



THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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WELCOME TO THE THURGOLAND PARISH NEWSLETTER. IT IS INTENDED TO PUBLISH A NEWSLETTER ONCE A QUARTER AND THE PARISH COUNCIL INVITE YOU TO CONTRIBUTE. IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING THAT YOU WISH TO PUT IN FUTURE EDITIONS, PLEASE LET ONE OF THE PARISH COUNCILLORS HAVE YOUR IDEA. WE ARE LOOKING FOR ANY ITEM OF INTEREST WITHIN THE PARISH AND WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS.

PARISH PATHS GROUP

The Parish Paths Group was formed many years ago and obtained funding from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. This funding came to an end but the Parish Council took over the funding of the group. They have produced leaflets on walks in the Parish, copies of which are obtainable from the Parish Clerk. However, it has now come to a point where there are insufficient volunteers to keep the group going. If the group is to continue, more volunteers are needed to help organise walks, survey footpaths, way mark footpaths and report any problems with footpaths. If you, or anyone you know is interested please contact Councillor Ann Rowley on 0114 288 2595 or come along to any Parish Council meeting.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Parish Council are keen to find out various items of information which it is felt would be of interest for use in future editions of the newsletter. For instance **WHO IS THE OLDEST RESIDENT?, WHO WAS THE LAST BABY TO BE BORN WITHIN THE PARISH?.** If you think you know the answer to these questions, please let a Councillor, or the Parish Clerk know.

THURGOLAND PRE SCHOOL AND TODDLER GROUP

Thurgoland Pre-School offers pre-school development and education for children aged from two and a half to four years in Thurgoland and its outlying hamlets.

It is situated at The Kids Centre in the grounds of Thurgoland School and is a charity run by a committee of volunteers from the parents of children at pre-school. It is staffed by nine qualified staff, but all parents are invited to attend one of the regular committee meetings if they wish to become involved. If you want to find out more information or register your child please contact Kerry Marshall on 0114 288 3848.

THURGOLAND POP-IN CLUB

Why not join the local pop-in Club? It is located At Thurgoland Methodist Chapel on Cote Lane and meets on Thursday from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome and the cost is just 35p each. This includes a cup of tea and biscuits. Trips out and buffet lunches are organised from time to time and you can join the savings club if you wish.

If you require more information contact June Burkinshaw on 0114 283 0770.

The Parish Council have been working hard during the past few months and the items overleaf may be of interest to you.....

NEW DEVELOPMENT ON HALIFAX ROAD.

The new development being built on the site of the garage on Halifax Road is to be called 'Churchways'. The residents of Churchfield were asked if the stone wall between the two sites could be retained, and after the intervention of the Parish Council the wall will remain.

VILLAGE CLOCK.

During the Millennium Year an amount of funds remained following the 'do'. An application has been made via the Area Forum and additional funding has been secured to replace the village clock which was stolen a few years ago. Negotiations are taking place to site the new clock on the Old Co-op Superstore and once everything has been arranged it is hoped to have an official ceremony to unveil the new clock. Watch this space.....

WHITE HOUSE CORNER.

After years of campaigning, the Parish Council have received an assurance that work will commence on this very dangerous stretch of road in the very near future. Once again – watch this space.....

FREE BUS TO ASDA CHAPELTOWN.

You may have noticed that the free bus to ASDA has recently stopped. The Parish Council were made aware of this and contacted ASDA to ask if it could be reinstated. As a result of this the bus re-commenced on Tuesday 28 January 2003 for a trial period of four weeks, at which point it will be re-assessed.

The Parish Council have made suggestions to ASDA concerning a possible pick-up in Crane Moor and at Huthwaite Lane. We are currently awaiting further information from ASDA and will advise residents via the Parish Notice Boards and local press once a decision has been made.

YOUR THOUGHTS ARE WELCOME.

Should you have any thoughts or ideas which you feel the Parish Council would be interested to hear please contact the Clerk on 0114 288 4473 or attend a Parish Council meeting. They are held on the first Wednesday in the month and notices of times and venues are posted on the Parish Boards approximately one week beforehand.

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!!

During 2003 the Parish Council will commence a process of initiatives, in conjunction with Yorkshire Rural Council, to identify what our parishioners want. The initiative will kick off with a local meeting to explain the process and to ask for volunteers to assist in putting together a range of questions to allow us to determine what people want within the parish. We have a great parish, but all things can be improved if the will exists to do so.....For example, can we improve road safety, local security, increase community activities and amenities, create a village website for better local communications, enhance the appearance of the villages, improve adult education provision!!!!. Anything is possible.....!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If you are interested in becoming involved in this process, watch the press for details. The first meeting will explain the process and start to put together a plan to gain an understanding of village opinions. From there we will conduct a study, determine what people would like to see and then put together a plan to achieve it. So don't sit back....get involved

THE TUESDAY GROUP

If you would like to join a Ladies Group come along to Thurgoland School at 7.30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month. Each month interesting speakers attend or visits are arranged.

We look forward to seeing you.