

Thornton Steward Social Activity Newsletter

A belated happy New Year to everyone.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our events in 2022, we hope you enjoyed them and are looking forward to more get togethers in 2023.

We had a very successful auction of promises in December and thanks to this event plus raffles, pie and peas night and cake sales, we have raised over £1500 towards the improvements planned for the Institute.

We are now busy planning the events for the first half of 2023 including the Coronation in May, more details below. Where we are providing food, we will be asking for a contribution as this is a great way for us to raise funds for the village.

We are still keen to get other ideas for activities you would like to see in 2023 so if you do have any thoughts, please either email them to Thorntonsteward@hotmail.com or drop them into the postbox at the Institute and we will add them into our plans.

Planned events:

Saturday 4 March - 7pm – Curry and quiz night

We will be holding a curry and quiz night, with a selection of curry available for all.

Our previous quiz nights have been a great success and we are sure this one will be too.

There will be a small charge for the evening of £5 per head. Please bring your own drinks.

Please confirm attendance so that we can ensure there is plenty of food for everyone. RSVP by Mon 27 Feb.

Gardening Club First Meeting Saturday 18 March 10.00am

We are starting an informal gardening club this spring which will meet in March June and September enabling swapping of cuttings, seeds etc as well as sharing tips, ideas etc.

The first meeting will be in the Institute on Saturday at 10.00. All budding gardeners are welcome

Sunday 19 March – Mothering Sunday

There will be the church service at 11.00am followed by tea/coffee and cakes at the Institute from 12.00pm onwards. All welcome.

Saturday 1 April – 7pm – Pudding night

This is a great evening for all of those with a sweet tooth! Puddings galore (or desserts if we are being posh) will be provided for us all to enjoy. There will be a small charge for the evening of £5 per head. Please bring your own drinks.

May - Coronation activity

Formal invites to the coronation activity will be issued but here are the highlights for the planned events so you can get the dates in your diaries:

Weekend of 29/30 April

Our plan is to decorate the village with bunting, flags etc ready for the event itself. Any volunteers to help with this would be welcomed.

Sunday 7 May

Events will commence with the church service at 11.00am

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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 8 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.

There are a number of activities within the village that we are seeking volunteers to help with such as wooden bench repainting, tree trimming, litter picking 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. More details on this to follow. If you would like to volunteer to help on the Monday, please let us know via the village email (thorntonsteward@hotmail.com).

Saturday 3 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!

Other activities planned

We have a number of activities planned for the coming year and would also welcome any suggestions you may have for things you would like to see included in our plans.

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

Harvest Festival / Lunch Sunday 10 September

We plan 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. More details to follow.

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

All the best from

The Social Committee

Caroline (Moorlynch)

Alison (Lower Garth)

Vicky (Cherry Cottage)

Lesley (Woodcote)

Ann (Thornhill Cottage)

Diana (Pear Tree Cottage)

Cecilia (South View Cottage)

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