



## MAY 2024 THURSFORD TABLET

Report from the May Annual Parish Council Meeting & the Annual Parish Meeting

### Notes from the Parish Council Meeting

Parish Council meetings are open to All and the Councillors look forward to seeing you there. Meetings are currently taking place in the Conference room at the Thursford Collection.

The first item on the Agenda at the Annual Parish Council meeting is the election of Chair for the coming year: Sherri Eckworth was voted as Chair and Karen Drake was voted Vice-Chair

### **Financial and Governance Matters**

The May meeting is also the meeting where the Accounts and Governance for the Parish Council for the previous Financial Year are presented after the Internal Audit for Approval. Full details are available on the website and in the Minutes.

The Period of Public Rights when information is available for scrutiny for this year is from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Contact the Clerk if you would like to examine the information.

### **Grants**

A Grant of £300 was agreed for the SAV project at St Andrews Church

### **Website**

The website has reclaimed its previous domain name and can be found again at <https://www.thursford.org.uk>

### **Dog Waste Bin**

The dog waste bin has now been installed on The Green. Dog owners are reminded to take their own bags and the bin will be emptied fortnightly.

### **Parish Council Meetings**

The full minutes and further information about discussions at Parish Council meetings can be found on the website.

### **Dates for Parish Council meetings in 2024**

7pm on September 9<sup>th</sup> and November 18<sup>th</sup>

### Notes from the Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for all residents and electors in Thursford to discuss any matters relating to the local community. All local organisations are invited to send a representative along to the meeting to give an update for the previous year and plans for the year to come.

This year the meeting took place in St Andrews Church on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and received the Annual Report from the **Parish Council**, given by Sherri Eckworth, the Chair.

Chris Rheinberg gave an update on the **Fuel Allotment Charity** and **Thursford Assist**.

Lance Sharpus Jones reported on the **Church** and the **Parochial Church Council**. They are looking for volunteers to help out with minor repairs at the Church.

Jeremy Bolam updated all on activities and events organized by the **St Andrews Venue Team** – information on upcoming dates later in the Newsletter.

Di Dann and Chris Rheinberg reported on the **Allotments** and whether they have a future.

Charlie Cushing informed everyone of the exciting plans **The Collection** have to welcome more visitors to the Exhibition in the summer with sustainable educational outdoor activities aimed at children. They will hold a display for the village when plans are ready.

(Rev'd) Elizabeth Bellamy gave an update on plans to develop the **Methodist Church** into an affordable home.

Di Dann gave news on the **Barney, Fulmodeston and Thursford Food Production Club** and the forthcoming Annual Horticultural and Plant Show.

Full detail on everything on the website and Noticeboards in the Minutes:

**WHY NOT COME ALONG NEXT YEAR**





### Happy 100th Birthday Jean Self

The year 1924. The roaring 20's were fully underway but the UK was still recovering from the devastating effects of World War One. Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin had died of a stroke at the age of 53 and St. Petersburg would be renamed Leningrad in his honour.



In the same year a baby girl named **Jean Diana Smith** ('Bloss' from 'blossom', to her family) was born in Arnold just outside Nottingham. That baby girl would go on to train as a librarian, move to North Walsham where she would meet, be wooed by and marry her Norfolk sweetheart John Self in the town of his birth. Around 1957, now with two sons, aged four and six, they moved to Aldeburgh Suffolk for three years, then to Tenterden Kent for five years and finally to Marlow Bucks till 1973 when John retired early from the Post Office and moved to Thursford having bought Church Cottage as a restoration project. They lived in a caravan in one of the gardens along Heath Lane whilst the works took place. John was a keen gardener all his life and was now able to immerse himself in his passion for growing organic fruit and vegetables which he could now do on a bigger scale selling at local markets. 'Organic' being a word hardly associated with produce in those days! A true trailblazer! Jean kept herself busy, running a successful bed and breakfast where guests would return year after year. Jean also worked in an antique shop in Burnham Market and found time to polish the brasses in St. Andrew's church.

John died in 1996 and Jean has remained a fixture in the lane ever since. She has been a smiling cheerful presence in Thursford for over 50 years and is an asset to the community. Always pleased to see friends and neighbours of the two and four legged variety!

### Happy 100th Birthday Jean!

**Other famous people born in 1924:** G H W Bush President of the USA; Jimmy Carter President of the USA, Robert Mugabe first black president of Zimbabwe, Tony Hancock British Comedian

**Notable events in 1924:** 1st ever Winter Olympics held; *Carl Taylor patents an ice-cream cone rolling machine*; Hitler is imprisoned for his failed attempted coup by the Nazi party; *The congress of Soviets ratifies a treaty that embodies the separate nations of Belarus & Ukraine into the USSR*; Civil war breaks out in China; *An assassination attempt on Benito Mussolini fails*; The Ottoman Empire comes to an end; *The first crossword is published*. Time signals start being broadcast by the Royal Greenwich Observatory; *U.S. president Calvin Coolidge signs the Asian Exclusion Act banning the entry of Asian people to the US from a variety of countries*; Winston Churchill writes a letter to the P.M. Stanley Baldwin considering the chance of war with Japan and claims ' I do not believe there is the slightest chance of it in our lifetime.

**How things have changed?!**

Is there someone in the Village you would like to mention? Then with their permission send a short article for consideration for the next Tablet.

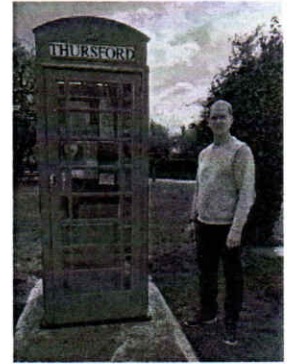
### NEED A HELPING HAND?

Thursford Assist are here to help out with those small tasks to help over a difficult period. Full details were in the October 2023 Tablet.



So if you need a helping hand – or would like to join the team - call Chris and Janet on 01328 878476 (mobile 07970 818712) or Lance on 01328 878933 (mobile 07425 159013).





The Telephone Box - Before and after.

Roy and Barbara Wilkes carried out the work over several days when the weather was better in March and April.

### 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. Next event - 1<sup>st</sup> June



A few recent pictures



### Murder Mystery – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 6.30 for 7.00pm



Once again, we welcome the Players to St Andrews for another Murder Mystery. This small group of amateur Actors, the Wellworth Players, from St Ives in Cambridgeshire will be performing a real "Who Did It". Come along and enjoy the murder, quiz the actors and solve the mystery. A great social event in the Church's calendar. Refreshments provided which includes a glass of wine - £15 ph.

**You need to book for this event.** Tel: 01328 878197 Email [didann@outlook.com](mailto:didann@outlook.com)



Photo provided by LS-J showing Speaker Gary Brown addressing his packed audience.

On 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 the Church of St Andrews was absolutely crammed to full for the fascinating talk given by Gary Brown about Little Snoring Airfield. Gary started his talk by explaining that the site chosen for the Airfield seemed completely unachievable. It was dense with trees, pits and ponds. However, the project was completed and as we know, the site is still operational as an airfield. We were told about the crews

who were based at the site and their various missions.

This event took £732 and with expenses of £145 a grand total of £597 was made to go towards the refurbishments needed in St Andrews. (one of which will be the heating, another is the tower).





## Barney, Fulmodeston and Thursford Food Production Club

### FPC is approaching its 85th year of planting, producing and exhibiting!

At the 2024 Annual Plant Sale held at the Old School Hall at Fulmodeston, on 27<sup>th</sup> April a total of £440 was taken on plant sales. Refreshments made a further £36 and memberships and donations also contributed to a total take of £551. All raised by Club members through their energies and skills in growing plants – from annuals and perennials to herbaceous shrubs, trees and vegetable plants. There was also a grand selection of house plants for sale. Judging by the queue which had assembled long before opening time this event has become really valuable in the calendar for a great many people. Some great deals to be had. An excellent community event.

To join FPC contact Kerry, the Chair on [Kerry\\_FoodProductionClub@yahoo.com](mailto:Kerry_FoodProductionClub@yahoo.com) Annual Membership is only £10 per household and entitles you to come along to talks arranged during the year as well as entry to the Plant Sale and the Annual Show. This year the Annual Show where you can exhibit vegetables, flowers and crafts takes place on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July. So, if you are a grower or a maker – show your talents at this event!

Further information from Kerry on 822583, email [Kerry\\_FoodProductionClub@yahoo.com](mailto:Kerry_FoodProductionClub@yahoo.com)

Other dates for the diary:

Annual Show - ; **20th July** 11am – 12.45 for Exhibitors; Show opens for viewing at 3pm, Prizes 4pm

### Mobile Library Dates and Times (Route EDE 508)

14<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October  
2.15pm – 2.30pm, Station Road; 3.35pm – 3.55pm, Methodist Church,  
4pm – 4.15pm, Clover Cottage, Heath Lane

### Dates for the Diary

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June 10.00 until midday. Our usual Coffee Morning at St Andrews

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 7pm Murder Mystery at St Andrews

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 6pm Sausage Sizzle with Music – outside at St Andrews

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 7pm John Cushing presents the History of Thursford – at St Andrews.

### Services at St. Andrews

Communion 10.30am on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 8.30am on 28<sup>th</sup> July. For further details – see the website



### 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**

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[Parishclerk\\_thursford@yahoo.com](mailto:Parishclerk_thursford@yahoo.com) or Tel: 822583

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