

# Thornton Rust Institute



Chair: Sue Duffield | Secretary: Karen Raven

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Welcome to the third edition of the Thornton Rust Institute Management Committee newsletter. A very happy new year to everyone. As a Committee we look forward to welcoming villagers and those further afield to all of our planned events in 2025. As Secretary of the TRIMC - a post I have held over the last three years or so - it has been my pleasure to support the Chairman, Treasurer and other committee members, whether it has been attempting to record an accurate account of our meetings or to assist with the many successful events we have hosted over the years. I really hope that we can rely on your continued support this year. It would be great to welcome some new faces to our functions - as well as all the regular ones of course!

Karen Raven (Secretary)

## Dates for your diary

There's lots of things to look forward to in the coming weeks:

- **Coffee morning, Saturday 22 February, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm.** £3 admission, light refreshments will be served
- **Easter coffee morning, Monday 21 April.** Join us in the Institute on Bank Holiday Monday for a cuppa and light refreshments. £3 admission, leftover Easter eggs optional
- **Skittles night, Saturday 26 April.** Try out our beautiful wooden skittle alley and enjoy some delicious cheese and wine. £10 per team. Arrive 6.30 pm for a 7.00 pm start
- **Summer quiz, Saturday 17 May.** This very popular night is back! More information about times and how to book will follow in future monthly Bulletins
- **Village barbeque, Saturday 28 June.** Save the date and keep your fingers crossed for good weather! £8 per person, further details to be confirmed
- **Flower arranging demo, Saturday 16 August.** Cost to be advised nearer the time. If the demo is popular there will be a follow-up workshop

Reminders and updates will be in the monthly Bulletin and the village WhatsApp group as usual.

## Thornton Rust Institute Annual General Meeting (AGM), Tuesday 11 March, 7 pm

You may have seen notices about the AGM on the village noticeboard and inside the Institute. The AGM is an opportunity to hear about the Institute's achievements of the past year. The annual accounts and trustees' annual report will be presented. Anyone can come along to ask questions about what the management committee does and how the Institute is being run. It would be helpful if you could send questions in advance to Sue Duffield by email at [su.trust@gmail.com](mailto:su.trust@gmail.com) or on 01969 663504. We look forward to seeing you there!

## How the management committee works

Approximately every two months the management committee meets to plan and organise activities for the village, and anything we need to do to care for the Institute building and grounds. A typical meeting will include a report from the Chair (Sue Duffield) touching on recent highlights and issues, a report on budgetary matters from the Treasurer (Rob Cromey-Hawke) and a report from the Lettings Secretary (Martyn Donno) about bookings and takings.

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We discuss all the aspects of upcoming activities, for example agreeing the budget and how much we will charge, and making sure we have people allocated to carry out the wide range of tasks that are needed to make an event successful from start to finish. We'll also talk about suggestions and comments from villagers and discuss how we promote what's happening.

Please tell any member of the committee if there is something you would like us to discuss. Our names and numbers are available on the Institute noticeboard. We have started to publish the dates of forthcoming meetings in the monthly Bulletin. The next committee meeting will be on 4 March so get in touch if there is anything you would like us to talk about.

## What else we've been working on

Thank you to those of you who have already shared your recipes for the Thornton Rust recipe booklet. There is still a chance to send Rachel Newall the recipe that you'd like featured. We'll launch the collection with some examples of the recipes at the Easter coffee morning on 21 April. Email Rachel at [rs\\_newall@hotmail.com](mailto:rs_newall@hotmail.com)

## Ideas for future events

Look out for a survey coming in the next couple of weeks to gauge interest for a range of possible future events. If you have some ideas you'd like us to add to the list please email [rob\\_newall@hotmail.com](mailto:rob_newall@hotmail.com), send Rob a WhatsApp message or drop by Longrigg.

## Badminton

Are you looking for a fun and engaging way to stay fit and meet new people? Then look no further! Our Badminton Club is the perfect place for you to enjoy this exciting sport, whether you are a beginner or an experienced player. Joining Thornton Rust Badminton Club means becoming part of a friendly and supportive community of like-minded individuals. If you have any questions or need more information, get in touch with Martyn Donno by email at [martyn@donno.co.uk](mailto:martyn@donno.co.uk), on 01969 662649 or at Brackengarth.

## Feedback

This newsletter is one of the ways the management committee shares what we are talking about and planning for the future. We hope you find this helpful! Please continue to tell us what you'd like to hear about in this newsletter by contacting Rachel Newall at [rs\\_newall@hotmail.com](mailto:rs_newall@hotmail.com)

## And finally...

We were delighted to welcome 38 villagers to the New Year party on Saturday 4 January. Here's a flavour of the delicious spread!



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