

THORNGUMBALD, CAMERTON & RYEHILL JOURNAL

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Seasons Greetings

Thank you for your continued support, kindness, and involvement in our community throughout the year.

Wishing everyone peace, warmth, and happiness this festive season

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS - 2026

21 January	18 February
18 March	22 April
20 May	17 June
22 July	No August Meeting
23 September	21 October
18 November	No December Meeting
<p>PC Meetings commence at 7pm at Thorngumbald Village Hall Open to the public – Open forums 6.30pm – 7.00pm Agenda/Minutes can be found on the website: https://www.thorngumbald-pc.org.uk or email Clerk@thorngumbald-pc.org.uk – Tel: 01964 601111</p>	

WHAT'S ON

THORNGUMBALD VILLAGE HALL	RYEHILL VILLAGE HALL
<p>Thorngumbald Pre-School – Term Time Monday – Friday 8.30am – 3.30pm</p> <p>Photography Club Monday 7pm – 9pm</p> <p>Brownies – Term Time Wednesday 6pm – 7.30pm</p> <p>Matt Walton – Sound Bath - 7pm – 8pm 12th December (2026 dates TBC)</p>	<p>Table Tennis Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 7pm – 9pm</p> <p>Myton Archery Club Saturday 1pm – 3pm</p> <p>Dog Agility Saturday 10am – 12 noon</p>

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Our Parish Clerk, Avril Russell, has retired after 25 years in the role. By her own admission she took the job on not realising what would be expected of her or that it would take over her life for the next two decades. The Clerk's job is far more than secretarial duties as they become responsible for everything from monitoring the Parish's finances and ensuring we meet all our legal requirements, submitting our accounts for independent audit, summoning Councillors to meetings, to checking the play equipment is safe, allotments are tidy and the cemetery meets the Parishioners' needs.

Avril took all this on and much, much more, often working unsocial hours to deliver Parish business, to reset defibrillators or respond to emergencies and alarms. She is well respected and widely recognised as an expert in her field, with a mass of contacts across many organisations. Her grasp of local knowledge and ability to gather accurate information from numerous sources is legendary and will be missed. Our grateful thanks and best wishes go to Avril and her family.

Avril has left the office in the very capable hands of our new Clerk, Jo Hunt. Jo has worked in the office for 20 years and knows the Parish well. She has agreed to take on the formal qualifications which will help secure her position. We have also recruited Tracey Fogg-Stevens to assist with administration. Please be patient as our new team find their feet – they have big shoes to fill.

As the seasons change, clocks have gone back and nights darken we make no apology for returning to our pet subject of road safety. After our very informative meeting with ERYC Highway Engineers we now understand that without extensive evidence to prove that the layout of our Parish roads and road signage is unsafe we will not see any change.

A very generous Parishioner offered to fund a School Crossing Patrol at the Main Road bus stop close to Thornbirds Cafe and the New Royal Mail for two years, at a significant cost of several thousand pounds. His hope and intention that it would give sufficient time for ERYC to survey the site and put in place appropriate measures. Sadly, at our meeting on 22 October, Councillors felt that based on the information received there was no indication that a Crossing Patrol would change ERYC's opinion without supporting evidence. Please report every traffic incident that you witness to the police, ERYC or the Parish Office.

We are assured that we live in a relatively safe area with few serious accidents and mostly compliant driving. ERYC has evidence to show that their limited resources would be better spent elsewhere in the county. Although this is something to be grateful for, it is in our own hands to maintain that record by showing care and consideration at all time whether behind a wheel, on two wheels or on foot.



EDITORIAL

Barrons Football Club

In our last Journal we tried to set out the situation we found ourselves in with the Plumtree Playing Field and the options we were facing. We have never had such a massive response to a request for feedback, thank you to everyone who took the trouble to let us know how they felt. The replies were intelligent, comprehensive and sincere. They helped your Parish Council appreciate how much the playing fields mean to the local community and how important it is to keep them as an asset for your continued enjoyment. As a result of your comments, at our meeting on 17 September, we resolved to go ahead with registering the land to the Parish Council that will secure the playing fields as they are for now and future generations. We understand that this process can take a year or more so we further resolved to have the land registered before moving forward with any lease agreement on the basis that until that point it is not ours to negotiate with.

We want to assure residents that both the Parish Council's and Barrons Football Club's intentions were only ever to improve the existing facilities and not to change the overall use, look or feel of the area. We intend to keep you informed at all stages.

Anonymous Letters

We always try to help with the many queries we receive at the Parish Council Office. Parishioners regularly write, telephone or drop in to our office with their questions and concerns. Sometimes we can quickly resolve a problem, other times it is beyond our powers and we will pass it on to the appropriate authority if we can. Rarely, nothing can be done and we have to live with things as they are. We can't guarantee to make everything right and are often as frustrated as you are.

Just occasionally, we receive an anonymous allegation or complaint. Sadly, in these circumstances it makes it really difficult to explain to the sender what we can or can't do or to gather any additional information so that we can refer the issue to the proper channel. Again, we understand that this could make you feel even more frustrated if nothing appears to have been done. We can assure you that any approach you make to us will be dealt with in the strictest confidence and your personal information will never be shared inappropriately.

Please always supply a name and postal or email address to make it possible for us to let you know what has happened with your correspondence.



BROWNIES

Hello from 3rd Thorngumbald Brownies!

We welcomed 5 new Brownies after the summer holidays. They have all now taken their Brownie promise which is a special and proud moment for all of us.

We've been super busy this half term completing lots of badges.

For our Local History badge Elaine from Parish Council kindly took us into the Council Chambers & told us lots of interesting things about the history of our lovely village. The girls asked some fantastic questions and also designed their own commemorative plates. Another night we went for a walk looking for landmarks.

For our Cook badge we thought about what makes a healthy plate and then made buns in the microwave (and of course we ate them!)

Our Aviation badge found us visiting the 'airport' and 'flying on a plane'. Its amazing what you can do with a little imagination! We also made and flew paper planes.

Our First Aid night was a busy one, practicing the recovery position, bandaging limbs, thinking about what constitutes an emergency and practicing calling 999. We even popped outside to check out the defibrillator which prompted some great questions from the girls.

Instead of Halloween this year we had a Day of the Dead night. We made headbands, decorated skull biscuits, made cotton bud skeletons and even got spooky face painted tattoos!

We've got lots planned between now and Christmas so watch this space!

Visit www.girlguiding.org.uk to register interest or message Fluffy Owl (07753 183 542)



South Holderness Photographic Group

The group is now back indoors at Thorngumbald Village Hall. So far this term we looked at printing our photos and trying out different types of paper. We also been photographing the more usual still life subjects from flowers to champagne bottle and glasses. Unfortunately the bottle had to be returned unopened. We also looked at using high speed flash to freeze movement.

It's getting to that time of year, when you start thinking about next year and days out. We will be once again going down to the NEC for The Photographic Show in March and we will be heading to Paris for a few days (date still to be arranged)

If interested in photography or looking for a excuse to get out with your camera or know someone, Why don't you come along and meet us and see what we do. We're are small friendly group where everyone has a input.

We meet at 7.00pm Thorngumbald Village Hall

If you would like to meet other photographers to share knowledge and learn from each other while practicing photography. All welcome from 16 years old

For more details you can contact me on 07811456212 or paulfisher50@gmail.com
Paul Fisher Group organiser

THORNGUMBALD PARISH COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Help Deliver the Thorngumbald Parish Council Journal

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help deliver the Thorngumbald Parish Council Journal to households across our community.

If you enjoy being part of your village, have a little spare time, and want to make a difference, we'd love to hear from you!

Interested?

Please give us a call 01964 601111

or

Drop in to the Parish Council Office
Your time and effort help keep our community connected - thank you



Thorngumbald Village Hall, Main Road,
Thorngumbald, HU12 9NG
Ofsted no: 314749
Charity no: 519718

We currently have places available for children age 18 months to 5years.

Up to 30 hours Government funded places for eligible families or £7.50 per hour.

We are open: Monday to Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm
(Term Time)

If you are interested in a place for your child, We welcome you to visit for a look around and meet the staff.

please contact: Emma Brown (Manager)

Tel: 07745 081096

email: thorgumbaldpreschool@gmail.com

Lifestylers



Good luck to the four Lifestylers campaigners Rosie, Ruby, Summer and Roz known as the Sibling Squad, who have made the top 6 in the Humberside Police Lifestyle Challenge!

They'll be presenting on Saturday 8th November, proposing urgent action to improve road safety at the A1033 zebra crossing near Thorngumbald Community Institute, following the January 2024 incident in which 11-year-old Alexa Wrightson was struck by a car.

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DID REMEMBER THEM

80th Anniversary of Remembrance 2025 since the end of the
Second World War

The communities came together to honour and remember all those who served



Kohima Epitaph

MEN IN SHEDS

Hedon and District Men in Sheds

A Men in Sheds has been proposed for the Holderness locality. Nearest Sheds geographically are in Hull, Hornsea and Beverley (Woodmansey); unfortunately Withernsea has failed. There are already 16 Sheds operating in the East Riding of Yorkshire & North Lincolnshire region, with a further 7 in development. Humber and Wolds Rural Action has been involved since the beginning and their help in forming the charity has been invaluable. A £5000 startup grant has been made available through the National Lottery.

From the summer of 2025, three organisational meetings were held in Ryehill, Preston and Hedon, with 35 people expressing an interest, proving the need. Trustees are now in place and an application has been approved by the charity commission. Several people visited the Beverley Shed and a lot of information and tips were obtained. We are now searching the area for premises and several have been identified with some ruled out, but further suggestions are welcome. Despite the group's name, women will be welcome.

Any interest should be directed to

mail meninshedshedon@gmail.com

phone 07344 769327



THORNGUMBALD PRESCHOOL
CHRISTMAS
FAYRE
2025

Sunday 7th December

11am - 3pm

Thorngumbald Village Hall

ALL PROCEEDS TO THORNGUMBALD
PRESCHOOL

CHARITY NO: 519718

SANTAS GROTTTO, CRAFT STALLS,
GIFTS,SWEETS, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE,
REFRESHMENTS & LOTS MORE