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*Anne Lewis with her MBE (Thank you Lionel)*

*Welcome to the May edition of Thrussington Life. Over Easter we lost one of our volunteers and contributors to the magazine. My memories of Alan Jinks are fond ones, he was so energetic and I remember being amazed when I saw him celebrating his birthday this year that he was 80! Our thoughts are with Paula and their family.*

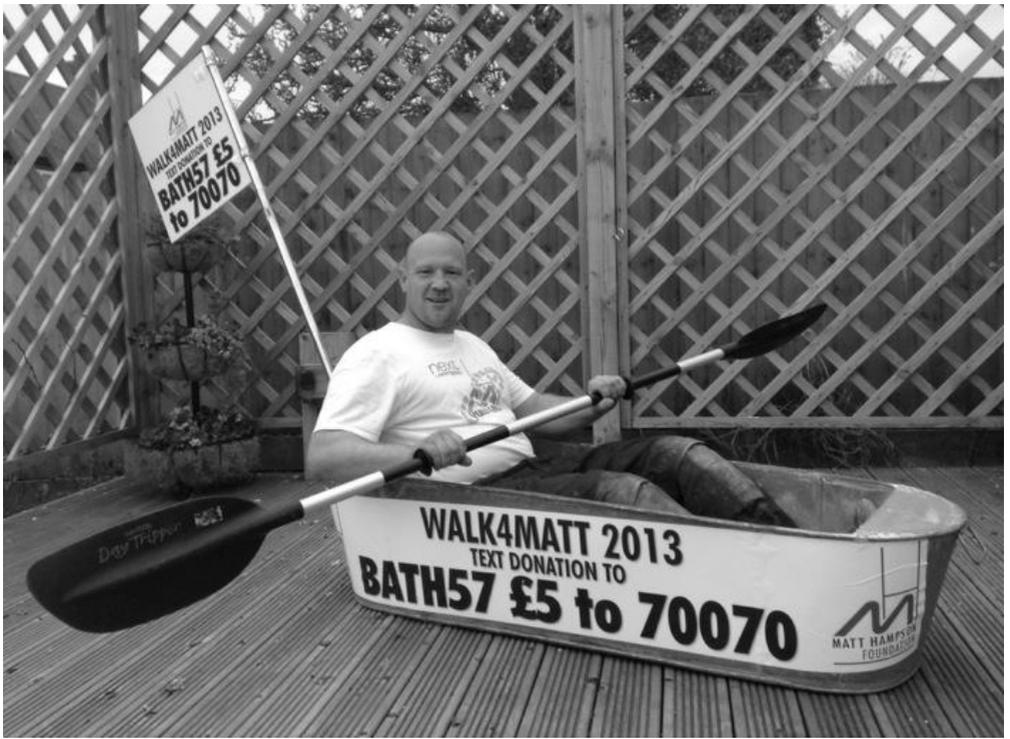
**Alan Michael Jinks** was born 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 1933 at Strood in Kent and was the only child of parents Wilfred and Constance. They moved to the area of Humberstone Leicester in 1940, when he was 7. Alan went to Humberstone Junior School and then Wyggeston Boys Grammar School. He played Rugby and after he left played for the Oadby Wyggs. Alan had a strong connection with these all of his life. A few years ago he was president of the Wyggeston Old Boys Association and at the time of his death was vice president and life member of the Oadby Wyggs Rugby Club. His grandson Harry now plays for the club.

After school he took articles at the local firm of Bolton Bullivant and qualified as a chartered account in 1958 and eventually became a partner in the firm. Subsequently the practice merged with the international firm Price Waterhouse. Four years after that in 1973, Alan together with two colleagues set up the practice of Jinks & Co initially on the New Walk before moving to London Road. He met Paula at a Cricket match at Grace Road in 1954 and they were married in 1958. They set up home in Davenport Road, Evington before moving to Thurnby in 1977. They had two sons David in 1961 & Martin in 1963 both sons followed Alan to the Wyggeston School and also became Accountants despite vowing they never would. Martin eventually joined Alan at Jinks & Co. It is interesting to note that although Alan has been retired for some time, Martin has received numerous letters from his old clients expressing condolences. These letters show what high regard they all had for Alan. Alan along with his sons was active members of the Scouts and this was where he met many lifelong friends.

Once Alan finished his sporting activities he was drawn to Freemasonry and he threw himself at fully. They moved to Thrussington in 2001 and both Alan and Paula quickly became involved in the community and village life and were warmly accepted. It did not take long for Alan to chat with the Landlord Bob, and find out he was a Rugby fan and that he arranged trips to matches (usually for men) but Paula went along as an "honorary bloke" and enjoyed many weekends following the Leicester Tigers around Europe.

Recently at his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations, Alan honestly stated that for both of them the past 12 years in Thrussington had been amongst the happiest of their lives. Alan knew some ten years ago that he had a weak heart but was not prepared to be wrapped up in cotton wool. He loved life and never grumbled or complained, he was always optimistic – the only down side was that he liked traditional Jazz and some of his jokes were pretty awful. All in all, Alan was the just the type of person everyone wanted to be with.

**He will be sadly missed.**



**Rob Knapp** has “stupidly decided” to paddle this tin bath 110 miles along the grand union canal in may to raise money for the **Matt Hampson Foundation**.

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### **REMOVAL OF BOLLARDS BY HIGHWAYS**

Encouraging news to report! Two (of the five) bollards will be replaced – one at either end of the footpath! A Highways Officer attended the March Parish Council meeting to apologise for Highways' lack of consultation with the Parish Council over this matter. The Council wanted reparation as well as an apology and, eventually, Highways agreed to the request. A further site meeting took place with the officer and councillors were able to agree the positioning of the new bollards, taking account of current footpath width regulations. These two bollards will be installed in about three months' time, we are told. So, it is a result of sorts, and we have to thank our County Councillor Dave Houseman for his efforts on our behalf.

We also hope that, following this incident, Highways' officers will be instructed to consult with parish councils in advance of any work within villages.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

This will take place on Tuesday, 21 May, at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall, when the Parish Council will report on its activities over the last year. There are usually reports from our Leicestershire County Councillor, Dave Houseman, Charnwood Borough Councillor, Matthew Blain and the Police, and there is an opportunity for questions from the public at the end of the meeting. Refreshments will be served. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

### **PARKING IN SYSTON TOWN SQUARE CAR PARK**

Please be aware that the parking charges in the above car park, adjacent to the Co-op, have been increased one hundred percent to £1 for two hours. Oddly, the charge for four hours is £1.20!

The Parish Council has learnt that the car park is privately run, so the Town Council has no jurisdiction over the charges. However, they are as annoyed as everyone else and have complained to the owners. On the brighter side, if one uses that car park and shops at the Co-op, the store will refund the charge. Contact the Co-op for details of this offer.



7.45 pm Thursday 30th May  
**Cardinal Wolsey**

Our speaker this evening is **Dr. David Baldwin**, who will turn our attention away from the King in the car park, to consider a major figure of Tudor times. Thomas Wolsey enjoyed a remarkable rise to power, but Henry VIII was a demanding monarch, and Wolsey paid a high price, ending in a grave in Leicester's Abbey gardens.

**Non-members always welcome (Fee £2)**

**For further information contact :**

**Ian Procter-Blain (Secretary), Tel. 424060**

## **Ceramics in Charnwood**

May 19th Loughborough Marketplace

For the Third year as part of Craft & Design month up to 40 potters and ceramicists will be spreading their wares on Loughborough Marketplace. Local potters Michael Richmond and David Wright will be taking part.

This year there will be a stall selling 'a piece of cake' to raise money for the oncology nurses at Leicester Royal Infirmary with any extra funds going to Cancer research. Find out more about the event by following us on:- [facebook/CeramicsInCharnwood](https://www.facebook.com/CeramicsInCharnwood)

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# AN EVENING OF SWING WITH FISH AND CHIPS

**Patrick and Frances Rendall** will be organising an evening with a difference in the Village Hall on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013. The **Rutland Big Band** will be playing familiar tunes that we like to whistle when we are 'In the Mood'!

As we are trying to break out of winter to embrace the summer months it might appear early to be thinking of late November. However, please put this event in your diary. The Fish and Chip van has been alerted; the Big Band is looking forward to playing and we do hope as many people as possible will want to join in with some musical fun with the added spice of.....fish and chips!

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The village hall committee are now sorting out the alterations to the ladies toilet by having a new cupboard to house the new boiler and cleaning materials, and the gents toilet by replacing the urinal and having extra ventilation to help with the problems we have had in the gents. Hopefully these alterations will start soon and then after some extra decorating we will have much better facilities.

The committee have now decided that skittles will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June starting at 7pm for the children. We are now getting posters to send out to the pubs with skittle teams to encourage them to come and join us. More information next month but look out for posters going up soon and if you would like to help on the nights please let me know either for skittles or on the stalls. This could be the last skittles so come and help and make it a good one.

The last cinema night was very successful with our James Bond evening with some 55 people coming along and coming so early that even I had a problem getting a chair.

The next production is 'The Sapphires' so please come early to get a good seat and don't forget your drinks and nibbles.

### **Cinema Dates:**

May 4<sup>th</sup> Sapphires

June 15<sup>th</sup> Argo

July 13<sup>th</sup> Quartet

August 17<sup>th</sup> Song for Marion

September 14<sup>th</sup> Les Miserables

**Bev Kearns 424430, [beverleykearns@rocketmail.com](mailto:beverleykearns@rocketmail.com)**

### **NOTICE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CHANGES TO STREET LIGHTING IN THRUSSINGTON)**

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Not everyone has a prominent nose like Sir Arthur, but the reason I mention his famous nose is that I would encourage Thrusington residents to be `Nosey` and be aware of anything which may appear suspicious then ask the question why is he or she there ?. Why has he or she been sitting in that vehicle paying attention to properties in my street?. I don't recognise him. He doesn't live around here. Why did he look in that window after delivering that leaflet through the door?.

Over the years the Police have been able to apprehend burglars whilst at or just after leaving the scene of a crime. A member of the public has `Been Nosey`. Noticed something suspicious and contacted the Police and enabled them to respond quickly. The publics help is vital in noticing suspicious activity, recording registration numbers of suspicious vehicles. We totally appreciate any help you can provide which will help us to help you.

**During March until going to press there have been the following reported incidents of crime from Thrusington.**

16/17<sup>th</sup> March – 3 vehicles parked in the street had the Catalytic Converters removed from the Exhaust system. No suspects or witnesses and no arrests made yet.

24/3/13 – A Burglary was reported in Church Lane . Enquiries have not lead to arrests just yet.

1/4/13 - A vehicle whilst parked on the street in Church Lane had its front windscreen damaged.

17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April a window was reported damaged by a wayward missile. Enquiries on-going.

Keep safe, be safe,

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I mean, would you believe the story about the elderly man who got ready for bed one evening and then remembered he had to let his dog out last thing. It was raining hard and as he stood on the doorstep in his pyjamas and slippers, the front door (Yale lock) slammed behind him. The shenanigans he went through to get into his garage, get out his bike and pedal down an unlit country road to his son's house in the next village defied belief! But it was a true story – as was the amusing tale of the funeral of a man who had arranged to be buried under a tree on his own land on a hillside in the Welsh hills. Everything went wrong with that burial – it was terrible winter weather, the coffin had to be hauled up a slippery slope by the pall bearers, the deceased's coffin would not fit in the hole, so the mourners had to decamp to the local pub while a larger hole was dug, by which time the undertakers were getting jittery because they had another funeral to go to! It was a very funny story!

However, the tale of the reluctant birthday “girl” for whom her friends were giving a surprise party, and who refused point blank to get out of the car of another friend who was allegedly taking her out for supper on her birthday and who had called at the “party” friend's house on the way “to drop off an envelope”, was false. As the speaker said, the friends were real, but the event did not happen!!

At the end of the stories, we added up our results and no one had guessed them all correctly. However, the winner had identified seven correctly and was given a small prize, as were those who got 6 and 5 correct answers respectively.

A good evening, and a good game which we felt we could play among ourselves sometime.

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It is a physically demanding one day challenge, as a team of 4 we have to run 17km, canoe 12km and mountain bike 50km whilst searching for hidden electronic caches, each worth a different value. The team with the highest score within the strict time period are deemed winners. We are currently in training to get ourselves in some kind of shape to complete it!

if you think that you could possibly sponsor us it would be greatly appreciated and every penny we raise will go to Rainbows which is a very worthy cause.

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Liam Tailby

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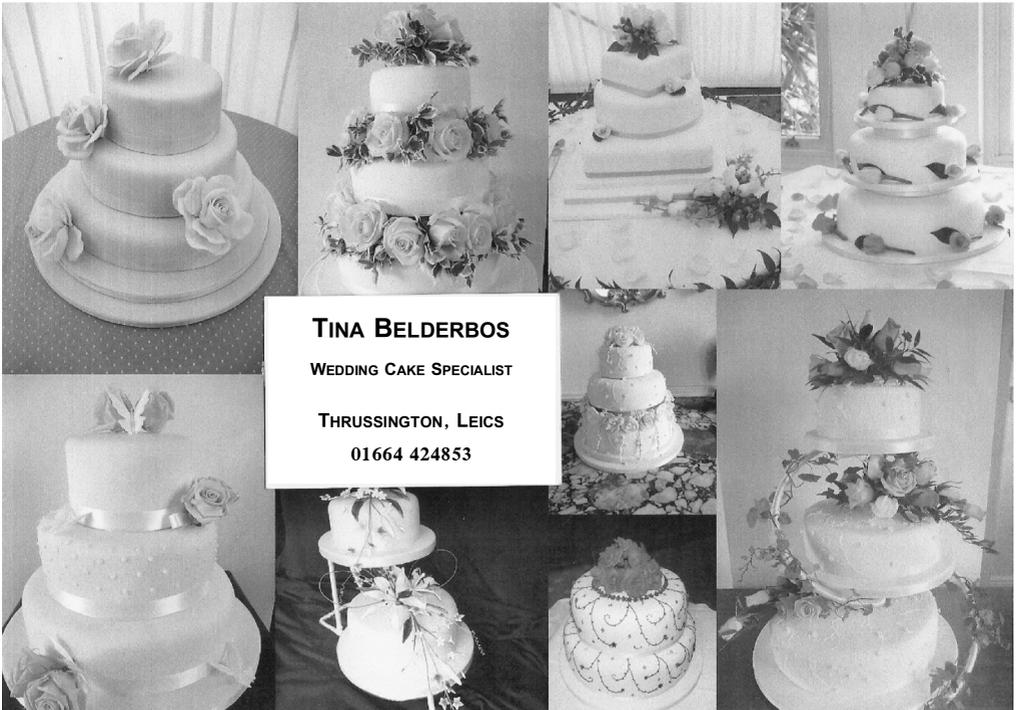
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It is because of this strong feeling of family and community along with his vocation of Funeral Director that Chris has taken the step of opening his own business on Wellington Street in the centre of Syston. It is increasingly common for small, local family businesses to be taken over by larger companies or they are simply sold out of the family. With the recent sale of H Towell Funeral Services of Sileby to a national firm, Dignity Funerals Ltd, and G E Gamble & Son of Syston no longer owned by the Gamble family, Chris thought it was the right time to offer his services to the local community. "It is simply down to personal preference. If you prefer to use big supermarkets, franchises or local businesses owned by local residents, the decision is personal. Each type has its own merits and it is not for me to tell you which type is right for you"

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Have you been to Launde Abbey lately? Maybe you're a regular visitor. Maybe you've not been there yet. But it's well worth a visit.

### **A quiet place**

The Abbey is a retreat house: a place of sanctuary, a place where people can go to find some peace and quiet, to take stock, to find a new beginning, to be refreshed, to listen and to pray.



It's a place for anyone and everyone. Launde offers of full programme of retreats and quiet days, but also hosts a wide variety of meetings, conferences, and training courses. You can stay overnight or just spend the day there – you can even simply call in for coffee, lunch or afternoon tea.

### **A place of prayer**

But it's the chapel that is the heart of Launde – the source of its strength, the place where people have prayed for centuries. The snag is that two flights of stairs, even though they're quite short, make it almost inaccessible to people who use wheelchairs or who have difficulty walking.

So the Friends of Launde are putting on a concert to launch a new fundraising project this May, to start raising money to pay for a new lift to the chapel.

### **A place for all**

The concert will be at 3.00pm on Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> in the beautiful and historic parish church at Barkby – big enough for a couple of hundred people! It will feature 'Singing for Fun' under the leadership of Ann Hughes, a mixed choir that aims to provide something for everyone, classics in a range of styles including opera, jazz, gospel, stage and screen ...

You don't need a ticket and admission is free. But there will be a retiring collection for the new fund, and cream teas on sale. So please do come, and bring your friends and family with you.

**3.00pm Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup> at Barkby Parish Church LE7 3QG**

### **Love Lorna**

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# Church Warden's Notes

AGM's are not the most exciting of events, but they do help to concentrate the mind on things achieved and things to come, both spiritual and practical. The Vestry Meeting re-elected Sue Bradshaw and myself as churchwardens and other PCC members were re-elected for another 12 month period.

Thanks were expressed to all those who, often unseen, or taken for granted gave their time to keeping our church clean and beautiful, arranging and helping at all the services – the sidesmen, choir members and organists, cleaners and flower arrangers, bell ringers.

Practically the accounts showed that the year (31<sup>st</sup> Dec) ended up showing a sufficient surplus to carry us into the new year. 2012 was a busy year – the new Toilet and Sundry facilities were completed, a big enhancement to our church but at a total cost of £25,000 (less Grants received of £9,500) which depleted the hard earned Restoration Fund after many years fund Raising!

The Annual costs amounted to £13,000; including Insurance - £1,400, Heating and lighting - £1,635; Mowing churchyard extension - £765 (after grant of £150 from the Parish Council); Sundry repairs (heaters, roof tiles, organ) - £1,200 and the Parish Share - that is our contribution to the cost of our clergy - £7400. So you can see why we need to keep our Income up!

We are indebted to all those supported the Funding Campaign which last year enabled us to reclaim Tax of £2,100 through Gift Aid A very big Thank you to you all!

As I have mentioned previously we do not receive any funds from the Diocese, it is up to us!!! The worshipping side of the church is quite healthy as well, the average Sunday attendance is steady, The monthly 9.30 express service is growing with more younger families coming - Mum's, Dad's and children. The quarterly joint services with other members of the Team are popular and the new Two Rivers Mission Partnership (with the 8 churches from our team plus Birstall & Wanlip) are organising various courses, more joint events and encouragement to anyone who wants to develop their Christian journey.

Why do we do all this? I believe that our church is a symbol, reflecting our Christian belief in our Lord Jesus Christ, who as the Son of God came to this earth to give us the Good News of the Kingdom of God and as such should be looked after to the best of our ability.

So let's look forward to an exciting year, still lots of costs to cover; heater repairs, refurbish and carpet the children's area, repairs to stained glass and tiles, outside drainage.....On the other side .....**The Trinity Sunday Lunch celebration with the new Archdeacon, on May 26th** resumption of the Men's Breakfasts ..... and .....do not forget, **The FAYRE and PRODUCE SHOW on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. With the year running late there is still time to get those plants growing!!

God bless,

**Reg Morgan – Churchwarden 9, Back Lane (01664 424 540) reg.morgan@rlmorgan.co.uk**

## CHURCH SERVICE - MAY 201

	<b>Holy Trinity Thrussington</b>	St Michael's Rearsby	St Botolph's Ratcliffe	St Mary's Queniborough
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 6th Sunday of Easter	<b>9.30am Morning Praise</b>	11.00am Parish Eucharist	6.30pm Songs of Praise	9.00am Communion 11.00am free4ALL
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day	<b>Deanery service at Rothley</b>			
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Launch of new Mission Partner- ship 6.00pm at Birstall</b>			
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May Sunday after Ascension	<b>9.30am BCP Holy Communion</b>	11.00am Parish Eucharist	6.30pm Evening Reflection	11.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May Pentecost	<b>9.30am 9.30 EXPRESS</b>	11.00am Parish Eucharist	-	11.00am Morning Praise
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May Trinity Sunday	<b>11.00am Patronal Festival Service and Lunch in Church</b>	11.00am Sunday Mix 9.30am Holy Communion	6.30pm Holy Communion	11.00am Holy Communion

**DATES FOR YOU****- MAY 201**

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>DATES</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>
<b>BEAVERS</b>	6 - 7pm	Wed 1st, 8, 15 & 22nd	Anne Lewis 424803
<b>BRIDGE GROUP</b>	7.15pm	Thurs 16th	Diana Clarke 424434
<b>BROWNIES</b>	6 – 7.15 pm	Tues 7, 14 & 21st	Frances Rendall 424240
<b>CINEMA EVENING</b> <i>Sapphires</i>	7.30 pm	Sat 4th	David Alton 424114
<b>CUBS</b>	6.30pm	Fri 3rd, 10, 17 & 24th	Anne Lewis 424803
<b>ELECTIONS</b>		Thursday 2nd	
<b>EXPLORERS</b>	7.30pm	Wednesday 8th & 22nd	Tim Bourne 424849
<b>GATEWAY GROUP</b>	7.30pm	Tues 7, 14 & 28th	Alison Steadman 0116 260 6733
<b>LOCAL HISTORY GROUP</b>	7.45pm	Thursday 30th	Ian Proctor-Blain 424060
<b>MARTIAL ARTS</b>	6.15 PM	Sunday 12 & 19th	Alex Andrew 07764 756336
<b>OVER 50s COFFEE</b> <b>MORNING</b>	10.30 –12 am	Wed 1st, 8th & 22nd	Bev Kearns 424430
<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b>	8 pm	Tuesday 21st	Janet Heath 424454
<b>SCOUTS</b>	7.45pm	Fri 3rd, 10, 17 & 24th	Anne Lewis 424803
<b>VILLAGE HALL MEETING</b>	9.30am	Wednesday 8th	Bev Kearns 424430
<b>WATERCOLOUR</b>	Sat 10 am Mon 1 pm	Saturday 4 & 11th Monday 13 & 20th	Lyn Armitage 01509 814768
<b>WOMENS INSTITUTE</b>	7.30pm	Thursday 9th	Sue Bradshaw 424663
<b>YOGA</b>	7.30pm	Mon 13th	Barbara Jackson 424487

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