

## Parish Council Awards



Whilst we will not be able to hold our Awards Evening ceremony this year we would still like to make the awards to deserving residents. Nominations for the awards, details of which are below, should be made before **17th November 2020** by any of the following means:

**Email** - clerk@thurlastonparish.org.uk

**Post:** FAO Parish Clerk, 16 Cambridge Drive, Desford, Leicestershire. LE9 9JB

**Call** and leave a voicemail: 07873 229990

- **The Environmental Award** is awarded to the person/organisation who has done most to improve the appearance or understanding of the local environment
- **The Silver Jubilee Award** is awarded to the person/organisation judged to have made the most noteworthy contribution to life in our parish
- **The Young Achievers Award** is awarded to the young person/persons, under the age of 25 years, in recognition of achieving something exceptional or bringing credit to the community
- **Letter of Commendation** is awarded for instances of good service to the community or organisation

## Save the date 2020/2021...

Dates for your diary of events.



Tuesday 17th November 2020	Parish Awards nominations
Sunday 13th December 2020	Senior Citizen 'Goodie Bag' deliveries complete
Tuesday 22nd December 2020	Best Dressed Window judging
Friday 9th April 2021	The Daniel Newton Wood naming ceremony



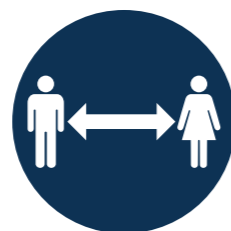
**We must  
keep on protecting  
each other.**



**HANDS**



**FACE**



**SPACE**



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# Thurlaston Matters

Thurlaston Parish Council Newsletter

November 2020

## INTRODUCTION...

It has been nearly a year since our last newsletter, but WHAT A YEAR!! and with very little good news in sight it looks like a long winter in store for the residents of Thurlaston and the rest of the country.

## CHRISTMAS 'CELEBRATIONS'?

Whilst the prospects of a Merry Christmas seem to be rapidly disappearing it is hoped to continue to provide some Christmas cheer around the Village with the support of various village organisations:

### Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights will, as usual, go up on the tree at the junction of Tyers Close and Main Street. The lights will be switched on for you all to enjoy from 1st December as due to the COVID-19 restrictions we will not be having the usual carol singing this year.

### Best Dressed Window competition

Whilst many of you may be feeling that with the prohibition of large gatherings it may not be worthwhile putting up your Christmas decorations, we would encourage you to do so. If we are able to 'light up' the village with lots of window decorations we feel certain that this will bring joy to many residents. The panel of 'expert judges' will be touring the village on the evening of Tuesday 22nd December to judge all the window displays and a prize will be awarded to the winning displays.

## ONGOING SUPPORT

With the long dark nights, colder weather and the possibility for poor travel conditions now upon us it is the time to reiterate the Parish Council's earlier offers of support for anyone in need.

If there is anything that you require support and assistance with please contact Elaine Foxon, Parish Clerk on email:

clerk@thurlastonparish.org.uk;  
or phone: 07873 229990 and we will do our best to help.



# CHRISTMAS 'CELEBRATIONS'?... CONTINUED

## Senior Citizens Christmas celebration

The Carnival Committee's Christmas Lunch has become one of the highlights of the year, but unfortunately due to the pandemic the Carnival Committee are unable to organise a lunch this year, however, in partnership with the Parish Council, all households with Senior Citizen residents will receive a Christmas 'Goodie Bag'. These bags will be delivered during the early part of December. If you have not received your bag by 13th December please contact Jeannie King on 07527 362968 and we will arrange for a delivery to be made.

## All Saints Church

We at All Saints Parish Church are mindful of the current Covid-19 restrictions (including on singing!) and the fluid feel as we head towards Christmas, but we hope to run Christmas services in some form, be it indoors and/or out!

We will endeavour to keep this page updated with details as they emerge:

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/5380/service-and-events/events-regular/>

## Thurlaston Chapel

Thurlaston Chapel is continuing to hold services and meetings within the Covid-19 guidelines. We hope to run some special Christmas events including online. As the situation is ever-changing, we will publish details nearer the time on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/thurlastonchapel/>

We stream our morning services at 10.30am at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOXJqF456SNVslI2sQy6zWw>

**SOME OF THESE EVENTS MAY CHANGE AS GOVERNMENT COVID ADVICE AND RESTRICTIONS CHANGE.**

## Thurlaston Village Hall

**The great news is that the Village Hall is fully COVID secure and 'open for business'.**

During the summer, whilst the Hall has been closed owing to the COVID-19 restrictions, a significant amount of work has been undertaken to ensure that the Hall remains a first-class amenity for village residents and other users.

The main hall has been completely redecorated in a theme of 'blues'. To further improve the main hall new curtains have also been put up on stage and at all the windows. Additionally, the main hall floor has been sanded and repolished – you can see your face in it!! These actions along with the kitchen extension and refurbishment make the hall a great venue for all types of meetings or events.

Whilst the hall is open COVID-19 restrictions mean that for the time being a maximum capacity of 30 people in the hall has been imposed. Other COVID measures include:

- Adherence to the 'rule of six' criteria.
- Face coverings must be worn in the hall (with some limited exceptions).
- A one-way system for entrance & exit is in operation (all signposted).
- Upon entry to the hall all people should check their temperature using the thermometer in the lobby.
- Hand Sanitiser stations are at strategic points throughout the hall.
- A COVID-19 waiting area has been created in the cloakroom in the event anyone falls ill whilst in the hall.

**ALL COVID MEASURES ADHERE TO CURRENT GOVERNMENT ADVICE AT THE TIME OF WRITING. These measures are subject to change as and when Government advice changes.**

# A NEW WOOD FOR THURLASTON



**Firstly, a massive thank you to everyone who turned out to plant the trees on an absolutely dreadful day back in February.**

The weather this year has not been exactly conducive in encouraging plant growth. The spring deluge followed by a period of drought has meant that not all of the trees have taken and we are currently looking at how many will need to be replaced. It is planned to undertake this work before the year end. Thanks are due to Bob Whelband who was responsible for initiating the planting, and his band of willing volunteers, who have been taking care of the wood during the year.

Once the planting had been undertaken, the wood had to be given a name.

With the help of the Headteacher of Thurlaston Primary School, Gavin Beetham, the 'Name the Wood' competition was launched and all pupils of the school were asked for their choice of name and the reason why.

The response was commendable, with very creative choices from all ages, however two entries stood out and they were declared the competition winners, each received a prize of a book on trees and a gift voucher:

**Theo Porter** suggested The 'Daniel Newton Wood' - *in Daniel's memory. Hopefully it may put a smile on his Mum and Dad's face and let them know we haven't forgotten him.*

**Marshall Tate Meakins** suggested 'Daniel Newton Wood' - *I would like to name the wood after Daniel Newton, the boy that died last year in May, from the village. It would be nice for his Mum and Dad to visit.*

With the full consent of Daniel's parents, the 'Daniel Newton Wood' was founded.

We plan to hold an official naming ceremony on 9th April 2021 when a plaque will be unveiled. [More details nearer the date.](#)

