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## **THURGOLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **THURGOLAND ANNUAL BOUNDARY WALK**

**THE ANNUAL BOUNDARY WALK WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY 4 MAY 2009, STARTING FROM THE BRIDGE INN, COTE LANE, THURGOLAND, AT 10.00 A.M.**

**THE WALK IS APPROXIMATELY NINE MILES IN LENGTH AND TAKES IN THE ENTIRE BOUNDARY OF THE PARISH OF THURGOLAND. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE WALK, ALL WALKERS WILL BE SERVED WITH FREE PIE AND PEAS AT THE BRIDGE INN (FROM 1.30 P.M. ONWARDS). WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE**

**THURGOLAND HISTORY GROUP** will launch their book and DVD entitled 'Thurgoland In Times Past' in the Spring. It is hoped that copies will be available locally from June onwards. The group requests the loan of photographs of past galas and associated events in the Recreation Ground and Village Hall. Of special interest would be photographs of Gala queens and attendants, and of the parades. **Please contact Maurice Williams on 0114 288 3482 if you can help.**

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED**  
**Prior to the Boundary Walk, a volunteer is required to complete the route to check for any potential footpath issues prior to 4 May 2009. If you can help, please telephone Councillor Ann Rowley on 0114 2882595 as soon as possible – thank you.**

### **FREE BUS TRAVEL FOR UNDER 18'S – Mi CARD INFORMATION**

With effect from Saturday 25 April 2009, Barnsley residents under the age of 18 will be able to travel free on any journey operating wholly within Barnsley or between Barnsley and any other districts in South Yorkshire by direct bus upon presentation of a pass card known as Mi Card. Mi Cards can be used for free travel between 0900 and 2100 Monday to Friday and at any time during the weekend. However, Mi Card cannot be used to provide free rail travel.

Application forms are being given to all state schools in Barnsley, they can also be obtained from Barnsley Information Centres, Barnsley Connects offices and most libraries. Applicants must provide proof of name, address, age and a recent photograph. This scheme is being funded by Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council. **For further information please contact 01226 775656.**

### **THURGOLAND TUESDAY GROUP INFORMATION**

The Tuesday Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month at Thurgoland School at 7.30 p.m. – everyone is welcome.

**Tuesday 14 April – Mrs Carolyn Morris on the subject of Traidcraft. (Meeting to be held at Crane Moor Chapel as the school is closed)**

**Tuesday 12 May – Mr Stephen Gay on Scenic Britain by Train**

**Tuesday 9 June – M Pollard on the subject of liquorice**

### **ENVIRONMENT ISSUES.....**

**RECYCLE AND HELP THE YORKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE** – You can help raise money for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance by recycling your unwanted mobile phones. It is easy to recycle your mobile phone, iPhone or Blackberry, simply place it in an envelope and send it freepost to **Yorkshire Air Ambulance, FREEPOST London 16281, London, WC1N 3BR** – no stamp needed!

You can also recycle your textiles – for more information on your nearest textile bank and how to recycle for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance visit [www.bagitup.org.uk](http://www.bagitup.org.uk)

**DOG FOULING** – once again, many residents have raised the issue of excessive dog fouling on the pavements in the Parish – **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** be a responsible dog owner and clean up after your dog – apart from the obvious mess, there are health hazards associated with dog fouling – children in the Parish have been blinded as a result of coming into contact with dog excrement in the past – don't let it happen to someone else's child.

**LOCAL DELIVERY SERVICES** – residents have already taken advantage of the list of local suppliers of goods and services – please contact the Clerk for details of what is on offer locally. Did you know, for instance, that a local garage offers home delivery on groceries? Contact the Clerk for further details on 01226 765020.

**E-MAIL NEWSLETTERS** – if you receive this newsletter by post and would like to save paper and the planet, please advise the Clerk and she can e-mail newsletters to you instead.

### **DO YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING LOCAL ARTICLE THAT OTHERS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN READING?**

If so, please either e-mail it or post it to the Clerk ([atkinsonruth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:atkinsonruth@hotmail.co.uk)) (01226 765020) and she will include it in future newsletters – thank you

### **OLD MILL CHILDHOOD BY KATHLEEN POTTER – part seventeen – War Years**

When war started on that Sunday morning at 11 a.m., the sirens went off causing a lot of panic which turned out to be a false alarm. My sister, Alice, her husband and four year old daughter left their house in Enfield and drove to their parents' home at Number 1 Don Terrace. I don't know where they all slept in that small cottage. My other sister, Ada, who lived around the corner from Alice, gave birth to her son that day. My father came down to Bush Hill Park and stayed with Ada as her husband and eldest son were both in the army. My sister Ada named her baby son Frank, after our father. He came down to arrange for the furniture removal for my sister Alice. They had left everything behind at Bush Hill Park. The Smiths had moved from number seven, so my sister and her family moved in and stayed in The Old Mill till the end of the war. My sister's house in Bush Hill Park was taken over to house a munitions worker and his family for the duration of the war. Alice's husband, Alf, managed to get a job at Fox's steelworks, where my brother was employed making munitions.

My father died from cancer soon after returning to Yorkshire. He had been in hospital in Sheffield where he had an operation, after which he came home to Don Terrace, but my mother was unable to care for him there with no conveniences for his condition, so he was sent to Penistone Institution where he died. One thing, he had enjoyed his retirement at Old Mill, with his occasional visits to his home town, Barnsley, to see friends and relatives still living there that he had grown up with. He had also visited Ireland, on holiday, with Mr Murphy, his pal and next door neighbour at the Woodman. There were also his old customers from the Woodman.

Towards the end of the war my brother Sidney died. He had been ill for a long time with a kidney disease and was taken to hospital in Sheffield. Eventually he was moved to Penistone where he died and he was buried with his father there. After the war my sister Alice tried to get her house in Bush Hill Park back to live in, which they eventually managed to do. Then they moved back down to Enfield, bringing my mother to live with them. **To be continued .....**