



## North Thoresby News and Village Directory:

### Digital Edition

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'Events' will publish the [North Thoresby News and Village Directory](#) in May, August, November and February in both a printed and digital edition. Gradually, the printed edition will expand in size to allow more features and general issues of interest to the village – particularly village history and people. It is important that our generations leave a historical record of what was going on in the village in 'our times.'



**Archive Centre:** We are moving forward with our plans to create an archive centre in the former Headmaster's accommodation in the Wesley centre. It will enable us to preserve precious documents relating to the village's past, present and future.

**Have you got Photographs or other documents relating to life in the village** – or family photographs which show villagers and village events? We can scan without damaging originals. Please contact Ian Wright (details above).

A second volume of village history is in process as is a booklet of postcards and photographs of the village. See more details later in the 'News'

**Christmas Fundraising and Food Bank Support:** In December, £800 was raised, through various events organised by the NTCEA, for two local Foodbanks – the Community Larder in Louth and The Friends Foodbank in Grimsby. In addition – and, thanks to the enthusiastic support from Wendy and her staff at McColls, two large collections of food were donated by customers. We were very impressed by the procedures in place at both groups to safeguard the dignity of those in need of help and to ensure that assistance was going to appropriate homes. **Volunteers from the Methodist Church will continue to make collections for the Friends Foodbank, on the first Saturday of each month 10-12, in the carpark of the Wesley Centre.**

### News and Reports: North Thoresby Community Events Association

**Village History booklets:** A few copies remain on sale in the Post Office – 120 copies sold – making £600 for the Community Fund. A second volume will follow in 2022.

**November:** Two very successful and unique events had large audiences. **Let's Get the Show on the Road** saw Dick Appleton and Paul Bellamy perform Dick's original songs, themed around the Dambusters – funny, emotional and a fitting tribute. Terrific performance. As was Robert Lloyd Parry's monologues in **An Evening of Storytelling** - a tour de force. The History Group was entertained and educated by Simon Tomson's presentation on the **'Vikings in Britain'** – a subject highly relevant to the village.

**December:** 'Events' co-ordinated a **Community Carol Concert**, hosted by St Helen's and led by Rev. Jean Wrisdale. A full church heard children from the village sing carols & joined in 4 more. There were readings from representatives of each of the main village organisations. A collection raised £104 for the Food Banks. **Christmas Lights** switch on followed - with the Parish Council's usual seasonal hospitality. Thanks to all involved.

The **Christmas Concert** was its usual hilarious evening, with Octangle – 8 members of the Louth Male Voice Choir – and Dick Appleton, giving performances which were both highly enjoyable and of the highest musical quality. **A Christmas Quiz** tested the knowledge of 50 or so villagers and friends, generously and **superbly hosted by the New Inn**. Proceeds from both events went to our Food Bank appeal.

**North Thoresby Community Events Association Grants:** 'Events' distributes supportive grants to associations, organisations and community groups within the village, to assist with their activities. Recent grants have included £300 to the Wesley Centre to replace two defective water heaters; £230 to the Bowls Club to repair essential maintenance equipment; £200 to the Brownies and Rainbows to help pay national affiliation fees. We also help fund new activities, such as the **Social Games Mornings** detailed elsewhere in the 'News'. Occasionally, we have assisted individuals in the village to pursue rewarding challenges. We have a formal process to apply; in the first instance, applications should be made to Mark Wilson [mark.caretaker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mark.caretaker@yahoo.co.uk)

**Are you a Snooker Player?** Stuart Wood (email: [stuart\\_butterfield@hotmail.com](mailto:stuart_butterfield@hotmail.com)) is seeking expressions of interest from residents with regard to reforming a 3-4 person snooker team to play in the village snooker league. All games in local villages and Grimsby from September to March. Interested players to contact Stuart Wood chairman 07484156445 or tina leverton secretary 07843158066

# North Thoresby Village History Trail

SECOND EDITION



Courtesy of  
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The Square, North Thoresby.

1925

## Part 1

A circular walk from the Village Square, down Church Lane, past the Football Field, round to the High Street, and back to The Square.

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### **Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> The NTCEA presents 'Local Folk'**

The first of a planned series of bi-monthly Folk concerts for 2022. **Village Hall 7.30. £6**  
**Tickets in advance from NT Post Office or through PayPal@ntcea, or contact Claire Cooper [claire.1940s@hotmail.com](mailto:claire.1940s@hotmail.com)**

An evening of folk music with a Lincolnshire slant with seasoned performers on the folk scene: **Jan & Paul Ramsey, Ruairidh Grieg, and Ian Skelton**. Accompanied by guitars, concertina and harmonica, and to include some chorus songs for audience participation. Jan and Paul's repertoire spans traditional and contemporary folk songs together with a selection of self-penned songs, many with a Lincolnshire theme. Ruairidh first sang at the Grimsby folk Club in 1964! He features many local songs in his repertoire; some from Percy Grainger's collection in the 1900s and others from his own. Ian Skelton is an accomplished guitarist and singer of contemporary and self-penned songs.'

**Friday Sew and So's, Every Friday** At the Wesley Centre (at the back of the Methodist Church), Station Road, North Thoresby, DN36 5QP. **Re-starting Friday 25th February.** 9.30am – 11.30 am Cost £2 per session. Refreshments provided.

Machines to borrow or bring your own. A chance to do your own projects, finish off projects that have been in your cupboard for forever, start a new one, try something new. Available - books, patterns, ideas and small projects to start, ready to go. **For more information please contact Heather on 01472 841127**

**Social Games Mornings, Every Friday, No Cost first two sessions:** Cards, draughts, chess, dominoes – others on request. **Refreshments provided.** Starting 25th February. Every Friday 9.30 – 11.30am. **First 2 Sessions Free.** At the **Wesley Centre.** **To book in or if you would like further information, please contact Heather (see above) 01472 841127**

**Christmas Lights and Tree:** As we have done for the last 4 years, the NTCEA erected Christmas lights in the Square, around the Hall and on the tree – and replaced virtually all of the old lights. We alternate with the Parish Council in purchasing the tree and this year 'Events' bought a larger tree than previously. Funded from the Community Fund, costs this year were approx. £350. Many thanks to those residents who plug us in to their electricity.

### **Events at the Methodist Church and Wesley Centre February-April 2022**

**Mothering Sunday 27th March.** There will be an all-age service at the Methodist Church at 11am united with St. Helen's.

**Palm Sunday 10th April at 11am.** A service to remember the chapel anniversary (173 years) and the Thursday Get-Together.

**Good Friday.** A short service will begin at the Methodist Church at 11 am followed by a walk through the village to St. Helen's to continue the service.

**Thursday Get Together meets in the Wesley Centre at 2pm. All are welcome.**

**January 27<sup>th</sup>** Rev. Alan Hundleby: Poetry

**February 10<sup>th</sup>** Stuart Sizer: Louth shops and businesses

**February 24<sup>th</sup>** Barbara McKinnell: Nigeria

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** Bev Barker: Quiet Gardens

**March 24<sup>th</sup>** Lynn Robinson: Musical Evening

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** Fun Quiz and AGM

**Beanlands Planning Application:** There have been no significant developments regarding the planning application - East Lindsey Planning Officer reports that technical aspects of the proposals are being examined, 'mindful of any advice/comment from formal and statutory consultees' – which includes the many submissions made from the community. As soon as the Working Group co-ordinating the community response receive any information, they will share the knowledge with the village. The Working Group consists of Adrian Coy, Heather Howard, George Krawiec and Tanya Kuzemczak. See Facebook group 'Proposed Beanlands Development N.Thoresby'.

**Cinema Club. Currently suspended** - the future of the event will be reviewed in April.

### **North Thoresby Football Club**

Our sports clubs are a great asset to the community and the football club has a long history in the village. A great deal of work goes into running a football team and maintaining the ground, pitches and changing rooms. Only recently, the future of the club was in doubt, but they are in the healthiest position for a long time. The team currently play in the second division of the East Lincs Football Combination and are currently sitting in second place in the league. In 2020, Club Chairman, Alan Dodes guided the club through a process whereby committee members achieved certificates in first aid, coaching and safeguarding. As a result, the club gained accreditation from the FA and can now apply for grants, courses and discounts on kits and equipment.

During the Covid pandemic lockdown the club secured a grant from the Football Foundation which was used to improve the main pitch and bring back up to standard the training 5-a-side area and second pitch, which has recently been altered to be used by the 'adopted' Holton-le-Clay under 13s Junior team. The changing rooms were also renovated inside and out with a new steel sheet roof provided by ex-player manager Jim McDonnell. The toilet inside the storage container was fitted up with running water supplied by a roof tank filled with rainwater.

The club are fortunate to be sponsored by local businesses JM Safety, Cool Energy, Nationwide Plumbing and Nick Grant of HS Grant Haulage, who is the main kit Sponsor. Great credit goes to long time serving player Jason Cooper who spent endless hours working up on the field whilst being furloughed from his job, assisted by team manager Jack Shearer, club secretary/groundsman Dave Bedlow and Jim Birkwood snr. Dave Bedlow, who has contributed so much to community life for over 40 years, has been involved with the club for 28 years, often acts as linesman and is largely responsible for the ground maintenance, grass cutting, rolling and line markings.

### **History Group Second Thursdays of the Month, Village Hall, 7.30 £2.50**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February:** The Lost Abbeys of Lincolnshire, David Start

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April:** Architectural History of Lincolnshire, Matt Bentley, Senior Conservation Manager, Heritage Lincolnshire

**Many thanks to Kristi and Abie in the Post Office** for their great support in handling ticket and booklet sales for us – and their contributions to the community.

**Thoresby Homecare: Supporting the Community since 1983 Hardware and Ironmongery Specialists 01472 840826**  
**The Square. Open Monday-Saturday 8.30-5.00pm**

**Top Salon (Unisex) Hair and Nails. The Square. 01472-840372**  
**Ring Sally or Anneka for an appointment**

**North Thoresby Village Hall:** Main Hall - £12 per hour. Committee Room - £6 per hour. Main Hall Day Rate - £50 per day. Block booking discounts available. Contact: Mark Wilson 07983442487. email: [mark.caretaker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mark.caretaker@yahoo.co.uk)

### **North Thoresby, Grainsby and Waithe Parish Council**

**website:** [parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/NorthThoresbyGrainsbyandWaithe](http://parishes.lincolnshire.gov.uk/NorthThoresbyGrainsbyandWaithe)

**Email:** [norththoresbyparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:norththoresbyparishcouncil@gmail.com)

**North Thoresby Art Group:** Further information please contact Judith Goodey on 01472-840461

### **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
- **Football ages 2/10 years:** Weekly, Thursdays - 16.00/18.00. Max Broadhurst 07495462790
- **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 Des Green 01472 840160

### **Methodist Church Regular Events All welcome - turn up or ring a steward for details.**

- **Sunday Worship:** Every Sunday 11am. Methodist Church.
- **Informal Mid-week worship:** Second Tuesday of each Month 9.45am. Methodist Church.
- **Coffee Morning raising money for charity:** Every Tuesday 10.30-11.30 Methodist Centre.
- **Thursday Get Together:** Fortnightly 2.00-3.30pm Methodist Centre.
- **Saturday collection for Friends Food Bank:** First Saturday of the Month 10am-Noon.
- **Village Men's Group and Fellowship and Bible Study** – yet to be decided.

### **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

### **Village Groups meeting in the Wesley Centre**

- **Knit and Natter:** relax and knit for local charities. Every Monday 2-4pm.  
**Margaret Gibson 01472-840698**
- **Needlecrafts:** friendly, informal group, tuition in embroidery. Various dates.  
**Jacqui Toyne 01472-840246**
- **Rainbows** (Fridays 5-6pm) and **Brownies** (Fridays 6-7pm): Empowering girls to be confident women through adventure, events, and regular meetings. Contact:  
**norththoresbyrainbowbrownies@gmail.com**

### **North Thoresby and District Womens Institute**

Meetings first Tuesday of each month, 7.30 Wesley Centre. Annual General Meeting and Crazy Raffle February 1<sup>st</sup>. March 1<sup>st</sup> Sue Sanchez speaks about her Nigerian Experiences. April 5<sup>th</sup> 'Graham the Butcher from Holton-le-Clay'. **Book Group:** Meets approximately once a month in a member's home. The host chooses the next book. **Contact details:** **Secretary, Linda Dickinson 01472 840030**

**Pop-In Luncheon Club** – are hoping to do a lunch on April 14<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday. **Contact: Sarah Durrant [smdurrant@btinternet.com](mailto:smdurrant@btinternet.com) 07484754443**

**North Thoresby Primary Academy Headteacher: Tom Hawkins 01472**

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## An Extract from the Village History Trail Part 1

The first volume of a new village history appeared in the summer of 2021. The 108-page booklet covers two history walks – from the Square, along Church Lane and to the Halfway House, and secondly, from The Square to the Halfway House. It also contains a great deal of information putting the village in its historical context. A second part is in preparation and we will also be publishing collections of North Thoresby in old postcards. Currently, there are only a handful of copies of the booklets left, but it will be re-published in the summer.

What follows, is an extract from the booklet featuring one of our many interesting buildings, 'Sadlers'. Many thanks to John and Peter.

### Sadlers



The earliest document for Sadlers is an Abstract of Title from 1890, which records its prior history. There are references to a Lot 54 being purchased by William Espin for the substantial sum of £100 15s 10d in 1831 from the estate of Marmaduke Dixon. Dixon had bought the property on 13th May 1828. These could be possible build dates for the property, which consisted of the area under the front gable with additional outbuildings. The brick bonding is of the most common type found in the village, Flemish Garden Bond, and this – in conjunction with the documents - suggest an early 19th century origin. The roof timbers in the front part of the house are quartered tree trunks. The OS Map of 1888 clearly shows two dwellings with a long profile of outbuildings stretching back into the large garden.

What is now Sadlers, the Saddlery, and the surrounding land, appear to have been in single ownership for most of its history. While still separate dwellings, the cottages seem to have been occupied by members of the middle class – there was a clergyman and ladies with a chauffeur in residence at

various times. The rooms are bigger than the labourers' cottages nearby and there was stabling and a significant amount of land.

Originally, each cottage had a front door (see photo, page 54). In 1922, major changes were made to the cottage on the left side. A bay window was added, leaving a section of the original wooden door lintel still visible to the right of the bay. A very elegant portico entrance was created at the side and a large extension was added. A lounge with lantern windows and balcony above was created on the side (see photo, page 53) and at the back, a breakfast room, kitchen, and garden loggia were added. There are several examples of ironwork, created by the village blacksmith, dating from this period, including the garden gate, light fitting by the door and balcony railings. Inside, a lavish interior was created, including a sweeping mahogany staircase made from a single tree.

The ladies who lived there at the time were known for their grand ways. Their chauffeur used to walk from Station Cottages to Sadlers to collect the car and the ladies and drive them to the village shops. They would choose their groceries, ask for them to be delivered and return to Sadlers in the car. The chauffeur would then walk back home!

The two cottages were made into one in 1976 to create a substantial family residence. In recent years, the 1920s additions have been sympathetically modified to improve the outward appearance and functionality of the interior whilst preserving the oldest part. Although the name may have been in use earlier, the first official reference to Saddlers Cottage or Sadlers Cottage was in the 1960s. In 2021 the name was changed to Sadlers.

The Saddlery is thought to date from the early 1800s and from 1880 to 1950, was the workshop of Ernest 'Baggy' Larder (see page 56), who made and repaired saddles, harnesses and leather goods. In the 1980s, it was converted to living accommodation and the openings on the roadside, bricked up. In 2017, after a full refurbishment, it was opened as The Saddlery Holiday Cottage – and has welcomed nearly 400 guests from the UK and around the world.



The Saddlery before conversion.





**Some of the wonderful ladies who have run the Pop-In Luncheon Club for over 15 years.**



**The Football Club: Season 2020-21**



**Football Team, November 2021**







**Dave Bedlow**, President of the North Thoresby Community Events Association, seen here presenting a grant to a young villager we helped compete in an athletics event overseas. Dave has contributed an immense amount to the community for over 40 years – and is still doing so as Secretary and Treasurer of the football and cricket teams and the mainstay of ground maintenance. You may have seen him this Christmas, erecting the tree. In the past, he ran a youth club in the village and was involved in running the 1940s Event.



**Poster for the excellent show in the Village Hall, November 2021**



*The Square, North Thoresby*  
 Brian Cliffe 1995



*St. Helens Church - North Thoresby*

Two of the evocative sketches made of the village, by Brian Cliffe, 1995.



Now the Post Office, and once an amazing Village Store. This is one image which will appear in the forthcoming booklet featuring North Thoresby in Old Postcards and Photographs.  
Below: a later view – can anyone identify the date?



# Jazz in the Village

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One of the Events planned for the Arts Festival in 2020 – now re-arranged as part of the 2022 Festival, on June 11<sup>th</sup>. A full programme for the Arts Festival of 2022, June 4<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> will be published in the May Edition of 'The News'.





# CAROLS AT ST HELEN'S

FOLLOWED BY MINCE PIES ETC. IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL FROM 6PM AND CHRISTMAS  
LIGHTS SWITCH-ON AT 6.30

SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021

TREYER  
EVANS

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All Proceeds to our Christmas Good Causes  
The Friends Foodbank, Grimsby and The Community Larder, Louth  
North Thoresby Community Events Association

# Christmas Concert

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Village Hall 7.30 £5 Tickets from Post Office



An Evening of Music, Comedy and General Merriment  
**Dick Appleton, Singer-Songwriter**  
**Louth Male Voice Choir**

**BYO Drink and Food**

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## NorthThoresby History Group

Thurs 11th November Village Hall 7.30  
£2.50 All Welcome



Vikings in Britain : The Evidence Nationally  
and Locally'

Simon Tomson



Back cover of the Village History Trail, showing the High Street sometime after 1911 (when the houses to the left were built) and old cottages demolished in the 1930s.

