Welcome to the latest edition of Thorpe Matters, the Parish Council newsletter covering Thorpe Salvin, West Thorpe and Netherthorpe.

We hope that the information provided is useful and we always welcome any feedback or new ideas. If there is anything you would like to see in future issues, please contact any of the Councillors or the Clerk.

Lesley Hayes, Chair

Re-ordering our Church

As you may have already heard, the Parochial Church Council is looking at ways to improve our Church building by installing better heating, adding a toilet facility, an improved kitchen, raising the floor so it is more accessible for all and removing the pews in the main body of the Church so we can have moveable, comfortable chairs enabling it to be used for community use as well as Church services.

Before we can start this process we have to obtain evidence that the people in our parish would use the church for any community activities, so we are asking every household to spare five minutes to complete the questionnaire which is enclosed in Thorpe Matters.

Please return by Monday 16th March 2015 to:
- Jo, 2A Common Road
- Patience, 19 Common Road
- Joy, Church Farm, Worksop Road, or
- Les, 4 Manor Road (place in letterbox at the bottom of the drive).

There will also be a box in the Parish Oven where questionnaires can be left. You can also complete the electronic version found in recent Parish E Bulletins and email to max.jo@tiscali.co.uk

If you require any assistance in returning the form, as it is very important to us, please contact Jo on: 01909 770878

Thank you for your participation.

Jo Collingwood
Thorpe Salvin Parochial Church Council

Thorpe Salvin Parish Litter Pick

Saturday 21st March is National Community Clear Up Day, and, following representation from some of the residents of Thorpe Salvin, the Parish Council has agreed to co-ordinate a litter pick around the parish.

We are aware that a couple of the most badly affected areas are Dumb Hall Lane by Whitwell Woods, and Packman Lane next to Loscar Woods, but we will endeavour to cover the whole of the parish – should we get sufficient volunteers.

Gloves, bags and ‘pickers’ will be provided, and to get the morning going, hot drinks and a bacon roll will be served at 10.00 at Whittle House, 20b Worksop Road where we hope everyone will meet and from where we will allocate areas to the volunteers.

It would be really helpful if we could know how many people will turn up for the event, and if you plan to attend, please can you contact any member of the Parish Council or the Clerk to tell them you will be there. If you are without transport, we can provide chauffeurs for you and your bin bags! However, if you aren’t sure in advance, you will still be very welcome on the day.

The government is sponsoring this national initiative, and is urging the manufacturers of items commonly associated with littering to join in and contribute to the clear up of our streets and public places. It is hoped that this collaborative effort will make local areas better places to work and live. It costs councils hundreds of millions of pounds every year to clear up and spoils our enjoyment of towns and the countryside. Littered areas can reduce property prices and local businesses may suffer as people stay away. This affects the whole community and we believe can be avoided by everyone taking responsibility.


Lesley Hayes
Chair
Thorpe Salvin Parish Council
Forthcoming Church services at St. Peter’s:

15th March
9.00 Holy Communion
10.15 Messy Church

3rd April
Good Friday service 6pm.
Cluster Service

Easter Sunday 5th April
9.00 Holy Communion
10.00 Easter Breakfast. Everyone Welcome
11.00 Easter Egg Hunt

19th April
9.00 Holy Communion
10.15 Messy Church

17th May
9.00 Holy Communion
10.15 Messy Church

21st June
9.00 Holy Communion
10.15 Messy Church

Fellowship Group is held on the second Tuesday of each month and is led by Rev. Margaret & Bob Lund. For more information contact Jo Collingwood – Tel. 770878

The next meeting is on 10th March at 7pm at Jo’s house, 2a Common Road. All welcome!

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During Lent we would like people to collect loose change in a small jar in aid of Water Aid. There will also be a jar in the Parish Oven.

On Monday 20th April, we will be holding a coffee morning, 10-12am at Joy and David Coggan’s at Church Farm, Worksop Road (opposite the church gates) for Water Aid and we will count the money from the jars. Everyone welcome. If you have collected money but can’t attend the coffee morning please let Joy have your jar beforehand.

A big “Thank You” to everyone who gave generously to the Nativity and Christingle service, raising £80.42 for The Children’s Society, and Carol Singing around the village which raised £101.00 for Weston Park Hospital.

DOOR2DOOR

If you find it difficult to use public transport, or if it is very limited, you can use the Door to Door service provided by Rotherham Community Transport.

This will pick you up from home and return you there. You need to register (by phoning 01709 517100), and to book your place by phoning the same number each time you use it.

The return fare is £2.

There are currently 3 Thorpe Salvin Shopper Buses operated by Community Transport:-

CRystal Peaks – 10am to 12pm EACH MONDAY

WORKSOP – 12pm to 2pm EACH WEDNESDAY

DINNINGTON – 10am to 12.15pm EACH FRIDAY

WATER AID

Did you know that Tanimara and Harthill Post Office are now open 8.30am-5.30pm Monday to Saturday? They offer a wide range of services, including: Cash Withdrawals & Deposits, Travel Money & Travel Money Cards, National Lottery, Health Lottery and Scratch Cards. They also offer a facility to ‘Pack It and Post It’ all in one place.

Tanimara’s shop is filled with a vast range of stationery, posting materials and recycled products. If there is anything you need which is not in stock, including printer cartridges, these can be ordered especially for you.

Currently there are special offers on Design & Printing, so why not pop along and see what’s on offer. A warm welcome awaits you from Tim, Julie and Emma. Phone: 01909 770648 or email shop@tanimara.co.uk for further information.
Planning Matters

Rotherham MBC decides on planning applications. Any person or organisation can forward comments to Rotherham about a planning application.

The Parish Council discuss every planning application in the parish. The Parish Council decide whether to make any comment on each application.

At one end of the spectrum, there are applications of a minor or cosmetic nature; the Parish Council is unlikely to support or oppose this sort of application.

At the other end of the spectrum, there are applications that would affect a lot of residents, impinge upon the Green Belt or change the character of the Parish. The Parish Council will usually comment on that sort of application.

Rotherham MBC consider all comments received before making a decision. If planning permission is refused, the applicant can appeal to the Planning Inspector.

The Parish Council publicise all planning applications & decisions in the e-bulletin; another good reason to make sure you sign up for the e-bulletin.

Ian Daines, Parish Council Lead on Planning Applications

A Better Community

Despite lack of take up last year, the Parish Council will continue with this scheme in 2015/6. The Parish Council wants to continue to improve the infrastructure of the Parish and to help Parish-based community groups. The Council has earmarked £500 for the scheme - A Better Community (ABC) - to help with these aims.

The scheme has two categories:

A. Community Groups

If you are part of an established or emerging community group and would like some financial help, you can apply to the Parish Council for a grant. For example, if some residents want to form a litter picking group and need some money to buy equipment, the Parish Council would consider a request for funding.

B. Parish Council Projects

If you have suggestions for ways in which the Parish Council can improve the amenities of the Parish, the Council would welcome your ideas. For example, the Parish Council funded and arranged the installation of benches on Common Road & Peck Mill View for the comfort of residents & visitors.

Please send your proposals by e-mail or letter to the Parish Council’s Clerk, Les Wheatley. Contact details are in this newsletter.

All bids and suggestions will be considered by the Council and the proposer will be informed of the outcome.

Are You Receiving The Parish E-bulletin?

Every fortnight or so, the Parish Clerk uses email to publish a bulletin on Parish matters. Items include social events, planning updates, maintenance issues and local information.

Anyone can ask for an item to be published; just contact Les Wheatley (Parish Clerk). Contact details are on this page.

The e-bulletin reaches about two thirds of households in the Parish. If you are not receiving the email bulletin, please contact Les and he will add you to the circulation list.

There is also a Parish Facebook group, which now has 32 members. Any member can post on this (but no commercial advertising please)

(https://www.facebook.com/groups/596994566983110/)

The revamped Parish Council website www.thorpesalvinparishcouncil.gov.uk will be available in early March 2015.

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RMBC Councillors Surgeries are held at:

Harthill Methodist Chapel – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of each month, 10am-11am

Kiveton Park Library – 1st and 4th Saturday of the month, 10am-11am

Kiveton Park Library – 1st Thursday of each month, 5pm-6pm

All welcome and appointments not necessary.

Cllr. Dominic Beck has also held two well attended surgeries in Thorpe Salvin and it is hoped that these will continue. These will be advertised as and when arranged.
As I am typing this article for Thorpe Matters, I can see the heartening sight of snowdrops in the garden, and shoots of daffodils, muscari and just a few tulips pushing their way into the cold air. I can also see the snow and frost damaged leaves and shoots of the arum lilies that have been totally wrecked by the cold weather.

But that’s gardening isn’t it? We do our best, and sometimes Mother Nature just makes our efforts worthless.

At last year’s AGM, it was decided that we would not plant the Common Road tubs for the winter, but would continue to plant Coronation Garden, Pump Corner and the troughs around the church. There was a twofold reason for this – one being to save costs, and the second being that, in order to make room for the winter planting, the summer planting needs to be removed while it is still in full bloom. We haven’t had any adverse comments about this – do you have an opinion – did we do the right thing?

We also decided to go for ‘full colour’ for the planting at Coronation Garden, with primulas replacing the normal violas. We knew this was a bit of a gamble, as violas are more hardy, but so far so good – hopefully we will have a fabulous display over the spring months.

At the same meeting, I stated that I would like to stand down as Chair of Thorpe in Bloom. I have been Chair for the last six years, and although the position isn’t onerous, I think it’s time that someone else had a go – fresh ideas are always welcome, and I am sure that a new face would bring some much needed new ideas. I would be willing to help in any way, but if you feel that you could take on this valuable role and would like to know more, please give me a call.

One idea that I have floated to a few people is that Thorpe in Bloom becomes a ‘sub-committee’ of the Parish Council. We would retain our own bank account and committee etc. (committee meetings are held at our house over a glass of wine – nothing too unpleasant here!), but joining with the Parish Council would give us a little more stability as volunteers for Thorpe in Bloom are so few in number. Do you have any thoughts about this change? All comments are valuable.

The AGM of Thorpe in Bloom will be held in St Peter’s church on Thursday 19th March at 7pm. At this meeting, which is always brief, we review the accounts (our thanks as ever to Derrick Wardle for his tireless efforts both as treasurer and chief volunteer), appoint new officers and, the main decision of the year is made – do we hold a Garden Trail? I would also like to thank Steve Cotter for auditing the accounts.

Without a Garden Trail we couldn’t keep the village looking as beautiful as we do. Even if we were to join with the Parish Council and Thorpe in Bloom was to fold, there would still need to be a Garden Trail to pay for the planting, which is the primary expenditure of Thorpe in Bloom. Naturally, we could make a decision to scrap the Garden Trail, but we need to understand the consequences. Everyone who lives in Thorpe Salvin benefits from the income from the Garden Trail, and this year we have been able to pay for the upkeep of the churchyard, as well as pay for some external help. None of us is getting any younger, and without some contractor’s hours, we would find the maintenance an increasingly uphill struggle. Do you have an opinion about the Garden Trail – do we hold one this year? Can you help? Would you like to host the ‘Courtyard Café’? Do you fancy looking after the car parking? Speaking of car parking, I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Maycock for generously allowing us to use their field as a car park, and a huge ‘thank you’ must go to Bridget Jackson for her unceasing efforts in organising the Garden Trail.

The volunteers have, again, been totally brilliant in 2014, and I would like to thank everyone who has planted, weeded, watered and mowed… I won’t list the names of the volunteers, as I am sure I would miss someone out, but a huge ‘thank you’ to all those who have helped.

As you will gather from the above, your views are invaluable, as is your support, so please consider if you can give a little time in 2015 toward helping keep our village a beautiful place to live. I can be contacted on 01909 773740 or by email at lesley_hayes@btinternet.com.

Lesley Hayes  
Chair  
Thorpe in Bloom