



THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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WELCOME TO THE THURGOLAND PARISH NEWSLETTER.
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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.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR!!

You may have been aware that a vacancy arose on Thurgoland Parish Council during the past few months. We are delighted that this vacancy has now been filled and welcome to the Parish Council Lucie Petty-Marsh. Lucie lives in Thurgoland, with her husband Russell, and whilst she has not lived in the area very long, she is keen to become involved in the village and is looking forward to serving as a Parish Councillor. Lucie runs her own IT business and as a contribution to the Parish she is designing a web site for the Parish Council. Once this is up and running details will be advised via the newsletter and Parish Notice Boards. So – welcome to Lucie – we look forward to working with you.

SPRING WILL SOON BE HERE.....

And the Parish should be ablaze with colour. During October 2003 a joint venture took place between Thurgoland Parish Council and the Rotary Club of Stainborough. The Rotary Club provided bags of bulbs and manpower, and the Parish Council provided ideas and manpower!! The result was that bulbs were planted in Thurgoland and Crane Moor and they should be in full bloom in the Spring. The Parish Council wish to acknowledge the help of Stainborough Rotary Club and look forward to seeing the fruits of their labour.

THANKS TO PENISTONE PAPER SERVICES WHO HAVE PROVIDED THE PAPER FOR THE PRINTING OF THIS NEWSLETTER

THURGOLAND ACTION – AN UPDATE

Since the delivery of the last newsletter you should have received a questionnaire asking for your views on various items within your Parish. Thanks to all of you who returned your questionnaire – they have now been forwarded to a market research company who will collate all the answers and provide the Parish Council with a definitive document detailing what you, the residents of the Parish, want. Once the document is delivered to the Parish Council, plans can be made to address some or all of the issues raised to try and improve the quality of life for all Parishioners, in accordance with their wishes. If you wish to become involved in any way at all, please contact John Taberner on 0114 288 7476. Any help will be gratefully appreciated and progress on Thurgoland Action will be made

available at Parish Council meetings, in the Parish Notice Boards and in the next edition of the newsletter.

At a recent Parish Council meeting it was noted that meetings concerning the Parish Plan have not been very well attended, particularly by residents of Crane Moor. It was suggested that this may be because of difficulties with transport to the meeting place. A local resident kindly offered the use of her eight seater people carrier to transport residents to and from meetings if they so wish. This is a very generous offer and once the date and venue for a meeting have been agreed, details will be put in the Parish Notice Boards. It may be that a future meeting is held in Crane Moor, and the offer of transport to that meeting still stands for residents of Thurgoland. Thanks once again to the resident concerned for making this most generous gesture.

PARISH COUNCILLORS

The following is a list of current Parish Councillors. This is provided so that all Parishioners know who has been elected to serve from 2003-2007. Should you wish to bring any matter to the attention of the Parish Council please contact any Councillor, or the Clerk.

Mr Martyn Dalton (Chair)	Crane Moor
Mrs Joan Methley (Vice Chair)	Fir Tree
Mrs Mavis Berry	Huthwaite
Mrs Barbara Hague	Huthwaite
Mrs Sylvia Oxley	Churchfield
Ms Lucie Petty-Marsh	Roper Lane
Mrs Ann Rowley	Crane Moor Nook
Mr Stuart Rose	Roper Lane
Mr John Taberner	Cote Lane
Miss Ruth Atkinson (Clerk)	Belmont Terrace – telephone 0114 288 4473

NEWS FROM THURGOLAND WELFARE COMMITTEE.....

THURGOLAND THESPIANS – A BRIEF HISTORY

The group began at the instigation of a former landlord of the Horse and Jockey, Mick Keyworth. It had always been his wish to play a pantomime dame. There had been a theatrical group based at the Methodist Church and the Youth Group had always put on a pantomime, but this was a totally new venture, and Thurgoland Thespians was formed in 1980. The composition of the group has changed over the years, but some of the former members are still treading the boards. As well as a pantomime, the group puts on a play in the summer. If anyone would like to become involved with the Thespians, please contact Margaret Denton on 0114 288 5037.

HICKORY DICKORY DOCK will be presented at Thurgoland Village Hall from Wednesday 21 to Saturday 24 January 2004 at 7.15 p.m., with a Saturday matinee at 2.00 p.m. Tickets are available from cast members or Joan Methley on 0114 288 8485 and cost £3.50 for Adults and £2.00 for concessions.

PARISH PATHS

*If anyone knows of any footpath in the Parish that is inaccessible or overgrown/ unsafe please contact the **Countryside Officer, Brian Hearne on 01226 772566***

*Any legal issues, complaints or enquiries are dealt with by the **Rights of Way Assistant, Mick Burkinshaw on 01226 772571***

ADOPT A PATH

The Parish Paths Group would like to enlist the help of anyone who is prepared to walk a path in the parish at least six times a year and report any problems concerning the path. If enough volunteers come forward it means that the network of Parish Paths can be constantly monitored and any problems quickly identified and dealt with. If you would like to Adopt A Path please contact Councillor Ann Rowley on 0114 288 2595.

HORSE RIDERS – A POLITE REQUEST

At a recent Parish Council meeting it was noted that many horse riders use the pavements between bridleways rather than the road. This results in horse droppings being left on the pavements, which is rather unpleasant for pedestrians. The Parish Council would like to request that if you are a horse rider, please could you ensure that you do not use the pavements in this manner – we all live in

the Parish and should show consideration and respect for other residents – thank you for your assistance and understanding.

HUTHWAITE LANE – POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF ROAD

The issue of the possible adoption of Huthwaite Lane is one which has been discussed at various times. A meeting has been organised for the residents of Huthwaite Lane (and any other residents who live on unadopted roads) to find out exactly what is required to adopt the road and the possible cost implication to residents. The meeting will take place at The Bridge Inn, Cote Lane, on Thursday 22 January 2004 at 7.00 p.m. A representative of the Highways Department of Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council will be in attendance to provide advice on this subject.

So – all residents of Huthwaite Lane – come along and find out the answers to your questions!!

HEALTH MATTERS AT BARNESLEY PRIMARY CARE TRUST

We all need to use the NHS at some times in our lives. The PCT has a duty under the law to involve patients and the public in the planning and delivery of services. However, it is not just about fulfilling a duty or ticking boxes. It is about understanding the benefits and positive outcomes of involving people in the development of their health services.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO YOU OF BEING INVOLVED?

The PCT will give time and thought to your views. Services are designed and adapted to better respond to your needs. Your experiences/knowledge can be used to benefit others. Better decisions can be made because your views and suggestions are heard as well as those of other people. Trust is built between the community and the PCT. Communications between staff and patients is improved and mutual respect strengthened.

IN WHAT WAYS CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Attend meeting, complete questionnaires, comment on documents, recruitment of staff, talking to someone on a one to one basis about your experiences

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED IN THE FIRST PLACE?

Complete a form giving your name and address.
Speak to a member of staff
Phone Val Cole, Business Planning Co-Ordinator on 01226 777058
E-mail val.cole@barnsleypct.nhs.uk
Write to Val Cole, Business Planning Co-Ordinator, Barnsley PCT, Hillder House, Gawber Road, Barnsley, S75 2PY