

THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL

NEWS

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Autumn 2021



Events

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Planning update, news from local surgeries, what's happening with the Neighbourhood Plan and much more!

WELCOME

There has been a great deal of change at the Town Council as we emerge from lockdowns and look to the future. We have new staff and some exciting changes on the horizon.

At the end of September, we said a sad goodbye and good luck to Jeanine Fenn, our Town Council Deputy Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer for the past 17 years. We are very grateful to Jeanine for her support and advice as she now hands over the position to Rachel McCarthy. Rachel joined the team last September and we look forward to her being a member of the team for many years to come.



We welcome our new Community Officer Angela Bishop who will work alongside our current officer Fiona Bass until she too retires at the end of December. We will all miss Fiona, who is one of our longest serving officers. Her work during the pandemic, supporting our most vulnerable residents was outstanding and she was recognised with a Broadland District Council Covid Hero award. Her tireless championing of the people in the community is undeniable and she has worked with passion and dedication throughout her time at Thorpe St Andrew Town Council. Her successor, Angela will continue to ensure the Dementia support and our community groups go from strength to strength over the coming years. Our Town Clerk, Thomas Foreman, also leaves us at the end of the year and we hope to announce his replacement soon. The pandemic has meant many staffing changes have been delayed until our Covid-19 community response was concluded, and I would like to take the opportunity to thank officers for their continued service to the community during these unprecedented times.

I know that many of our residents have enjoyed the events that we have run this year; the jumble trail, litter pick, Picnic in the Park and the very successful Streetfood festival. I hope that you will be able to join us at one of our events planned for the remainder of the year. The first of which is the Poppy Trail which will take place during the first 2 weeks in November, kicking off with the amazing World War II memorial exhibition in the Roxley hall on 31st October 2021. The finale of which will be our Remembrance Parade on Sunday 14th

November keeping with our new morning time of 11.00 am. The town firework display will, as is traditional, be on the 5th November. Please remember that this year it is an all ticket event, so make sure you have purchased your tickets in advance.

Finally we will be kicking off the festive season with our Christmas events.

Check out what's happening when in this edition. As you might expect, all these events will be dependant upon any national or local guidance related to Covid-19.

It is my sincere hope that this winter period brings more family time and a very different Christmas to the one we had last year.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our events and as I continue my work as the Town Mayor in 2022.

Who's responsible for...

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council **01603 701048**

Streetlights, Parks and green spaces and their bins, Allotments, Moorings, Grit bins and Bus Shelters

Broadland District Council **01603 431133**

Fly-tipping, Graffiti, Street Dog bins, Household waste, Planning issues, Housing, Council Tax, Benefits, Parking enforcement and Street cleaning

Norfolk County Council **0344 800 8020**

Overgrown hedges, blocked cycle paths, highways, parking restrictions, Highways Trees, Education and Children's Services

Norfolk Police **101 or 999**

Cars blocking the highway, anti social behaviour or issues on crime

If you unsure about who to call please contact us and we can point you in the right direction or even report the issue on your behalf.

**Remember Remember
the 5th November!**

TICKET ONLY EVENT- USE THIS LINK

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Sensational Streetfood

A big shout out to all the residents and local businesses who came and supported this event. We were truly overwhelmed by the all the smiling faces, full tummies and positive feedback we received.

Apologies to those who missed out as street stall vendors sold out early, but they have assured us they will be back at either Fireworks (November 5th) or our Christmas event (December 4th) and they're bringing loads more stock!

We hope to be able to repeat this in 2022, so look out next year for a new date.

Any local businesses, food or drink stall holders interested in having a pitch at any of our events please contact us for more details at office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk



As autumn begins, we can look forward to one last burst of colour before the leaves begin to fall.

A wonderful time of year for walks through the woods, with leaves crunching underfoot and sycamore seeds twisting to the ground.

As trees enter their dormant period, we can turn our sights to the tree planting season which runs from November to early March.

As your local Tree Warden, I will be working closely with Thorpe St Andrew Parish Council to plant more trees and to give a voice to the many beautiful trees we already have.

So, this Autumn I wish you lots of fun under the natural kaleidoscope of autumnal colours!

Joanne Collins.

Broadland Tree Warden for
Thorpe St Andrew,



Thorpe St Andrew gets **THIRD** 24/7 Defibrillator

The third 24/7 access defibrillator in Thorpe St Andrew has been installed following grant funding from three District Councillors. Cllr Sue Lawn, Cllr Trudy Mancini-Boyle, and Cllr Jonathon Emsell, have jointly funded the defibrillator, which is located on Roxley Hall, Yarmouth Road. The other defibrillators, all on Town Council sites, are located inside the Town Hall, outside the Café at the Sir George Morse Park, and at River Green.

A defibrillator at Roxley Hall has been a longstanding ambition of the Council, and we are delighted that our three South-East ward District Councillors have chosen to fund this worthwhile project. Speaking at the unveiling, the Town Mayor Cllr Sue Lawn said “accessible defibrillators are essential to communities and being able to deliver one which is accessible all-year round at Roxley Hall is fantastic”. Cllr Mancini-Boyle explained “when the Town Council identified Roxley Hall as a priority site, we felt strongly that funding this project was what we wanted to do with our Broadland District Council members grant”. Cllr Jonathon Emsell further explained “Knowing the defibrillator is here will be reassuring to many residents in the local area, but also the many Roxley Hall users, which is a hub in the community”.

The new defibrillator was unveiled by Cllr Sue Lawn, Cllr Trudy Mancini-Boyle, and Cllr Jonathon Emsell at Roxley Hall, where they also expressed their appreciation to local electrician Chris Wilson who installed the defibrillator cabinet at no cost.

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Fabulous Christmas Experience

Join us on December 4th between 11am and 6pm for a Fabulous Christmas Experience!

This year we are doing things slightly differently. Previously we have had all our Christmas celebrations based at the River Green on Yarmouth Road.

Given the Covid-19 pandemic, we have needed to re-think this, and feel it is important to allow our residents more space in which to come and enjoy what we hope will be every bit as special an event.

So this year the large Christmas event will be based up at the Fitzmaurice Park on Pound Lane. Please join us for a day long event with a range of activities designed to have something for everyone.

We normally have a few funfair rides. This year because we have so much more space we will be able to provide a full sized funfair with loads more rides, catering for smaller children, teenagers and adults alike.



We will be having a special guest appearing in his River Sleigh!! Come and see Father Christmas between 1 - 4pm.

We will also have live music from the very talented Mr Gary Winter. Those who came to the Picnic in the Park event will have seen him already. He will be swinging and singing his way into Christmas.

We will have all the usual Christmas Craft stalls and food stalls - so why not join us to pick up some locally made gifts and treats. We will of course be providing a range of food wagons - we're hoping for all and more of those who came to our Sensational Streetfood event. Chipbuckets have already booked their place and will be bringing at least double the supplies!!

Plus, we have already booked Churros and Chorizo, a Hog Roast, donuts, Feast, Sweet Smiles, Little Sisters Kitchen and others!



THORPE ST ANDREW

This year, more than ever we are truly aware of how difficult it has been and continues to be for many of our residents and their families.

We hope that by offering outside events that are free to attend, we can spread a little Christmas cheer to all.

Please join us at one or both of the events scheduled to take place in the town during the festive period.



For those residents looking for a more traditional Christmas Event, this year Thorpe St Andrew Parish Church will be hosting traditional carols and mulled wine and refreshments on River Green. The event will happen between 4.30pm - 6.30 pm on Sunday December 5th 2021.

Please join in by coming in traditional Victorian dress (costumes are kindly being offered by Thorpe Players to those who want to dress in style!) and be ready to sing some traditional carols and songs. There will be a small brass band and live singer as well as the Church Choir.

Alongside mulled wine, tea and refreshments there will also be a few food stalls serving hot offerings! Please contact Father James - rector@thorpeparishchurch.org for more information.



THORPE ST ANDREW PARISH CHURCH

Traditional Christmas Event

We welcome you all for traditional carols at River Green with the Christmas Tree Festival, children's activities, stalls and refreshments in the Church, including tea, coffee, mulled wine and mince pies!

Please come in traditional Victorian dress

Brass Band • Live Singer • Food Wagons

SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH 2021

4.30 - 6.30PM

RIVER GREEN, YARMOUTH ROAD, THORPE ST ANDREW

FURTHER DETAILS: 01603 439160 [RECTOR@THORPEPARISHCHURCH.ORG](mailto:rector@thorpeparishchurch.org)

Planning Update

In this article we hear from Cllr John Fisher, Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee.

As a further update on the current planning issues impacting upon Thorpe St Andrew we are waiting for formal applications to be lodged with Broadland by Berliet /Ocubis for the Pinebanks, Langley and Griffin Lane sites. To our knowledge responses have been made to residents who raised specific queries as a result of the public consultation for these sites.

The public meeting arranged by Hill, the developers for the Racecourse Wood site was well attended with around 250 attending and I understand that Hill were very impressed with the local interest and the queries raised. The decision by the planning inspector indicated that she felt 300 dwellings could be accommodated within the site boundary but the Hill designers currently consider that to provide a high quality development to include sufficient green and recreational space this number is actually too high and so are currently considering designs which would reduce that number.



V is for volunteering!

Got a bit of spare time on your hands and want to do something worthwhile? We'd love to hear from you!

Could you do some gardening, or litter picking, or helping out at an event? If so, please contact us in the office on 01603 701048 or email office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk

The October meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee considered the Application for the Care Home proposal for the Griffin site and the decision was to fully support the proposal. The revised proposal has reduced the number of units and also reduced the mass of the building on to the Yarmouth Road street scene plus it provides a more sympathetic elevation towards the listed building to the east, the old Meadowlands building.

Update from East Norwich Surgeries.



Five surgeries from the City form part of Norwich Primary Care Network. We meet regularly and share the same pressures. Many patients share the same frustrations at present and a continuous comment is "When are doctors going to do face to face appointments again?" From the start of the pandemic and throughout, none of the surgeries have stopped having face to face appointments.

The doctors, nurse teams and allied health professionals have continued to see patients. There has been a strict triage in that those presenting with any Covid- 19 symptoms would have to be signposted to designated locations to be seen.

A constant threat is a patient or staff member bringing Covid-19 into the surgery. This could result in the whole surgery having to close. Doctors and surgery staff continue to take tests prior to coming to work in order for this not to happen. For the record, surgeries and doctors have continued to see patients.

As we all get used to the situation of living with the Covid-19 threat, one of the results of this is a huge demand to want to see a doctor. All surgeries have developed coping strategies. Currently if the surgeries each had 20 doctors and 20 reception staff to take the calls and see patients, it would not meet the current demand.

Patients using Footfall and Econsult online services requesting assistance with a problem are helping in reducing telephone calls. However, the Covid-19 vaccine programme has been an obstacle in reducing the wait patients have on the phone.

There has been in excess of 82,000 vaccinations administered in our area over the past few weeks. Only a small number of the appointments are directly completed with online access. This means approximately 74,000 calls over and above a normal day have been made to our five surgeries. The reception teams are making the appointments for their listed patients. Appreciations are extended to Lionwood Surgery for hosting the vaccinations for this area.

Surgeries across the country are having similar experiences. The systems of online access triaging or telephone triaging by doctors prior to confirming a face to face appointment are ensuring:

- The risk of Covid-19 to other patients and staff is reduced
- Those people who need to be seen are being seen or diverted to other care paths if the appointments for that day are exhausted at the surgery.

Your understanding is asked for please. All surgeries do have doctors, allied health professionals and nurses conducting face to face appointments. These are on the increase, but please remember need comes before want.

Thorpe St Andrew Neighbourhood Plan - update

Earlier this year Thorpe St Andrew undertook a 6-week consultation (28th June to the 10th August 2021) with local residents about the proposed Neighbourhood Plan. Consultation included an online survey as well as 6 weekly face-to-face sessions.

We would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to the very many people who came to talk to us about their thoughts and provided us with useful comments. It's great to see so many people taking an active interest in the plan for the place they live.

As part of the process Thorpe St Andrew will now compile all the comments and the survey results and these together will form part of the submission that goes to Broadland District Council. We hope that there will be a referendum in 2022 and that once this document has been confirmed by a public vote it will become an enforceable planning document. We hope to have more news once Broadland District Council have considered our submission.

Watch this space!



Dementia Support going from strength to strength.

The Thorpe St Andrew Dementia Support continues to grow as we progress further out of lockdown.

We worked hard to maintain contact throughout the period when we were not able to run physical sessions and are delighted to say that our previous clients are still with us plus we have had several new families recently join too. Services are so much in demand that we have increased our sessions to twice a month - on the 3rd (mornings) and 4th Wednesdays (afternoons) All sessions take place in the Roxley Hall, Yarmouth Rd. We have also been very fortunate to have an influx of wonderful new volunteers joining our already brilliant team, without whom we would not be able to continue to run these groups.

We are also back running the Roxley Singers. They take place at 10.00am on the 4th Wednesday taken by Choir Mistress Brenda Binns. Everyone is made very welcome, and we have a good mixture of residents and a few of our dementia clients come along too! It's a fun morning and you don't need to be an expert singer to come and enjoy!

Afternoon tea sessions provided by "Eat with Ella" are at present, just being offered to the Dementia Support group, but we hope this will grow to invite all residents. We also hope to be able to start a new lunch time group - watch this space for more news.



New Interactive TV - a big thank you!



The Thorpe St Andrew Dementia Support Group welcomed the arrival of their new interactive TV. It was paid for by generous donations from the East Anglian Mark Benevolent Association (EAMBA) and the Yare Valley Lodge of Mark Master Masons. This TV is pre-loaded with games and activities and is mobile.



For more information about any of our community services please contact us on 01603 701048 or email office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk

(L to R) Tom Auber Treasurer EAMBA, Terry Larkowsky from Yare Valley Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Fiona Bass - Community Officer, Cllr Stuart Snelling, David Boswell Provincial Grand Master, Tony Jacobs Provincial Grand Charity Steward.

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ALL TICKET EVENT

THORPE ST ANDREW FIREWORKS

5TH NOVEMBER 2021 - FITZMAURICE PARK

E-Tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance*
Tickets available locally by scanning posters.

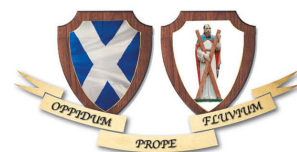
Funfair • Food Stalls • Bar
Doors open - 5pm Fireworks - 7pm

Anyone without access to a smart phone or computer can purchase tickets in person at the Town Hall during office hours. Correct money only. No card payments taken. *We will not be accepting money on the door. Child is 16 years and under.

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