



Thorpe St. Andrew
Town Council

NEWS

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Summer 2009

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Summer Event: Thorpe St Andrew Festival

There will be quite a range of activities taking place in Thorpe St Andrew over the three days of the August Bank Holiday weekend. The activities are being organised by the Thorpe St Andrew Events Committee. There are plans to extend the events that are taking place so if you know of group or club that might be interested in joining in the fun or organising an event that could be incorporated into the programme please contact Jonathan Emsell on 07717 362842 or Thorpe St Andrew Town Council office on 01603 701048.

Saturday 29 August Starts 10am

The Broads Authority wherry tour is expected to arrive on River Green, Yarmouth Road at about 10am. The boat used this year will again be the wherry Hathor and 2009 is particularly significant as it will be Hathor's last tour for a number of years. She was built in 1905 for the Colman family (of mustard fame) and there is an intriguing story behind the beautiful and unusual Egyptian-themed decoration below decks. Come along and see for yourself and the volunteer crew will be pleased to tell you the story.



Hathor Picture by David Splitt

Children's rides, inflatable slide and bouncy castle would start on River Green at 11am, local clubs and organisations will also have stalls on the green. If you are hungry or thirsty Creative Crepes sweet and savoury pancakes, Sirjuiced healthy food and drinks and Ronaldo's ice creams will be there for you. The parish church will be open for visitors on Saturday and Sunday.

An International Food Festival will be held at River Green from 1 - 4.00pm. This has been organised by the Broadland Community Partnership who have involved various ethnic groups that will be offering samples of their food that they will have prepared earlier. Earlier in the day younger members of their families will provide some musical entertainment.

The North Sea Radio Roadshow will providing musical entertainment on River Green and this is their first appearance at an event in Thorpe St Andrew. Alistair Sursham of Broadland Boat Club will host a Quiz on the Green from 5 - 7.00pm approximately; all are welcome to take part so bring a blanket of chair to sit on if you wish to take part. If

you are interested in taking part or registering a team please contact the Town Council office on 01603 701048. It is also hoped that a live band will play in the evening from 7.30pm.

City Boats will offer boat trips from River Green and if the tide permits will offer a circular trip to the new Thorpe Broad and nature reserve and then to Whitlingham Country Park and return to the Green passing the Townhouse and Rivergarden pubs en route. If tidal conditions restrict the circular tour trips between the bridges will be available. Electric powered day boats will also be available for self drive hire.

Thorpe St Andrew Horticultural Society will be holding their annual summer show from 2 - 4pm at the Adult Learning Centre, Longfields Road. As well as fruit and vegetables displays there will be home produce and photography classes on offer. Admission is just 50p for adults and free for children.

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Sunday 30 August

The parish church will hold their normal service from 9.30 – 10.45am. The East Coast Truckers convoy is due to come along Yarmouth Road at about 10.15am and is always a spectacular and noisy site to see. We would like to see the road lined with spectators to cheer the convoy through.

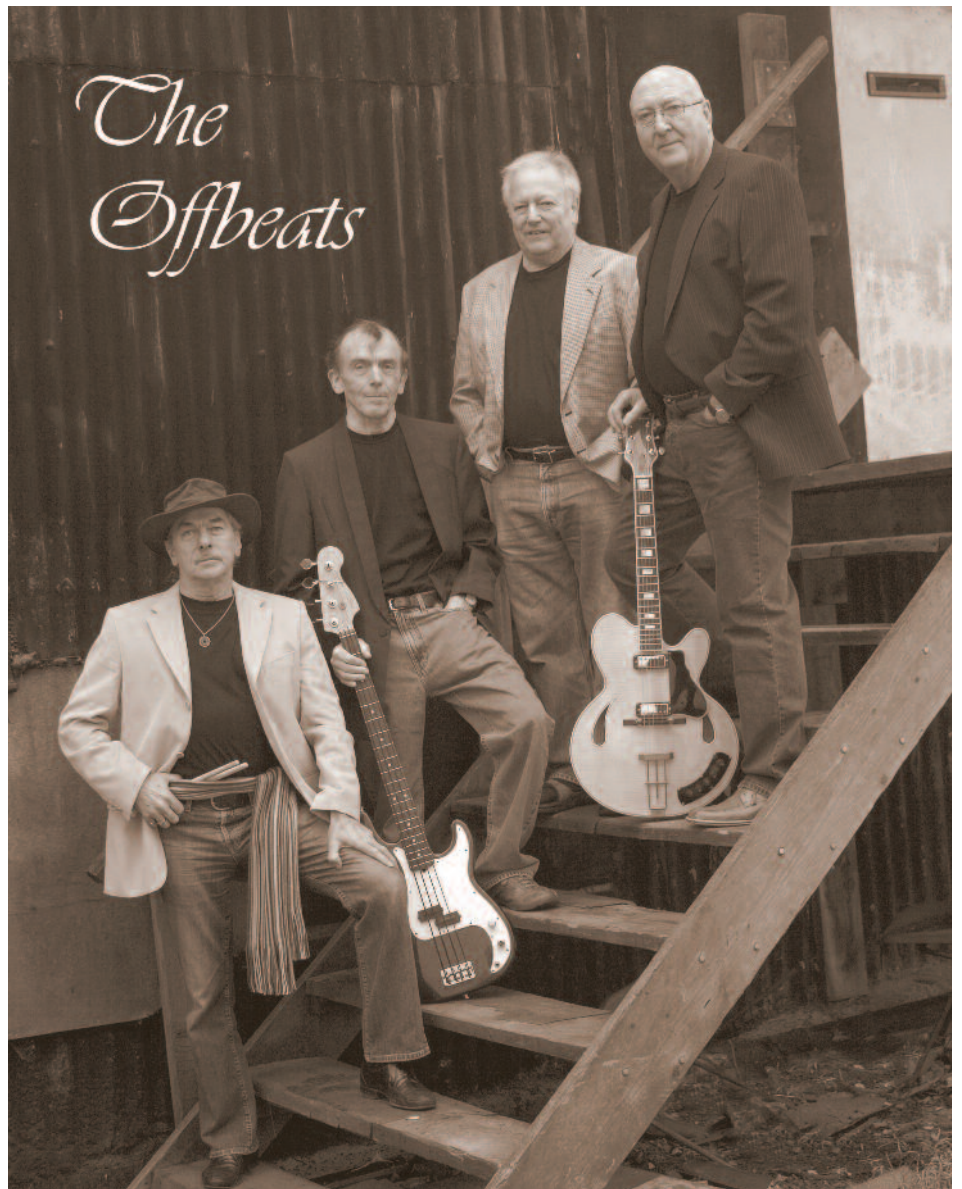
The Vineyard Church will hold a lively service with two guitarists on the Green from 11 – 12 noon. After the service stalls will be open for business as well as the children's rides.

There will be "Songs of Praise" at the parish church on Yarmouth Road starting at 6.00pm and is sure to be a popular finish to the day.

Monday 31 August

On Monday 31 August the Norwich Centenary Rotary Club www.ncrotaryclub.co.uk, based at the Oasis Leisure Club, Pound Lane are organising a Scarecrow Festival on the Dussindale housing development. The proceeds from the Scarecrow Festival will be donated to East Anglia's Children's Hospices. Trail maps showing the locations of the scarecrows will be on sale and priced at £2.50

For more information on the Thorpe St Andrew Festival contact the Town Council office on (01603) 701048 or email: info@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk.



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Dussingdale Scarecrow Festival

The Norwich Centenary Rotary Club are delighted to announce the launch of the DUSSINDALE SCARECROW FESTIVAL. On Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 09.

Children and Adults will compete with one another and display their attractive and funny Scarecrows in front gardens for the public to come and visit. These entrants will gather sponsorship and the proceeds from the day will be going to the very well known charity East Anglian's Children's Hospices. (EACH) Sometimes referred to as The Quidenham Trust.

E.A.C.H. supports families throughout their experience of caring for children with life-threatening conditions and complex healthcare needs. It costs around \$5 million pounds each year to run the Hospice and the majority of this vast amount is through donations. The Town Council have been keen to support the Festival as it coincides with the weekend activities

planned by Thorpe St Andrew events committee who have worked hard to make it a family themed weekend.

Glenn Unstead, President of the local Rotary club says "We are very excited about the event and delighted with the initial response we have received from the local residents. The New Primary School have briefed the children and their parents on the Festival. We have deliberately opened it up to every resident and we are looking forward to setting a ground breaking record for a first time Scarecrow Festival. We hope that we can make it a real success so that it will become an annual event which engages the local community in a happy and fun way. This will also be very good for the development of our children. We are also very grateful to all the local businesses who have helped to promote the event and for the financial support they have provided"

More information is available on the clubs visit website: www.ncrotaryclub.co.uk.

**THORPE ST ANDREW
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**ANNUAL SUMMER SHOW
Saturday 29 August 2009
2 – 4 pm**

**VEGETABLE
FRUIT
FLOWER
DECORATIVE
HOME PRODUCE
AND PHOTOGRAPHY CLASSES**

REFRESHMENTS AND TOMBOLA

**PRODUCE WILL BE AUCTIONED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHOW
Non-member entry 50p on the door. Children free.**

We are at the Adult Learning Centre, Longfields Road, Thorpe St Andrew. Please come and join us.

School outing 'ment allot'

School visits nature reserve
The children from class 2B at Hillside Primary School made good use of the Nature Reserve at the top of the Hillside allotments. On the afternoon of 14th July 2009 they left school to walk up to the Nature Reserve where they were able to run around and explore. The children were delighted to show the adult helpers all the various bones they found in the trees with stories of the wolves they had seen in there!
Mr Baxter the class teacher provided a summer fruit picnic for all the children and helpers. Despite the heavens opening whilst at the allotments all of the children had a fantastic time.



The picture above is of the children walking back down the track through the allotments, which they showed a huge interest in.

TOWN'S AWARD FOR SUPER BADGERS



Five Thorpe St Andrew Badgers were given a special award by the Thorpe St Andrew Town Council. The awards were presented by Town Mayor, Mr Russell James, at their presentation evening on Thursday 9th July at their HQ in St William's Way, Thorpe St Andrew.

The Five Super Badgers, Ben Ames, Daisy Lester, Chloe Smith, Aaron Ward and Chloe Ward also received their St John Super Badger Certificates and Badges together with a pottery badger exclusive to those having reached this award. These were also presented by the Town Mayor.

Super Badgers have completed 12 subjects from a choice of 15.

Other awards were also presented during the evening and County Badger Leader Linda Sweeney enrolled Saffron Ramsbottom as a new Badger and welcomed her into the family of St John.

Thomas Chapman, Henry Govier, Shannon Groom, Gabrielle Hunt, Oliver Hunt, Abigail Moore, Tom Moore, Saffron Ransbottom, Cian Ross, Lauren Ross, Emily Smith and Megan Smith received Certificates and Badges for Global Badger. Ben Ames, Joshua Huggins, Daisy Lester, Chloe Smith, Aaron Ward and Chloe Ward received Certificates and Badges for Wild Badger.

The presentations were made by Heidi Sweeney, Central Area Badger Leader and Phil Kinghorn, County Commissioner for Youth respectively.

For having completed at least 6 badger subjects Abigail Moore and Megan Smith were presented with a Silver Paw award by Area Commissioner Wayne Tritton.

To end the evening special guest Bertie Badger arrived to the amusement of the children. They then recited a poem called "Thorpe St Andrew Badgers" which included all 15 badger subjects.

Badgers are the 5 – 10 year old members of St John. If your son or daughter is interested in becoming a Badger please telephone St John HQ on 01603 431639 for details of your nearest Badger Sett.

TOWN'S AWARD FOR SUPER BEAVERS

The Town Mayor had a busy evening as after he left the Badgers he went off to visit the Beavers to present them with their special awards from the Town Council.

Two Beavers, Tom Hunt and Lawrence Atkins, have followed in our famous Cub footsteps and gained all the available activity and challenge badges, being the first Beavers at 1st Thorpe to get all the badges. It has taken them 2 years to do since they started Beavers aged 5 3/4. They have worked hard in their own time to complete many of the badges such as Animal Friend, Safety and Healthy Eating.



If you know of any other youngsters in the Town who deserve a special award please let us know? Thorpe St Andrew Town Council 01603 701048.

COMMUNITY LIFE

My role as Town Mayor has two main parts. One is to act as Chairman of the Council presiding over Council meetings to ensure that the meeting is properly conducted, that decisions are made after free and open debate and that those decisions are accurately recorded. The other is to act as the Council's link with the public and to encourage communal efforts. I attach a great deal of importance to that responsibility and I have been involved recently in a number of activities.

The Open Gardens event was designed to raise funds for the enhancement of the War Memorial and I took part in that by opening my garden. The children of Hillside Avenue School also staged a money raising event for the fund and I attended a ceremony at which they handed over a cheque for £371, making a total of £893.56. On 22nd June there was a short ceremony at the Parish Church to recognise Armed Forces Day and after my opening address the specially designed flag was raised by the Chairman of the Thorpe St Andrew branch of the Royal British Legion, followed by a prayer by the Rev. Ellis.

The 9th July was a particularly pleasing day. In the early evening there was a meeting of the St John Ambulance to which I had been invited to present certificates to 5 "Super Badgers" who had gained all the badges available to them and then as a surprise I also presented them with the Mayor's Achievement Award. This was followed by a visit to the 1st Thorpe Scouts to present badges to a number of Beavers who had gained them and the Achievement Awards to two "Super Beavers" who had gained all the badges available. These were two different organisations but their principles were similar. The children were happy and enthusiastic enjoying what they were doing but at the same time they respected the adults, responded to discipline and obeyed instructions. Encouraging young children to reach their potential and letting them know that their efforts are recognised and applauded is a step towards helping them to grow up into responsible and caring adults. In making these awards I complimented their leaders, and their parents, on the part they played in helping these young people to be successful.

This encourages me to believe that our community life is strong, that communal efforts can further enhance the quality of life here in Thorpe St Andrew and I will be pleased to help any of the many clubs and societies in whatever way I can.

Thorpe marshes nature reserve

Thorpe Marshes nature reserve at Whitlingham Lane, Thorpe St Andrew took another step forward in its establishment when grazier Mark Barrack brought twenty cows onto the meadows around the new broad this week.

The cows will be there until October and will graze on the meadows and will help to control the grass and of course enrich the pastures at the same time. There are a number of permissive footpaths across the meadows and dog walkers are requested to keep their dogs on leads when walking on the grazing meadows.

The restoration plans for the new nature reserve are being finalised. The site of two bird hides that will be erected has been decided and they will provide excellent views over large areas of the new broad.

Lafarge Aggregates working in partnership with the Town Council are carrying out the restoration and have built a large spit into the broad that will be accessed from the public footpath that runs alongside the River Yare. The spit terminates in a large viewing platform that again provides splendid views across the broad and the nature reserve.

"There are quite a large number of birds on the new broad swans, geese, herons and a family of lapwings were wading on the broad's edge when I walked round earlier this week" said Steven Ford, Town Clerk.

"The Town Council are concerned about the hundreds of birds that gather on River Green and will they will be pleased to learn that it appears a good number of birds have moved round to the new broad where they will enjoy a natural source of food in a well protected area." Restoration on the site will take place in the next few weeks. In July drainage dykes will be cleared to help address flooding problems that appeared to be particularly bad last winter. Engineering works will also be carried out to resolve problems with the tidal flap that controls water levels on the broad and nature reserve.

It is expected that all the restoration work will be completed by October. Thorpe St Andrew Town Council have agreed to take on management of the broad and nature reserve for the benefit of generations to come when all the restoration, drainage and unlawful mooring issues have been resolved. Volunteers should call 01603 701048 if they are interested in helping with future management.

BLOOMIN' ROUNDABOUT

You may have noticed the town sign and attractive new raised flowerbed with a St Andrew's flag formed with plants and stones on the St Andrew's Park roundabout, Yarmouth Road.

This has been created by very generous sponsorship by Caremark Norwich and Shalom Care Home of Yarmouth Road. Caremark offer all kinds of care in the community and the Town Council are very pleased that their sponsorship of the roundabout has created such a striking gateway to Thorpe St Andrew.



Monthly car boot sale



In an attempt to help residents in the area make some money out of their unwanted things. Thorpe St Andrew Town Council has a regular Car Boot sale, the first Sunday of every month, set up 8am opens 8.30am. In these difficult times any extra cash can be a help and something that is of no further use to you can be just what someone else is looking for whilst having good fun!. A pitch is £5 and all money raised goes straight into the council events budget. If you have any questions please call Town Councillor Jonathan Emsell on 07717 362842 for more information.

Hillside Coin Wars

This was run from Monday 8th June to Thursday 11th June by the Friends of Hillside. A total of £371 was raised and donated to the Thorpe St Andrew War Memorial restoration fund.

The children's mission was to collect as many coins as they could. Coppers were collected in a jar in their class rooms and counted at the end of each day with the point's value for each class displayed on the class room door.

If another class had more points their jar could be sabotaged by sneaking silver coins into them. Silver coins had a negative point's value which reduced the sabotaged classes value.

The children thoroughly enjoyed sneaking about sabotaging each other's jars and the class that won was Ms Caldwell's.

Thorpe St Andrew Christmas Card Competition

Would you like to see your photograph or pictures in print?

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council are inviting residents to enter your Christmas / Snowy scene photographs or pictures of Thorpe St Andrew to our panel of judges and the most appropriate, will be printed as our local Thorpe St Andrew Christmas Card. We do not offer a cash incentive just the satisfaction that we will print your picture or photograph as a Christmas Card and it could be sent all over the world by our local residents. Any profits that the Town Council would make on selling the Christmas Cards would be put back into the council and spent on any future events that the town council organises for our local community.

Please send your photographs or pictures by hand or by post to

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council Offices

Dussindale Centre

Pound Lane

Thorpe St Andrew

Norwich

NR7 0SR

Email to office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk

Canoe Club Regatta

On 28 June Broadland Boat Club hosted a canoe regatta sponsored by Cozens-Hardy Solicitors. The Town Council entered 2 teams, with the men's team reaching the semi-finals and the women's team getting to the quarter-finals. It was a fantastic afternoon with great weather as well!



Town Council Website

Have you logged onto our website yet?
Find out about the latest council news, events coming up and details about the area. You can also read the minutes from the council meetings and look at copies of our publications. www.thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk

Dussindale Park

The Town Council is hoping to make some improvements to the area surrounding the Fitzmaurice Pavilion. Plans include creating a fenced off picnic area close to the existing playground, and fitting a metal slide down one of the banks to the dell. The money available for the slide amounts to approximately £15300 inc VAT. It has been awarded by the National Lottery and was sourced via Broadland District Council.

One of the local children, Henry Laming, has also been successful in applying for a grant from the Kash 4 Kids scheme run by Norfolk County Council worth £721.05. The idea of the scheme is to try to encourage young people to apply for money to benefit other young people in their community.

The money is being used to purchase some mushroom seats and a table for the new picnic area.

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 endeavours 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 met with support and encouragement by passing residents but we need more help – on the spot training is provided. Articles have publicised in the local newspaper and on local radio. 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 Wiggy telephone (01603) 432115.

Flashing speed sign

Since 2005 we have been endeavouring to draw driver's attention that there is a 30mph speed limit in St Williams Way. Newspaper articles and relevant correspondence have been to little avail. Recently it was drawn to my attention that there was a possibility of starting up a Community Speed Watch Team which we now have up and running (although we could do with a lot more volunteers). However, a 30mph sign erected underneath the “Welcome to Thorpe St Andrew – please drive carefully” sign which greets motorists as they leave the Heartsease roundabout would be welcome.



The frustration motorists encounter along Heartsease Lane and Plumstead Road only encourages them to accelerate once entering St Williams Way. A 30mph sign is in place opposite The Millhouse pub at the other end of the road which is appreciated.

We have been provided with Vehicle Activated Signs (which are provided for one month only), double yellow lines (much appreciated by the “odd number” side of the road), cycle lanes, extremely dangerous – cyclists still preferring to ride on the pavement as cars are parked in the cycle lanes.

Back in March the Thorpe St Andrew Community Speed Watch Team submitted a bid for the funding of a permanent Vehicle Activated Sign, money being available through a Participatory Budgeting Pilot Scheme for Thorpe St Andrew. We were successful in acquiring £2,500 and the relevant contacts with the highways department who put them up were made. We are still waiting for its installation.

The Matthew Project Thorpe Youth Engagement Project

Summary for April-May 2009

No. Sessions - 7 No. Contacts - 75

No. Young People - 30

Summary of Sessions

Since re-launching the project at the Fitzmaurice Pavilion we have started to see an increasing number of young people. Over the first few sessions we saw two main groups of young people; a group of 12-14 year olds, and a group of 16-19 year olds. The two groups do not mix, and it appears that when the older group arrives the younger ones leave very quickly.

The younger people report feeling quite threatened by the older group and that they get a bad name because of them. Many of the young people are getting C3s and we have had discussions around this with both young people and police, helping to initiate dialogue as to why they are completed and young people's rights around this issue. We have noticed some drinking, especially as we are leaving the area on Friday nights, although no young people are trying to come on the caravan with alcohol. Initial sessions have focused on alcohol, personal safety, cannabis, smoking, education and self esteem.

The young people are keen for a change in Thorpe and the younger ones keep suggesting potential activities they would like to see in the area. Many are keen to have a good place to play football and continue to ask about the possibility of opening up the Astroturf at the school. A few have also suggested using the swimming pool at the high school. They are keen to engage in some kind of positive risk taking trip, for example Go Ape, and some young people have volunteered to apply to the Norfolk Youth Fund to try to finance this.

Youth Team Feedback

The young people in the area have engaged really well with the workers on the caravan. The older group of young people seems to need more time to build up trust than the younger ones, but we are maintaining contact with them and are slowly starting to have more in-depth conversations. The presence of police cars in the first couple of weeks seemed to frighten some young people away. We are keen to get more communication going between young people and the local community, including PCSOs, and some of the young people have shown interest in question and answer sessions with PCSOs and the Parish Council. Already some young people have requested our help with stopping smoking, and we have delivered informal sessions around alcohol harm reduction. We also have concerns regarding a group of girls with low-self esteem and issues around body image. We have been in touch with Norfolk Eating Disorders Association about the potential of delivering a session on the caravan in the near future. Overall we are very happy with the quality of work so far and hope to continue to establish and maintain positive relationships with the young people.

Young People's Feedback

After asking young people for feedback on the Voicebox sessions, 72% rated the sessions 'excellent' and 28% rated them 'good'.

Young people also said:

Won't go near drink or drugs, [I will now] stay safe, I think it is good for teenagers because it is helpful, [The Voicebox is] excellent and always helps you out, It was good, [I have learnt] everything to know about drink and the consequences.

Community Feedback

So far we have had visits from Town Council members and PCSOs, who have all been very supportive and positive about the project. We are continuing to make links with the local community and other agencies and hope to work collaboratively alongside these people in the future.

For more information on the work of The Matthew Project telephone 0845 868 8172 or go www.mathewproject.org

Homewatch award for Council

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council, proudly accepted a certificate of appreciation from Broadland Home Watch for their work and effort in trying to make Thorpe St Andrew a safer and crime free area to live in.

The award was presented to town councillor Sue Lawn at the Broadland Homewatch AGM in June by Superintendent Malcolm Cooke.

Thorpe St Andrew Town council are currently working with various youth organisations such as the Matthew Project, making efforts to listen to what our young people want to see happening in our area.

When our Local Schools return after the summer break we intend to open a dialogue with our schools asking for their opinions and asking for young representatives to attend our monthly Town Council meetings. If anyone would like to part of this youth forum please contact our Town Council Offices on **01603 701048**.

