



# Thornage Parish Council

## Parish Council and the Village.

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Welcome to the 19<sup>th</sup> edition of our Thornage Parish Council newsletter.

Cllr Dickson has resigned as a Councillor. The Chair thanked her for her contributions to the Council, particularly on environmental matters.



There is a **VACANCY** for a new Councillor. If you are interested, please speak to any of the Councillors or contact the Clerk for an informal chat.

### Update from the December Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council considered a report produced after the meeting with the Highways Engineer which discussed options for traffic management within the village. All options required a costly feasibility study and, in conjunction with a review of data from the SAM2, were unlikely to succeed. Councillors decided that the cost was too great at this time. The full report is on the website or available from the Clerk.

### 2025-26 Budget and Parish Precept

Councillors discussed their responsibilities to ensure that finances are in a sound position to meet anticipated costs which previous precept rises have not achieved. They also considered a grant request for Churchyard maintenance and Approved a grant amounting to 50% of Churchyard costs for the coming year. This resulted in a precept request for the 2025 – 26 Financial Year of £6,600: an annual increase of £17.10 for Council Tax Band D payers (less for those on Bands A to C and more for those on higher bands). This equates to 32.6%.

The Parish Council is responsible for maintenance and replacement of village assets such as the Speed Awareness Sign, Noticeboard and Telephone Box and looking after the Common amongst other things. Councillors also represent the views of the Civil Parish to higher tiers of Government.

Everyone is welcome at ALL Parish Council meetings – the next meeting is planned to take place on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30pm in All Saints Church. There is always an opportunity to ask questions or express concerns.

### Thornage Common

The fruit trees on the Common have been pruned and are looking in good health.

The Cherry tree on the little common across the road is dying and will be removed in the near future. Let the Council know if you have a preference on a replacement tree.

### Defibrillator Training

We are collaborating with a neighbouring Parish Council to try to offer a training session for village residents covering general CPR (Cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and how to use a defibrillator. It is likely to take place in Hindringham Village Hall and there will be a small charge of £5 per person. It would be helpful to determine levels of interest if it goes ahead. If you feel this would be of interest to you, please send an email to Dany Pearce, using the email [danypearce.thornagepc@gmail.com](mailto:danypearce.thornagepc@gmail.com). If the training goes ahead, we will send out further details in due course.

### Highways Issues

If you are out and about either within Thornage Parish or further afield in Norfolk and notice any issues with the roads, such as potholes, overgrowth on the roadway, flooding, or on a public right of way such

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as damaged signs, overgrown trees or bushes – these can most easily be remedied by reporting them on the NCC portal: NCC Highways Report a Problem. You will receive a reference number and information about the action taken.

### **Friends of Thornage and All Saints Church**

A wonderful festive time was had by all at All Saints Carol Service on the 22nd December. The church was decorated with twinkling lights and candles. Over 90 people filled the church to hear readings by local villagers and their children. Carol singing raised the roof accompanied by Anthony Tilke on the organ. The service was followed by mulled wine, mince pies & sausage rolls, all donated by Friends of Thornage. The congregation collection raised £341 for the Kings Lynn Night Shelter. Thank you to all who came for their support and a huge thank you to all that gave so generously.

**Thornage church services** take place on the **4th Sunday of the month at 9.30am**.

The next dates are **26<sup>th</sup> January** and **23<sup>rd</sup> February**.

Further information on the Friends of Thornage page on the Parish Council website:

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### **Events**

The **Village Coffee Morning** takes place on the **4th Saturday of the month 10.30am** at All Saints Church. Next date – Saturday **25<sup>th</sup> January**.

**Quiz night** at All saints Church on Friday **28<sup>th</sup> February**. Bar opens **6.30pm**, Quiz starts at **7pm**

**The Sam Singers and the Twin Tracks Community Choir** at All Saints Church - Thursday **6<sup>th</sup> March**, 7.30pm

**3 Ts of Thornage (Tunes, Talks & Teas)**: On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 3pm this mini-event is taking place at All Saints Church: music by accomplished local musicians, interesting talks and other artistic events. All accompanied with a cup of tea or coffee. Our first two events:

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 3pm** – Wyatt Earp (flute) and Angela Dugdale (piano) – a range of warm winter music including works by Chopin, Absil, Bach, Elgar & more

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 3pm** – Valerie Wright (Soprano) Hugh Lanham (Baritone) & Angela Dugdale (Piano) with an afternoon of Victorian Song.

### **Thornage Hall: Thornage Hall Presents – ‘Art For All’**

We are thrilled to announce the addition of a Silent Art Auction to our fundraising calendar! This special event will take place during the **Easter period** at **The Venue in Holt**. The auction will feature silent bids, both in person and through an online catalogue, showcasing artwork generously donated by members of the Thornage Hall community as well as artists from Holt and North Norfolk.

Whether you're an artist, know someone who is, or have unused artwork tucked away, we warmly invite your contributions. Every piece will help raise funds to support the vital work of Thornage Hall Charity.

Further details will follow soon, but in the meantime:

- **Donations are open until mid-March.**
- For more information, please email us at [office@thornagehall.co.uk](mailto:office@thornagehall.co.uk) or visit our website for updates.

Thank you for your support - we can't wait to celebrate this creative and meaningful event with you!

*The Parish Council is very grateful for the support that Thornage Hall gives, by printing this newsletter – a cost the Parish Council would otherwise have to bear.*

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