



OCTOBER 2026 THURSFORD TABLET

Welcome to the October edition of The Tablet which is published by the **Parish Council** and paid for from the precept amount of your Council Tax

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council are delighted that the vacancy for a Councillor has been filled by Toby Mitchell-Largeflood. Gary Pointer is continuing in his role as Vice Chair.

At the September meeting the Parish Council received reports on local Planning applications and other issues. It was noted that, due to a change in National Government policy - from 31st October most planning applications will be decided by NNDC Planning Officers and not District Councillors.

The report on Highways issues included the first indications on how the SAM3 flashing speed monitor will impact on the issue of speeding through the village and we look forward to receiving the data over the coming months. The machine will be regularly moved around the village so we will have a better idea of the areas attracting higher speeds. We were also informed that the Camera Safety Team have been operating in the area.

The maintenance of Parish assets is also part of the role and we are very grateful to the many volunteers who monitor and arrange the upkeep of these.

It was noted that the planned Local Government Reorganisation and Devolution plans for Norfolk have been paused. We don't know for how long, or what changes will happen in the future, but the current system will continue into 2027 when District Council elections will proceed as normal.

The Parish Council would be delighted to welcome more residents to their meetings which are held on Mondays in the Conference Room at the Thursford Museum from 7pm. The next dates are 2nd November, 11th January (when we discuss the budget and precept for the Council Tax for 2027 – 28), 15th March and 17th May. Our North Norfolk District Councillor, Sarah Butikofer and Norfolk County Councillor, Victoria Holliday are usually able to come for at least part of the meeting to answer any questions relating to their Councils.

We have Noticeboards on the Village Green and the Parish Council have a website which is regularly updated with village and Parish Council information and news:

Website - thursfordparish.gov.uk

Parish Council contact details: E: clerk@thursfordparish.gov.uk, Tel: 01328 822583

Lychgate area repairs/maintenance

The wooden bench seating underneath the lychgate in the cemetery needed urgent attention, and a member of the Parish Council kindly volunteered to take this on. We're pleased to say it has now been removed and replaced with well-supported seating which will be sturdy and safe for many years to come.

The same resident kindly offered to sand and repaint the large double gate and this has also now been done.

Huge thanks to Roy and Barbara Wilkes for making this happen – visitors to the cemetery will benefit enormously from this work.

Speed Awareness Monitor (SAM)3

After many discussions with residents about the speeding problem in the village, the Parish Council are delighted to have purchased a speed camera (SAM3) which you may have seen in action during the last few weeks. It must be moved every four to eight weeks and will be situated in four spots around the main routes through the village. Highways have carefully selected the spots after doing a detailed survey. The price of the SAM3 and the solar panel was £4,474 and these costs were jointly picked up by The Parish Partnership and our MP, Steff Aquarone.

The SAM3 collects data which is downloaded by authorised members of the Parish Council. This data includes the number of vehicles passing, the speeds they are travelling at, and peak periods when traffic is busiest. Overall, the data gives a clearer picture of traffic conditions and driver behaviour. This can help inform decisions about road safety, traffic management and whether any further monitoring or action may be needed, for example asking the police to attend and undertake speed checks. Data collection is in its infancy, but as more data is gathered summaries will be shared at Parish meetings.



Thanks to Steff and The Parish Partnership for providing the funds to get this up and running. We'd also like to thank the volunteers that are helping to keep the verges clear and moving the SAM3 around. We sincerely hope that it reduces the traffic speed and helps keep residents safer.



Come along to a talk to be given by
John Cushing OBE

"Thursford after WW2"

St Andrew's Church, Thursford on Thursday 15th
October 2026 7.00 p.m.

Wine and Canapes - Donations welcome - Proceeds to St Andrew's
Please book - didann@outlook.com T 01328 878196

Join us for a very Spooky Do!

at Hindringham Village Hall on Friday 30th October 6.30 for
7.00 p.m.

Two Course themed Supper

Raffle and entertainment

£15 p.p. Please bring your own drink

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Barney, Fulmodeston and Thursford Food Production Club

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Tuesday 3rd November – Talk titled **Introduction to market gardening** given by Patrick Beamish-Peters of Banma Market Garden, Wiveton. His theme is where food comes from.

2027 Planned Events

Friday 27th January – Annual Social and Seed Swap in the Old School Hall, Fulmodeston

March – tbc – Grahame Eckworth: a presentation of wildlife in the gardens of Thursford

Thursday 22nd April – Jim Payne – Ponds and your garden

Saturday 24th April – Annual Plant Sale

Tuesday 4th May – Steve Smith – Defences around the Crawfish – Thursford during the last War

Membership remains at £10 per household, due January 2027, payable Cash only to Di Dann, Treasurer, or any committee member.

Email – Kerry_FoodProductionClub@yahoo.com

SAV (the St Andrew's Venue Team) in St Andrew's Church

First Saturday in the month Coffee Morning 10.00 until midday.

Come and enjoy fresh coffee, tea and a wide selection of homemade cakes.

The St Andrew's Venue Team (SAV) arranges events and activities where people can meet, chat and share together as a community.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning on 5th October made £300.14. An amazing amount and what an incredible display of cakes. Thank you to all who attended.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 15th October at 7.00 p.m. St Andrews Church Thursford. A talk by John Cushing OBE on Thursford Post WW2. Canapes and wine are provided – donations are welcome. Please book (at least 3 days in advance). didann@outlook.com T 10328 878196.

Friday 30th October 6.30 – 7.00 p.m. A Halloween Night at Hindringham Village Hall.

£15 – a delicious two course meal provided. Please bring your own drink. There will be a raffle and entertainment. This event is in aid of St Andrews Church. Please book (at least 3 days in advance) didann@outlook.com T 01328 878196

Friday 6th November a Quiz Night at Binham Chequers. Please reserve your place direct with Binham Chequers T 01328 830297

Saturday 7th November 10.00 – 12.00 Coffee Morning at St Andrews Church. A chance to catch up with friends and enjoy delicious coffee, cake and other sweet and savoury goodies.

Improving roads and tackling potholes – Norfolk County Council Highways

Norfolk County Council is trialling Roadmender, an innovative repair system designed to improve local roads, reduce disruption and provide better value for taxpayers.

The technology supports preventative maintenance by repairing cracks and early deterioration before potholes develop.

Rather than digging out and replacing sections of road, repair material is applied directly to damaged areas, enabling quicker repairs with less waste.

The trial will help assess whether the approach can deliver longer-lasting, more sustainable repairs across Norfolk's highway network.

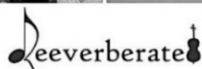
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Services at St. Andrews

Sunday 25th October 4pm – Café Church

Sunday 8th November 10.40am – Remembrance

Sunday 22nd November 8.30am – Communion

Saturday 19th December 6.30pm – Carol Service

Thursday 24th December 11.15pm Midnight Mass

Mobile Library (Route EDE 508)

30th October and 27th November 2026

2.15–2.30pm, Station Road; 3.35–3.55pm, Methodist Church;

4–4.15pm, Clover Cottage, Heath Lane



DOG WASTE BIN

The Parish Council provide a bin for Dog Waste on the Village Green at the top of Clark's Lane –
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Kerry Harris at clerk@thursfordparish.gov.uk or Tel: (01328) 822583

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