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THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Thurgoland Local History Group

Autumn 2007 programme

October 25 Cynthia Dillon, Hoylandswaine History

Village Hall - 7.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting on the same evening

November 15 David Dowkes, Antique Quiz Night

Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.

Ticket only - sold to members on a first come-first served basis. Price to be announced

For further information on Thurgoland History Group please contact Maurice Williams on 0114 288 3482

THURGOLAND CHARITIES

It is proposed to take a party of fifty people to see 'ALADDIN' at Rotherham on Sunday 13 January 2008 for a matinee performance at 2.30 p.m. The coach will leave Churchfield at 1.30 p.m. All expenses will be borne by the Charities. As there are only 50 seats available, they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and are **ONLY AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE FROM THE PARISH OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE.**

Contact Joan Methley (0114 288 8485) or Kath Wade (0114 288 3993) to reserve your place.

THE BULBS HAVE ARRIVED....

The Parish Council now have 1400 daffodil bulbs, which need planting in the autumn. Parish Councillors will be planting in the following areas:- Sim Hill, Huthwaite Lane, Belmont Terrace, parts of Halifax Road. However, help is needed to plant in other areas. If you would be willing to plant bulbs in your part of the Parish, please telephone the Clerk on 01226 765020 (evenings) and she will arrange delivery to you!!

NATIONAL CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL PASSES

The Parish Council have been advised that from April 2008 ALL Senior Citizens and disabled people wishing to continue travelling on public transport will have to obtain a new national pass. This applies even if they only intend to travel in South Yorkshire, as the old style passes will cease to be valid. The new national cards will be plastic photo-cards and will be quite different in appearance to the existing travel cards.

All holders of current cards will be contacted by The Transport Executive and will need to confirm their details and supply a new passport photograph. The new passes will be posted to home addresses in March 2008 and become valid from April 2008.

The new concessionary passes will provide free travel on buses throughout England from 9.30 a.m. Monday to Friday; all day Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Anyone who has any queries on these arrangements should contact Mrs Pam Horner on 0114 221 1452 or the Parish Clerk on 01226 765020.

HIGHWAY AND FOOTPATH REPAIRS - INFORMATION FROM BMBC

The Parish Council recently requested information on the situation regarding road and footpath repairs – here is the reply received from the Highways Department:-

“Recent flooding incidents have affected many areas of the Borough and the damage to the highway network was extensive. There has been several kilometres of roads and footways scoured by flood waters, a number of bridges have collapsed, a number of parapet walls on bridges have been washed away and there has been serious land slip. Off the highway on Public Rights of Way the damage is as severe with a number of footbridges and again several kilometres of surface being washed away.

In the weeks since the incidents, Highways Officers and Countryside Officers have been gathering information on the scope of the damage, compiling estimates all for submission to various Government Departments. The cost will run into several millions to restore the on and off highway network to pre-flood condition. This is clearly a national issue and meetings are taking place with the Department for Transport and others to see how best the recovery costs can be met.

Until this is resolved there will be a need to keep the road network in a safe condition that, in some cases, will mean restrictions may be in place. There will be a need to divert some of our resources to deal with the immediate problems however it is not envisaged that any programmed works will be affected severely at the moment. There inevitably will be some delays and I will advise you if these become significant.

The Council's ability to act is very much dependant on the support received from the Government departments responsible for the on and off highway network.”

This statement has been provided exactly as received for the information of all residents.

WASTE AND RECYCLING REMINDER...DON'T FORGET - BLUE, GREEN AND BROWN BINS ARE ALL COLLECTED ON THE SAME WEEK!!!

Look out for the Surf 'n' Snack mobile unit in the Welfare Hall Car Park – please make use of this internet café facility in the village.

OLD MILL CHILDHOOD BY KATHLEEN POTTER – part twelve – Chapel

My friend Phyllis Beet and I would go up to the Chapel at Green Moor to 'The Band of Hope'. As this was in the evenings, and often after dark, we used to have a candle in a jam jar with a bit of string tied round the rim to make a handle. We also went to the Chapel to see Mrs Walker, our Head Teacher's wife, in Gilbert and Sullivan's operas. I remember 'The Pirates of Penzance' was one of them. Mrs Walker belonged to the Stocksbridge Operatic Society. I also used to go to the little chapel at the other end of Old Mill Lane, up the hill by the railway bridge on the road to Thurgoland. Mr Peter Elliot was the Sunday School Superintendent, he lived in Huthwaite Lane, with his wife and daughter, Barbara. Another Sunday School teacher was Mr Armitage, who lived in one of the cottages overlooking the stepping stones on the River Don near Wortley Station. We used to go on several outings with the Chapel, carol singing at Christmas round the village, and we had a lovely day on Whit Monday, when we would march and then spend the rest of the day playing games and having our tea in a field near the railway bridge. I was so pleased later on when I was given the job of teaching the Infants at Sunday School. We used to also attend the Chapel in the evening.

Mellors, the butchers from Thurgoland used to come down to Old Mill with their van delivering meat. I remember we used to buy pork dripping from them which we had on our bread. Also there was Mr Fred Hague who came with his cart. We called him the Paraffin Man, as this is what people bought from him. This was needed for our lamps, otherwise it was candles. I remember taking a candle with us to see our way upstairs to bed. He also carried a lot our household goods on the cart : brooms, pans etc. I remember my mother always bought a quarter of toffees from him which we looked forward to. There was also Ralph Hague, who used to live in Ramsden Row, but now a cottage down the end of the lane. He used to be a greengrocer who also called at that time. We also had a weekly grocery order delivered by Mr Laycock from their shop at Thurgoland. *To be continued*