



THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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WELCOME TO THE THURGOLAND PARISH NEWSLETTER.
THE NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED 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.

VACANCY

There is a vacancy on your Parish Council. The Parish Council wish to select a person to fill this vacancy at the first possible opportunity.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Thurgoland Parish Council and would like to be considered for the position please send a brief letter to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible giving some details about yourself. It would be helpful to know why you would like to be a Councillor, whether you have been involved in voluntary activities before, how long you have lived in the Parish etc. etc.

If you would like more information about the role of a Parish Councillor and conditions of eligibility, please contact the Parish Clerk on 0114 288 4473 or write to 6 Belmont Terrace, Cote Lane, Thurgoland, Sheffield, S35 7AD

THURGOLAND TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The now annual Thurgoland Tennis Tournament took place in July and thanks go to Martin Jackson for organising the event. The winners were:-

Ladies Champion – Sarah Elliott
Runner up – Nicola Jackson
Mens Champion – Edward Elliott
Runner up – Mark Raynor

OH WE DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE!!.....

The annual Thurgoland Charities visit to the coast took place during the recent heatwave and was once again a huge success. Just over 90 parishioners went to Bridlington for the day and everyone had a very enjoyable day in the soaring temperatures that we have recently experienced. This visit was the second to be funded by the charities and it looks as though it will become an event which will be enjoyed on an annual basis.

Plans will be made for next years' outing very soon and if anyone would like to suggest a venue it will be taken into consideration. Please telephone Joan Methley on 0114 288 8485 if you wish to make a suggestion.

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THURGOLAND ACTION – AN UPDATE

In previous newsletters we have provided information concerning the idea of producing a Village Appraisal. A committee has now been formed and will be meeting in early September 2003 to begin work on what will be called THURGOLAND ACTION. There are eight members of the community on the committee but help will be needed from all parts of the Parish if the project is to be a success. 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.

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***

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)

Mrs Mavis Berry
Mrs Barbara Hague
Mrs Sylvia Oxley
Mrs Ann Rowley

Fir Tree
Huthwaite
Huthwaite
Churchfield
Crane Moor
Nook
Roper Lane
Cote Lane

Mr Stuart Rose
Mr John Taberner

Miss Ruth Atkinson (Clerk)
Belmont Terrace – telephone 0114 288 4473

NEWS FROM THURGOLAND WELFARE COMMITTEE.....

THURGOLAND VILLAGE GALA

The Village Gala was a great success once again. The weather was superb and the beautifully decorated float was led around the village by the Astra Band. The Opening Ceremony was performed by Mr & Mrs E Goldthorpe and the new Gala Queen, Rebecca Woolley was crowned. The total raised on the day was £1716.88 – a new record. Thanks go to all who helped in any way to make the event a huge success.

OH NO IT ISN'T – OH YES IT IS!!!

Believe it or not, panto time will soon be here again. Rehearsals for the panto – Hickory Dickory Dock – will soon be underway. The production will take place in January 2004 in the Village Hall. Anyone who is interested in taking part in any way – lighting, sound, costumes, scene painting, singing, acting, dancing, producing, directing, should contact Margaret Denton on 0114 288 5037 as soon as possible. Further details will appear in the local press and Parish Notice Boards nearer the time of the production.

SPEED CAMERA IN THURGOLAND

Many people have asked about the effectiveness of the speed camera in reducing accidents along Halifax Road. The Parish Council asked for some figures on this and the following reply was received:-

‘Since 1 January 2002 the site, when in use, has recorded offences at the rate of 0.45 offences per hour. This is slightly above average for all sites. The site is used on an unpredictable rota with others and will be used approximately one week in three/four. If a particular problem with speeding at this site arises, that ratio can rise but that does mean that other sites would be used less.

The effectiveness of the camera can only be measured by comparison of the number of fatal/serious injury collisions prior to the scheme with current figures. What this aims to achieve is that zero collisions and zero offences are more effective than zero collisions and one hundred offences, which is in theory more effective than one collision and 1000 offences. The idea is to reduce offences to zero, thereby reducing, hopefully, collisions to zero.’

ANY SUGGESTIONS?

The Parish Council hope that you find this newsletter informative and interesting. Should you have any comments to make, please feel free to bring them to the attention of any Parish Councillor or the Clerk.

The Parish Council exists to serve the needs of the people of Thurgoland and Crane Moor, but only by telling us what your needs are can we take steps to achieve them – we look forward to hearing from you.

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PARISH

Did you know that there are free Adult Learning Classes in the area? If you want to find out more please contact Janet Gledhill, the Development Worker for Penistone East and West on 01226 203746, The Eldon Centre on 01226 775270 or the Workers Educational Association on 01709 837001. Classes are held throughout Penistone East and West, including Thurgoland Village Hall.

