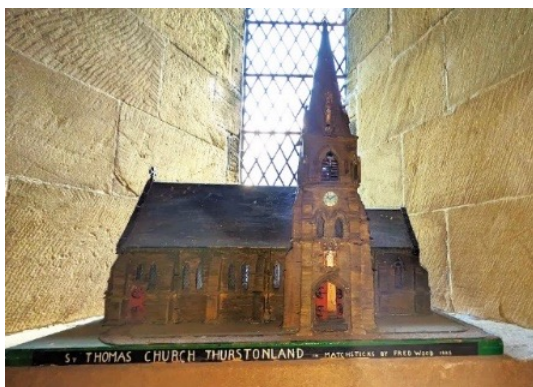


THURSTONLAND

A YEAR IN PICTURES

Early May saw the Coronation of King Charles, and the Village Association and Cricket Club provided sandwiches, cakes and children's entertainment to celebrate. Wild flower seeds were planted in several places with the Marsh Hall flowers surviving and blooming thanks to the care of a nearby villager! In June, after the TVA and councillors asked the local authority, Kirklees improved the children's playground by putting down fresh chippings. The Gala in July was well-attended and raised an amazing £4,200, which is shared between Church, School and Cricket Club. In September, the church took part in the National Heritage Open Days and displayed several items not normally seen in the church – the model of the church was made “in matchsticks by Fred Wood 1985” As for the the road works – haven't they been here all year?!



Thurstonland Community Choir News

The Choir has been busy with preparing for its usual round of Christmas activities, but still managed to have a trip to Huddersfield Town Hall to hear the Chorus & Orchestra of Opera North at the end of November.

Our first Christmas outing was at the New Mill Christmas Market in late November, singing a mixture of sacred and secular Christmas favourites during the afternoon.



You can also hear us at 10am on Sunday 17th December in the St Thomas' Carol Service. Lots of favourite carols for everyone to join in with and some quite special ones for us to sing on our own.



Most of you will know that in recent years the Community Choir has led Carol singing around Thurstonland and this year is no exception. Everyone is welcome to join us, and the excellent group from HD9 Brass, in parading around singing well-known carols. This takes place on Thursday the 21st of December and starts at 6:30pm in the playground of Thurstonland First School. We aim to cover our route so that we finish at the Rose & Crown around 8pm, which allows families to join us before the children have to go to bed!

As usual, if you would like us to visit your door, or that of a neighbour in need of some good cheer, then send a quick note to thurstonlandchoir@gmail.com and we'll see what we can do!

As we sing, we collect donations to local charities specifically focused on families so in 2023, we are going to collect any donations for an excellent local charity whose mission is to send more families going through traumatic times on memorable holidays. Please give generously to this worthwhile cause.

In the New Year, we will start working towards the village commemoration of D Day 80 years ago, so watch out for the information from the TVA about another great village event!

Robin Carmichael



Want to keep up with future events and news in Thurstonland and surrounding areas? Maybe you've lost (or found) keys, a handbag, ferret or cat? - all these have been successfully recovered in the past thanks to the village email system.

Just email thurstonlandva@gmail.com and you'll be added to a list of nearly 200 villagers who will never have to worry about being out of touch with village matters. Emails are sent out 'blind copy'; so nobody will see your own email address.

Also, why not follow Thurstonland Village Association on Facebook? – over 580 people have! The advantage of doing this is that messages and news can be shared quickly with other nearby village groups. Now and then people change their email addresses, and occasionally names 'drop off' the list for some unfathomable reason. If you haven't received any emails, let me know!

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The School Year and Community Links

As the colours around us change and Summer has faded quickly into Autumn, here at Thurstonland First School we are well into our new school year. We welcomed many new families into school this year and have already begun to form links and connections which will last them throughout their time with us and beyond. But those connections go deeper and bond stronger when our school is truly embedded within the local community. Through the development of the curriculum and all the enhancements we provide, we hope that our children feel part of the wonderful community here in the village.



Remembrance Day – Last Post played by Tony Clifton

Last year we spent much time developing the curriculum our pupils study in school. They follow the federation's shared curriculum with other member schools. This allows us to plan, develop and monitor the curriculum with colleagues from within our federation and supports us as a school "working together to be our best." Built into the curriculum are many opportunities to look inwards exploring our own community as well as outwards learning what lies beyond. Some of our community-based topics begin in reception and Year 1 with children studying topics entitled "On Our Doorstep", "We are Britain" and "Through the Keyhole".

There are many opportunities to learn and grow on our doorstep for both children and adults alike and it was lovely to be able to visit both the church, for our Harvest Festival, and the War Memorial during our recent marking of Remembrance Day. Our pupils relish opportunities to take their learning outside and understand the value and significance of the world around us. We often share our learning on social media platforms, please do follow us on Facebook or see our website for more information of what we do in our learning each day. And, should you see us out and about do stop and ask us about our learning and tell us about yours. In a community where we all learn from each other, we can all flourish. Lynsey Wagstaff



December 1st to January 2nd Open every day from noon
Last orders Monday to Thursday 9pm for food, 10pm for drinks
Friday & Saturday 9pm for food, 10.30pm for drinks
Sunday 8pm for food, 10pm for drinks

We open every Sunday from 9.30 to 11.30 for breakfast
We have slightly different opening hours on the following days

Christmas Eve – last drinks orders 12.30am

Christmas Day open at 11.30am last orders 2.00pm – no food served
New Years Eve last drinks orders 12.30am with free quiz & prize roulette
Live music from True North on Saturday 23rd December from 9pm

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Coronation Capers



.....And Gala Gallivanting



A harrowing wait?



As well as the Gala in July, villagers also gathered together in May to celebrate the coronation. Both events were well attended and our thanks must go out to the organisers and the many people who made them successful community get-togethers.

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Then and Now

Several villagers will have a copy of this old Edwardian postcard – I think 'Towngate' seems a better name for the main road than 'The Village'. The word 'Gate' is derived from the old Norse 'gat' which originally meant a road or path rather than a barrier which closed it. '1839' refers to the number of the postcard, not the date. Like many pieces of iron, the railings in front of the shop probably disappeared when needed for the war effort. If you would like a copy of the postcards on this page, just email thurstonlandva@gmail.com



Since these postcards were sent in around 1910, little has changed to the buildings looking up The Village. There were no parking problems then, and the photographer has obviously drawn a crowd! Postcards were very popular in Edwardian times, no doubt helped by the price of posting – just ½d, half that of a letter.

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Thursdays 7pm to 11pm
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Sundays 1pm to 4pm



Christmas Day 12 to 2pm
Boxing Day 11am to 6pm

(incl. Family Treasure Hunt and Bingo)



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Thurstonland Cricket Club News

'Raindrops keep falling on my head' would have been an appropriate refrain for the 2023 season. The cool and damp months of April and May were followed by June weather which seemed a reprise of the warm settled condition of 2022 but that proved to be a false dawn. Starting on the second Saturday in July and continuing until the end of August seven out of the eight match days saw play interrupted, the start delayed or a total washout.



Stan Dey in action! Photo: Nick Corley

The irony was that the final games on September 9th were played in record temperatures for the time of year with welcome pauses for drinks the order of the day.

For a second season the club enjoyed the company of Jimmy Kain who journeyed from his home in Adelaide. He topped the batting averages and just fell five runs short of scoring 1,000 over his two years with us. His leg spin bowling did not quite claim as many victims as in 2022 but his fielding was as dynamic as ever. Our junior players also appreciated his encouragement when helping with coaching.

The first team finished in eighth place out of twelve in the third section of the Huddersfield League with victories in the final two games banishing any lingering fears of relegation. Whilst most batters produced one or two good innings they rarely seemed to come off in the same matches which left the bowlers trying to defend slightly less challenging scores.

The second team was once again made up of experience and youth and, although more wins might have been desirable, encouraging participation is a key element at that level.

Once more the club was indebted to everyone who helped in any capacity with our junior teams with the Under 17s and Under 13s finishing high in their league sections but the emphasis remains on enjoyment whatever an individual's playing abilities.

Mention must also be made of the thriving female section, the Thurstonland Thundercats. Junior and senior players can opt for softball or hardball cricket and coaching sessions are well attended with games arranged against other teams in the local area.

Next year sees the club celebrate its 150th anniversary when one or two special events will be organised along with the publication of an updated history of the club.

Andrew Pearson

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The Last Community Bonfire?



This photograph shows one of the last village bonfires on The Rec, but I'm not sure when they were eventually stopped – around the mid 1990s? There was very little health & safety – falling milk bottles resulted in rockets flying past onlookers and fireworks let off in any space available! I think they were eventually banned after someone dumped a pile of old tyres on a bonfire before it was lit.

Can anyone help with the date?

Social Mondays

Did you know that every month you can go to a social morning at the Cricket Club? Every second and fourth Monday in the month, from 10.00am until noon, you can have a game of cards, dominoes, sort out a jigsaw, eat cake, or just chat with others about life in general over a cup of tea.

The dates for 2024 are January 8th & 22nd, February 12th & 26th.



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St Thomas' Church News

It has been another enjoyable year at St Thomas's!

We have seen the welcome return of the regular, (albeit monthly), Thursday drop in coffee mornings and the Community lunches - which have been going from strength to strength now for over 10 years. We are indebted to all the volunteers who keep these projects going.

Amongst other events, there were over a hundred flowers dedicated to loved ones at Easter, we celebrated the Coronation of King Charles III, held a spectacular

"Strawberry Special" organised by the Mothers' Union members in the summer and a great Wine Tasting Evening this autumn. The church continues to host the Community Cards group, welcomes the choir each week for its practice and acts as a collection point for the Welcome Centre Food Bank.

Whilst we still have ongoing concerns with the east window, the church roof and organ (which we hope will have been dealt with by the spring), there is much to look forward to over the Christmas period with the Afternoon Tea, the Carol Singing around the village, the Carol Service in church, the Christmas trees, and the lantern display in the church. We hope to be able to welcome you to St Thomas' to help us celebrate the joy of the Christmas Season.

Janet Wiltshire



St Thomas & Christ by Carmel Orsini on the south wall of the chancel

Christmas Services

Advent Sunday 3rd December	Family Service & Tree Lighting	10am
Sat 9th December	"Follow The Star Festival" meet at New Mill Club to walk with lanterns to the stable in the Community Garden	4pm-6pm
Sunday 10th December	BCP Holy Communion Service	9.30am
Sunday 17th December	Carol Service with the Community Choir	10am
Christmas Eve 24th December	Christingle Service (collection for the Children's Society)	2pm
	Midnight Mass	11.30pm

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