

## Community Groups

### ST JAMES CHURCH Services 2016

**Family Service-9.30 am**

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>

**Family Communion-9.30am**

Jan 10<sup>th</sup>, Jan 17<sup>th</sup>, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>,  
Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>

**March 24<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday-7.30pm**

**March 27<sup>th</sup> Easter Family Communion-9.30am**

There is a Coffee Morning every Tuesday 10-12  
We are open Saturday from 10-12 also  
Praise and Play for under 5's and their carers  
Monday 1.30-2.45 term time

## Thrapston Plaza

### Book your Staff Christmas 2016 party at the Plaza

**Great venue, banquet tables,  
refurbished kitchen and bar**

**Licensed until 11.30 pm**

**Book online or call 01832 734673  
www.thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk**

## Dog Fouling

An unacceptable amount of dog fouling is taking place in the town and along the Town Walk. The Town Council provides free dog bags and has asked the dog warden to monitor and fine those who do not pick up after their dogs on footpaths and in public open spaces. Any information re: dog fouling, please report on 01832 742000

Contact your Councillors or write to the Clerk at:

### Thrapston Town Council

77 High Street

Thrapston

Northamptonshire

NN14 4JJ

Phone: 01832 734 673

E-mail: [clerk@thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Local Events

### FAMILY QUIZ & CHIPS NIGHT at The Plaza

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January - 6.30pm

TICKETS  
£8 adults  
£4 children



Tickets from:  
Thrapston  
Town Council  
Val Carter or  
Jollys Toys

Teams of 4 to 8

ticket includes fish n' chip supper from Ben's

**BAR \* FUN \* PRIZES**

Fundraising for Thrapston Mayor's charities  
Alzheimer's Society and Cancer Research  
Call Town Council 734673 or Val Carter 735879

## Plaza Film Shows

### Films showing this Winter/Spring

**06 February 2016**

The Theory of Everything

**05 March 2016**

The Imitation Game

**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 Available**



LOCAL COUNCIL  
AWARD SCHEME  
FOUNDATION



## Newsletter January 2016



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- Community Groups and what is on offer
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## Chairman's Report

A Very Happy New Year from all at Thrapston Town Council. We are delighted to welcome two new Councillors, David Strode-Willis and Frances Hall co-opted to fill the vacancies.

Can I take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended my charity event, Frocks and Frames Fashion Show. A fabulous £1200 was raised for charity thanks to you and the generosity of Frocks and Davis Opticians. The Christmas Lights event was well attended considering the inclement weather and thank you for supporting it. The

Gospel Choir, Allegra Singers, Dreamers, Thrapston Town Band and particularly the Primary

School children did an amazing job. The Christmas Lights Committee make this event happen and I thank them for their time and commitment. We appreciate your comments and suggestions and will take them forward for next Christmas.

My charity events begin this year with a Family Quiz night in the Plaza on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January to include a fish and chip supper, details on the poster in newsletter. A fabulous Black Tie Spring Ball is also planned for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April, so save the date and look forward to a wonderful evening.

**Val Carter**



## Town Council

### Town Awards

For many years the Council has asked residents to nominate people who have done good works in the town and the successful nominees have received an award in recognition of their good work, during the Annual Town Meeting. In order to give a bit more structure to the process, it has been suggested that there are specific categories for awards ie:

- Sporting Achievement Award
- Young Achiever Award
- Creative Arts Achievement Award
- Service With A Smile Award
- Voluntary Individual Award
- Contribution To The Community Award
- Person Of Courage Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award

Please send your nominations for any of the above categories to the Clerk by Friday 26 February 2016. Contact details on page 4.

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



Community Groups

Thrapston Sports Association  
Chancery Lane  
Thrapston  
NN14 4JN

Thrapston Sports Association is at the heart of the community, run by a dedicated team of volunteers. The facilities provide a much needed area for the local community not only involved in sport but social events too.

The Sports Club facilities hosts Cricket and Football for Juniors, Seniors, Ladies and Girls along with a Ladies Rounder's team. There is a Club House, Changing Rooms and of course the sports fields.

**The Club house can be hired for private functions such as parties, weddings, or other occasions at favourable rates and can be booked directly with the Sports Association.**

**Recently the clubhouse has had a complete refurbishment of the ladies and gents toilets and corridor.**

The main Hall can hold up to 120 people  
Licensed for entertainment and a full bar.  
Ample parking in the car park.  
For bookings & hire please call



Teresa or Mick on 01832 734879



[www.facebook.com/thrapstonsportsassociation](http://www.facebook.com/thrapstonsportsassociation)



[thrapstonsportsassociation@outlook.com](mailto:thrapstonsportsassociation@outlook.com)

Once a month the club hosts Band Nights check out <http://www.rocktheshed.co.uk> for a gig list.

THRAPSTON HERITAGE  
THRAPSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
(Past pupils)

Calling all pupils who attended the school when it was in the Huntingdon Road building!

We are seeking memories of school times from its opening in 1948 to its closure in 1989.

We are developing a section on our website that will look at the different schools in Thrapston since 1851.

[www.thrapstonheritage.org.uk](http://www.thrapstonheritage.org.uk)

We are starting with the history of the primary school but later in the year we shall be looking for memories of the secondary school and The King John School.

The Thrapston Heritage website continues to have more information and photographs added. Our aim is to have our local heritage available for all to see and enjoy.

If you can help with memories of the school or have other information or photographs for Thrapston and surrounding villages, then please contact us at

[thrapstonheritage@gmail.com](mailto:thrapstonheritage@gmail.com)

or call 01832 731 047

**Thrapston Town Football Club** play home fixtures at Chancery Lane with the senior men having two teams in the United Counties League, Step 5 of the national pyramid. We have a successful Ladies team that play on Sunday's in the Northants Women & Girls League. Our First Team have this season played in the early stages of the FA Cup and FA Vase and currently are placed fifth in the league so there's a season of opportunity ahead. We have UEFA-qualified coaches and are thrilled to hold Charter Standard accreditation. We are closely connected to the Juniors Club with the aim of young players progressing through our ranks in years to come. Everyone is welcome to join us at 'The Lane' with fixtures and events promoted on our website [www.thrapstontownfootballclub.co.uk](http://www.thrapstontownfootballclub.co.uk) or via Kevin O'Brien, Secretary on 07894 534093.

Consultation

How much do you value the Rare Historic Clock Chimes at St James Church tower?

Brief History:

Edwin Turner Cottingham lived at 3, Midland Road. His shop was in the High Street and is now the Bonophool Balti Hut.

In 1899, he decided to make a clock for St James' Church. As the Church is hidden behind the High Street, an external clock face would not have been visible. Instead, he made a Westminster Chime mechanism, released electro-magnetically by a good dead-beat wall mounted regulator inside the Church, to strike the hour and chime the quarters



As a lasting memorial for the Thrapston 800 Celebrations in 2005, Thrapston Town Council agreed, with the assistance of grant funding, to the restoration of the clock to working order.

A new chime and strike unit was made, the original 1900 electro magnetic solenoid was checked and rewound and a new Smith of Derby master clock manufactured. New auto winding equipment was installed – originally, it was hand wound. Despite the repairs and upgrades, the clock retains its original appearance.

**The clock chimes have now been silent for 6 months and the Town Council has been approached to assist with repairs costing approximately £3,500- £4,500.**

We would appreciate you taking a few minute to give us your views to enable Councillors to make their decision.

**You can do this by filling in and posting this form to the address on reverse side**

Or

Email your answers to: [clerk@thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@thrapstontowncouncil.gov.uk)

Fill in the questionnaire at the Town Council Office

Telephone 01832 734673 and your answers will be recorded

**Consultation:** January 2016 Cottingham Clock, St James Church

**Please tick**

Do you think this historical clock should be repaired? Yes/ No

**If Yes**

Do you agree to the Town Council fully funding the repairs? Yes/ No

Do you agree to the Town Council giving a donation to the repair fund? Yes/ No  
If yes how much do you suggest £.....

Should funding be sought from grants by outside bodies? Yes/No

Name: .....Address: .....

Post Code: .....