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NEWS FROM THE VILLAGE WELFARE ASSOCIATION

A fashion show by
London Connection will be
held in the Village Hall at
Thurgoland on
Wednesday 27 April at 7.30
p.m. All proceeds are in aid
of Holy Trinity Church,
Thurgoland and tickets cost
just £2.00 each. Please con-
tact Margaret Denton on
0114 288 5037 for further

information or tickets.

POSSIBLE GENERAL ELECTION

**Would all parishioners
note that in the event of
a General Election**

**being called, voting will
take place in the Village
Hall, NOT Thurgoland
School as in previous
years.**

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VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

In the last newsletter it was advised that there were two vacancies on the Parish Council. Since that time one of those vacancies has been filled and Mr Robert Blythe or Thurgoland has been co-opted onto the Parish Council. Welcome Mr Blythe!! However, Councillor John Taberner has relinquished his post and therefore there are still two vacancies! The Parish Council wish to thank Mr Taberner for the work he carried out on behalf of the Parish and wish him well in the future.

The Parish Council wish to fill the two vacancies as soon as possible and once again, applications should be directed to the Parish Clerk, Ruth Atkinson, on 0114 288 4473 or at the address on this newsletter.

THURGOLAND BOUNDARY WALK

Come and join the Thurgoland Annual Boundary Walk on Monday 2 May 2005. The walk was very popular last year, attracting over fifty walkers. It is a walk of approximately eight miles and walks the

Boundary of the Parish which takes in open countryside, woodland, parts of the Trans-Pennine Trail, the river Don and is a great way to keep fit and get some fresh air. There will be a quiz for you to keep your mind active as you walk and everyone is welcome although

children must be accompanied by an adult. The walk begins at 10.00 a.m. from the Bridge Inn on Cote Lane and car parking will be available at the Cricket Field on Cote Lane as well as at the Bridge Inn. After the walk each walker will be provided with a sandwich and chips at The Bridge Inn but you have to be back by 4.00 p.m.!! Please contact either Joan (288 8485) Ann (288 2595) or Stuart (288 4732) for further details and to let them know how many walkers you will be bringing.

RECYCLING IN THE PARISH

The Parish Council is very pro-active in encouraging residents to recycle whenever possible. Lists of the recycling collection days for Thurgoland and Crane Moor are in the Parish Notice Boards and on the website at www.thurgoland.org.uk However, the following information is

provided for anyone who does not have a box or bag for glass or paper:

Requests for boxes and bags should be made by telephoning 01226 772045. Boxes are delivered within 7-10 working days and bags sent out by second class post.

A new recycling initiative is in place where a number of homes share a common access where a wheeled bin for paper and one for glass can be provided to be shared. This is suitable for flats, rows of small terraces and rural properties down long access tracks (the bins can be left at the kerb at the end of the track). If anyone lives at such a location and would like to find out more about this initiative please contact the

Parish Clerk or Debra Bushby (Recycling Officer) Barnsley

Metropolitan Borough Council, Smithies Lane Depot, Barnsley,

Telephone 01226 772045. **The Parish Council would urge you to use these services whenever possible.**

USEFUL CONTACTS

Please find below a list of useful numbers for the Local Authority. Please feel free to use them whenever necessary

Main switchboard 01226 770770

Housing repairs 01226 774906

Neigh'hood Pride 01226 775656

Street Lighting 01226 772200

Dog Fouling 01226 775627

Potholes in roads 01226 773555

Abandoned cars 01226 772041

Graffiti 01226 775656

Anti social behaviour

01226 736395

OLD MILL CHILDHOOD BY KATHLEEN POTTER—part two PUB LIFE—THE WOODMAN INN

Most of the customers in the Woodman were locals, the miners from the cottages and the farmers. As you entered the Woodman at the front door there was a passage leading down to the kitchen and the bar. The Tap Room was on the right of the passage, with wooden benches with high backs near the walls. There was a table in the middle of the room and by the fire-place was a large Windsor-type chair which was only occupied by Mr Jagger, the owner of the Old Mill, who lived in a large detached house down the lane near the mill. He was a big man with a walking stick and nobody else sat in his chair. As far as I know Old Mill was a wire mill and I think they made needles. I understand it shut in 1926, two years after we arrived at the Woodman. The stairs to the Woodman were opposite the front door and to the left was the Best Room which had a piano in it and never seemed to be used to me. Upstairs there were two front bedrooms and at the back a long bedroom over the kitchen. Over the bar was a loft attic which was used for storing apples.

When the beer was delivered to the Woodman we had a sack of flour delivered as well. This was kept in the cellar as we made our own bread. There was not much shop bread in those days. The kitchen had a range with an oven and boiler to heat the water. We mostly burnt wood on the stove as there was plenty around in the woods. My father and brother Sid had a big two-man cross saw in the barn where we kept the sawn up logs. My mother had to learn how to make bread as she had not done this before. My father used to know how to bake bread as he had watched his mother baking when he was a boy. My mother was kept very busy with the washing etc. and only had my sister Margaret, who had just left school, to help her. My sister Margaret did most of the cleaning as my mother seemed to spend most of the time in the wash house. It had a copper in there to heat the water.

At the side of the Woodman, across a paved area, was the wash-house, where we often used to play on rainy days. There were steps leading up from the paved area to the farmyard at the back. There was a large barn, stable and four fields. We never kept any animals but had a lot of poultry and geese. The barber who had a shop in Thurgoland used to bring his wife for a walk down to the Old Mill in summer and while he joined the men in the Tap Room at the Woodman, his wife used to have a drink, probably red wine, with my mother in the kitchen.

The Woodman was quite busy in the summer, especially at weekends. We would have ramblers coming from Barnsley for the weekend. My father had a fixed bell ten up in one of the fields for them and we used to have tables outside the kitchen on the paved area where we served teas. The ramblers used to take us children for walks with them and we used to play games; they were more like friends coming nearly every weekend, especially Madge and Robin. Also on Sundays we had the 'Turns' from Barnsley Theatre as there was no performance on Sunday so it was a change for them. **to be continued**