

# Thornton Rust Bulletin

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## The most important things

An expert in the law tested Jesus with this question: “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself’ ” Matthew 22:35–39

## Loving your neighbour

A warm smile, a friendly greeting, a kindly word, concern about a person’s welfare, help provided when needed – these are part of it. It is really good to hear of instances of these things taking place in our village.

But remember this is just the second commandment. How are we doing with the greatest one?  
Colin Day

## Mexican Night

The Institute Management Committee invites you to our Mexican-themed fiesta! An evening of cheer and games for all ages including: a welcome drink, a selection of foods (vegetarian options available) and participation in the games. Non-alcoholic drinks provided; bring-your-own (alcoholic) drinks.

To book your place, please contact me on 07557 897 747 no later than 6th March so catering can be arranged. Cash payment to be made on arrival at the event. Timings: 7-9pm. Cost: adult - £5, children - free (must be accompanied by an adult)

Karen Raven

## Douglas Cameron

We are sorry to have to tell you of the death of Douglas (of Havenhurst). We offer our heartfelt sympathies to Lynda.

## Newcomers

Has someone new moved into a house near you? I would be grateful if you would let me know so that we can let them receive the Bulletin. If they will let us have an email address, this will save us having to deliver a paper copy. Colin Day

## Lent Reflection

On Wednesday 8th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Mission Room there will be an informal short service of evening worship and an opportunity to reflect on a passage from the Bible. Everyone welcome.

Jackie Cook

## Mission Room

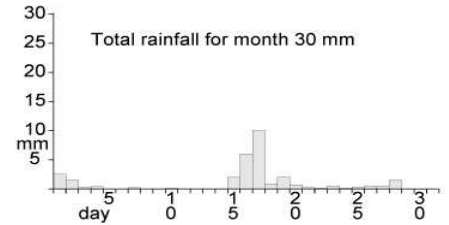
An Evensong Service will be held in the Mission Room on Sunday 26th March at 3 p.m. All welcome.

Jackie Cook

## Whoops!

My sincere apologies for appending my old email address to the bottom of the February Bulletin. I will try to stop doing this! Colin Day

## Rainfall for February



February last year: 231 mm;  
February 2021: 151 mm;  
February 2020: 369 mm.

## Refuse collection dates

Green bin etc.	Mon. 6 Mar.
Grey bin	Mon. 13 Mar.
Green bin etc.	Mon. 20 Mar.
Grey bin	Mon. 27 Mar.
Green bin etc.	Mon. 3 April

## Parish Meeting

Thornton Rust Parish Meeting will be held in the Institute at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th March.  
Pip Pointon

## Summer time

In the early hours of Sunday 26th March clocks will go forward one hour (lose one hour’s sleep).

## Welcome!

We have a new member of the village. Joanna Thomson has now moved in to West View Flat. We hope she settles in well and is very happy with us here.

**Two pages this time . . .**

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### Institute AGM

The Thornton Rust Institute Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being held on Monday 6th March 2023 at 7pm in the Institute. This is a public meeting therefore everyone is invited to attend to hear the trustees' reports, which summarise the Institute's activities and impact on the community - in line with the charity objects, and its financial performance. There will also be the resignation of 'officers', the designated appointments of the management committee (Chair, Treasurer and Secretary), followed by the election of the new 'officers' and any new trustees, who will then form the Management Committee for the next 12 months. If you are interested in being involved with the Institute's Management Committee, please contact the current Chair (Sue Duffield on [su.trust@gmail.com](mailto:su.trust@gmail.com) or 663 504) to express your interest.

Rob Cromey-Hawke - on behalf of the Institute trustees

### Thornton Rust Institute

The Thornton Rust Institute (village hall) is set up as a charity to serve the residents of Thornton Rust. However, it also welcomes individuals and organisations from outside the village to come and use this excellent facility. The institute offers on-site parking, wifi, optional heating, kitchen and restroom facilities at very competitive rates. The Institute has been used for children's parties, dinners and themed events, corporate meetings and by local groups such as a dance group, an orchestra and a badminton group, which shows its versatility.

As its trustees, we act as the volunteer management committee responsible for fulfilling its purpose and overseeing its safe use. We do this through organising events to bring the community together, to showcase the venue, and to promote private hires. The latter are essential so we can fundraise to keep this facility available for all to enjoy.

To ensure its longevity we need your support by promoting this venue by word-of-mouth, social media and attendance of our organised events. If you have any feedback you are willing to share to help us improve or ideas of other events we can organise to encourage greater community participation, please contact our Chair, Sue Duffield (663 504 [su.trust@gmail.com](mailto:su.trust@gmail.com)) or Treasurer, Rob Cromey-Hawke (07714 273 036 [rob.cromeyhawke@gmail.com](mailto:rob.cromeyhawke@gmail.com)). If you or your organisation would like to enquire about booking this venue, please contact Martyn Donno (662 649 [martyn@donno.co.uk](mailto:martyn@donno.co.uk)).

With thanks, the Thornton Rust Institute Management Committee

### Save the Date

10 April - Easter coffee morning  
(Organiser Sue Duffield)

6 May - Coronation Party  
Afternoon Tea  
(Organiser Sue Duffield)

11 June - Village Treasure Hunt  
(Organiser Richard Loukota)

Full details of each event will be published in the Bulletin immediately before it. A 'flyer' leaflet will also be delivered to all residents of the Village and displayed on the Institute notice board.

Coffee mornings are 'drop-in' events that do not require booking. We kindly request advance booking for all other events where food will be served. This is in order to cater appropriately for all attending, to avoid disappointment, and to prevent wasting food and charity money. The contact details for booking your place and the 'ticket' arrangements will be published in the Bulletin and on the flyer for each event.

We look forward to welcoming you to our events.

With thanks, the Institute Management Committee.