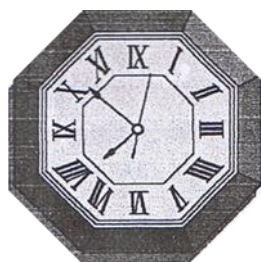


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Parish Council news, community events and information for residents of Threapwood, distributed by your Parish Council.

With summer on the way there are lots of activities planned for you to enjoy in Threapwood.

KEY LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

25th May	Parish Council – Annual Parish Open Meeting
11th & 12th June	Garden Trail
11th June	Street Party
18th & 19th June	Open Garden – The White Cottage
26th June	Threapwood Horse Show
2nd & 3rd July	Open Garden – The Rowans
1st & 3rd Sundays	Holy Communion – St John’s Church at 9.30am

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council met on 20th January and 30th March. The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting and AGM to be held on 25th May at Chorlton Lane WI Hall starting at 7.30pm when parishioners are invited to attend and address the Parish Council if they wish to do so. Contact can be made with the Parish Council through the Clerk – Richard Salmon on 07803 129477 or email: richard@offroading.net or any parish councillor.

We are pleased to welcome Helen Groves to complete our quota of seven parish councillors after being co-opted at the last meeting. Helen is well known to most residents and can be contacted at Threapwood Garage and Post Office or on 01948 770207.

Richard our clerk has now agreed to take up the post on a permanent basis and is actively pursuing accreditation as a quality Parish Council that involves having demanding standards and procedures in place. The precept to fund the running of the Parish Council raised via your council tax will remain the same as last year.

Steps have been constructed on the slope of the south side of the footpath running between Mill House, Greaves Lane to the Drumbers, Back Lane. The work will be finalised during April. This now makes the footpath very accessible and can be

used as part of a circuit avoiding the main road past the Church where there is little protection from the passing traffic. Users of the path with dogs are requested to keep them on a lead to avoid distressing livestock at both Mill House and The Drumbers. We are grateful to our local Ward Councillor, Chris Whitehurst for arranging a grant to enable the work to be done.

Planning application 16/00524, The Hollies, Back Lane for a single story extension, garage, front and rear dormer windows and internal alterations has been approved. The Parish Council raised no objection.

The Parish Council has endorsed the concerns raised by Malpas Parish Council regards an application at Stockton Hall Farm, Oldcastle (15/05109/WAS) for an anaerobic digester plant for electricity generation from waste on the farm. Our principle concern relates to the possibility of HGV's using local lanes to transport a specified quantity of sugar beet to feed the plant. The applicants have since stated that the intention is to grow the necessary quantity of beet on the farm.

The Parish Council heard a presentation from a representative of the North West Ambulance Service on the benefits of having a defibrillator available for use by the community and the costs and logistics involved. Consideration on proceeding with securing and funding one will be made at a future meeting.

THREAPWOOD GARDEN TRAIL

Naomi Walker

We have an impressive twelve gardens open on Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th June between 12.00 and 5.00pm. This is a great opportunity to wander leisurely round Threapwood to visit the gardens and meet and get to know other residents. The entrance fee is £7.50 (children free) and includes admission to all the gardens over both days and a free cup of tea or coffee. There will be refreshments available and a raffle. All proceeds will go to Hope House, Hospice of the Good Shepherd and Threapwood Community Group. For more information like our Facebook page – 'Threapwood Garden Trail', follow us on Twitter @ Threapwood Trail or contact Naomi Walker on 01948 770345.

COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS

By Sue Pickering, Chairperson

Our group met on Monday 11th April to complete arrangements for our next function which is –

H.M. Queen Elizabeth's official 90th Birthday Celebrations
on 11th June
at the top of Sandy Lane by the Village Green
between 6pm and 8pm

It has been decided to stage an original Street Party as requested by Her Majesty. This will take the form of a large Tea Party for both young and old alike, with sandwiches, pork pies, sausage rolls, cakes and jellies etc. This will all be provided, together with soft drinks, out of Community Group funds. The event follows on immediately after the closure of the first day of the Garden Trail. Background music will be provided. Two party tents and toilet facilities will be erected on the Village Green. We look forward to welcoming you to this event and of course we will all be praying for good weather.

THE NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME – THE WHITE COTTAGE

By Carol Bennion

Chris and Carol Bennion of the White Cottage opposite the Garage are opening their garden on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th June 1pm – 5pm under the National Gardens Scheme. The entrance fee will be £4 (children free). Delicious refreshments will be provided by Shocklach Oviatt C of E School (Shocklach and Threapwood School Association) and the proceeds of both refreshments and plant sales will be donated to the school, so please come along and help us raise lots of money. Fingers crossed for good weather again this year. Last year friends kindly donated plants and cakes for us to sell and if you would like to help this year please contact Naomi Walker on 01948 770345 (cakes) or Carol Bennion on 01948 770085 (plants)

THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME – THE ROWANS

By Paul Philpotts

The gardens at the Rowans on Oldcastle Lane will be celebrating their tenth year of opening under the National Gardens Scheme on Saturday and Sunday the 2nd and 3rd of July 2016, from 1pm to 5.30pm. Admission is just £4.00 per adult, children free. Refreshments and plant sales will be available. All proceeds to charity, gate to the National Gardens Scheme charities including Mc Millan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, and Hospice UK. Refreshment proceeds to Hope House Children's Hospice. Please come along and join us for a garden party celebrating ten years of garden opening and to remember those we have lost, and those who need our continued support. We look forward to seeing you. Donations of cakes or plants gratefully received. For additional information please contact Alan or Paul on 01948 770522.

THREAPWOOD HORSE SHOW

By Tracey Jones

This popular event will be held on Sunday 26th June in the field adjacent to Wrexham road and the Shocklach Road junction. Events will include show jumping, novelty and fancy dress. Gates open for registration from 9.30 am. The entertaining dog and pet show with pedigree and novelty classes will take place from 2pm and is open to all who register before the start. So why not come along and enter your dog or pet. Refreshments will be available together with a trade stand. You don't have to own a horse to enjoy the day so please come along to watch and support the participants. Entry to the event is free. Funds raised by the event will be donated to charity. Further information is available from Tracey Jones on 770583 or Gordon Starkey on 770230.

THREAPWOOD HISTORY GROUP

By David Paton

At our recent six monthly meeting this April we continued where we left off last April/October and congratulated Dudley Realf on his research and documentation, during last summer, on the sources of water supply in the village and from where the families got water for drinking, washing and livestock before mains water became available in the village in 1957. Chris Bennion is now researching the brooks and their history relative to their importance in and around the village so we are appealing to anyone who has memories and / or photographs or any other information relative to the water courses to

please get in touch with Chris on 770085 or David on 770687. Also this autumn we are hoping to arrange another History Group walk and visit featuring the history of the Greaves by kind invitation of Bob and Shirley Carter. We will publicise the details nearer the time when all is confirmed. A lot of new articles and photographs have been added to our website 'threapwoodhistory.org' so I appeal to you to have a look and we would appreciate any feedback and/or additional information that you may have stored away? David can also be contacted on 'thepatonsdw@gmail.com'. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

DOG OWNERS IN AND AROUND OUR VILLAGE

Submitted by a concerned resident

During last autumn there were reports of a local dog worrying sheep which resulted in some deaths and injury. As dog owners we are all responsible for the control of our dogs at all times of the day and night and must be conscious of the threat that our pets could impose on both livestock and humans wherever we/they are. In law DPLA 1953 makes it an offence for dog(s) to worry livestock or to be at large in a field / enclosure in which there are livestock. Owners of livestock are entitled to shoot dogs which worry livestock under extreme circumstances and any ensuing vet / disposal fees are claimable from the owner of the dog. This is especially relevant at this time of year when many sheep are heavy in lamb as a result of worrying could result in both injury and abortion losses in the flock.

So fellow dog owners – please be responsible for your pets and keep them under control at all times in and around the village and surrounding countryside for the sake of everyone's enjoyment. Please, also clear up any poos with bags and take them home to the household bin. Poo bags are very cheap and easy to carry round in a pocket for use. It is not sufficient to hope that it will just disappear or that someone else will pick it up for you. It is certainly not nice to see poo on the verges of resident's properties and on our lanes whether you are a dog owner or not.

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