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THURGOLAND TUESDAY GROUP

Ladies, would you like to make new friends in the village and meet new people? If so, why not join the Tuesday Group? They meet on the second Tuesday of each month at Thurgoland School at 7.30 p.m. Interesting speakers are booked for each meeting and you are guaranteed a good night out.

If you wish to obtain further information, please contact Joan Methley on 0114 288 8485 or Sylvia Goldthorpe on 0114 288 2296.

The Tuesday Group look forward to seeing you at their next meeting on Tuesday 8 February 2005

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VACANCIES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Since the last newsletter the Parish Council have received letters of resignation from Councillors Hague and Petty-Marsh. The Parish Council would wish to place on record their thanks to both Councillors for the work that they have carried out on behalf of the Parish. Councillor Hague has served the community for nine years and Councillor Petty-Marsh for one year.

As a result of these resignations there are currently two vacancies. Notices have been posted in the Parish Notice Boards which advise that if any Parishioner wishes to claim a poll, this must be done within 14 days. If at the end of this period no poll is claimed, the Parish Council will be looking to co-opt two Councillors at their meeting to be held in February 2005. If anyone is interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk on 0114 288 4473 who will be pleased to advise you further and answer any questions that you may have. The time commitment is flexible but all Councillors are required to attend the monthly meeting which is held on the first Wednesday on each month either at Thurgoland School or Crane Moor Chapel.

The Parish Council look forward to hearing from you.

THURGOLAND LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

As a result of information gathered via the recent questionnaire which was circulated to all Parishioners, The Thurgoland History Group is now up and running. The next meeting is on **THURSDAY 20**

JANUARY 2005 at 7.30 p.m. in Thurgoland Village Hall. The guest speaker will be Brian Elliott who will be presenting a slide show and talk about the history of the local area. Admission is £1.50. The group meets once a month and is now thriving—if you are interested in the history of your village they will be pleased to welcome you.

JACK AND JILL—THE THURGOLAND PANTOMIME

Oh yes it is!! Time for the annual pantomime that is. This year the pantomime presented by Thurgoland Thespians is **JACK AND JILL** and will take place at Thurgoland

Village Hall from Wednesday 12 to Saturday 15 January 2005. Evening performances are at 7.15 p.m. and there is a Saturday Matinee performance at 2.15 p.m.

Tickets cost just £3.50 for adults and £2.00 for children and Senior Citizens and are available by telephoning 0114 288 8485.

A LESSON IN LOCAL HISTORY

Not many people living in Thurgoland today will be able to remember when there was a working pub on Old Mill Lane. This was called the Woodman Inn and it closed down about 70 years ago, sometime in the 1930's.

In the 1920's a family called Hamilton came from London to live at the pub.

One of their daughters, Kathleen (now Kathleen Potter) is in her 90th

Year and now lives in Cornwall. She keeps in touch with Mr John Wade, whose grandfather, Oliver Wade, also ran the Woodman Inn around 1900.

She has written a book about her life, her childhood at the Woodman Inn and her connections with Thurgoland. The book is called 'Old Mill Childhood—the 1920's in and around Old Mill and Thurgoland' by Kathleen Potter (nee Hamilton). She has very kindly given her permission for it to be serialised in the Parish Newsletter. The story is taken up when Kathleen arrived in Thurgoland:-

Soon after my youngest sister was born in 1921, my father retired from the police, having served 25 years. His brother, Sidney, living in Goldthorpe, had now become quite prosperous, owning quite a lot of property in and around the town. He offered my father the tenancy of the Woodman Inn, Old Mill Lane, near Thurgoland, which he owned together with a row of cottages attached to the Inn. The weekly rent was £1, including the licence etc. for the Inn, and my father was to collect the rents from the cottages for his brother.

In 1924 my father, mother and young sister Grace moved up to the Woodman Inn, Thurgoland, leaving my brother, aged 12 and myself, aged 9, in the care of my older sisters in Enfield. When they had settled down at the Woodman we were to join them. This we did. My sister Margaret, who was 14 years old, my brother, 12 years and myself travelled by train to Sheffield. I remember we had to change trains at Retford. So, in total, there were us four children and my parents at the Woodman.

It took me quite a while to settle down at Old Mill. The natives (children) were not exactly friendly to strangers, as I was, and in Yorkshire you're not one of them for years as my Headmaster at Green Moor School told me. He was from Lancashire and, of course, we have all heard about the Wars of the Roses. I also remember in a geography lesson at school we were asked which county Manchester was in. I thought it's not far from here, 16 miles, so it must be in Yorkshire. I was told where Manchester was in no time.

The children came to accept us in time, taking the micky out of us cockneys and the adults liked to hear us talk. We were quite a novelty for a long time till we learned to talk the Yorkshire dialect.

To be continued.....

USEFUL CONTACTS :-

It has been suggested that Parishioners may wish to have 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

Neighborhood Pride 01226 775656

Street Lighting 01226 772200

Dog Fouling 01226 775627

Potholes in roads 01226 773555

Abandoned cars 01226 772041

Graffiti 01226 775656