



## 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.

### **THURGOLAND THESPIANS**

The next production by Thurgoland Thespians is to be 'CAUGHT ON THE HOP' and will be performed at Thurgoland Village Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 15, 16 and 17 May 2003 at 7.15 p.m.

Tickets are available by telephoning (0114) 288 8485 or (0114) 288 5037 or from Thurgoland Post Office, Anne's Hairdressers or any cast members and cost £3.00 each.

Please support your local amateur dramatic group and enjoy a good night out into the bargain!!

### **THURGOLAND CHARITIES – ANNUAL VISIT TO THE COAST**

Following the success of last years' visit to Skegness, the Trustees of Thurgoland Charities have decided to organise another visit to the coast, this time to Bridlington. The trip will take place on Tuesday 5 August. The coach will leave Crane Moor at 8.45 a.m. and Thurgoland at 9.00 a.m. and will return from Bridlington at 5.30 p.m.

The trip will be funded by Thurgoland Charities and is free of charge to anyone of pensionable age who lives in the Parish. Should anyone need to take a carer with them, the carer can also travel free of charge. A nominal charge of £2.00 is payable by anyone else who wishes to attend.

If you are interested in attending this event, please contact one of the following people before Saturday 14 June:-

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| 1. Joan Methley, 4 Fir Tree,     | Telephone 0114 288 8485 |
| 2. Sylvia Oxley, 68 Churchfields | Telephone 0114 288 4441 |
| 3. Kath Wade,                    | Telephone 0114 288 3993 |
| 4. Crane Moor Club               |                         |

Anyone who is a wheelchair user is very welcome, but please could you advise of This when booking.

# **NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW THIS.....**

**Following the request for items of local interest, the Mr John Wade of Old Mill Lane has forwarded this very interesting article, and thanks are expressed to him.**

Block paving is very much the fashion today, but are you aware that a one mile length of road was once block paved in Thurgoland? It will be fifty one years ago this summer since the whole of Old Mill Lane was being block paved by the residents.

For decades the Parish Council and residents of the area had been trying their best to persuade the Local Authority to make some effort to improve the atrocious condition of the road – but to no avail.

In 1952 a member of the Parish Council, Mr George Glover, who worked at Samuel Fox & Co Ltd, noticed that some old brick furnaces were being dismantled at the works. When he enquired about what was going to happen to all these bricks, he was told that they would be dumped on a tip. Thinking what a waste this would be, he could think of a much better use for them – they could be recycled!!

The Parish Council was told that it could have them and they were delivered to Old Mill Lane. There the residents set to, in their spare time, and laid a layer of bricks along the whole of Old Mill Lane – 1950's amateur block paving!!

Most of the work was done by three old aged pensioners, Tom Hardisty, Bob Martin and Jimmy Smith, who lived in a row of cottages called Don Terrace. These cottages were demolished in about 1956.

At this time only four people on Old Mill Lane owned cars. Over recent years and as a result of the continual increase in traffic, the road deteriorated again. The Parish Council kept renewing their efforts to persuade the authorities to rectify the state of the road. It was not until Councillor Brian Lamb, Headmaster of Thurgoland School, proved that the road was a public highway and therefore the responsibility of the Local Authority, that it was recognised, adopted and surfaced by them in 1972.

It is interesting to note that the efforts of the 1952 block pavers can still be seen whenever the public services come to dig yet another hole in the road!!

## **ALLOTMENTS**

The Parish Council currently have one allotment to let on Thurgoland Hall Lane. If you wish to be considered please contact the Clerk on 0114 288 4473 as soon as possible.

## **VILLAGE APPRAISAL**

A public meeting is to be held at Thurgoland Village Hall to discuss the production of a Village Appraisal. This document will enable all residents within the Parish to express their views on how life in Thurgoland and Crane Moor can be improved and will form the basis of consultation with various bodies to help achieve the improvements recommended. The date for the initial meeting has yet to be finalised, but it will be either 12 or 19 June at 7.30 p.m.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for your Parish, please attend the meeting – the date will be publicised around the Parish once it is finalised.

## **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 on each month and notices of times and venues are posted on the Parish Notice Boards approximately one week beforehand. The Parish Council looks forward to hearing from you!!