



Thurlaston Parish Council



Newsletter

Spring 2015

THURLASTON COMMUNITY GROUP

Thurlaston Community Group aims to bring older members of the village together for companionship over free drinks and cakes. They have held three events to date, attracting around 40 to 50 people.



Gatherings are held on Sunday afternoons from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm in the Village Hall. The next dates are 9 April, 28 June, 23 August and 15 November 2015.

Additionally, there is a free raffle, a table of donated free books, "Wanted" and "For Sale" notices and useful leaflets for older people.

VILLAGE LOSES BUS SERVICE

Around 120 villagers attended a meeting with representatives from Leicestershire County Council and Arriva, which has changed the route of the X55 Leicester to Hinckley bus and no longer serves our village. Pending reconsideration of the loss of this essential service, all houses in the village have received information about a Demand Responsive Transport taxi alternative.



30 Jan 2015 – we hope this wasn't our last village bus

Thank you to all who completed the public transport questionnaire distributed with the information pack. Disappointingly there were only 32 replies, which are now being collated. Completed questionnaires have provided useful suggestions as to how public transport in Thurlaston might be improved.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL AWARDS

Local people were recognised for their tremendous contribution to our community and making Thurlaston such a special place to live at the Parish Council Awards Ceremony in December.

The **Environmental Cup** was awarded to Helen Garner for regularly collecting litter from the verges on Desford Road, from the village to the A47, for a substantial number of years.



Trevor England, Thurlaston Parish Council Chair, presents the cup to Helen Garner

The **Silver Jubilee Cup** was jointly awarded to Sylvia Taylor and Barbara Lockley for their long-serving commitment to a number of village community groups. Both ladies have recently retired from the Carnival Committee, after a long-standing involvement.



Sylvia (left) has been a stalwart in the Thurlaston Players. Barbara (right) opened up The Holt to the annual Pram Race and staged garden parties there.

THURLASTON HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Once again, Thurlaston Parish Council is co-ordinating the village Harvest Festival weekend activities on 2nd, 3rd and 4th of October 2015.



The weekend will include:

- A Scarecrow Competition, with the theme of 'The Local War Effort'
- All Saints Church Flower Festival, with the theme of 'Heritage'
- Village Show
- Recreation Ground activities
- Village Records
- Refreshments
- A combined Harvest Church and Chapel service with lunch
- A Poppy Net outside the Village Hall, with profits to the British Legion and the Village Hall. If you are interested in knitting or crocheting poppies of any size to contribute to the fundraising, please contact Sue Parker on 888264 for patterns, if required.

A full programme of events will be delivered to homes in the village nearer the time.

This community event will be funded by profits from the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the 2013 Harvest event.

MOBILE SKATE PARK

Attention all young people! The Parish Council is organising mobile skate park sessions throughout the summer. Watch out for more information nearer the time.

ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS

As part of the Village Plan, residents identified the need for more allotments in the village. The Parish Council is seeking volunteers to begin an Allotment Association and look for available land. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk (*end of page*).

HANDY(WO)MEN VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer handy(women) are sought for regular recreation ground site inspection plus light maintenance and painting of equipment. If you are willing to provide a couple of hours per month, please contact the Parish Clerk (*end of page*).

THURLASTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Elections

Parish Council elections will be held on 7 May 2015, the same day as the General Election and District Council elections.

For more information on the Parish Council election, see <http://www.beacouncillor.org.uk> and contact the Parish Clerk (*end of page*). The deadline for receipt of nominations is 9 April 2015, in person at the Blaby District Council offices.

Parish Precept

The precept for the Thurlaston Parish portion of your 2015/2016 Council tax will rise by an average of £1.78 per household per annum.

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Meetings

Parish Council meetings are held at 7.00 pm on Thursdays in the Village Hall. Future meetings are scheduled for:

9 April 2015

14 May 2015 (Annual General Meeting)

18 June 2015

23 July 2015

10 September 2015

22 October 2015

10 December 2015 (Annual Awards evening)

All are welcome to attend.