



Farewell Gussie – we will miss you!

Thornborough News

Oct-Nov 2018

Thornborough Parish Council Report for July and August 2018

Planning

Councillors looked at the following plans in the last 4 meetings:

- Ref 18/02492/APP - Single storey rear extension, front porch and removal of rear chimney - 6 Bridge Street, Thornborough, MK18 2DN
- Ref. 18/02426/APP - Coombs Farmhouse, Padbury Road, Thornborough, MK18 2EB - Two Storey side extension and detached garage.
- Ref 18/02624/APP - Variation of Conditions of planning permission 17/02680/APP. - Old Kilns, Back Street, Thornborough, MK18 2DH

All these application were supported

- Ref. 18/02825/ALB - Thornborough Mill, Thornborough, MK18 2ED– No Comment

Councillors are also discussing joining with Buckingham Town Council on working on a Buckingham Local Plan that could include local parishes.

Updates: Application Appeal Ref: 18/00009/REF for Ref: 17/03371/APP - Erection of dwelling and double garage with associated parking and amenities - Land Adj. New Inn, High Street, Thornborough, Buckinghamshire. This appeal was refused.
Ref. 7/01599/APP Conversion of Agricultural Building to 4 residential units Coombs Farm, Padbury Road, Thornborough, MK18 2EB. TPC sent a Councillor to support this application at the Aylesbury Vale District Council Planning Committee, however the application was refused.

TPC has also been dealing with an issue concerning the allotments, receiving and acting on the annual playground report, putting Privacy Statements under the new GDPR into place, and representatives have attended the Local Area Forum and the North Bucks Parishes Planning Consortium.

TPC have joined the Silent Soldier Campaign and will be putting up a silent soldier Airman to commemorate the ending of the Great War in November 2018.

Road and Drainage issues

- ❖ **Picnic Area at Thornborough Bridge** - The work being carried out on the bridge has suffered from two incidents of vandalism, one of which involved the stealing of all tools left locked up in a shed on the site. TPC remains concerned about the behaviour of some of the users, the level of rubbish left there and the general state of the facility. However, it is not TPC's responsibility but BCC's. All illegal behaviour at the site should always be reported to the police as it was not BCC's responsibility to deal with that.
- ❖ **The Pond** – The pond is due to be cleared in the second week of September.

- ❖ **The Ouse** – The recent pollution of the Ouse by a chemical spillage and the many dead fish this has caused was noted. Councillors were saddened by the extent of the damage.
- ❖ **Verge Gates at Coombs** – TPC has submitted a bid to the LAF for part funding to put these in place.

The next TPC meetings are on Mon 17th September, 15th October & 19th November, all at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. All are welcome.

The Functions of Thornborough Parish Council (TPC)

There has been some confusion about the titles and roles of the various Thornborough Councils and in particular the role of the TPC. Maggie Beach, clerk of the TPC explains all.....

TPC consists of 7 elected or co-opted Councillors, all of whom are volunteers and unpaid, plus one Parish Clerk who is employed and paid by the Council. It is completely separate from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) which is a church body.

Councillors follow a Code of Conduct and make a Declaration of Interests when they take office. Both documents are available on the TPC website

www.thornboroughparish.co.uk)

The TPC is funded by a small portion of Thornborough residents' rates which is set every year, and all income and expenditure is fully audited.

The functions of the TPC are:

- (a) To exercise such powers and duties as are laid upon it by Standing Orders and Financial Regulations (these Standing Orders and Financial Regulations are available for parishioners on the TPC website).
- (b) To exercise such powers and duties as are laid upon it by statute.
- (c) To exercise such powers and duties as are laid upon it by delegation from the Buckinghamshire County Council or Aylesbury Vale District Council.
- (d) To protect, enhance and promote the environment of the area of the Parish Council.
- (e) To protect, enhance and promote the collective interests and well-being of the residents of the Parish of Thornborough.
- (f) To make representations to Buckinghamshire District Council, Aylesbury Vale County Council, and any other Statutory Body or Public Utility on matters affecting the residents of Thornborough Parish.
- (g) To stimulate and foster support for approved policies of the Council.

What this means here in the parish includes:

- Monitoring and commenting on any planning applications;
- Arranging and paying for the maintenance of internal village green areas, including the pond;
- Arranging and paying for the provision and emptying of dog waste bins and salt bins;
- Raising village road and pavement defects with Transport for Bucks and ensuring they are addressed;
- Arranging and paying for the maintenance of sports field and playground equipment;
- Administering and collecting payments for the village allotments, which are owned by BCC;
- Paying for street lighting;
- Liaising and working with other PCs in the area.

The TPC own 2 buildings in the parish:

- The Village Hall, which is managed by the Village Hall Trust and is in the conservation area;
- The Sports Pavilion, which has various conditions of use.

The TPC also owns the greens in the centre of the village and the Sports Field.

Public Attendance at Meetings

All parishioners are welcome to attend our monthly meetings, held in the Village Hall, and there is an opportunity in every meeting for the public to raise issues. Each issue is limited to 10 minutes including any discussions and no vote can be taken. The Council can then decide to put the issue for discussion on a future agenda if it feels it is appropriate. Agendas for and minutes of the meetings are published on the TPC website, as are the annual audited accounts.

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**
**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

WEDNESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

2.00 – 4.00 pm

THORNBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

**WE'D LIKE TO
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Come and have a cuppa and a slice of cake!



Thornborough and Coombs Woodlands

Autumn is creeping into the woods. An amazing summer has left everywhere dry and there are great cracks in the ground. Do take extra care when walking.

Andy and his team have cut a new walk through the trees.

Can you find it? In the winter when it is wet and muddy under foot, although right now that may seem impossible, the new walk through the trees will provide a dry protected path.

Andy's Volunteers continue to meet on the first Saturday of the month, 9 am at the Old Depot.

Apple Orchard Volunteers meet the third Sunday of the month, at 2 pm at the Old Depot.

Apple Day will be **Saturday 10th November** this year. For those of you who came last year you already know what fun and how interesting it is and for those of you who missed it, it is a very good way to use up all your unwanted apples and go home with delicious apple juice!

We are always looking for helpers with publicity, IT, Facebook and general maintenance. Most importantly, at the moment please take great care; the woods are so very dry. No flames of any sort please – even in the car park.

If you have concerns in the woodlands please let us know.

Trustees of Thornborough and Coombs Woodlands Enterprise Trust

Village Hall Trust 59 Clubs by **David Wise (Honorary Treasurer)**

In the Saturday 59 Club, the winning number for July was 10, the lucky owner being Sue Jordan, while the happy owner of the Wednesday 59 Club prize number, 6 is Chris Moore, a long-term member. Each received a cheque for £150.

The winning numbers in the August draw were 48 in the Saturday Club, owned by Melanie Staff, and 55 in the Wednesday Club, a number yet to be allocated. Melanie has also thus benefitted from a cheque for £150.

These Clubs have now been running for over twenty years and generate significant funds towards the upkeep of the Village Hall. Membership costs £5 per month per number, and the monthly prize is £150 in each Club.

We do now have vacant numbers, especially since the draw was extended to 59 from 49, so if anyone is interested in taking one on, please could they give our Chairman, Bernard Garbe, a call on 814344.

W.I. Report September 2018

by Cath Sayer

Dragonflies can see in all directions at the same time. That's one of many advantages of a compound eye; it wraps around your head. The main disadvantage of being a dragonfly is that you don't get to live for more than a month. Other important information from our talk on the **Flowers and Fruits of Autumn** includes: crocuses are easy to grow (gardeners will know this) and at Southwell, Nottinghamshire there is a Bramley apple tree which is the first ever Bramley apple to be grown and as such, is the father/mother of all other Bramley apple trees. Dr John Noakes' talk was illustrated by the most spectacular images and photos, many of which were from his own garden, augmented by various other photographs of unusual birds, insects and spikey things called eryngiums. There is much to be learned from a W.I. talk.

Two other important news items are, first – there are to be changes to the very capable officers of our committee and we are to thank profusely the years of hard work from Jan Davies (President) and Suzanne Osborn (Events Sec.) and more recently Ren Wyatt (Sec.). All these people deserve medals and prizes for their endeavours and it will be no mean feat to replace them! However, replace them we must, and if any of our readers are minded to join us this year, be aware that there are vacancies on the committee, to which you would be most welcome. You could just join the W.I. - without obligation. Honest!

The second news item is that there is to be a repeat of last year's very successful **Hedgerow Spirits evening**. All that is required is a bottle of drinkable spirit and the fruits of the hedges will be provided, along with refreshments and expert help. The date is **Thursday 18th October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**; it's a free event! **ALL WELCOME!!** Please do come along.



Thornborough & Thornton WI invite you to

Make your own
**Hedgerow
spirits**
for Christmas

No experience required

Bring a bottle of spirit (NOT Meths!) e.g. Gin, Vodka, Rum

Fruit, tea, cake, fun, expert guidance provided

Thursday 18th October 7.30-9.00pm

Thornborough Village Hall

Free event - All welcome

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Next WI Meeting: Wed. 3rd October at 7.30pm in Thornborough Village Hall

Thornborough Bridge Update

From Libby Howard (now Culshaw)

Libby, whilst not a Thornborough resident, knows many people in the village and often comes to Thornborough to attend the Howard family graves.

I thought the villagers may be interested to know why Thornborough Bridge has not reopened. I was hoping to complete the Thornborough Circular walk starting at the bridge. It was still closed so I parked by the church and walked down to Hatchet Leys Lane and set off.

At the bridge I met a couple in high vis clothing. They were the medieval building conservation team. They were late with the repairs because 3 days into the work their containers were forced open at night and their specialist 'medieval' tools were stolen. It has taken time to replace them and people generously sent money to a crowd-funding page to help with the cost.

This couple - Charlie and Karen Slade were so interesting, I could have listened to them all day. They told us about the medieval graffiti on the bridge and even about the list of the original builders names incorporated into the stone. They explained about previous repairs to the bridge using cement which is now affecting the original medieval stones/mortar underneath and it is this that is being restored and repaired. It is the only medieval bridge in Bucks. There were also two stone masons working. They enjoyed watching otters on the bank eating American Signal crayfish.

Not wanting to encourage you to delay the workers too much, it is well worth nipping down or looking at their website www.companyofartisans.co.uk – you may even see an otter!

A Big Thank You.....

to Andy and Val for hosting the recent Quiz Night and well done to everyone who took part, raising £137 for charity. Our team of Suzanne and John Osborn, Fiona Coppins and myself were fortunate enough to win and part of our reward was to nominate the charity to receive the funds. We have donated the money to Charlie's Gift, a local charity which provides one-off grants to children facing challenges and the local organisations that support them. If you get the chance, visit their website, www.charliesgift.co.uk and see some of the great things they have done with the money that they have received. See you at the next Quiz Night!

Steve Coppins



GUSSIE'S GOODBYE TO THORNBOROUGH



I do not think life ever prepares you for those 'goodbye' moments.

When I first went up to Cumbria to serve my curacy I was told to expect a good congregation for my first service. The reason being that the 'farmers' would come off down the fells to see what I was like.

If they approved they would nod to the churchwarden, which meant I could take their funerals if the occasion arose; if they did not they would shake their heads. No words were exchanged, and I never saw most of them again. That was until my last service, when again the same farmers returned. Puzzled I asked why they had bothered to come.

In true Cumbrian bluntness, I was informed that the ones who had nodded had come to wish me well, and the ones who had shaken their heads had come to heave a sigh of relief and make sure I really was going!

I am not sure whether the same sentiments apply to Thornborough, but what I do know is that we are going to miss living in this village community.

It has been an AMAZING six years, and you have blessed us with your trust, friendship, encouragement, humour and 'we can do' attitude.

There are so many highlights that I cannot list them all but here are some:

- The beautiful church, worshipping with the community, and the PCC's generosity.
- The Chancel Roof restoration, including the fundraising events, the building and the Lego Celebration Sunday service followed by the Bring and Share picnic, Sports day, Bar-B-Q, Ice-cream van and dancing to the Band. Furthermore, God blessed us with a wonderful warm day!
- The Marks of Creation / Quilt Weekends.
- The Festival services: Harvest with tractors, Carol by candlelight services, Christingles, Christmas morning with Jesus' Birthday cake, Easter (especially the one with the Gothard's rabbit in the Easter egg box!) All enhanced by the flowers and the themed creativity from the clubs, pub and groups within the village and surrounding area.
- The many Songs of Praise, with speakers, Choirs and Karoke singing (when the machine worked!)
- The celebration of weddings and baptisms, as well as being part of helping to say au revoir to loved ones.

- The support of the Chapel, in particular working with Katy Morris at Messy Church and being blessed by the families who come.
- The fun of being involved with Thornborough First School for Assemblies, Messy Festival craft afternoons, and their special services.
- The Preschool nativity and seeing Santa in his bell tower grotto.
- The transformation of the graveyard.
- The chats over cups of coffee at the porch sale, and in people's homes.
- And...and... and!



I asked Mark what he would miss when we leave. His answer was as expected succinct. Verges, Skips, a Goodger or two, and conversations with the Highways Department about Chapel Lane drains! And Jimmy? The lampposts!

Thank you Thornborough from the bottom of our hearts for the community you are - we have discovered more about the love of Christ through you and we will miss you!



AND WE REPLY

THANK YOU, GUSSIE!

How might the advertisement have read six years ago? "Rural parish seeks charismatic vicar with warmth and compassion, enthusiasm and energy, able to provide care and commitment whilst being wise and approachable. Must be someone that adults and children will all adore. Oh yes, and needs a sense of humour as the chancel roof may fall in!"

Gussie clearly likes a challenge. She took on 5 parishes; Thornborough, Radclive, Beachampton, Nash and Whaddon. She's been a real inspiration and has contributed so much to our community that we wanted to mark her retirement and departure next month. Gussie, Mark and Jimmy will be sorely missed. Of course, Gussie's services are always guaranteed to be thoughtful and fun but, of course she does so much more...

The Chancel Roof: Our roof had been quietly decaying over the years and perhaps there was an unspoken pact – if nobody mentioned it, perhaps it would stay up! Gussie's arrival put a stop to that! She called the village together to ask

what was to be done. The chancel was cordoned off as unsafe and although it seemed like a mountain to climb, everyone came together to start raising money. Gussie galvanized us into action and her enthusiasm kept us going even when our first grant application failed. The final cost of £94,000 came from a grant and funds raised by the village. It is a stupendous achievement and we now have a very beautiful and tranquil area in the church.

Thornborough School: Wednesday mornings have been a special time for the staff and children because it's Reverend Gussie's assembly day! Gussie's assemblies are always interactive, exciting, engaging, even compelling; sometimes we have to wait until the next week to see what happens to the key character in a story! One series of stories was all about a little girl called Cassandra who found an old dusty crown in her attic. Gussie took both children and staff on a magical adventure as we saw Cassandra having to make difficult choices as she pursued the precious jewels which were missing from the crown. Other amazing series have featured a mad professor, animals with special talents, and not forgetting the wonderful Storyteller's coat with its capacious pockets usually well stocked with intriguing clues to a story!

Through her creativity and skills as a communicator, Gussie has the capacity to reach both young and old. She has the ability to speak about the Christian faith in a way that is both bold yet personal, and informative without being overpowering. Week by week, Gussie, with wisdom and great simplicity, helps the children wrestle with issues of right and wrong. She becomes involved with their concerns and worries and demonstrates how to pray. Through all she does, says, and is, she must have helped many children towards an awareness of a 'spiritual' dimension in life.



Messy Church: Meeting once a month it is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity (often messy!!), celebration and hospitality. Gussie and Katy joined forces and launched the Thornborough Messy Church in January 2017. Planning meetings are often hilarious and it is unlikely that families or helpers will forget Gussie dressed as a camel, being loaded up and then trying to get through a very small door - a re-telling of the impossibility of a camel to pass through the eye of a needle! (Sadly, no pictures exist!)

Praying for Thornborough: Did you know that our wellbeing was being thought about and prayed for every Tuesday morning. Gay, Katy and Gussie have over the years been constantly, quietly caring for and about us.

Honour from Stowe: How often is a local vicar celebrated amongst such famous people as Queen Elizabeth II, Edith Cavell, Marie Stopes, Beatrix Potter and J K Rowling? Well, the answer is never before - and the local vicar is Gussie! Visit the Temple of Venus (yes, the Temple of Venus) at Stowe and learn how Gussie has been voted one of 14 women worthy to be commemorated in a modern day Temple of British Worthies. What an honour! And what's more it's thoroughly deserved.

Of course, we're not just losing Gussie but also Mark, who has worked tirelessly in the background keeping the churchyard and village tended (including Chapel Lane's drains – see right!). I suspect we'll only be aware of just how much he's done when the work stops!



We now enter a period of interregnum until a new vicar is appointed which, with the suggested changes to unite rural parishes into a separate benefice apart from Buckingham, may last up to 2 years. Given Gussie's sterling work, we, more than ever, need to keep the momentum she has created going.

And finally, just to say again...

Thank you, Gussie

Thank you for contributions and help from Gill Bevington, Rupert Bursell, Katy Morris, Henry Lewis and many others. The 4 colour pages have been paid for by the Thornborough & Thornton Fundraising Group.

	<p>Harvest Service Sunday 14th October 11.00am St Mary's church</p>		Free tickets for the Harvest Supper available from
	<p>Thornborough & Thornton Harvest Supper Friday 12th October 7.30pm St Mary's church</p>		Ann Payne (814253) or Charlotte Moore (812170).

Thornborough Methodist Church



Sunday Sept 23rd Trevor Ray	11.00am Harvest Festival Service led by followed by Bring & Share lunch
Monday Sept 24th	7.30pm Sale of Harvest produce
Sunday Sept 30th	11.00am Service led by Malcolm Bromhall
Monday Oct 1st	“Meet and Eat” see details below
Tuesday Oct 2nd	7.30pm Church Meeting
Sunday Oct 7th	11.00am Service led by Rev. Tim Edworthy including Holy Communion
Sunday Oct 14th	11.00am United Service at St. Marys - Harvest Festival and farewell to Rev. Gussie Walsh
Sunday Oct 21st	11.00am Service led by Rev. Pat Olivent-Hayes 4.00pm Messy Church
Sunday Oct 28th	11.00am Service led by David Lewis
Sunday Nov 4th	11.00am Service led by Rev. Tim Edworthy including Holy Communion
Monday Nov 5th	“Meet and Eat” see details below
Sunday Nov 11th	Remembrance Sunday - Meet at St. Mary’s (gate) at 10.50am followed by 11.00am United Service
Sunday Nov 18th	11.00am Service Service led by Andrew Brazell 4.00pm Messy Church

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 and 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.

St Mary's Church

Services



September	23 rd		No Service
	30 th	11:00 AM	Benefice Holy Communion Including a report from the pilgrimage to Israel, followed by lunch at the Rectory. Please contact Gussie if you would like to come: phone 01280 821616 or email am@buckinghambenefice.org.uk
October	14 th	11:00 AM	Harvest Festival with the Chapel, supporting Water Aid. Tractors needed
	19 th	1:30 PM	Thornborough School Harvest Festival
	21 st	8:30 AM	Holy Communion BCP
	28 th	3:00 PM	At NASH. All Souls – ‘Remembering loved ones’
November	4 th		No Service
	11 th	10:50 AM	At the War Memorial, followed by a service in the church.
	18 th	8:30 AM	Holy Communion BCP
	25 th		No Service
December	2 nd	6:00pm	Advent Carol Service - ‘Bringing in the Light’
	14 th	5:30pm	Thornborough School Nativity Play
	16 th	6:00pm	Carols by candlelight
	24 th	5:00pm	Christingle
		11:30pm	Midnight Communion with Nash
	25 th	10:00am	Informal – ‘Happy Birthday Jesus’ (half an hour)
	30 th	8:30am	Holy Communion BCP
		4:00pm	At NASH. Compline

Events

Porch sales: Saturday 10am – Noon, October 13th, November 10th, December 8th.

Harvest Supper: 7:30pm Fri 12th Oct, in the Church. **For tickets see back page.**



For the past 3 Messy Church Sundays, we have been looking at someone called Jacob and his twin brother Esau (a very hairy man!).

They fell out when Jacob tricked Esau out of his inheritance – his father’s blessing- with a bowl of stew!

Esau was so angry that he threatened to kill Jacob, so Jacob ran for his life and went to live with his Uncle Laban. Uncle Laban then tricked Jacob, by fooling him into marrying his eldest daughter when he had fallen in love with the younger one.

After a time, Jacob decided to go back and say sorry to his brother Esau – meeting God on the way and building stone cairns as a memory - and when they met, Esau was overjoyed at seeing his brother again and all was forgiven.

To illustrate the story, we made bowls out of clay, painted a figure before folding the paper in two to make a twin image; decorated Messy Church stones and put them around the village (have you seen any?); watched a science experiment which show how eggs sink (when we say sorry) and rise (when we are forgiven) - oh and so much more!

If you have never been, why not come and join us?

(For dates see the diary for Thornborough Methodist Church)

DEAR DOG OWNERS PLEASE REMEMBER ...

**There is no such thing
as the Dog Poop fairy**



Please Pick it UP

Thornborough Bonfire and Fireworks Night - Sat 3rd Nov 2018



The gate opens at 7:00pm at the annual Thornborough Village bonfire and firework display on Saturday 3rd November.

But much better is to **join the traditional village Torchlit Procession that starts at 6:30 pm from The Two Brewers.**

The procession proceeds directly up the Nash Road to the venue on the outskirts of the village. Tickets on sale outside The Two Brewers on the night from 6pm – this avoids queuing at the venue gate. **Mulled wine, hot pork rolls and other beverages will be available.**

Visitors from outside the village are very welcome. For safety reasons **PARKING** is prohibited along the Nash Road by the venue. **There is also no parking in the venue.** There is plenty of room for parking along the High Street and Village Green (MK18 2DN) for visitors to the event.

Date and Time

Saturday 3rd November 2018

Procession starts from Two Brewers 18:30

Event ends by 19:45

Location

Nash Road, Thornborough, MK18 2DX

Parking

Parking along the High Street and Village Green (MK18 2DN)

Thornborough Cricket Club Annual Review

Well, our 2018 campaign has come to an end. We've had a mixed season, with many highs and a few lows.

On the positive side, we have recruited a number of new players, significantly bolstering our overall squad, with a number of youngsters coming through, meaning we have successfully managed (most weeks) to field 2 teams of 11.

Our fund-raising activities have been very well supported (thank you) meaning our financial position is solid. We have also secured significant funds for our 3 chosen charities; **Lord Taverners, Scotty's Little Soldiers and Air Ambulance**. Once again thank you to all who supported these worthy causes.

Another great success has been our **Allstars Youth Cricket** campaign organised and run by Chris "Coxy" Cox, an initiative sponsored by the ECB to bring children into Cricket. Watch this space, as I'm sure we will run this again next season.

Our annual memorial game against Great Horwood took place, with TCC hosting this year. The game was played in a great spirit, with Great Horwood narrowly winning (about time too!), with £795 raised for our charities.

Unfortunately due to poor weather (rain!!!) we weren't so successful with our 6 a side tournament. But, in true Thornborough style, we decamped to the Brewers and had a great afternoon (and still raised £600 for our charities).

On a less positive note, we have suffered significantly this season with injuries and a number of previous senior players moving away from the area.

This season, unlike previous seasons, we have suffered not from the usual rain(!) but the long dry spells, resulting in many large "craters" appearing across the field, with significant costs to TCC (ie purchasing 7 tons of top soil and sand to fill the many cracks). Thank you all who have helped with the "crack filling" work.

Dates for the diary

- **Saturday 13th October – Presentation evening** at Buckingham Golf Club – A great evening, food, liquid refreshments and dancing. Open to all, please **contact Deb Chapman or Ian Davies for tickets**.
- **Saturday 24th November – Quiz evening** – more info to follow soon.
- **Race night – February 2019** – Date and time to be confirmed.
- **2019 indoor cricket nets – Starting February 25th for 7 wks** - 19:30 to 20:30 at the Royal Latin School.

WHOO,WHOO/What is BORG??

Bucks Owl and Raptor Group

(or BORG) are a group of volunteers based in Aylesbury and have been operating for over 10 years. They have a network of boxes across Buckinghamshire which are managed and monitored in partnership with landowners. The group is completely independent and run entirely by volunteers. They build, position, manage & monitor over 350 owl and raptor nest boxes, including Barn Owls, Tawny Owls, Little Owls and Kestrels – there are a number in the Thornborough area. Look at what can be produced!



Birds that take up occupancy of these boxes undergo further monitoring by the volunteers. This monitoring forms part of a national recording scheme managed by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO).

If you find a ringed owl please call 07910419237.

And if you find an **INJURED** bird or animal, including owls, call: **01844 292292**.

For more information visit their website: <http://www.giveahoot.org.uk/>



AUTUMN TASTER EVENINGS

Mon 19th & Tue 20th
November

A taster menu showcasing seasonal foods and produce from the farm.

Cooked by *Andy Tomlinson*, former head chef at Claridge's and director of development for Michelin starred chef, *Simon Rogan*.

Welcome drink on arrival

6 course taster menu

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LOCAL EVENTS DIARY – KEEP THE DATES

EVENT	WHERE?	WHEN?
Woodlands Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 6th Oct @9am
Harvest Supper (incl Gussie farewell)	St Mary's Church	Fri 12th Oct @7.30pm
Harvest Service - Gussie's last service	St Mary's Church	Sun 14th Oct @11.00am
Make your own Hedgerow Spirits evening	Village Hall	Thurs 18th Oct @7.30pm
Apple Orchard Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sun 21st Oct @2pm
Woodlands Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 3rd Nov @9am
Thornborough Bonfire & Fireworks Night	Nash Road, Thornborough	Sat 3rd Nov @7pm
Apple Day - Thornborough Woodlands	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 10th Nov
Remembrance Sunday	St Mary's Church	Sun 11th Nov @10.50am
Copy date for next Thornborough News		Mon 12th Nov
Thornborough Cricket Club - Quiz evening	details to follow	Sat 24th Nov
Woodlands Volunteers	The Old Depot, Coombs	Sat 2nd Dec @9am
2019		
Thornborough Cricket Club - Indoor Nets	Royal Latin School.	Mon 25th Feb @ 7.30pm

Editor's Corner

Future "Historical" Articles for TNews

I would like to introduce an article each issue focussing on some of Thornborough's history, particularly some of the **families** who have lived here for generations. Please let me know if you would be prepared to have a discussion/do an interview etc.

Harvest Supper – 12th October – FREE tickets still available

There are still some FREE tickets for the Harvest Supper on Friday 12th October, which also includes Music & Barn Dancing and an Honesty Bar. Tickets available from Ann Payne (814253) or Charlotte Moore (812170).

Please contact me anytime at: tnewseditor2018@gmail.com

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