



THRAPSTON town council

Newsletter January 2017

Coronation Gardens

Work on Coronation Gardens has now been completed, and we hope that you will agree that the area is vastly improved. Thrapston Town Council have included a lawned area and fresh rose beds, to put the "Gardens" back into Coronation Gardens. We hope that the new benches will provide a pleasant place to rest and that the new bin and noticeboard add to the smart appearance of the area. Work was expedited to ensure that the paved end of the Gardens was ready in time for the Remembrance services by the War Memorial. We hope that residents will find the area a peaceful place for reflection.

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.

Facilities Manager

Part of Thrapston Town Council's remit is to ensure that our Town Council managed outdoor play areas are safe for use. Facilities Manager John Ystenes is a certified Play Equipment Inspector, who checks all of the play areas on a weekly basis. John organises any repairs and replacements that need doing, in order to keep Thrapston's children safe at play. You may see John out and about conducting such play equipment inspections or performing his other duties including inspecting public areas in the town.



Coronation Gardens: Before



Coronation Gardens: Remembrance Weekend

Check out the **Thrapston Town Council Facebook page** for local event posters and information. Should you have a local event you wish residents to know about please email details to: office@thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk



Open Garden Scheme

Unfortunately, due to insufficient numbers, the Open Garden Scheme cannot go ahead at this point in time. If you are interested in being involved in future please register your interest by emailing: office@thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk

Childminder Support Group

A Childminder Support Group is held at the Plaza on a **Tuesday** morning (term time only) **9:15 - 10:45am**. We meet weekly to provide each other with professional support and guidance. Minded children can access:

- crafts and messy play
- singing, dancing and stories
- free play with plenty of resources
- a good range of toys to suit babies through to pre-schoolers
- snack and refreshments

The Plaza offers a large indoor space, ideal for meeting local childcare professionals including; Ofsted registered Childminders, nannies and au pairs. All are welcome, so why not pop along for a cuppa and a play, we hope to see you soon.

Thrapston Plaza Consultation

We are looking at ways to improve the Community Centre in Thrapston, also known as The Plaza, to make it more accessible and useful to the town. We welcome you to air your views through our online survey through the Town Council website:

www.thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk

Alternatively you can pop into the office for a form, or email us your views on; what you feel the Plaza does well, what kind of functions you would like to see it used for, and how it could be improved.
office@thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk



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

FILM NIGHTS

AT THE PLAZA

14 January 2017 - Suffragette

11 February 2017 - The Intern

11 March 2017 - Mr Holmes

All films will start at 7:30PM

Snacks, bar and refreshments available

Tickets £5 in advance from Town Council Office
or £6 on the door

Charter Fair

Thrapston Charter Fair is the highlight of Thrapston's Summer Calendar, and has been running for well over thirty years. The Fair is only possible thanks to the tireless dedication of organisers and the generosity of sponsors. Thrapston Charter Fair Committee are looking for sponsors for the 2017 event, which is themed "Fabulous '50s". If you or your business feel able to contribute please contact Lindsey Burch on 01832 730019 or via email on theburchbunch@uwclub.net

Windsor Drive Play Area

We are currently consulting on a new play area for Windsor Drive. The existing equipment has a limited life, and while the safety of users is not currently at risk, the Town Council would like to install new play equipment for residents to enjoy. We have received several designs from different providers, and we would like your help to decide which design to install. The plans can be viewed online at www.thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk or you are welcome to pop into the office to have a look and let us know what you think.

Contact your Councillors, arrange to meet a Councillor or write to the Clerk at:

Thrapston Town Council

77 High Street

Thrapston

NN14 4JJ

Phone: 01832 734673

E-mail: clerk@thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk



Thrapston Town Council would like to say a huge thank you to all who supported the Fireworks Night and the Christmas Lights Festival



Police & Crime Commissioner

As Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire, my primary aim is a simple one: to make Northamptonshire safer. This is why - for the first time - a joint workshop for members of staff from the Force and my Office was held to develop ideas for a joint strategy. I want the force and my team to deliver the Police and Crime Plan, but I also want everyone to want to deliver it. Northamptonshire is a large place. It's home to nearly a quarter of a million people, there's over 300,000 domestic properties and 268 parishes, which are joined together by a network of over 2500 miles of highways.

Our current budget for policing Northamptonshire is around £122million. Although this might sound a lot, given the ever increasing challenges we face, it means we'll have to make some difficult decisions on how limited resources are allocated. This is why the opinions and experiences of every single person in the county matters. Please do head to www.YourPCC.co.uk and let us know what you think. Finally can I wish you all a Happy New Year and should you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk

Stephen Mold, PCC for Northamptonshire

Dog Mess

From the start of June 2016 to mid-December 2016, we handed out approximately **93,000** free dog poo bags to Thrapston residents. The Town Council would like your continued help in keeping the town free of dog mess, so if you need bags please call in.

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

Chairman's Report

Work on Coronation Gardens is now complete and the work has greatly enhanced the area. On the 29th of October, the local branch of The Royal British Legion launched their Poppy Appeal in the Council Offices and it was my privilege to purchase the first poppy. The Legion held services at the memorial in Coronation Gardens and a parade and service in the Parish Church. All these events were well attended. A special thank you to the ladies who provided the splendid display of knitted poppies. The Town Council fireworks display was, once again, well attended. This year the collection raised in the region of £940, which has been donated to Thrapston Town Band to purchase new equipment. The Christmas Lights Festival offered a wide variety of entertainment and attracted large crowds. It showed Thrapston community spirit at its very best. We owe a huge thank you to the event working group for all their hard work throughout the year. The success of this event also owes much to the support of a number of local traders who not only contributed by sponsoring a stall, but also by providing links to their electricity supply. Sadly, there were some hiccups with the light displays and we are in discussions with our contractors to ensure this does not happen again. Thank you also to the local knitters who decked our office out in wonderful Christmas decorations. On the 27th of November, the Council Offices became part of the journey to Bethlehem as the HOPE team presented *Navigate the Nativity*. A number of venues were used in this very imaginative, fun and inspiring way to tell this story. Looking back at what has been a busy year, I would like to thank my fellow councillors for their hard work, and the people of Thrapston for their support. A few dates for the 2017 Calendar are as follows;

March 4th: Quiz & Chips

March 31st: Concert by Corby Male Voice Choir

Both events will be held at the Plaza, in aid of the Mayor's Charity. Further information will follow. A recent visitor to the town commented "Do the people of Thrapston know how lucky they are to live here?" I could answer, without hesitation "Yes, we do". All good wishes for the coming year.

M Barrowcliffe, Chair of the Town Council

Thrapston Cricket Club

2016 has been an exceptional season for Thrapston CC with success for all three senior teams, gaining promotion. The 1st and 3rd XI's won their respective leagues, unfortunately Carrib Utd spoilt the clean sweep of victories beating the 2nd XI into the very creditable runners up spot. Another first this season was the club's participation in the 20/20 tournament where after some very keenly contested preliminary rounds they reached finals day. This was played at the Northants County ground, TCC being the only team not to come from the premier division. They put up a very respectable performance losing in the semi-final to Rushden CC. Success continued with the women and girls teams, who finished top in the Last Women Stands Midweek League and who were also runners up in the knock out cup. Not to be out done by the seniors the U13 team won the Corby & District div 2 league, while the U15's were runners up in the Higham & District league. Along with these successes a number of our junior boys and girls were selected to play at District and County levels from U11's to U17's. If you are interested in playing cricket regardless of age, gender or ability you will be welcomed at our family focused club. For further details please visit our website on www.thrapston.play-cricket.com or contact club secretary Joanne Thurbon on 01832 731922.

U3A

If you are looking for something new to do in 2017, you may like to think of joining Thrapston and District University of the Third Age (U3A). U3A is for anyone who is no longer in full time employment and whose commitments allow them to participate in daytime activities. The organisation promotes a variety of activities with the sole aim of providing stimulus and enjoyment; learning is for pleasure and there are no exams or qualifications. The activities are run for members by members, sharing experience, skills and enthusiasm. Currently we have over thirty interest groups who meet at a variety of locations; often in members' homes. The groups include creative writing, walking, computing, classical music, cycling, Tai Chi, photography, and gardening. There are also visits to the theatre and places of interest. If you would like more information, please visit our website www.thrapstonu3a.co.uk or contact our Publicity Secretary on 01832 358625. Alternatively, you may like to join us for our monthly meeting which is held in the Plaza on the third Friday of every month (except for August when we have a members only social event). The meetings start at 10:00 with refreshments, an update about future events from the Chairman, followed by a speaker. Visitors are always welcome.

Thrapston Town Awards

For many years the Council has asked residents to nominate people or groups who have done good work in the town and the successful nominees have received an award in recognition of efforts. We are currently welcoming nominations in the below categories. Individuals and groups will be considered as appropriate. Please complete this form or collect one from the Town Council Office.

- Sporting Achievement**
- Young Achiever**
- Creative Arts Achievement**
- Service with a Smile**
- Individual Volunteer**
- Contribution to the Community**
- Person of Courage**
- Lifetime Achievement**

Your Name:.....

Your Contact Number:.....

Nominee Name:.....

Category for Nomination:

Reason for Nomination (continue on separate sheet if necessary)

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Completed forms must be returned to Thrapston Town Council no later than February 24th please