

Thornton Steward Social Activity Newsletter

Hello to everyone, new and existing residents of this wonderful village and the wider parish.

It has been a while since we organised any village events but as the building work at the Institute draws towards completion, we thought we could start to plan for the rest of 2025.

We very much hope that as many people as possible attend these events as it is a great way to meet and spend time with our fellow parish dwellers.

The Trustees of the Institute will be organising an event relating to the reopening so that will be subject to separate correspondence.

Planned events:

VE day Thursday 8th May

The beacon lighting will be taking place to mark this event and so we will be holding a gathering on the evening of 8th May, based in the car park at the reservoir. As there will be new lambs in the field where the beacon normally is located, we will light the beacon in the field opposite the Reservoir car park which will therefore be easy to see from there as we will not have access to the field itself other than to light the beacon.

The event will start at 8.00pm and the beacon will be lit at 8.30pm. Please either walk up to the reservoir or drive up and park in the car park itself.

There will be soup and cakes available on the night for a donation and we would ask that you all bring your own drinks as well.

Please RSVP so that we can cater for everyone

Spring Fete and village BBQ Saturday 7 June

This is always a great fund raiser for the village and this year we are planning to combine it with the village BBQ and hope for good weather.

The fete will be held from 10am – 2pm with BBQ starting at 1pm.

Fete activities to include a tombola, plant stall (on Lesley's frontage), face painting, splat the rat, hoopla over bottles, treasure hunt, name the soft toy etc along with teas/coffees/ cakes etc to enjoy at the fete or take away.

This year we will be providing burgers and sausages from the BBQ and suggest attendees bring along salad/nibbles/puddings etc to make this a veritable feast.'=

We will hold this outside the Institute to give us options if it is a little cool or damp on the day.

Sunday 29th June – Pop up tea room at Institute 10 – 3pm and

Sunday 10 August Pop up tea room at Institute 10 – 3pm

We will be setting up a pop up tea room for villagers and walkers to enjoy our hospitality – this has worked really well in the past. If anyone can help by making cakes, this will be greatly appreciated.

Saturday 13th September Bingo and Pie and Peas evening – 7.00pm

We will be running a Bingo evening and combining this with a pie and peas meal. We have a choice of pies to suit everyone and there will be prizes for the Bingo.

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Wine tasting evening (either Saturday 18th October or 29th November - date to be confirmed nearer the time)

We hope to repeat the great wine tasting evening with food that we did a while ago where we got to sample 8 different wines and enjoy some lovely food as well.

Saturday 13th December – Trim the Institute and Xmas drinks 7pm

This will be our pre-Xmas event where we meet up, decorate the Institute for Xmas and have a few drinks with friends on the night. Festive nibbles will also be available.

Proceeds from events will be used to support the running costs of the Institute and specific purchases as necessary. Historically, we have raised funds for this cause and have donated over £2500 towards the building work over the past 3 or 4 years.

It was suggested that the Wine tasting event proceeds could be used to purchase new decorations / Xmas tree for the institute.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you at the many events we have arranged.

We are still keen to get ideas for any activities you would like to see in the future so if you do have any thoughts, please either email them to Thorntonsteward@hotmail.com or drop them into the post box at the Institute and we will add them into our plans.

We will also look to hold creative workshops as and when the opportunity arises as we have held a number of these in the past, including felting, glass fusing, wreath workshops etc. If anyone has any suggestions for these, please let us know and we will look to make them happen.

Also, if you are able to help at any of the events, please do drop us a line or speak to one of the committee members

All the best from **The Social Committee**

Alison & Keith (Lower Garth), Vicky & Jan (Cherry Cottage), Lesley (Woodcote), Ann (Thornhill Cottage), Diana (Pear Tree Cottage), Caroline (Moor Linch)