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Welcome to the Tharston and Hapton Newsletter

Welcome to the Winter edition of your newsletter.

Tharston and Hapton Parish Council wish all our parishioners and advertisers a happy Christmas and new year and we hope that everyone can get through the worrying times the cost-of-living crisis has put upon us all.

With this in mind the parish council are looking at providing a balanced budget with the chair and the councillors committed to ensuring that we should be able to keep the precept request at the same band D costs as last year. The councillors are aware that this could be a difficult job but will endeavour to ensure that they can set the best budget for the services that we need to provide

The cabin is really coming on now and should you want to hold an event as a parishioner just contact Alan directly on the parish email and he will book it in asap for you. The next stage of the community garden and wild flowering areas have been started and will continue in the new year once the seeds are ordered and the ground made good for this process

We will now hold all the parish meetings at the cabin to save costs on booking the school rooms for such events and we are also looking at other events to run during the year such as a Fete, Christmas Fayre and maybe a local farmers market for local parishioners to sell their locally grown goods and local crafts.

I understand that the Tharston Fete and was a great success and a good sum of money was raised by everyone attending.

The photo competition was a great success and the judges picked five wonderful photos from the thirty-six we received and these are featured in greater depth in the newsletter

Details of the Christmas church services are also included in the newsletter along with details of how you can donate food to The Trussell Trust Foodbank that are so vital in these dark times to everyone.

Finally we have a new councillor in David Daniels from Tharston and along with Chris Hewitt they will represent Tharston on issues that crop up. We welcome David to the council and even after the first two meetings with David he will bring a wealth of experience to the council.

The email address is tharstonandhapton@gmail.com

Tharston St Mary's Church News

The Fete

This took place on September 11th and once again there was a good attendance with a decent result in that we raised very nearly £2150.00 for the Church Funds. Thanks are due to all those who attended, those who helped on the day and those who helped with the setting up and clearing away, without your help we could not have held this event.

Also many thanks to Mr & Mrs Massey who welcomed us to Wheeler Barn for yet another year.

The Harvest Lunch

In view of the Queens death, we took the decision to cancel this planned event for 2022 and hope that it may be held in 2023.

Carols by Candlelight

This service will take place on Friday 16th December at 7.00pm and we will again have readings by children of the Village followed by Mulled Wine, Soft Drinks and Mince Pies or Sausage Rolls. All are invited to attend and we look forward to seeing you at the Church.

Sunday Services for 2023

These will continue to be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month starting with a Holy Communion service on January 8th at 11.00

Hapton St Margaret's Church

Carol Service

Will be held Saturday 17 December at 3pm. With mince pies and hot drinks All very welcome!

Trussell Trust Food bank Donations

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Toad in The Hole



Ingredients

For the batter

- 175g/6oz [plain flour](#)
- salt and [black pepper](#)
- 3 free-range [eggs](#)
- 300ml/10fl oz [milk](#)
- 2 tbsp [olive oil](#)
- 8 [sausages](#)

For the onion gravy

- 1 tbsp [olive oil](#)
- 2 [onions](#), finely sliced
- ½ tsp [English mustard](#)
- 500ml/18fl oz [stock](#) (from a [stock](#) cube, ideally beef although chicken or vegetable is fine)

For the garlic cabbage

- 1 [Savoy cabbage](#), shredded, core discarded
- ½ tbsp [olive oil](#)
- 2 [garlic](#) cloves, peeled and finely chopped

Method

- For the batter, sieve the flour into a bowl and season with salt and pepper. Make a well in the middle and break in the eggs. Whisk the eggs slowly into the flour. Once combined, pour in the milk while you whisk so that you have a smooth, lump-free batter the consistency of double cream (if the batter is too thick then add a little water). Cover the batter and rest in the fridge for one hour.
- Preheat the oven to 200C/180C Fan/Gas 6
- For the onion gravy, heat a heavy-based frying pan over a low heat. Add the oil, onions and a pinch of salt. Cook gently for 15–20 minutes, or until completely collapsed and dark golden-brown in colour. If the onions are cooking too quickly, then cover with a lid while they cook.
- Once the onions are completely softened and dark golden-brown, stir in the mustard and a pinch of pepper and then add the stock. Bring the mixture to the boil, reduce to a simmer and simmer for 10–15 minutes, or until the volume of liquid has reduced by half. Taste and adjust the seasoning as necessary.
- Put a roasting tray (about 30x20x6cm/12x8x2½in) into the pre-heated oven. Once really hot, add the olive oil and the sausages. Brown the sausages in the hot oven, turning now and again until coloured on all sides (they don't need to be cooked through).
- Whisk the rested batter and pour it into the hot tin over the browned sausages. Return to the oven and cook for a further 30–35 minutes, or until the batter is risen and golden-brown all over.
- While the toad in the hole is cooking, prepare the cabbage. Wilt the shredded cabbage in a high sided frying pan or shallow saucepan with 3–4 tablespoons of water over a medium high heat for 6–8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Once the cabbage is tender pour off any excess water (or add it to the gravy) and then add the oil to the pan along with the garlic. Fry over a medium high heat for 2–3 minutes, or until the garlic is softened and aromatic. Season the cabbage with salt and pepper and keep warm.
- Reheat the onion gravy and serve the cooked toad in the hole in wedges with the cabbage alongside.

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The Parish Council are aware that there are many dreadful agencies and people that prey on residents at this time of the year and we felt it would be good to share the following information with you all at a time when many use the internet to order their presents and since covid are using this type of online services increasingly.

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ASHWELLTHORPE AND FUNDENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY WARM SPACE

To help all local parishioners of Ashwellthorpe and Fundenhall and surrounding parishes the Parish Council have set up a community warm space at their new village hall on Muskett Road Nr16 1FD.

The warm space has been set up with help from South Norfolk District Council and Norfolk Community Foundation who have provided the funding to enable the council to do this.

We will be serving hot and cold drinks, snacks from 10 am to 2pm on a Tuesday and from noon to 2pm hot soup and bread and everything is free.

You can also come and charge your phone or computer, get help or advice from our clerk with any issues you have, or just have a chat, read the newspaper enjoy a game or jigsaw.

The community warm space does not discriminate anyone that attends and everyone will be treated equally.

We are also looking for any volunteers to help on the day and if you can help or would just like to attend contact our clerk Alan on 07813190516 for more information.

The warm space will run from now till 31st March 2023 from 10 am to 2 pm and everyone is welcome.

Finally, we are thinking of providing hot water bottles, flasks for you to take hot soup or drinks home with you if this service is required.

Looking forward to seeing lots of people there if only for a chat and some laughs.

Tharston and Hapton Photographic Competition

The Photographic competition was a great success and the judges chose 5 photos of various scenes from around Tharston and Hapton villages and these are available to purchase as a set of 5 to use as Christmas cards or just notelets at just £6 per set of five including envelope and plastic envelope to keep them in the best condition.

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Every picture that was taken shows a wonderful depiction of our villages and everyone whose picture was selected will get a free set of the cards.



Picture taken by Beth Wardale showing the benches in the early evening sky in Tharston



A snowy Hapton Church taken by Jenna Goodall-Browne



The final 2 pictures were sent in by Hapton resident Simon Hurwitz and are of an owl in a snowy setting and a wonderful picture of a robin both were taken in Hapton and show the wonderful wildlife in the village. These form the final 2 pictures in the set of 5 that you can purchase as detailed on the front page of this article



Barbara Ives took this picture of a 6-week-old fawn muntjac. Taken in Barbara's garden on 24 September under a conifer tree along my driveway