

Thornton Rust Bulletin

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If it were to happen . . .

This is not meant to worry you, but as a reminder to be ready. Climate change is causing surprisingly unfamiliar weather and many unexpected events, so what could happen here?

Electricity

We can have power cuts any time, but when snow and ice weigh down power lines they are more frequent.

Make sure you have some candles and spare batteries for torches. Central heating will not work even if you have oil. This is when a solid-fuel stove is useful.

For cooking, a camping gas ring is very valuable.

You can report a loss of power on 0800 66 88 77 or on 105.

Water

If water fails, ring 08451 242 424. The water board have been prompt in the past delivering a bowser and bottles.

If all else fails, you can use rain water if you boil it first.

Shopping

It is not unknown for the village to be cut off by snow drifts in both directions, accessible only by tractor or four-wheel drive. We always make sure we have a stock of tinned food and dry goods (rice, pasta etc) for just such an eventuality.

And finally

If such things do happen, this is a wonderful time for villagers to show community spirit by finding out how others are doing, and giving help when needed.

Colin Day

Skittles

Thornton Rust Institute brings to you once again a Skittles Evening with a purpose-built Skittle Alley.

Come along for what promises to be an eventful evening on Saturday 7th October 2023 at 7pm. Teams of four will compete for a cash prize.

Admission £10.00 for a team of four to include light refreshments (or make up a team on the night).

To book your place in advance contact me on 662 649 or martyn@donno.co.uk Martyn Donno

Ave et vale (hello & goodbye)

Chrissi Gordon has now left Brindley House. In her place we welcome Tim and Gilly McQueen who have moved here from Cornwall. We hope they will soon feel at home with us here.

Store Room To Let

The store room in the Mission Room Undercroft is available to be let on an Annual Licence with immediate effect at a licence fee of £250 per annum. For further details please contact me at Nettle Cottage on 07939 003824.

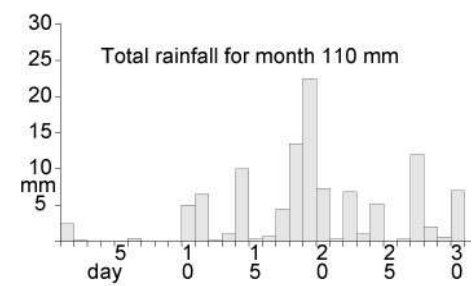
Lynda Denny

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Many of you very kindly supported our Coffee Morning at the end of June to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Our original target was £750. However our final total was a massive £2,937.77. Our thanks go to all our wonderful friends, colleagues and relatives for all your donations to this very worthy cause.

Lynda, Karen and Karen

Rainfall for September



September last year: 90 mm;

September 2021: 43 mm;

September 2020: 92 mm.

Refuse collection dates

Green bin etc.	Mon. 2 Oct.
Grey bin	Mon. 9 Oct.
Green bin etc.	Mon. 16 Oct.
Grey bin	Mon. 23 Oct.
Green bin etc.	Mon. 30 Oct.
Grey bin	Mon. 6 Nov.

Change of clocks

On the night of the 28th-29th of October clocks go back one hour (with an extra hour in bed).

Harvest Festival

A huge thank-you to everyone who made the Mission Room look so wonderful due to the beautiful floral arrangements and the generous gifts of produce for this service. The tinned / dry products will go to a local food bank. The £150 raised from the sale of the remaining produce will be divided between the Mission Room and Caring for Life. Your generosity is hugely appreciated. Thank you.

Jackie Cook

Two pages this month . . .

See also *Thornton Rust News* at <https://aysgarthanddistrict.co.uk/thornton-rust-news>

Please send news, comments etc. for the next *Bulletin*: Colin Day tel. 663034, email cj@colinday.co.uk

The Institute

The Management Committee (MC) of the Institute is responsible for all its affairs. When I became a member of the MC in 1996 I saw how much was done, not only in arranging events but also in looking after the fabric and finance. I was surprised that the village as a whole was not aware of what was being done on their behalf. I decided to start the *Thornton Rust Bulletin*, the aim being principally to acquaint the village with the work of the MC.

Throughout many years the minutes of the MC were covered in the Bulletin. It was necessary to summarise them, as space was limited to one sheet of paper, but all developments planned and executed by the MC were reported. The whole village was able to follow changes to windows, ceiling, curtains, a new kitchen, and to give their views to the MC.

When *Thornton Rust News* started up, the plan was for the minutes to be displayed there. As this was on a web site, it was not necessary to summarise them. The minutes could also be transferred by email with no work involved.

One copy of the minutes was transferred like this, but then the process lapsed. I have asked for this to resume, but the MC have refused to make their minutes public. They represent us but will not let us know what they are doing. What is more, I have implored them to give reasons for this, but no valid reason has been forthcoming.

Once the MC were known and respected by their work. Their work continues in private. I hope they will come to see that communication is of great benefit, and is indeed their responsibility.

Colin Day

[MC members were shown this item before publication.]

Kennel Field Trust

The September draw of the Thornton Rust Kennel Field Trust 100 Club took place on 3rd September in the presence of trustees Deborah Millward, Janet Thomson, and Lynda Denny. The first prize of £25 was won by Mrs Ali Carter, the second prize of £15 was won by Mrs Charlotte Milligan Hall and the third prize of £10 was won by Mrs Janet Thomson. We are most grateful to all concerned for your continued support. We still have a number of tickets available so if you would like to join the 100 Club and be eligible for entry into the December draw please contact me for more details. All funds raised go towards the upkeep and insurance of the Kennel Field. Lynda Denny

Mission Room

An Evensong service will be held in the Mission Room on Sunday 22nd October at 4 p.m. All welcome. Jackie Cook

Richard Mann

We were very sorry to hear of Richard's sudden death and extend our sympathies to Rosemary.

Two snippets

I have two snippets of information. The first is info that has been circulated amongst staff at work which we are encouraged to share further:

Why not take the Bus?

Venturing out in North Yorkshire this weekend? Then why not take the bus and take advantage of the £2 bus fare cap on single journeys. The £2 fares runs until 31 October, when it will be capped at just £2.50 until the end of November 2024.

Dividing or not dividing?

The second I discovered by asking the bin men if they had a spare divider for my recycling crate, as at the last collection the divider seemed to have been 'recycled' by accident! He advised me that I don't need one anymore, and that all the glass, plastic, tins and 'tetra packs' get sorted at the recycling depot. I checked on the NYC website for the Richmondshire area and this information was confirmed. It saves us having two crates and having to separate items ourselves!

Paper and card are of course still to be kept separate. Penny Noake