



Thornage Parish Council

Parish Council and the Village.

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Welcome to the 20th edition of our Thornage Parish Council newsletter.

Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 30th April, 7pm

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for all residents and electors in Thornage to discuss any matters relating to the local community.

All local organisations are invited to send a representative along to the meeting to give an update for the previous year and plans for the year to come.

Wine, beer and soft drinks donated by *Friends of Thornage* will be available after the meeting until 8.30pm

This is your Annual Meeting – and anything raised will be passed on to the Parish Council

Update from the March Parish Council Meeting

Lisa Moor was co-opted onto the Council bringing the Council back up to full strength. Concerns were noted on Highways issues from a new resident to the village. The Chair summarised the action taken by the Parish Council over the last few years, including meetings with the NCC Highways Officer, the flashing SAM2 Speed sign and the White Gates. Councillors always welcome contact from residents regarding their concerns and will do their best to help. Reports were also received from the Volunteers Group and the Working Party for the Common, the Church, Friends of Thornage and Thornage Hall – full details are on the website

Everyone is welcome at ALL Parish Council meetings – the next meeting is planned to take place on **Wednesday 21st May, 6.30pm** in All Saints Church. This will be the **Annual Parish Council Meeting** when the Chair and Vice Chair for the forthcoming year are selected by Councillors.

There is always an opportunity to ask questions or express concerns.

Highways Issues

As noted at the Parish Council meeting, there is concern on the Council and in the village about the speed which traffic travels through Thornage and Little Thornage. The SAM2 report doesn't bear out that many drivers are exceeding 30mph and there have been no serious accidents in the village centre. The Parish Council will continue to do what it can meeting with Highways and other parties.

Villagers are reminded of the importance of remaining visible when out walking, such as wearing hi-viz or light-coloured clothing as some of our roads are too narrow for pavement which is more likely to encourage drivers to give a wider berth.

One further action would be a Speed Watch Group. The police have suggested that we need a minimum of 10 volunteers for this to be viable. If this is something that you feel you would like to be part of, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk or any of the Councillors.

A brief reminder about the Norfolk County Council portal: NCC Highways Report a Problem where you can report any issues with Highways and Byways.

Thornage Common

Work has continued on the Common during the winter with the space in the corner now been opened up producing a view over Thornage Hall. A kissing gate is being considered to enable access to the footpath and a bench may be purchased – any such additions will require the support of the Estate as the land belongs to it.

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Defibrillator Training

We are still hoping to host, in collaboration with a neighbouring Parish Council a training session 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. If you have not yet registered your interest, please send an email to Dany Pearce. danypearce.thornagepc@gmail.com If the training goes ahead, we will send out further details in due course.

Bonfires

Residents are reminded of the importance of remaining considerate to neighbours around the timing of lighting bonfires – if possible, inform them in advance. Try to not light them when there is likely to be washing drying or children playing in the vicinity: this may be particularly pertinent when contractors are working at the property.

Friends of Thornage and All Saints Church

Recent events included a very successful quiz evening held in the Church. The Thornage Tap was open to oil those brains into life and a fierce competition ensued. We look forward to running a further quiz later in the year.

It is with regret that Friends of Thornage announce the end of the Village Lottery. Anyone who has paid into the Lottery by Bank Transfer is asked to contact Lisa or Chris to arrange a refund.

Events

Sunday 8th June, 1pm – 5pm: our **Annual Thornage Garden Party and Plant Sale** at The Grange on Letheringsett Road: BBQ, Strawberries & Cream, live music and the Thornage Tap will be open for business

3 Ts of Thornage (Tunes, Talks & Teas): On the 2nd 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:

14th May Sue Smart - The way they lived then: Life in Late-Victorian Thornage

12 June Pete Turrell - Classical Guitar Performance

Further information on events and activities happening in the village will be advertised on the Village WhatsApp Group

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

Village Survey

Thank you very much to all of those villagers who have completed their surveys and those who have not received them, they are on their way. The findings will inform the local organisations involved of the knowledge and needs of the village residents.

Thornage Hall:

We have started planning for our Summer Fair which is taking place on Saturday 6th September. We are trying to increase our pool of volunteers and have a variety of roles that we need support with, including: working on the land to control weeds, helping with growing, supporting with fundraising events or supporting an individual with a craft or skill. If you are interested in these, please get in touch with the office so that we can complete the necessary checks and admin, but all our volunteers tell us they get a lot from their roles.

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

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