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THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THE ANNUAL THURGOLAND PARISH BOUNDARY WALK

The Thurgoland Parish Boundary Walk will once again take place on May Day Monday Bank Holiday – Monday 7 May 2007. The walk has become an eagerly awaited annual event and attracts upwards of fifty walkers each year.

The Boundary Walk is a nine mile circular route offering a unique chance to experience the diverse nature of part of the Barnsley Borough. A mixture of tranquil open fields and dense woodland are inter-linked with disused railways and winding country lanes to provide a varied and interesting route around the boundary of Thurgoland. The route passes alongside the villages of Silkstone Common, Oxspring and passes through Crane Moor which is part of the Parish of Thurgoland. There is also the spectacular view of the River Don valley floor to the south where the meandering river is visible at certain locations, and should not be missed.

The walk begins at 10.00 a.m from The Bridge Inn, Cote Lane and at the conclusion of the walk (between 12 noon and 3.00 p.m.) pie and peas will be served free of charge to all walkers.

Children must be accompanied by adult and we ask that you follow the Country Code Rules at all times whilst on the walk.

We look forward to seeing you on the 7th May.

ALLOTMENT NEWS.....

The work to refurbish the allotments in the village is almost complete and at the present time there are two allotments that are not taken. If you wish to consider taking on an allotment please contact the Parish Clerk on 0114 288 4473 for more information. The cost is £20.00 per year. An Allotment Society is being set up for new and existing holders – contact the Clerk for details.

DOG OWNERS – A PLEA....

Once again the subject of dog fouling has become an issue in the Parish. PLEASE dog owners, do not let your dog foul footpaths or other areas in the Parish – there are plenty of dog bins around and it is an offence to let your dog foul, as well as being unpleasant to your neighbours!

THURGOLAND LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The remaining Spring and Summer events for the History Group are listed below. It is proposed that the History Group devise a Heritage Trail around the Parish and a bid is being put together for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. If there are any items of historical interest that you think should be included and may need some renovation to make them into a feature, please contact the History Group and they will consider your suggestion – help is also needed in obtaining quotes for the work to be done and in putting the trail together.

- 19 APRIL** - Geoffrey Wordsworth will give a talk on researching his Family Tree, which began at the New Wire Mill, Old Mill Lane. Village Hall – 7.30 p.m.
- 17 MAY** - Pule Hill Visit by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Warttig. Meet at Pule Hill – 7.30 p.m.
- 21 JUNE** - 'Walk on the Grave Side' – discovering the history in our church yard – boots may be required. Tea etc. in the vestry. Holy Trinity Church – 7.30 p.m.
- 12 JULY** - 'Wentworth Village Tour' by Mr Young, Wentworth Historian. Wentworth Village Car Park, next to the Rockingham Arms – **7.00 p.m. prompt.**

Information on the history group can be obtained from Maurice Williams, 2 Ivy Bank, Thurgoland. Telephone 0114 288 3482 or e-mail maurice2ivybank@yahoo.co.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

You may recall that in the recent Parish Questionnaire there was a question about Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in the Parish. Many of you responded in a positive manner about setting up and/or joining a scheme. The Parish Council have been in contact with Barnsley Neighbourhood Watch Liaison Group who wish to help in the setting up and running of schemes within the Parish. If you would like to become involved please contact the Clerk on 0114 288 4473 and, if there are sufficient interested parties, a meeting will be set up to progress the matter with the relevant bodies.

This is your chance to make a difference in your street - why not get in touch?

KIDS CLASSES AT THURGOLAND METHODIST CHAPEL – SATURDAY

11.00 to 12 - Dance and Singing
12 to 1.00 - Drama and Dance

Cost £3.00 each class or £5.00 for two classes

2.30 to 3.30 - Sports and Games

Cost £2.50 per class

THURGOLAND ADULT ‘TAPPERS’ NEED NEW MEMBERS – All ages and abilities catered for. For details ring 01226 286574

CRANE MOOR CHILDRENS CLUB meets at Crane Moor Chapel between 5.30 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 11 April, 25 April, 9 May, 23 May and 6 June. All children living in Crane Moor are most welcome to attend.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS FOR BARNSELY MBC – ALL 01226

Abandoned vehicles	772540	Town Hall	770770
Dog Fouling	772540	Fly Tipping	772540
Graffiti Removal	775656	Housing Repairs	787878
Potholes	773555	Street Lighting	774200
Trading Standards	772532		

EMERGENCY NUMBER IN CASE OF POWER FAILURE – CE ELECTRIC
0800 375 675

WASTE AND RECYCLING REMINDER.....

DON'T FORGET – BLUE, GREEN AND BROWN BINS ARE ALL COLLECTED ON THE SAME WEEK!!!

OLD MILL CHILDHOOD BY KATHLEEN POTTER – part ten – Don Terrace continued

After we moved into Don Terrace, my sister Margaret, aged 16, was sent to Sheffield in service, where she was ill-treated by her employers. She had to work hard and was given very little food, so after a while she tried to join the nursing profession along with her friend Margaret Harris, who lived at Romtickle, but she failed to pass the entrance examination. As there was no work for her, my sister went back to London and found employment with her sisters there. My brother, Sidney, had left the farm at Black Moor and was now employed at Fox's Steelworks in Stocksbridge, working on the furnaces. He had the same walk over the Trunce as the miners, often walking home in pouring rain after sweating all day in the heat. These furnaces never went out, they were kept in all the time, even during the war.

The 1927 Solar Eclipse

About the time of the 1927 eclipse, I was on my way home from school down Green Moor and was going down to Godley's when it went pitch black. Not sure if it was coming home for lunch or after school and I can't remember what the weather was like, but it wasn't raining. All I remember was being scared. This was the wrong time of day for the eclipse (which was very early in the morning), so it must have been something else. No-one made any fuss about the eclipse and I didn't know that people came up to Yorkshire to see it.

Don Terrace life

About this time my young sister Grace would be joining me at Green Moor School. Quite a few children went to school from Don Terrace. We were in Number 1; next door at number 2 were the Rileys. They had three children at school then. Along at number 7 and 8 were the Smiths; their fathers were two brothers, Jack and John. In number 8 the children were Jack Smith and sister Eileen. Next door at number 7 their cousins were called Girlie and Sonny Smith by all of us. Also living there was Sidney Batchelor, the half-brother from Mrs Smith's previous marriage.

To be continued.....