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Christmas Lights and Civic Dinner

Apologies for mentioning the 'C' word but the next newsletter will be too late and we want to make sure that you all have an opportunity to join in the celebrations and help us create a real community spirit in Thrapston.

We are planning to switch the lights on at 4 pm on **Saturday 30th November** with the usual carols helped along by the school children and the Town Band.

We are hoping to encourage stall holders to participate with some unusual ideas for Christmas gifts and have asked the shops to stay open for longer.

Father Christmas and his sleigh are planning a visit (if everyone is good) and there will be mince pies, wine and fruit juice in the Plaza.

Do come along and find out who the mystery guest is who will be turning on the lights – join in the festivities and help us make this a Christmas to remember for all the right reasons.

Our Mayor will be holding his **Civic Dinner** that evening in the Bridge Hotel in aid of Cancer Research and Multiple Sclerosis. So if you want to continue the celebrations into the evening and help others at the same time this could be for you.



Special points of interest:

- Students tackle the very long fence, Scotney Way
- New Councillor
- BMX Skate Park Project completed



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Thrapston News and Views

New CCTV system in Thrapston

At last we have a new CCTV system in Thrapston. The end cost of the installation is similar to what it cost us for maintenance for one year for the old system and for that we now have six cameras.

We do hope to add at least one other in the future if not more but are currently investigating obtaining a grant for the cost of installing power at certain points where there is none at present.

The system is wireless and the clarity of the pictures is amazing so much so that we feel confident that we are much better protected than ever before.

A real plus point is that maintenance for succeeding years will be around £1,000 per year – just a fraction of the cost of the old system.

We hope that this will provide a deterrent to anti-social behaviour which will help to reduce costs at present incurred by theft and vandalism.

Already proven in use by other Town Councils we are looking forward to a successful reduction of crime in Thrapston.

THRAPSTON FIREWORKS-November 5th

Come to Thrapston Town Council's Firework Display on Castle Playing Field, Chancery Lane.

6.45 for a 7.00 pm start.

There is no charge however we will be carrying the collection buckets for local charities and hope you will give generously for this wonderful display. **See you there !**



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Prince William School Coin Week (Community Initiative) Project – fence repair and maintenance

Up to 10 Prince William School students accompanied by a member of staff applied stain to a 180 metre length wooden fence which had not previously been coated.

Well done
COIN week
PWS
students

On the first morning we were a little daunted by the length of this fence at Lazy Acre, and almost convinced the students would not finish the task in a week, but with encouragement from passing pedestrians and some refreshments from nearby residents, a superb result was achieved in less than 5 days.



We congratulate the work force and are very grateful to **Edwards Buildbase** in Thrapston and the coatings company **ICI** for providing most of the stain free of charge.



Get Involved with Archive and Heritage!
Northamptonshire Record Office is undertaking a monumental project to improve the accessibility of all the records we hold for the county. We are looking for skilled volunteers with an interest in our work to help catalogue and preserve all of our historical assets so that they can be listed digitally. This will make it possible to make our archives accessible online, as well as much easier to locate at the Record Office itself. Volunteers play an important role for the Archive and Heritage Service. Their work supports and complements that of our paid staff. We try to match our volunteers' skills and interests to the activities we have on offer, and provide training for the roles. Anyone interested in helping us to preserve and share our county's history can find out more about the specific roles on the web address below or by asking at the Record Office.

www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/getinvolved

Thrapston BMX & Skate Park Project Now Open!

The Official opening of the Skate

A summer
of BMX and
Skate
boards

Park took place on June 15. Cllr Alan Winter and Mick Hooper compered the event held and gave out the prizes for the skating and BMX, which included a new BMX bike.



Demonstrations in skate and BMX skills and stunts were given by Wheelscape and local experts. The New Park is there for all young people to enjoy and it has been well used all summer, many coming from other towns to give it a try. Why not have a go— **Crash helmets** on and have some fun!

New Member co-opted to the Town Council

Cllr Bryan Elliott (Market Ward) was co-opted onto the Town Council at the Full Council Meeting on 25 June this year. He will be serving on the Finance and Strategy Committee. Contact details for Cllr Elliott are available at the Town Council office or on the website.

Medical Community Transport

Serve and Volunteer Action are working together to provide community transport. Further details are available at the Town Council Office or on the Website.