



SATURDAY September 23rd 2023

Following on from the success of the 'Big Help Out' on Coronation weekend it was requested and has now been arranged to make the 'Big Help Out' a regular village event. The plan is to make this a twice-yearly event in the Spring and Autumn with the next one scheduled for **23rd September 2023**. We do have a number of volunteers however the more the merrier and working together we can make the village we all live in even better.

If you wish to get involved please contact the Parish Clerk via email: clerk@thurlastonparish.org.uk



DANIEL NEWTON WOOD UPDATE

Even after the turbulent and on occasion extreme weather we've had this year, the wood has survived although with some casualties, which, again Phil Marshall with the help of Bob Whelband have sourced replacements for, to ensure it will continue to grow.

Save the date 2023

Dates for your diary of forthcoming events:



2023	
Sunday 1st October	Harvest Service followed by free buffet lunch in the Village Hall.
Monday 27th November	Christmas Light Switch On
Tuesday 5th December	Annual Parish Awards 7pm
Sunday 10th December	Carnival Committee Event - Senior Citizens Christmas lunch
Wednesday 20th December	Santa Run and Carols, followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine in the Village Hall



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Thurlaston Matters

Thurlaston Parish Council Newsletter

August 2023

INTRODUCTION...

Welcome to the latest edition of Thurlaston Parish Council newsletter 'Thurlaston Matters' for 2023.



Coronation weekend in Thurlaston



Thurlaston celebrated the long weekend of King Charles coronation in style, with various events to mark this historic occasion. We would like to thank everyone who decorated the village with flags and bunting, people who decorated their houses and especially those who used their skill and imagination to build some wonderful scarecrows!

The winners of the Scarecrow Competition were 1st Mick & Brenda James, 2nd The Daine's family, 3rd Pauline & Stephen Hodgson. Best Dressed House Jean Wilson.

The damp conditions on Coronation day did not deter folk who came to join with friends and neighbours to watch the day's events unfolding on screens in the marquee. They enjoyed tucking into a wide selection of wonderful homemade cakes, kindly provided by a host of bakers in the village, and at lunchtime could choose between 3 local businesses - Dom, Elephant and Castle, and Tiffin Waali to

keep the hunger pangs at bay.

The lovely flowering cherry tree with its commemorative plaque was officially unveiled by Councillor Maggie Wright and a special presentation of a Coronation silver spoon was made to Oakley Bennett, being the baby in the village who had been born closest to Coronation Day itself. A wonderful assortment of raffle prizes were drawn later in the afternoon and we must thank Asda, as well as all the village businesses for their contributions along with prizes kindly donated by local individuals.

Fortunately the weather for The Big Lunch on Sunday was warm and sunny, providing perfect conditions for a number of villagers to come along to the field with their own picnics and enjoy the company and the sunshine.

The 'Big Help Out' on Monday was well attended, despite the damp conditions

preventing some of the sprucing up activities having to be put on hold for the moment. Not to be daunted, the enthusiastic volunteers set to work clearing and tidying the vegetation on the field, sanding down and cleaning seats and equipment, and even sanding down the bus shelter in preparation for a new coat of paint once the weather allows!

A well earned break for bacon butties gave the outdoor crew the chance to join the team of volunteers who had been working hard on cleaning tasks inside the village church.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the long weekend such a success - too many to list here, but we hope you know that your efforts and help were very much appreciated and helped to make this special weekend so memorable!

Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange

Latest update

Blaby District Council has submitted its own Relevant Representation which is available on our planning applications web page by using the proposal's dedicated Council reference 22/3000/HNRFI. All the other submitted Relevant Representations are visible on the Planning Inspectorate's web page by using the link at the bottom of this page.

The Council is now waiting for the Planning Inspectorate to publish its Rule 6 Letter which will include:

- Date and details of the Preliminary Meeting (when the examination phase starts)
- Initial Assessment of Principal Issues
- Draft timetable for examination of the application

The Rule 6 letter is likely to be published within the next few weeks.

What is HNRFI?

A proposed multi-purpose freight interchange and distribution centre in the south of the District of Blaby. The proposals include:

- New rail infrastructure providing access to a series of parallel sidings
- Intermodal freight terminal 'railport' capable of accommodating up to 16 trains of up to 775 meters in length
- Hard surfaced areas for container storage
- Up to 850,000 square meters of warehousing and ancillary buildings with a total footprint of 650,000 square meters and up to 200,000 square meters of mezzanine floorspace
- Lorry park with welfare facilities and fuel filling station

- Energy centre incorporating an electricity substation, a gas-fired combined heat and power plant, battery capacity and roof-mounted photovoltaic arrays
- Terrain remodelling, hard and soft landscape works, amenity water features and planting
- Noise attenuation measures consisting of acoustic barriers up to 6 meters in height
- Pedestrian, equestrian and cycle access routes and infrastructure
- M69 update works including additional northbound and southbound slip roads
- Link road from M69 junction 2 to the B4668/A47 Leicester Road

Where is it?

The site is south west of the village of Elmesthorpe and next to Burbage Common. It is predominantly within the boundary of Blaby District with a section of the new A47 link road within the boundary of Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council.

Who is deciding this application?

The development is considered to be a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project. As such, the Council will act as a statutory consultee in the process and will not be responsible for determining the application.

A formal application has been made by Tritax Symmetry (formerly DB Symmetry) to the Secretary of State for Transport for a Development Consent Order. The process is administered by the Planning Inspectorate. A link to the Planning Inspectorate's website is provided at the bottom of the page, which is the best place for information and updates on the application.

What will the process of this application look like?

Blaby District Council is committing a further £50,000 to fund expert work by consultants as part of its efforts to oppose the huge 662-acre Hinckley National Rail Freight Interchange.

The experts will look at specific areas including landscaping, ecology and lighting and produce detailed reports which the Council will submit to the Planning Inspectorate – the body examining the scheme.

One area being closely examined is the barrier down-time at Narborough Railway Station. Developers Tritax Symmetry are suggesting the operations of the rail hub - proposed for land south-west of Elmesthorpe - will have little extra impact on the barrier downtime.

They estimate there will rarely be no more than 20 minutes of barrier down-time in the hour. And they say it will take around two and a half minutes for the freight trains to pass the station.

Barrier down-time obviously causes traffic delays and congestion in Narborough and Littlethorpe.

Consultants will be looking into this, taking into account the hub will be operational 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and there will be up to 16 freight trains using the line in any 24-hour period.

These trains are expected to be around 775m long - that's about half a mile - and will be made up of around 70 freight containers.

<https://www.blaby.gov.uk/planning-and-building/major-developments/hinckley-rail-freight-interchange/>

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/hinckley-national-rail-freight-interchange/>

The Old School Surgery, Stoney Stanton - PPG (patient participation group)

This group was reformed, following COVID, at the end of 2022 and new members joined the group in March 2023.

The primary purpose of the Patients Participation Group is to represent the views and experiences of **ALL** member patients at the surgery. This is to help the surgery be proactive in providing services that reflect the requirements of the patients. Following the first meeting, a new telephone system was installed and subsequently messages have been updated to be more understandable for patients. Also, a photo and information board has been put up in the surgery.

The PPG is an advisory body, open to all patients registered with the surgery (including carers of patients). It is an opportunity for staff and patients to discuss topics of mutual interest. At present the group meets every 2 months during the day, at the Living Rock Church in Stoney Stanton. It is hoped in the future to hold alternate meetings in the evening to allow those unable to attend during the day a chance to have their say. If you are interested in joining or for more information, please contact Clarissa Morrall, Admin/ Reception Manager at the surgery clarissa.morrall1@ns.net tel: 01455271442 or Maggie Wright, Chairman on wrightmaggie@live.co.uk tel: 07815450031

Developments to date:

The PPG have highlighted the difficulty that patients have in understanding messages etc. and so have asked for all messages to be sent to one member to be 'proof read' before being sent out.

A survey was conducted at both Stoney Stanton and Thurlaston carnivals. The aim of this survey was to find out the key issues faced by patients. The data was then presented at the meeting at the end of June.

The questionnaire showed that communication with patients was something that needed to be focused on. The Group are working on a webpage and a newsletter to pass on information. It is hoped that this newsletter will be available on the website, facebook and a hard copy in the surgery.

A number of patients have expressed an interest in joining the PPG and will be contacted to attend a meeting at the end of August.

There is an acknowledgement that the number of patients has increased considerably over the last few years, but the number of doctors and the size of the surgery has not changed. This is obviously a huge issue.

Suggestions and opinions are valued by the Practice to ensure constant improvement.



Dog Fouling

When out walking in the Parish please remember:

- Pick up all dog waste, even in a field. It matters. Dog faeces are full of disease causing bacteria and parasites. This can cause cattle to abort. It is an offence not to pick up after your dog. Fixed penalty notices can be issued. Fines can be up to £100.
- Carry spare poo bags. It is an offence not to do so and a fixed penalty notice can be issued.
- Remember to please pick up dog waste within the Recreation Ground
- Don't abandon collected waste in plastic bags on your walk. Put them in the bins provided or take it home.
- Stick to designated footpaths, don't wander. Treat other people's property with respect.
- If you are not sure where the footpaths are, do your homework and research before setting off. Please do not wander or roam at will.

We have a lovely Parish and are lucky to have countryside on our doorsteps. Please help to keep it this way.

Thank you.

