



FEBRUARY 2025 THURSFORD TABLET

Report from the January Parish Council Meeting

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council meetings are open to All and the Councillors look forward to welcoming you.

There is always an opportunity to have your say about anything that is of concern or that you would like the Council to act upon. Meetings are currently taking place in the Conference room at the Thursford Collection.

Defibrillator Funding Update & Training

The PC thanked residents for raising £1,150 towards the costs of replacing the Defibrillator on a sponsored walk that took place in December.

The date for the Defibrillator training will be advertised as soon as it has been confirmed.

Tyre Bundling Plant on The Street, Barney

NNDC Cllr Butikofer confirmed that the site is being investigated due to the levels of noise emanating from it. MP Steffan Aquarone is also involved. The business is currently seeking retrospective planning permission for tyre baling as so far they have a licence for the activity, but no planning permission for this site. Local residents are being kept up to date.

Financial and Governance Matters

Part of the Second Home premium being received by the County Council will be passed on to the Parish. Further details in the minutes

Devolution

NNDC Cllr Butikofer confirmed that Norfolk County Council had voted to join the priority programme for Devolution. If accepted onto the programme, this would lead to the cancellation of the May County Council elections, the formation of a Unitary authority and a separately elected mayor.

Flags on the Village Flagpole

Councillors reviewed the comments received from the consultation in the Tablet. 90% of the comments supported the current practice and this was Approved by Councillors.

8th March was agreed for a Clear Up at the Cemetery and 15th & 16th March was set for the annual Village Litter Pick: full details later in the Newsletter.

Dates for Parish Council meetings in 2025

Parish Council meetings are currently taking place in the Conference Room at the Thursford Exhibition. **ALL WELCOME** Provisional dates for 2025 are Mondays 17th March, 12th May, 15th September & 3rd November

The **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** is planned for 7th April and will take place in St Andrews Church from 6pm.

NOT A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: this is the opportunity for all the Electors in the Parish to come together and find out/ask questions about what has been happening in the Parish this year. Local organisations will deliver annual reports.

Full minutes and further information about discussions at Parish Council meetings can be found on the website and Noticeboards

THURSFORD ASSIST

NEED A HELPING HAND?



Thursford Assist are here to help out with those small tasks to help over a difficult period

So if you need a helping hand – or would like to join the team - call Chris and Janet on 878476 (mobile 07970 818712) or Lance on 878933 (mobile 07425 159013).

DOG WASTE BIN



The Parish Council provide a bin for Dog Waste on the Village Green at the top of Clarkes Lane – **let's keep waste out of our fields & hedges.**

KEEP CHILDREN AND WILDLIFE SAFE.

SAV (the name for the St Andrew's Venue Team) in St Andrew's Church

First Saturday in the month Coffee Morning 10.00 until midday.

Coffee & Cakes is a regular event at St Andrew's usually on the first Saturday of every month, Come and enjoy fresh coffee, tea and a wide selection of homemade cakes.

French Evening at Hindringham Village Hall

The SAV Events Group organised a themed French evening on Saturday 8th February at Hindringham Village Hall. A great time was had by all. Red and blue berets, strings of onions and garlic and lots of Breton stripes made a colourful display around the tables. Guests enjoyed Coq au Vin, Boeuf Bourguignon, Cassoulet, Dauphinoise and Salads followed by delicious Tartes Citronne, Mousse au Chocolat and Crepes Suzette.

There was a Quiz with questions based around our French travel experiences. Musical entertainment was provided by Jonathan Self on his harmonica. Over £880 was raised to help with repairs on the Church roof. Thank you to everyone who supported this event - by coming along, by cooking and clearing up as well!

Christmas Wreaths made for Tapton House, the Norfolk Hospice.

I would like to thank everyone for their support with my annual challenge – to make Christmas Wreaths in aid of Tapton House, the Norfolk Hospice at Hillington near Kings Lynn. Hospices only receive a very limited amount of funding from the NHS/government and most of their financial needs have to be met through fund raising and donations. This year I raised £275 for this worthy cause. I made 34 wreaths in total and sold them at £6 each so this shows the generosity of everyone in supporting this worthy cause. I also received an abundance of donated greenery to help with the project – so thank you to everyone who “raided” their gardens.

If you would like to support Tapton House then another great way of doing this is to **visit the Tulip Fields at Hillington**. The fields are open for walks around the rows of lovely tulips. Opening times are advertised on the **Hospice Website** near to the time of the tulip bloom.

I do have a problem for the 2025 wreaths and you could possibly help? I make my wreaths using metal coat hangers – and I have only a very few left. If you have any surplus to your needs then please do contact me. Di Dann 01328 878196.



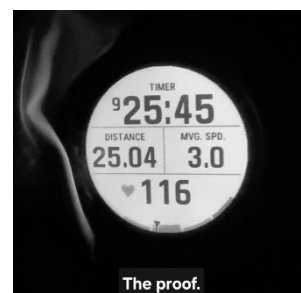
The Defibrillator Challenge - on the shortest day of the year!

An amazing achievement commencing at 7.00am. on the shortest day of the year. With the worst of the winds behind them Chris and Jeremy made the targeted 25 miles from the BT box on the Village Green, going to Binham, Cockthorpe, Stiffkey, Cley (sheltering from the rain in Cley church porch) and back to the BT box via Bale

Generous donations from village residents and local businesses, raised a fantastic £1,135 at the latest count. Monies raised will be totalled up at the next Parish Council Meeting. The aim was to achieve enough funds to buy the defibrillator. Any funds left over will support the training event to be held for the use of the defibrillator.

Any monies still left, will be included in a Council Reserve Fund for future maintenance of the Defibrillator and its housing.

Thank you again to the Champion walkers Chris and Jeremy and to everyone who contributed to their Challenge. *Pics supplied by John Coles*



ANNUAL CEMETERY TIDY and LITTER COLLECTION

The Cemetery clear up will be on **Saturday, March 8th at 9.30am**. Let me know if you can help. We will meet at the Cemetery armed with anything that you would like to bring - secateurs, loppers, saw, hedge cutters. We will clear away brambles and other encroaching stuff from around the borders, remove twigs and other debris from the grass and give the lychgate a bit of a clean up. If there are lots of helpers, we may split into a separate party to do the same at St Andrew's Churchyard. Bring some coffee or tea as we will probably be working for a couple of hours.

The village litter pick will be on the weekend of **March 15th and 16th** so that we can get the verges cleaned up before they start growing again. If you can help by collecting litter from a section of road, bagging it up and leaving it at one of the following 4 locations before 5.30pm on Sunday afternoon, please let me know. It usually takes an hour or two to clear a section, though some are worse than others.

Locations for bagged litter deposit: Junction of Thursford Road and the A148, next to the Crawfish, Junction of Brick Kiln Road and A148, opposite the Crawfish, Junction of Church Lane (aka Heath Lane), Cemetery Road (aka Gunthorpe Road), North Lane, Junction of Balls Lane and The Street
Always collect litter in pairs or a group and wear protective clothing.

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Barney, Fulmodeston and Thursford Food Production Club



Tuesday 4th March – 7pm for 7.30pm at the Old School Hall, Fulmodeston: the bar will be open and teas & coffees also available.

Dr Ian Bedford is giving his illustrated talk on Butterflies: How do we tell a butterfly from a moth? What species can we find in Britain and how can we attract butterflies to our gardens? Many species of British Butterflies are in serious decline, so can we do anything to help them survive?

Thursday 27th March – 7pm for 7.30pm at the Old School Hall, Fulmodeston: the bar will be open and teas & coffees also available.

Candi Robertson is giving a talk on her passion & her business: Candi's Chutney: Using local Norfolk, seasonal veg Candi is coming to talk about her products -and may even bring along a few jars to sell.

Both talks are free to members (you can join or renew at the door - £10 per household per year), £3 per person for non-members. Payment for the foreseeable future will only be possible in **cash**.

Annual Plant Sale – 26th April; Annual Show – 26th July

For any further information on the Club, forthcoming talks, the Plant Sale or the Annual Horticultural Show - drop me an email or give me a call

Kerry Harris Tel: 822583, email - Kerry_FoodProductionClub@yahoo.com

Thursford and Hindringham Village Film Night at Hindringham Hall, Wednesday 12th March 6.30 for 7pm: FISHERMAN'S FRIEND (2019)

Heart-warming comedy based on the real-life story of the Cornish folk ensemble who took the UK charts by storm in 2010, starring Daniel Mays, Tuppence Middleton and James Purefoy
Tickets £5 including popcorn and crisps. Refreshments £3.50 per glass served before & after the film.

Avian Flu

Reminder: DEFRA declared this part of Norfolk to be in a designated avian flu high risk zone just before Christmas. All domestic fowl must now be registered with DEFRA (even if you have just 1 or 2 hens) and must currently be kept inside, separated from wild birds.

PARKSIDE GARAGE AND TYRES

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Mobile Library Dates and Times (Route EDE 508)

21st March, 16th May, 13th June
2.15pm – 2.30pm, Station Road; 3.35pm –
3.55pm, Methodist Church,
4pm – 4.15pm, Clover Cottage, Heath Lane

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 1st March 10.00 – 12.00 Coffee Morning in St Andrews. Delicious cakes and an opportunity to have a chat with friends and neighbours

Tuesday 4th March 7.00 – 7.30 p.m. at Fulmodeston Old School Hall. A talk on Butterflies. This is an event organised by the Fulmodeston, Barney and Thursford Food Production Club. Membership of the Club is only £10 per household p.a.

Tuesday 4th March in Hindringham Village Hall 7.00 – 7.30 p.m. (arranged by the PCC of St Martins Hindringham) A talk about the Church Windows.

Wednesday 12th March 6.30 – 7.00 p.m. Film Night at Hindringham Village Hall £5 p.h. includes crisps and popcorn. Drinks available.

Wednesday 19th March 12.00 – 2.00 p.m. Community Lunch with choice of soups, breads and cheeses. Free but donations welcome. Please book didann@outlook.com

Thursday 27th March 7.00 – 7.30 p.m. A Talk by Candi about her chutneys and pickles business. This is an event organised by the Fulmodeston, Barney and Thursford Food Production Club. Membership of the Club is only £10 per household.

Saturday 5th April 10.00 – 12.00 Coffee Morning in St Andrews. Delicious cakes and an opportunity to have a chat with friends and neighbours.

Saturday 26th April 10.00 Plant Sale at Fulmodeston Old School Hall. This is an event organised by the Fulmodeston, Barney and Thursford Food Production Club. Membership of the Club is only £10 per household

Services at St. Andrews - For further information – see the website

Sunday 23rd February 4pm Cafe Church at St Andrew's. A short informal, round the table service, including cakes and tea/coffee.

Saturday 8th March 10.30, St Andrew's Lent Course and discussion. A chance to explore sections of the Bible a little deeper. Led by our vicar Robin. Also on 15th, 22nd and 29th March.

Sunday 23rd March 8.30am Communion Service at St Andrew's.

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We welcome contributions from all who read it to: the Parish Clerk - Kerry Harris at
Parishclerk_thursford@yahoo.com or Tel: 822583

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