

North Thoresby News and Village Directory

Edition 5: August-October 2022



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‘The News’

This edition completes our first yearly cycle of quarterly publications. It has gradually evolved into the sort of village journal we had originally envisioned – containing not just a valuable directory of village organisations and events – with contributions from the numerous energetic community groups in the village - but also some more reflective items and articles about the history of the village and a range of photographs and other ‘visuals’. In 12 months, ‘The News’ has developed from 4 sides of rather densely packed text, which did the basic job of communication, to a varied 24-page production. The support of generous advertisers has made this possible – each with a connection with the village and each providing excellent services or entertainment or products. This process of evolution will continue, and I hope to see more and more contributions from residents of all ages. Please contact me – details overleaf.

We produce a digital version of ‘The News’ which contains extended content, and the current, and past editions can be found on our website, and it is communicated on both Events’ Facebook page and the village Facebook page, both administered by Events committee member, Claire Cooper – see contact details overleaf. We also have an extensive database of people throughout the area who receive regular updates and details of forthcoming events. To be placed on the database, please email me (details overleaf). While we embrace the digital world, we strongly believe that a printed edition, delivered to all homes in the Parish, provides both an essential public service and a ‘hardcopy’ record for future generations. **Ian Wright, Editor**

Closure of the Post Office. Overleaf: Broughton's Stores, until very recently the site of the village Post Office, pictured in it's heyday. Sadly, the PO has closed and with it, the departure of Kristi who was such a good friend to the village. Events organised a present for Kristi on behalf of the village and we had a nice little send off. She will be missed. See photo later in the 'News'

Editorial

The Beanland Development

The most significant issue for the village over the last 12 months has been the community's concern over the planning application for the Beanland development, universally seen in the village as inappropriate in scale, design and on numerous points of detail, including the key issue of access to the village. The recent District Council Planning Committee clearly shared these concerns and have deferred a decision to allow 'negotiations' to take place with village representatives. The community owe a great debt of gratitude to the village representatives – particularly the Working Action Group of Councillor Heather Howard, Adrian Coy and George Krawiec - who have worked long and hard to assemble a very strong case. Our District Councillors Phyll Smith and Terry Aldridge both contributed strongly on our behalf at the planning meeting. While 'Events' have provided financial support for the campaign, this is primarily a matter in the realm of the Parish Council, and Heather will explain the situation in more detail in the forthcoming PC Newsletter.

A Busy Village

As always, 'The News' reflects a busy, active and thriving community and, in the following pages, you'll find detailed reports, future plans, times and places of the regular activities and contact details of all the community groups in the village. If we have missed anything, please let me know. We also have a great variety of groups hiring the Village Hall and they add greatly to the menu of what's available here. While there are many residents who are strong supporters of communal activities, we sometimes feel that others are missing out – so on Wednesday 28th September, we will be holding an open evening of the community groups, where villagers can find out more and make contact with the groups.

The Jubilee Celebrations and the Village Festival

The village looked terrific for the Jubilee celebrations with a great response to the Parish Council scarecrow and other competitions and the knitted garlands – beautifully made by the Knit and Natter Group – around the memorial garden. The Queen in the decorated box was much admired. The Pop-In Jubilee lunch was a lovely occasion and weather stayed fair for the fun day in and around the village hall on the Friday. The Wesley Centre proved a safe haven for street parties when the English weather turned nasty on the Sunday. The NTCEA-organised Village Festival, with 12 varied events over 14 day period was a great success and very well-attended throughout – a flower-arranging display of exquisite artistry by Jan Irvine, Helen Pidgen and Jenny Hippisley; an enlightening and humorous explanation of the murder mystery writers art by Nick Louth; a talk on the Home Guard by historian Erik Grigg which changed all our perceptions (it wasn't like Dad's Army at all); two fabulous concerts; two brilliant, but contrasting films, 'The Duke' and 'Belfast'; an amazing display of art and photography and the creation of a stunning art work by pupils at the Academy; lovely open days at the cricket and bowls clubs and 80 people packed out the New Inn for a fund-raising quiz to support Ukrainian refugees and their hosts in the village.

'Events'

The NTCEA has its usual packed programme ahead – 5 concerts before Christmas; the Dog Show (July 31st) and Horticultural Show (Sept 17th) coming up shortly. The archive centre project is moving forward and there's interesting news about potential archaeological exploration in the village. The History group meets bi-monthly, guided tours of the village will take place again in September, and we are hoping to form a community singing group – more details elsewhere in the following pages. We operate on a strategy of a 'virtuous cycle', we hold events which educate and entertain and are valuable in their own right as places where members of the community come together; they raise funds which are then ploughed back for community benefit. Since we have been able to operate again in September 2021, we have committed over £4,000 to community activities, amenities, supporting community groups or donating to good causes. **Ed**

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Website: <https://www.norththoresbyevents.co.uk/> **Facebook:** @norththoresby events

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North Thoresby Community Events Association presents....

Country soul originals & covers

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SAGE & THE OTHERS

Saturday 10th September
7:30pm

The Village Hall, North Thoresby

Bring your own drinks & snacks

TICKETS £7.50 each

Available 4 weeks prior from McColl's, online via
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North Thoresby Community Events Association presents....

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*Northern
Soul*

THE GENIE LAMPS

Saturday 1st October

7:30pm

The Village Hall, North Thoresby

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Community Groups Open Evening, Wednesday 28th September Wesley Centre 7.30

The objective is simply to bring together those who lead, and are active members of, the community groups we have in the village and to provide information to villagers about these groups. A pleasant social event is planned – with a brief introductions from group organisers, cake and a drink and a little musical entertainment.

Village Groups meeting in the Wesley Centre

- **Knit and Natter** Every Monday 2-4pm. Margaret Gibson 01472 840698
- **Needlecrafts** Various dates Jacqui Toyne 01472 840246
- **Women's Institute** 1st Tuesday of each month (except August) Linda Dickinson 01472 840030
- **Art Group** Tuesday 1-4pm Judith Goodey 01472 840461
- **Parent and Toddlers** Mondays 9.30am Melissa Porter 07840 125623
- **Rainbows and Brownies** Friday Rainbows 5-6pm Friday Brownies 6-7.30pm norththoresbyrainbowbrownies@gmail.com
- **Sew & So's** Friday 9.30am Heather Howard 01472 841127
- **Carpet Bowls** Friday 2pm. Edna Procter 01472 840340

Activities in the Village Hall

- **Pilates:** Weekly, Mondays - 11.00/12.00 and Wednesdays - 19.00/20.00. Ruth Fleet 07885279099
- **Yoga:** Weekly, Mondays - 1.30/3.00. Janice Davy 01472 879828
- **Exercise 2 Socialise:** Weekly, Wednesdays - 9.30/10.30. Mary Ramsden 07837168454
- **Soccer Stars, Thursdays at 5-6pm, ages 3-6 years. 07359 102262**
- **Slimming World:** Weekly, Fridays - 9.30/11.00. Sharon Grove 07801928671
- **Church Bingo:** Last Friday of the month Des Green 01472 840160
- **Church Tabletop Sale:** Second Saturday of the month. Starts October. Des Green 01472 840160

St Helen's Church: Regular Sunday Worship at 10-00a.m. Service type on notice board in Village Square. Contacts: Des Green 01472 840160 and Joe Gibson 01472-840698

Surgery: 01472-840202

North Thoresby Art Group: Meets every Tuesday 1-4pm in the Wesley Centre to offer advice and encouragement to each other. Members work in a variety of media and bring their own materials and equipment. £5 per session. **Further information** please contact Judith Goodey on 01472-840461

North Thoresby Primary Academy Headteacher: Tom Hawkins 01472 840295 contactus@norththoresbyprimaryacademy.org www.norththoresbyprimaryacademy.org

Another Great Season at North Thoresby Cricket Club!

The 2022 league season saw North Thoresby compete in a very tough Grimsby Midweek Division 1 resulting in us finishing 5th from 6 teams posting 2 wins which is 2 more than what we initially thought! After another big push by our local volunteers to get the club looking the best in the area, it was up to the players to perform. Conditions seemed to suit batsman all year with all teams excited to bat on a decent pitch with small boundaries and a fast outfield.

For Thoresby, runs and wickets were spread fairly evenly across all players during the season but relied on our strong bowling unit which has been built over the years. Jim Birkwood currently leads the way with 171 runs and Andrew Webster tops the wickets with 10 victims.

It was tough at times playing in Division 1 but Thoresby's team spirit during the dreary days always put a smile on all. We finish our campaign with our Marshall Brewson Cup games where we play Whitgift, Grimsby Institute & Phoenix. Great achievement by all involved at North Thoresby CC. Plenty of projects planned at the ground in hope for another successful season in 2023!

Village History Group

Village Archive, Archaeology, Village History Walks, Booklet of Old Postcards

The joint **archive project** between 'Events' and the Methodist Chapel and Wesley Centre, has taken another step forward with the carpeting of the hall, stairs, landing and Archive Room itself. We could use a filing cabinet in good condition and a desk if anyone has them spare. Internet connection is, hopefully, imminent.

The **Village History Group**, with bi-monthly meetings the second Thursday of alternative months - next meeting September 8th - continues to attract a large body of enthusiasts and we've recently enjoyed two presentations from Heritage Lincolnshire on 'The History of Architecture in Lincolnshire' and 'How to Date Your House'.

We have been trying to get permission to make **archaeological investigations** in the field directly to the north of the Church (and owned by the Diocese) and Ian Marshman, the archaeological adviser to the Diocese, based at the County Council, will shortly be making a site visit to advise us and to review finds made in the village over the last 50 years or so. As many of you know, there has been human habitation here for thousands of years.

We continue to dig into the history of the village. I've recently spoken regularly with Robert Simons, aged 99, who has lived in Grainsby or North Thoresby all his life and has a most remarkable memory – a wonderful character (see elsewhere in this addition). Debby and Phil Knott recently moved into Southfield House in Ludborough Road and Debby's father, Hugh Nott from Tealby, has done a great job in working through a pile of complicated documents to reach conclusions about the history of the house – a history which throws light on important periods of development of the village. On **Saturday 10th September**, for those who missed it last year, we will again be conducting **guided tours** of the northern section of the village in small groups, max 12 people, with tickets available from McColls.

Contact: Ian Wright

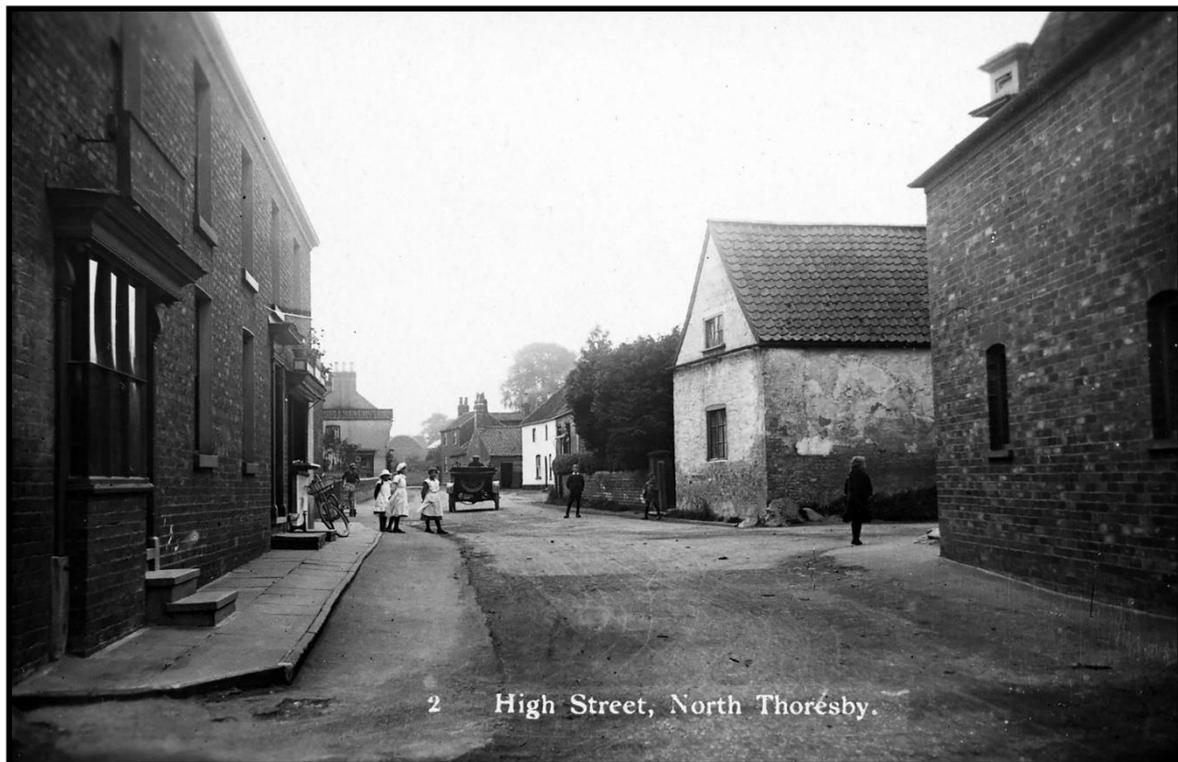


Val Savage who ran the village shop from 1967, is generously donating various items to the archive which she has preserved, including the top of a box of containing jars of mustard and a fascinating 'fireplate'. See separate feature.

North Thoresby History Group

Village History Walks

Saturday 10th September



For those who missed the walks last year. The history of the village explained and illustrated.

Taking approx. 2 hours, the two identical walks start at 10 a.m and 11.00 a.m. from the Memorial Garden. Maximum 12 persons for each walk.

The walk takes in a number of sites from the Square, High Street and Church Lane, ending at the Church and the field behind it.

£6 per person, accompanied children free (no ticket required).

Tickets from McColls from August 10th

Contact: Ian Wright 01472-841786 iangwright@hotmail.com

North Thoresby Methodist Church
Minister : Revd. Susan Chambers Tel: 01472 696113

Regular Events

- Sunday Worship every week at 11am in the Methodist Church
- Fellowship Group and Bible Study. Monday 7.30pm. At The Wishing Well, Borman's Lane.
- Informal mid-week worship round the coffee table. Second Tuesday of each month 9.45am in the Wesley Centre.
- Coffee Morning. Every Tuesday 10.30-11.30am. In the Wesley Centre. Donations for charities.
- Village Men's Group. Every Thursday 10-11.30am. In the Wesley Centre. In the Wesley Centre.

Collection for Food bank

First Saturday of every month. 10-12noon. In the Wesley Centre Car Park.

Music for a Sunday Afternoon

Sunday August 7th at 3pm. In the Methodist Church. Ruth Hart and Friends. Tea/Coffee and Cakes.

Harvest Festival

Sunday 2nd October at 11am. In the Methodist Church

All are welcome at any of these events.

For more information please ring Elizabeth Kershaw 01472 840009.

Lynne Dudgeon 01472 840720. Faith Faulkner 01507363626. Kathy Hart 01507 363626

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North Thoresby Community Events Association

Formation of a Community Singing Group

A singing-for-fun group has been on our mind for some time, and we are now in a position to bring this forward. Villager Graham Burrell, Director of Music for the Louth Male Voice Choir, has agreed to be involved in setting up and organising the group which will welcome everyone – no need to have a great voice - and sing a wide variety of songs. The emphasis is on enjoyment and participation in a fulfilling social environment.

The group will meet fortnightly on a Thursday evening in the Wesley Centre beginning early in October. A meeting of those interested will be held on **Thursday, September 15th** (Wesley Centre, 7.30). In the meantime, Anita Briggs will collect expressions of interest: **Anita Briggs, Apple Blossom Cottage, Ludborough Road, Tel 840803 briggsa2@yahoo.co.uk**

North Thoresby, Grainsby and Waithe Parish Council

website: parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/NorthThoresbyGrainsbyandWaithe

Email: norththoresbyparishcouncil@gmail.com

North Thoresby Horticulture Show

17th September 2022

Class List

Class no.	Class Description
Section	Flowers
1	Vase of mixed home grown flowers
2	Home grown pot plant
3	Three home grown cut Dahlias
	Floral Art
4	'Memories' - An arrangement incorporating a bygone item
5	'Celebration' - A small arrangement in a wine glass to be viewed all round
6	'Coastal' - An arrangement incorporating an item from the beach
7	An arrangement of foliage, seed heads and berries in a jug
	Fruit & Vegetables – All entries must be home grown
8	Heaviest Onion
9	Two Cooking Apples
10	Two Dessert Apples
11	Two Pears of the same variety
12	Heaviest Marrow
13	Longest Runner Bean
14	Three Potatoes of the same variety
15	Three Tomatoes of the same variety
16	Any other vegetable
17	Wonky fruit or vegetable
18	Three soft fruits of the same variety
19	Three varieties of homegrown herbs in pots
	Craft
20	Any item machine sewn
21	Any item hand sewn
22	Handmade greeting card
23	Any knitted or crocheted item
24	A cross stitch, tapestry or embroidery
25	Any item of handmade pottery or decorated ceramics
26	Any item of handmade woodwork
27	Any item of handmade jewellery
	Cookery – PLEASE LABEL EACH ITEM
28	A loaf of homemade bread
29	A small flask of homemade soup
30	A quiche of any variety
31	A jar of savoury preserve
32	A jar of sweet preserve
33	Three scones of any one variety
34	Three biscuits (one type)
35	Three pieces of a tray bake
36	A Lemon Drizzle cake
37	Any individual sized dessert
38	A 'free from' dessert (ie. Gluten free, sugar free, lactose free etc.)

More classes over the page...../

	Art - All entries to be A6 size – 14.8cm x 10.5cm
39	Fruit – any medium
40	Vegetable – any medium
41	Flower – any medium
	Children’s Classes – will be split into age groups depending on entry numbers
42	Make a sock puppet
43	Make a peg person
44	Design a playground on paper
45	Three homemade decorated Rice Crispy cakes

Entry forms are to be put through the Village Hall letter box with the fee in the attached envelope by 14th September. Late entries may incur a higher class entry fee.

On the day, entries can be brought to the Village Hall from 9:30am and must be in place by 11am for judging to commence. The venue will be closed during this time and will re-open around 1:15pm. The raffle will be drawn at 3:30pm and trophies will be presented at 3:45pm.

Please leave your entries on display until the end of the show at 4pm before collecting them.

Contact: Sue Sanchez – 01472 841184 or Claire Cooper – claire.1940s@hotmail.com 840595

Disclaimer – Whilst the event staff will take every care to ensure the safety of items exhibited, we take no responsibility for any loss or damage caused before, during or after the event. Exhibitors and show entrants must protect themselves and others from Covid 19 infection by:

- withdrawing their entries and not entering the show site if they have symptoms of any infection, or have tested positive for Covid
- following social distancing rules
- following Government rules and recommendations to control the risk of Covid 19 infection.

**North Thoresby and District Women’s Institute
Meets 1st Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Wesley Centre**

September 6th ‘Sophisticake’ – cake maker to royalty, Dawn Blunden.

October 4th ‘The Art of Photography’ Ian Wright

November 1st ‘The Village School’, Elizabeth Kershaw

December 6th Christmas Baking’, Angela Hawkins

Enquiries to Secretary, Linda Dickinson 01472 840030

Pop-In Luncheon Club, Village Hall 12.00

The Pop-In will resume on **Thursday 8th September** and hopes to meet regularly thereafter.

Contact Sarah Durrant: smdurrant@btinternet.com 07484754443

North Thoresby Primary Academy

Well, it's the end of another hectic term here at North Thoresby Primary Academy. Summer term is one of highs and lows – full of sports, school trips, jubilee celebrations, end of year performances and summer fayres, combined with the inevitable loss of our Year 6 pupils as they make their way to secondary school. We know they are as ready as they can be for the next phase of their education and hope that we have played some part in creating a love for learning which will last a lifetime – we wish them luck.

Early in the summer term, North Thoresby Events supported the school in funding for a local artist, Louise Funnell, to come to the school and help us create a bottle top mural. Louise launched a competition to design a mural with an environmental message and the winning entries were transposed into the final design. It is a piece to be proud of and prominently displayed in our playground. Alongside this we also ran the North Thoresby Rock Hunt, in which children hid decorated stones around the village and keen rock hunters had to photograph as many as possible. Thanks to all the community members who came in to help the children complete their designs. Special thanks to Mary Thompson for all the organising behind the scenes.

We braved the hottest day on record with our usual “keep calm and carry on” resolve, but we were ultimately hampered around lunchtime by a power cut, which meant our fans couldn't turn and our children and staff couldn't see anything, on account of having the blinds closed to keep the heat out! A real-life example of “Murphy's Law” in action.

The previous week we enjoyed much more pleasant weather for our Year 5 & 6 residential where we were camping down the road with our counterpart Year 5s & 6s at Utterby Primary Academy. The children went den building, bush-crafting and laser tagging at Back2Bear near Louth, followed by a day up in the trees and at practising their archery skills at Wild Pines near Market Rasen. A visit from Harrison's Ice-cream also proved a popular treat. A great time was had by all.

It was great to have another action-packed sports day recently also, enjoyed by pupils and parents alike. We had a great turnout and as always it was a pleasure to see our children encouraging and supporting each other. The two benchmarks for success were also achieved: 1) it didn't rain, 2) the parents' races passed without incident. A triumph indeed.

Following our sports day we held a small summer fayre. Thank you as always to everyone who helped run the event itself and to everyone who joined us. We are lucky to have such a well-run 'Friends' group who do so much for the school. This term Friends Of North Thoresby School (FONTS) have donated £100 per class and organised a fantastic summer disco and Year 6 Leavers' Prom for our children. Fabulous events - thank you so much.

Academically we have done very well in our statutory End of Key Stage tests, which the children took in May. Results have been very positive, exceeding the national averages in all subjects. Well done to all those children who took the tests – you did a fantastic job!

September will see the start of a new long term curriculum plan with new learning opportunities aplenty. We will continue our focus on community engagement and we are also launching our new Academy Council in September which will also support us in rustling up new ideas to enhance the learning experience of our children even more.

Best wishes and have a wonderful summer on behalf of all at North Thoresby Primary Academy.

Tom Hawkins, Executive Headteacher



Academy Year 6 pupils – from Reception to today





Flower Arranging Presenters, Jan Irvine, Helen Pidgen and Jenny Hippisley



Nick Louth, 'Murder Mystery' Writer

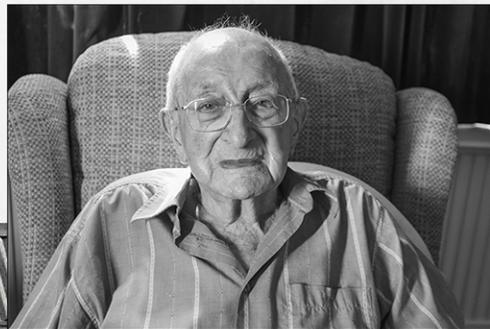


Kristi on her final day at the Post Office



Brisk sales of Nick Louth's collection of mysteries

Villager Robert Simons joined the North Thoresby Home Guard as a 17-year-old in 1940 - he is pictured on the front row, second from the right. Now 99, Robert's memory is in great shape and he has recently been interviewed by historian Erik Grigg about his wartime experiences and by Ian Wright about the village he grew up in. The photo was taken in front of the cricket pavilion.



Erik Grigg's lecture - and Robert's account - certainly painted a very different picture to that portrayed by the wonderful 'Dad's Army' series. For one thing, the average age of the Home Guard soldier was in the early thirties, and, like Robert, men in reserved occupations. It was also a very serious business, and Robert speaks of rigorous weapon training, discipline and exercises. While he regretted that his expertise was never put to the test, he freely admits that in a full blown invasion, the Home Guard would have been rolled over. Nevertheless, the very presence of these units must have been reassuring and a major part of the sense of 'pulling together' and 'doing your bit'. More of Robert's recollections will appear in future editions of 'The News'.

Firemark from the Village Shop

Val Savage took this fireplate or firemark, by then rather fragile, down from the village shop, now McColls to preserve it. It had certainly been hanging on the shop since before 1908 and probably much longer. The Yorkshire Insurance Company was established in 1824 as the Yorkshire Fire and Life Insurance Company. On 27 May 1908, the company changed its name to the Yorkshire Insurance Company and was registered as a limited company on 3rd June 1908. The company purchased its first fire engine in November 1824 and tackled fires in York until the city corporation assumed responsibility for all fire fighting in 1876. The company was acquired by the General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation Ltd in 1968. For most of the 18th century, each insurance company maintained its own fire brigade, which extinguished fires in those buildings insured by the company and, in return for a fee to be paid later, in buildings insured by other companies. By 1825, fire marks served more as advertisements than as useful identifying marks; some insurance companies no longer issued fire marks, and those that did sometimes left them up after a policy had expired.

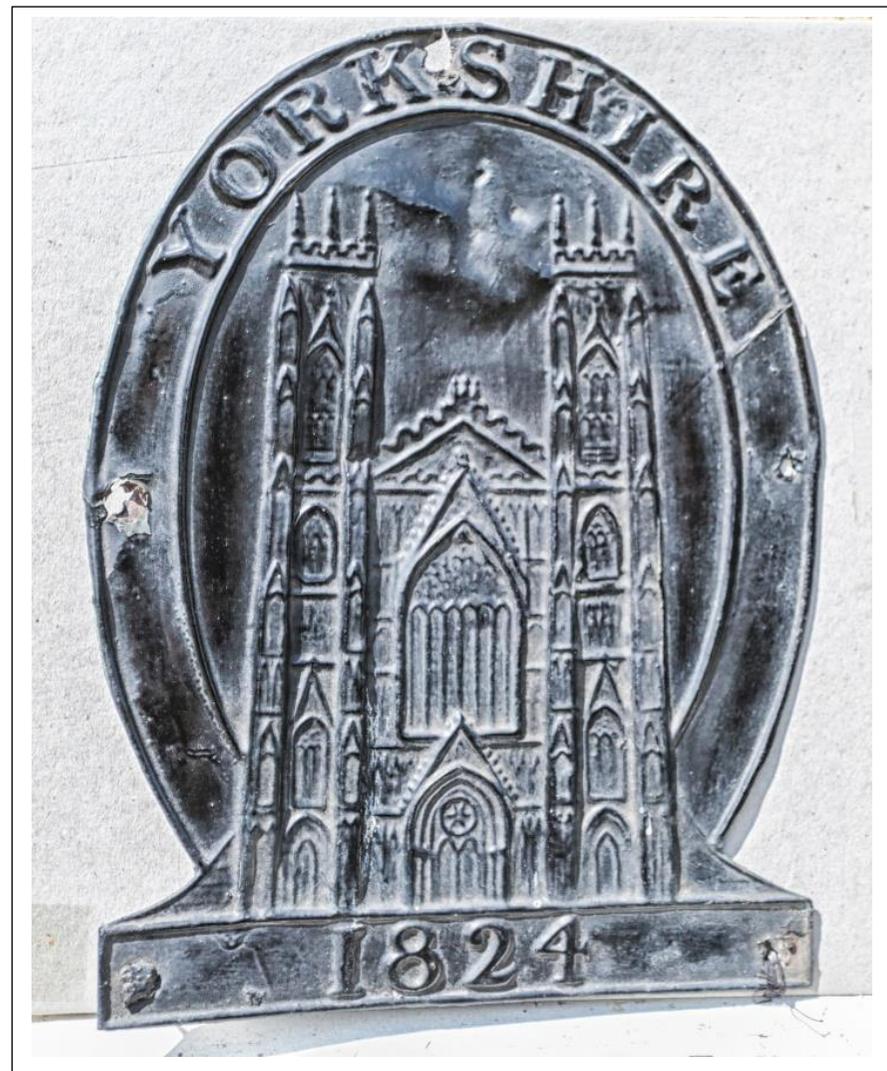
This building has been a village shop for a very long time, at least 120 years and probably considerably longer. The outbuildings associated with it can be seen round the corner in Church Lane and down the drive of The Thatch. The introduction to the 1841 census, which briefly describes the village, speaks of 'Mr Bond's shop' at a turn which takes you to the Grandby Inn.

Val Savage, who ran the shop with her mother for many years from 1967, has provided some documents which detail the purchase of the shop by John Henry Roberts in 1898 - bought from Charles Mason and Charles Watson Hill for £390 - together with 'the homestead yard, barn, stables, granary and other outbuildings, and gardens of 1 rood, 6 perches (just over a quarter of an acre). The same documents list owners of the property back to 1840. Bakery Cottage, down Church Lane, was once the bakehouse for the shop - this can be seen in the aerial map in the inside of the front cover. The land belonging to the Roberts family stretched back beyond the bungalow Highgate - which was built in the 1930s for the retirement of the John Henry Roberts and his wife mentioned above.

The front of the building is very recognisable, and a similar frontage can be seen in Keeling Street, North Somercotes. It has clearly been 'bolted on' to the front of the former farm buildings.

Stamford Mercury 31st October 1823

Stolen or Strayed out of North Thoresby Field on the 19th instant. An aged Bay Horse with four white legs, white face and short cut tail. Whoever will restore the said horse to Mr. Francis Bond of North Thoresby, shall be handsomely rewarded for their trouble.



Stamford Mercury 24th May 1839

Disgraceful Scene - A prize fight took place on Sunday night, in the village of North Thoresby near Louth, for a sovereign aside, between two ruffians - a celebrated boniface being Major-Domo of the affair. On licensing day, the transactor will probably not be forgotten.

I'm grateful to the late Tom Wood for his newspaper researches. IW

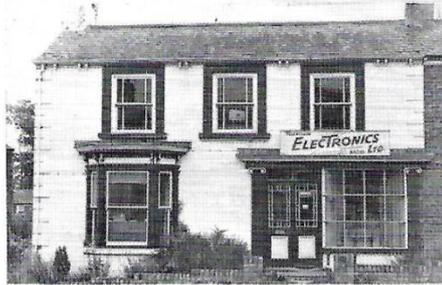
Then and Then: The Foresight of William Toyne

William Toyne made an enormous contribution to our knowledge about the history of the village.

I'm very grateful to William Toyne Jnr for permission to reproduce these images. Ed



Johnny Hewins's "Goody Shop". Mrs. Hewins was very proud of her lace curtains and, after they were washed, they were always carefully dried on a wooden frame. Photo taken C.1920.



Still a shop, but of a nature un-dreamed of when it was a "Goody Shop"—little has changed between these two pictures apart from the disappearance of iron railing and the lace curtains.



The name-plate has been renewed since this shot was taken about 1930. Note especially the window-blinds.



Note the window-blinds again! Mrs. Storr, Senior, shows a remarkably consistent nature. Ian Draycott is near the shutters—a good example of a country butcher's shop—long may it stay like this.

With remarkable farsightedness, William Toyne took a series of photographs of village buildings and matched them with images made in the 1920s and 1930s. They were published in *Lincolnshire Life*, in two parts, in 1970.

Today, these buildings are much changed from 1969 – Storrs Cottage is in the Square, and the top buildings is on the left of the High Street heading west, just after the Foundry.

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Louth Riverhead Theatre What's on Aug-October 2022	LOUTH RIVERHEAD THEATRE
Wed 10th August -7pm Open Mic Night	Wed 12th Oct – 2.30pm Nigel Ashcroft Afternoon concert
Sun 28th August – 1.30pm Family Film Screening - Turning Red	Sat 15th Oct – 7.30pm Young Elton The Tribute show
Fri 9th Sept. – 7.30pm Music by The South	Thurs 20th Oct-7pm Write a Lincolnshire Song Competition
Sat 10th Sept – 7.30pm Chantel McGregor	Sat 22nd Oct – 7.30pm Song of the Anklets Indian Dance
Wed 14th - 16th Sept-7.30pm Art & And Allotments (play)	Sun 23rd Oct – 7.30pm Steptoe and Son Radio Show
Sun 18th Sept – 10-4pm The Big Skies Festival & Craft fair.	Mon 24th Oct – 7.30pm Dom Joly's Holiday Snaps
Thurs 22nd Sept – 7.30pm Keith James – Yusuf-Cat Stevens	Thurs 27th Oct – 2pm The Bubble Show – family show
Sat 24th Sept – 7.30pm Last Night of the Proms	Sat 29th Oct – 10-4pm Painting workshop with Dale Mackie
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A Personal Reflection on a Village Life

How lucky my husband and I were to happen upon North Thoresby in 1977 when we moved to this area for work. In our twenties and full of youthful plans, energy and enthusiasm we saw a house and bought it. My Dad, when he first saw our purchase, 2 months later commented that "we would be able to play here for years", and so it has proven. We set about getting it as we wanted and after 7 years of earning and renovating we had the home we loved, and then the birth of a daughter followed. Life, always pretty full on, then stepped up a gear.

Work, always dominant of course, family life and supporting ageing parents many miles away, all took their toll on time and money. Despite time pressures we have always tried to "join in" with village events as we have passed through the various stages of life; W.I. for me and the New Inn for my husband came fairly quickly, but helping to run Mums and Toddlers, school PTA and the, now famous, DON'T committee in the 1990s followed on. We were also press ganged into various variety shows in the Village Hall in the 80s which, surprisingly the audience seemed to enjoy.

This village was open to newcomers and helpful to us at all times, and that has been so crucial to our happiness here. So much in life is cultivated by goodwill, as opposed to ill-will. Modern life, at times, appears to be rather too full of the latter. Now my husband and I are old, and at the stage of on-looker, rather than participant, but I do encourage younger community members to contribute. Time, energy or ideas enable this village, and its community to thrive. If we all do "our bit" then life for all will be enhanced, at least that's how it seems to have worked out for us in the last 45 years.

Thanks to Ian and others for this directory and for his thoughts and sustained efforts in providing something from which we all can benefit. The NTCEA seems to me, to be the latest iteration of a group of dynamic villagers "stirring things up" for the rest of us to cultivate community cohesion.

What a wonderful thing.

Angela Hawkins

From the Reverend Susan Chambers

Dear Villagers

I'm writing to you on what is the hottest day of the year! I hope you enjoy the heat more than I do!

I'm delighted too to be able to say how much everyone at North Thoresby Methodist Church enjoys the fact that so many groups within the village use, and enjoy using, our premises – both the Chapel and the Wesley Centre. It was wonderful to be able to 'come to the rescue' for the Platinum Jubilee Street Parties when the heavens opened and alternative arrangements had to be made at very short notice!

As a Church we are committed to integrating with, and serving, our community as much as we can – using the resources we have. We believe that is what our Christian calling is! That of course includes welcoming people to worship on Sundays at 11am – everyone is more than welcome to join us – as well as to all the other activities we are involved in on a regular basis and our 'occasional' events. Tuesday Coffee mornings (10.30 – 11.30am) and Thursday Village Men's Group (10 – 11.30am) are among the favourites! Why not come along and have a chat?

I trust that you will all enjoy the summer holidays and that, as we continue to regain the freedom we enjoyed pre-Covid, we will each be able to continue to support, care for and engage with one another more and that we can know something of the love of God in our midst as we do so.

Every blessing to you all.

Susan

North Thoresby Football Club

Last season's league fixtures were completed by the end of April with NTFC finishing second in division 2 of the East Lincs Football Combination leaving us only cup fixtures to complete before the end of the 2021/22 season, which went on into early May.

The climax of the season was to reach the Final of the prestigious Cusworth Cup against Sutton FC played at Fulstow watched by a large crowd of supporters. A tight fought game with the score at 1-1 into injury time when we conceded a late goal, so we were disappointed only to pick up the runners up medals. We are back in training ready for the 2022/23 season which starts on the 3rd September.

This next season there will only be two divisions down from three with NTFC opting to remain in division 2. We need to strengthen our squad ready for the new season so are on the lookout for adult players 16 to 40+ so if there is any interested players come and join us on a training evening on either a Tuesday or a Wednesday starting at 6:30pm. During last season we were able to accommodate Holton-le-Clay juniors on our second pitch and they are already back playing friendlies in the under 14 age group ready for next season. They are always on the lookout for players so if there any of our village lads interested, please get in touch.

Contact for adult and junior players Dave Bedlow 840364/07548127162

North Thoresby Community Events Association Concerts September-December 2022

We are extremely grateful to Wendy Conroy and her staff at McColls for taking on the ticket selling role for our events.

Saturday 10th September, Sage and the Others
Saturday 1st October, The Genie Lamps
Saturday 26th November, The Mardy Johnny Depps
Saturday 10th December, Christmas Charity Concert

Tickets for all events £7.50, available approx. a month before the performance. Full details will be posted on our website, Facebook page and on notice boards in the village, and to all those on our database.

The Local Folk Concert originally planned for October 21st will not now take place and a Live and Local Concert will replace it.

North Thoresby & District Bowls Club

Introduction

Midsummers day has passed and we are still enjoying our bowling. Dry conditions have made the evenings wonderful for bowls and we are making the most of it. There is nothing better than wiling away a summers evening with a nice bit of friendly exercise.

General

The goal of our club is to enhance the community wellbeing. Lawn bowls is a skillful, tactical and inclusive game that can be played and enjoyed by all. Bowls is fun, it's social and it's competitive. This club has forty full members made up from residents of North Thoresby and surrounding villages like Tetney, Marshchapel, Ashby-cum-Fenby and Holton le Clay. We have bowls teams which compete in both the Louth Wolds and Grimsby & Cleethorpes lawn bowls Leagues. We have internal bowls competitions, friendly bowls matches and social bowling sessions. Our flat green bowling club is open to anyone regardless of sex, age, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.

Bowling Season (Never long enough!)

The bowling season started at the end of April and will finish in mid-September when we need to carry out maintenance to the bowling green surface. The bowling green is available to members to use at any time during the bowling season, but restricted when the grass is being cut or bowls matches are being played.

Social Bowling Timings

Good times to bowl and meet a few other club members are: Monday evening @ 6:00 pm
Tuesday morning @ 10:00 am
Thursdays @ 2:00 pm & @6:00 pm
Saturday afternoon @ 1:45 pm (Cake and raffle)

The Saturday afternoon session is always well-attended. It is a fun session with all levels of bowlers participating. The Saturday afternoon session normally lasts around two hours. Spectators are welcome.

Open Bowls Afternoon Report

Our Open Bowls Afternoon during the Village Festival week was a great success and in the midst of beautiful weather, we welcomed a dozen guests to try bowls at our bowling green. The social interaction and was enjoyed by all of our regular members.

Membership fee

This is set annually at the Club AGM and is presently £55 p.a. for a full member. Reduced rates apply for Junior and Social members. We are halfway through the bowling season and the annual fee for full membership is now a gift at £27.50!

Contact Information

For further information call Malcolm Huson on 07701386540 or email us at Norththoresbybowls@gmail.com. During the bowling season you can follow the internal competitions on Facebook. Search for North Thoresby & District Bowls Club

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Thomas Kendall: The Forgotten Son of Thoresby

Historian Erik Grigg recently brought to my attention a character, born in North Thoresby, who seems to have escaped recognition as a man of considerable fame (and not inconsiderable infamy). With Erik's permission, I reprint Erik's account of his colourful life. IW

'We now come to the strange story of Thomas Kendall, a Lincolnshire lad whose story is seldom told, which is odd because other famous Yellowbellies (like Newton and Tennyson) are celebrated in the county. He is extremely well known to anyone who studies the Māori language and early history of New Zealand.

Kendall was born in North Thoresby on the 13th of December 1778 and married a Jane Quickfall in Immingham in 1803. He was of humble origins and did not make much of himself here, so he joined the Church Missionary Society to help bring the word of God to people around the World. In 1813, he set out for New Zealand arriving a year later, having first stopped of in Australia to get official sanction for his visit.

At that time New Zealand was a rather wild place with just a few European settlers living on the fringes in outposts rife with drunkenness and vice while the Māori carried on with their lives much as they had always done in the interior. Even though the Governor of New South Wales had appointed Thomas Kendall a Justice "throughout the islands of New Zealand", in reality Kendall and the authorities in Australia had little power in New Zealand. By 1815 Kendall was back in England and there he published *The New Zealander's First Book*, only one copy of which survives (it is in a library in Auckland) and this book contains the first written examples of the Māori language. In 1820, he published a second book *A grammar and vocabulary of the language of New Zealand*, which contains some very interesting exercises to help the reader understand Māori including an evocative hypothetical dialogue in Māori and English of exchanging potatoes for muskets! This was ironic, as Kendall brought with him to England a minor Māori chief, called Hongi Hika, who used the trip to secure muskets for himself. The introduction of the musket in Māori society upset the balance of power between the various Māori tribes and this had tragic repercussions to this day.

In 1821, Kendall went back to New Zealand and began an affair with a Māori girl, Tungaroa, one of his pupils and also a servant in his house. When the affair was discovered, the pair eloped. Kendall at this point went completely native and more shockingly to his contemporaries adopted the Māori religion; he "almost completely turned from a Christian to a Heathen" according to one source. In 1822, he was rather inevitably sacked by Church Missionary Society, but in 1824 he confessed his errors and left New Zealand the following year. Amazingly, his wife took him back, but the Church was less forgiving and although Kendall continued to work on Māori grammar and language, he was blocked from publishing by Samuel Marsden, the Anglican cleric credited with introducing Christianity to New Zealand. Kendall eventually moved to Australia where he died in a shipwreck off Sydney. His impact on the study of Māori can still be felt today where he remains an infamous and rather controversial figure.'

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Art in the Village Hall

Mark Wilson, Manager of the Village Hall, has placed picture hooks in parts of the Hall, to enable villagers, and friends of the village, of all ages, to display art works or photographs. At the moment, a lovely – and large – textile piece made by the 'Knit and Natter Group' is on display. Hang your work yourself or contact Mark 07983442487 mark.caretaker@yahoo.co.uk

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8. Best Young Handler (under 12yrs)
9. Best Trick
10. Fastest Sit
11. Best of the Village (non-ImPACKt dogs)
12. Best of ImPACKt dogs
13. Temptation Alley Recall
14. Best Sausage Catcher
15. Best in Show (all class winners)