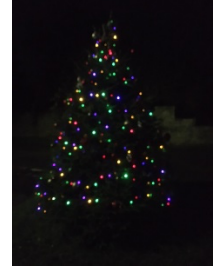
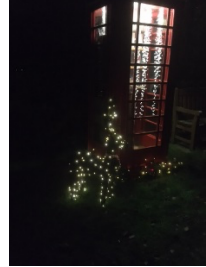


THORNHAUGH PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2023

Happy New Year to you all. I hope 2023 is good to you. It seems a long time since the last Newsletter but hopefully everyone has managed to keep up to date with what's been happening via the minutes of meetings and the website, so just a few short highlights about the year gone by.....

1. Christmas Happened Around the Tree



As always, a great time was had by all at the Christmas Carol event despite this coinciding with the football. As well as thanks to the organisers, special thanks to the Ukulele Folk for leading the singing once again. It really does set up a community spirit (helped of course by the other spirit – mulled wine!) and I hope everyone enjoyed it.

2. Defibrillator News

I am sincerely glad to report that the defibrillator has not been needed. Although this is a vital piece of kit I am always grateful to hear it hasn't been used. Training is being organised early this year. We'll keep those interested posted when the dates are available.

3. The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations – 4th June 2022



A great time was had by all, despite the weather trying to beat us. In true British tradition, we carried on regardless. Thanks to the Sharpley's for letting us use their land and thanks to everyone who made it happen. A lot of work but great fun, with plenty of food, drink, games and music. Hannah Joyce (han_joyce@hotmail.co.uk) and Nicky Rogers (nicolajanerogers@icloud.com) are still working on the Memorial Book. Some people have contributed but not as many as we would have liked. It isn't too late yet ... we'd love you to contribute but need you to get your information to Hannah or Nicky as soon as possible.

We had hoped to plant a jubilee tree, with thanks to Bunny Guinness for her support and offer of a tree. However, unfortunately Peterborough City Council would not allow us to plant on the grass verges they maintain without us losing their maintenance team so we are unable to do this.

Thoughts are now turning to the next event – the King's Coronation. Please hold the date of Sunday 7th May. More details to come out soon. Neil and Camilla are heading up the event and will no doubt be asking for volunteers. If you have any ideas and would be happy to be part of the working group please contact Neil (nellylove@live.co.uk) or Camilla (camilla.plumb@aol.com).

4. **Speed Limits**

We have investigated electronic speeding signs for the village but this is extremely expensive so we agreed that we would continue to just ask our residents to keep to the speed limits – 20mph within the village, 40mph everywhere else.

5. **Litter Picking Heroes still going strong**

The Litter pickers are still doing an absolutely brilliant job – out in all weathers. Sadly there are still only the “hardy few” and any other volunteers would be extremely welcome. With thanks to Nikki Higgins for continuing the initiative. Please contact Nikki if you’d like to join in.

6. **National Highways**

We are still continuing to badger National Highways (previously Highways England) about the A1 layby and the state of the footpath alongside the A1, not to mention the dangerous entrance/exit from the A1 into Thornhaugh. Wansford Parish Council have also been doing the same so we will be working together to try and get changes made.

7. **Website**

Councillors have been working with Jay Allsopp on a re-vamped website. This is nearly at completion, having been signed off at the last PC meeting. Jay will be populating the new site over the coming weeks and we will then switch to the new version.

8. **Tree Works**

As we are heading into the pruning and garden tidying season ready for Spring and Summer (can’t wait!) please remember that Thornhaugh is in a conservation area and therefore any tree pruning or felling, including pollarding/re-pollarding, requires a Notice from Peterborough City Council if the tree is big enough - stem diameter of 75mm, at 1.5m above ground level. A simple call or message to the Tree Officer (Stephen Chesney-Beale) will help you understand what’s required. Happy gardening.

9. **Village Sign**

The Village Sign is starting to look a little “tired”. We have commissioned a renovation to take place during Spring this year.

10. **Village Green (at Home Farm)**

Martin Witherington has been doing a lot of work to establish a Village Green at the Home Farm (Old Leicester Road) end of the village. Martin has put in a lot of hours to try and make this happen and the registration of the green is currently with Peterborough City Council Planning Department for formal inclusion on the register. Thanks to Martin and others who have supported him. A great initiative for the residents at that end of our lovely village.

11. **Business as Usual**

The Parish Council has seen changes in 2022 with Ashleigh Kewney, Ade Rodgers and Martin Lewis coming off the Council. Our thanks go to them for what was a lot of combined years of service. We have now been joined by Yana Clipsham, Neil Croft-Taylor and Camilla Plumb. Details of all the Councillors can be found on the noticeboards and on the PC website.

Please contact any of the Councillors at any time if you need help or advice on anything about the village. The Council is there to represent your views to the City Council should you need that, or simply here to help.



CHRIS SMITH

Chair, Thornhaugh Parish Council, 1st Februar 2023