



Thurgarton People

Our very own air show.....



...if you were anywhere near my garden the morning the Red Arrows went over Thurgarton, you would have heard shrieks of delight that were even louder than the roar of the engines!!!

There was a suggested flyover a few weeks earlier which was cancelled due to low cloud, then suddenly on that morning in June, eating my breakfast, I spotted them doing a low pass just for my benefit, out over the field next door!!!

It was amazing....and the show went on for at least half an hour, to be repeated again about an hour later. There are many more images on the Thurgarton website <http://www.thurgarton.org.uk/> but thanks to a few villagers who sent me these amazing photos to include in TP. *Annie Duquemin*

More People

Congratulations

To new parents Simon and Jessica for sharing their “Covid baby” news with TP. Milena (Mila) Isabelle Klucinskis was born on June 1 2020 weighing in at 7lb 2 oz and is a happy, very contented baby, completely unaware of all the turmoil in the world she has entered! Simon works at The Red Lion and Mila and Jessica were visiting last week to enjoy the sunshine in the garden.



To Duncan Monaghan who has resumed his training, post Lockdown with the Olympic windsurfing squad. When Covid hit Thurgarton, Notts County Sailing Club closed its water and all windsurfing competitions were cancelled. Very disappointing for a boy who had spent his winter training to be ready for his final season as a junior. Somehow he had to find a way to sail! He got his brother to mount a bracket on a mountain board, added a universal joint, popped a sail on and, after a brief trial at Thurgarton village hall car park, he headed to the racecourse at Southwell to get “sailing” again...

He was happy when the lake opened up as lockdown eased and was soon back having fun on the water.

Now he's just come back from Weymouth where he's been training with the Olympic squad - so things are looking up!

Practising at the hall....



Windsurfing is the latest watersport, and here is Duncan in flight, up on the foil, speeding silently over the water.



And at the racecourse....



In Weymouth with the Olympic squad....



More People

More Congratulations!

50 years on.....Linda and Ellis Morgan had a very happy locked down celebration on June 27th, 50 years to the day since they were married in Repton church. Thanks to Zoom they met with the extended family, and enjoyed an online Sherlock Holmes adventure - solving a succession of clues to unmask the villain - which was fun for all ages. Their lovely day ended with a delicious evening meal at home with Ed and Eleanor, delivered by the Piano in Southwell. Who says you can't have any fun during lockdown?



News from "Friends of Kenya's Children...."

Each year I propagate herbaceous plants to raise funds at Sales in Derby, in aid of a charity based in Kenya. As usual I produced trayfuls of plants for this year but with the Covid Crisis there was no way of holding Sales! I mentioned this casually to Tina, with the suggestion that anyone in the village should come and take

whatever they wanted, with perhaps a small donation to Village Hall Funds. Tina's Group insisted that my collection should be sold with funds going to the Charity as originally intended and within 2 days all plants were sold and the resulting cash delivered to me from whence it was sent to the Charity. Talk about a caring village! Super-efficient, too! I have since received the following reply from Sandra Noon, founder of the Charity :

" Thank you so much for the cheque which arrived today. This is a marvellous addition to our funds at a particularly difficult time for us, as for so many charities, when the need at our Kenyan project is greater than ever and we have been forced to suspend fund-raising by our usual method of holding sales of goods donated to us. The school in Eldoret, Kenya is closed down because of the virus in the country. Many of the children depend on the school not just for education but for the meals provided there. Families are already struggling to survive when work is non-existent in the locked down country. However, we were able to send, last week, a relief food supply to each family in the desert villages, staple goods which will prevent them from starving for the moment. We can only do this through the generosity of our friends and supporters....."

Please do pass on our very grateful thanks to the folk in your community who ran and supported the Plant Sale and who, indeed, have over the years been such a help to us in gathering items for our sales."

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Ann Oliver

News from the farm

We have finally had the right combination of elements to allow the crops to start to grow and (hopefully) flourish. We are now waiting for the right weather to start the combines turning and harvest will be underway for us. As soon as the weather allows the crop to be dry enough to be harvested the Oil Seed Rape will be ready to come into the store. This will be closely followed by a small area of Winter Wheat which is also ripe, but just needs to be dry enough. All the other crops are still in the process of grain or pod filling and you may have noticed that areas of the maize are now starting to flower.



Last week, we had our first chicks hatch. These are 3 Welsummer's and 1 Light Sussex. we had bought in the fertile eggs and hatched under a broody hen. I've added a photograph of these 4 chicks and I'll keep you up dated with their progress.



Keep a look out for the combine, hopefully with the

good weather arriving this weekend will mark the start of the harvest.

Stay safe everyone.
Kate Cressey

From the Vicar

Dear All,
VJ Day is on 15th August 2020. It is the long lost cousin of VE Day, yet highly significant. Do we celebrate, commiserate or commemorate?

First hand experiences are fast disappearing, so I remember my Dad! He was a Captain in the REME (5th Indian Division) in the Burma Campaign and was out there for 5 years. I can't say I had a great relationship with my Dad. He was highly intelligent, concerned for his children's welfare but also austere, distant and dogmatic. He loved to goad us (I had 2 sisters) into debating issues, and then when things were getting interesting he would stop the conversation and insist on having the last word!! When he was in a good mood I would ask him to 'tell us what you did in the war Dad!'.


In retrospect he told us only a few of the stories he might have done and I suspect missed out a lot of painful detail. He told us about the rats in the jungle, how big they were and how many. On rare occasions he would tell us about being ambushed by the Japanese and how he won a mention in dispatches. He told us about 'the battle of the tennis court' of Kohima and Imphal. He told us about the friendships he made and how they became lifelong. He recalled having to walk out of Burma at the end of the war, back to India and find a way home, only to be greeted with indifference and even hostility on demob. He

had missed out on a probable Oxbridge degree and suffered life threatening meningitis and TB on return home. He often came out in 'prickly heat' even many years later.

He found it hard to relate to the new generation (me!), for whom his sacrifices gave freedoms and attitudes he didn't really understand and had little sympathy for. Long hair, trench coats and rock music, must have seemed a long way from the deprivations he endured in the Burmese jungle. He didn't think the Beatles would last and they were a long way from his heroes, Field Marshall Bill Slim, the 'forgotten army' and friends who never came home.

At one point he wrote his 'memoirs', which along with a Gurkha knife and a Japanese Officer's bamboo writing set, were one day deposited unceremoniously in the wheelie bin never to be seen again! He had no time for regimental dinners or reunions, no obvious desire to mark Remembrance Day, but on the 60th anniversary of VJ Day August 2005 he walked down the Mall with many others. I don't really know why because he never said, was he proud, regretful or in need of reconciliation? Perhaps it was a mixture of celebrating survival and a successful campaign; maybe a mutual commiseration with compatriots and almost certainly a commemoration of what was lost and the peculiar world it all spawned.

VJ Day should be marked not for the appalling bombing of Nagasaki and Hiroshima but for the ordinary soldiers who had inflicted a massive and highly unlikely defeat on a proud Japanese Army. The forgotten

army deserves to be remembered.

How does one reconcile faith with war? I can't really say how. Though my Dad did read the lesson in his local church, he hated sharing the peace, he loved a good debate and he sent me a rare letter timed for my first day on being ordained in the Church of England. Thanks Dad!

The Revd Phil

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New Benefice website :
www.beneficeofwesttrent.org

Despite the announcement that church buildings may open for public worship, churches of the Benefice of West Trent will be waiting for better conditions before doing so.

The predominant concern is our 'duty of care'. In extensive discussions we have addressed our own set of 5 criteria for reopening. A helpful summary can be found here :

<https://www.beneficeofwesttrent.org/covid-19>

Preparations will be underway with a view to beginning to open up from September.

You are welcome to visit any of the churches which are all open Days/times are to be found on the home page of our website

<https://www.beneficeofwesttrent.org>
Weddings and funerals can now take place in church but with strict limitations in place.

Zoom worship continues through August twice a week, email to be connected.

phil_07@btinternet.com.

See recordings via
www.beneficeofwesttrent.org

Hall maintenance update

HALL UPDATE

Since May, you will have been noticing, as you pass by the village hall, how the refurbishments are taking shape. Here is a little update.

Thanks to the hard work of our Contractor, Absolute Flat Roofing, Paul Kitchen and the team, we should be completing the roofing and cladding works within the next couple of weeks. Work to date has included insulating the walls and roof and then overlaying with a new light weight roofing system, overcladding the walls with a recycled pre-finished cladding panel and installing new double-glazed windows with openers that can be reached by all! Once they have finished the electrician will come in to install some new lighting.

Finally, the inside of the hall will receive a new coat of paint. Trinity College Cambridge have kindly donated £1000 towards the internal redecoration.

Outside we will be making timber planters using the left-over pallets so that the footpaths around the hall can be separated from cars and also to protect our lovely new cladding.

Refurbishing an existing building always has its challenges but the dedication of all of Paul's friendly team has made the experience very enjoyable. In return it was very kind of the village to lay on the Red Arrows display for them!

All work should be complete so that the hall can re-open mid-September.



Vince Raw (who has been helping TCA project manage the works)

Queries to do with the hall : villagehall.thurgarton@gmail.com or speak to a Committee Member : David, Helen, Gayner, Jill, Hania, Karen, and Annie

Details of all hall classes or events can be found on thurgarton.org.uk There is an up to date bookings calendar and details of how you book the hall.

Please get in touch, take part and use the hall for your private events. It is equipped with chairs, tables, crockery and glasses for 100 people and there is a cheaper, "local" rate for hirers.

Progress photos

Here are the latest progress photos. The insulation is complete and the cladding is well on the way. New windows are all in and we are fitting new steel fire exit doors in the near future.

The porch to the kitchen has been taken down; it was rotten and new lights will be fitted to the rear and front walls, giving much better lighting when the hall is used in the dark.

TCA
July 2020

Before.....



May 2020.....



July 2020....



How you can help.....

To make better use of the area around the hall we are going to mark out parking bays and install some planters which will i) protect the new cladding from cars driving into it and ii) allow us to create an attractive sitting area where people can gather safely outside for a chat.

Volunteers are making planters out of pallets which will be positioned around the hall.

We need :

-LOTS OF COMPOST TO FILL THE PLANTERS, HOME MADE OR BOUGHT

- HERBACEOUS LOW MAINTENANCE PLANTS SUCH AS PERENNIAL GERANIUMS , LAVENDER, HYPERICUM, IVY, ORNAMENTAL GRASSES

-HELP MAKING THE PLANTERS. WE HAVE MADE A 'PROTOTYPE' AND CAN SUPPLY YOU WITH WOOD AND POLYTHENE TO MAKE A PLANTER TO THE SIZE WE NEED.

Here's a shot of the type of planter we're making....

Please contact us if you can offer any of the above on :

villagehall.thurgarton@gmail.com

or speak to a Committee Member :

David, Helen, Gayner, Jill, Hania, Karen, and Annie

Pallet wood being cut up and measured out....



Public Virtual Parish Council meetings

The Parish Council meetings continue to be held as public virtual (on-line) meetings. In practice this has worked well, using the Zoom platform. Members of the public are able to join these virtual meetings, by sending a request for an invitation to the Parish Council Clerk prior to the meetings.

Thurgarton Emergency Plan (TEP)

The Thurgarton Road Closure Plan and new guidance for flood wardens and road signage wardens are now in operation having been revised to be COVID-safe. New gloves for the road signage wardens have been sourced free of charge from NCC.

TAAC (Thurgarton Action against Coronavirus)

The village community support initiative started by the Parish Council, the TCA and the WI is now gradually being wound down as the need diminishes.

Huge thanks and appreciation are again sent to all TAAC Volunteers!

who have worked to provide households in the village with shopping, prescriptions and postal services. The eggs donated by the Kirks at Woodside Farm, at the rate of around 600 per week (!) to the Village, have now stopped due to the rotation of the chickens.

Huge thanks and appreciation are again sent to the Kirks!

The TAAC initiative is now being 'mothballed' and will return, if required, in the future. Please note that all monies spent on the TAAC initiative have been sourced by TPC from Notts County Council via our local Councillor, Roger Jackson.

Community Speed Watch (CSW)

CSW has been in operation again in the village from 1st July and up to 21st July has recorded the details of 246 vehicles speeding through the village. Many thanks are sent to the CSW Volunteers for their efforts in trying to keep the Parishioners safe from speeding motorists.

Village Hall

The substantial Village Hall refurbishment work is ongoing and is due to complete, interior and exterior, by September. Due to the limitations of COVID-19 some work that had been planned to be undertaken by Volunteers has been added to the building work schedule at additional cost. See more details on the TCA pages.

Environment

Following intervention by TPC the Priory Rd footpath will be repaired by NCC. I hope that you agree that the Village still looks great? There continues to be lots of work undertaken to keep it looking good.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Thurgarton Parish Council will be on Thursday, 24th September at 7.30 pm, this will again be a public virtual meeting, members of the public who would like to join the meeting should send their details to clerk@thurgarton.org.uk

Tina Tsoukatos, Chair, Thurgarton Parish Council



“Iconic steel sculpture returns to former home at restored Nottinghamshire gravel works”

WHEN the new head office for Nottinghamshire-based Hoveringham Gravels Ltd was opened in October 1965, distinguished sculptor Kim James was commissioned to produce an abstract representation of the company’s ‘Mammoth’ trademark.

The resulting sculpture, which stands 23ft high and weighs more than 4 tonnes, became a well-known local landmark symbolizing the company’s connection with the archaeological remains found in the nearby sand and gravel pit.

The Hoveringham Group was bought by Tarmac in December 1981, after which the Mammoth remained in situ until the early 1990s, when it was donated by Tarmac to Nottingham Trent University (NTU) and re-erected outside the Engineering Department.

In January 2019, members of the Hoveringham Vintage Vehicle Society (www.hvvs.co.uk) started to explore the possibility of returning the Mammoth to its original home in the now restored gravel workings on the outskirts of Hoveringham village, and in June 2020, with the help of both Tarmac and Nottingham Trent University, HVVS received the necessary deed of gift document.

The following month the rusty old Mammoth was transported by local heavy haulage specialists Hutchinson Engineering from NTU’s Clifton Campus back to the Trent Valley where it now awaits refurbishment by Yates Engineering.

In the meantime, HVVS will be managing the fund-raising effort to cover the restoration and re-siting of the iconic sculpture. For further details of the project, contact John McAndrew at: jmcandrew3@sky.com.

From Agg-Net Thursday July 9 2020 <https://www.agg-net.com/news/return-of-the-hoveringham-mammoth>

THE RED LION NEWS

What's happening at The Red Lion, Thurgarton

THANK YOU!

We would like to say a massive thank you to those who have visited us during this past month! Opening up was a very daunting task, we wanted everyone to feel safe whilst still able to enjoy the atmosphere of eating/drinking in a pub and you guys have given us some fantastic feedback making us feel much more at ease.



EAT OUT TO HELP OUT

We will be participating in the governments 'eat out to help out' scheme, where you can receive up to 50% off of food and non-alcoholic drinks (maximum of £10pp) Monday-Wednesday throughout August 2020. Please see below an example of how this will work.

	Order	Total Cost	Total Discountable	Total Saving
Adult 1	Bass £3.70 Mussels £7.00 Steak £18.00	£28.70	£25.00 (Alcohol cannot be discounted)	£10.00 (This person will receive £10 off their meal as they have reached the maximum spend limit)
Child 1	Lemonade £2.00 Kids Fish & Chips £4.50	£6.50	£6.50	£3.25 (This person will receive 50% off as they have not reached the spend limit, discount cannot be transferred/added to another persons discount)
Adult 2	Wine £4.00 Soup £5.00 Fish & Chips £13.00	£22.00	£18.00 (Alcohol cannot be discounted)	£9.00 (This person will receive 50% off as they have not reached the maximum spend limit, discount cannot be transferred/added to another persons discount)

For more information please contact us on 01636 830772, or info@redlionthurgarton.co.uk

WI News



We are still all keeping in touch, seeing more of neighbours and friends and enjoying walks around our lovely village. We shall look forward to meeting again in the refurbished village hall but have no definite time plan yet. We hope to have a garden meeting in August and chat about our plans. Once again we send thanks to the volunteers who have helped so many of us during the past months.

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830410

‘Flowers by Christine’ is based in Thurgarton. I have a floristry workshop at my home, I was lucky enough to have a large outbuilding at our cottage and my husband and I had this converted into a beautiful space for me to create with my flowers. I love my workshop it is my happy flower place!

I came into floristry a bit later in my life having had a career in teaching first (quite a change!). I had always loved flowers and colour and design and it was my dream to be able to work with flowers and share them with others too. Finally, it was time and I gave up teaching and took a floristry diploma. The course was amazing and I enjoyed every minute of it. After a year at college, learning all the techniques, I worked in two different florist’s shops, (my first 14 hour Mother’s Day shift was totally crazy!!). I then worked for a wedding florist doing more than thirty weddings in one year alone.

Last autumn I took the plunge and set up ‘Flowers by Christine’, moving into the new workshop space we had made during that summer. I am now available for all your flower needs. I love making gift bouquets and baskets and of course it is always a privilege to be involved in making flowers for weddings and sympathy tributes. I can provide regular flowers for your own house or business too.

I plan to run floristry workshops in the future, either from my workshop in Thurgarton (for groups of up to eight people) or from the Village Hall for larger numbers. My first workshop will be ‘make your own Christmas door wreath’. Later ones will include Easter baskets, hand tied bouquets and seasonal arrangements. Why not drop me a message if you are interested in a workshop?

Please contact me (Christine!) any time to order flowers. I offer a personal service and I am always happy to discuss your flower needs and offer suggestions where necessary.



Thanks everyone and I hope to hear from you soon.

07733416626

info@flowersbychristine.co.uk

Instagram....@flowersbychristineross

TP always needs your help...

A huge thank you to those of you who continue to deliver Thurgarton People and for extra helpers who drop in here and there when others can't do their delivering.

Every little bit of help counts so if you feel you can spare an hour every couple of months, contact us.....at:

tp.thurgarton@gmail.com, or Annie (07971 170854). The deadline for the next issue is 29 September 2020.

Thanks for dropping us your memories, photos, ideas and written pieces. We couldn't put this together without hearing from Thurgarton people!

And thank you!

We are also always grateful to our sponsors – many thanks for your support :

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Please contact Annie on 07971 170854 or email tp.thurgarton@gmail.com if you want to know more about sponsoring Thurgarton People.

Village e mail

Don't forget to sign up to the village e mail here is always news of events, people, Neighbourhood Watch so stay in touch!

To sign up send your details to Darryl North who manages the service: info@thurgarton.org.uk.

Guess who.....although we hear that women have been more challenged by missing trips to the hairdressers during Lockdown, there seems to have been significant beard growth appearing in the village amongst the male population. Why....? Razors still exist and have been readily available...! Can you guess who these beards belong to? Answers next time.



Nature notes



Being aware.....Everyone's busy lives were put on hold back in March; for me, it gave a time to reflect, reminisce, and appreciate the countryside around me. Life stood still, went quiet, but nature which constantly surrounds us was able to flourish and prosper. From the soft tweet of new-born blue tits emerging from our nesting boxes, to the distant buzzing of bees exploring the garden blooms, the sound of spring never seemed so peaceful.
Ellie D-S

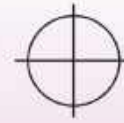
Stripey tarmac.....Pam and Ian Thompson took this photo ...”on Sunday May 10th when we went for a walk up to Far Barn. It was a very windy day and you can see rows of petals and pollen dust which had been blown across the road – it was surreal and colourful”



Photogenic sheep.....A few months ago, Guy Woolley took some wonderful pictures of the sheep which were in a field on the road to Bleasby. There wasn't room in the last edition so here they are now. Thanks, Guy!



And 2 photos of “our own” woolly sheep behind the village hall...mum and a newly born lamb



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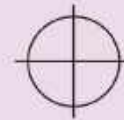
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