#### **THARSTON AND HAPTON PARISH COUNCIL**

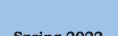




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Borderhoppa outings for April 2022

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Dobbies Garden Centre, Bury St Edmunds – Fare £15.00

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> – Afternoon Tea, Gissing Community Centre -

£15.00 (includes fare & afternoon tea)

Monday  $11^{th}$  – North Norfolk Railway & Sheringham – Fare £15.00

Thurs  $14^{\rm th}$  – Latham's, Potter Heigham & lunch at Poppy lands – Fare £15.00

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> – Alder Carr Farm Shops & Café – Fare £10.00

Some outings do have limited space so please book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information or if you would like a copy of our 2022 outings leaflet, please contact us on 01379 854800 or email <u>adminborderhoppa@btconnect.com</u>.



## Welcome to the Tharston and Hapton Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring edition of your newsletter.

This is going to be a big year for Her majesty The Queen with her platinum jubilee celebrations being undertaken from  $2^{nd}$  June to  $6^{th}$  June and us all at Tharston and Hapton Parish Council hope it is a magical time for our reigning monarch.

We are currently looking at ideas for celebrations at our new community area and with the new cabin, toilets and BBQ area being installed in the next few weeks it will make it so easy to host the event and any others moving forward.

Details of the Tharston beacon being lit are also included in the newsletter and this should also be a magical event that we urge everyone to attend as so much work goes into the organising of these events and if you read the details, you will see that they still need help with a couple of things and if you can please contact Peter Hubbard as his email address is on the page for this purpose.

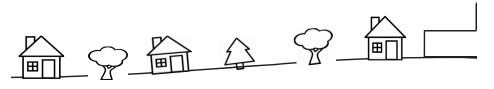
By the time this issue comes out the new cabin will have been installed at the new Hapton community project plus the BBQ area and finally around the end of May the compostable toilets will also be installed meaning the end of phase 3 of the project.

Phase 4 will see the installation of a community garden at the very top of the field and it will be a lovely area that people can walk round, sit, and enjoy the surroundings in their own space.

The Parish Council has set the precept from a detailed budget and the information is all in this issue for your attention. The Council were aware of the increasing costs all parishioners are facing, and the fact that our local district and county councils will be raising their council tax so we have gone for a very slight increase of £1.14 on a band D property which we all felt was correct.

As Parish Clerk it is now great to get around the Parish as I used to and please say hi if you see me and bring me up to speed on any issues you may have. If you do have any issues and do not see me, I would prefer you use the parish email address rather than the website contact form as I see these quicker than the website forms. The email address is <u>tharstonandhapton@gmail.com</u>

The Parish Council



# Norwich Fireworks

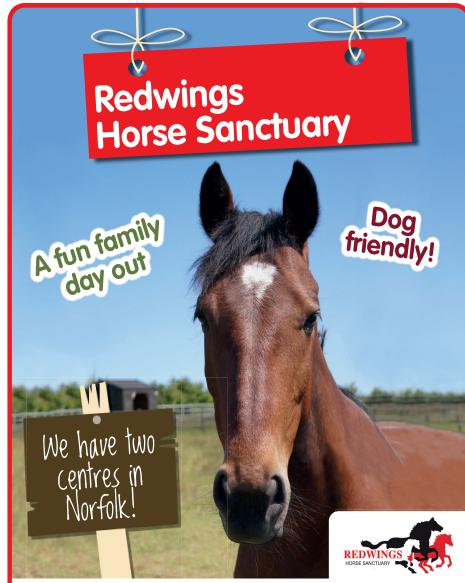
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#### **Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

On 6th February, this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms, and the Commonwealth.

To celebrate this unprecedented anniversary, events and initiatives will take place throughout the year, culminating in a four-day UK bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. The bank holiday will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone.

The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.

Thursday 2nd June - The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour) & <u>Platinum Jubilee Beacons</u>

Friday 3rd June - Service of Thanksgiving

Saturday 4th June - The Derby at Epsom Downs & Platinum Party at the Palace

Sunday 5th June - <u>The Big Jubilee Lunch</u> & The Platinum Jubilee Pageant

In addition, initiatives including <u>The Queen's Green Canopy</u> and the <u>Platinum Pudding competition</u> will create a lasting reminder of The Queen's Jubilee, while The Queen's private estates will also join in with special Jubilee themed events offering more opportunities for members of the public to celebrate the historic milestone.

Both villages Tharston and Hapton will be holding events to celebrate this momentous event and more details are attached in the newsletter with more details of events to follow with both the initiatives detailed above being involved in plans for both village

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#### **Meeting House Field Works**

Meeting House Field in Holly lane Hapton has been made into a dog walking and fun area to allow parishioners from all areas to exercise their dogs in complete safety off the lead. This was done because the new Hapton community Field will only allow dogs on a lead on the field.

We still understand that one area needs upgrading and this is scheduled to be done asap and we thanks Aaron Bleach for pointing this out and meeting us to show the area that the extra work is needed.

The Parish council recently got these amazing comments from local dog walkers that travel to use the area and we are so pleased that they find the area to their liking.

We just wanted to say a big thank you for putting up a gate on the Meeting House field. It now means we can let our dogs off for a run-in safety, knowing they can't get out onto the road. It's now the favourite part of their walk! (And i promise we clear up if they ever poo! Many thanks)



• 100g soft cheese

#### Method

- **STEP 1**Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Oil and <u>line the</u> <u>base and sides</u> of two 20cm cake tins with baking parchment. <u>Whisk</u> the oil, yogurt, eggs, vanilla and zest in a jug. Mix the flour, sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg with a good pinch of salt in a bowl. Squeeze any lumps of sugar through your fingers, shaking the bowl a few times to bring the lumps to the surface.
- STEP 2

Add the wet ingredients to the dry, along with the carrots, raisins and half the nuts, if using. Mix well to combine, then divide between the tins.

• STEP 3

Bake for 25-30 mins or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the cake comes out clean. If any wet mixture clings to the skewer, return to the oven for 5 mins, then check again. Leave to cool in the tins.

• STEP 4

To make the icing, beat the butter and sugar together until smooth. Add half the soft cheese and beat again, then add the rest (adding it bit by bit prevents the icing from splitting). Remove the cakes from the tins and sandwich together with half the icing. Top with the remaining icing and scatter with the remaining walnuts. *Will keep in the fridge for up to five days.* Best eaten at room temperature.

#### SPRING CARROT CAKE



#### Ingredients

- 230ml vegetable oil, plus extra for the tin
- 100g natural yogurt .
- 4 large eggs •
- 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> tsp vanilla extract •
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> orange, zested
- 265g self-raising flour •
- 335g light muscovado sugar •
- 21/2 tsp ground cinnamon .
- 1/4 fresh nutmeg, finely grated •
- 265g carrots (about 3), grated •
- 100g sultanas or raisins
- 100g walnuts or pecans, roughly chopped (optional)

#### For the icing

- 100g slightly salted butter, softened
- 300g icing sugar



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THARSTON AND HAPTON PARISH COUNCIL GREEN PROPOSALS

The Parish Council is focussing more and more attention to Green issues.

We are concentrating on issues simply in our parish which are achievable and pertinent.

The Parish Council is currently involved in improving recycling, planting trees and hedgerows, traffic management and working with various bodies with a view to improving our parish.

Our aim is to inspire all our parishioners to help us become an example to other parishes and councils. We would like to listen to your thoughts and ideas on this subject.

This will be a recurring feature in our newsletter. There will be regular updates on our website for all to read and comment on."

The Parish Council are also looking at a green policy for the parish and this will be distributed around the parish for all to see and read plus put on our website and noticeboards.

#### **Chairman Nick Potter**



#### Newsletter entry for Tharston St Mary's

#### **Sunday Services**

March 18th - Holy Communion April 10th - Palm Sunday Service

May 8th - Holy Communion June 12th – Morning Praise

#### Additional Service on March 27th (Mother's Day)

We are holding a Mothering Sunday Service at 11am and we especially welcome all those who have a mother and who would wish to celebrate their day, followed by a hot or cold drink and Cake

#### Future Dates for your Diaries

#### The Fete

This will take place on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm at Wheeler Barn and it is hoped that the extraordinarily successful format introduced in 2021, will continue this year.

#### Harvest Lunch

In the past the Harvest Lunch has been an extremely popular Village event and we are looking to re-introduce this in 2022, with September 18th being the proposed date. It will, we hope to follow on from the Harvest Festival Service and full details will follow well before the event.





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#### **THARSTON BEACON LIGHTING CEREMONY**

2nd June 2022 is the Beacon Lighting day to celebrate Her

Majesty The Queen's 70th year as our Monarch and Head of the Commonwealth.

Tharston Events are pleased to advise that we will be lighting the Village Beacon at 9.45pm – the time when 1000's of other beacons will be lit around the World.

Please put the date in your diary.

Currently we are organising the venue where we plan to have a B-B-Q and licenced bar, opening about 7pm.

We need some live music! – At a previous event 6 residents formed a 60's "Rock & Roll" band – sadly some of them no longer play.

If anyone in the Village is interested in playing for us – singularly or in a group, then please Email me <a href="mailto:pahubbard@icloud.com">pahubbard@icloud.com</a>

Further details of the event as & when arrangements are finalised.



#### Tharston and Hapton Parish Council

Budget Comparison 2021-2022

Item	Budget 2021/2022	This Budget Agreed
RECEIPTS		004 005 00
Precept	£23,625.00	,
Surveyors Land	£150.00	£ 150.00
Bank Interest	£-00	
Village Hall Rental	-	
Grants	-	
Other income		0000.00
Newsletter Advertising	£806.00	£800.00
CIL	£61,368.49	£-00
VAT	£2,000.00	,
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£87,949.49	,
	Budget 2021/2022	Budget 2022/2023
PAYMENTS	]	
Office Costs	£200.00	£200.00
Insurance	£350.00	£500.00
Travel Expenses	£400.00	£400.00
Clerk's Salary	£8,700.00	£9,500.00
Clerks Pension	£2,500.00	£3,000.00
Clerk and Council Training	£300.00	£350.00
Dog Bin Servicing	£550.00	£600.00
Donations	£350.00	£200.00
Donation to Hapton Church	£350.00	£375.00
Donation to Tharston Church	£500.00	£525.00
Subscriptions	£650.00	£650.00
Tharston Village Hall Running Costs	£-00	£0.00
Village Hall Site Maintenance	£-00	£0.00
Tharston Village Hall Development Project	£-00	£0.00
Village Amenities/future projects/maintenance	£4,000.00	£4,000.00
Village Newsletter	£1,550.00	£1,600.00
Loan repayments	£2,400.00	£2,300.00
Hapton Church Rooms	£100.00	£100.00
Audit	£300.00	£500.00
Hapton Community Project	£61,000.00	£2,000.00
Other Miscellaneous and Contingency		
Bank Charges	£72.00	£72.00
VAT	£400.00	£2,000.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£84,672.00	£28,872.00
Tax base	399	408
Band D Charge	£59.21	£60.35

#### THARSTON AND HAPTON COMMUNITY PROJECT

Tharston and Hapton Parish council are pleased that the new community project is moving forward with the installation of the cabin for meetings and community events.

The lighting, heating, painting, and floor covering are in the process of being sorted along with a disabled path for access to the building and the toilets meaning that we are close to being able to hold events at the field.

It is hoped that the building will be ready to use in the next couple of months and all parishioners are welcome to use it once its ready.

If you have any events that you would like to hold at the project, please contact the clerk for information on hiring and using the facility and we would welcome ideas for community events to take place such as farmers market, music events and if possible, birthday parties too.



The company that installed the cabin worked amazingly well to get the cabin up on the Friday of Storm Eunice and here are some pictures of them installing the cabin.

On the next page is the final picture once Scotts had finished and I think you all agree it looks great and is a massive benefit to the council moving forward and is bigger than it looks on the picture and will soon be painted inside and out plus the floor varnished too



We hope to have the Toilet installed in the next 8 weeks and the chairs and tables will be ordered soon which will allow the cabin to be used fully for all events. Also as detailed above we are awaiting prices for the disabled path and lighting for the cabin and the path.

We would value any comments to The Clerk on <u>tharstonandhapton@gmail.com</u> regarding holding events and proposed uses for the cabin during the day.