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## Welcome to the Tharston and Hapton Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer edition of your newsletter.

The opening of the Hapton Community project took place recently and we were pleased to say that local BBC news reader and resident Louise Priest opened both the new building and the play area and also planted a tree for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations under the auspice of The Queens Green canopy on the day and we can't thank Louise for giving up her time to do this

The event was well received by all of the 80 parishioners that attended and it was great to see so many happy smiling faces on the day especially as it was my first day out in the real world since my knee surgery. But thanks must go to all the volunteers that put such effort into the amazing day and must never be forgotten. My personal thanks go to Rebecca Potter for her organisation of the event in my absence along with Sue Wardale and all the parish councillors that gave up their valuable time to ensure our first event at the new field was as memorable as it was.

The Parish council are looking to hold further events throughout the year and are in the process of finalising the hire details for the cabin for local parishioners and people of the whole area to utilise. What better place to hold a craft group, children's party with the play area and should you wish to hire the cabin please contact me on the usual parish email address

Phase 4 will hopefully commence soon but as yet we have no date for this to start but it will do soon.

It is difficult to report that some children have thrown mud on the roof and scrawled graffiti on the back of the cabin in chalk. **IF WE CATCH ANYONE CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE AREA THEY WILL BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE.**

Tharston Parish Fete will take place at Wheeler Barn on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm and everyone is urged to support this wonderful parish event as much hard work goes into delivering the event.

We also have details of a new initiative by both South Norfolk District Council and Broadland district council regarding helping the bees please feel free to tear this page out and display in your windows if you feel like you want too.

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 [tharstonandhapton@gmail.com](mailto:tharstonandhapton@gmail.com)



## **WINTER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

To celebrate the area, we all live in Tharston and Hapton Parish council are looking to run a winter Photography Competition for local residents to enter and the winners will have their photos made into Christmas cards printed by the council for sale to parishioners and friends.

### **Entry criteria:**

- Photos must include local landmarks
- Entrants must live in either Tharston or Hapton
- Photos must be taken in Tharston or Hapton
- Photos must be in good quality digital format (300 dpi or greater)

We ask all keen photographers to submit their entries to the following email address [tharstonandhapton@gmail.com](mailto:tharstonandhapton@gmail.com).

The photo entries will be judged by local residents from both Tharston and Hapton and if you would like to be considered as one of the judges, please email the clerk at the above email address. We are looking for 5 judges if possible

We cannot wait to see the first entries and enjoy your photos of our amazing villages and local village landmarks.

Details of the timescale for entries and printing will be included in the September Newsletter with the winning entries also being featured in the Christmas Newsletter

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We are also looking for more volunteer drivers and trustees to support our vital community transport service. Tom Clarke, Borderhoppa manager, said "Our services really do provide a lifeline for some of the most vulnerable people in our community so anyone who can help us would be making a massive contribution to local life. If you have some spare time and would be interested in helping us, we would love to hear from you."

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## Tharston Church news.

**CHURCH FETE** - To be held at Wheeler Barn (NR15 2YF) by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Massey on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm. There will be stalls for Tombola, Bric a Brac, Books, Cakes & Preserves and for sale there will be Cream Teas, Hot Dogs, Raffle Tickets and Tickets for a Whisky Draw. We will have a display of Vintage Vehicles, PLUS a Game Zone for all ages including Hook a Duck, an Aunt Sally and "Boule" for Beef.

We are looking for donations of good quality Books and Vintage clothes, Bottles, Toys, and other suitable items for the Raffle, You can either deliver to 9 Suffield Close (NR15 2JL), the Chestnuts (Chequers Road NR15 2YA) or Holbrook (The Street NR15 2YP). If you would like us to collect these, then please contact Chris Lawson to arrange for this by email - [email@chrisandhelen.co.uk](mailto:email@chrisandhelen.co.uk) or Tel No - 530055

There will be a Card reader at the Bar and this can also be used for the purchase of Vouchers for any of the attractions at the Fete.

**CHURCH SERVICES** - Usual services will continue to be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month as follows - September-Holy Communion, October-Morning Praise, November-Holy Communion, December- Morning Praise.

Additional Services will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> (Harvest Thanksgiving) at 11.00 which will finish in time for you to attend the Village Harvest Lunch and December 16<sup>th</sup> (Carols by Candlelight) at 7.00pm where Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and other delicacies will be served at the end of the Service.

**CHURCH OPENING** - We have a rota of volunteers who open and close the Church daily for a week at a time and as many of our volunteers are getting older, we are now looking for some additional people to join this list to help keep the Church open. The opening benefits both Villagers and Visitors who like to spend some time inside the Church and also the local Foodbank, for which the Church is a collection point. This will only involve around 4 weeks during the year and weeks can be swapped if necessary. If you would like to join our band of volunteers then please contact our Church secretary Mrs Hazel Gill by email [hazलगill66@gmail.com](mailto:hazलगill66@gmail.com) or by Tel - 07764 433817

### Village events

**HARVEST LUNCH** - This popular Village Event will be held at Hall Farm (NR15 2YE) by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Hawkins on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm and entry will be by ticket only. Tickets for the Lunch can be obtained from Chris Lawson 530055 or [email@chrisandhelen.co.uk](mailto:email@chrisandhelen.co.uk) at a cost of £7.50 and children under five are Free. Lunch consists of Cold Meat, Salad and Jacket Potatoes, a Dessert, and a welcoming drink. A vegetarian option will be available but this needs to be requested when you purchase your ticket. There will also be a Bar so you will be able to purchase additional drinks and there will be a card reader for your use.

**JUBILEE** – Due to illness and the unavailability of a suitable venue the planned lighting of our Beacon had to be cancelled at an extremely late stage. The residents of the Street managed to organise an impromptu BBQ with music and a Brazier instead of the Beacon and this resulted in an exceptionally good attendance and was enjoyed by those who were there.

## Ingredients

- 1 cup lemon yogurt
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 cups watermelon balls
- 2 cups cantaloupe balls
- 2 cups halved fresh strawberries
- 3 sprigs of mint
- Or add any extra fruit you have in the fridge as they all marry together and make an amazingly fruity salad for all to enjoy.

**In a salad bowl, whisk together the lemon yogurt, honey, and lemon juice until smooth, and gently fold in the watermelon balls, cantaloupe balls, and strawberries. Toss to coat, and serve.**

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**DURING THE CURRENT DIFFICULT TIMES, WE WOULD URGE ANY FAMILIES WHO ARE EXPERENCING HARDSHIP ALSO TO APPLY, AND MAYBE THE CHARITY COULD HELP IN A SMALL WAY.**

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Probably along with the Bar, the BBQ area was the most used part of the event and here the amazing Ryland Bleach along with Parish Chairman Nick Potter and local school secretary Heather are assuring the masses get fed with the wonderful food purchased from Gerald Barnes butchery. I can vouch they burgers and Sausages were delicious and if I remember right, we ran out in the end.

## Tharston and Hapton Parish Council

### Response to National Grid East Anglia Green East Pylon Proposals

Tharston and Hapton Parish council are strongly opposed to the National Grid Green East Pylon Proposal to build and install obtrusive and ugly pylons in the unspoilt countryside of East Anglia to take offshore generated power.

The reasons we are against these proposals are as follows.

1. At no time was a public consultation held to discuss the merits of this scheme and the possibility of using an underwater scheme,
2. We are concerned that the consultation does not cover the decision already made by National Grid for the new pylon run to be overground, when it was specifically chosen against a viable undersea cable route – ‘Sea Link 2’ (SCD2) - without any public engagement, or explanation.
3. We share the view of many of our parishioners that, as far as is practicable, new offshore generated electricity should be transmitted offshore, making landfall as close to the target population centres as possible.
4. The East of England already has the offshore infrastructure to build and support offshore sub sea work which would be a source of employment in an area where this is needed. We have the harbours, jetties, ships and the personnel to do this and to ignore this would see this industry decline
5. The National Grid it seems has already decided at a senior level to choose overground vs undersea without any public consultation and this is now presented by the National Grid as the only choice.
6. We are also worried that ugly 50-metre-high pylons and overhead wires will just cut through landscapes in the heart of East Anglia with the subsequent destruction of the countryside and loss of wildlife and their habitat. This part of the country is an area of migration routes for birds which will be seriously impacted by these structures.
7. The Parish Council believe that this old-fashioned, destructive project will be detrimental to a whole way of life in the area while the visual impact will be enormous and damaging to the tourist industry on which the region in part relies. It will also damage valuable farmland and the communities that it supports.
8. Another point that Tharston and Hapton Parish Council is concerned around is the adverse effects that the pylons would have on local businesses that rely on outdoor activity around this area as [art of their offerings (outside venues) etc.
9. We are all supportive of the drive to achieve net zero by 2050. The role that East Anglian offshore wind plays in that endeavour is well known, why then is the logical extension of this, a subsea cable arrangement rejected purely it would seem on cost?

**QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT AND OPENING OF THE HAPTON  
COMMUNITY PROJECT INCLUDING THE PLANTING OF A TREE FOR THE  
QUEENS GREEN CANOPY**

Instead of me writing lots about this I thought we would do it in picture form with a few notes on the event.



BBC newsreader and local resident Louise Priest Planting the Tree for the Queens Green canopy to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee with the help of our amazing Parish Tree warden Ken Grayling. The Tree planted was a Rowan Tree and we thank Ken for all his work on sourcing the tree and preparing the area for the planting.



It was great to see so many parishioners attend the event and here they are enjoying the new Patio area laid by Simons Landscaping and I must say it really enhanced the look of the Cabin area and everyone commented on how good it looked. It was also nice to see such a family event along with so many parishioners bringing their dogs to the event. We must also thank the kind parishioner who lent us the huge Gazebo for the event and for fixing it on the morning of the event after the weather had almost destroyed it.