



THRAPSTON town council

Newsletter April 2017



Annual Town Meeting & Town Awards

**Tuesday 18th April Thrapston Plaza
6:30 for 7pm start**

The Town Meeting is a great opportunity to learn about plans for Thrapston, and recognise the work of local heroes. Due to the distribution schedule of the newsletter this may come at short notice, and for that we apologise, but we hope that you have seen it advertised on Facebook, Twitter, our website or on the noticeboards in the town. We hope you can make it, refreshments will be provided.

Thrapston Heritage

**Thrapston Primary School
June Rose Day
22nd June 2017**

This year Thrapston Primary School will be celebrating its 40th June Rose Day. Thrapston Heritage has been invited by the school to create a historical display for the occasion. If you were a "June Rose Queen" or one of her "Supporters" we would like to hear from you. Do you have any photographs or stories that you can share with us?

If so please contact Neil Busby
thrapstonheritage@gmail.com
01832 731047



Town Council Office

Thrapston Town Council Office is open Monday to Friday, 09:00 - 12:30 and Saturday 10:00 - 12:00.



Please pop in with any queries, comments, concerns or compliments.

77 High Street, Thrapston, NN14 4JJ

Tel: 01832 734673

Email: clerk@thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk

Thrapston Plaza

Non-commercial bookings start at £12 / hour



**Book the Plaza for your function:
www.thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk**

Dog Mess

From the start of June 2016 to mid-March 2017, we handed out approximately 140,000 free dog poo bags to Thrapston residents.

Please be aware that dogs MUST be kept on leads at all times in the Peace Park.



Pick Up After Your Dog

Please make sure you follow our official **Thrapston Town Council** social media accounts for local information and announcements



Facebook: [@thrapston.towncouncil](https://www.facebook.com/thrapston.towncouncil)

Twitter: [@thrapstontc](https://twitter.com/thrapstontc)

Police & Crime Commissioner



Stephen Mold, Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, has announced that he will provide Northamptonshire Police with the funding to add 46 new frontline roles, following feedback from residents of the county. The move is part of a £2million investment in to the frontline by the PCC, in order to help the Force to fight emerging crime types, such as crime online, and to aid prevention through early intervention work. Commissioner Mold heard from nearly 2,000 citizens in Northamptonshire through a consultation on his draft Police and Crime Plan, which identified four key strands that will govern the strategic direction for policing in the county over the next five years. Keeping young people safe; community partnerships; protecting people from harm and putting victims at the heart of justice are the four priority areas identified by the Commissioner and Northamptonshire Police, which were put to the public late last year as part of the Commissioner's pledge to seek the views of communities around how they are policed. Having analysed the responses of residents, Commissioner Mold has increased resources available to Chief Constable Simon Edens, making the county one of only a small number to have increased the number of officers on the frontline over the past year.

Email Updates

Following some technical issues with the website we are now able to invite people to register for Town Council updates. You will find the button pictured below on our website home page.

Find us at www.thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk

Sign up for Email Alerts



Chairman's Report

I hope you will all agree we are privileged to live in such a beautiful part of the countryside. As we move into official "British Summer Time" and see changes in the nature around us, change is also afoot at Thrapston Town Council. Later this month I will hand over the mayoral reins (or should I say chains?). Mayor Elect Sam Cribb is a very able, committed Councillor, who has lived in Thrapston for 12 years, and I wish her all the very best in her new role, should she be elected by the Councillors.



Sam Cribb

The Annual Town Meeting takes place on Tuesday 18th of April and we welcome all to come and hear the latest town news, meet Councillors and ask questions. We will be presenting the Town Awards to local individuals and groups who, without expectation of thanks, work tirelessly and do our town proud. My fellow Councillors and I had a tough time choosing the eventual winners. It was truly humbling to read about all of the work being done by such motivated and generous members of the public. I would like to congratulate all nominees on their contributions, and look forward to celebrating the winners at the Town Meeting. We all owe you a debt of gratitude.

As I look back on my year as Mayor of Thrapston I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has contributed to my Mayoral fund raising events, in aid of my chosen charity Medical Detection Dogs. I would also like to say thank you to my wife Ann, who has been a fantastic support as my "Consort" and to my fellow Councillors who give freely of their time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Barrowcliffe'.

M Barrowcliffe, Chair of the Town Council

Charter Fair

In our last newsletter we stated that the Charter Fair has been going for over 30 years. We would like to make a correction, following a letter from Thrapston resident Guinette Davies MBE, who has kindly provided the following additional information about the history of the fair:

In 1205 King John granted the town a Market Charter in return for the gift of two palfreys (horses). The charter gave permission for a Fair to be held each year over three days from the eve of St James' Day, which falls in the month of July. This went on for centuries but as the town changed and modernised the Fair lost its importance for local farmers and tradesmen, and the tradition slowly died. When Thrapston was at last bypassed by the A14 and A605, through-traffic was greatly reduced. The Town Council, at a meeting in the Autumn of 1990, discussed ways of marking this change of fortune. As Chair of the Council I suggested that we consider resurrecting the Charter Fair in some way as an annual community event in the town centre. St James' Day fell during a peak holiday period so it was agreed to hold the modern version on the last Saturday in June. Then it was suggested that the High Street be closed to traffic - quite a revolutionary thought at the time. Within a short time I was delighted to find a handful of volunteers to form an action group. Bryn Wright has been heavily involved from that very first meeting and I honour him for his cheerful enthusiasm and his passion to see the Fair become a permanent fixture for many years to come.

A Mediaeval theme was decided upon for that first fair in June 1991. The moment the High Street closed to traffic it became a bustle of activity as stalls were erected with the aim of raising funds for various charities. Games, trials of strength or skill appeared and visitors enjoyed demonstrating their prowess. Costumes were varied and imaginative. Many of the High Street shops remained open and enjoyed the fun and the business. The High Street was wall to wall with people as they came to see what was happening.

Even a prolonged thunder storm failed to deter them - some went home to dress in dry clothes and then returned for more fun. For days afterwards the Fair was the topic of many conversations. Some people had been reunited with friends they had not seen for years.

And now the Charter Fair has become a fixture on our calendar. Local organisations, musicians and other entertainers have come to take part. Our school children come to sing and dance. Visitors come from far-flung places. Who could have imagined all this 26 years ago?

Thank you to Guinette for this article, and for the below photographs of the 1991 Charter Fair



Thrapston Charter Fair Committee are looking for sponsors for the 2017 event, if you or your business feel able to provide sponsorship please contact 01832 730019 / theburchbunch@uwclub.net



Middle Nene Sailing Club

Come Sailing!



1st May (Bank Holiday Monday) is the annual Open Day at Middle Nene Sailing Club. 2017 is the 70th Anniversary year of MNSC and the Open Day is the perfect opportunity to find out all about sailing. There will be boats on display and expert members at hand to explain what makes this sport so very special for all ages. Weather permitting, free trial sessions will be available in sailing dinghies, and, for a small fee, pleasure cruises are on offer in a motorboat (all on a first come first serve basis; subject to on-site fitness assessment). Snacks will be available from the galley and drinks from the licensed bar. There is ample seating and our lawn is perfect for picnics. Entrance and parking is free. Charges are made for food and drink as well as for pleasure cruises in the motorboat. Find out more about the Open Day on the MNSC website www.middlenenesc.co.uk or visit us on Facebook. Middle Nene SC is a member of the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) and an RYA approved Training Centre. Our address: Thrapston Sailing Lake, Meadow Lane, Thrapston NN14 4QL

Thrapston & District



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

OPEN DAY

to celebrate our 5th birthday
Do come and meet our Group Leaders and find out more about how U3A could benefit you!

Join us on Saturday May 6th 2017 at The Plaza, Cosy Nook, Thrapston NN14 4JP

between 10 am and 2pm.

U3A is an organisation which is informal, friendly and fun. Admission and Refreshments at this event are FREE!

"U3A simply changed my life"



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS CONSULTATION

The annual Christmas Lights Event only happens as a result of lots of hard work from a team of dedicated Councillors and volunteers. We want to ensure that residents enjoy the event so we would like to invite you to complete the survey that should accompany this newsletter. If you require an additional copy please contact 01832 734673 or pop into the office. Thank you!



We are delighted to support the Women's Cycle Tour, which this year will pass through parts of Islip and Thrapston. The route is due to take the cyclists over the bridge and up Midland Road on Wednesday June 7th. We hope that as many residents and visitors as possible can support this exciting event.

