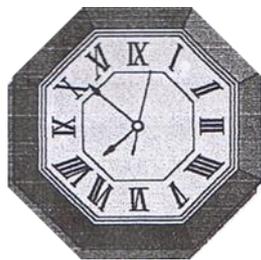


# THE THREAPWOOD TIMES

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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

<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Sunday Service 9.30am and Childrens' Egg Hunt
<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Fashion Evening
<b>31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Parish Council – Annual Parish Open Meeting
<b>17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Open Garden – The White Cottage
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Threapwood Horse Show
<b>1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Village Social and Entertainment Evening Event
<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Open Garden – The Rowans

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting to which all residents are warmly welcomed to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> May at the Chorlton Road WI Hall starting at 7pm. Contact with the Parish Council can be made via the Clerk – Richard Salmon on 07803 129477 or email: [richard@offroading.net](mailto:richard@offroading.net) or any parish councillor.

Threapwood Parish Council has been awarded quality status under the Local Council Award Scheme Accreditation. This is a considerable achievement resulting from the hard work put in by our clerk Richard Salmon and ensures our procedures meet all the legal requirements to the highest standards.

In order to meet the costs associated with running the Parish Council the councillors reluctantly agreed to increase the council tax precept from £2,000 to £3,000, equivalent to an additional £6.58 for a band 'D' property. The cost to households in Threapwood is proportionately higher as we have to meet all the basic costs of running a parish council but only a small community amongst which to divide the necessary contribution.

Planning Application 17/00341/OUT for the erection of one dwelling and garage on land east of Springfield House, Back Lane has been refused by Cheshire West and Chester Council. As Threapwood is not recognised as a sustainable settlement and does not have a development envelope the land between properties is classified as "open countryside" with a presumption against new building. The Parish Council had objected to the application in line with current planning policy.

Six new road signs have been placed where existing ones had become illegible or new ones required.

Two locations have been agreed for a speed monitoring device to be deployed on Wrexham Road and Sarn Road. These will appear from time to time advising motorists of the speed they are travelling at.

Funds have been secured for the installation of a defibrillator in Threapwood. It is planned to hold a familiarisation and training session for residents once installed.

Threapwood Parish Council will be writing to the Police Commissioner to support Malpas PC in their bid to secure a Police Community Support Officer dedicated to the Malpas Ward. PCSO John Hurst who currently serves the area also covers Farndon and Tattenhall. It is hoped to roll out the Operation Shield DNA property marking kits to households in the Threapwood area following the successful introduction in Malpas. This will be undertaken by the police with funding shared by the Parish Council and our local ward councillor.

### **COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS**

*By Sue Pickering, Chairperson*

Our first event this year is an evening of 'Fashion, Fun and Fizz' on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, at Tallarn Green Village Hall. This commences at 7pm, tickets are £10 including a glass of sparkling wine or bucks fizz and a finger buffet in the interval. Clothes are by "the Barn Boutique" and hats by "Get Ahead Hats".

We are sure you will recognise some of the models, who will not be treating the catwalk too seriously. Tickets are available from any committee member or Gill Edwards on 770698 or Sue Pickering on 770236. We are restricted to 100 people, so please apply early for tickets.

The Village Event this year is on Saturday 1st July and commences at 5.30pm. The venue is the field behind Acorn Cottage, Sarn Road. It was agreed that we vary the style of this year's event so that we do not become stagnant by repetition. Of course, as always the evening is free, apart from any drinks, and takes the form of a hog roast. Music will be provided by "The Neons" (all local boys and girls). We look forward to everyone joining in and having fun. Ball games will be provided for the children. Just pray for good weather.

### **THE NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME - THE WHITE COTTAGE**

*By Carol Bennion*

The gardens of the White Cottage (near Ron and Helen's shop) will be open under the National Gardens Scheme on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June between 1pm and 5pm. The National Gardens Scheme donated £3 million to charities including Macmillan last year, so is a cause well worth supporting. Shocklach and Threapwood School Association will be providing lovely home-made teas and an excellent range of plants will be for sale, with the proceeds going to the school. There are many pretty herbaceous flower beds, trees, shrubs, vegetables, fruit, roses and topiary, so there is something for everyone. New planting and hard landscaping have been undertaken since last year and we hope you'll come and see what we've been up to. A labour of love and a good choice for father's day. Further information from Chris and Carol on 770085.

## **THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME – THE ROWANS**

*By Paul Philpotts*

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of July the multi award winning gardens at the Rowans on Oldcastle Lane will be open for their eleventh year to raise funds for the National Gardens Scheme Charities (including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and the Carers Trust) with refreshment proceeds directly to Hope House Children's Hospice. The gardens are open from 1.30pm to 5.30pm, admission is just £5.00, with children free. Delicious refreshments will be available, plants for sale, and you are guaranteed a warm welcome to the garden that featured in the Cheshire Life list of top ten NGS hidden gardens of Cheshire in 2016. Donations of cakes or plants will be gratefully received. Paul and Alan and their team of dedicated helpers look forward to meeting visitors old and new! For further information call 01948 770522.

## **THREAPWOOD HORSE SHOW**

*By Tracey Jones*

This popular event will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 at [traceyjones10@outlook.com](mailto:traceyjones10@outlook.com) or tel. 770583 or Gordon Starkey on 770230.

## **FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH**

*By Gill Edwards*

It was wonderful to see the Church filled to capacity at Christmas, for the Carol Service and also on Christmas morning.

Easter is approaching and this year there are two services on consecutive Sundays, both commencing at 9.30am. Palm Sunday on 9<sup>th</sup> April and Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April. We look forward to welcoming everyone to join us and as always, on Easter Sunday morning, the service will conclude with a Childrens' Easter Egg Hunt.

A fund raising 'Clay Pigeon' Shoot is being held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May commencing at 11am with last gun at 2pm on fields at the rear of Acorn Cottage, Sarn Road. There is a "have a go" stand for beginners or those wanting to improve their shooting skills. To take part costs £10 including cartridges and clays. Instruction will be provided by BASC qualified instructors. The cost of entering the main shoot will be £15 with prizes of £50, £30, and £20 to be won. Food will be available on the field. All are welcome to come along and take part. Further information from Sue and Rob Pickering on 770236

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