

Parish Council Awards Evening



The Parish Council awards evening were held on Tuesday 10th December. Held annually these awards recognise those residents who have been nominated for unsung work within the parish.

The **Silver Jubilee Cup** was awarded to **Brenda James** who has done so much to raise funds for various groups and worthy causes and is always present 'behind the scenes' supporting projects, and group events held within the village.

Young Achievers - No nominees although 'Letter of Commendation' for **Caitlin Smith-Childs** for continued

support and contribution to the village of Thurlaston youth activities was presented.

Letters of Commendation were also presented to **Helen Garner, Julia Braidley** and **Michael Broadhurst** for continued ongoing work to improve the environment and visual impression of the village.

Congratulations to all our winners and invited volunteers from the community events held in the past year who enjoyed a 'thank you' festive drink and mince pie. This is the community spirit that makes our village so special.



We need your help - Can any previous recipients of the Young Achievers Award check their homes as the original Trophy is 'missing' and if found please contact the Clerk.

And finally...

... 'thank you' Santa, see you next time.



Save the date 2020...

Dates for your diary of events this year:



Saturday 8th February	Barn Dance @ Village Hall
Saturday 29th February	Community Tree Planting Event
Friday 8th May to Sunday 10th May	A special Bank Holiday event to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day event.
Saturday 13th June	Thurlaston Carnival
Tuesday 15th December	Parish awards evening



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Thurlaston Matters

Thurlaston Parish Council Newsletter

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INTRODUCTION...

Welcome to the first issue of the Parish Council newsletter 'Thurlaston Matters' for 2020.

A rewarding end to 2019 with events planned for the coming year too, to which we look forward to sharing with you all in our future publications.

A NEW WOOD FOR THURLASTON VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Climate Change and Green issues are at the forefront of every aspect of the media at present and are probably likely to remain so for the foreseeable future. The Parish Council is looking at ways in which it can do its bit to help.

Thanks to efforts of Bob Whelband, the generosity of East Midlands Landscaping, who have provided the young trees, and with the agreement of Yennards Farm, who have allocated the land, the Parish Council is looking to establish a new wood of about 500 trees alongside the bridle path leading to the bridge over the M69 Motorway.

Needless to say, planting 500 trees is not a small job! We would like to invite villagers and friends to join us on **Saturday 29th February** to begin, and hopefully finish, the job. Children are welcome as long as they are accompanied by a responsible adult.

To participate you will need a spade and a pair of wellies (the ground is extremely wet after the winter deluge). No specific skills are required just a willingness to dig and plant the young trees. The more helpers the easier the job will be, so please dust off those spades and wellies and come along on the day. Even if it just for an hour you will make a big difference.

We will meet at the gateway opposite the Garden Centre at 9.00am and then walk along the bridle path to the site.

Refreshments will be provided.



CRIME AND SAFETY

Following recent episodes within the Parish and concerns raised to the Parish Council, the local Police Sergeant attended the January Parish Council meeting and provided invaluable advice and recommendations for a safer community in which the residents of Thurlaston can, indeed, help themselves and create a safer environment.

Neighbourhood Watch

We've all heard of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme but there is currently not one operational within Thurlaston.

All the resources and support required to set up a fully operational and recognised Scheme are available via the Neighbourhood Watch website - www.ourwatch.org.uk should members of the community wish to progress this, please let the Parish Council know who will also offer support where possible.

Neighbourhood Link

This is also a scheme to improve communication directly from the Leicestershire Police to residents within the local area and neighbouring villages to where you are resident.

You receive the latest news, updates and events direct from the Police. Enabling you to keep up to date about policing issues in YOUR community, get the latest crime reduction and community safety advice and respond directly to YOUR Neighbourhood Policing Team.

It is **FREE** to register and receive messages as well as being a confidential and secure service

www.neighbourhoodlink.co.uk

Rural Watch

Rural Watch is a free scheme set up to support communities in the fight against rural crime.

If you live, work or visit rural communities you are the eyes and ears. Together with the Police you can actively take steps to prevent crime, report suspicious incidents and provide education and reassurance on the issues that matter the most to rural communities.

To find out more: www.leics.police.uk/ruralwatch



NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

After much deliberation and negotiation, the new playground equipment should be installed by the end of January/beginning of February. Hopefully by the time you read this it will be finished. It is all dependant on the weather and the recreation ground being drier than at present (this is being written in mid January with wind and rain forecast every other day!)



VE DAY

75TH ANNIVERSARY

A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

8 - 10 MAY 2020

Peace in Europe was announced by the then Prime Minister, Winston Churchill on the 8th May 1945. On the weekend of 8th to 10th May the country will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. The Parish Council are planning an event to be held at The Recreation Ground on Friday 8th May, which is a Bank Holiday this year. Put the date in your diary. More details to follow nearer the date.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN



HELP WANTED!

Your assistance is requested to help prepare a Community Response Plan for the village and to offer your skills/resources in the event of a local emergency.

What is a Community Response Plan?

In recent months, both nationally and in the local area, we have seen the dramatic effects that adverse weather conditions can have upon local communities. Whilst we have been fortunate in Thurlaston to have escaped the worst of this we do not have any guarantees for the future. Adverse weather is just one example of a potential situation that may create a local emergency situation.

A Community Response Plan is designed to ensure that the community of Thurlaston is prepared for such an event and has plans in place to deal with it.

Who is involved?

This Plan will involve the whole community, not just the Parish Council and/or a select band of volunteers and we will be grateful for any offers of assistance both in preparing the plan and providing resources and skills in the event of an emergency. Basically the more the merrier and this will ensure a more efficient service.

Why do we need a Community Response Plan?

Emergencies happen!! The Emergency Services will always have to prioritise those in greatest need, especially where life is in danger. There may be times when our community is affected by an emergency but lives are not in immediate danger. Being able to help ourselves and those around us will assist the emergency responders and reduce the impact of an emergency on our community, both in the short and longer term.

What type of skills/resources are needed?

Different emergency situations will require differing skills and resources, but in any situation the primary need will be for Manpower and Places of Safety.

There may also be a need for tools, machinery and equipment to help with the situation. Examples of tools, machinery and equipment which may be needed are:

- 4x4 vehicles
- Chainsaws
- Non electric heating units
- Catering facilities
- Generators



Way Forward/Next Steps

If you are able to help in any way please email your details to the Parish Clerk @ clerk@thurlastonparish.org.uk and we will be in contact. We will also be making direct contact with those people we have identified as potential helpers.

We will also be undertaking a short survey to identify those in the village in need of help and those who are able to help. Please watch out for the leaflet and return your responses to the collection points.