



## In this edition

- Parish Council news ..... 2
- Road and travel news ..... 3
- Local groups ..... 3
- Local schools ..... 4

**Thakeham Village Day visitors [l-r: Alan Hunt (PC Chair); Nick Herbert; Samantha Norton (First School Head); Sharon Rance (Pre-School Head)]**

**QUALITY AND VALUE  
DIRECT FROM THE  
GROWER!**

- You will find an exceptional range of Seasonal and Hardy plants here at our Nurseries in West Chiltington – all grown and sold on site.
- Our resident florist Sally supervises a full floristry service including wedding flowers and funeral tributes. Phone Sally or order your flowers online.

**SUMMER FLOWERING PERENNIALS - AVAILABLE NOW!**

**CLAIM A FREE HARDY PATIO PLANT WITH THIS ADVERT!**

**VILLAGE NURSERIES**  
SINNOCKS, WEST CHILTINGTON, RH20 2JX  
01798 813040  
OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK 9.00AM TO 6PM  
[www.village-nurseries.co.uk](http://www.village-nurseries.co.uk) : [peter@vmwc.co.uk](mailto:peter@vmwc.co.uk)

**J Storage**

**Local self storage for home and business**

- Wide choice of room sizes from 16 to 310 sq. ft.
- Modern secure rooms, with individual alarms.
- 24 hr CCTV monitoring and intruder alarms.
- No deposit required.

**Storage Rooms from £7.23 per week!**

Office: 01403 700840 Fax: 01403 887721  
Email: [info@jnjstorage.com](mailto:info@jnjstorage.com)  
Web: [www.jnjstorage.com](http://www.jnjstorage.com)  
JNJ Storage, Pulborough, West Sussex RH20 1DF

**ELLIOTT ENGINEERING**  
the independent 4x4 specialist

With Elliott Engineering, excessive bills and unsatisfactory workmanship will be a thing of the past. Over 25 years experience on Land Rover vehicles qualifies us to offer you an accomplished yet friendly and personal service with the latest range of diagnostic and remedial equipment.

We specialise in Land Rover series I, II and III Defender, Freelander, Discovery and Range Rover vehicles.

Call: 01903 892176 or mobile: 07768 725646 to see how we can be of assistance to you

Elliott Engineering  
The Farm Workshop  
Spring Gardens  
Washington  
Pulborough  
West Sussex  
RH20 3BS

**So India**  
Exclusive Indian Cuisine

Open 12:00-2:00pm and 5:00-11:00pm  
7 days a week including Bank Holidays  
**\*\*Online takeaway orders\*\***  
Takeaway with 15% discount  
Eat in and receive 10% off meal only with this voucher

Free side dish on order over £25 and free bottle of wine on order over £40

Stane Street, Codmore Hill, Pulborough RH20 1BG  
[www.soindia.co.uk](http://www.soindia.co.uk)  
01798 873318/874748

## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

### From the Chairman

Welcome to our new-look Summer newsletter! Thakeham has opted into the Bulletin format used by several other local parishes, which provides improved quality at a lower cost to the Council and therefore precept payers.

Although the holiday season is here, there is still a lot happening in Thakeham. In particular, our sympathies go to the busy staff of Thakeham First School who are about to move from The Street to share the Rock Road site from this September, re-opening as fully-fledged Thakeham Primary School. See their separate report. Meanwhile, Thakeham Pre-School is also gearing up for big changes. Although the Pre-School will remain in the old Village Hall for this autumn, it will be offering additional hours to parents from September and staff are expecting to move at Christmas, to re-open in January in their new purpose-built facility near the southern Abingworth entrance.

Alongside these positive developments, there is also sadness. On 10 July Thakeham residents remembered young Ellie Thornton at an emotional memorial event, including dedication of a bench and magnolia tree in the High Bar Lane playground, and the release of 20 butterflies. It was a moving and uplifting experience for everyone.

On the Planning front, by this August the PC will have given its response to TESLA's application to add two new factory units at their Water Lane operation. This involves weighing the negatives of development outside the built-up area boundary against the economic/

employment benefits of enabling this successful local business to expand. The decision on whether to permit the proposal will then be up to HDC.

We are continuing to progress traffic calming works in the Abingworth area – see the Roads and Travel item below for details. In response to the progressive worsening of our local bus service the PC is giving priority to planning future community transport options. Our Annual Parish Meeting in May was given an excellent overview of how the parish might in future work closely with the West Sussex Community Minibus organisation, and we will take this forward.

The two new Abingworth football pitches are being readied for use by local clubs for the 2017/18 season. The PC is continuing to press for the new Village Hall and shop to be delivered as early as possible in 2018. See our Housing Development News webpage for latest information.

In dealing with the regular flow of planning matters in the parish, the PC often faces frustration relating to enforcement action around breaches of planning permission. A small but apparently growing proportion of landowners disregard due process to press ahead with works without permission, and ignore enforcement notices, regardless of the rights of others. The PC monitors and does all it can to resist these cases, but the mechanisms available to support us (in the legal system, and at district level) are unfortunately slow and limited: the current planning framework is vulnerable to determined and well-funded manipulation. However, within its non-political and constrained role, the PC will continue working closely with HDC to control this chronic problem as much as possible, and appreciates the support of our residents in this work.

A big thanks to everyone who attended and helped make this year's Village Day in June a great success. The weather was glorious, our local MP Nick Herbert opened the event, and a great time was had by all, with our local schools benefiting directly from the fundraising. We will be reviewing the format and location of future events in light of the local schools moves and the renewed availability of the Abingworth playing fields, so this is a good time for residents with energy and good ideas to get involved – contact the PC office to find out how.

**Alan Hunt, Chairman**  
**Thakeham Parish Council**

### Contact the Parish Council

**Clerk:** Owen Richards  
**Web:** [www.thakehamparish.co.uk](http://www.thakehamparish.co.uk)  
**Email:** [clerk@thakehampc.plus.com](mailto:clerk@thakehampc.plus.com)  
**Tel:** 01798 815305

**Office:** Thakeham Parish Council,  
Storrington Road, Thakeham, West  
Sussex RH20 3EJ

Councillors' full contact details can be found at: <http://thakehamparish.co.uk/councillors>

### Get involved! Join the Parish Council's community committee

We are looking for local people to get involved with improving our parish communications and community events. You can join this group without being a Parish Councillor, and we would particularly welcome input from younger members of the community. Contact Caroline Instance ([caroline.instance@btinternet.com](mailto:caroline.instance@btinternet.com); 01403 741369).

ANDERSON  ROWNTREE  
SOLICITORS

*Specialists in Property, Wills and Probate,  
Family Law, Litigation and  
Commercial Law*

[www.andersonrowntree.co.uk](http://www.andersonrowntree.co.uk)

Wisteria House  
Petworth  
West Sussex  
GU28 0AJ  
T: 01798 342391

20 Old Mill Square  
Storrington  
West Sussex  
RH20 4NQ  
T: 01903 745666

Avenue House  
Southgate, Chichester  
West Sussex  
PO19 1ES  
T: 01243 787899

Sheep Lane  
Midhurst  
West Sussex  
GU29 9NS  
T: 01730 812201

Looking  
to advertise?



01798 865480

[bulletin@eyeleveldesign.co.uk](mailto:bulletin@eyeleveldesign.co.uk)

**BELCHAMBER**  
PICTURE FRAMING

All aspects of picture framing and restoration undertaken in our own workshop. Extensive range of mouldings and mountboards

**01798 874219**

Dyke Farm, West Chiltington Road, Pulborough RH20 2EE  
[www.belchambers.co.uk](http://www.belchambers.co.uk) [info@belchambers.co.uk](mailto:info@belchambers.co.uk)

## ROAD & TRAVEL NEWS

### Another planned closure of The Street! 14-17 August, nights only

We have been notified that further BT cabling/duct works will require more temporary closures of The Street, from Monday 14 to Thursday 17 August, during night-time hours only (current indications are: 10.00pm to 5.00am). We are seeking clarification of potential for noise disturbance etc., and will circulate final information when available.

### Traffic calming

Following the first pass of pavement/crossing works at the southern Abingworth entrance we are working with the developer and Highways to deliver further traffic calming measures. This will begin with new village 'gateway' installations, vehicle-activated speed displays, signage and road surface treatments. Subject to further sign-off by WSCC Highways, this will be followed by a new 'pinch point' priority system through the 30mph zone. The detail of this will be subject to further consultation and consideration of impact on households along this section of the Storrington Road. We also expect an extension of the 40mph limit from the northern edge of Storrington over Jackets Hill.

We have created a new Traffic Calming Latest webpage to give detailed information on the expected Abingworth works and will continue to work to improve road safety, especially for young people. As well as the Abingworth area, we remain concerned about the safety of pupils commuting on foot/bicycle near the Rock Road school site, and we are working closely with Thakeham Primary School and the WSCC Safe Routes to Schools Team on this. We also know that there are other dangerous road areas in the parish that still need action.

## High Bar Lane play equipment renewal project

Some of the equipment at the High Bar Lane playground is in need of renewal and the Parish Council is keen to bring it up to current standards as far as budgets allow. We are currently getting funding together and scoping the project with potential suppliers, with a view to installation of new equipment happening in 2018. We will soon be leafleting houses in the area to get input from local children on what kind of new equipment they would like us to prioritise.

## LOCAL GROUPS

### Thakeham Gardeners Club

Meets second Monday of each month, 7.30pm, Village Hall. Annual Flower Show, outings and talks!  
**Contact: Linda Turk on 01903 741068**

### Thakeham Bellringers

Based in St. Mary's church, we practice on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.00 p.m. and organise outings and links with other societies. We welcome anyone who is interested in finding out about ringing, and to see the bells. **To find out more visit <http://thakehamparish.co.uk/thakeham-bellringers> or contact Christine Hounslow (01798 815993) [christinehounslow@hotmail.com](mailto:christinehounslow@hotmail.com) or Roger Watts (01798 813775) [working.cap@btinternet.com](mailto:working.cap@btinternet.com)**

**ABINGWORTH FARM**

# BEAUTIFUL HOMES IN A TRANQUIL IDYLL

**HURRY** 24 x 2 & 3-bed houses for sale through shared ownership

*First choice allocation to those most eligible\*\**

**Prices from £126,000\***  
**AN UNMISSABLE OPPORTUNITY**

Set in a truly enviable location, Abingworth Farm offers a chance to buy a gorgeous home in a idyllic setting.

Bright and spacious, each home is finished to an excellent standard and provides tasteful, contemporary interiors that enable you to put your own stamp on your home.

**To register your interest please contact:  
Call 0345 606 1221  
[www.hydenewhomes.co.uk](http://www.hydenewhomes.co.uk)**

\* For a 2 bed house, based on 40% share of the full value of £315,000. Rent and service charge applicable on the remaining share. \*\* For a limited time only. Eligibility criteria applies. Computer Generated Image of Abingworth Farm

## OUR SCHOOLS

### Thakeham Pre-School

Thakeham Pre-School is very excited about their move to new purpose built premises which will include the following:-

#### The building

- A brand new light bright and spacious learning environment inside & outside offering free flow play opportunities
- Home from home cosy learning environment featuring lamps & soft rugs
- A curriculum based on the interests of the children
- Making childrens thoughts visible through photos, transcripts, drawings & paintings



- Nature area with the introduction of a Pre-School pet (fish tank, chicks or a hamster)
- Stimulating Maths Investigation Area with scales, tape measure, rulers, different size baskets and containers.

#### Our garden

- Sensory Garden
- Vegetable Garden , both offering hands-on learning experiences helping children to form lasting connections to the natural world
- Fairy Garden with toadstools to stimulate creative and imaginative play
- Rock pool to observe wildlife
- Bird boxes and bat boxes
- Shaded Canopies creating magical play spaces
- Natural wooden climbing apparatus
- An area for our famous Camp Fires

where we have so much fun helping to chop wood and make our own fire lighters. And best of all toasting muffins & marshmallows and singing our favourite camp fire songs.

**Left: CGI impression of new pre-school**

### Thakeham First School

The time has almost come to say goodbye to Thakeham First School and 'The Street' and hello to Thakeham Primary School at our new site on Rock Road! Everyone has been extremely excited this half term, even the pupils have been in on the action, deciding on the colours of their bathrooms at the new site. We applied our maths skills during Real Life Maths Day to help us work out things like the area of tiles needed in our new building, number of pencils and how much space we would need for our new trim trail and of course the budget for these. FOTS (Friends of Thakeham School) have been busy fund raising all year for our trim trail.

Another exciting thing to note was our World Games Week. We based the learning on Brazil, one of the competing countries. We tried out some of the sports that will happen in the World Games such as archery, rugby, gymnastics and netball. We also learnt about the weather and culture of Brazil, including different types of dancing.

Finally we are looking forward to our school production. Lots of effort has gone in to the making of this which is linked to changes. If you would like to join us to see extracts of this and say goodbye to the school before we move, we will hold a special Open Afternoon on Thursday 20th July starting with a special assembly at 1.30pm and opportunities for a guided tour following this. Please contact the School Office for further details. **Dylan (Year 5)**

SPRING OFFER - AIR/CON RE-GAS £30

## LMC AUTO SERVICES

- Computer Diagnostics
- Mechanical Repairs
- MOT Repairs
- Servicing
- Tyres
- Welding
- Tuning
- Exhausts

MOT SPECIAL OFFER- £40 IF BOOKED ONLINE

SAVE 20% - USUAL PRICE £50  
WITH A £1 DONATION TO THE MARY HOW TRUST

ALL MAKES & MODELS UNDERTAKEN  
FREE COLLECTION & DELIVERY



Tel: 01798 873 281 Mob: 07765 941 220  
[www.lmcautoservices.co.uk](http://www.lmcautoservices.co.uk)

Unit 8, Station Approach Ind Est, Station Road, Pulborough RH20 1AQ



## GREAT BALLARD SCHOOL



Open Activity Morning  
Saturday 23rd September  
9.30am-12.30pm

GRACE TO  
*Inspire Discover Achieve*

Co-educational day and boarding school for children aged 2½-13 set in the South Downs National Park



DISCOVER MORE AT [WWW.GREATBALLARD.CO.UK](http://WWW.GREATBALLARD.CO.UK)  
CONNECT WITH US



# Your local, certified, friendly electricians

Allpower are your local electricians offering the full range of domestic and commercial electrical services to customers throughout the area.

As a division of Allsaved Ltd. we are proud to support the local community as supporters and sponsors of 3 local children's football teams, Pony Club racing, The Point-to-Point and West Chiltonington Community School May Fair.

So contact Allpower today for your free estimate and help us to continue supporting the local community.

Property  
Rewires &  
Installations



Test & Inspect



Commercial



# [www.allpoweruk.com](http://www.allpoweruk.com)

Contact Us For  
Your Free  
No Obligation  
Quote On  
**01798 812999**



**SMITH GADD & CO**  
S O L I C I T O R S

**Call Us First**  
For Legal Advice  
Get one step ahead



- ◆ Wills, Probate & Powers of Attorney
- ◆ Matrimonial, Family & Divorce
- ◆ Employment (Employers or Employees)
- ◆ Residential & Commercial Conveyancing
- ◆ Business Purchases & Sales
- ◆ Commercial Disputes
- ◆ Personal Injury & Inheritance Claims
- ◆ Civil Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- ◆ Landlord & Tenant
- ◆ Partnership & Company Law

Tel: Horsham 01403 271222  
e-mail: horsham@smithgadd.co.uk  
[www.smithgadd.co.uk](http://www.smithgadd.co.uk)

**Willmer's**  
of Pulborough  
Your local electrical retailer  
[www.willmers.com](http://www.willmers.com)



**Look out for our exclusive Bosch offers**  
Pop into the store or call 01798 872866 for more information

- Expert advice & product guidance
- Good reliable service
- Full installation and set up
- Disposal of your old equipment

**BOSCH** Invented for life Many more brands available

64 Lower Street, Pulborough RH20 2BW Telephone: 01798 872866 [www.willmers.com](http://www.willmers.com)

## Thakeham parish history: can you contribute?

The Parish Council has begun the process of creating a local history archive at <http://thakehamparish.co.uk/archive-area>. We are seeking photographs, maps, sketches etc. relating to the parish from Victorian times to the end of the 20th century. Contact Cllr Roger Taylor (edstrct@gmail.com; 01798 815969)

**If you witness cases of speeding, driving while using a mobile phone or other anti-social driving behaviour, and you have the registration number, report it!**  
[www.operationcrackdown.org](http://www.operationcrackdown.org)

## A note from the publisher



We are delighted to bring Thakeham into the Community Bulletin family of publications. Do you have an event later in the year that you would like to promote? Please email: [bulletin@eyeleveldesign.co.uk](mailto:bulletin@eyeleveldesign.co.uk) and we will try to include in the next issue due out the end of October.

This publication is an invaluable resource for everything that happens in and around Thakeham. Production of the Bulletin relies solely on advertising revenue and is at no cost to the Parish or its parishioners. Please take the time to look at the local businesses here and see if you can make use of their services.

## Are you a local business looking to reach a targeted local audience?

We have a range of size adverts for all budgets and there is the opportunity to tie your advertising in with our sister publications in West Chiltington and Pulborough. Call us on 01798 865480 or email: [bulletin@eyeleveldesign.co.uk](mailto:bulletin@eyeleveldesign.co.uk) for information.

**Do you know someone who isn't receiving this Community Bulletin?** We are unique to other free publications in that we endeavour to get a copy to every single household in the Parish either by door drop delivery or post. If we've missed anyone please email: [bulletin@eyeleveldesign.co.uk](mailto:bulletin@eyeleveldesign.co.uk) with the full address of the property that is missing.

**Kerry at Eyelevel Design**

## The "Sisters" Memorial

**Eileen Davis and Doreen Thompson, were affectionately known in the community as "The Sisters".**

Eileen died 18 months ago, and Doreen died earlier this year. They lived together in Little House, Furze Common road.

As most of you in this Parish will know, together they devoted some 40 years in service to the community. They were totally selfless and wanted no thanks for their kindness.

Eileen drove the community mini bus for 15 years, and Doreen went along to help the passengers on and off the bus. Eileen stopped driving that bus in her late 70's but Doreen carried on as support on the bus, until she was 81.

Together they worked for the Meals on Wheels service well into their 80's, not only delivering lunches, but going back in

the afternoon to those residents who lived alone, taking homemade cakes or scones, and fruit and vegetable picked from their own garden, and sitting with them for a while providing company and comfort.

Eileen drove patients to hospital for their appointments – travelling to Worthing, Haywards Heath and Brighton. She also took residents to their own doctor's surgery when they were unable to get there on their own. If anyone needed help or comfort they were there.

They were very proactive at every Village Day and every Flower Festival – making cakes, serving on the tea and cake stall, and selling their home grown flowers, fruit and vegetables.

They spent 11 years collecting the equivalent of 1 mile in 5p pieces, and raised a considerable amount toward roof repairs for our Church.

They were members of Thakeham Gardeners Club for 38 years, and were on

the tea rota, had a stand at the Plant Sales, and assisted with the Flower Show.

They were always seen in the garden at Little House, on the corner of Furze Common Road, and always spent time to talk to all the children that passed on their way home from school.

To acknowledge their service to the Thakeham community I am setting up a fund to pay for a memorial bench – hopefully to be erected near the bus stop at the southern entrance to the new Abingworth estate. This would be visible from Little House and a permanent reminder of these remarkable ladies.

If anyone is interested in making a contribution please contact me on 01798 815993. Until permissions etc. are granted please do not send money, but make a pledge, to be collected later. Any monies left over after installing the bench will be sent to the sisters' favourite charity – St Barnabas.

**Cllr Christine Hounslow**

Thakeham Community Bulletin is produced four times a year by **Eyelevel Design**, 23 Greatpin Croft, Fittleworth RH20 1HX  
**Telephone:** 01798 865480  
**Email:** [bulletin@eyeleveldesign.co.uk](mailto:bulletin@eyeleveldesign.co.uk)

Every care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of content. Eyelevel Design cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions or endorse companies, products or services that appear in this publication. Production of the Community Bulletin relies solely on advertising revenue and is at no cost to the Parish or its parishioners.