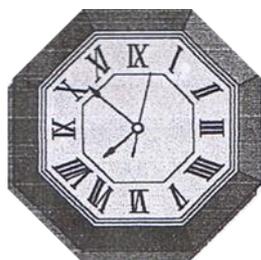


# THE THREAPWOOD TIMES

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

## KEY LOCAL EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

- 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> June** Open Gardens – Somerset House & The White Cottage  
**28<sup>th</sup> June** Threapwood Horse Show  
**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July** Open Gardens – The Rowans  
**19<sup>th</sup> July** Village Fun Day  
**29<sup>th</sup> July** Parish Council Meeting  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays** Holy Communion – St John's Church at 9.30am

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council held its Annual Parish Meeting and AGM on 20<sup>th</sup> May. Three members of the public attended and raised concerns about the condition of the road signage and future arrangements for the painting of the War Memorial railings. Also present was our new Cheshire West and Chester, Malpas Ward Councillor, Chris Whitehurst. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July at the WI Hall, Chorlton Lane starting at 7:30 when members of the public are invited to attend.

We now have a new temporary clerk – Richard Salmon. He has considerable experience of working with parish councils and is already proving invaluable in advising us of the duties and procedures we are required to undertake. As clerk he is the formal point of contact for the Parish Council on 0780 3129 4777, (answer phone: 01948 820746) or email: [richard@offroading.net](mailto:richard@offroading.net).

A new term of office for our Parish Councillors began on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Prior to that date William Hall and David Bierley decided not to stand for re-election and tendered their resignation. We thank them both for their many years of commitment to the Parish Council. One new application was received and accepted from Steve Ford who lives at Rock Villa, Sarn Road. We welcome him to the Parish Council. With

six of the seven councillor positions filled no election was required and each has been appointed for the new term. We therefore still have one vacancy for a Parish Councillor to be filled by co-option. Anyone interested in standing as a Parish Councillor should contact the Clerk and provide a brief CV for consideration for co-option at the next PC meeting. Anyone living within 3 miles of the Parish or owning land in the Parish is eligible to stand.

Your current Parish Councillors are:

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Betty Young	770321	
Carol Bennion	770085	<a href="mailto:carolbennion123@btinternet.com">carolbennion123@btinternet.com</a>
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Steve Ford		

Planning application 15/0313/FUL – Proposed conversion of agricultural building with link to former cottage to create a single dwelling and erection of a three bay open fronted garage and conversion of milking parlour to create an annex at the Hollies, Back Lane. The Parish Council do not object in principal to the restoration of a residential dwelling which was a small cottage many years ago. However concern was raised about the creation of an annex which presents scope for the creation of a new independent property and the level of car parking suggested.

Funds may be available to the Parish Council from Cheshire West and Chester Council as a result of a formal quota contribution resulting from housing development in the Parish. The clerk is to investigate this and enquire if such funds could be used to improve the public footpath between Back Lane and Mill Lane where there is still a steep gradient on the south side of the stream.

## **COMMUNITY GROUP NEWS**

*By Sue Pickering, Chairperson*

The Silent Auction held on 20<sup>th</sup> March was very well supported and an enjoyable evening was had by all. A total of £936.35p was raised and this was equally divided between the Community Fund and St. John's Church. A huge "thank you" to everyone who came and supported this event and also to everyone who so kindly contributed goods and services for the auction.

Our next date for your diaries is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July when the Village Day will be taking place in the field adjacent to Somerset House by kind invitation of Sue and Jonathan Clark. This will commence at approximately 12:30 pm. Entry is of course free to all. There will be a hog roast which is free for the children and a charge of £3 per adult. This year we will be welcoming the "Whitchurch Dog Display Team" demonstrating obedience, dancing dogs and the fire walk (weather permitting). Approximate timing for this event is 2p.m. Other attractions are the

cake stall, tombola, raffle, free face painting, tennis and children's sports. This years' competition is for the best animal mask.

We look forward to welcoming you all to a fun afternoon. Any donations of either cakes or items for the tombola or raffle will be most gratefully received by any Community Group member.

## **OPEN GARDENS - SUMMERSET HOUSE, SARN ROAD AND THE WHITE COTTAGE, WREXHAM ROAD**

Somerset House and The White Cottage gardens will open again this year under the National Gardens Scheme on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June 2015 from 1pm -5pm. Fingers crossed for good weather again!

Money raised from the sale of cakes and plants will again be donated to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. We were grateful for everyone's support last year and would very much appreciate donations of cakes and plants this year. To donate a cake please contact Sue Clark on 770205, or to donate plants please contact Carol Bennion on 770085.

## **OPEN GARDENS - THE ROWANS, OLDCASTLE LANE**

Alan and Paul will again be opening their award winning garden at the Rowans on Oldcastle Lane under the National Gardens Scheme on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July, from 1pm to 5.30pm. Admission is just £4, children are free. There will be plants for sale and teas and refreshments available. This will be our ninth year of opening to raise monies for this charity, which supports Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and Carers Trust. This years special charity is Parkinsons UK. All refreshment proceeds go to the Hope House Children's Hospice, which is our own personal charity. We have raised in excess of £14,000 to date and need your support for these worthwhile causes. Donations of cakes and plants would be appreciated. For more information contact Alan or Paul on 01948 770522.

## **THREAPWOOD GARDEN TRAIL - 2016**

We will be repeating the very successful Threapwood Garden Trail in June 2016. Several gardens have already been put forward and we are looking for other residents to open their gardens as part of the trail. You are not expected to match the standard of the National Gardens Scheme as the fun is in walking round the village and comparing the different aspects of a range of gardens. Please contact Naomi Walker on 770345 or by email - [Naomi.walker@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Naomi.walker@hotmail.co.uk) if you can support this initiative by opening your garden. This has always been such a wonderful event for the whole community to participate in, either by seeing people enjoy your garden or just walking round and enjoying others. It is important we get a good selection of gardens so please participate if you can.

## **THREAPWOOD HORSE SHOW**

This popular annual event will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June in the field adjoining Wrexham Road and the Shocklach Road junction. Events will include show jumping, novelty and fancy dress. Gates open for registration from 9:30am. The entertaining dog show with pedigree and novelty classes will take place from 2 p.m. and is open to all who register before the start time. Refreshments will be available together with a trade stand. You don't have to own a horse to enjoy this day out so please come along and support the event and contribute to raising funds for good causes. Further details of the event are available from Tracy Jones on 770583 or Gordon Starkey on 770230.

## **THREAPWOOD HISTORY GROUP**

At our last meeting in November 2014 we decided to meet in the future on a six monthly basis and this we did at the end of April this year. In many of the interviews that we completed during the early years of our group the very necessary theme of water supply kept being highlighted. Our interviewees detailed how, when and from where their families got water for drinking, washing and for livestock before mains water became available in the village in 1957. So we are researching and planning on detailing where there are wells, pumps, springs and brooks that were used in daily family/working life in the village. Consequently we are appealing to anyone who has memories and / or photographs or any information relative to the variety of water supplies in the village to please get in touch with myself or any member of the committee – we would very much appreciate your help. David Paton: 770687 or email: [thepatonsdw@gmail.com](mailto:thepatonsdw@gmail.com). Thank you, we look forward to hearing from you.

## **SHOCKLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

*Submitted by Nick Walker, School Governor*

Our KS1 children had a fantastic time at Foxhowl in Delamere Forest with lots of outdoor activities. Year 6 are preparing for their SATs this month. The STSA are holding a jumble sale on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June between 3.15pm and 4.15pm, so if anyone in our community has any clothes, toys or anything else they would like to donate we would be very grateful and of course pleased to see you there. On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June we have a Bags2School collection to raise funds. If you have any unwanted textiles (clothes, curtains etc.) please drop them off at school in the week before the 15<sup>th</sup>. We were very lucky in this part of Cheshire to have excellent weather for viewing the recent partial solar eclipse and the children, parents and staff made the most of the occasion watching through an amazing array of viewing apparatus, mostly made by the children themselves. We also held a science morning during British Science week when children, parents and grandparents took part in lots of hands on science experiments.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

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