

Thornton Steward Social Activity Newsletter

It is lovely to see all the spring colours around us now and the daffodils that were planted last autumn are now looking stunning in the village.

We are fast approaching the next big event in the village as we head towards the Coronation in May and we have been planning the activities for the rest of the year, more details below.

Planned events:

May - Coronation activity

Formal invites to the coronation activity have been issued and we are hoping for a good turnout.

Weekend of 29/30 April

Our plan is to decorate the village with bunting, flags etc ready for the event itself. Please put up any that you may have that weekend to make the village look ready for the big weekend.

Sunday 7 May

Events will commence with the church service at 11.00am

This will be followed by an Afternoon Tea event in the village commencing at 2pm. Weather permitting, this will be held on the village green area opposite the phone box/bus shelter.

As we did for the jubilee, we would ask people to bring along some suitable afternoon tea food (sandwiches, scones, sausage rolls, quiche etc, enough to feed the size of your own party. We will then share the food out amongst all attendees. This worked really well last summer and we had an amazing spread of food. We will provide tea/coffee to go with the food. Please bring your own chairs and anything else you will need for sitting outside in May!

Monday 8th May

The plan for the Monday is to participate in "The Big Help Out" which is aimed at encouraging people to try volunteering for themselves and join the work being undertaken to support their local areas.

We have identified a number of activities within the village that we are planning to tackle that day. All volunteers are welcome - we will meet on the village green at 10.00am.

Jobs we will be tackling are as follows:- tree trimming, deep cleaning the village institute, putting up the signage for the defibrillator, clean and tidy the bus shelter and the phone box, tidy the grass verge edges especially around the drains, litter picking in any areas that need it and generally ensuring that the facilities in the village are well maintained and pleasant for the use of the villagers and visitors to the village itself.

It would be lovely to get as many people involved as possible so hope to see you there on the Monday.

If anyone has any other suggestions of jobs that need doing in the village, please so email via the village email (thorntonsteward@hotmail.com).

Saturday 3rd June 11.00am - Gardening Club Second Meeting

The second meeting of the informal gardening club will meet in June, hosted by Alec Robertson at his house (The Old Joiners) enabling swapping of cuttings, seeds etc as well as sharing tips, ideas etc.

All budding gardeners are welcome

Saturday 3rd June – Village BBQ

We will hold another BBQ on the village green, this worked well last summer with a good turnout. BBQs will be provided so please bring your own food to BBQ, drinks and seating/tables.

We may also try our hand at quoits again but this time, whilst it is light enough to play!

Saturday 15th July - Summer event - Fete/ beach party 4pm start

We are planning to hold an outdoor fete / beach party, commencing at 4pm so that we can include a wider range of residents who may not be able to attend evening activities.

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Friday 1st September – Curry and Quiz night 7pm

We will be holding another curry and quiz night, with a selection of curry available for all. The one we held in March went down so well, we thought we would do it again! We are trialling a Friday night for this event as we know Saturdays don't always work for people nights. There will be a small charge for the evening of £7 per head. Please bring your own drinks.

Harvest Festival / Lunch Sunday 10th September

We are planning to reinstate this as an event in the village for 2023. The activity will commence with a service at the church at 11.00am followed by a lunch in the Institute. This will be a ticketed event organised via the church with a maximum of 40 tickets, expected cost will be c £10-12. More details to follow.

Saturday 7th October – Wine tasting competition 7pm

Neil Kern will host a wine tasting evening with a competitive element. There will be a charge for the evening include the wine and nibbles.

Saturday 4th November – Pie and Peas night 7pm

Again, this event went down well so we will be arranging another pie and peas night alongside some games (think dominoes, beetle drive, etc) The charge for this event will be £7 per person. Please bring your own drinks.

Saturday 2nd December – Morning Craft event and Defibrillator session

We are looking to arrange a craft event such as a wreath making session - more details to follow. We are also going to investigate running a defibrillator training session on the same day.

Thursday 28th December – Bring out your leftovers evening 7pm

Rather than have an early January event, we thought it would be great to do our bit to avoid food waste and have a social evening between Xmas and new year – bring your excess Xmas nibbles, cakes etc and any house guests you still have and enjoy an evening of sharing and chatting with your friends and neighbours. It was a very sociable evening last year so hopefully we will see you there again this year.

Other activities

Walk and Talk

Lesley will be organising the monthly walk and talk events for the coming year. For those of you who have not joined one of these before, they are a leisurely walk to somewhere local, sometimes include a visit to a pub/ café and an opportunity for a natter. They are not on a set date each month as Lesley tries to tie in with a good weather forecast but are likely to be on a Wednesday late morning. Watch out for emails/ Facebook posts or on the notice board for more information

Village Ceilidh

We have seen a number of these held locally and all have been a great success so we would like to see if we can hold one at some point. There has been some interest in this but not enough at this point to confirm a booking so please do let us know if you are interested and we will look for a date in the spring.

We are still keen to get other ideas for activities you would like to see in 2023/2024 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 are very much looking forward to seeing you at the many events we have arranged.

All the best from

The Social Committee

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Alison (Lower Garth)

Vicky (Cherry Cottage)

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