



Thornage Parish Council

Parish Council and the Village.

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Welcome to the 21st edition of our Thornage Parish Council newsletter.

Update from the Annual Parish Council Meeting

This took place on 21st May and Cllr Dan Earp was re-elected as Chair of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year. Cllr Dany Pearce was re-elected as Vice Chair. The other Councillors are Teresa Anderson, Jerry Cox, Peter Hammond, Lisa Moor and Nigel Watchorn. The meeting considered the Internal Audit and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) reviewing the performance of the Council and the Clerk over the last year. We are delighted that no issues were reported and the PC Approved sending the Exception Report to the External Auditor.

Everyone is welcome at ALL Parish Council meetings – the next meeting is planned to take place on **Wednesday 3rd September, 6.30pm** in All Saints Church.

There is always an opportunity to ask questions or express concerns.

Annual Parish Meeting

17 people attended the Annual Parish meeting on 30th April to hear reports from the Chair of the Parish Council, the Church, Friends of Thornage, Thornage Hall and an update on the Common – all reports are on the website. In the resident's forum concern was expressed about the increasing number of vehicles using the road through the village and potential damage caused by their weight. New damage to the road bridge was also noted. These were added to the Parish Council agenda for consideration.

Thornage Common – Grassland Management

As you are aware a large part of the Common has been left uncut this year to encourage biodiversity. Paths have been left round the edge and in through the middle for villagers to enjoy - and anecdotal evidence suggests that indeed it has been. Some wildflowers have been allowed to grow on and there have been plenty of butterflies sighted.

As part of the management of this area it was always intended to cut and remove a Hay crop in late summer. However, as we all know this year has been extremely dry to date and therefore growth was slow. The hope was that it would be cut later but if left the quality of the Hay made would be of extremely low quality and be of little value to livestock. Thornage Hall have kindly agreed to cut and remove the crop and as the drought has resulted in low stocks of Hay any extra will be useful.

It is the first year that this approach has been adopted and this is just the start of a long-term project to improve the plight of Flora and Fauna in our Parish. The Parish Council hopes that you have had the opportunity to enjoy the Common and with work continuing to establish a walk from Thornage Hall across the meadows to the Common it will become an increasingly enjoyable experience.

Thornage paper bank

We have been informed by the company who manage the Paper Bank that they will be removing it on or soon after 4th August.

This is due to

- dwindling collections as fewer people purchase printed newspapers and also use their own household recycling bins
- The cost of dealing with increasing levels of contamination in the paper banks with cardboard and other mixed waste

Please ensure that only glass is left at the recycling site from 4th August

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Village Survey

Lisa would like to thank all those who have so far contributed to the Village Survey. She still has a few people to see and will report fully on all the findings in due course. So far, 70 surveys have been completed, which represent the views of 114 residents. Thornage has an approximate population of 195 people (census 2021).

The key issues and outcomes for most residents so far are:

- Concerns about the B1110 – including the volume and speed of vehicles driving through the village, particularly in relation to the size of the roadway.
- The lack of safe pedestrian walkways in the village and surrounding area..
- Support for the Church being used as a community space as well as a place for worship.

Friends of Thornage and All Saints Church

Friends of Thornage ran a Plant Sale and Garden Party on Sunday June 8th in the beautiful gardens of The Grange in Letheringsett Road, 50% of the funds raised go towards maintenance of All Saints Church, the rest supports village amenities and events. Over £1200 was raised despite some very 'dodgy' weather. Huge thanks to Dany & Jerry Pearce who not only provided the venue but also grew many of the plants on sale. Thanks also to all the volunteers who helped run the event and the other growers who contributed to the plants for the sale including Thornage Hall.



Coffee Mornings – These are run every fourth Saturday of the month at 10:30am at All Saints Church with fresh home-made cakes and 'proper' coffee and tea provided along with a warm welcome and chat about village life, the world and the universe. Everyone is most welcome.

Next Coffee Mornings: 26th July, 23rd August, 27th September

3Ts Of Thornage (Tunes, Talks & Tea) - 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 3pm at All Saints Church.

August 13th – Desert Island discs with our local star Vicar Trudie choosing the Tunes and our own local celebrity Chris Major asking the deep and meaningful question!

September 10th - Tony Leech is giving a Talk entitled 'Witches and Devil's on Fungi!'

Friday August 29th - The Thornage Tap will be opening for refreshments for all the community to come together. From real ale and wine, low alcohol lager, soft drinks and snacks at All Saints Thornage from 6pm – Everybody welcome, bring the kids.

Music Events

We recently ran an enjoyable and entertaining evening of music and song along with the Thornage Tap bar open for refreshments in the church with great covers sung by local artists 2 Beards and a Piano. The local bluegrass band 'The Dungarees' are performing on the 4th October at All Saints Thornage with refreshments being provided by The Thornage Tap bar run by Friends of Thornage.

Thornage church services take place on the **4th Sunday of the month at 9.30am**

Churchyard Tidy-Up – weekend **30th/31st August**. Contact the Church wardens for information.

Thornage Hall

Just a reminder that our **Thornage Hall Summer Fair 2025** will be taking place on **Saturday 6th September, from 11:00am to 3: 30pm**. This event will be open to the public and we hope to welcome many of you to join us for an exciting day. We'll have a variety of stalls, activities, and refreshments for all ages to enjoy.

If you're interested in holding a stall, we still have a few spaces available – please contact us for more details.

The Parish Council is very grateful for the support that Thornage Hall gives, by printing this newsletter – a cost the Parish Council would otherwise have to bear.

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