



Thakeham

Parish Council News



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

This edition of the Newsletter is being distributed with the Annual Report which details the key highlights and issues in Thakeham for 2009/10. The reporting Chairman for this period was Dave Berry who served on the Parish Council for nearly 10 years and as Chairman for the last 5 years. Due to work commitments Dave has recently resigned the chair and from the Council. We wish him well for the future and offer sincere thanks for his responsible and enthusiastic approach to his role as Councillor and in particular to his time as Chairman.

Thanks also to the local farmers, Mrs Binnington and Messrs Linfield, Potts and O'Leary, who addressed the recent well attended Annual Parish Meeting, and gave enjoyable and informative presentations on the challenges faced by the farming community.

Village clean up day was a success and thanks both to all the volunteers who came along and the Highway Rangers from West Sussex County Council who also helped on the day.

Concerns regarding the proposals to redevelop the Abingworth and Chesswood sites continue to focus the minds of us all. It is expected that joint planning applications for both sites will be submitted shortly and the Parish Council will need to submit its views to Horsham District Council in due course.

As the new Chairman of the Parish Council I think it important to restate the fact that the eleven council members seek to serve the whole community of Thakeham and in this respect the opinions and views of all who live in the

community are important. Not least in considering these redevelopment proposals.

The recently issued questionnaire gives an opportunity for all to submit their views on each of the key issues and also on the key statements made by the developers in respect of their proposals. Importantly, it also offers the opportunity for everyone to submit their own comments and thoughts.

Once the questionnaires have been returned an analysis of responses will be undertaken and a full report submitted to the Parish Council for discussion.

In the meantime meetings continue with Sussex Mushrooms to discuss odour and other pollution factors within the village. The installation of new compost furnaces is progressing and will ultimately result in a dramatic reduction in spent compost being removed from site and also in a high degree of energy self sufficiency.

Monitoring of the situation concerning Laybrook will continue with WSCC seemingly reluctant to remove the site as a potential landfill location in its strategic plan.

The recent uncertainty of the future of land north of The Street offered for sale at auction appears to be largely resolved with a number of local residents purchasing land adjacent to their properties.

Finally, a reminder that all are welcome to attend the monthly council meetings held at the village hall, details are available on the website.

John Weight

Chairman, Thakeham Parish Council

THAKEHAM VILLAGE DAY
SATURDAY JUNE 19TH 1PM TO 5PM
A GREAT DAY OUT - DON'T MISS IT!



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SATURDAY JUNE 19TH 1PM TO 5PM

*COME ALONG & WATCH THE SOUTHDOWN STRONGMEN
ENJOY THE STALLS, MUSIC & OTHER ENTERTAINMENT
FOOD AND DRINK: ICE CREAMS, BAR & REFRESHMENTS
WIN A PRIZE IN THE RAFFLE AND OTHER COMPETITIONS
FROM LATE AFTERNOON ONWARDS: BANDS PLAYING & HOG ROAST*

THAKEHAM BUSES

There have been some revisions to the Compass bus routes through Thakeham.

Compass 74 (Monday to Saturday)

Improved afternoon service for shopping etc in Storrington and Horsham.

Compass 72 (Tuesdays and Fridays only)

Two buses to Pulborough and back for shopping at Sainsbury/Tesco.

Compass 71 (Wednesday only)

This service unfortunately only serves south Thakeham. One bus to Chichester (2hrs shopping) and back via Arundel (2.5hrs shopping)

Timetables are available in the Parish Office, in the Village Hall, at bus stops, and on the Compass website: www.compass-travel.co.uk.

GREENING THAKEHAM

The Greening Thakeham campaign will be launched at Village Day on 19th June and with this newsletter you will find your 'Challenge Card'. The object of the campaign is to make our community greener by reducing our CO2 emissions with easily achievable tasks around the home. The reverse of the card tells you what you need to do. Then in September all the displayed cards will be counted and the amount of CO2 saved can be calculated – and celebrated. So let's all try to make a big difference and make Thakeham greener!



Do visit the Greening Thakeham and other stalls on Village Day to find out more and have some green fun, including competitions, making smoothies with peddle power and hearing the Pre-School and First School children singing their eco-songs. Be there, be Green!

STORRINGTON AND DISTRICT MUSEUM

Storrington Museum celebrated its 10th anniversary by unveiling its new look at a recent open day. This includes revised displays and new and better display cabinets. It is hoped to change some of the items on permanent display on a regular basis, and in addition there will be temporary exhibitions on subjects that visitors will want to see. The museum does have several items that relate to Thakeham, including the W.I. "history" book, and the records of the Thakeham Workhouse and Thakeham Rural District Council. The opening times have been changed: Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday from 10am to 4pm. It's worth a look, and not just once a year! More information can be found on their website: www.storringtonmuseum.org.

DOG FOULING

Irresponsible owners continue to ignore the signs and leave dog mess in the playground, sports field, paths and even on the pavements. It is an offence not to clean up after your dog, there is a maximum fine of £1000 and HDC Wardens are now issuing £50 Fixed Penalty Notices to offenders. If your dog fouls, you must clean up afterwards.

JOIN US

We now have a vacancy for a Councillor and encourage anyone who might be interested in joining us to contact the clerk for more information.

WEBSITE

Have you visited our website yet? Go to www.thakehamparish.co.uk It contains lots of news and information, agendas and minutes of council and committee meetings, plus the opportunity to "have your say".

