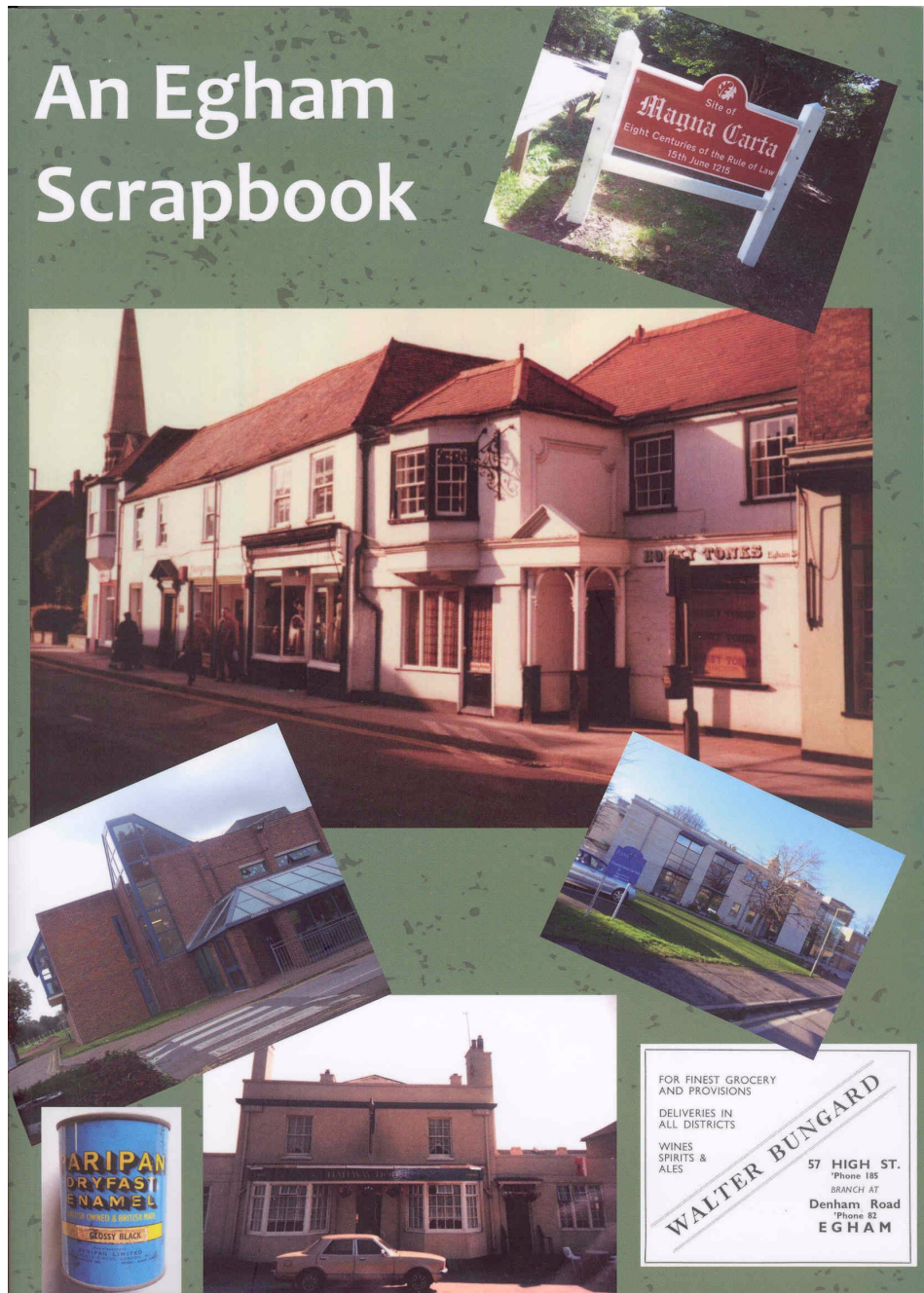


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THE HYTHE SINGERS



This term continues to be busy for the choir. In October, we hosted a well attended 'Come and Sing' day at St Mary's, at which our musical director, Richard Harker, took us through Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms. We had been invited to join the Hampton Choral Society for a performance of this at the prestigious venue of St John Smiths Square on 18th November.

We have a further 3 events to look forward to in December. Our main winter concert will take place at **St Mary's, Thorpe** on **Saturday 1st December**. This concert, entitled '**The Last Sunbeam**', will be in commemoration of the Centenary of the First World War Armistice. The programme of World Wars 1 and 2 inspired music will include works by Vaughn Williams, Parry and MacMillan amongst others. Proceeds of the raffle on the evening will go to Help for Heroes. Then on **Wednesday 12th December**, we shall be getting into festive mood, with our well established tradition of carol singing at **The Compasses** in **Egham**. It's always a fun evening, with enthusiastic audience participation, and mulled wine and mince pies! Our final engagement of 2018 will be to take part in the candlelit service of **Nine Lessons and Carols** at **St Mary's** on the afternoon of **16th December**.

For more information on any or all of these events, please go to our website thehythesingers@hotmail.com or contact jenni.whiteside@btinternet.com



THORPE PLAYERS www.thorpeplayers.co.uk FOUNDED BY FRANK MUIR

Once we have enjoyed our Christmas break, we will start working on our next main play. This will, in total contrast to our Winter production of *Oh What a Lovely War*, be a comedy thriller, with the emphasis on comedy. *Tiptoe Through the Tombstones* is the follow up to a previous play we did, *A Tomb with a View*, but no knowledge of that is needed, as nearly everyone was dead by the end of it! New jokes, new characters, new thrills, the performances are Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th May 2019. If you would like to be involved, there will be readings on 7th, 14th and 17th January, all at 8pm at the Hall or contact membership@thorpeplayers.co.uk

Have a happy and peaceful Christmas and 2019.
Valerie Lane, Chairman.



From a WW1 autograph book.

From your Thorpe Ward Councillors

Elaine Gill, Linda Gillham and Margaret Harnden



THORPE WAR MEMORIAL PROJECT

Wonderful news! All the fundraising paid off and the money was raised for the refurbishment of Thorpe War Memorial. A new granite plinth has been installed with the additional names from WW11, both military and civilian.

The project started in 2016 when it was pointed out to me that those from WW11 were not recognised. All my years being involved with 2nd Thorpe Scout Group and attending the memorial had not alerted me to this. I felt we had to 'right a wrong', hence this fundraising campaign began.

With donations both from Runnymede Borough Council and Surrey County Council this helped the project along the way. Grateful thanks must also go to Chris Edge at Thorpe Park and Five Pennies who also made large donations to the War Memorial Project. Other private donations were also given and the fundraising event on 1st September, which was a garden party and open air cinema, proved a huge success - thanks in part to excellent weather.

On 4th November, there was a special Re-dedication service with a special blessing by Bishop Andrew Watson. Also in attendance was The Mayor of Runnymede, Dolsie Clarke, Paul Turrell, CEO of Runnymede and The Royal British Legion with their standard bearers leading the procession. Thanks also to Joe Morris for being Bugler that day. Pupils both from Thorpe Primary School and TESIS gave emotional readings at the service at St. Mary's. It was wonderful to see St. Mary's full to capacity and showed this to be a true community event.

Further wreaths have been laid on 11th November, especially as it is the centenary of the end of WW1. It is so important that there is a legacy and that the newly refurbished War Memorial will be there for many, many more years. Future generations must not forget the sacrifice made for our Freedom!

LEST WE FORGET!

Cllr Elaine Gill

[photos of the re-dedication service inside front cover]

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THORPE?

Many of you will have seen presentations from developers hoping to get planning permission to build in Thorpe Ward.

Thorpe **WILL** change and the Thorpe Neighbourhood Forum is planning for this with our Neighbourhood Plan.

Come along to our **Open Meeting and AGM** on **Tuesday 27th November** at **5.30-7.30pm** in the **Rutherwyke Room** behind St Mary's Church and find out what we are doing to preserve the best of our village.

All Welcome

Linda Gillham

As mentioned in the last edition of Thorpe Together, local ward boundary changes, due to be approved by parliament shortly, will come into force next May. For Thorpe Ward this means losing Vicarage Road (and roads off), Langton Way, Stephen Close, Stroude Road, and part of Devil's Lane. Our loss will be other wards' gain! We will be welcoming residents in the Penton Park and Laleham Reach areas.

So for some, there will be just one more delivery of Thorpe Together in spring 2019. We hope you have found the councillors' contributions helpful.

With all good wishes for the festive season.

Margaret Harnden



Thorpe Village Hall

**Having a celebration, business meeting or setting up a regular club?
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Then contact the team at Thorpe Village Hall, who manage the venue for the benefit of the local community on 07539 528 654 or email bookings@thorpevillagehall.org. Our meeting room can accommodate up to 20 and the main hall up to 80, so perfect for business and social meetings alike. **Alternatively, why not get involved in one of our regular clubs / groups:**

Day	Time	Event	Contact
Mon	10.00-11.00am	Zumba Gold Dance Fitness	Sandy: 07590 537016 info@viveutvitas.co.uk
	11.00-12.00am	Pilates Mixed Ability	
	2.00-4.00pm	Tea and Talk Over 50s Social Club (2 nd and 4 th Mondays only)	Sharon: 07973 710228 info@thorpevillagehall.org
	8.00-10.00pm	Thorpe Players – readings and rehearsals	Valerie: 01932 561350 news@thorpeplayers.co.uk
Tues	9.30-10.30am	Circuit Training	Pre-booking required – please contact Vernetta: 07906 337594 vernyoga@yahoo.co.uk
	11.00-12.15	Classic Gentle Yoga (L1)	
	7.30-9.30pm	SING Thorpe – Community Choir	Lisa: 07941 195335 S.I.N.G.Thorpe@gmail
Weds	9.30-10.45am	Core Flow Yoga (L2)	Pre-booking required – please contact Vernetta: 07906 337594 vernyoga@yahoo.co.uk
	11.30-12.45pm	Chair Yoga (L1)	
	7.00-9.00pm	Thameside Art Club (in Meeting Room)	Charlotte: 07956 470964 charlotte@egham.co.uk
	7.30-8.30pm	'I Can't Dance' – Ballroom Dancing Class (Intermediate)	Georgina: 07968 292308 georginachallett@gmail.com
	8.30-9.30pm	'I Can't Dance' - Ballroom Dancing Class (Beginners)	
Thurs	From 7.30pm	Private Dance Lessons – on request	
Fri	7.30-8.30pm	Monthly Sequence Class (3 rd Friday of month)	

Trustees Update

We are now in the fifth and final year of our lease and are amazed at how quickly time has flown and how much we have achieved. The hall is now a busy hub for the village with regular clubs, events and family celebrations. We have developed great relationships with villagers and other local organisations, as well as completing refurbishments to our kitchen and heating system.

We are currently in negotiation with Runnymede Borough Council about the possibility of a new lease commencing in April 2019. We have no assurances at this time, as to whether the council wish to renew our lease and what terms they may propose. We have been asked to produce a report to be presented at a meeting of the relevant council committee who will be discussing the lease in January and we would very much like to include feedback from local residents.

If any of you would like to support our application to renew the lease, please drop me a line or two about your thoughts on how we have managed the hall / involved the community and ideally why you think we should continue on the same terms.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sharon Young, Chairman, Thorpe Village Hall Surrey - sharon@pearlcatchers.co.uk

Our social club for the over 50s has a regular programme of interesting and fun activities and of course plenty of time to simply meet and chat to friends new and old over tea and delicious cake.



We meet at Thorpe Village Hall the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 2.00 – 4.00pm. It costs £3 to attend including refreshments and activities.

For more information, contact Sharon on 07973 710228 or info@thorpevillagehall.org or simply come along to one of the sessions detailed below:

12th December - Apollo 8 and the 50th Anniversary of Man's First Visit to the Moon :

Apollo 8 was launched from Cape Kennedy on 21st December 1968, the first of two rehearsals before Apollo 11 landed on the lunar surface in July 1969. Led by local historian Richard Williams and using postage stamps, philatelic material and photos, the talk will chart the rapid progress made in manned spaceflight by the Soviet Union and the United States of America in just 7 years.

14th January – Our Lady of Fatima :

In 1916 three ordinary Portuguese children, all under the age of ten, were taking care of their family's sheep, when they saw a vision of an Angel. Over the years religious people and those of no faith at all, have been fascinated by what continued to happen in the lives of Jacinta, her brother Francisco and their cousin Lucia. Our local curate, Gerard Mee, will talk about how he became one of the two million people in the last 100 years who have made a pilgrimage to the small chapel that now stands in Fatima. He will share what he has learned about these controversial events which gained fame due to the three secrets the Angel shared with the children, including a prophecy relating to the end of World War.

28th January – Dr Crippen and the Most Notorious Manhunt in History :

Dr Crippen murdering his wife in January 1910 was not the reason this case became famous. It was his escape from England and how an invention, still in its infancy, created a media frenzy as newspapers and radio stations followed the epic journey of the ship, travelling from England to Canada. Come and explore with our popular speaker Karen Hanley how this new-fangled device helped bring down a killer and how wireless communication changed the course of history.

11th February – Buddy Holly :

Local historian Richard Williams leads this talk about Buddy Holly, who enjoyed a meteoric rise to fame in 1957 as a singer, guitarist & song writer. As lead singer with the Crickets and as a solo artist he had a string of hits in only 18 months. Sixty years after his tragic death his music is as popular as ever.

25th February - Film Night : Every few months, we offer you the opportunity to watch and discuss a film, which you can choose a little nearer the time.

12th March – Celebrating Spring : The Vernal Equinox on 20th March marks the beginning of Spring and is symbolic of rebirth, vitality, renewal, fertility, abundance and growth. With regular speaker, Sharon Young we will explore why it happens, what it means, how the date is decided and some of the traditions associated with it. We will talk about and might even try out a few customs from around the world such as egg balancing and painting, planting seeds, making / wearing shamrocks, throwing colours, drinking Dandelion and Burdock and basket weaving.

25th March - Florence Nightingale vs Mary Seacole : the first in our Epic Battles series. Both women, undoubtedly, changed the face of nursing and hygiene procedures in hospitals during the Crimean War. So how come Mary has been forgotten and Florence has become famous for these new procedures and medical successes? We uncover prejudice, racism and a life-long rivalry in a time when being a black woman meant being a second-class citizen – no matter how many people's lives you saved.

If you would like to place an advert in the Spring edition of this newsletter to promote your organisation or business, please contact Sharon Young for details.
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- ◆ Every Saturday is music night - live artist fortnightly, disco with our resident DJs fortnightly (see our website or Facebook page at Redlionthorpesurrey for details),
- ◆ Chefs Joseph and Michael join our kitchen team, having been at Carluccio's, Gordon Ramsey, Hilton ... as head and executive chefs. Join us to experience their creations from locally sourced produce,
- ◆ Prefer to stay in? Unique to the surrounding area, you can now get the majority of our traditional village pub fayre menu as a takeaway (please see enclosed leaflet),
- ◆ Join us for breakfast Friday-Sunday from 08.30. Whether you prefer the full English, a light salmon and scrambled egg, or a simple bacon roll to take away, there's now a breakfast option for all at your local,
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- ◆ You can now get a lovely pint of St. Austell Tribute from the bar - the first in a series of moves to invest in our real ale offering. Join us and have your say on what should be offered in your local,
- ◆ Are you a formidable darts player...? If so (or if not), the board is up, and you're welcome to register for our teams who will be entering the Egham league in January. Mondays for the ladies, Wednesdays for the gents. All ages and abilities are welcome.

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- ◆ Join us for our Christmas Eve disco before we lock up and head up to St Mary's for Midnight Mass together,
- ◆ The bar will be open on Christmas Day from 11am. Last orders will be at 1pm. We look forward to celebrating Christmas Day over a drink with you,
- ◆ Book now for our community New Year's Eve party. Dine and dance with us (3 courses) for £35, or simply join us for the disco for £10. Tickets are limited, so please book in advance,
- ◆ We'll be closed on Wednesday 2nd January with apologies for any inconvenience this may cause,
- ◆ We're investing in a whole new drinks dispensing system which is proven to optimise the quality of all draught products. This will be installed on 7th January, and so for that night only, we will only be able to serve bottled products. Why not join us from the 8th to taste the difference of your chosen pint...,
- ◆ Monthly art classes start on Thursday 17th January. Be guided by our resident artist Gordon on painting techniques whilst painting a pre-sketched canvas with a glass or 2! of wine. Have a look at his sessions at www.artvine.gallery and join us to release your inner artist!,
- ◆ The new year will see the launch of Friday nights as Community Night. Reduced drinks prices, the pub quiz and bingo will combine with prizes to win and bar food on offer to make this a great inexpensive evening for coming together as a community,
- ◆ We will be developing our menu in the new year, and offering a new range of wines to compliment these dishes. Look out for news of our cook off and wine tasting week in January.



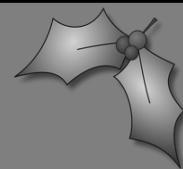
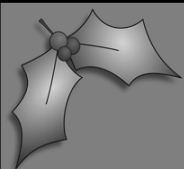
WERE YOU AWARE...

- ◆ Our 2 course set menu runs from 12noon Monday to 3pm Friday for just £12.95. Amazing value without compromising on quality. Book now,
- ◆ We show all sporting fixtures, so join us for a pint to watch your team in action.

AND FINALLY...

Without local patronage, pubs like ours are closing at the rate of 3 a day up and down the country. As you can see from the above, there really is something for everyone at your local, so please support us where and when you can to make the Red Lion a vibrant place where the community can come together for the long term.

*WITH WARMEST WISHES TO YOU AND THOSE CLOSE TO YOU THIS
FESTIVE SEASON - FROM ALL OF THE TEAM AT YOUR LOCAL.*





THE INDEPENDENT



www.ThorpeWardResidents.org.uk

Please find below a quick update on a range of subjects affecting our community:

- **Surrey CC consultation on closures, including Lyne Recycling Centre:** We are concerned to hear that Surrey County Council are consulting on proposals to shut several children centres, amend concessionary bus travel, library and cultural services, special education needs and disabilities (SEND services), as well as Community Recycling Centres. Amongst these proposals, Surrey CC is proposing possible closure of Lyne Lane Community Recycling Centre, meaning Runnymede would not have a recycling centre and for most, it will mean our nearest centre will be at Woking. We urge all residents to respond to Surrey CC's consultation <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/have-your-say/consultations>, including your views on the closure of Lyne Recycling Centre. There is also a drop-in session being held at The Hythe Centre on Friday 23 Nov 10-12pm for Surrey's Children's Centres, Libraries and SEND. You need to respond by 4th Jan 2019.
- **Heathrow Southern Rail:** We are awaiting an announcement from the Department for Transport as to which of the five rail options will be the preferred route. This is due before Christmas. The Heathrow Southern Rail option would have the greatest impact on our ward. It is expected that Chertsey would be the last stop before Heathrow and the route would broadly follow the M25 and then diverge towards Heathrow.
- **Local Government Boundary changes:** On 4 September, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, published its recommendations for the Runnymede wards. This includes changes to Thorpe Ward. Subject to scrutiny and approval by parliament these changes will come into force for the May 2019 Local elections. 41 councillors for Runnymede will need to be elected, one less than previously due to the changes. The main impact on Thorpe Ward is the gain of the Penton Park area and some losses of streets into Egham Town and Egham Hythe. You can view the recommendations at: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/surrey/runnymede>.
- **Runnymede Borough Council Local Plan:** The Local Plan inspector has been appointed and towards late November interviews will be held for administrative matters around the Plan, followed by hearing of representations on planning etc towards the start of the New Year.
- **Cemex House:** As reported previously, Cemex business activities have now ceased at the Norlands Lane site and two planning applications (RU.18/0704 and RU.18/0703) have been submitted to convert Cemex House into a residential care complex following the public exhibition on the proposals in March 2018. The proposals include conversion of the existing offices into retirement apartments along with the building of 25 additional apartments on the existing office car park which is noted as being on Green Belt. This should be coming before the Planning Committee shortly.
- **Thorpe Lea Road development:** Many of you will have been to the consultation event on 18th October (promoted by Muse Developments) to hear from the public views on the development of a new housing development for approximately 220 homes on land bounded by the M25, New Wickham Lane, Thorpe Lea Road and Clockhouse Lane East. This is one of the sites supported in the Local Plan mentioned above and subject to the land being removed from the Green Belt. The developer's website is www.thorpelearoad.co.uk and we have put the exhibition material on TWRA's website.
- **Rosemary Lane development:** A public consultation was organised by Coda Planning re developing land between Rosemary Lane and Thorpe By-pass involving proposals for 80+ homes. Again, this is currently land in the Green Belt but due to come out when the Local Plan is passed.

- **Fly-tipping and littering:** TWRA are currently in discussions with Runnymede Borough Council with regard to the level of fly-tipping and littering within the ward.
- **Egham and Thorpe Half Marathon:** If you would like to take part in the next half marathon in Feb and run on behalf of TWRA and raise funds for our community activities, please contact us via our website contact page. The first 10 to express support, will have their entry fees waived by the organiser.

Other TWRA News:

Subscriptions: Following a review the Committee have voted to increase the annual subscriptions *and subject to approval at our AGM* in April, will be seeking to raise our subscriptions from April 2019. As many of you will know, we have not increased the subscription since the early-1990's. Many of you are kind enough to provide an additional donation along with your subscription which are financially vital to us. But at a recent Committee meeting, it was decided to raise the annual membership from £5 to £8 per household (and £2 to £4 for those who are retired) to ensure our costs are fully covered. To clarify, if you renew or sign-up prior to April 2019, your membership fees for 2019/20 will remain as per this year.

Getting involved: Please contact us if you would like to volunteer to better the community where you live. You are welcome to contact myself or any of the Committee members. Our contact details can be found on our recently relaunched website (ThorpeWardResidents.org.uk). We are now on Facebook by searching for Thorpe Ward Residents. Your help would be truly appreciated.

TWRA Meetings: As a reminder, we meet every second Monday of the month (except August) in the Rutherwyke Room at Thorpe Church. We look forward to welcoming our members. We have an open session for half hour at 7.30pm and all are welcome. You can also contact us through the website.

Thank you for your continued support and we wish you all a happy Xmas and New Year.

Nigel Robbins,
Chair, Thorpe Ward Residents' Association
www.thorpewardresidents.org.uk

Egham by Runnymede Historical Society Publishes new Local History Book

The Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society published their latest book, *An Egham Scrapbook* in November 2018. Written and compiled by local historian Richard Williams, it has over 170 illustrations within its 68 pages, many in colour, none of which have been previously published in the Society's earlier books.

These represent over 200 years of Egham's history, from an engraving of the first St John's Church in the late 18th century to the new Leisure Centre (Egham Orbit) in Vicarage Road under construction. The illustrations follow a journey beginning at Staines Bridge, travelling along The Causeway into The Avenue, before entering the High Street. Station Road is visited, before returning to the High Street and finishing at the foot of Egham Hill. The book concludes with short sections on Runnymede, Englefield Green, Virginia Water and Thorpe.

An Egham Scrapbook is available from The Egham Museum on the first floor of the Literary Institute, No. 51, High Street, Egham, TW20 9EW and costs £8.00. Alternatively, you may order by post from the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society by sending a cheque for £10.00 (to include P&P), to the address above. Please make cheques payable to 'Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society' and make sure to include your name and address.

Details of how to join the Society, our monthly lecture programme and our other publications, can be found on our website at ebrhistsoc@gmail.com

Egham by Runnymede Historical Society

TAI CHI AND QIGONG CLASSES IN THORPE

A friendly, welcoming group gets together every **Wednesday 9:30-10:30am** in **Thorpe Community Hall** on Ten Acre Lane.

All abilities and ages are welcome!

WHAT IS TAI CHI AND QIGONG?

It is an oriental exercise therapy that dates back for hundreds of years and is based in Traditional Chinese Medicine. It combines slow, flowing movements with calm, deep breathing and a relaxed concentration of the mind.

Due to its many health benefits it is used as a form of healing therapy in purpose built sanatoriums all over China to improve all kinds of conditions.

The movements are gentle, low impact and of moderate intensity and so are suitable for all ages. The movements are simple to follow and can be done sitting or standing - ideal for the elderly, the disabled or those who are inactive. Both forms are equally beneficial. The mindfulness component makes it more effective than any general aerobic exercise.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PRACTICING TAI CHI?

Numerous studies have shown that regular practice of Tai Chi and Qigong:

- reduces falls and improves balance, it improves flexibility of the joints, strengthens leg muscles and improves posture
- strengthens bones
- improves quality of life in people who suffer with any kind of chronic pain
- improves blood circulation, decreases blood pressure, nervous communication improves, better oxygenation and nutrition to all the cells in the body leading to improved attention and clarity of mind
- better quality of sleep
- stronger immune system
- it builds community
- leads to serenity, deeper self-awareness and a feeling of self-confidence

Come in loose fitting comfortable clothes and trainers. Don't forget layers for the winter period! Dedicated, regular practice is strongly encouraged to gain maximum benefits.

Price: £10 for drop ins

Discount on a block of classes paid in advance: £48 for 6 classes, £90 for 12 classes.

Please contact me for more information and to let me know when you are ready to start.

My number is: 07525 057734.

Andrea Tate

MILTON PARK FARM (MPF) Decision – Yet Another Postponement!

The decision on whether to grant Hanson planning permission to quarry sand/gravel at MPF has been postponed again! The new date for SCC's decision is shown on their website as **23rd January 2019**.



THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The TWRA committee meets monthly (except during August), on the 2nd Monday of the month in the Rutherwyke Room, behind St Mary's Church, starting at 7:30pm.

From 7:30-8pm residents are welcome to attend to air any concerns which they feel TWRA or local councillors may be able to help with. New committee members always welcome. Dates of the next meetings are:

Monday 10th December, Monday 14th January 2019 and Monday 11th February



St Mary's Church, Thorpe

QUARTERLY NEWS

Welcome **WINTER / CHRISTMAS 2018**

to our quarterly news update from St Mary's Church in Thorpe Village. We are known for our hospitality and we look forward to you visiting us for worship, a tour of the church, prayer or your special occasion soon.

St Mary's Church, Thorpe – **always a welcome for all.**



A Message from Father Damian Miles, Anglican Vicar of Thorpe:

It was a real privilege to preside over two Services of Remembrance this year, the first for the Re-dedication of Thorpe War Memorial on 4th November when we welcomed the Bishop of Guildford and Mayor of Runnymede, and the second, even larger occasion on the 100th Anniversary of the Great War as we stood in silence at 11am on the 11.11.18. It was very moving to see so many of our local community gathering to pause and remember. By contrast, the run-up to Christmas is upon us and our brief time of silence and reflection has quickly been replaced by festive cheer and fairy lights. Now don't get me wrong, I love all that festive fun and a few lights also and don't forget to look at St Mary's Christmas lights this year, all LED! (*Lit from 6th December to 6th January, and as of 1st November our electricity at the church is powered from renewable sources!*) Gathering as community is an essential part of what it means to belong, be that on Remembrance Sunday, for our annual Memorial Service or at any of the Christmas events and activities promoted in this publication including our ever-popular candle-lit Midnight Mass, 24th December 11:30pm. We may not see ourselves as religious, and we may have doubts about faith, but nonetheless we are drawn into community as we seek answers to the biggest questions of life, death and health among others. As Christmas approaches such questions come to the fore in our minds, and gathering and sharing in community is one way in which we can explore them with others and seek reassurance. Relationships are essential for community and for our health and well-being. At St Mary's we are acutely aware of an epidemic of loneliness in society and we are seeking to reach out to those who are alone to offer companionship and support and a chance to gather and belong, too. In recognition of this we are re-launching our Saturday coffee mornings as a Community Café from the start of December, weekly from 10am to 12noon, and we hope you will pop down to St Mary's for a coffee and chat soon. If this is successful, we will look to expand our opening times. Just think, who could you bring along – a neighbour who lives on their own perhaps? All are welcome. Wishing you a very Happy Christmas 2018 and Peaceful 2019, your Vicar and friend, *Revd Damian Miles*.



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Wednesday 10am – 4pm

Thursday 6 - 8pm

Saturday 10am to 12noon

Sunday 7:30am until 12noon



THE HYTHE SINGERS CONCERT Remembrance 1918 - 2018
Saturday 1st December – 7:30pm – St Mary's Church, Thorpe

WEDDINGS AT ST MARY'S 2019 / 2020

We are holding an evening of wedding planning on Monday 28th January at 7:30pm in the Rutherwyke Room. Car Parking at the Vicarage.
All interested couples are welcome to come along to find out more!

ST MARY'S CHURCH THORPE
COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Every Saturday we are open from 10am – 12noon for coffee, cake and chat. All welcome – bring neighbours and those who live alone as we try to combat loneliness in our community.

Offers of help much appreciated!

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FAITH & FUN on a Sunday at 10am
2nd & 4th Sundays monthly - for children age 4 to 11 - with bible stories, songs, craft, drama and children's prayers. Our Sunday **FAITH & FUN** runs every Sunday of term time from Sep to July.
Contact: Margaret Alderson
01784 435292

ST MARY'S CHARITY LUNCHES

Rutherwyke Room at 11:30am

Wednesday 9th Jan, 11:30am

Bring a dish to share + a donation
for the charity.

Noah's Ark Toddler & Pre-school Age Group. We meet on Term Time Thursdays, 9:30am - 17 December Christmas Party - in the Rutherwyke Room. Fun, games and songs for little ones with toast, tea and chat!
Contact: Margaret 01784 435292

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT ST MARY'S

8am Said Holy Communion

10am Sung Parish Eucharist

SUNDAY CLUB for children age 4 to 11

11am Café Church

Refreshments in the Rutherwyke Room

11:30am Family Service

(1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays monthly)

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From St Mary's Church Registers September, October & November 2018

Baptism: 28/10 Hunter William Andrew Fowles; 28/10 Cody Vaughan Kirkpatrick.

Weddings: 27/10 Manyek Ricky Sochacz & Paula Susan Angela Davies. Funerals: 5/9 Annie Martha McNelis; 12/9 Rose Emily Freeman; 13/9 Eileen Ethel Billin; 27/9 Annie Mary Mathilda Thorpe; 4/10 Joan Reynolds; 10/10 Tom Wager; 30/10 Joan Ringrose.

CHRISTMAS



AT ST MARY'S CHURCH
THORPE

Sunday 23 December

8am Holy Communion

10am Sung Eucharist

5pm A Christmas Glow: *music for
Christmas time* with refreshments

Christmas Eve 24 December

3pm Crib Service

5pm Crib Service

11:30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 25 December

8am Holy Communion

10am Sung Festival Eucharist

Boxing Day 26 December

10:30am Said Eucharist

Epiphany 6 January

10am Sung Eucharist

11:30am Family Service

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WINTER WONDERLAND

★ at St Mary's Church, Thorpe ★

SUNDAY 9 DECEMBER 2018, 2 - 6pm

A myriad of stalls - something for everyone!

Tombola and Christmas items, decorations, refreshments, BBQ, home-made cakes, mulled wine, cards & crafts and activities for children.

Grand Prize Draw - top prize £100 cash!



4pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

visit Fr Christmas in his woodland-themed grotto!

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TRADITIONAL LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday 16th December, 6pm

By candlelight with carols, anthems & prayers. Mulled wine & mince pies.

EGHAM BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday 19th December, 8pm

Carols & contemporary music, with mulled wine & mince pies.