

## Community Groups



### Thrapston Dreamers

Thrapston Dreamers wish to thank Thrapston Town Council for their generous support. We started in November with 45 young performer aged 5-18 and had our first production of Snow White in the February half term. We were so pleased that representatives from the Town Council came to watch the children and we hope they enjoyed themselves. We performed to just under 400 hundred people over 3 days! An amazing achievement for our first production. We were overwhelmed by the support of the community. Local businesses supported us financially through sponsorship, advertising and by providing services free of charge, members from TADS supported us on the stage and with the technical elements of our show and the Cricket Club provided a bar for us. We have been supported by Thrapston Primary school in so many ways and even had the school catering company provide the afternoon tea at the Sunday performance. The parents of our Dreamers have been amazing and helped backstage, making and finding props, with set design and getting their Dreamers ready for the rehearsals and performances. We were also joined by a Drama and Dance student from Northampton university who choreographed our dances and by a group of student from the Prince William school who were working towards their Bronze Award for the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. They were a pleasure to work with and a credit to their school. We have just completed our registration for our next production and now have 78 Dreamers!!

Our next production is 'What's new pussy-cat' and will be hosted at Thrapston Primary school on the 1st and 2nd of July. We are still able to ensure that this is a free to all group so that any young person can be part of our amazing team at no cost. Making the group accessible to all is really our passion we can only do this thanks to the generosity of the community. So many thanks again to the whole of the Thrapston community who supported us. If you wish to support our Dreamers in any of the ways above or if you have any fundraising ideas, please do contact Lindsay or Zoey on [thrapstondreamers@btinternet.com](mailto:thrapstondreamers@btinternet.com)

### THRAPSTON HERITAGE

**Thrapston Heritage Exhibition**  
**Saturday, 23 April 10 am to 12.30 pm**  
**Old School Room,**  
**Thrapston Primary School**  
**Admission Free**

The old Victorian building next to the bowling club has been in constant use for education since 1851.

The exhibition will chart the different schools and hence age groups that have used the building since it started life as the Thrapston National All-Age School.

### Another Date for your diary:

**Thrapston Heritage**  
**Saturday, 24th September 10 am to 4 pm**  
The Plaza  
Exhibition of local traditional skills and crafts

### ST JAMES CHURCH

In Celebration of the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday a full peal will be rung on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April starting at 14:30hrs. It will last approximately 2hrs 45mins. At St James we only ring a full peal on very special occasions such as the Queen's birthday. This will be the first full peal attempt here in at least 8 years.

### NEW RECTOR

We are pleased to announce that the Reverend Nolan Robson has accepted Bishop Donald's invitation to become Rector of Thrapston, Denford and Islip. Nolan will be instituted by the Bishop of Brixworth on Sunday 3 July 2016 at 3 pm. Nolan is currently assistant curate of the Parish of St Thomas, Kilnhurst in the Diocese of Sheffield and previously worked as an architect. He is married to Sophia and they have four young children: Molly, George, Arthur and Heather.

Contact your Councillors or write to the Clerk at:

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## Newsletter April 2016

### Town Council

### Town Centre Parking

Everyone who visits Thrapston town centre will be well aware of its parking problems. Thrapston has tripled in size over recent decades, but parking provision has not kept pace with this growth. It had been hoped to provide more parking spaces on available land off Cosy Nook, but this has now been sold for offices and at best may provide a few extra spaces in the evenings and at weekends with the owner's agreement. A Sainsbury's supermarket on the Cattle Market site now seems unlikely. Although this had its strong objectors, it would have provided a large number of new parking spaces close to the town centre, which would have been available for both supermarket customers and town centre visitors.



In view of this situation, representatives of the Town Council, at their request, recently met with representatives of East Northamptonshire Council and the County Council to discuss how town centre parking could be improved in Thrapston. As a result of this meeting, the Town Council hope to engage a consultant to advise it on how improvements could be made, such as by identifying where more car parking might be achieved and how the existing car parking could be better managed.

### Dog Fouling

The Dog warden has recently issued fines in Thrapston for dog fouling offences The Town Council provides free dog bags so please avoid being fined and pick up after your dogs on footpaths and in public open spaces.

Any information regarding dog fouling, please report on 01832 742000

### Repairs slide at the Peace Memorial Park

Repairs have been made to the well loved slide in the Peace Park, which was cordoned off for several months as a safety precaution. Should you see any broken equipment in any of Thrapston's parks please report it straight away to the Clerk to the Council on 01832 734673

### Lighting of the Beacon for HM the Queens's 90th birthday

Please join the Town Council for the lighting of the Beacon in the Peace Memorial Park Thursday 21 April at 7.30 pm in honour of HM Queen's 90th Birthday.

In celebration of this wonderful milestone, Beacons will be lit that night across the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and the United Kingdom Overseas Territories, marking this unique moment in history.

The Beacon will be lit by long term resident, Mary White who shares the same birthday week as HM the Queen.

### Party in the Park 2016—in honour of HM the Queen's milestone of 90 years

A party will be held in the Peace Memorial Park Saturday 11 June 2016 from 3.00 pm —10.00 pm as a tribute to HM the Queen's 90th birthday. There will be live music, children's entertainment, a licensed bar, afternoon tea and other delights. Put the date in your diary, make ready your picnic blanket and prepare to have a marvellous day!

Check out the **Thrapston Town Council Facebook page** for all the new local event posters.



Should you have a local event you wish residents to know about email them to:

[deputyclerk@thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Town Council

### Graffiti in the Town

There has been an increase in the amount of graffiti in the town's play areas/parks which will not be tolerated and will be removed as soon as possible once it has been brought to the Town Council's attention.

The Town Council do their best to keep the Town looking well kept and a pleasant area in which to live and enjoy.

Should you have any information as to perpetrators of graffiti, obscene or not, or any new graffiti in the town please call the Clerk on 01832734673

### Vandalism to cars in the Town

Thrapston Town Council urge residents to be vigilant as cars are being jumped on by young people who are denting both the roof and bonnets. Should anyone see this taking place please call the police straight away.

### Community Awards

Community awards have been presented to the following at the Annual Town Meeting on 12 April at the Plaza:

**Prue Goss** – Lifetime Achievement Award

**Nigel Johnson** – Contribution to the Community

**Sue Couves** – Contribution to the Community

**Michael Witten** – Lifetime Achievement Award

**Howard Bosworth** – Contribution to the Community

## Consultation result

### Clock Chimes Consultation

Thank you to the many people who responded to the above consultation. The majority of people were keen for the Council to contribute some funds towards the repair of the clock chimes and indeed the Council have agreed a grant of £500 and the Church have also had an anonymous benefactor so are now going through the process of getting everything agreed with the Diocese facility. We look forward to hearing the chimes as soon as possible.

### Outdoor Gym Equipment

A consultation to assess interest in Outdoor Gym Equipment being acquired for the town, took place at many events in the town.

The outcome was very favourable and the next stage is to obtain prices to enable funding to be sourced.

Thank you to those who gave up their time to complete the forms.

## Chairman's Report

As my term of office comes to an end in May I would like to say a sincere thank you to all who have shown overwhelming support for myself and my events over the past year. Together we have raised a substantial sum for my chosen charities the Alzheimer's Society and Cancer Research. My final event is abseiling off the Northampton lift tower on Saturday 07 May, I have created a 'Just Giving' page for both charities, details of which are on the Town Council upgraded website, take a look and support me if you can. A paper copy of the sponsor forms will be available in the Town Council office. I will publicise the total raised in the next newsletter. A major disappointment for us as a Town Council is the increase in the amount of litter, dog fouling and vandalism to facilities around the town. The MUGA at the Sports field and the Skate Park are particular problem areas for litter. The car park at the Sports Club is currently being used for the emptying of car ashtrays and smashing of glass by a small group of individuals parking here in the evenings and at weekends. Rainbow playgroup staff, Sports Association Committee members and Council staff have to constantly pick up behind these inconsiderate people. The recycled plastic picnic bench at the Skate Park was burnt to the ground recently by use of an accelerant and obscene graffiti has had to be removed at a cost. This don't care attitude and total lack of respect adopted by this small group of mindless individuals should be reported to the Police or Town Council. Please help us to protect our town.

Since May last year 7 new Councillors are in post either elected by you or co-opted due to vacancies. Should you wish to speak to a Councillor about an issue in the town, surgeries are held on a Saturday between 10 am - 12 noon at the Town Council office, come talk to us!

Cllr Val Carter

## Police Matters

Local police are warning of thefts of power tools from vans overnight and also from garden sheds in nearby towns so please be vigilant and report any suspicious activity immediately by dialling 999.

## Thrapston Plaza



### New Year Celebrations at the Plaza.

Dinner and dancing to a Live Band.

**Bring in the New Year 2017 on the dance floor and party until 12.30 am.**

Look out for more details in the next newsletter on how to book your tickets

## Plaza Film Shows

### Films shows 2016/17

Following a successful season of film shows at the Plaza the committee intends to have more shows over the coming autumn and winter so please put the following proposed dates in your diaries (December and January are under discussion) and look out for the posters later in the year informing you of what's on.

#### Dates for Film Night

**08 October 2016, 12 November 2016,  
11 February 2017, 11 March 2017**

#### Films start at 7.30 pm

Tickets £5.00 if bought from the Town Council Office in advance or £6.00 on the door

**Bar, popcorn and ice creams available**

## Local Events

**April 14th at 7.30 pm the Wellingborough Gospel Choir**, who appeared at the Christmas light switch on, will be doing a concert in St James Church. For tickets ring 01832730019.

**Charter Fair 25 June 2016** to book stalls or for further details regarding the event contact Lindsey Burch 01832 730019

## Thrapston Independent Group (TIGS)

Over the past year, a small group of traders from TIGs and the Town Council have been working on a project to brighten up the town centre. TIGs has raised funds and are now seeking relevant permission from Northants County Council, as many of our proposed improvements are on County land. We are hoping to install new themed benches, planters, local history lecterns and a community notice board, as well as tidy up the Christmas tree plinth in the area next to the library. When we have permission (hopefully very soon!) there will be a public consultation and a chance for the community to share views on the proposal. We have started some work already and hope you have noticed the pedestrian information sign outside Barclays Bank which has been freshly painted and now points in the correct direction! It looks a lot better, and the rest of the work aims to have the same effect.

Charlotte Croser, Chair of TIGs