



Thurlaston Matters



Thurlaston Parish Council Newsletter

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INTRODUCTION...

Welcome to the latest and final issue for 2019 of Thurlaston Parish Council newsletter 'Thurlaston Matters'.

As the clocks go back, we take a look back at a successful Harvest Weekend and Scarecrow competition and a look forward to the Christmas festivities and events already planned for the coming months into 2020.

HARVEST WEEKEND

and Scarecrow Competition



A massive thank you to everyone who took part in the Harvest Weekend and Scarecrow competition. A quieter weekend than normal but with wonderful sunshine still a success. The quality of Scarecrows was exceptional with "Chewbacca" winning both the main competition and the "Peoples Choice" prize. (Full competition results are listed below). Thank you to our Beat Bobbies for judging and all who took part.

"The Mad Hatters Tea Party" opened its doors on Sunday and raised a whopping £126 towards the community fund. A special thank you to Brenda and Mick James for this fantastic effort.

The Magic Selfie Mirror created marvellous mementos of the day.

The Village Show produced some talented entries and highlights! Thank you to our judges and competitors.

The children took full advantage of the face painting and crafts. Not forgetting the "Tibbles Brothers" outdoors entertainment with the Glitter Sisters.

The ladies of the village came up trumps once again with donations of delicious cakes for refreshments. Thank you to our kitchen volunteers who were amongst the first to use the new refurbished kitchen in the village hall.

Local band Lambone Splinter did a great job of providing live music to entertain us into the afternoon. People also enjoyed reading

the sports boards and trying to solve the challenging quiz!

It was interesting to see the village as it was in photograph form on a map of Thurlaston and memories were captured for creating a "Memory Lane" project of our village in bygone years. The Church was beautifully decorated including "Grandma and Grandpa" scarecrows and a magnificent depiction of the Last Supper in life size figures.

The Church Harvest Service and Lunch were well supported and concluded the weekend. Donations of produce this year were donated to a local foodbank and the Seniors Community Group. None of this would be possible without the exceptional effort of a special team of volunteers well done and THANK YOU. New volunteers are most welcome at any community event.



Scarecrow Competition Results

Main Competition

- 1st Chewbacca
- 2nd Grandpa and Grandma
- 3rd Mad Hatters Tea Party

Highly Commended

- S.Scrow and Sons (Master Builders)
- Thurlaston We have a problem!!!

Peoples Choice

- 1st Chewbacca
- Joint 2nd
- S.Scrow and Sons (Master Builders)



Recreation ground

The fence on the far side of the field has been repaired and entangled overgrown shrubs and trees removed. The contractors did an excellent job and also replaced two posts near Moat Close.

The open spaces left have been reseeded with grass, the council are grateful to Mr Bob Whelband who volunteered to do this job, the village is lucky to have such community minded people.

The Supernova (the spinner near the swings) is damaged, the cost to repair is very high. The council will try to get a cheaper quote otherwise it will be removed, a decision will be made in November.

On a more positive note and after a lot of planning, new play equipment will be installed over the winter, with work hopefully starting in February. This would not have been possible without grants from Blaby District Council Community Grant scheme and the National Lottery 'Awards for All'. We are very grateful to both organisations and look forward to our new climbing frames.

Finally, our usual plea to dog owners to pick up after their dog. The council will continue to ensure that our recreation field remains safe and clean.

Commbus Is Coming To Thurlaston! From 2nd December

After a gap of many years, Commbus will once again be running a service for Thurlaston. For people who either do not have their own transport or may not have easy access to buses at the right times. It will provide a convenient way to visit local shopping centres such as Fosse Park, Blaby or Lutterworth and will also have on board assistance and a passenger lift for easy access.

The leaflet which was delivered along with the Journal gives more information about the routes and specific days, this can also be found on the Commbus website (www.commbus.org.uk). As a rough guide, a trip to Fosse Park will cost £5.40, to Blaby £5.20 and to Lutterworth £6.20 return; with an additional £2.00 cost for those without a bus pass.

Very Important You need to register first to use the service by phoning the office on **0116 286 6116** between **10.00** and **12.00**, bookings can then be made between 1 and 28 days before the day you wish to travel and you will be picked up from, or close to your door.

WE DO HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT DEMAND TO ENABLE THE SERVICE TO CONTINUE THROUGH OUR VILLAGE!

Community Action Transport



For those times when you need transport at a specific time, say to attend a doctor or hairdresser's appointment and you do not have your own transport, the **COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP** is what you need. This is a social car scheme where volunteer drivers use their own cars to drive someone to where they need to go.

Again, you need to register to use the service on **0116 288 7482** (Monday – Friday **9.00 - 1.00**) or visit the Community Action Partnership website (www.communityactionpartnership.org.uk)

You can then make your booking for the specific day and time you wish to travel. Charges apply, but are usually less than the cost of a taxi.

Elephant & Castle

The Elephant & Castle has been successfully relisted for another 4 years as an Asset of Community Value.

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Save the date...

Dates for your diary of events this year and next:

2019

Saturday 16th November Sunjay in Concert This is a village hall fund raising event.

Sunday 24th November Community tea in the village hall 2-4pm

Monday 2nd December Christmas lights switch on

Tuesday 10th December Parish awards evening, 6:30pm in the village hall

Sunday 15th December Seniors Christmas lunch

Friday 20th December Santa's Sleigh Run

Already booked for 2020!!! - With more details to follow in the next issue

Friday 8th May

A special Bank Holiday event to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day event.

