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with a Farmers Market and a variety of stalls made up from local businesses, different charities and organisations.

We will then have a line up of local bands on two stages from 4.00pm.

All are welcome and we still have a few pitches left for anyone interested in setting up a stall.

Town Plan Questionnaire and Prize Draw

A town plan is a document giving details of the local area and ideas for its future based on the views and opinions of local residents.

Thorpe St Andrew has seen significant growth and development in the last 20 years. The council would like to know how you feel about your area now and whether you would like to see any changes and improvements to it.

If the council knows what residents think, we will be in a better position to put those views forward when discussing future developments. The town plan questionnaire is in this copy of the Beacon!

A prize draw will be held on Monday 4th August for those who have returned completed questionnaires.

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THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING 20TH MAY 2008 REPORT

The main theme behind the Council's many activities, as set out in this report, is the improvement of communication with the public and the generation of a community spirit. As part of this policy the Council has introduced a Civic Award scheme to recognise those people who voluntarily give up a great deal of their time to ensure the smooth running of a club, organisation or charity or who consistently raise money for good causes. Nomination forms and the criteria for nomination are available from the Town Council Office, to be completed and returned by 22nd August.

To be able to serve the community the Council needs to know much more about it and a Town Plan is being prepared with a questionnaire covering the whole range of life in Thorpe St Andrew, your likes, your dislikes, your hopes, your fears and how you see the future of the Town. The Council has approved in principle the provision of a community garden and we would welcome your ideas on how it should be designed and where it should be.

It is a well known fact that you cannot please all the people all the time and this was made obvious to the Council after the fencing on Laundry Lane was erected. There were complaints about its appearance but the people who live there are pleased that there is much less noise and disturbance and their rooms are much lighter. The Council had to balance the two responses but decided that quality of life must take precedence.

Councillor Shaw and I represent the Council, and the community, on the Safer Neighbourhood Panel (SNAP). The panel meets to hear of public concerns and to determine priorities. At a previous meeting concern was expressed about speeding on a number of roads and it was agreed to target this problem together with ongoing anti-social behaviour. The panel consists of police, PCSOs, Councillors, Homewatch and other interested bodies. An application has been made for Public Place Dispersal order on the recreation grounds. This empowers the police to confiscate alcohol.

Speeding and car parking on verges remain a problem and we are in regular contact with the police and Highways Department. Following the use of speed activated signs (SAM) on some of our roads in November and December we have asked for them on Booty Road, South Hill Road and Spinney Road. Parking on the Yarmouth Road in the area by the River Green is causing problems and steps are being taken in conjunction with the Highways Department to deal with it. Other traffic matters are the placing of

double yellow lines each side of the junction with Roxley Close and the removal of the restriction at the Meridian roundabout so that traffic from the Town may turn right into the business park.

The Council Committees have been busy, especially the Plans Committee which meets regularly to make recommendations on planning applications. A recent change is that now the Council notifies applicants when their application will be considered and more are attending meetings to present their side of the plan. This ensures absolute fairness for all parties. Plans are now screened electronically instead of the old method of Councillors holding up paper plans. The Committee now has to consider plans submitted through the Broads Authority. The Finance and Staffing Committee monitors expenditure, prepares the annual budget and is responsible for staff appointments and conditions of employment. The Recreation and Amenities Committee continues to maintain playing fields and open spaces and has recently completed a tree thinning operation on Dussindale Park which is a big improvement on the previous overgrown and crowded situation. The football pitches are in maximum use. Additional playground equipment has been provided and more is to come. The Events Committee has put on a number of successful events such as Christmas lights, the Christmas Concert and the enjoyable St George's Picnic and Proms on the Dussindale park.

The Dussindale Centre is well used and there has been a recent change in its management. Previously the Centre was overseen by Trustees in co-operation with Broadland District Council. The change is that the Town Council becomes a Custodian Trustee and owns the property. The day-to-day running of the Centre is the responsibility of Managing Trustees. There will be no outward signs of change but it means that now decisions can be taken without having to refer to the previous trustees or the District Council so creating a much more local control.

It is expected that the gravel extraction on the marshes will be completed by the end of next year when they will then be regenerated and handed over by Lafarge, the contractors. The general theme is to create a wetland nature reserve to be managed by the Council. The Fringe Area Project are interested in taking part and grants should be available but it will not be commercial like Whitlingham Park. We would like your views on what you would like to see happen there.

Russell James
Town Mayor 20th May 2008

New Councillors and a vacancy

Following the death of Mr B Simpson in October 2007 an election was held on 10th January 2008 and Mr J Emsell was duly elected. A further vacancy arose during the year following the disqualification of Mr J Tilbury for non attendance and that vacancy was filled by the co-option to the Council of Mr S Freeman-Pannett in March 2008.

At the June Town Council meeting the Town Mayor, Mr R. S. James, announced that another casual vacancy had arisen in the south east ward following the resignation of Mrs Y. Utting. The vacancy is currently being advertised on the Town Council notice boards. If ten electors from the electoral area request in writing an election by ballot to fill the vacancy this would be held later in the year in the event that more than one candidate was put forward for election.

A similar situation arose earlier in the year when an election was held and two candidates contested for the vacancy. The Town Council is required to pay for the cost of the election and, if called, it is likely to cost around £3,300. As we go to press we learned that no election has been called.

Thorpe Marshes

Many residents will be familiar with the gravel extraction that has been progressing at Thorpe Marshes for the past few years. This is an extension to the major extraction that formed the new Whitlingham Broad on the Trowse side of the river. The marsh has been returned to a grazing marsh in recent years and wildlife has flourished.

The extraction work is estimated to be completed by the end of next year and the granting of extraction rights included the condition that on completion the marsh has to be developed as a nature reserve.

The current owner, Crown Point Estates has approached the Town Council requesting their involvement with managing the marsh after the nature reserve has been established.

We would like to hear resident's views on this project. The marsh is obviously an important feature for Thorpe St Andrew and many walkers together with dogs make full use of this amenity at present, but as a council full consideration must be made of any ongoing expenses.

At the June Town Council meeting the Council resolved that a trust should be set up to manage the marshes and that the Town Council would be prepared to be part of that trust.

The Land Agents acting for the owners of the marshes have said that they will provide information to show the financial viability of the project and this is now awaited. We will publish more details in the Beacon as they become clearer but any initial views can be fed back to the Town Clerk.

Local Government Reorganisation

We can report that local residents have been in touch with both the Council and Councillors on an individual basis, expressing their concerns at the proposal for the city to extend their current boundaries. The Boundary Committee will publish their proposals at the start of July and the Town Council will then seek the public's views on these proposals. Until that time we will continue to listen to local residents and study proposals put forward by other councils. The Boundary Committee has said that they will consult on their proposals but WILL NOT HOLD PUBLIC BALLOT. They will consult 'stakeholders' but do not consider the 'public' to be stakeholders in the future of their local councils.

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The purpose of the award is to give public recognition of the work done by volunteers, involving many years of commitment to a particular organisation or society.

The criteria on which an award will be made are :

- Long term voluntary association with any club, society or organisation with a direct effect on the local community.
- Long term voluntary association with local or national charities, with particular reference to money raising.
- Long term service on elected councils, or other public bodies, with a direct effect on the local community.
- Any achievement, distinction or recognition, not exclusively local, whilst a resident of the town.
- A record of public service in a number of areas, not exclusively local, whilst a resident of the town.

Members of the public are invited to submit nominations in accordance with the above criteria. The scheme will be publicised in the Beacon, Parish Life, local radio and press, at the Annual General Public meeting, on the public notice boards and at the events which the Council organise. Nomination forms are available from the Town Council office in the Dussindale Community Centre.

Serving members of the Council will not be eligible for an award and may not propose or second any nomination.

The selection process will depend on the number of nominations received and the final decision(s) will be made by the full Council.

The award(s) will be made at the annual Mayor's reception and a roll of honour will be placed in the Village Hall.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Last year the town council made an application to the National Lottery for a grant to help to put towards the cost of building a new community hall for Thorpe St Andrew. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful as there were a huge number of applications asking for more than £588 million. The budget for the national grant programme was £50 million.

The current village hall on Yarmouth Road was built as a timber frame First World War Hospital Hut in 1916. It is becoming increasingly expensive to heat and maintain, and although well loved, and extremely well used, it is due for replacement.

The town council is continuing to look at the possibility of providing a community hall which meets the current and future needs of the local population and which has as many energy saving features as possible. This is one of the subjects mentioned in the town plan questionnaire.

We are interested in finding out whether people would like to see a new community building and where they think it should be sited. For example, one possible solution would be to sell the site on Yarmouth Road and build a new building elsewhere, possibly on Dussindale Park.

The council would like to thank everyone who took part in the consultation last year. Your comments and views were extremely valuable to us, and we now have a good idea of the types of facilities local people would like to see provided in a new building.

PINEBANKS

The Council has been in discussions with the agents Savilles and Aviva but it was decided that we are not in a position to put in an offer for the whole site. We have made it known that the Council would be willing to co operate with any purchaser to help maintain full sports facilities at the site.

Despite the publicity that a number of houses may be permitted on the site we can assure local residents that it is still protected by planning policies which recognise its importance for leisure use and green space.

The suggested development of up to 160 dwellings has been proposed as a lever to enable continued sports use at Pinebanks. The Town Council has written to Broadland District Council acknowledging the existing planning policies and stating our objection to any form of development.

All proposals for the site will have to pass through the full planning system and be subject to full consultation and public input.

Come and Help us with Bulb Planting at Dussindale Park!

The town council has been implementing a project to manage the tree boundaries in Thorpe St Andrew. The first phase of the project involved the thinning and removal of selected trees, some of which were encroaching on property boundaries from Montrose Court to the junction with the footpath at Hampden Drive. The area below the trees here has now been opened up and we would like to plant the under storey with bulbs such as Bluebells and Snowdrops.

We are hoping to arrange a bulb planting day in the Autumn and would like local people to be involved in this if possible. The date will be publicised a little nearer the time, and if you would like to come and help you will be made very welcome!

The next stage of the project is to commence this summer with the tree belt stretching from Hampden Drive southwards toward the park boundary with Roundhead Court/Cavalier Close. For more information contact the Town Council info@thorpeandrew-tc.gov.uk or telephone (01603) 701048.

What your Town Council does

We represent your best interests by maintaining close and regular contact with the District and County Councils and the Police.

**Issue bus passes & senior railcards.
Report street lighting faults & highways matters.**

Have a number of committees to oversee Events and Planning for example.

**Issue a local newspaper at least twice a year.
We look after and maintain, River Green, Recreation Ground and Morse Pavilion, Dussindale Amenity Area and Fitzmaurice Pavilion, Tree Plantation and the Village Hall.
Monitor Street and Path sweeping.
Manage the allotments at Hillside and on Dussindale.**

We own and maintain the bus shelters.

We have recently been appointed as the local correspondent to the Evening News to report on any of your local issues and stories.

We arrange for a parish skip to be in the Town one weekend every month.

We have two tree wardens who look after the interests of our many trees and attend meetings which would impact our trees.

Indoor Farmers Market



These are held on Fridays at the end of the month in the mornings at the St Andrews Centre on Thunder Lane and are very popular.

Produce on offer includes rare breed and traditional meat, fresh vegetables, plants and herbs, organic bread, cakes, free range eggs, beer and chutneys to name but a few!! Free tea and coffee.

Lost a bag? We have it!!

Did you or anyone you know leave a bag at the Fitzmaurice Pavilion? You must miss it. Please contact the Town Council office on 01603 701048 to be reunited, obviously after you have given us a full description of the bag and it's contents!!

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Hillbillies New Kitchen opened by our local Councillor Nigel Shaw



Hillbillies breakfast and after school club has been open since 2004. WE look after children aged 5 – 11 from St Williams Primary School and Hillside Primary School and hope to soon include Dussindale Primary School. We started off with 4 children in the morning and 8 in the afternoon and have gradually increased to 32 each morning and afternoon session and are now hoping to increase to 48 children per session. We refurbished one set of toilets just after we opened in September 2004 with the help of St Williams Primary School where we are based. We have now had a new kitchen fitted over the Easter Holidays, this was fitted by Lushers of Norwich and they have done a very professional job, which have really improved our facilities.

We thought this would be a good idea to let people within Thorpe St Andrew area know how much our club has been supported and how well we have grown and are now extending even more into the room adjacent to where we are, but of course all this would not have been possible

without the support of the previous Head Teacher Mrs Barnes and now the current Head Teacher Mr Wood and the Governors of St Williams School. We have also had support from the Early Years Development team within Norfolk county Council. Without these people supporting us and the reliable and hard working staff at Hillbillies we would not be as successful as we are. We have also been using Tom Fuller taxis from Blofield since we opened and they have been very reliable. We have just had a good Ofsted inspection, which is very complementary, making all our hard work worthwhile.

We have also now applied for two separate grants so we can refurbish another set of toilets and have a larger cloakroom area and replace the windows and re-decorate the whole building. From the feedback we get from our parents and the large waiting list we have this is a much supported and needed facility in this area.

Any queries please contact Julie King on 07969681947 or e-mail Julie.king493@ntlworld.com

Record Breaking Total Applying for your National Bus Pass

Thorpe St Andrew Branch of the Royal British Legion has enjoyed a further record Poppy Appeal. The Branch has forwarded a total in excess of £30000 for the year to 31st May 2008 to the Legion's Headquarters for use towards the welfare of service and ex-service personnel besides the needs of associated families.

The Branch's Poppy Appeal Organiser, Bill Tarring, wishes to thank all those who helped with the Appeal and also those who continue year on year to support it. Bill wishes to thank Norwich City Football Club and also Morrison's and Sainsbury's Supermarkets for providing excellent facilities for the collectors. He further thanks all our local businesses, public houses and clubs for providing static collection points to accept donations from their employees and customers. He is also very pleased with the wonderful response of all the local schools where the pupils were given opportunities to understand the significance of the Poppy and its history. Thanks are also given to the local churches for the appropriate sermons and collections on Remembrance Sunday when it is so heartening to see these churches overflow with children and parents.

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How to apply

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Where to apply

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council Office, The Dussindale Centre, Pound Lane, Thorpe St Andrew, NR7 0SR.
Broadland District Council, Thorpe Lodge, 1 Yarmouth Road, Thorpe St Andrew, NR7 0DU.

Applications can be accepted by post at Broadland District Council.

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Thorpe Branch Royal British Legion

Thorpe Branch of the Royal British Legion raised £354.02 at the Spring Jumble Sale held on the 31 May for the local Welfare Fund. Branch members wish to thank all those who supported and helped with the Sale.

Branch Members and Members of the Womens Section with family and friends enjoyed a coach trip to the Territorial Army 100 Years Anniversary at Muckleborough, Weybourne, on the north Norfolk coast on Sunday 8 June. The weather was good and the day was very much enjoyed by all.

Branch Meetings are held at the Headquarters next to The Cottage public house. At the June meeting the guest speaker Len Bennet gave a talk 'A Village Constable in the 40's and 50's'.

Open Gardens in Thorpe St Andrew were held in aid of the Norfolk and Waveney Big 'C', on Sunday 15 June 2 – 6.00pm when six gardens could be viewed for £2.50 or you just come and have a cuppa with a slice of cake and support the Big 'C' in this way.

For more details contact 01603 701245 or 64 Thunder Lane, Thorpe St Andrew.

Senior Railcards

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Local Business Scoops Awards

A Thorpe St Andrew business is celebrating after scooping first place in the Best of Norwich Business Awards.

The Best New Business in Norwich Award was won by Thorpe St Andrew based Hangman Curtain & Blinds, they beat off strong competition from 11 other new businesses based in and around Norwich to take the top prize.

Voting took place during May and was completed online by previous customers. Many customers also left glowing testimonials about the efficiency and quality of service provided by the business.

Hangman Curtain & Blinds is a family owned and operated business, they supply and fit a wide range of made to measure curtains, blinds, tracks and poles in the latest colours and designs to both domestic and commercial customers throughout Norwich and the surrounding area.

Chris Greenfield owner of The Best Of Norwich explained that it was customer satisfaction, which put Hangman Curtains & Blinds in first place.

Owner, Gary Watson, said, "We are delighted to receive such a prestigious award and would like to express our thanks to everyone who took the time to vote for us"

Hangman Curtain & Blinds also won the "Buy

Local Membership Champion Award" in May for its work in encouraging local people and local businesses to buy and source goods locally to encourage growth and stability in the local Norfolk economy

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Town Plan Questionnaire - Have your say on the Future of Thorpe St Andrew!

Introduction

Change is a part of life. 20 years ago, Thorpe St Andrew was a smaller place with fewer facilities. What will it be like in another 20 years time - or even 50 years?

The town council has to consider plans for change and make improvements for people living here. We would like you to let us know what sort of developments you would like to see, and what you would not like to see.

This questionnaire is being sent to every household in the town. Your answers will be analysed and the results published in a document called the town plan. We hope that this will then be used as a guide for local councils and organisations who will be making decisions about the future of Thorpe St Andrew.

Please let us know what you think - your views are valuable to us.

Recreational Facilities

The village hall on Yarmouth Road is old, energy inefficient and needs frequent repairs. Would you like to see a new community building to replace the village hall?

Yes
No

If you answered yes, where would you like to see a new building sited?

If you answered no, would you like to see extensions or improvements to our existing community buildings?

Yes
No

Do you think that the play areas in Thorpe St Andrew are well maintained and fit for their purpose?

Yes
No
Don't know

Would you like to see any improvements to the recreation grounds?

Yes
No
Don't know

If so, please give details.

Do you use any local clubs or community centres?

Yes
No

Which local clubs or community centres do you use?

The Norwich Fringe project is a countryside management project which aims to conserve wildlife, landscape and recreational facilities for all to enjoy. Are there any small open spaces in Thorpe St Andrew which you think would be suitable for the Fringe project to assist us with?

The Council is considering the possibility of managing an area of marshland located between the south end of Whitlingham Lane and the River Yare. This could be developed into a recreational and conservation area, but would require funding and possibly volunteers in order to do so. Do you think the council should pursue this?

Yes
No
Don't know

Transport

Would you like to see a station halt built on the Bittern Railway line close to the Business Park?

Yes
No
Don't know

Are you in favour of the County Council's plan to build a Northern Distributor road?

Yes
No
Don't know

Would you like to see more cycle stands in Thorpe St Andrew?

Yes
No

If so, where?

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How important is the local bus service to you?
(tick one box only)

- Essential
- Important
- Not important
- Do not use

If you hardly ever use the bus why is this?
(tick more than one if required)

- I use another form of public transport
- I prefer to use my own transport
- Not convenient
- Takes too long
- Not reliable
- Drivers are unfriendly
- The routes do not meet my needs
- Other

Would anything encourage you to cycle more? Please give details

What sort of transport improvements would you like to see to in Thorpe St Andrew?
(Buses/cycle lanes/roads/pavements etc)

Is speeding traffic a problem in your area?

- Yes
- No

Would you be willing to operate a speed gun occasionally as part of a programme to deter speeding motorists?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Do you think there are any major 'danger spots' on the roads in Thorpe St Andrew?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

If you answered yes, where do you think they are?

Local Government

Would you like to see unitary councils in Norfolk, or do you think the council organisations should be left as they are?

- I'd like to see unitary councils
- I think the council organisations should be left alone
- Don't know

Are you happy with the service provided by Thorpe St Andrew town council?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

How, could we improve our service to residents?

Do you think you are well enough informed about decisions and actions taken by the town council?

- Yes
- No

Planning and Development

Where would you like to see new development take place in Thorpe St Andrew if it should become necessary?

If more houses were built in Thorpe St Andrew, which are the main issues you think the council should be considering during the consultation process? (tick the two you think are most important)

- Transport provision
- Environmentally friendly buildings
- Provision of more community facilities
- Integrating buildings into the existing environment
- Other (please state below)

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Day on the Future of Thorpe St Andrew!

Do you think large gardens should be subdivided to provide new development sites?

- Yes
- No

Would you support the placing of new telecommunication masts in Thorpe St Andrew to improve mobile phone coverage?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Finance

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council charges a relatively low precept (annual tax) each year for the size of the community. We will receive £53.69 from each Band D household this financial year.

Do you know what your money is used for?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Would you be willing to pay more council tax to support new developments?

- Yes
- No

If the council receive extra money not raised by council tax, which 2 projects would you most like to see it spent on? (tick two boxes please)

- Improvements to River Green
- Purchase of marshland by River Yare for walks and wildlife conservation
- Improvements to our recreation grounds
- New community buildings/improvements to current buildings

Community involvement and events

If you have a young person aged 11-21 in your household do they think the town council should have a youth council branch?

- Yes
- No
- No one aged 11-21 in household

Do you think there is enough for teenagers to do in Thorpe St Andrew?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Would you like your area to be in a no cold calling zone?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Would you like to see more clubs/activities provided for older people in Thorpe St Andrew?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Would you like to see a community garden in Thorpe St Andrew?

- Yes
- No

The town council has organised a number of events in the town (Christmas concert, Christmas light event on River Green, Spring fair, summer events). Have you attended any?

- Yes
- No

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The Tuesday lunch time **BINGO** has been an overwhelming success! approximately 40 people a week come along, and have such a giggle! as well as pretty good odds of winning a fair amount of pennies! The great thing is people who are on their own feel welcome and get the chance to meet others, which is what The Gordon are also hoping to achieve with the friendship club.

There are four pool teams, two darts teams and a crib team at the pub, but they are always looking for more members, particularly ladies for their **Wednesday darts team** (Who won the league this year!)

The introduction of colouring books, pens and free lollipops for children has proved very popular, and the two 'Hog Roast BBQ' afternoons arranged for the **13th and 27th July** look set to be a hit too!

There is **live music** at least once a fortnight plus the occasional **Karaoke/Disco night**.

The Landlord & Landlady, **Rod & Anita** would once again like to thank everyone for their incredible support, and for making The Gordon a wonderful place to be! Please call **01603 434658** if you would like any more details about the above.

Town Plan Questionnaire - Have your say on the Future of Thorpe St Andrew!

Could these events be improved and if so, how?

Would you like to be more involved in voluntary community activities such as helping the council with events?

- Yes
- No

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about this area?

- A: Agree
- B: Disagree
- C: Don't know

A B C

People around here are friendly
People around here are willing to help
There is a strong community spirit
This area is changing for the better

Which of the following bother you at all in this area?
(tick more than one if required)

- Noisy neighbours
- Dog noise and mess
- Being pestered while walking around
- Broken paving stones pavements
- Rubbish/litter lying around
- Street lighting
- Traffic noise
- Graffiti
- People sniffing solvents
- None of these

What do you think could be done to improve the environment in Thorpe St Andrew?

What do you like/dislike about living in this area?

Other Issues

There may be other issues which you feel are important and which have not been mentioned in this questionnaire.

Please tell us about them in the space below:-

Personal Details

Please could you tick the boxes

How many people in your household including yourself are in the following age groups?

1 2 3 4 5 6

- 0-4
- 5-9
- 10-15
- 16-19
- 20-24
- 25-34
- 35-54
- 55-74
- 75+

Please could you give us your postcode:

The information you have submitted will only be utilized by Thorpe St Andrew Town Council and will remain confidential.

If you would like to be entered in the prize draw, please could you give us your name and contact details. Thank you!

Name:
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Please return your questionnaire to any of the following addresses:
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18 Spinney Road
44 St Catherines Road
15 White Farm Lane
34 Firtree Road
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Don't forget our Christmas Card and gift sale at the end of October.

If anybody has just 2 to 3 hours a year to spare please ring us on 01603 438941 as we could do with some more helpers.

Margaret Doggett
Pip Plater

Thorpe Art Circle

We are a small group (male and female) who meet on a Wednesday morning for friendship and to paint for pleasure.

Once or twice a term we arrange a demonstration from a local artist. After the demonstration they are only too willing to give advice.

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If you would like to join us please contact Brenda Mace on 01603 431782.

The venue is, Adult Education Centre, Longfields Road, Thorpe St Andrew.

Town Skips

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council organise a town skip, which is provided by Broadland District Council, for a weekend every month.

The next one is to be located at the car park in Primrose Court off Primrose Crescent over the weekend 12th /13th July. They are for use by all residents and are located at various locations.

Please note that the skips are for the disposal of household refuse only.

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Any enquiries to Peter Rope, tel 01603 436144

Bridge!

The Thorpe Bridge Club have been meeting at the Village Hall, (Roxley Hall) for several years now on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings in the month.

They start at 7.30 p.m. and play Chicago Bridge. The cost per session is £1.50, no membership is necessary and there are prizes.

If you wish to play Bridge, please just turn up, alternatively please ring Joyce Fisher on 01603 436856. If you don't have a partner to play with Joyce can pair you up with someone else.

New players are always very welcome.

Norwich Petanque Club

2008 marks the 30th year of existence for Norwich Petanque Club, based at the Cottage, Thunder Lane, and the season is already under way. The oldest petanque club in Norfolk and Suffolk, it has one of the largest memberships in East Anglia.

New members are always welcome and it is the ideal sport for families, from the oldest to the youngest. Clubnight is on Wednesdays from 7pm with some of the best playing conditions with refreshments in the Cottage bar or out in the grounds. Tuition is given free and up to four weeks try out before very moderate club fees have to be paid.

Thursday night is when the Norfolk League matches are played and the club has more teams involved than any other club in the area. Competitions are played mainly on Saturdays and Sundays and more take place at the Cottage than at any other venue. Some have already been played but the following are yet to come.

- Sunday 6th July **Norwich Gold Cup Pairs**
 - Sunday 13th July **Anglia Singles & Shooting Championships**
 - Saturday 19th July **Children for Children Sponsored Charity Singles** (East Anglian Children's Hospices)
 - Wednesday 30th July **Andre Conan Over 50 Melee Pairs**
 - Saturday 2nd August **Kath Watts Memorial Charity Pairs**
 - Sunday 12th October **Radio Norfolk Autumn Triples**
 - Thurs 6th November **Annual General Meeting**
 - Thurs 11th December **Members & Guests Christmas Dinner**
 - Sun 28th December **Christmas Crackers Melee Pairs**
- Further details from Secretary, Norman Guest
Tel 01603 419897

Thorpe and District Gardening Club

Members welcomed Sandra Paice who demonstrated planting up hanging baskets at the May meeting and on 17 June Jim Wilson has been booked to give talk on 'Fifty years of the Chelsea Flower Show'.

Members have been circulated with information on a number of forthcoming outings.

Sunday 20 July Old Vicarage Coastal garden (Alan Gray) East Ruston £5. Meet on the car park and travel by car.

Sunday 10 August Bretts Wood, Barford with Jackie and Roger, Meet in the car park to travel by car, members are welcome to bring their dogs.

Bookings are now being taken for the Cromer Seaside Special on Saturday 23 August at 4.00pm, adults £15.50, concessions £12.75, transport by cars.

Thursford Christmas Show and Cromer Pier Christmas Show dates later, contact Maggie if you wish to go.

The first plant sale at Maureen and Andy Street home was on a lovely warm sunny Saturday and a steady flow of sales made this a successful day. There was a wide choice of plants, shrubs etc and Maureen and Andy were kept busy watering during the very dry spell before the sale.

The warm weather had changed by the next Saturday and a very wet day resulted in most people staying at home. In spite of this overall the plant sale was very successful with Andy having 'open house' for plant sales for around two weeks.

The next meeting is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 29 July at the Windmill public house, Plumstead Road when Rosemary Ward will give an illustrated talk on Alpine plants entitled 'Jewels in the Clouds'. There will also be some unusual plants for sale.

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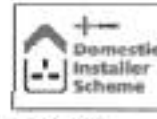
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My double struggle for survival by Johnny Lee (Part 1b)

There were many more events that occurred in my infant life which involved the introduction of free school milk in infant schools and school meals for one shilling and sixpence a week. My mother could not afford it for all her children, and we all had to go home for the lunch break. Another memory was the launching of the passenger liner Queen Mary 1. The whole school was assembled in the hall to listen to the radio broadcast marking the end of the great depression. We were given a day's holiday to celebrate.

There was however one event that was to point the direction in which my life would go. Playing at home one day I tripped over and jammed my wrist and elbow between two boards either side of the garden path. I was in great pain with my wrist heavily swollen, but it was several days before medical help was sought. I was immediately admitted to St John's hospital in Lewisham with a severe fracture of the right wrist. It was operated on and a week was spent in hospital with my wrist encased in plaster for the next six weeks. When the plaster was removed I was deeply shocked at the mess it was in. The surgeon warned me that the injury was so severe, that he had repaired it as much as possible, but it would take time to improve and under no circumstances should I attempt to play cricket, football, tennis or rugby as further injury could make it impossible to repair.

It was at the time that I should have taken the secondary school exam, the equivalent of the 11 plus, although I was ten at the time. This determined who should progress to Grammar schools. I had missed the opportunity for further education sponsored by the LCC, and instead took the entrance exam for a free place at Wilson's Grammar school in an attempt to gain admission. I was unsuccessful in competition with others.

Suddenly however my mother and I were summoned to appear before a selection board at the school, representing the London County Council Education committee who would decide my fate. I remember standing in front of 5 people, who one at a time would ask questions. The senior person stated that I was being considered for further secondary education at Catford Central Boys School, which was the commercial equivalent of a grammar school, but certain undertakings had to be given.

My mother was subjected to interrogation and many questions asked.

'Will you guarantee that if your son is admitted to this school he will remain in full time education until he is at least 16 years old?' My mother said yes because my sister had already won a free place at Camberwell Girls High School, and my eldest brother had also won a free place at 'Askes Hatcham', a semi public school.

The next question was 'In the second year your son will be expected to stay at school every Monday from 4pm to 6pm to learn typewriting, making it a long day. Do you agree?' to which my mum said yes. The next point was that school policy entailed every child being taught to swim. My mother readily agreed to this as I had already started because it was the only sport I could do due to my injured wrist.

There were several other questions asked but the final one confirmed my future. It was 'Your son will be expected to dress in school uniform involving grey flannel trousers, royal blue jacket, badge and cap. If you agree to all the conditions, we will give your son a grant of one pound, one shilling and eight pence a month to help pay for the school clothes and incidentals. My mother was overcome with emotion and agreed to all requirements.

The committee then spoke to me about my responsibilities and asked if I would agree to the terms that had been offered. I formally accepted and it was decision that I would never regret.

After that momentous interrogation of my mother, plans were made to equip myself for the daunting task ahead. She took me on one side and said that now it was all up to me. I had earned a place in a highly respected school that provided scholars that would become secretaries in banks, insurance companies and businesses in the City of London. 'Do your best, I cannot do it for you.' On that day I ceased to be a child and had to grow up and make decisions for myself.

The first task was to earn some money. On Saturdays and Sundays I used to help the milkman on his rounds, delivering milk for which I was paid one shilling and sixpence. With my younger brother we started going round the streets with a four wheeled trolley, made with the wheels from the prams, collecting horse manure dropped by the many horses pulling carts. The free manure became a good source of income and sold for sixpence a large bucket to gardeners and also helped to clean up the roads.

The local newsagent wanted deliveries in the mornings and I immediately took on the task, although I was underage at the time. I rose at 4.30 each morning to deliver two large rounds of papers, finishing at about 6.30 when I went back to bed for an hour. The pay was five shillings per week, which I saved. This lasted for six and a half years with only two days off a year. Good Friday and Christmas day.

When I started school a post office savings account was opened and on the first Monday of each month I had to hand it to the Headmaster and it would be credited with one pound one shilling and eight pence. With the money I had earned and saved I was able to attend the school dressed exactly like all the other children. The duty master stood at the top flight of steps, and in single file each boy had to raise his hat and say 'Good Morning Sir'. Serious discipline was the order of the day.

My education for the next six years became top priority,

with a very wide curriculum involving 18 subjects. These included all normal academic subjects plus Shorthand, Typewriting, Book Keeping, Accounts, French and current affairs.

After the first year I was able to buy myself a large roller blind Oak desk and a 22 inch second hand typewriter. Both cost £4 each and caused much trouble in the family being condemned for wasting so much money. I became an outcast and everything I did was wrong, but I was determined that success was to be the order of the day. My sister had started work and was now able to contribute a little to the home and also decide for herself to buy what she wanted. So why couldn't I?

Although my family atmosphere was tense and strained for what I was doing, I did not deviate from the task in hand.

Homework came first before leisure. At times this was difficult because it was easy to dislocate my wrist and it became painful. After a while I managed to develop a technique of manipulating it until it clicked back on its own. Once that happened the pain stopped. Sometimes this could take up to a day and was one of the unpleasant problems that occurred throughout my life. Over the years it got less and less as the muscles grew to compensate for the damage.

I was very happy with my commercial education and studied hard. My dedication was rewarded by being in the top three every year in each class, earning five School prizes. There was one event that was to concern me when war broke out. In our current affairs lesson the art master would tell us that we would not start work, but would be walking down the street with a rifle on our shoulders. How right he was to prove in the late 1930's. One of the projects in geography that I had to do was to research and write about climate, agriculture, tourism in other countries and how it compared to that in Britain. As a result of this I wrote to foreign embassies requesting information and what they produced. I received a flood of information which was great for the project. I received maps, tourist areas and much detailed areas affecting the economy. The German literature and books were terrific and after a short while I started to receive all of Hitler's speeches in English on a regular basis. I knew all about the impending crisis reading the newspapers that I delivered.

Not learning German I found them very interesting, although nothing to do with my project. There were quotations from Mein Kampf amongst the literature. I did not realise that this was an insidious indoctrination being carried out on a young schoolboy with the obvious intention to swing opinion towards Hitler's ideal Germany.

This was to continue up to the declaration of war on September 3rd 1939. Over the next few days young children were evacuated to the country and all of the local schools were closed. I was due to return to school after the summer holiday to prepare for the matriculation exams the following year, but, overnight the whole school was evacuated and my further education came to an abrupt halt. All my dreams in shreds. It was not compulsory for me to go to school as I was now over 16 years old and secondly my mother could not contribute to the cost. I was now an adult and tried to get a job, any job, but there was a lot of unemployment and paid employment was difficult to find.

I decided to start a postal correspondence course for the Civil Service. This was £3 for three months at the end of which a certificate was issued to confirm that you had reached a Civil Service employment standard. I kept this up until the New Year, whilst still trying to find employment.

I kept up my newspaper deliveries and took on further evening paper rounds. It was not a lot of money, but it did enable me to take dancing lessons for one shilling and sixpence a week, and I enjoyed the experience. As a youngster I had admired the ladies in their long evening gowns, with the men in evening dress entering Lewisham Town Hall on Saturday evenings to dance. Learning to dance became a must and it enabled me to attend many dances in later life.

There was now to be a very worrying situation develop. For six months after the outbreak of war, I continued to receive through the post most of Hitler's speeches in English, despite the closure of the German Embassy. I had a vision of the police storming up the garden path as a possible fifth column recruit. The newspapers were full of action to trace possible German sympathisers. A German family that lived further up the road had already been sent to a camp for alien citizens. I had no idea how the speeches were still arriving, or where they came from. I had only one option, all the material I had received had to be destroyed. Every letter, speech and associated literature was burned. Nothing incriminating could be kept. Now in my dotage years I wish I still had all these documents as a historical record of that time. Fortunately I was never contacted about the mail I had received and it eventually faded into oblivion and I was able to play my part in the struggle to win the war.

In this first half of my struggle I have tried to convey some of the many difficulties confronting families without a father. There are many other aspects of my childhood that I can recount but maybe another time. However there is one important lesson that became obvious to me and my brothers. The absence of a father to love and guide us from birth onwards has a serious impact on our development to adults. No mother, however devoted and loving can replace a male to play the part necessary to enable a boisterous youth to take their place in an orderly society.

The second part of my struggle will cover the wartime experiences that made me realise what a wonderful world we live in and everyone has a duty to maintain it that way to hand on to further generations.

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Dussindale Primary School, Jane Worsdale, Head teacher, Vane Close Tel: 436180
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Thorpe Community Under 3's, (Wednesday 9.30 – 11.00 term time) Lorraine Tel: 700789
Thorpe House School, Mr. A. Todd, BSc (Hons), Headmaster, 7 Yarmouth Road, NR7 0EA Tel 433055
Thorpe St Andrew School, Mr. I. Clayton, Principal, Laundry Lane, Thorpe St Andrew, NR7 0XQ Tel 497711
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Bridge Club, Mrs. J. Fisher 436856
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Frostbite Sailing Club, Secretary: Mrs. S. E. Yapp, 96 Christchurch Road, Norwich NR2 3NG Tel 454567
Hillside Old Boys F.C. Secretary – Brian Smith, 25 Bracknell Avenue, Sprowston, Norwich NR& 8XN Tel: 499092
Hillside Rovers F.C. Secretary – Duncan Crouch Tel: 434565
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WOMENS' ORGANISATIONS

East Thorpe WI - Mrs. J Palotai, 83 Beechwood Drive, Thorpe St. Andrew, NR7 0LN Tel: 461310
Mothers Union Mrs. Ann Cook, 3a Hillside Avenue, Thorpe St Andrew Tel: 433783
Thorpe Afternoon WI, Mrs. S Nunn, 16 Hillside Avenue, Thorpe St Andrew, NR7 0QW Tel 433052
Thorpe End WI, Secretary: Mrs. S. Aspinall Tel: 435412 (meet 7.15 p.m. third Thursday - Thorpe End Village Hall)

HEALTH ORGANISATIONS

Broadland Homewatch and Commercialwatch, Mrs C. Robson, Administrator: Tel 01603 411013
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To include your club or organisation in this list please contact the Town Council Clerk, Mr. S. Ford, Thorpe St Andrew Town Council, Dussindale Centre, Pound Lane, Thorpe St. Andrew, Norwich, NR7 0SR or telephone 701048 (out of hours answer phone) Office Hours - Monday to Thursday - 9.30 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm, Friday - 9 am to 1 pm.

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Introducing New Early Years Dance Classes Acknowledgements for St Georges Day



A local teacher has recently begun to introduce a new dance programme to Norwich, created especially for age groups 3 – 7 years, for both boys and girls.

The syllabus content has been thoughtfully designed to engage children's imagination, with the emphasis on enjoyment. It also gives them the opportunity to develop free expression, acting skills and creativity.

A clear understanding of good basic dance technique is gained through a progression of well devised movement exercises.

The music used for the syllabus is enjoyable, inspiring and happy and respond to this with enthusiasm.

The first school to introduce this opportunity to young children is Hillside Avenue CP Primary School at Thorpe St. Andrew and with the Head Teachers support children are now enjoying completion of their first half term.

If you are interested in the possibility of starting your child/children in one of the new classes, or you would like to find out some more information then please contact :- Mrs Clarke of Pam Clarke Music & Dance Academy on : 01603 – 431657.

If you are part of a school and you are interested in possibly introducing a class in your school then please contact the above telephone number.

Remember that music and dance provide positive introduction into the Arts and by allowing your child/children to take part in such a rewarding and fun class they will benefit from this learning experience.



Sunday 27th April saw the first St George's Day Celebration to be held in Thorpe St Andrew and we would like to thank everyone in the community for their support.

We were lucky that heavy rain stayed away and we only had a small shower in the late afternoon in true English tradition, which unfortunately brought our entertainment to a close slightly earlier than we had planned.

The Town Council would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in the entertainment for afternoon. We are extremely grateful to the Hellesdon & Sprowston Band for providing the music for the afternoon.

Thorpe Players presented us with a splendid "St Georges" play and I am pleased to say that St George duly slew the Dragon to the delight of all the children.

The children from Hillside Primary School Reception gave us a most wonderful Maypole Dance, and we are extremely grateful to all the little ones involved and their teacher Miss Ireland.

We had a good turn out for our Fancy Dress

competition and we found 3 very deserving winners for our prizes which were day passes to the "Bewilderwood" Adventure Area and we are very grateful to the management of "Bewilderwood" for their kind donations.

The names of the winners were :-
St George - Joshua Williamson. Runner up Jo Vincent

The Dragon - Millie Watkins
The Damsel in Distress - Amy Legatt. Runner up Liberty Forbes-Lane

Hopefully we will be able to do it all again next year, with all of your continued help and support. Thorpe St Andrew Town Council are working to bring the community together and we are always open to suggestions and ideas from anyone in our community.

If you feel we could make any improvements on how we present our events please send your ideas to the :-

Town Council Office, The Dussindale Centre, Pound Lane, Thorpe St Andrew, NR7 0SR.

Have you ever wondered what you'd do if your partner collapsed, or your child hurt himself while playing? If you'd like to learn some first aid, either for your own use, or to help at public events, try your local St John Ambulance Division. Thorpe Adults meet on Wednesday evenings 19.30 – 21.30 at the Area HQ building, 124 St Williams Way, NR7 0AN. (We don't meet during August, Christmas & Easter.) We currently have about 25 volunteer members of varying ages & backgrounds; we usually have at least 15 at our meetings.

Our standard qualification is First Aid at Work (a 4-day course plus a 2-day requalification every 3 years), & some of our members are also trained in medical gases (oxygen & Entonox), Automated External Defibrillator, & for ambulance work, sometimes for the East of England Ambulance Trust. We provide First Aid cover at public events, including school fetes (e.g. St Williams Primary), football tournaments (e.g. St Andrews Football Club at Laundry Lane) & work with other Divisions at larger events such as the Royal Norfolk Show, Norwich Lord Mayor's Celebrations etc. Occasionally we help out at national events like the London Marathon.

We are hoping to build a closer relationship with the people & organisations of Thorpe St Andrew, & grow as a division.

Our vision is: Everyone who needs it should receive first aid from those around them. No one should suffer for the lack of trained first aiders.

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