

Thornton Steward Social Activity Newsletter

Over the past year, the village Social committee have organised a number of events including the Jubilee party, wine tasting, dominoes evening, summer BBQ and many more, typically held on the first Saturday of the month.

Thank you all to those of you who have supported these events, we hope you enjoyed them.

We are now heading towards the last few events of 2022 (flyers enclosed) and starting to plan for 2023.

12 November 7pm- Pie and Peas and Quiz night

We are holding a quiz night, with a pie and peas supper. There is a charge for the pie and peas. Please select which pie you would like and confirm your choice to Alison by Monday 7 November (see flyer for details on how to do this)

19 November 10.00am - Coffee and cakes and Litter pick

We will also be doing our next litter pick activity on Saturday 19th November.

We are tying this into a coffee (or tea) and cakes morning at the Institute (again to raise funds for the Institute). If you help with the litter picking around the village, then you get free refreshments as a thank you.

Everyone welcome – bin bags will be provided.

3 December 7pm - Auction of Promises evening

On 3rd December, we have our big "Auction of Promises evening"

We are raising funds towards the Institute renovation fund – the Institute committee have great plans to improve the facilities available so we want to support them by raising as much money as we can at this event. We would love to get a really good turnout for this event.

We are asking for donations from you of something that you can offer that is of value to someone - for example, if you are a great gardener, you could offer a few hours of gardening.

On the night we then auction these promises and the funds raised go to the Institute fund.

We already have a number of promises made, including a tour of Kiplin Hall, swimming lessons, bee keeping session, home baked cakes service, etc. We will share the updated list of promises closer to the date so that you can plan which ones you want to bid for. There will be a range of promises of different values so I am sure that there will be something to suit everyone's pockets as well as interests/ needs.

Enclosed is a form for you to complete with your promise so we can include it in the auction. Please either return it via the Parish Clerk post box at the Institute or email it to Thorntonsteward@hotmail.com

Thursday 29 December 7pm – Bring out your leftovers evening

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.

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Other events 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.

Gardening Club

We are aiming to start an informal gardening club in the spring, enabling swapping of cuttings, seeds etc as well as sharing tips, ideas etc – more info to follow.

Book and a Brew

Diana Dickson is setting up a book club for the village. The plan will be that each month, a book is chosen and then people meet up in the Institute over a cuppa (maybe even a cake) and chat about the book. For anyone interested, Diana is going to set up a WhatsApp group. Please contact her on her mobile number 07860 454723 , if you are interested in joining this.

Walk and Talk

Lesley will be organising the monthly walk and talk events for the coming year. For those of you who have 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

Coronation celebrations - May

We will be planning something to mark the coronation in May – no specific details on this yet and again, ideas would be welcomed.

Harvest Festival / Lunch – Sept/Oct

We plan to reinstate this as an event in the village - dates and format to be confirmed in the new year.

Bonfire Night - November

We are interested in holding a bonfire event (not fireworks) in Autumn - if anyone has a suitable field in which we could do this, please let us know.

Yoga – all year

A weekly yoga session is held in the Institute on a Wednesday morning, 9.30 – 10.30. The cost is £8.00 and typically can accommodate a maximum of 10 people at one time.

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)

Carol (Honeysuckle Cottage)