



**TATTERSHALL THORPE JUBILEE
GROUP**

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The old Parish Council Annual Report was always produced late summer or early autumn and last year with our first issue we continued with this practice. However the content covers the period between one years Parish Meeting and the next. This year therefore we are sending out the report just before the Parish Meeting, thereby making it possible for any resident to comment on its contents.

Our year started at the Parish Meeting at the camp at which Christina Joachrim of the Woodland Trust gave a short talk on the Carr Woods. I don't think any new facts emerged, but it was a subject that held some interest for everybody. The meeting was very well attended, it is certainly very encouraging to see so many of our community interested in what is happening in the village and to be able to add their comments. Indeed it was at last years meeting that the resolution was passed to produce this report. Following the meeting a toast was drunk to Harry and Meghan, we were a couple of weeks early for the wedding but nobody was bothered and we were also treated to a slice of a ceremonial cake to complete the occasion.

At the end of May residents were invited by Lincolnshire Wildlife to attend the dedication of a new stone memorial at the nature reserve. It was quite a big occasion and a large crowd gathered on the old runway. Johnny Johnson of dambusters fame was in attendance. The new stone memorial replaces the old bomb that had resided in the centre of the airfield. Apparently it had been removed as there had been a few comments that some people considered it inappropriate

The village has again entered for both the Best Kept Village and East Midlands in Bloom competitions. There was an exceptionally good turnout of helpers for our annual village cleanup, so many people taking a pride in their village is great to see. We have tried to gain a few extra points this year by adding some rustic seats near the Charles and Diana tree. There is also a new notice board on the flagpole, outlining sites to see around the village. We have also enlisted the help of the children who have designed Keep our Village Tidy posters. Margaret Pocklington has also renewed the display in the notice board over at the lakes. Judging for Best Kept Village is over a period of 3 months, July August and September, no notice of actual judging is given. EMIB however judge during the first 2 weeks of July, we know when they are coming and we escort them around. Both competitions encompass visual impact of the village, community involvement and wildlife awareness. Prior to the

EMIB inspection the judge meets up with residents over a cup of tea to get a short briefing on the area. We get 15 minutes to do this, and the 1 hour to go on tour around the village. We receive the results of both events in September. This year we have again gained a Silver Gilt award, this time with 163 points as against last year when the score was 156 points. I am sure everybody was pleased with the result and we hope to do even better next year. The judges comments were very similar to last year, highlighting the same major problems that we still have not been able to rectify to date. Margaret Pocklington also received a citation from EMIB for her work in research and cataloguing the archaeological history of Thorpe. With the Best Kept Village entry we do not know exactly how we did as only the 1st and 2nd places are notified.

Forties weekend at the Camp coincided with Forties at Woodhall Spa for the first time this year. Woodhall for some reason changed from their usual dates and the Camp was not too pleased, we understand that this will not occur again. The Saturday was not a good day for the Camp although Woodhall did well. Sunday however the sun shone, which was fortunate for all the would be soldiers at the Camp, but also for us, as the Sunday was also our Railway Day, and both events were very well attended. Mark and Jean's railway is a great draw for young and old alike and is a very popular social occasion for everybody to get together for a good old natter, and at the same time raising a few pounds for the village funds.

The old electricity transformer at the Chapel Lane junction has at last been replaced, it had been leaning at a very strange angle for many years. At one time there were 10 Western Power vehicles in the field plus a rather large generator. The whole exercise took several days to complete. New lampposts have also appeared in the village replacing the old concrete ones. They were a total surprise, even the Parish Council had no indication it was going to happen.

Tattershall Farm Park,-yes it is in Thorpe-has been awarded Best Improved Business Award by East Lindsey District Council, congratulations to them. Something to be proud of.

Meet the Neighbours was held at the Camp on September 21st. The entertainment was provided by John Hall, always good for a laugh. The catering was done by the Jubilee Committee and consisted of jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings plus salad followed by a selection of deserts. Tea, coffee and soft drinks were also available. All for £4 per head, pretty good value. The Bluebell Trophy for the best kept garden

was awarded to Maurice and Anne Hanson, their garden is consistently good year after year. Steve Wattam gave a brief rundown of the Jubilee Group's finances and expected expenditure, and informed those present that there were two marquees that were available to loan out to residents if required.

Bob Tracy has now moved away from the village, and we all wish him well. He was one of Thorpe's parish councillors and he has now been replaced by Andy Fitter. The other councillors remain as Norman Leggate, Betty Harvey and Serv Coulber. This could well change in the May elections.

The council highways department seem to be doing something about the potholes on the roads at last. Several stretches on the busier roads have been resurfaced and even the holes on North Road and Chapel Lane have been filled in. For how long we will have to wait and see.

Sadly Mike Hodgson died in early October. Mike had been involved with the Camp since it's inception and had supervised it's continued growth. It is through him and the Camp trustees that we have been able to use the Camp facilities for our Jubilee activities. He will be a great loss to the community.

The planning for Remembrance this year was hampered by the total lack of decision making by both the Royal British Legion and the Church. As it is 100 years since the 1918 Armistice, there was some pressure to have the ceremony and silence at 11am instead of the usual 1pm for Thorpe. Towards the end of October we in Thorpe opted for 11am, at that time we did not know if any clergy would be present, we even went as far as writing our own service. Subsequently however everybody agreed to 11am, and Reverend Margaret Done took the service. As all of the village services occurred at the same time, no British Legion banners were present and no recorded Last Post, however we managed to go one better with live music, provided by John and Sheila Smith who moved into the village fairly recently. Instead of the banners we lowered the Union Flag at the silence. A wreath was laid at the memorial by the Jubilee Group on behalf of the residents. The village attendance was quite remarkable, a rough count of heads revealed 85 plus people. We shared the occasion with a group of relatives of James Johnson from Kings Lynn, one of the named casualties 1939-1945 on the memorial. After the ceremony everybody was invited to Betty Harvey's for tea coffee and biscuits. Thanks Betty it was much appreciated.

Stan Avison has donated £100 from his share of the East Lindsey Councillors Community Grant to the Jubilee Group for the purchase of more durable crockery and cutlery. This will enable us to phase out the use of plastic cups and plastic knives forks and spoons. Stan has helped us in the past and almost always attends our community events. His donation will be put to good use and should be evident to all in the near future.

An exploratory archaeological survey at North Road Farm on land earmarked for gravel extraction has recently found traces of two and possibly three Roman Wells. Fragments of pottery found in the vicinity date the finds to around 300 AD. Margaret Pocklington has viewed the site and is collating all the information for the village archive.

This year the Christmas tree was donated by Norman and Steve Leggate and appeared in all its glory on 9th December, not as early as some in the neighbourhood, but early enough. The electricity required being kindly supplied by John and Marjorie Abbot.

In collaboration with both Tattershall and Conningsby, Thorpe has elected to join the Community Speed Watch Scheme. This involves volunteers from the Parish being required to undergo training in the use of a speed gun and the required protocol. Several residents have come forward and they began their induction in January. The course was overseen by the Woodhall Spa PCSO. The Parish Council will purchase the speed device, which will be shared with Conningsby.

The Jubilee Group is a properly constituted body which aims to maintain and improve the fabric of the village, and also to promote occasional social events to enable residents to meet up and maintain the community spirit we all enjoy. All residents are members of the Group, which is run by a small committee, if anyone would like to join us please contact Janet Coulber our secretary

The Annual Parish Meeting this year will be held on Wednesday 1st May, 7pm at the Camp. It would be appreciated if you bring your copies of this report with you as it is likely to form the basis of any debate. The speaker this year will hopefully be Eran Bauer, with a short talk about the Mustard Gas found locally.

Tea and coffee will be available SEE YOU THERE.

Forthcoming events : Village Strawberry Tea 22nd June
 Railway Day 7th July

TATTERSHALL WITH THORPE PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Assembly of Electors of

Tattershall Thorpe

Will be held on

Wednesday 1st May 2019

At Thorpe Camp Visitor Centre : 7.00pm

Agenda

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of the last Annual Assembly – 2018 (attached)
- 3) Matters arising from the minutes
- 4) Report on other items
- 5) Resume of village events since last assembly
- 6) Best Kept Village and Garden Competitions plus East Midlands in Bloom competition.
- 7) Community Matters
- 8) Parish Council Chairman's Report (attached)
- 9) Any other items for discussion

Signed:...*Mrs K M Elliott*Clerk

Date: 23rd April 2019

During the meeting there will be a Presentation by Eran Bauer on Mustard Gas.