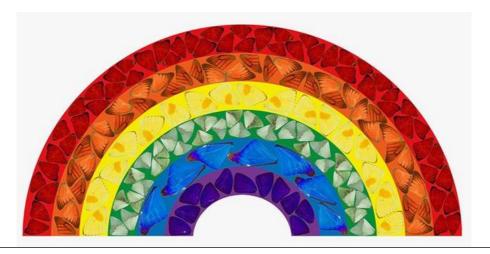
THORPE TOGETHER

The quarterly magazine for Thorpe Ward residents



We Will Remember Them



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Facing Winter Alone?

Find out how we can help tackle the risks of loneliness

The Alzheimer's Society reports that isolation in lockdown has caused shocking levels of physical and mental decline for people living alone and particularly for people with dementia. Families are choosing Rivermede Court to look after their loved ones, not only for the friendly environment and personalised care we provide but also for the reassurance, safety and companionship we can offer.

Call Sandra or Louise on **01784 819 141** to arrange a personalised visit any time or see our website **cinnamoncc.com/rivermedecourt**.





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THANK YOU...

Despite 4 months' not trading in 2020, and slower December trading to come; we're still here (just) and grateful to be opening again on 2nd December. So we write briefly to thank all of you who have supported your local in 2020, and to confirm rules, offers, dates, and times for the festive period for your information.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING YOU SAFELY THIS CHRISTMAS...

We have been confirmed as being allowed to re-open on 2nd December under Tier 2 Covid restrictions where:

- **❖** YOU can only join us inside at the pub with anyone you live with (or who is in your support bubble); or outside in a group of no more than 6, and
- ❖ WE can only serve you alcohol with a substantial meal, via table service, with last orders being called at 10pm, before our premises close by 11pm.

(We will continue to offer delivered takeaways throughout the period, if you are understandably reluctant to join us here, except for Christmas Day.)

FESTIVE OFFERS

- EAT OUT TO HELP OUT continues through December and beyond. Join us, Monday-Wednesday, for 1/3 off all food and soft drinks, including our Christmas menu (with 48hrs notice please), and
- **Get your takeaway delivered for FREE**, including our Christmas menu (again with 48hrs notice please), by calling us on 01932 563 350.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ❖ 25th Dec.: Christmas Day, Bar open from 11am. Last orders at 1pm,
- ❖ 26th Dec.: Boxing Day. Only open between 12noon and 6pm, and
- ❖ 1st Jan.: New Years' Day. Only open between 12noon and 6pm.

With our best wishes to you and those close to you for a safe and peaceful Christmas; and we look forward to welcoming you soon.



From all of us on the team at your local.Tel: 01932 563 350, Email: bookings@theredlionthorpe.co.uk, www.theredlionthorpe.co.uk



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THE INDEPENDENT



Newsletter of THORPE WARD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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TWRA on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/thorpewardresidentsassociation/

We hope that are all keeping as well as possible during these difficult times. Please join the association at www.ThorpeWardResidents.org.uk. Thank you.

The future of your association: Resident Survey

Unfortunately, the recent lockdown has meant that we have not been able to distribute our Resident Survey forms. We will therefore be sending all households a survey to ask for your feedback on the future of your association. We will deliver out the survey forms to households in the ward as soon as this can be achieved. For those of you who can, we welcome comment from those who can complete the survey via our website. The link to the survey can be found on our home page using the above website address. If you can spend a few minutes completing the form electronically that would be appreciated.

This is a reminder that any previous cookies you may have saved prior to April 2020 will not work and you should please delete the prior cookie for SurreyCommunities.info, enter our new website directly in your browser and re-save this. Please also note our new email address.

Committee members

We are always in need of new Committee members. We are particularly interested in anybody interested in helping us a Secretary role and support on social media.

Other news bites:

- **Thorpe and Egham Half Marathon:** We still have places available for those that would like to run on behalf of the association. Obviously, the event is subject to COVID-19 restrictions applicable at the time. Please contact us if you would like to run for TWRA.
- **Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan:** This has gone to Runnymede Borough Council and they have appointed an Examiner who has raised several questions surrounding the Plan. It is understood these questions are being addressed by the Thorpe Neighbourhood Forum.
- **Flooding:** Your association continues to push for strengthening of local and national guidance and stronger adherence to existing guidance. We have been lobbying your MP, Runnymede Borough Council and the Environment Agency. We have recently responded to the national consultation on Planning for the Future, highlighting the need to strengthen protection of flood zones from the risk of development activity.
- Whitehall Farm Mineral Extraction Public Consultation: Cemex held a public consultation on Whitehall Farm which is identified in Surrey County Council's 2011 Mineral Plan and is located west of Stroude Road, Virginia Water. A planning application is proposed by the end of 2020, with work starting 2022 for 8 years. The largest impact on Thorpe ward residents could be from the 156 HGV expected daily journeys from the site and use of Thorpe Lea Road and Thorpe Bypass (B388) as one of two proposed routes. Copies of the consultation slides and further information can be found on TWRA's website.
- Longcross South Public Consultation: Again, another public consultation was held on plans to progress to outline planning application the Longcross South site for some 1700 homes. TWRA members attended the public consultation and again have included slides on our website from the event.

Protecting our ditches and watercourses:

Our local ditches serve an important role in protecting our community from flooding. In September, Environment Agency operations team cleared vegetation and rubbish from sections of The Moat which runs through Thorpe Village.

Unfortunately, they found lots of garden waste as well as some larger fly tipped items. This detritus can build up over time and cause blockages, potentially leading to local flooding because water cannot flow in the channel.

It is important that the community, government agencies and the council work together to keep local ditches and watercourses clear.

Many people are not aware that it is the **riparian owner** who is responsible for maintaining the watercourse(s). A riparian owner is the owner of land that is next to a watercourse or has a watercourse running through or beneath it.

The Environment Agency prioritise their work on rivers so that it reduces flood risk for people, homes and businesses. They must focus resources where they are most needed because funding for maintenance of watercourses is limited. Removing fallen trees and other rubbish does not always meet the criteria for clearance work unless there is a blockage.

Further guidance on watercourse maintenance can be found at:

www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse

Surrey County Council also have some useful information at:

www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-andcommunity/emergency-planning-and-communitysafety/emergency-planning/prepare-foremergencies/news/take-a-look-at-our-newresources

Please contact the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60 if you notice any deliberate pollution of the watercourse by others, or a large-scale build-up of detritus in the watercourse that is clearly impeding the flow and causing a flood risk.

Take care and stay well.

Nigel Robbins Vice Chairman, Thorpe Ward Residents' Association



Environment Agency clearing The Moat



Rubbish in The Moat before clearance

MILTON PARK FARM - Another Decision Postponement!

Surrey County Council has announced that the decision on whether Hanson can quarry Milton Park Farm for sand and gravel will not be taken on December 16th but is now scheduled to take place on March 25th.



St Mary's Church, Thorpe QUARTERLY NEWS

Welcome WINTER / CHRISTMAS 2020

to our quarterly news update from St Mary's Church in Thorpe Village. We look forward to you visiting us for worship, a tour of the Medieval Church, private prayer, or your special occasion soon. St Mary's Church, Thorpe – always a welcome



A Message from Father Damian Miles, Anglican Vicar of Thorpe: St Ignatius of Loyola was a 16th century soldier who became a mystic. He founded a Catholic religious order called the Society of Jesus, known as the Jesuits. "The way of Ignatius is about finding freedom: the freedom to become the person you're meant to be, to love and accept love, to make good decisions, and to experience the beauty of creation and the mystery of God's love." [James Martin SJ, The Jesuit Guide to (almost) Everything.] Ignatian spirituality offers us a pragmatic vision of life, work, and love. One well know phrase that typifies this is "Finding God in all things," that is to see God at work in every aspect of our lives and the world around, for God is all about relationship which is central to the Christmas story. Indeed, Christians believe there is no separation between the different areas of our lives, for God is present in all of them and we need to bring all that we are to our relationship with God. This mindset inspired us to look again at our Church life and in the light of the present pandemic and social distancing, re-invent our festivities to meet everyone where they are in an accessible and inclusive way. In other words, Christmas in Thorpe is not cancelled, rather we are trying some new ideas that we hope you will enjoy being a part of, from our outdoor lights, nativity scene and carols every evening in December to our Maranatha series of short daily readings, reflections and prayers as we cry aloud, "Come Lord Jesus." All our main services will be ticketed, and live streamed to our Facebook page where you can also find a wealth of useful information. And, if the rules permit, we hope you will host a stall on your driveway on Sunday 6th December from 1-4pm as we seek to celebrate the joy of community in a socially distanced way and raise money for charities. We do all this believing that Jesus, born of Mary, meets us where we are with love and walks life's journey with us. Wishing you a happy Christmas 2020 and a peaceful & healthy 2021, your Vicar and friend, Revd Damian Harrison-Miles.

www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk
The church is <u>open</u> for visitors:

Parish Office Number: 01932 565986 Wednesday 2pm – 4pm Saturday 2pm – 4pm

CHARITY NO: 1176929

Email: stmaryschurchthorpe@outlook.com

St Mary's Church Thorpe, Church Approach, Thorpe Village, TW20 8TQ



CHRISTMAS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE

St Mary's Church, Thorpe, Church Approach, Thorpe Village, Surrey, TW20 8TQ. 01932 565986 www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk

Sunday 6th December

10AM PARISH EUCHARIST

1 - 4pm Village Fair (socially distanced!)
4PM CHRISTINGLE

Sunday 20th December

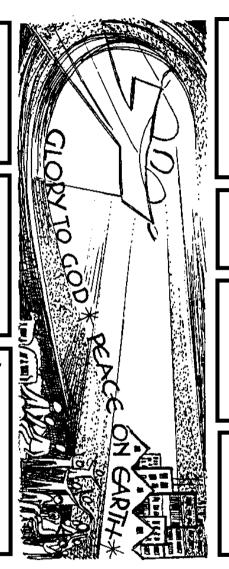
10AM PARISH EUCHARIST

6PM TRADITIONAL
LESSONS & CAROLS

Christmas Eve Thursday 24th December 3PM & 5PM CRIB SERVICES

11:30PM MIDNIGHT MASS

With Carols & Holy Communion



Christmas Day Friday 25th December 8AM Said Holy Communion

10AM CHRISTMAS PARISH EUCHARIST

With Carols and Holy Communion

Boxing Day Saturday 26th December 10AM ST STEPHEN'S DAY EUCHARIST

Sunday 27th December

10AM PARISH EUCHARIST

6PM CAROLS

BEFORE THE CRIB

Wednesday 6th January 2021
Epiphany of our Lord (12th Night)
7:30PM FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

with Carols and Holy Communion

Services are live streamed at www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchThorpe and uploaded later to St Mary's Church website. Entrance into Church: you must follow our Covid-secure protocols and one-way system.

We have a maximum number of 40 spaces available for each service and you will need to book a

ticket in advance to reserve seats by visiting www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk/register-to-attend.

WEEKLY SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE

8am Holy Communion (Said Eucharist) **Sundays**

10am Parish Eucharist (Mass)

7pm Compline

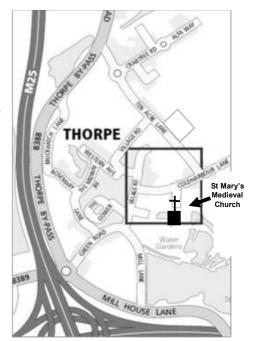
11:30am Family Service 1stSunday monthly 12noon Holy Baptisms 4th Sunday monthly

Wednesday & Saturday 10am Said Eucharist

Worship is live streamed to our Facebook page every day at 10am. There is Always a Welcome for All

We serve Thorpe Village, Thorpe Lea, Thorpe Green, Chertsey Lane and surrounding communities. Visit our church website for more information about your local village church. www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk

For support with planning a wedding, funerals at the crematorium, church, and graveside, to have your child baptised (christened) or just to chat please contact the Parish Office on 01932 565986.





This Advent & Christmas season we pray "Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus" - a daily series of reflections including readings and prayers. Make the time to join in as we prepare for Christmas 2020! https://www.facebook.com/StMarysChurchThorpe https://maranthathorpe.org/



St Mary's Thorpe Christmas Lights, outdoor Nativity & Carols From Saturday 5th December to Wednesday 6th January, visit St Mary's Churchyard from 3 – 7pm to enjoy carols and readings,

A Christmas Village Fair re-imagined with social distancing! Rules permitting, we hope to have stalls, table sales & treasure Hunt around Thorpe Village on Sunday 6th December 1 – 4pm.

the beautiful lights and our new outdoor nativity scene display.

Could you help with our socially distanced festivities this year, perhaps by hosting a stall or placing lights in your windows? Contact: Susi on 01784 433480

From St Mary's Church Registers September - November 2020

Baptism: 13/09 Kylo James Bremner; Funerals: 07/09 William (Bill) John Clarke; 11/09 Janet (Jan) Elizabeth Crocker; 25/09 Robert Roy Batley; 01/10 Anthony (Tony) James Thomas Swain; 16/11 Nicola Edwards; 23/11 Gordon John Lighton; 24/11 Loretta (Rita) Johns; Wedding: 30/10 David Germany & Beverley Syradd.

From your Thorpe Ward Councillors

Elaine Gill, Linda Gillham and Margaret Harnden







On 22nd October 2020, I was so honoured and privileged to become Mayor of Runnymede. The support shown by all Councillors across Runnymede has been quite overwhelming.

On my first day in the role, I attended the ground breaking ceremony of a building project in Thorpe Ward. I was presented with a commemorative spade to mark the event which I will treasure.

Eden Health are working on this mammoth building project to provide retirement living in what was formerly known as Cemex HQ. It was very special to be one of my first official duties and I look forward to visiting again when works progress. For me the two excellent parts of the project are that Eden Health want local residents to be involved and use the facilities. Also the listed buildings are being brought back to their former glory and will be there for many more years to come.

Remembrance Sunday is a very important date for me in my calendar and I was honoured to lay a wreath at Thorpe War Memorial supported by my fellow Councillors, Fr. Damian Miles and other community members.

My Father was a soldier in REME during WWII and rarely spoke of the six years he was away from his family. Fortunately he returned, but I cannot imagine how my Grandmother must have felt during those times.

Due to Covid restrictions in place, my hope to be out there with you all in the community and the Borough of Runnymede has been curtailed.

I do so hope though that we can all share in one way or another the festival of Christmas and keep alive that wonderful spirit. It is very difficult, so please do remember to spare a thought for all the vulnerable and others living alone in our Ward of Thorpe.

Please all keep safe and keep well.

Cllr Elaine Gill Mayor of Runnymede

After five years the **Thorpe Neighbourhood Plan** has been submitted to the Examiner and he is sending his report to Runnymede Borough Council. They will then issue the Report and Decision Statement before the 11th December 2020.

The final stage will be a referendum for the residents to approve the plan which will be held next May 2021.

As soon as the Council have issued the Decision Statement we will put all the documents on the Forum

website www.thorpeForum.org.uk but in the meantime there is plenty of information on the Runnymede Borough Council website under Neighbourhood Planning. You will be able to view the emerging plans from other areas in Runnymede there too.

Cllr Linda Gillham

From your Thorpe Ward Councillors (cont.)

Elaine Gill, Linda Gillham and Margaret Harnden



When Cllr Elaine Gill became Mayor of Runnymede in October, I was given the honour of becoming her deputy and look forward very much to assisting her in her new role. Along with Cllr Linda Gillham, I laid a wreath at Thorpe War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday 8th November on behalf of the Thorpe Councillors.

Of course both of us will still be representing Thorpe residents on the council and here to help with any local problems you may have. We all also do our best to keep you abreast of any local developments which we feel might concern you, whether in Thorpe ward or not.

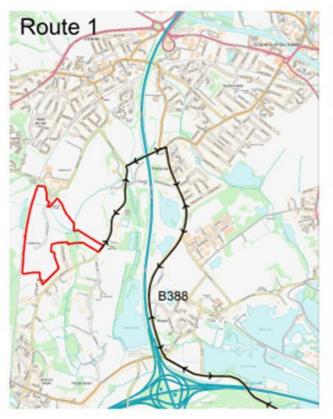
One such, which we would like to flag up at the moment, is outlined in an information letter shown below. Written by Moreton Moore, chair of R.A.G.E, it points out how gravel extraction at Whitehall Farm, Egham could have a serious impact on Thorpe Ward residents — especially those of us who live along Thorpe Lea Road. We will update you when we have more information.

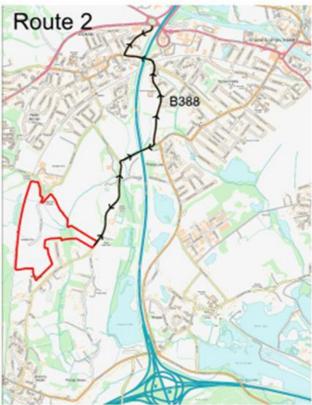
Cllr Margaret Harnden

R.A.G.E (Residents Against Gravel Extraction) IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION REGARDING HEAVY GOODS TRAFFIC

Although some distance from your house, CEMEX is preparing an application to raise gravel at Whitehall Farm. Apart from several issues we have with the proposal, if Whitehall Farm were quarried for sand and gravel, you could be affected by additional heavy goods traffic. A preliminary public consultation by CEMEX in October took place in the form of a Resident Newsletter and an online presentation. It is possible that you might have missed either notification.

RAGE represents the mineral concerns of residents of the Egham Residents' Association, the Thorpe Ward Residents' Association and the Stroude Residents' Association. We endeavour to keep you informed and then, at the appropriate time, to present a coherent response from residents to Surrey County Council (= the Mineral Planning Authority) to the application. Your letters then will be most important.





The maps show the proposed CEMEX haulage routes. They were originally planning to send the HGVs south through Virginia Water but have now indicated that they prefer one of the routes below.

After leaving Whitehall Farm in Stroude Road, Route 1 would go northwards (past Great Fosters) to the bridge over the M25 motorway and then turn southwards into Thorpe Lea Road; whereas Route 2 would turn northwards into Vicarage Road and cross the railway at Pooley Green and proceed to The Avenue. There are estimated to be 78 return journeys per day = 156 large (20 ton) lorry movements for over 7 years!

You may also be aware of a long-running (c. 12yrs) planning application from Hanson to quarry the adjacent Milton Park Farm which has still not been agreed with Surrey. Although having a common border, the Whitehall Farm proposal is entirely different and is not dependent on Milton Park Farm for access or concrete processing.

This early note is for your information. *There is no need to do anything at the moment.* We await the planning application from CEMEX to Surrey County Council (currently due in December) for details and follow-up residents' responses will then be required.

Contact: rage@eghamresidentsassociation.co.uk 19 November 2020

If you would like to place an advert in the Spring 2021 edition of this newsletter to promote your organization or business, please contact Margaret Harnden on 01784-432992 mtharnden@aol.com or Sharon Young 07973-710228 info@thorpevillagehall.org for details.

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photoeyes.zenfolio.com

Will You Give Core Judo the Thumbs Up? New community hub planned - Every vote for funding counts!

Although just outside Thorpe Ward, Runnymede Borough Council have now given planning approval for the creation of a Community Hub with small café, community outdoor fitness space and new car park on the western edge of Thorpe Green, where the old cricket pavilion stood. Funding streams are now being sought to make the proposals a reality. The link to Core Judo can be found here.

Jonathan Purssey, founder and head coach at Core Judo, is asking local residents in Thorpe for their views on this venture and hoping you will vote for it in the **Fund Surrey** scheme.

Jonathan says:

I would like to hear any comments or feedback from local residents on the proposed scheme to replace the old cricket pavilion on the edge of Thorpe Green with a new, purpose built Community Hub.

Planning permission has been granted and we have applied to the Surrey Fund to get potential funding towards the scheme to improve the amenities at Thorpe Green. These would include:

- Installation of an outdoor community fitness space
- Improved car parking facilities
- Access to toilets for the users of Thorpe Green
- Access to changing rooms for sports team wishing to use Thorpe Green
- Electric car charging points and bike hoops for users of the green space.

Please follow this link to vote for our proposal so we have a chance to receive funding via the Surrey Fund.

https://yourfundsurreymap.commonplace.is/comments/5fb285b2c9359944291ff7d5

If we get the most votes and community engagement, our scheme will pass through to the next stage.

Please share this with local people and your friends and family.

This is really significant so please take 2 minutes to do this – JUST CLICK the pink THUMBS UP on our site location bubble at Thorpe Green.

Thank you 🚳

Best wishes Jonathon Purssey Mobile: 0777 611 4673 www.corejudo.co.uk



Will You Give Core Judo The Thumbs Up?

Planned New Community Hub

The Old Cricket Pavilion











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Said Sleeping Beauty, "What a yawn, I wish I never had been born. I'll sleep till this has all passed by." Cried Aladdin, "I know what to try! A lamp, a Genie, wishes three; I know just what all mine will be!" He rubbed the lamp, with might and main, To hear the Genie's voice explain:



"Your call is important to us, but we are experiencing extremely high volume of requests for wishes at this time. Please refer to our website for further details. T's & C's apply." Buttons sighed, We'll make some fun,

Valerie Lane, Chairman

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