



**Thorpe St Andrew  
Town Council**

# NEWS

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Winter 2009

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## Thorpe St Andrew Christmas Lights Event and Christmas Market

This is taking place on Saturday 28th November at the River Green. The Christmas Market will be open from 4pm on the car park at the Buck Public House.

The road will be closed between 3pm and 8pm so it will be safe for all the family to attend and walk

around freely. There will be fairground rides and a variety of refreshments including crepes and Ronaldo's roasted chestnuts.

Father Christmas will be travelling from the Oaklands Hotel, who sponsor the lights, in a procession down to the

River Green where the lights will be switched on by Father Christmas and helpers at approximately 5.15pm.

The evening will end in a grand finale of Fireworks which will be set off from the Island.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT**



**AND CHRISTMAS MARKET**

**SATURDAY  
28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, RIVER  
GREEN.**

Christmas Market starts at 4pm.

### Let the Christmas spirit light up at The Buck Inn

The Buck Inn is under going some well deserved TLC, to bring it back to it former glory.

Enjoy a festive start with a roaring fire the smell of traditional home cooked gastro food and not forgetting its taste for real Ale.

The Buck Inn was recently acquired by Sarah-Jane Roberts, who also entertains guests at The Langtry, Beluga, The Rose Valley & Karma Kafe.

"We are so excited to be at the heart of The Buck Inn in Thorpe, and we look forward to welcoming you soon"



Hog roast roll with hot apple sauce... £4.00  
Seasonal soup & crusty roll ..... £2.50

**1 child eats free with  
this voucher**  
(per 2 paying adults) valid only Sat 28th November

**Stories continued overleaf**

# Car Boot Sales

The Thorpe St Andrew monthly Car Boot Sales that we ran this year have been a great success. We will again have one the first Sunday of every month from March to October next year. It has been interesting to see that we already have a group of residents attending each month, both having pitches and some just having a look around. The extra money from all

the sales went straight into the Town Council events committee budget, we will continue to do this so that our events can increase in size. If you have any questions regarding the Car Boot Sales you can call the Town Council Office on 01603 701048 or if you have a question regarding any of the events we organise please contact Jonathan Emsell on 07717 362842.

## Christmas Concert Programme

The annual Town Council Christmas concert takes place at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9 December at Dussindale Community Centre, Pound Lane. Tickets for the concert are available from the Town Council office and the price of £3 includes a hot drink and mince pie during the interval.

Once again children from Dussindale School will be singing at the start of the evening and their contribution is always hugely popular with the audience. The musical accompaniment this year will be provided by the well known local piano teacher Pam Clarke.

We have been lucky enough to get Honingham Handbells back again for this year's concert – they have been very popular on their previous visits and we are pleased to welcome back after a break of a year.

Tune ringing with handbells has been a continuous activity in Honingham for over 40 years. Today the team play a wide range of music on their 40 traditional English handbells (three chromatic octaves) from familiar classical to show stopping popular modern music.

Many members have gained experience from working with internationally recognised conductors throughout the UK and overseas, developing a range of interesting techniques to enhance the sound of bells.

More recently the team have benefited from a lottery grant from "Awards for All" to acquire a 3 octave set of handchimes to enhance their programme and aid individual member's study and development. Christmas is a very busy time. Most people associate bell with the festive season.

## Thorpe St Andrew Town Council 2010 Calendar

Calendars depicting 12 scenes from Thorpe St Andrew are available for sale from the Town Council office priced at £6 each.

## Thorpe St Andrew Town Council Christmas Cards

The picture on the card was taken by Town Clerk Steven Ford and is of a snowy River Green. The cards are available from the Town Council office in packs of 10 for £5.00. The cards will also be available to purchase at the Christmas concert and the Christmas Lights Event.



## Have a safe and secure Christmas

**Don't let thieves spoil your Christmas by following a few simple rules:-**

1. When out shopping be aware of handbag thieves.
2. Park in a safe well lit car park if possible.
3. Do not leave shopping or valuables on display in your car.
4. On returning home do not leave your car unlocked while unloading.
5. Do not leave presents on view in your home.
6. If you are going away let a neighbour know.

Broadland Homewatch Association  
01603 435502

# Thorpe St Andrew Youth Event



In April this year a meeting was held by the Thorpe St Andrew Town Council, to discuss the areas youth engagement plans. On a national level the age group that has felt most out of touch with community has always been the 10 to 18 year olds. This has been seen in the area with Police involvement being needed on a few occasions. The Matthew Project is a group that has a great amount of experience in working with this age group, via the use of the voicebox trailer. A portable drop in office that was used to great effect over the summer, set up every week in the Fitzmaurice car park. This gave the young a place to meet and discuss their concerns. From the information gained from the young themselves the town council organised a Youth Event.



The event was put together by Jonathan Emsell a Town Councillor and chair of the events committee. He had pointed out that all the very successful Thorpe St Andrew events did seem to miss out the middle age group, so an event was organised for them. "We offer a wide range of entertainment at our events but we admit that the high school age children do not attend. Seeing the

events aimed at younger primary school age children and adults." He pointed out that in future this issue would be addressed and events would try and include all the community. "As our events have become more successful we have tried to add more to them. For example, next year we will have a large Fun Fair at our St Georges Day Event, with traditional rides, not just a bouncy castle, which we hope will encourage more from the high school to attend." The youth event gave the opportunity to have a couple of the rides brought in and they proved to be very popular. The Skate Park that was set up for the day seemed to highlight the fact that it was something that the young really liked the idea of. It was very busy all day, and used by skaters and bmx riders. They also had a large tent set up for DJ workshops run by the ENYP street pastors. The city college also attended offering hair and nail treatments, which seemed to be of interest to the young ladies and more than a few of the mums. Jonathan was very pleased with the day and said "We have tried to put together a day that was aimed at a group we have maybe overlooked. The interest shown has given us the opportunity to understand that we need to do more and will."



## Dates for your diary

**Saturday 28th November**  
Christmas Lights Switch on

**Saturday 5th Sunday 6th December**  
skip in car park at Primrose Crescent

**Monday 7th December**  
Town Council Meeting

**Wednesday 9th December**  
Christmas Concert

**Monday 14th December**  
Finance & General Purpose Committee Meeting

**Monday 21st December**  
Plans Committee Meeting

The Town Council meet on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the meeting room at the Dussindale Centre. All members of the public are very welcome. Agenda are displayed in our Notice Boards around the Town.

For details regarding the meetings or skip please call the Town Council Office on 01603 701048.

### Christmas opening hours for the Town Council Office

Monday 21st  
Tuesday 22nd  
Wednesday 23rd 10.00am - 1pm  
Thursday 24th  
Friday 25th  
Monday 28th Closed  
Tuesday 29th  
Wednesday 30th  
Thursday 31st 10.00am - 1pm  
Friday 1st January 2010 Closed  
Monday 4th January 2010 Back to normal

# Thorpe Players Perform Their 100th Production!



We would like to pay tribute to all those who have been a part of Thorpe Players, in whatever way, big or small, and who, over the years, have enabled us to consistently grow as a group and extend our vision and our abilities, and it is a huge thank you to our audiences, for their support and encouragement, for it is them who help to make us what we are.

Late in December 1972 a newly formed drama group, called Thorpe St Andrew Parish Drama Group, performed the York Nativity Play at the Parish Church Yarmouth Road, and never dreamed that 37 years later the group would still be going strong after 100 productions.

A few of our current members were in that very first performance and another produced it. Several other cast members still regularly support our productions. A mixture of religious and secular productions followed with rehearsals on Friday nights at The Good Shepherd Hall (now the little "hut" at the back of the Church !) and only the last couple of rehearsals staged at the Roxley Hall, where we now "live". This happened for many years before we were able to "move in" to the hall to rehearse every week as well as perform. Dramas, comedies, farces, pantos, musicals have all followed. Lord Mayor's Processions, concerts, carol singing, theatre visits and social events are regular occurrences.

Whilst our name may have changed to Thorpe Players and just a few founder members remain with us, the spirit of those early productions still remains – that whilst we relish the joy of staging a whole variety of productions, the rehearsals, the camaraderie and all that this entails, we must be mindful of presenting quality entertainment to our paying audiences.

We have been truly blessed over the years with some wonderful expertise – either from those with previous experience or those who have learned 'on the job'. Many, many have performed or supported our shows. Some have moved on, some have stayed on and some have sadly passed on. Many have come just to help out or do a backstage job and have found themselves very quickly being 'bitten by the performing bug', doing things on stage that they would never have dreamed of doing, and some going on to direct plays themselves.

We are proud to be Thorpe Players and hope that whoever came to see our centenary production "See How They Run" thoroughly enjoyed it and will book up as soon as possible to see our musical "South Pacific" being performed at the Roxley Village Hall Jan. 28/29/30 + Feb.4/5/6 -2010. Box Office tel 01603 702777

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musicians union

# Potential development of fifteen affordable homes for local people

Lovell Partnerships Limited along with Flagship Housing Group is looking to develop fifteen affordable homes for social rent on Yarmouth Road. The homes will help to meet local housing need, with priority for the new homes being given to families with a connection to the town of Thorpe St Andrew. Three bedroom family houses, two bedroom bungalows and two bedroom fully accessible bungalows designed for wheelchair users are proposed for the site.

The social rented properties will be offered to people who are registered with Home Options, and express an interest in the properties when they are advertised through Home Options. Priority will be given to families who currently live in the Town, or have close family in the town that they need to support, or receive support from.

The plans will be on display in the foyer of the Dussindale Centre (next to Sainsbury's) for a week from Monday 23rd November. If you would like to speak to somebody about the plans, or discuss your housing situation then please pop along to the Dussindale Centre on Monday 30th November between 3:30-7:30pm when staff will be available.

If you are in housing need, and not registered with Home Options then please visit [www.ghnhomeoptions.co.uk](http://www.ghnhomeoptions.co.uk), telephone 01603 430501/430641 or e-mail [housing.advice@broadland.gov.uk](mailto:housing.advice@broadland.gov.uk).

This event is a pre-application consultation event, to enable local people to have a say on the plans before the scheme is submitted for planning. In addition local people will be able to comment on the scheme when it is submitted for planning, through the planning process. The development can only go ahead if it gets planning permission, and the funding required.

# Excercise to Music for the Over Sixties and Less Able People of all Ages



Pamela Redwood has recently qualified as an EXTEND exercise teacher and is keen to start an open community class in Thorpe. The EXTEND system of exercise, sometimes referred to as 'arm chair aerobics' was developed in 1976 to enable older people and those with specific needs to exercise effectively and safely. EXTEND teachers are trained specifically to work with those people who are not able to attend a mainstream exercise class due to health conditions or limited mobility. Pamela said, "I had to travel to Colchester for 12 weekends to do the training but it was worth it, I have learnt so much, had a lot of fun and made some new friends too. Since I have been doing the exercises myself I have noticed an improvement in my arthritic joints and have more energy." As people grow older it becomes more important for them to take regular exercise to maintain fitness levels. As an EXTEND teacher Pamela is fully insured and recognised by the Register of Exercise Professionals.

EXTEND classes are varied to suit the needs of participants. They are very beneficial for people in residential care homes and popular with senior citizens clubs and similar organisations. Open 'active' classes in community halls always contain at least 20 minutes seated exercise. Pamela is keen to start some ACTIVE EXTEND classes in the Thorpe area, so if you are interested she can be contacted on 01493 748830 or emailed on [beactive@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:beactive@tiscali.co.uk)

**For further details contact Pamela Redwood  
Tel 01493 748830 mob - 07708467303  
email [beactive@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:beactive@tiscali.co.uk)**

## Church Christmas Schedule

Wed 9th Dec			Town Council Concert
Sun 13th	4.00pm	Parish Church	Christingle
Sun 20th	6.30pm	Good Shepherd	A Service of Light
Tues 22nd	7.30pm	Parish Church	Parish Carol Service
Thurs 24th	4.00pm	Parish Church	Crib Service
	8.00pm	Good Shepherd	First Mass of Christmas
	11.30pm	Parish Church	Midnight Mass
Christmas Day	8.00am	Good Shepherd	Eucharist
	10.00am	Parish Church	Eucharist with Carols
Sunday 27th	10.00am	Good Shepherd	Eucharist with Carols

Correct at the time of going to press!

## SEWAGE SMELLS!

If you are affected by sewage smells, it is likely that they are coming from Anglian Water's Whittlingham Treatment Centre. It is important to report any foul odour emissions, to the Environment Agency, when they occur on their freephone number:- **0800 80 70 60**

They have stressed that they need as much information as possible for them investigate any foul odour incidents. This information will be logged and followed up so that they can encourage Anglian Water to take action to deal with this problem.

# Dussindale Park – Future Plans

The Dussindale Park area (around the Fitzmaurice Pavilion) is a large area of open space owned and managed by Thorpe St Andrew Town Council. The area is very well used by local people for play, dog walking and for other recreational activities such as cricket, tennis and football. The area could be significantly improved for young people by opening up some of the woodland areas and adding some additions to the equipment already in place. A large tubular slide in the dell being one of these. For older residents more seating around

the park and a new picnic area have been planned. Plus further improvement to the woodland pathways. Our plan aims to meet the objectives for the Broadland Community Partnerships Plan, covering safety, health and improved public recreation areas. Some of these plans will be able to be started by the Town Council using funds that are available under section 106. For instance opening up the woodland and adding a large bmx track. Further plans will be worked on once grant money can be secured for the project. The main one of these will be the creation of a large

concrete skate park that has been highlighted as something a wide range of the young people, from ages 8 to 18 have said they would like to see. A group of the high school children and the Town Council will be working on putting plans together for this and they have a meeting at the end of November. Jonathan Emsell can be contacted via the Town Council Office on 01603 701048. Parents if it would be possible to inform children of the future plans and how they can have a say on how the park will look. All are welcome to attend the meeting and all plans will be discussed.

## Town Plan

The full Town Plan is about to be published and will be available for viewing at the Town Council Office in the Dussindale Centre and at local libraries. Copies will also be sent to major groups and organisations in the town, and the plan will be accessible on the Town Council website.

The plan was based on a questionnaire sent to 6500 households in Thorpe St Andrew in Summer 2008. Unfortunately we had very few responses from households including young people aged from 11-21 years old, despite asking questions about possibly introducing a youth council, and whether there are sufficient facilities for young people in Thorpe St Andrew.

Would you like to make a film?

We are looking for young people who might be interested in producing a short film based on their views of the town plan and what it is like to live in Thorpe St Andrew. We have already applied for a grant to purchase filming equipment. The new Forum Fusion project based in the former Origins museum could be a showcase for such a film. Do let us know if you are interested.

## Clubs & Organisations in Thorpe St Andrew

### SCHOOLS & PLAYGROUPS etc.

Acorn Playgroup Tel 436934  
 Dussindale Primary School Tel: 436180  
 Hillbillies Breakfast and After School Club Tel: 07969 681947  
 Hillside Avenue Primary School Tel: 433453  
 Just Learning Nursery Tel: 300531  
 Kidz Klub Tel: 705029 / 07900 904128  
 Langley Preparatory School and Nursery Tel:433861  
 Pavilion Playgroup Tel: 432065 or 462353  
 St Williams Way Primary School Tel:434128  
 Thorpe Community Learning Centre Tel: 434249 / 435857  
 Thorpe Toddlers Tel: 700789  
 Thorpe House School Tel:433055  
 Thorpe St Andrew School Tel:497711  
 Vineyard Tot Stop Tel: 705029

### RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Baptist Tel: 432647  
 Adat Yeshua Messianic Synagogue Tel: 464367  
 Church of England Tel: 439754  
 Methodist Church Tel: 433936  
 Norwich Vineyard Tel: 701750  
 Redeemed Christian Church of God Tel:300044  
 Roman Catholic St George's Presbytery Tel: 426971  
 Thorpe St. Andrew Spiritualist Church Tel: 720362

### SCOUTS, GUIDES etc.

15th Norwich Air Scouts Tel: 712699  
 15th Norwich Beavers Tel: 449611  
 15th Norwich Cubs Tel: 722287

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## Clubs & Organisations in Thorpe St Andrew (cont.)

15th Norwich Explorers Tel: 432522  
Brownies & Guides & Rangers Tel: 432274  
St John Ambulance Adults, Cadets & enquiries – County HQ  
431639

John Ambulance Badgers Tel 433528

### LEISURE/SPORT

Badminton Tel: (Day) 222391 (Eves) 469041  
Ballet Classes for Children and Tap classes for adults Tel:  
412470

Bridge Club Tel: 436856

Broadland Boat Club Tel: 700939

County Arts Club Tel: 434529

Frostbite Sailing Club Tel: 454567

Hillside Old Boys F.C. Tel: 499092

Hillside Rovers F.C. Tel: 702212

Ladies Keep Fit Tel: 434107

Exercise with Sally Tel: 432487

Norwich Petanque Club Tel: 419897

Short Mat Bowls- Oct - April Tel: 07770 643943

St Andrews F.C. & St Andrews Youth Under 11's Tel: 700049

St. Andrews Cricket Club Tel: 01508 528961

St. Andrews Youth Under 11's Tel: 700049

Stanmore Tennis Club Tel:462264

Starlight Express Majorettes Tel: 487161

Thorpe Dolphins Tel: 439690

Thorpe Kite Flyers Tel/Fax: 429512

Thorpe Leisure Bowls ClubTel: 434742

Thorpe Recreation Bowls Club Tel: 07799258715

Thorpe Rovers F.C. Tel: 437601

Thorpe Tennis Club Tel: 432070

Yare Boat Club Tel: 502390

### WOMENS' ORGANISATIONS

East Thorpe WI Tel: 461310

Mothers Union Tel: 433783

Thorpe Afternoon WI Tel: 433052

Thorpe End WI Tel: 439544

The Royal British Legion Women's Section Thorpe Tel: 300241

### HEALTH ORGANISATIONS

Arthritis & Rheumatism Council Tel: 435863

Central Tremour Self Help Group Tel: 423877

Cheeky Monkeys – Tel:Sheena 472899, Amanda 700664,

Yvonne 486863

Local Volunteer Co-coordinator Tel: 439411

Lupus Society 01263 822396

### SOCIAL ORGANISATIONS

Citizens Advice Bureau Tel: 660857

Da Engliscan Gesiðas (The English Companions) Tel: 700028

Drama - Thorpe Players Tel: 702777

Eastern Herptological Society Tel: 462331

Flower Club (Thorpe) Tel: 431732

Horticultural Society Tel: 431712

Library Tel: 434123

Personal Development Group Tel: 439138

Rotary Club of Norwich Tel: 434246

Royal British Legion, Thorpe Branch Tel:460964

Sequence Dance Tel: 742372

Thorpe & District Gardening Club Tel: 438370

Vintage Club Tel: 435734

Yare Probus Club Tel:01508 538329

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 - 9.30a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Friday - 9 am to 1 p.m.

Please do let us know if any details are incorrect!

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## Deliverers urgently required!

As you are probably aware the Newsletter is delivered to all households in Thorpe St Andrew by a large team of hugely appreciated volunteers.

Unfortunately we do require deliverers though for a few areas. If you could help out 3 times a year and could deliver to any of the following please contact Clare Watkins on 01603 701048.

167 copies Bottom of Thunder Lane to Harvey Lane both sides of the road and Yarmouth Road, Thunder Lane to The Griffin excluding Richmond Court, St Andrews Court, Yare Court and Thorpe Hall Close.

Obviously this delivery could be broken down into smaller chunks.

45 copies Gargle Hill

120 copies Elizabeth Avenue and Margaret Crescent

67 copies Chapel Lane and Western Avenue

8 copies Stannard Court

## St Andrews Cricket Club

Enjoyed a good 2009 season during what was a very dry summer. Having finished bottom the previous season the Saturday side showed much improved form and led Lucas Fettes Norfolk League Division 2 for half the season before finishing fourth, just four points short of a promotion place.

Skipper Keith Hunt, in his 19th season at the helm, led the way with 699 league runs and Andy Bailey headed the wicket-takers picking up 23 wickets at 12 with his left arm spin. Highlight of the season was undoubtedly 18 year old Louis Bedchamber's unbeaten 198 against Civil Service in early May. This was a club record league score and it was fitting that the former record holder, Andrew Browning, was on hand later in the season to present the teenager with a framed scorecard and bottle of champagne to mark his feat.

The Sunday side were very successful in their friendly programme, with games being played from April to September. Away from the pressures of league cricket a number of youngsters were given the chance to develop their skills and newcomer Alex Charlton impressed with the bat and Jack Wiseman returned from University to show he had become a potent new ball bowler in the second half of the season. Once again Bellchamber stole the show, however, his 213 against Mattishail at Dussindate Park in July making him the first Saints player to score a double century.

Off the field the club ran its ever popular sports quiz, kindly hosted by Ian Perry at The Cottage, and the season concluded with the annual Chairmans X1 game when numerous spectators and The Mayor were in attendance to see Fred Rushbrook become the first recipient of the Monty Montague Shield, a trophy named in memory of Saints much missed President who sadly died at the beginning of the season.

Plans are already being made for 2010 and anyone interested in playing, scoring or umpiring for one of Norfolk's oldest dubs can obtain for details from the website [www.standrewsnorfolk.play-cricket.com](http://www.standrewsnorfolk.play-cricket.com)

## Community Speed Watch

Residents of Thorpe St Andrew may well have noticed the florescent jackets of their local Community Speed Watch Team out on roads in the area. The team came about through a common concern; that being the lack of observation of the speed limits by motorists.

Weather permitting, a team of three endeavour to go out once during the week and once at the weekend – the time of day varies to fit in with the commitments of the team. We aim to be 'on duty' for an hour. Speeds are recorded using the speed gun, noted along with the date, time logged and make and model of vehicle. This information is then sent to the Community Speed Watch police officer.

We have been met with support and encouragement from passing residents but we need more help – on the spot training is provided.

Any offers of help would be very much appreciated. If you would like more information and feel able to share the work load, do please get in touch.

Jill Wigy 01603 432115.

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