



THORPE ST ANDREW TOWN COUNCIL

# NEWS

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**Spring 2022**



**Check out all our upcoming events for 2022**  
**Also... planning updates, latest news, Garage Sale signup,**  
**afternoon tea booking details and much more!**



# WELCOME

Welcome to a new year and the Spring edition of Thorpe St Andrew News. We look forward to a more certain time this year and as a town council we are already planning a varied range of events that will run in our parks and in our town. We very much hope that the community will get behind us and support us in any way that they can, whether that be litter picking, buying a ticket for Fireworks or coming along to our amazing Platinum Jubilee event! Please check out our events page for more information.

We will be constantly updating our Facebook page with details as we go through the year so that's a great place to go for more details. We also always put posters up in our 12 noticeboards around the town, so those who are not online can access information there as well.

In this edition, we are focusing on a range of useful topics. Planning has been a huge issue for the town these past few months, so Cllr John Fisher, has given us a comprehensive update on where we are with the bigger developments. Please read his article.

We always like to promote our Made in Thorpe local businesses. If you'd like to become part of this, we are relaunching the MiT scheme and we have a range of sponsorship opportunities for any local business interested – not least a chance to sponsor the 'Best Jubilee Cake' competition.

As always, I and my fellow councillors look to support good causes in the town. In these tough times we are always looking to help residents and provide extras where we can. As such I am delighted to be able to support the introduction of our new Book Hubs based around the town where people can come and take free books and exchange books that they may have read and want to pass on.

As the days lengthen and the signs of Spring begin to show on our parks and in our gardens we are once again reminded how lucky

we are to have great open spaces to walk, cycle and play in. Please make sure that you help us maintain these by being vigilant with litter and bin it or take it home.

Best wishes for a safe and healthy 2022.

Cllr Sue Lawn  
Mayor Thorpe St Andrew Town Council.

## 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, 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.

## Want to report a Streetlight not working?

We own and manage nearly 700 streetlights across the town. If it's one of ours it will have a number on it and a QR code for reporting online. Please make sure that you take a note of the number so we can make sure it's the right one. Anything without a sticker on needs to be reported to Highways or Broadland District Council for repair.



# What's the News in TSA ...?



## Signage requests

You may have seen various signs popping up around the town and in our parks. Please help us by observing our requests and where possible please park in drives and not on the verges. This is

particularly important as we move into spring and summer, for the growing and mowing seasons. As the weather begins to improve we want to try and encourage biodiversity growth on our verges.

During the warmer months we notice more people out and about in our parks and green spaces. Dog behaviour is becoming a concern for many residents.

**Please observe the dogs on leads advice whenever possible.**

## Community Services

Our community services continue to gain momentum as we move back indoors, following recent Covid advice. We run a series of community events and would like to invite anyone who is interested to contact us.

Community Services include:

1st Wed of the month - Afternoon Tea (anyone welcome £10pp pay in advance.)

3rd Wed - Dementia Cafe 10.30am-3pm (Places must be booked in advance.)

4th Wed - Singing 10-11am - just turn up!

- Dementia Cafe 2-4pm please book



## Models for Heroes

**Models for Heroes  
Open Session**  
**No need to book - just pop in**  
Models for Heroes is a charitable organisation that support the Armed Forces and Emergency Services personnel in the UK. We improve the lives of our members by providing a meaningful activity that promotes well being, skill development and social interaction.  
Next January we are starting our Models for Heroes sessions that will run every 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6pm

**First Session Tuesday  
11th January 2022 - 6pm**  
Sir George Morse Park, Laundry Lane,  
Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich NR7 0XQ

For more information please contact Cllr Fraser Bowe,  
Armed Forces Champion on 01603 460252 or  
eforceschampion@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk

We are delighted to report that our new Models for Heroes group is up and running and has been well attended and the feedback to date has been really positive. Our Armed Forces champion Cllr Fraser Bowe has been running the group (every month on the 2nd Tuesday) since January and so far equipment and people have grown week-on-week.

For more information about the group please contact Cllr Bowe on 01603 460252 or email him [forceschampion@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk](mailto:forceschampion@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk)

## New Book Boxes in the town

A huge thank you to Cllr Trudy Mancini-Boyle who used her grant money to fund our new book boxes. Thank you also to Steve Howe whose step father Dennis King lived in Thorpe St Andrew for many years. After he died, Steve was keen to ensure that many of his books could be enjoyed by his fellow residents in Thorpe so has donated them for use in the boxes. Final thanks must go to the Poringland Men's Shed for their amazing carpentry skills in constructing and painting the boxes.

## Snippets

### Tree Plantation

Many of you will have already seen that we are advertising sessions in our Tree Plantation Gardens for local Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) children and their families. Please get in touch if your child would like to book a slot.

### 'Get it Started' grant success

We are pleased to report St Williams Way Library has been awarded two of the 'Get it Started' grants. They are for the Drop in and Draw (Crafternoons) and the Knit and Natter group. Both groups have been awarded £300 - well done!

### We'll make groundsmen of them yet!

Lime Tree Nursery have been investigating the jobs of the TSA TC groundsmen. Thank you to the team for visiting with their awesome vehicles! The children had great fun watching the guys drive the vehicles and then having a pretend drive!







Join with us in celebrating the Queen's 70 years on the throne! We have planned a day-long celebration event from daytime picnics to a full blown fireworks and music event in the evening. Better still it's all FREE to attend! Kick up your heels, picnic in style and dance the night away, all courtesy of  
**Thorpe St Andrew Town Council!**



Our daytime event will kick off from 12 noon at Sir George Morse Park (Laundry Lane) with the opportunity to bring your own picnic and set up a table with family and friends on the Park. Why not go to town and decorate your table in red, white and blue? We will have a strawberries and cream stall as well as balloons, face-painting and giant outdoor games available to play free of charge. There will be a small fun fair with rides for children and an ice cream van and sweet stall.



We want to encourage all children to decorate a crown for the occasion and so we will be printing templates for children to decorate. These will be available to collect free from the Town Hall shortly. Take them home, decorate them and bring them back on the day. Judging will take place at the event and prizes awarded. We are so delighted to announce that Morton Reeves Estate Agents have kindly agreed to sponsor this event- thank you!

We are also calling all our budding bakers out there! Please enter the Great Thorpe Bake off and bake a cake in honour of her majesty (Children are asked to bake cupcakes) . We are looking for a fabulous cake, fully decorated. Go mad - theme it, add flags and bunting, add pictures of the Queen perhaps? Let your imagination run wild! This event will be judged on the day and prizes awarded.



Our evening event, taking place at Laundry Lane Rec, will kick off from 6pm with live music, streetfood stalls and a bar. Join us for the beacon lighting and finish the night with our brilliant music themed fireworks!

To enter please fill in the form below and bring your creations on the day! For the cake baking please provide a list of ingredients, along with your name.



**I would like to enter your competition!**

**I am entering....**

**Great Thorpe Bake-Off**

Adult

☐

Child

☐

**Crown Competition**

Adult

☐

Child

☐

**Name** ..... **Age (child)** .....

Please fill this form in and return it to us in the office, either in person or just photograph the form and email us. For further information 01603 701048. e: [office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk)



**SAVE THE DATE**

## Welcome to Events!

I am delighted to be listing so many events for 2022 and hope that our residents will be able to attend at least some of them.

As a Town Council we always try to provide as many free events as possible and even when there is a charge we like to keep it as low as we can. I look forward to seeing lots of our residents at our wonderful events!

Cllr Jonathan Emsell - Chair of Events, TSA Town Council



### Thorpe St Andrew Town Council Events Planner 2022

#### Saturday 23rd April - St Georges Day with Streetfood 3-8pm

Family fun and children's activities during the afternoon followed by our Spring Sensational Streetfood event. Join us and delight in the array of vendors & dishes available. Bar is booked! The event will be on the Fitzmaurice Park.

#### Saturday 7th May Community Garage Sale 10-4pm - In TSA

Due to a fabulous response from the community we are steaming ahead! So get your spring cleaning started! Details on the garage sale are available via a QR code where you can make your charity donation and sign up. Please see our advert on the back page.

#### Thursday June 2nd - Platinum Jubilee Celebration 12 noon onwards

Please join us at what we hope will be an amazing event. We will be running a day-time celebration from 12 noon, and an evening event with the official beacon lighting, fireworks, music and food. Check out our main advert in this newsletter and watch our noticeboards for more information. All at Sir George Morse Park, Laundry Lane.

#### Sunday June 5th - Street Party Day - anytime!

All over the country towns and villages will be holding street parties. Please join in by closing your road and organising a street party with your neighbours and friends. We will organise and pay for any road closure - please contact us if you'd like to be involved.

#### Sunday 11th September - Sensational Streetfood 12 - 3pm

Join us at the second TSA Streetfood festival. This event will be held over lunchtime so come along and pick up your favourite takeaway! Bar booked. Fitzmaurice Park.

#### Saturday 29th October - Halloween Pumpkin Carving Competition

As our community celebrates Halloween, we would like to invite everyone to bring their carved pumpkins up to the Town Hall for judging. Show us what you will be putting out on the big night! We will be awarding prizes in a range of categories.

#### Saturday 5th November - Fireworks 5-8pm

Our annual fireworks event will be bigger and better this year! The all-ticket event will run as before so look out for QR codes to scan nearer the time.

#### Tuesday 1st - Sunday 13th November - Poppy Trail

Last year was our inaugural event and was so well received that we hope to be able to repeat it again, and involve more people and more activities this year.

#### Sunday 13th November - Remembrance Sunday

As always we will be commemorating the sacrifice of fallen soldiers. The event will include a service at the war memorial for the laying of wreaths.

#### Sunday 27th November - Christmas Lights Switch On - River Green

A return to our traditional River Green Christmas event. The switch on will be followed by a few festive activities, singing, carols and food stalls.

#### December (date TBC) - Christmas Winter Wonderland Market

Plans are afoot for a large market similar to last year, offering a range of Christmas gifts and treats for everyone. Held at Fitzmaurice Park, with more details to follow.



# Planning Update

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



Whilst the previous two publications of TSA News have covered the involvement of the role of the Planning and Environment Committee in the major Planning Applications of Pinebanks and Thorpe Woods, the core activity centres upon the plethora of routine applications for extensions, roof conversions, and any proposed changes to, or within the curtilage of, the many listed buildings in Thorpe St Andrew.

In 2021 the committee considered a total 128 applications and so far this year there have been over 30 applications received already. Each application is designated to one of the councillors on the committee and their contact details are included in letters to the applicant and neighbours as the point of contact. The councillor will also endeavour to visit the site to gain a good understanding of what is proposed and how it relates to neighbouring properties, the street scene, size, design etc.

During the Covid period site visits were not possible in many cases but google maps allowed a good interpretation to take place and where applicants or neighbours requested a visit, this was accommodated. The committee are now back to meeting in person every second Monday of the month and we welcome members of the public to attend. Interestingly when we were having virtual meetings we saw an increase in attendance by residents.

An analysis of applications as stated above, indicates that rear extensions and roof conversions to the 'traditional' Thorpe St Andrew bungalows are by far the majority of applications, and having been on the committee for a number of years I can identify a trend to larger more lavish extensions and larger roof conversions often involving a major redesign of the hipped roof to include a gable end. These facts identify and confirm what an excellent place Thorpe St Andrew is to live, with residents keen to expand houses to stay here rather than moving away to other locations or to larger homes. The fact that early development in the town was in the 30s to 60s the average garden is of significant size which also allows good sized extensions to be built. I would like to take this opportunity to thank fellow councillors on the committee for their time and wisdom on all applications large or small.



## Towns across Norfolk to get Covid Plaque

A plaque has been commissioned for every parish and town council across Norfolk to recognise the work of communities during the pandemic. The plaque was designed by NUA graduate Ruby Douglass and the wording selected by a team at Norwich's National Centre for Writing. The inscription by Norfolk-born sociologist Harriet Martineau's reads,

**'live your best and act your best and think your best today.'**

Pictured either side of Deputy Lieutenant Carole Bundock, who presented the plaque on behalf of the Lord-Lieutenant is (left to right) Town Mayor Cllr Sue Lawn, and Deputy Mayor Cllr Jane Fisher, receiving the plaque on behalf of the Thorpe St Andrew community.

## £64,000 of new play equipment planned!

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council has long been committed to providing high quality, diverse and inclusive play equipment for our residents and visitors.

With the increasing popularity of the Sir George Morse Park and the Little Park Cafe we have decided to update this play area as a priority.

Earlier this year the tender for new and updated play equipment was issued to a number of key suppliers. The allocated spend has already been agreed by councillors and a final decision will be made in March. We hope that the equipment can then be ordered and we look forward to installation in the summer.



# Jubilee Tree Planting - over 120 new trees in Thorpe St Andrew!

In celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we are delighted to announce that we will be planting over 120 new trees in the Thorpe St Andrew area. This will include new trees at the Town Hall, Fitzmaurice Park where we will be planting an orchard, as well as a plan to plant trees along Dussindale Drive. There will also be giant tubs designed for edible plants for public access and use. Plants will include herbs such as mint, rosemary and fennel as well as fruit plants such as strawberry and raspberry.



They will be planted with height in the centre and ground cover at the edges. The planters will be complimented by a circle of up to 15 trees and fruit bearing shrubs to attract bees.

We are extremely grateful to Cllr John Fisher who has used his Norfolk County Council grant money, plus funding from Broadland District Council and support from Thorpe St Andrew Town Council to enable the purchase and planting of these trees to go ahead.

## Winter Management Plan

We are also continuing our annual Winter Management Plan, which will include hedge planting and general tree and shrub maintenance around the town. Some of this work has been carried out in conjunction with the tree council and we are delighted to be working in partnership with them.

## Broadland Tree Warden - update

At the beginning of February, I worked with the Parks and Estates team at Thorpe St Andrew Town Council team to plant a new hedge at the northern edge of Hillside Allotments. The hedge will form a natural boundary to the area. Seven native tree species were chosen, including field maple, common dogwood, hawthorn, holly, blackthorn, buckthorn and guelder rose. Most of these species are either prickly or thorny so they will form a thick, protective habitat for the countless animals living in the area and the berries will be a valuable food source for wildlife throughout the winter months.

The trees were provided by the Broadland Tree Warden Network, if you would like to find out more about the network, please visit our website <https://treecouncil.org.uk/take-action/tree-wardens/broadlands/>.

**Joanne Collins, Broadland Tree Warden  
Thorpe St Andrew.**



Cllr Sue Lawn, Town Mayor and Jason Calver, from the Parks and Estates Team (pictured top and left) have been busy planting. Not only the orchard but also a Canadian Sweetgum tree. In collaboration with the National Association of Civic Officers (NACO) and as part of the Queen's Canopy jubilee celebrations, this tree was planted on the seventieth day of her Majesty's seventieth year at the Fitzmaurice Park.







## QUEEN'S JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA PRE-ORDER

£9.99 SINGLE TEA  
£17.99 FOR TWO SHARING

an opportunity to pre-order an afternoon tea package for one, or share a tea for two!

Tea's are to be collected from Eat With Ella's stall at the Queens Jubilee event at the Morse Park Rec on Thursday 2nd of June.

To order an afternoon tea & select your preferences from the menu, please email Ella using the contact details below.

Thank you!

[eatwithellaenquiries@gmail.com](mailto:eatwithellaenquiries@gmail.com)

handmade  
brownies,  
blondies & treats



please email to  
see full menu!

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council hosts...

## St Georges Day at Fitzmaurice Park



Pop in  
during the  
afternoon for  
fun activities  
for children and  
families from  
**3pm.**

Followed by our Spring  
Sensational Streetfood  
event, 5 - 8pm

# Sensational Street Food

Saturday April 23rd  
5 - 8pm

For more details

t: 01603 701048 e: [office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk](mailto:office@thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk) w: [www.thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk](http://www.thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk)



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## The Little Park Cafe

(on Sir George Morse Park)

We will be open throughout the  
Spring and Summer  
Tuesday - Saturday, 9.30am - 3.30pm  
Sunday 9.30am- 2.30pm.

Please pop in and see us for a hot  
drink, a cake, a pastry or something  
more substantial.

Please bring the voucher from this  
newsletter and receive 20% off.

# i20%! OFF

The  
Little Park  
Café

by Churros & Chorizo

Thorpe St Andrew Town Council's

## Community Garage

# SALE

Please join us for this year's Community Garage Sale -

**Saturday 7th May 10am - 4pm**

All you need to do is scan the QR code below which will  
take you online to a page where you can register your table,  
pay the £5 charity donation and you'll be all set.

Please register your address by **Friday 22nd April.**

Printed maps will be available from May 1st from our office  
or online at [www.thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk](http://www.thorpestandrew-tc.gov.uk)



Please scan the QR code  
to register for the sale.  
£5 charity donation only.

Tables need to be outside and  
set up by 10am.



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