the complex nature of the job! This complexity made it a dangerous environment to work in but having said that I would not have had it any other way. I used to really look forward to each new shift.

The work was usually dirty and my mind is taken back to my early days at Chart Leacon depot in Ashford. Three colleagues and I would go down into the pits with long-handled scrapers, wire brushes, a broom and a couple of buckets. Our job was to scrape clean the underneath of the train that would be in for a service. After the service was completed, two of us had to stay behind at the end of the day to spray paint the bogies. The grit blasting work was just as dirty a job.

Our next job was a combination of re-painting Somerleyton swing-bridge and the signal box. The re-painting of the signal box came first so that the families of swallows nesting underneath the bridge had time to fledge.

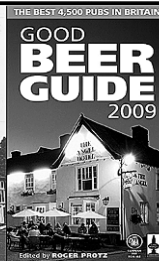
Somerleyton was a lovely spot first thing in the mornings and last thing in the evenings. I would not have swapped my job for anything!

To be continued...

Trevor Head

The George & Dragon

- Good Choice of Real Ales ● In the Good Beer Guide 2009 ● Fine Wines
- Traditional Home Cooked Food ● Extensive Range of New Menus
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Your Opportunity to Have Your Say on Local Development Planning

Continued from the front page - South Norfolk Council says ...

We're at the stage where we've worked out how many new houses and businesses we need to provide space for in our towns and villages over the next 20 years or so. Now we need to focus-in on exactly where they should be located, fine tuning the precise number according to local conditions. Your knowledge is needed in helping us make our decisions, and that is why everyone has a chance over the next few weeks to influence where future houses, businesses, roads, shops and other facilities are built.

It's a difficult job; landowners have suggested about 15 times more land than we need to provide for future development. Nearly 1500 parcels of land have been proposed. Only about 100 are needed so we are asking you to tell us which land should be set aside for which use, especially new houses. The future of Long Stratton and Wymondham are particularly important and we will be asking you about special action plans for them.

The following public consultation events have been planned for you to attend to see the suggested sites and policy designations. We hope you will find the time to comment on your area and help us to shape South Norfolk for the next 15-20 years.

The consultation runs for 12 weeks **29th August – 18th November 2011**.

You can respond directly through our website at www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/ldf or e-mail us ldf@s-norfolk.gov.uk

PORINGLAND – COMMUNITY CENTRE Tuesday 11th October 3pm – 7pm
Overtons Way, Poringland, NR14 7WB

LODDON – LIBRARY ANNEXE Friday 28th October 3pm – 7pm
Church Plain, Loddon, NR14 6EX

Belles ring out for Keith Todd's 70th Birthday Surprise.

"I've come to see what all this din is about!" is what Keith Todd would say when he turned up at Thurton church to "support" the efforts of the Thurton & Ashby WI bell-ringing team at their practice sessions.

The bell-ringers had a surprise in store for him on the 15th of August, when they assembled at the church to ring in celebration of Keith's 70th birthday. He was presented with a birthday card from "A Peal of Belles" (the WI team), together with a beautifully wrapped gift. Keith unwrapped his present to reveal a pair of ear protectors and a packet of Anadin. "Thanks very much," he said, "These will come in very handy!"

Chris Peck

Photos by Eileen Leathers



'Become a Community First Responder' (CFR)

You don't need to have any previous medical knowledge/experience to become a CFR as you will receive professional training by NHS staff and then ongoing training. You will receive a group uniform and become part of an active team.

The time you give to the group is up to you and a few hours per week will be very much appreciated.

As a volunteer you will not be paid. Your reward is the satisfaction of helping to save a life and being part of a team that is there for your relatives, friends and neighbours.

Please give these few words some thought and if you would like to know more or join us at one of our monthly meetings please call:

Sue - 07809 212120 or 01508 520656
or email susan@sford.wanadoo.co.uk

We need your help - and - *You could need ours!!*

Thank you

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DIARY OF EVENTS

| Day | Month | Time | Event | Venue | Day | Month | Time | Event | Venue |
|--|--------|-----------------------|--|-----------|---|--------|----------|---|--------------------|
| Weds | 05 Oct | 10.30am | Little Fish | V Hall | Thurs | 3 Nov | 7.30pm | WI Meeting & AGM | V Hall |
| Thur | 06 Oct | 7.30pm | WI Meeting | V Hall | Thurs | 10 Nov | 7pm | Neighbourhood Board Meeting | Hobart High School |
| Sat | 08 Oct | 7.30pm | PTA Quiz Night | School | Fri | 11 Nov | 7-8.15pm | Explorers | V Hall |
| Sat | 08 Oct | 7pm | Talent Show Semi-Final | BA V Hall | Sat | 12 Nov | 2-4pm | Pre-school Christmas Shopping Afternoon | V Hall |
| Sun | 09 Oct | All day | Skoda Club Event | P Field | Thurs | 17 Nov | 7.30pm | Ashby PC Meeting | V Hall |
| Thurs | 13 Oct | 6.30pm | Parish Council Displays | V Hall | Sun | 20 Nov | 11am | All Age Service | V Hall |
| Thurs | 13 Oct | 7-8pm | Public Meeting re Local Development Planning | V Hall | Weds | 23 Nov | 7.30pm | V H Man Committee Meeting | V Hall |
| Fri | 14 Oct | 7.30pm | "For One Night Only" A Comedy Play | V Hall | Thurs | 24 Nov | 7.45pm | Thurton PC Meeting | V Hall |
| Sat | 15 Oct | By the end of the day | Deadline for Bid for VH & Karen PF Charity Prize Auction | Bonsell | Fri | 25 Nov | 7-8.15pm | Explorers | V Hall |
| Sat | 15 Oct | 7.30pm | FOTC Quiz and Supper | V Hall | Sat | 26 Nov | 2pm | Pre-school Christmas Bazaar, with arrival of Father Christmas plus Grotto and Winter Wonderland | V Hall |
| Sun | 16 Oct | 11.00am | All Age Service | V Hall | Looking Forward | | | | |
| Mon | 17 Oct | 2pm | Tea Afternoon | V Hall | Fri | 2 Dec | Evening | Live music by Adrian Duffy | G & D |
| Weds | 19 Oct | 10.30am | Little Fish | V Hall | Fri | 2 Dec | 7.30pm | FOTC Christmas Bingo | V Hall |
| Thurs | 20 Oct | 7.30pm | S Y W Group | BA V Hall | Fri | 16 Dec | Evening | The Snowman - Family Christmas Show hosted by AW Group | V Hall |
| Fri | 21 Oct | 7-8.15pm | Explorers | V Hall | Village Hall Keys and Bookings | | | | |
| Sat | 29 Oct | 7pm | Talent Show Final | BA V Hall | Karen Bonsell of 32, Ashby Road. Please phone 480993. | | | | |
| Sun | 30 Oct | 8-10.30pm | Halloween Party, Live Music and Fancy Dress | G & D | | | | | |
| <p>Pre-School Sessions in term time held weekday mornings (except Wednesdays) in the Village Hall.</p> <p>Short Mat Bowls Club meets Monday evenings in the Village Hall.</p> <p>Dance Club meets Tuesday evenings in the Village Hall.</p> | | | | | | | | | |

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