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THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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THURGOLAND CHARITIES ANNUAL TRIP TO THE COAST

This year the annual Summer trip provided by Thurgoland Charities will take place on **Tuesday 19 August** and will be to Scarborough. This is a free trip for anyone over 60 and their carers, who live in the Parish. The cost for anyone under 60 from the Parish is £2.00 and for those outside the Parish £5.00. Coaches will leave Crane Moor at 8.45 a.m. and Thurgoland, Churchfields at 9.00 a.m.

In order to reserve a place please contact either Joan Methley on 0114 288 8485 or Kath Wade on 0114 288 3993

THURGOLAND BOOK GROUP

Now that Crane Moor Chapel is becoming available for community use (see below), we are hoping that we can get together there to share various activities. In the near future there will be a short meeting for people interested in forming a Book Group, and also one for those who would like to get together on a regular basis to share their craft/art skills. See Notice Boards, website and Parish Newsletters for further details.

ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Council is delighted to advise you that the allotment site is now fully utilised, and twenty five local families are busy growing fruit and vegetables. There is a waiting list for anyone wishing to obtain an allotment in the future – contact the Clerk if you wish to be placed on it. This project has proved to be a huge success and one that we should all be proud of.

Open for use!! CRANE MOOR METHODIST CHURCH

You must have begun to think it would never happen! At last, we are able to open up our beautifully refurbished building for groups and individuals to hire. If you want to meet to share an interest, or if you want to hold a party, please get in touch. John Whittington is our Lettings Officer and will give you the information you need about facilities and charges.

If you would like to use it regularly to learn, chat, set up a group for mutual enjoyment and benefit, Crane Moor Methodist Church is now a lovely place to meet in. You may even like to let us have your ideas for things you would like to see happen, or people who have gifts and skills that they, or YOU, are able to share. We now have access for people with mobility difficulties and a suitably adapted toilet. We have a proper cooker in our kitchen and the space can be used either divided into two rooms, or as one big room. You will be pleasantly surprised!

Why don't you get in touch with John at 7 New Bailey, telephone 0114 288 4541? Or better still, come and see – we meet for **Sunday worship at 10.30 a.m. every week**, we meet on the **first Wednesday of each month at 2.00 p.m.** for exploring our faith and questions, followed by tea and cake : and **from 12 July, every second Saturday from 10-12 noon for coffee and chat.** You are always welcome at any or all of these times.

We are grateful to the Yorkshire Rural Community Council, through the Rural Target Fund, for helping us to make this possible.

The Minister for Crane Moor Church is Eileen Sanderson, telephone 01226 742644

ADVICE FROM BMBC REGARDING BIRD FEEDING AND RAT INFESTATION

Some residents in the Churchfield area have recently encountered problems with rats in their gardens, which has resulted in a visit and advice from the Environmental Office of Barnsley MBC. The advice given is as follows:-

A problem that can arise from the regular feeding of birds is the attraction of vermin. This is particularly problematic in areas with fields/agriculture and urban fringes. Often, there are locations where rats and mice can remain hidden nearby and use it as a base to regularly forage for 20-30 metres to areas of plentiful food.

It is often unlikely that vermin are seen, as they tend to be shy and forage after dark. However, they are very proficient at this and will revisit areas where they are able to gather food each night.

Due to the availability of such food supplies in urban areas, warmer winters and other factors, the rat population in the UK is now estimated to be in excess of 60 million. Vermin not only spread disease through their faeces and urine, but will also cause damage to buildings and services, and actually reduce the population of other wildlife that it is actually intended to encourage.

In order to reduce the chances of vermin infestation, simple steps can be taken when feeding birds. These include the use of peanut feeders and fat balls rather than open seed which becomes spread on the ground. No food should be placed on the ground – it should be raised off the floor, such as by the use of bird tables. Perhaps most importantly, any remaining bird food that has not been eaten by dusk each day must be removed and either stored for re-use or disposed of – in rodent-proof containers, of course.

If you have any problems please contact Tim Simpson on 01226 772468 or e-mail regulatoryservices@barnsley.gov.uk and he will be please to give you help and advice.

CRIME AND SAFETY IN THE PARISH – NEWS FROM SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE

Following a recent survey carried out by the Penistone Safer Neighbourhood Team, the following information has been provided by South Yorkshire Police:-

‘Crime in your community has decreased by 5% over the last 12 months. Domestic burglary saw a reduction of almost 13% and vehicle crime has been reduced by over 22%. Criminal damage has seen a 3% reduction. Residents consider the main problems in the area to be:-
Rubbish and litter Wardens will continue to target fly-tipping and littering, taking enforcement action against offenders, who will be named and shamed.

Criminal damage Teams will continue to target offenders and ensure restorative justice is taken where appropriate.

Domestic burglary We will continue to work with Trading Standards and the media to raise awareness about bogus officials who target the most vulnerable in the community.

Teenagers hanging around Most youngsters are not committing crime or being anti-social, but bear the burden of the minority who we have identified and will continue to target. We will also take additional action against parents under tenancy regulations where necessary. The Safer Neighbourhood Team has visited local retailers to reinforce their responsibilities in selling alcohol to Over 18’s only. When issues regarding youths drinking alcohol are apparent, we use powers to confiscate alcohol and disperse persons in drink and behaving in a rowdy manner.

Car crime We will continue to identify, target, arrest and prosecute offenders, target crime hotspots and educate drivers through the Vulnerable Vehicle Scheme.

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS:-

GOLDEN LINE NUMBER FOR NON-URGENT ITEMS	01226 736387
FLY TIPPING/GRAFFITI/ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	01226 772540
POLICE ASSISTANCE OTHER THAN EMERGENCY	0114 220 2020

MARINE DAVID MARSH

Thurgoland Parish Council wish to place on record their sadness at the recent news that Marine David Marsh was killed in action in Afghanistan. A proposal was made at a recent Parish Council meeting that his sacrifice should be honoured by placing his name on the Parish War Memorial alongside other Parishioners who have fallen in conflict since the First World War. The family of David have been contacted and are fully supportive of this proposal. Advice has been sought from the Department of Constitutional Affairs who recommend that this intention be advertised in order that representations can be received before a final decision is made. The Parish Council therefore wish to advise all Parishioners that it is the intention of the Council to add the name of Marine David Marsh to the War Memorial at the junction of Halifax Road and Smithy Hill, Thurgoland. If anyone wishes to make representation against this proposal, please do so in writing, to the Clerk, before 1 September 2008. At the Parish Council meeting to be held in September a final decision will be made, giving all parties an opportunity to make representation.

Finally, if anyone is aware of any other resident of the Parish who has died in active service since the Second World War, and whose name does not appear on the War Memorial, please could they advise the Clerk by 1 September in order that consideration can be given to adding their name to the Memorial in due course.

BUS SERVICES IN THE PARISH – AN UPDATE

Many residents have expressed concern that bus services in the Parish are soon to change, and that this may result in services to Barnsley District General Hospital being cut. At the present time, the Parish Council has received information advising that from 19th July changes will be made to services 23, 24, 24a and 25 (within Thurgoland). Service 25 will be withdrawn, BUT services 23, 24 and 24a will change and will serve the Hospital. There will be no change to service 29. Timetable information is not available until 5th July, but residents are advised to contact the **Traveline on 01709 51 51 51** for timetable information after that date.

If any resident has a problem with the new timetables once they come into force, please contact any Councillor, or the Clerk and they will bring it to the attention of the Parish Council at the next available meeting.

THE NEW NATIONAL CONCESSIONS SCHEME PASS

Most residents will be aware of the new pass which came into force on 1 April 2008. Whilst the new scheme entitles Senior Citizens and Disabled people to free travel from 9.30 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. on weekdays and all day at weekends and Bank Holidays, South Yorkshire residents are also entitled to free travel from **9.00 a.m. on weekdays and all day at weekends and Bank Holidays** on any bus or tram in South Yorkshire, between any stations on the South Yorkshire Rail Network, to and from West Yorkshire on Northern Rail Services and into South Yorkshire by bus from neighbouring areas. Once again, if any resident has a problem with the new arrangements, please contact a Councillor or the Clerk.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETS ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT EITHER THURGOLAND SCHOOL OR CRANE MOOR CHAPEL – CHECK THE NOTICE BOARDS AND WEBSITE FOR DETAILS AND AGENDA

ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND – WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2008 AT THURGOLAND SCHOOL!

THURGOLAND TUESDAY GROUP

Thurgoland Tuesday Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Thurgoland School, Halifax Road, Thurgoland, at 7.30 p.m.
Why not come along – there are a variety of interesting speakers and you are bound to make some new friends from the village.

OLD MILL CHILDHOOD BY KATHLEEN POTTER – part fifteen

Thurgoland Feast – We loved going to Thurgoland Feast, in the field opposite Laycocks, the grocers. This only happened once a year. Down south they called them ‘fairs’ (ours was in Bush Hill Park). The tale of our family was the people on the dart board stall paid my brother Frank to go away as he was winning too often. Thurgoland Feast was quite small, with the usual roundabout, boat swings and several other stalls, but we thought it was something special.

I remember Phyllis Beet and I walked quite a way to Chapeltown as their Feast was on. All I can remember was it was held in a large park with iron gates and it had flower beds, which we didn’t see much of in Old Mill.

The railway fare was 8 shillings for a half day return from Sheffield to London. This gave you half a day to spend in London. We used to go to Penistone to catch the train, unless Lord Wharnccliffe was going to London, then the train would be stopped at Wortley for them and we would get on there. The residence of the Earl of Wharnccliffe was Wharnccliffe Hall, Wortley. Also at this time we heard from my Uncle Ernest in California about the Wall Street crash. He, like his brother Sidney, had a lot of property, which he lost at this time. My father was sending him money out of his Police pension as times were so bad then.

Into service in London

When I was fourteen I left Old Mill to go into service in Wimbledon in London. My father took me to a shop in Barnsley to buy my uniform, which was a long blue dress for morning wear, with a long white apron and a cap. For the afternoons I had a black dress, black stockings and shoes. Also a small frilly apron and cap.

Later I went to work in Palmers Green. My work was to look after three children and do the housework, as my employers were two teachers. The husband was the Head Teachers at a boy’s school in Islington. Mr Walker, from Green Moor School, had given me a very good reference. When my employer saw this, he said “There’s not one boy in my school I would give such a good reference to.” These people were very good to me, not like my sister’s employers in Sheffield. They really treated me like one of the family. I stayed with them till I left to get married in 1932.

During this time, my sister Grace had left Green Moor School, which now had become a Juniors and Infants school. She now attended Stocksbridge School, where Mr Walker was one of the teachers. She went to school by bus. The buses were now running from Barnsley to Stocksbridge via Thurgoland, and there was a stop at Huthwaite Lane, near the end of Old Mill Lane. **To be continued**