



Thornborough News

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Thornborough Pre-School update

From Cathryn Gevaux



Thornborough Pre-School continues to thrive and is becoming very popular not only with village residents but also in the much wider community. Numbers for September are really positive and we are looking forward to welcoming the children back in September, after the summer break. Heidi and the team work really hard to continue to provide a stimulating and exciting environment for the children to thrive and develop in, both through adult led and child initiated activities.

As a pre-school we have been focusing on the environment, using more natural resources and spending lots of time outdoors.

Outdoor play supports children's problem solving skills and nurtures their creativity, as well as providing rich opportunities for developing imagination, inventiveness, and resourcefulness. It also offers children opportunities for physical activity, freedom and movement as well as promoting a sense of well-being.

Over the next year we are looking forward to enhancing our relationship with the infant school. Working more closely will make transitions for children much easier between the settings.

I would like to thank the staff and committee for their hard work over the last year and the village for their continued support of our wonderful little setting.

We are excited for the future and another successful academic year ahead.



Kate Goodger
Local Artist

Specialising in portraits drawn from photos of beloved pets.

Commissions welcome.

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Results of the Community Spaces Survey and Public Meeting

By Thornborough & Thornton Fundraisers

Rather disappointingly only 22% of the surveys delivered to every household in Thornborough and Thornton were returned. The results were overwhelmingly in favour of refurbishing the existing Village Hall. However, in answer to the question, 'What activities are of interest to you or your family' most people wanted a community shop, cafe or pop up market, none of these would be possible in the existing space. The Public Meeting was also poorly attended with about 50 people and although there were a couple of positive suggestions, the tone of the meeting was generally negative. This has led us to the conclusion that there is currently not enough interest in the village to make it valid to take forward any of the proposals. The amount of work and fundraising that would be necessary would need the support of the whole community and sadly the interest is evidently not there at this time. This together with the news of the problems that exist for the village school have made us think that this is where we should focus our efforts and we have pledged to help the school with their fundraising activities in whatever way we can.

New Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Val Pearson, the ex-Chair. of the Thames Valley Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, came for a very interesting talk on Tuesday 2nd July. The aim is to create a village where burglaries are less likely and no one feels lonely, isolated or vulnerable. The Thames Valley Alert System has input from the Police, Action Fraud and Trading Standards. The system is run by a number of coordinators; Val's village which is roughly the size of Thornborough, has 25 coordinators.

Val made a number of not leaving keys in locks, view on tables, protecting being scanned, using your property and garages to prevent your



sensible suggestions including hanging by letterboxes or in your phones and credit cards marker pens etc for identifying parking close to walls and number plates being stolen.

If you feel able to help by

contact Steve Tribe (steve.tribe@thornboroughparish.org.uk).

acting as a coordinator please

St Mary's Church – Services and Events



July	7 th	6pm	Songs of Praise
	14 th	11am	Shared service at St Mary's
	21 st	8:30am	Holy Communion BCP
	28 th	No service	
August	4 th	No service	
	11 th	11am	Shared service at the Chapel
	18 th	8:30am	Holy Communion BCP
	25 th	No service	
September	1 st	6pm	Songs of Praise
	8 th	11am	Shared service at St Mary's
	15 th	8:30am	Holy Communion BCP
		4pm	Messy Church in the Chapel
	22 nd	4pm	Thornton Harvest Festival
	29 th	??	Benefice service at Nash

Updates

Work on the roof of the west aisle has finished for the moment, and the scaffolding has been removed. Thank you to John Kenyon and his team for their sterling work.

On Saturday May 25th a 'Music in Quiet Places' was held in St Mary's. This proved to be an impromptu candle lit evening, caused by a complete power failure half an hour before the concert. The cause of this was a fault with the power distribution board, housed inside the school, which of course was closed over the Bank Holiday weekend. Nevertheless, the concert proved a success, and the audience of 70 plus, enjoyed the impromptu ambience and wine and nibbles during the interval. The event was preceded by a village walk, starting from the church at 6:30pm. This was led by Janet Glew. Thank you, Janet. Fortunately, the church now has its own supply back and all temporary work completed.

On the 1st of July work was started inside the rectory. This work is primarily to fit a new kitchen and new bathroom combined with some complementary electrical work.

Thornborough Methodist Chapel



Sunday July 14th	11.00am United Service at Parish Church
Sunday July 21st	11.00am Service led by Alan Peters 4.00pm Messy Church (meeting details to be confirmed - please see Thornborough eNews)
Sunday July 28th	11.00am Service led by Paul Kybird
Sunday Aug 4th	11.00am Service led by Rev. Tim Edworthy including Holy Communion
Sunday Aug 11th	11.00am United Service led by David Lewis
Monday Aug 12th	Cream Tea - date, time & details to be confirmed
Sunday Aug 18th	11.00am Service led by Malcolm Bromhall 4.00pm Messy Church
Sunday Aug 25th	11.00am Service led by Jenny Boxwell
Sunday Sept 1st	11.00am Service - details to be arranged
Monday Sept 2nd	“Meet and Eat” see details below.
Sunday Sept 8th	11.00am United Service at Parish Church
Sunday Sept 15th	11.00am Service - details to be arranged 4.00pm Messy Church
Sunday Sept 22nd	11.00am Harvest Festival Service led by Rev. Steve Fisher

Meet and Eat, usually on the first Monday of the month at 12.30pm. A two-course lunch for £5, often followed by a short quiz. It is open to anyone in the village, but places need to be booked in advance, call either Katy (821181) or Marjorie (812813).

The **weekly Drop-In**, held in the Chapel lounge, hosted by Les and Sandie Davis, is every Wednesday, from 10.30-12.30. Free tea and coffee are available and often homemade bakes such as fruitcake and sausage rolls! All are welcome.

Messy Church is a “happening” for families when parents and children together share in craft work.



Remembering Elizabeth (Betty) Mary Bunce by Dave & Jill Bury

As many of you will know Betty Bunce recently passed away on 18th May, aged 92. Both she and her husband, Sid, have been great and active members of Thornborough's village community for many years.

Betty was born on 9th March 1927 in East Claydon, the youngest of five children, four of whom were girls. Her father worked for a local farmer and rented some land on which he kept some sheep and cows. When she was 10 years old the family moved to Brightmoor Farm in Thornborough.

Betty's first meeting with Sid was quite memorable, although not particularly auspicious. Some village boys came to play football at the farm and she wanted to join in. Unfortunately, they put her in goal and then kicked balls at her!

Fortunately, there was another meeting that made a more favourable impression. That occurred when she was playing cricket and the heel of her shoe came off, and Sid mended it expertly using his family's shoemaking tools.

She left school at the age of 14 and always regretted that she did not pursue a career in nursing.

Sid, like the majority of men at that time, was called up for military service and Betty wrote to Sid when he was away in the RAF.

Love, of course, took its course and the two of them were married in 1948 on Sid's birthday, 12th June, at St Mary's, Thornborough. They lived in Brickyard Cottages until they got a house at Thornhill. They were blessed with two children, Geoff and Gill.

Betty was a keen and very talented painter, and wanted to learn more, so with her friend, Ruby, she set up the North Bucks WI Art Group, which still meets in Mursley. I feel sure that many of you will have seen some of her paintings and drawing of different aspects of the village.

Around the Millennium, Betty compiled a book about the village, which was published in 2003 as *Thornborough Past and Present*, which I hope many of you have either seen or read.

Below is a copy of a letter that I hope will make you smile in her memory; it was written by Betty, entitled: -

The morning of my Wedding Day by Betty Bunce

I awoke early on Saturday 12 June 1948 to daylight illuminating the bedroom with the promise of a fine, sunny day. Although I could hear the usual sounds of animals in the surrounding fields, all was quiet in the household. While I waited

for my parents and brother, Fred, to stir, I thought of the day to come – my wedding day. I looked across at the double bed in the room, remembering my 2 older sisters and the times we had shared the room, the chatter and the laughter. Now they were both married. I looked at the white wedding dress hanging up on a hanger on the picture rail. I had borrowed it from my sister, Margaret, who had worn it for her wedding the year before in January, brrrrr. It was cold, but fortunately it was before the terrible weather set in, snow and low temperatures that lasted for six weeks. When my sister offered to lend it to me I had had my doubts as she was shorter and plumper than me, but the material was cut on the cross and so where she took it up on the width, it fitted me perfectly in length. As soon as I heard movement, I dressed in my working clothes and joined the others in the cowshed to milk the gentle cows clasped securely in their own spaces. This would be the last time I would feel the warmth of a cow's side as I settled on the 3 legged stool to begin. The milk gradually flowed into the bucket held tightly between my knee with singing, rhythmic sounds which merged into the sound of the cows eating their cake and hay in the browser. While the menfolk cooled and ran the milk into churns, I fed and watered the flock of laying hens, letting them out of the two hen houses to roam free round the fields. They were usually bossed around by the cockerel clucking round his harem, but they took no notice of him, as they were too interested in the bowls of mash on the ground.

After a hearty breakfast cooked on the kitchen range (we had no electricity) my mother and I quickly did the housework and then prepared the meal for when the guests would arrive after the wedding service. My brother Fred and I had travelled to Padbury in the farm van the day before to collect the iced cake and a home-cured ham which the baker had wrapped in pastry and cooked in the bread oven (later everyone remarked that it was the best tasting ham ever). Mum made jellies and trifles for 35 for dessert.

My parents and Fred then departed to Thornborough Church. But where was Pearl, my bridesmaid, who was coming to help me fix my headdress and veil? She was getting very late. Eventually Pearl turned up and helped me get ready. Everything went smoothly after that small panic. We were to be driven the two miles to St Mary's Church by kind Mr Barnes. He was a Cornishman with a soft accent who had been the chauffeur at the manor. When he retired he was given the car which he used to taxi people around the villages. Mr Barnes went for a drink, which he called his medicine, every night at the Two Brewers, which is where he later died suddenly, of a heart attack. "There" Mr Barnes said as he showed us the car, "I've saved the white ribbon to decorate the car. I said I would after your sister's wedding last year". So Pearl and I arrived in style at St Mary's Thornborough.

Thornborough & Thornton Gardening Society

Annual Village Show – Saturday 7th September 2019

in the Village Hall



It's that time again when Thornborough comes together to show what it can produce. In the show there will be classes covering fruit & veg, flowers, wine, food, hand crafts & art. The entry fee is 50p per class for adults and 20p for children (12 years and under). On the morning of the show, exhibits can be staged between 8am and 10.30am. Judging will start at 11am and the show will be **open to the public at 2.30pm - admission is free**. Prize giving is at 3.30pm.

Full details and entry forms can be found in the programme which will be delivered in the coming weeks. Also look out for posters which will be placed around the village.

If you have any cups from last year that need to be returned, someone will be calling on you soon (or please hand them to a member of the committee). We would appreciate it if you could clean the cups so they are ready for this year's winners – thank you.

Whatever your skills or abilities, we hope you will take part in this great event which really brings the village together for a day of fun.

Les Davis.

Tel: 01280 309456

Other committee members:

Sandie Davis, Jan Davies, Gill Bonner, Marjorie Banks, Allan Payne, Sue Percival, Veda Murphy, Gwynne & Jim Grayson and Dave Bury.



Thornborough Infant School Update

Fact or fiction?

As is normal in a small village, rumours have been spreading, so we, **the Governors** of Thornborough Infant School, would like to clarify:

1. There is no financial crisis. We are not in a deficit and we certainly will not be closing at Christmas.
2. The issue is pupil numbers. The feeder school system, sadly, does not work for Thornborough Infant School. This is having an adverse effect on numbers. Without pupils you are without a school and that is the issue we are trying to solve.
3. We are adjusting our teaching style. In September 2019 we will be implementing a new curriculum, which research shows has been hugely successful. A relatively local school has recently achieved the outstanding grade in Ofsted as a result. *Please see 'A school for the 21st century' below for more information.*
4. Pre-school is not relocating to school; however, we are developing our relationship - the aim is for them to be part of the Thornborough School family and be onsite in the future.

A school for the 21st century... by Olivia Quirk, Headmistress

For September 2019 Thornborough Infant school will be updating their curriculum and teaching styles to fit with yet another change in the education requirements. We will be still bound by the National and Early Years Curriculum, that is a statutory obligation, but the way in which we deliver and teach the children of our unique school is led by the Headteacher and staff.

As the Head of this school, I am very interested in European Education systems. Specifically, Nordic and Scandinavian teaching, which rate very highly in having the best education system. Finland (Nordic) is ranked No1 on several sites, along with Norway, Sweden and Denmark (Scandinavian) in the top 20. *Try doing an online search and the results speak for themselves.* As a professional and educator, I feel we can use their philosophy and pedagogy to deliver an outstanding and bespoke curriculum to the children of Thornborough Village School. Below are some of the reasons why this system works:

Nordic and Scandinavian Philosophy and Pedagogy

- **Tests** – Do not test children until they are 16 at the end of their compulsory education.
- **Play** - Playtime is sacred. Children have 45 mins working time then a 15 min break.
- **Homework** - Very little homework – this is from trust; parents know their children are being taught well in school.
- **Achievement** – Nordic and Scandinavian children have the smallest gap in achievement between their learners.
- **Research** – Value research into education and apply it to teaching, keeping what works and constantly adapting.
- **Teachers** – Teaching is one of the most respected professions.
- **Learning** – In early years (up to 7-year-old) the emphasis is on interaction and play through which children learn about themselves and each other. Supporting balanced growth, development and learning.
- **Core Curriculum** – Emphasis on Transversal skills – this ever-changing society demands more and more transversal competences. Children can adapt, be independent, resilient, have core values wherever they go in life.
- **Topic learning** – one theme that combines subjects. In our case the Early years and National Curriculum.
- **Planning** – Pupils participate in the planning of their learning.
- **Equality** – promoting responsibility, community, respect for the rights and freedom of individuals.
- **Learning Environment** – The classrooms and buildings are designed and organised to be active and independent for the children, supporting growth and learning and be physically, psychologically, socially safe and supporting the children's health. The objective is to increase the child's curiosity and motivation to learn. To promote activeness, self-direction, creativity by offering interesting challenges and problems. Also, pupils must be allowed to develop their own learning environment that supports interaction between teacher and pupil. It is an open, unhurried, positive atmosphere where teacher and pupils share responsibility.

Transversal skills

- Thinking and learning to learn
- Cultural competence, interaction and self-expression

- Taking care of oneself and managing daily life
- Multiliteracy
- ICT competence
- Working life competence and entrepreneurship
- Participation, involvement and building a sustainable future

It is a philosophy, pedagogy and culture, NOT a curriculum – children will still be taught in accordance to the objectives and standards within the Early Years and National Curriculum but utilising these methods.

Values Based Education

We have previously spoken of Values Based Education – and this will go ‘hand-in-hand’ with our Nordic and Scandinavian philosophy and pedagogy. The question ‘What values do you want your child to hold in our 21st Century?’ was asked to parents many months ago, with a very positive response. Utilising this, we will be able to promote a calm and purposeful atmosphere for our children to co-exist; to belong; to be part of our community. It will be embedded and woven into our teaching and learning curriculum. *If you would like to find more information, please research Dr Neil Hawkes values based education.*

Mixed Aged Classes

As you know from September we will have one class with a mixed age and curriculum range from Reception to Year 2. This is not uncommon and referred to as a ‘Unitary’ School/class. Many small schools both locally, nationally and worldwide use this model – with outstanding success and historical credibility. It is known that a school should be more like life – a question for you... ‘Where in life do we strictly segregate people into one-year age groupings?’ Often, although distinguished by a year group, the difference between children’s birthdays is only months. Physical trait is age-related, but intellectual abilities are not linked to age, but experiences. By teaching a large chronological age span, the norm becomes a wide range of abilities than expectations of everyone at the same level. In addition, rural schools have strong communities and it strengthens children socially, as well as strong parent support that encourages pro-social behaviour. Mixed-age classrooms are like a family; the older students nurture the younger ones and motivate them. It is an old idea – especially for Thornborough, that has come around again. *Try searching for Little Gaddeson CofE VA Primary School to find more information.*

How we Learn – Cognitive Psychology

There is huge amount of research and articles on the ways in which we learn: how our brain works, how we memorise and recall what is taught to us. Understanding how we learn is crucial to classroom teaching. How we can use evidence-based judgements instead of intuition, and apply findings from cognitive psychology directly to the classroom. An example of this is when we deliver our curriculum – in the past ‘blocking’ has been taught- children learn about a topic per half term, then move onto another topic. Covering six topics a year. The idea of ‘spacing’ and ‘interleaving’ having one topic for the year, but with four or five sub topics and constantly revisiting them, has proven that children are sustaining and remembering what they are learning.

Curriculum/Ofsted

September 2019 offers a new framework for Ofsted. **Intent** – curriculum design; **Implementation** - delivery of teaching; **Impact** – attainment, progress and achievement. They will be looking for a curriculum that is fitting to our school and supports our children but is unique and individual. Please feel free to research Ofsted education inspection framework. This gives us a fantastic opportunity to bespoke our curriculum. A new content with a new purpose cannot be put into an old structure. We need to design a curriculum that sustains mastery and greater depth. Not just the academic success, but our core values, and philosophy. Designing a curriculum has already begun and will be in place for September 2019 with all of the above taken into consideration.

Finally

My goal as Head, is to build a school culture that promotes learning, interaction, participation, well-being, sustainability and mastery - mastering skills now and for future. In addition, we embed Core Values/Values Based Education such as happiness, respect, love, patience, trust, honesty, compassion, resilience, caring – to name a few, into our curriculum and daily life. How we deliver, will be based on the Nordic and Scandinavian philosophy and pedagogy. It is an exciting time for Thornborough School, one of which I am very proud to be leading.

In the next edition of Thornborough News, we will be discussing the long and short term plans for the school.



Thornborough Cricket Club Update

The season is now well under way and I'm pleased to advise we have been pretty successful, fielding 2 teams each wk. Our wicket is looking good due to the tender loving care of Derek "Del boy" Thomas – thanks again Derek.

The popular **Allstars junior (5 to 8 year olds)** cricket sessions started Friday 21st June with 48 Children taking part – fantastic. During this session we invited the Buckingham Advertiser who photographed our TCC legend Derek Thomas alongside some of our Allstar juniors. Derek is still playing at 80 years old (has played for Thornborough for 68 years). In addition, we also ran this event as our Cricket World Cup family day.

Alongside the Allstars programme, we are also running our newly established **Youth team sessions** for 9 to 13 year olds. This is proving a great success with 13 + children attending. George Humphries is running these sessions for us. A big thankyou goes out to **Vitalograph** for sponsoring the kit / equipment for the youth team.



For those of you who have been down the field recently you will have seen that our new fixed all weather practice net has been installed. The first **midweek practice session** took place on Thursday 27th June and continues to run every Thursday night. The new sight screens and mobile batting cage are also in place.....my word, our sports field is starting to look like a real Cricket Field!

Friday nights at the sports field are turning into a real community gathering, with various refreshments being available.

Thornton College have played 2 games at the field. Fun was had by all.

Fundraising

- Tony Cary "road show" quiz evening – Friday June 7th, was well attended and raised much needed funds for the club.
- TCC annual Car Rally for adults and children – **Date to be announced**, likely to be September (after the season).
- TCC vs Great Horwood – Memorial Game – **Sunday 21st July** at Great Horwood Cricket Ground.
- 6-a-side Cricket Tournament – **Sunday August 25th**

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Thornborough and Coombs Woodlands Report



As summer has finally arrived all the hard work in the woodlands is coming to fruition. The woodlands are looking lovely and provide excellent walking conditions. Benches have now been placed in various parts of the woodlands for your use. So, take a seat and admire the view and the wildlife at your leisure.

The AGM was held 20th June, and all current trustees were re-elected for another year. The accounts and chairman's report are available on request from Mary Taylor the Trust secretary (admin@thornboroughwoods.org.uk).

June saw a large work party from Stowe school, made up of pupils and masters who volunteered to help in the woodlands. A great deal of progress was made, as a huge effort was given by all involved. Our thanks to Stowe school.

We also offer our thanks to the monthly volunteers who give up their time to help maintain all parts of the woodlands, for their ongoing help and support.

The work is always on going and the volunteers meet on the first Saturday of the month. We are always looking for more helpers so please come along if you can spare a couple of hours once a month.

Learn more at www.thornboroughwoods.org.uk

11+ Masterclass Tuition

I am running the following three day events on 19/20/21 and 26/27/28 August:

11+ Masterclass
Thornborough Village Hall
10am-1pm Mon to Weds

Would suit current Y4 and Y5 pupils, taking their 11+ exam this year or next.
Top tips, key skills, and a mock test will be included.

Please email Emma at Engenius Tuition if interested in booking onto the masterclass. £220 per child, for a three day course.

engeniustuition@gmail.com

Thornborough & Thornton Fundraisers 2018-19 Activities

Just a quick update on what the fundraisers have been doing during the last year. Our activities have slowed down as the village seemed to be suffering a certain amount of fundraising fatigue. However, we still managed to raise a respectable £1,310, making a surplus of £413. Our expenses and donations included the suffragette silhouette by the pond, litter picking equipment and the survey for the village hall. The subsequent meeting regarding the hall was well attended with a lively debate and we hope this will provide support and momentum for improving village facilities. At 31 March 2019 we had some £3,189 at the bank although we have spent £835 since then replacing Meryn's bench by the village hall which I hope you agree looks beautiful.

A big thank you to everyone for your continuing efforts and support.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Year Ended 31 March 2019

NET FUNDS IN

Garden Stall	216
Christmas Quiz	588
Christmas film	25
January Quiz night	451
Donations	30

INCOME

1,310

DONATIONS AND EXPENSES

British Legion Silhouette	150
TNews (Gussie pages)	149
Litter picking	123
Harvest Festival	112
Oli Hilsden Appeal	109
Defibrillator upkeep	102
Infant School	54
Survey for village hall	53
HULA donation	45

EXPENDITURE

897

NET SURPLUS

413

W.I. Report for June-July 2019



Here is some advice you've probably heard before, but if not, hopefully it will be music to your ears:

- Clean your house/clothes less often
- Open a window rather than using air fresheners
- By using organic skin care products, you can reduce exposure to dangerous chemicals by up to 515 a day.

Should you wish to take up spinning your own woolly products on a hand wheel, here are some interesting facts:

- You'd be in good company; spinning has been going on for 5.000 years.
- It takes 4 days to process a fleece
- It takes 4 hours to spin 2 bobbins of wool.

The last two talks at W.I. have been absolutely rivetting, by women who really know their subject, are enthusiasts and advocates and were thoroughly enjoyable to listen to and admire. First, was Maria Greenhill, intent on reducing our chemical load, pointing out all the danger spots where chemicals are used in abundance by suppliers - and suggesting alternatives. As far as food goes, she warned us to be sure to wash all veg and fruit as pesticide residues are legion. Her advice was to buy organic - not surprisingly!

In July, Gilly Pusey spoke to a packed house (aka village hall) about her passion for sheep, fleeces, spinning, knitting and dyeing fabric with natural colours, such as bark, flowers, leaves and highly recommended - onion skins. All of this represented half a hobby, half living for her, but you can imagine how members of the audience, many of whom are devotees of such crafts - hung on her every word.

After both these events, cake was served (courtesy of the Community Cafe) with the usual business: who's doing what, where, how and with whom; all part of W.I. We've enjoyed quite a few new members of late, but are always ready for more. Please consult the website (www.thornboroughandthorntonwi.org) for further information and /or come to our next meeting.

WI. email address: Thornboroughandthorntonwigmail.com

Sue Hare and Cath Sayer

34th Annual May Bank Holiday Thornborough-10 mile & 5-mile Fun Run - Monday 6th May 2019



The final Bend of the Thornborough Fun Run

Another great event this year with good numbers on a fairly cool, dry day.

Despite the MK Marathon being on the same day we had 161 entries, the most runners since 2013 when we had exactly the same number of runners. I think we are attracting runners back to our lovely event and the number of runners in the village is increasing.

Thanks to the many marshals and water station helpers, we really could not do this without you. Special thanks to our timekeepers, new this year – you did a great job! We did have to drop the very first water station at the top of Nash Road this year, so a few more volunteers would help us next year (marshalling is fun too).

As always we are prepared for the worst, with a lead car and a tail car constantly driving the circuit to pick up anyone struggling, a great safety aid. We have lots of water all around the course and especially at the end.

Sadly there were again a few arrogant and inconsiderate drivers putting the runners lives at risk by driving much too fast, despite the well-marked course and marshals flagging them to slow down. But most drivers are very considerate, polite and understanding, not that there are many cars travelling this route.

This event is a fundraiser for the Sports and Social club (TSSC) - we spend this money on a variety of events such as the pantomime outing, under-fives party and of course the fabulous spring party for older residents.

Thornborough Fun Run runs concurrently with the Thornborough-10 mile road race for serious runners, every year we get people from many local towns and

villages and runners from running clubs near and far. In 2019 29 runners took part in the Thornborough-10, the winning times were man 0:58:12 and lady 1:23:44. In the 5-mile Fun Run the winning man finished in a creditable 0:30:22 and a superb run by the winning lady 0:30:48. **See details on our website <https://www.bucksvoice.net/tssc/> (or Google 'TSSC Thornborough')**

We are thinking about a short run next year for the smaller kids, but we would need each child entry to have a parent acting as a marshal on or leading to the sports field.

If you want to help, have suggestions or want more details please contact me (Bernard Garbe): race-secretary@tssc-mail.org.uk

The TSSC AGM is on Tue 22nd October 2019 at 8pm in The Two Brewers. All villagers are welcome!

Village Hall Trust update

In the **Saturday 59 Club**, the winning number for June was 27, the lucky possessor of that number being Michelle Williamson, while the happy owner of the **Wednesday 59 Club** prize number 38 was Claire Morgan.

With the Lottery now expanded to 59 numbers, ***we do have vacant numbers***, so if anyone is interested in taking one on, please could they give our Secretary, Bernard Garbe, a call on 814344.

At the recent Village Hall Management Committee AGM, Steve Wilkins was elected Chairman with Maggie Beach as Vice Chairman. Bernard Garbe was elected Secretary (after over 20 years as Chairman!), myself Treasurer and Tracy Sapwell Auditor.

It was agreed that the prime issues to address in the **Village Hall Improvement Programme** were the toilets and the heating, together with a possible repositioning of the entrance to the front of the building to facilitate this work.

Given the financial situation of the Trust, it was agreed that an approach be made to the Thornborough Fund Raising Committee for help in raising the necessary funds for these required improvements to the Hall (which was last completely renovated back in the mid 90s).

David Wise (Honorary Treasurer)

Thornborough Parish Council Meeting 17 June 2019 Report

This was my first meeting following my recent appointment as Clerk to Thornborough Parish Council ("TPC") – my contact details are provided below. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

Emily Cooke (emily.cooke@thornboroughparish.org.uk) and Carol Laurence (carol.laurence@thornboroughparish.org.uk) were co-opted and complete the TPC team.

During the public session the Editor of Thornborough News provided an overview of the publication and was thanked for his ongoing work. The Head Teacher also attended the public session to explain the challenges currently facing Thornborough Infant School because of falling pupil numbers. The school's strategic plan is due to be discussed by TPC at its next meeting.

The following items of new substantive business were discussed:

- TPC resolved to launch the investigation stage for the development of a **Thornborough Neighbourhood Plan**. This is an exciting initiative with the potential to be of significant benefit to the village. Please let me know if you are interested in getting involved.
- TPC discussed the **need for a disabled toilet and adequate changing facilities in the pavilion**. A working group is being appointed, comprising Cllrs Cooke, Goodger and Taylor and representatives of the Sir Harry Moore Sports Field and Pavilion, the Pre-School and Cricket Club, to investigate the planning implications and possible funding sources.
- The Chair talked about the meeting he had arranged for the village to meet with the crime prevention officer to **re-establish a neighbourhood watch scheme**. TPC resolved to adopt the initiative.

The meeting also included reports and updates about ongoing business which included the new cricket equipment; Thornborough and Coombs Woodlands Trust; the Playground and the Coombs traffic calming gates. Actions were agreed to progress issues of concern to the village such as **increased traffic in Lower End; the need for better street lighting in the area of the village pond and the Thornhill potholes**.

TPC has a vacant allotment, please get in touch if you are interested in taking it.

The next TPC meetings are Monday 15 July and Monday 19 August 2019 both at 7pm in the Village Hall – all welcome.

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LOCAL EVENTS DIARY – KEEP THE DATES

EVENT	WHERE?	WHEN?
Nash Annual all-day Music Festival	Recreation Park, Nash	Sat 20th July - 2pm-Midnight
T'boro Cricket Club Great Horwood Memorial Game	Great Horwood Ground	Sun 21st July
Woodlands Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 3rd Aug - 9am
WI - Garden meeting in Thornton	Thornton	Wed 7th August - 7.30pm
Thornborough Parish Council Monthly Meeting	Village Hall	Monday 19th August - 7pm
Larder Café 6-course Summer Tasting Menus	Larder Café	Tues 20th - Fri 23rd August
T'boro Cricket Club Charity 6-a-side	Sports Ground	Sun 25th August
Woodlands Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 7th September - 9am
T'boro & Thornton Gardening Soc. Annual Village Show	Village Hall	Sat 7th September - 2.30pm
Copy date for next Thornborough News		Mon 9th September
TSSC AGM	Two Brewers	Tues 22nd October - 8pm

Editor's Corner

Please get in touch with me at tnewseditor2018@gmail.com with any forthcoming events whether in Thornborough or nearby villages. I'd like to cover as many as possible.

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