



Thurlaston Matters

Thurlaston Parish Council Newsletter

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INTRODUCTION...

Welcome to the latest issue of Thurlaston Parish Council newsletter 'Thurlaston Matters'.

As we are all continually reminded, costs for everything are increasing and services being reviewed and sometimes reduced in many areas of day to day living, and with this in mind and as you may already be aware, Thurlaston Parish Council requested and have agreed an increase to the 2019-2020 precept to £15,000, which is a small annual increase of £4.95 for Band D properties, although, this should ensure that we continue to provide a Parish you can be proud of and continue to improve the facilities we have in the Parish as well as support the various community groups, organisations and projects.

HARVEST WEEKEND

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th
September 2019

(Please note change of date from last newsletter)



Thurlaston Scarecrow competition is back this year with open theme - so let your imagination run wild!

The Scarecrows in 2017 were absolutely fantastic and worthy of Hollywood Awards and Accolades. Numerous visitors walked around the village and were amazed at the standard. It was wonderful to have our old Post Office open for the day with Postman Pat and Mrs Goggins doing a roaring trade. ET was last seen flying over Earl Shilton Road, Pirates took over Holt Crescent and Wimbledon came to Thurlaston.

All in all the scarecrows were magnificent or as Fred and Dino in Tyres Close put it "YAB A DAB A DOO". The standard exceeded all expectations. Thank you to all who participated. **Let's make 2019 even more spectacular.** This year by popular demand there will be an additional award for the public's choice.

Lots of other activities are being planned for the weekend. On Saturday the Village Hall will host the Village Show competitions, lunch, refreshments, raffle,

children's entertainment (The Glitter Sisters complete with snow machine), a Magic Selfie Mirror (photo booth) and live music in the afternoon.

The church will be open during the weekend, displaying its own scarecrows and accepting Harvest Baskets of Food to be donated to the local foodbank. A selection of the Village records will also be on show.

Competition entry forms and a full programme of events will be posted to every house in the village as usual in late summer.

Gifts of homemade cakes for refreshments, raffle/tombola prizes will be greatly appreciated and all volunteers will be most welcome.

The Church and Chapel Harvest Service will be held the Sunday followed by a free Harvest Lunch at the Village Hall afterwards.

This is a community event so all funds will be reinvested for future village events. Donations may be given to specific village projects.

Recreation ground

We are looking forward to the summer when we can use the recreation ground to its fullest extent.

We have put up new signs in relation to dog fouling and spent money on the surrounding wall to ensure its safety. Our impression is that the dog fouling is better but not perfect, please ensure that all dog bags are put in the appropriate bins.

We are aware that part of the hedge near to the Earl Shilton road is dying and needs to be cut back, although we cannot do anything about this until the end of the summer due to nesting birds.

The trees planted in the Autumn looked to have taken root, and we look forward to watching them grow over the coming years.



Desford Road - Parking and Traffic Concerns

The council continues to be concerned about parking on Desford Road.

This road is simply not designed for modern traffic, and means major problems at peak times during the day. We would ask that people who park to pick/drop off at the school do so with consideration for residents and indeed in accordance with the highway code. This includes not blocking driveways or opposite to entrances so that cars cannot turn in or out of them.

Please try to stagger parking where possible and not double park. There are spaces for short times at the Village Hall on Main Street and Earl Shilton Road near

the recreation ground. Please switch your engine off when waiting for children, recent government studies have indicated how vulnerable young children are to engine pollution simply from being small and closer to car exhausts, this applies even in rural areas.

The council is very concerned about speed, not only on Desford road but throughout the village.

We are in contact with highways to look for solutions to this ongoing problem, it is fair to say that there will not be an easy set of solutions and we continue to rely on drivers to observe the speed limits.

A 'thank you' to Nigel Harrison

Many of you will know or know of Nigel Harrison.

Nigel comes from a village family going back many generations and he moved into Thurlaston in 1982.

Nigel was part of the team that re-opened and refurbished Thurlaston Chapel 1980-82, bringing it back into the life of the village and during this time he also founded the Monday Club in 1980 with the YPF following shortly after.

Nigel then became lay pastor of the Chapel in 1983, leaving his career in teaching, although commenced running camps for the young people of the village in the same year.

If that was not enough, 1984/85 saw Nigel commence running Friday Tea in addition to the fortnightly, all-age coffee morning throughout the 1980s.

Nigel was Ordained and appointed as minister of the Chapel in 1987.

Nigel then Chaired the Village Appraisal committee in 1991 and organised the village Expo event linked with it and has provided practical support to a number of village groups, including the Village Hall and the Carnival committee over the years, organised a weekly shopping trip to Fosse Park when the village lost its bus and for the last three years has run monthly trips for retired people to stately homes and historic towns which he continues to do.

As minister of the chapel he has provided spiritual and pastoral guidance for countless people and has taken services of dedication, weddings and funerals for village people.

Nigel has now formally retired as the minister of the Chapel from 20th March 2019 and as you read, he has been a major part of the Parish with unwavering commitment and support to many, for many and we therefore offer our sincere thanks to Nigel and wish him a happy and somewhat, quieter retirement.

Parish Council Elections 2019 - YOUR Parish Councillors for 2019-2023 are:



Councillor Nick Bates
Councillor Trevor England
Councillor Esther Harrison
Councillor Paul Holyman
Councillor Roni Tinsley
Councillor Maggie Wright

Save the date...

Dates for your diary of events this year:



Thurlaston Carnival - Saturday 8th June 2019

Summer Social and Fun Day - Bank Holiday Monday 26th August 2019

Harvest Event - 13th - 15th September 2019

Parish Annual Awards - Tuesday 10th December 2019

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