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## Council Comment

### **Planning**

Imagine if you can, that the local authority had annexed a part of Yarm or Billingham and simply ignored the boundaries of two of the constituent towns that make up the administrative area of the Borough of Stockton on Tees - a unitary authority initially comprised of the towns of Thornaby on Tees, Stockton on Tees, Billingham and Yarm. Of course there would have been an outcry from residents who would feel it an affront to their identity. And yet that is exactly what has happened with a section of land at the confluence of Thornaby Road and Low Lane opposite the Industrial Estate and upheld by Planning Committee and SBC Planning and Legal officers who deemed the land as part of Ingleby Barwick - incredibly, contrary to what was clearly stated in the Planning papers that indicated that the land approved for housing by the Secretary of State was in Thornaby (see below).

SUMMARY
At the Planning Committee meeting on the 31st July 2019 Members resolved to gran consent for the above application subject to planning conditions and the development et a Section 106 agreement. The original report is contained within the appendices.

Since that time discussions have been ongoing with the land owner and their agent over of Terms, whilst there is agreement on most issues, there have been areas of do matters so a decision can be issued.

The outstanding issue is in relation to the provision of the recreational route and foother site to Ingleby Barwick and whilst the landowner has offered two options to rether is deemed acceptable. Consequently the landowner asked that the heither is deemed acceptable. Consequently the landowner asked that the heither is deemed acceptable. Consequently the landowner asked that the heither is deemed acceptable. Consequently the landowner asked that the heither is deemed acceptable. Consequently the landowner asked that the heither is deemed acceptable. Consequently the landowner asked that the heither is deemed acceptable. Consequently the landowner asked that the heither is deemed acceptable. Consequently the landowner asked that the heither is deemed acceptable. Consequently the landowner asked that the heither is deemed acceptable.

If further evidence was needed as to the whereabouts of this land, all that needed to be done by those oblivious to its location was to visit a sign at the junction of both roads bearing the legend: 'Welcome to Thornaby on Tees.' Or perhaps they could have looked at maps showing the Bassleton Beck Valley as the separation between Thornaby on Tees and our offspring at Ingleby Barwick. Even the original Ingleby Barwick Masterplan indicates that the settlement is west of Bassleton Beck Valley and Thornaby on Tees is east of the beck - the beck line being the boundary and an impediment to coalescence.

The beck's significance was later highlighted by a Planning Inspector dealing with an appeal at nearby Hollybush Farm who inadvertantly supported Thornaby's contention. The inspector based dismissal partly on Bassleton Beck Valley green wedge that she referred to in her report as a *linear break between Thornaby and Ingleby Barwick*. It seems that she understood the relevance of the linear break that was clearly lost on the local planning officers and ultimately the political and corporate hierarchy of the local authority who continue to dismiss all appeals for the boundaries of Thornaby on Tees to be recognised.

It's simply incredible that glaring evidence is not enough to convince. And so a situation that has resulted once again as an insulting slap in the face to the whole Thornaby community must continue to be challenged. The bottom line of this outrage is that the local authority has once again played directly into the hands of developers at Thornaby's expense and not for the first time showed that the whole planning system is not fit for purpose.

Planning is dishonest in the sense that it is a developers charter that is massively weighted against the general public. Added to this, committees are political proportionate which leaves them wide open to all manner of questionable practice such as voting along party lines or making a judgement based on electoral advantage or

disadvantage. And at times it is blatant. The committee is effectively (allegedly) a quasi judicial body - i.e. a jury - and each member is required to make a judgement based on evidence. And whilst that may happen with non contentious applications, major applications are decided by officer recommendation and tribal voting. Members may rarely disagree with officers, but when that phenomenon does occur - particularly in Stockton - a protocol is invoked whereby members are browbeaten to think again or be threatened by the spectre of the Planning Inspectorate that has the authority to overturn local determination and ultimately local democracy.

And yet one planning inspector at appeal broke ranks with the following observation: "The OFFICERS argued it one way, members of the Planning Committee saw it differently, but that is within their gift. They are elected by local residents and, in due course, have to answer for their decisions." Yes, ultimately it is councillors who are held to account by the electorate and not officers. Officers 'advising' members to think again and suggest overturning a vote already taken until a 'required' outcome is arrived at simply beggars belief. And nonsense of the whole farcical charade can then be compounded by a ridiculous tradition whereby the Chair of Planning invariably uses a casting vote in support of officers; thus betraying the spirit of what is loosely referred to as local democracy. It is absurd. The Chair of Planning has the same duty of impartiality as any other councillor.

Some years ago, Deputy Mayor of London, Kit Malthouse (now Policing MInister), described approval for a building project in London as 'monstrous' and followed by declaring: "This is the other fallacy; the planning process isn't democratic; the planning system is more or less stitched up between developers and planning officers, and councillors are put in an invidious position of saying 'you either agree to what we've stitched up or it'll just go to the Planning Inspectorate and you'll be overruled.' There is something fundamentally wrong with the planning system." And whilst Malthouse's comments may be considered extreme, they do resonate. The gun at head threat is always wielded whenever members go against officer recommendations.

Many of the flaws referred to in the Planning process were highlighted by Lord Nolan who went so far as to point out that if a committee was genuinely quasi-judicial then elected councillors would be unnecessary; a reference to elected members duty to the electorate being tested and associated pitfalls. He also indicated that sweeteners such as 106 agreements and other financial advantages to a Planning Authority could be interpreted as bribes. And rightly so. If a member must declare pecuniary interests in an agenda item, then why shouldn't local councils who now have a further vested interest in housing approval in the form of New Homes Bonus? The Nolan report also contained a section on the roles of officers and elected members — pointing out that the former is responsible to the local authority whilst stressing that elected members are ultimately responsible to the electorate.

Nolan explored in detail where areas of conflict may arise and concluded: "Ultimately, when applications are decided in Planning Committee by elected members, the officers' report to a committee or sub-committee will recommend approval or refusal, but it is entirely in the hands of members to decide whether to implement this advice."

Therefore 'protocol' introduced by the local authority not only makes a mockery of Nolan's reasoning, but also challenges the competence and legitimacy of elected members and often leaves the public up in arms when a vote that has been cast is far too often talked out. It's an intolerable situation and far too often meekly accepted.

There are so many memorable examples of planning aberrations over many years that have had a real heartbreaking impact on people's lives. For instance, the local planning authority has an appalling record of departure from its own plans – particularly in

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allowing green field development. Examples are manifold, but best shown at Ingleby Barwick, Yarm, Wynyard, and in repeated incursion into Tees Heritage Park and flip-flopping over green wedge designation. As some members may recall, a prime example of worrying inconsistency was green wedge land adjacent to Liverton Crescent in Thornaby on Tees that was long established and where numerous applications had been refused on that basis. That is until it was almost accidentally discovered by that officers had included the plot as housing land.

A row ensued culminating in a climbdown and reinstatement as green wedge – agreed by Cabinet - just prior to the 2015 local elections. However, following the election when the political makeup in Thornaby changed, the land once again appeared in cabinet papers as earmarked again for housing and accepted as such. And that objectionable practice continues and of course was instrumental in the recent annexation of the land at Thornaby near Low Lane where officers appeared oblivious to the difference between green wedge and town boundary. Officers argued that the Secretary of State and planning inspector had dismissed green

wedge as an impediment to development, but failed to understand that the decisions made did not mean that town boundaries had ceased to exist.

All of which is unforgivable and further stokes up animosity at what Thornaby on Tees residents perceive as arrogance and entrenched indifference towards our town. Of course, those at the critical end of this polemic will reel out the usual dismissive litany and predictable accusations of parochialism accompanied by myriad vexatious comments. But we would point to another scandal simmering that had to be referred for Judicial Review and has since had an unsatisfactory outcome that has left so many unanswered questions.

But make no mistake, Thornaby Town Council and local councillors will not take this latest in a long line of affronts lying down. Indications from government about local authority restructuring may give Thornaby on Tees an opportunity to flex muscles hardened by years of resolute defiance and those genuinely representing will fight tooth and nail for our identity and proud heritage to be respected.

### **Mindless**

As NHS staff and all key workers were being deservedly applauded, a vile section of the population predictably behaved deplorably and continue to do so. Loss of life and lockdown means nothing to this pestilential minority who clearly have no sense of right and wrong and don't know the meaning of shame.

We have all seen pictures of thousands of idiots gathered on Bournmouth beach - scenes replicated locally - and have no doubt witnessed the usual mindless hoodlums causing havoc and creating misery for so many. They blight every community and invariably leave overstretched emergency services and councils to clean up the trail of filth and damage they leave in their rancid wake.

The following pictures speak volumes. Deliberate fires on Eston Hills in recent weeks have sorely tested a Fire Service still reeling from savage cuts. A car - probably someone's pride and joy - burnt out on Teesdale Park and beer bottles and cans callously cast aside a short distance from bins. All of which goes to prove: We can't quarantine stupidity.













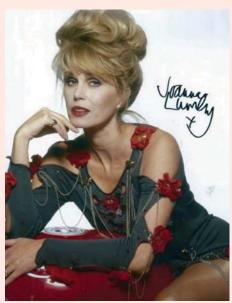


## **Don Bar - Thornaby Relocation**

Joanna Lumley OBE is honoured to be our Patron and supporter of the New Don Memorial Museum & Veterans Hub CIC. Our Offical opening will be Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November Covid situation permitting).

The weekend will be massive with over 50 military vehicles on display and star studded guest list that will include SAS Legend Rusty Firmin, Anthony Stephen Malone (Ambassador) and forces sweetheart Kirsten Orsborn with Patriot Band including Country and Western Nashville singer, Saskia Vese. Also an Airsoft range, BBQ, Late bar, Live bands and entertainment. TV, Press and Celebrities and also special guest - all

supporting the former Don Memorial Museum and Veterans Hub; now officially renamed, "The Last Post" as a dedication to all Veteran's and Services. The Don Memorial Museum is specially partnered with the Victoria Cross Trust with exclusive exhibits in our new museum. The Parachute Regiment, Lee Crichton Suite, will also be open dedicated to Paratrooper, Lee Crichton and all Airborne Forces past and present. Truly grateful to over 100 veterans, tradesman and supporters who have worked tirelessly on this Herculean project in support of veterans and so many others who need our help.











See you all at our opening.
Julie Cooper (Boss).
Joanna Lumley OBE (Patron).
Anthony Stephen Malone
(Ambassador).
Team Don.

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We are proud to announce that Julie Cooper is now a Patron of the Victoria Cross Trust. We are honoured to have Julie Cooper representing the Victoria Cross Trust and the new Don Memorial Museum and Veterans Hub CIC is in Special Partnership with the trust.

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## Don Bar - Thornaby Relocation Continued

Upstairs in the Museum will be a selection of images from Thornaby Photographer

Pam Ainsley. MSc, BA(Hons) ABIPP, ASWPP.

In 2006 Pam took a large selection of images on the beach at Redcar during the filming of 'Atonement' staring James McAvoy. A couple of weeks later after checking through hundreds of images taken, Pam had a meeting with management at Kirkleatham Hall who offered Pam a full scale exhibition to fill the conservatory at the Hall, with a large amount of her Atonement images.

Pam was fortunate to be in a business group with her photography business, where several members helped sponsor her for the cost of the original exhibition thus promoting their services too.

Pam's interest was to show that they were local images .. of local people from our area in the blockbuster film. I designed a lot of montages for the exhibition as there were so many images I tried to show, of as many

local people as possible. I also made some really large Images to suit a persons wall space.

Another great experience for Pam seeing the premiere of the film In Los Angeles and meeting all the cast afterwards at the Premiere party. The ticket had been offered by the Director, Joe Wright whilst chatting with him on Redcar beach. The film was then nominated for an Oscar, where Pam went as a photographer on the famous Red Carpet.

Pam gained much press and recognition through these exhibitions that moved around the area. The on-set scenes depicted in the film were of the beach at Dunkirk. Pam's exhibition moved to many venues In this area .. and finished in the Shambles In York. Her images were even on display In the same area as the dice players in Preston Hall. Quite an achievement.

After the journeys of all these exhibitions, Pam had kindly donated a large selection of



these Images to the Don War Memorial Museum and Veterans hub. Pam said "I am personally delighted to donate these images to the museum and to know that they are remaining also in my hometown of Thornaby". Pam has also some larger framed images for sale too in the museum and there will be some limited edition books of the images, on sale in the shop.

Although the film was only an enactment, so many ex-servicemen and local actors had so many conversations about the images over the months it went on tour. I spent so many hours speaking with them all. I hope that will continue at The Don.

It was very hard to produce all the work by myself ... but my photography is my passion and I never expected after only 1 day on the beach in Redcar, I could end up in the front row of the premiere in Los Angeles and taking images at the Oscars ..

Pam said "my complete passion of photography reminds me of an amazing lady called Julie Cooper following her dream too ... Wish it .. Dream it.. Do It". Go, go, go Julie.







## Genma's Story

Gemma has taken part in 30 Days Wild for the past three years with her nature-loving children: six-year-old son, Thomas, and eight-year-old daughter, Summer. She loves to recycle items and reuse old materials to create nature-themed outdoor furniture or wildlife habitats.

Gemma, who lives locally in Thornaby, has always been interested in nature and was inspired by reading about 30 Days Wild on Twitter. "I saw it, took part and was hooked, I love my wildlife. It gave me the best excuse to do those things that I'd been planning to do for ages." Bedtime stories also include wildlife to help winddown at the end of a busy day; "nature soothes you" adds Gemma.

Part of the appeal is the challenge and fun of finding new ways to connect with your local wildlife. "We love 30 Days Wild," Gemma says, "and look forward to doing something different each day in the garden or neighbourhood – last year we made a pond out of an old plastic paddling pool which has become home to frogs and a





newt. We've named our resident blackbird Bert and love to feed him and other visitors to our garden. We also have hedgehogs and even found one snoring under a pile of leaves!"

One of her first projects was to paint an old cable drum as a toadstool and turn it into an outdoor table for her children. The family have also watched foxes nearby and

stayed up late with their local hedgehogs. They've honed their gardening skills too, growing pumpkins, giant sunflowers, and vegetables, as well as planting a nettle patch for butterflies; all in a garden about 5 metres long by 5 metres wide. As Gemma says, "it shows what you can achieve with only a small space, even in a town."

Gemma is a dinner supervisor as well as a teaching assistant at her local school and loves to get the kids interested in nature too, from upcycling projects and to talking to them about what they can see around them. She's heartened by an increase in the numbers of children now asking her questions about nature and wildlife – "it's been great getting the kids interested and now others are asking about nature too."





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## Parades Gone By

## Thornaby Ceremonies.

A range of fascinating annual events have drawn the people of Thornaby out onto the streets over the years and for many they were the highpoint of the callendar to be looked forward to whether as a participant or spectator. One was Mayor's Day seen here, however the last of these popular processions took place in 1967 just before Thornaby Borough Council was wound up and the town became part of the short lived Teesside Borough Council.

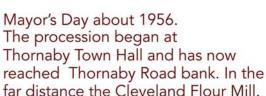


Thornaby Borough Council Macebearer G.R. Groves leads the Mayor's Day procession along Westbury Street in 1957. A day of great pride, this was a chance for residents to see the new Mayor but there was also an element of accountability: the ratepayers were able to see who was responsible for spending their money and providing their services. Here Mayor Tom Padgett is accompanied by long serving Town Clerk Albert Stockwell together with members of local services and clergy. On the far right the Bell family at number 24 turn out to witness the march past their home.

Overleaf, photos and memories of the spectacular Corpus Christi ceremony which ended during the 1990's. The Catholic May Queen procession still flourishes though and many residents say they are often moved to see young people of eleven years old tour St Patrick's church singing Marian hymns like "Bring Flowers of the Rarest" and to witness the Queen crown the decorated statue of Our Lady with a garland. The May Queen herself, Lilly bearers, basket bearers as well as bearers of the May Queen's long train are all proud members of the procession.











The above photographs were taken from outside 115 Thornaby Road by uncle Alf Bayles my mother's brother who lived with us. I well remember Alf taking them because I was standing beside him, I was eight years old and this must have been in about 1956. The Royal George would be just out of shot to the left and there's Sun street where the corner shop is. This was the Mayor's day, it was a massive, real occasion, in those days you had all the forces taking part and we had our own Mayor. The procession is going to St Paul's church for the service. I think we respected events like this, it was something to be proud of, everyone turned out and it all felt very ceremonial with his worship and all the councillors leading the procession, I think there was some colourful people then. It also shows what we had in Thornaby, people were proud, Thornaby was a very proud town, it still is.

Anne Peterson



Corpus Christi procession Westbury Street on the way from St Patrick's church to the school grounds for the benediction. Above, about 1960 and right, top 1968.

I was born in 1937 and made my first procession at the age of five. I remember the excitement, it was like a festival day, although it was a catholic ceremony and had meaning for us, it was very much for the whole community, people of all faiths and people of no faiths, they all came out. Then after the procession on the school grounds at St Patricks Primary School there was a benediction, it was a social event. In Westbury Street they'd have bunting all the way up across the street and some of the residents who lived at the top of Westbury street with the bow windows used to put statues and flowers in them and make a little altar at the top. I remember looking up and seeing these beautiful statues in the windows. It was very much a highlight for us as kids to walk but in the schools were quite strict about us all being dressed properly. Most of my family were catholic, my other grandma and aunt weren't but to them it was still a big day, not just to see me and my brother walking. You know I can't remember it ever raining, I can only remember the sun shining. The procession is dedicated to honouring the Blessed Sacrament, Corpus Christi means the body of Christ. Four people carried a canopy and underneath would be the priest holding the monstrance, which contained the blessed sacrament. We regard this as the body and blood of Christ, it's carried to spread the blessing. I was part of every procession until the main one stopped during the 1990's. First we had a lot of very bad weather, then they built more onto the Primary School where we gathered, so for a number of reasons it stopped. Also some felt traditions were gradually changing all over Britain which was gradually being considered more of a multi faith community.

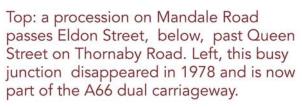
Kath Crossan



This was my first Corpus Christi at the age of five, in the above photo I'm on the left and behind me my friends Jacqueline Dawson who was my best friend and Angela Jones. I always used to cry because there was so much preparation involved: those little white shoes were hard to find then and the veil and gloves all had to be immaculate. My first dress was made by my Auntie Elvira Costello from her own wedding dress which was beautiful, it came from Italy. Dad used to put the veil and gloves in a plastic zipper bag ready for the following year, I wasn't allowed to touch it.

Angela Costello

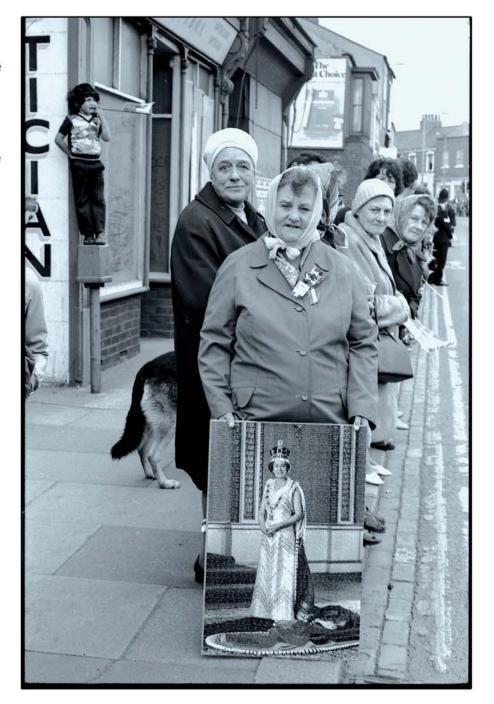






### **ROYAL VISITS**

Right: Mandale Road 1977, one of two Royal visits to Thornaby. A previously unpublished photograph of spectators waiting for the royal limousine to pass. Do any Thornaby Pride readers recognise these women? thornabylives@btinternet.com



Many Irish Catholic people came to industrial Thornaby for the promise of a better life during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century and they brought their traditions such as Corpus Christi with



them. Left, images from three Corpus Christi processions at the turn of the twentieth century. Seated left in the open landau in these pictures is the Rt. Rev. Monsignor Gerald Augustine Shanahan who served as Parish Priest at St. Patrick's Church during the important years of Thornaby's early development from 1877 until his death in 1919. Gerald Shanahan came from Kilfinanne in County Limmerick, his three brothers also became priests.



# Thornaby Community Hub Prime Location for Community Support

North Star Housing's Community Hub in Havelock Street in Thornaby continues to be an important place for the local community.

During Covid-19 the Hub transformed into a distribution site for partners to prepare food parcels and nutritious meals and helped support Stockton Council distributing free school meals.

The Community Hub was opened daily by Little Sprouts Health and Wellbeing who coordinated relief efforts for delivery of food and care packages and support for families eligible for free school meals.

Neta from Little Sprouts said "Thank you again to North Star for allowing the site to be used in this amazing way, it's in a prime location to ensure we reach exactly the right people who need our help the most. We've already had some lovely feedback from the people we delivered to and those that collected from us, thanking us for providing an essential service for them."

Along with connecting partners North Star provided extra funding for additional care packages, a van driver from Groundwork NE and Cumbria and 'boredom buster' craft activities from Creation Station -Yarm to be given out to local residents.

An amazing team of organisations and volunteers have all worked together to collect generous donations from local businesses, cook meals, pack food parcels and deliver them to families in need,. Groundwork NE and Cumbria were able to collect donations and surplus food from suppliers using their company vehicle and bring these back to the Hub ready to be distributed.

Mike from Groundwork says:

"Some days when I arrive at the Hub there can be 10 or more families waiting outside. I know the project will feed all of them and the others who turn up today. All the partners are doing a great job and I am glad I am playing a small part in this.

Since its refurbishment and reopening the Community Hub has proved to be an important place in the heart of the community, a space that is adaptable and has evolved to support local needs.

If you would like to know more about North Star's Community Hub and its current activities please contact Coral Smith Coral.smith@northstarhg.co.uk or 01642 796265









## A wonderful story of Teesside businesses helping others

Satveer Singh is a Thornaby lady who is loved by so many and comes from a family held in the highest esteem in the town. Throughout the Covid19 crisis, she and her family have generously supported key workers with acts of kindness and Satveer has been posting messages about her family's gratitude to local heroes.

Here are some of the posts and accompanying photographs.

Another wonderful story of a Teesside business helping others. The Silver Cod in Norton gave free fish and chips to our wonderful paramedics.

Satveer Kaur Singh from Thornaby and her husband Gurjit Singh Sidhu wanted to do something different to show gratitude to NHS workers for risking so much to help others.

With help from Jo Owen from North Tees Hospital, Satveer ran the idea of free fish and chips past her and was delighted when Jo thought it a great gesture.

Satveer said: "At first we were just going to deliver the free portions of fish and chips to paramedics, but Jo suggested all hard pressed staff on duty would be grateful for free hot food."

And so 50 free portions of standard fish and chips were given to wonderful lifesavers. Satveer and Gurjit's generosity was posted on social media and it just went viral with comments and messages of support.

Satveer continued. "We never expected such a response and we most certainly didn't do it for publicity. We simply did it because these hard working paramedics put their lives at risk to protect our community. It was our way of saying thanks and showing we all belong together."

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## LANEHOUSE ROAD CHIPPY was back open for business on Monday 27th of April - 11.30am to 8.15pm

Special safety measures are now in place to protect our STAFF and CUSTOMERS. This includes a perspex screen and directions to show that only

twò customers at a time will be allowed in the shop and government guidelines should be observed.

As a thank you to local SCHOOL HEROES, FREE STANDARD FISH AND CHIPS were on offer lon TUESDAY 28th of APRIL for teachers, teaching assistants, private day care nursery staff, school cleaners, kitchen staff, school office workers and site mangers.

Thank you to our staff and customers throughout this difficult time. We hope to see you all soon.

#### WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

We are living through a historic event and I want my children to remember the good memories they had baking, watching tv, home schooling and just having fun and enjoying family time together during this difficult period. The children have kept a folder of their work and pictures, etc. Hopefully, some years in the future, our children will be able to pass on their memories to their own children.

Satveer.

### Satveer: PROUD PARENT ALERT

Our 2 children, Sukhmani Kaur Sidhu aged 6 years old and 4 year old Gurekham Singh Sidhu, made a lovely picture for our business about keeping safe and thanking the NHS. The children also coloured some balloons in rainbow crayons which Ann Manders, a nurse from North Tees Hospital, saw and took a photo on her phone. She said she was crying when she saw how beautiful the picture and balloons were and so uploaded them on the NORTH TEES and HARTLEPOOL NHS website for everyone too see.

Our children's school, Mandale Mill Primary, have put together a facebook page and also uploaded a beautiful video message delivered by teachers to the children which was shown on social media site, Thornaby Alert. They also made a beautifully worded poster for our children that was also posted. It really made for emotional watching and brought smiles to the faces of everyone that viewed it. Staff have been brilliant and have kept school open for key worker parents. They don't get the recognition they truly deserve.

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Mr and Mrs Gurpaul (Paul) Singh of Thornaby on Tees (Satveer's Dad and Mam) generously donated cases of water and bottles and cans of coke to the Tees East and North Yorkshire Ambulance Station at Grangefield Road, Oxbridge, as grateful thanks to all the paramedics and ambulance staff for their hard work and total dedication towards our community.

Stay safe Everyone

### Tribute to our Heros

Our amazing, kind hearted family friend, Jo Owen, is a front line Ambulance crew member and also the founder with friends of a fantastic charity for BLUE LIGHT BABIES. ② Jo has set a daily challenge for people to nominate a daily 'Hero Chappy' to thank real community heroes. We can't thank Jo enough for being so inspirational and working so tirelessly for others.

We are very proud of you Well done & keep safe

Lanehouse Road, Thornaby fish shop











## Christ the King Catholic Primary School









#### Year 6 2020

Returning back to school was like breathing a big sigh of relief, leaving the past few months behind and focusing on the future. It is fun, communicating with our beloved friends before leaving for our new adventure of secondary school. We have enjoyed many activities such as Maths and English; taking part in our challenge Tuesday (Lip Dub, PPE making, and a treasure hunt) with teachers making it very fun. We have also completed an orienteering challenge and a blind folded obstacle course - we have loved having PE with Jamie Poole! Thank you to our caring teachers and teacher assistants, they have made school a safe and secure place where we can feel relaxed and enjoy learning again.

To help us remember out time at Christ the King, we are making memories boxes filled with so many different things, that will remind us of our treasured times. As Year 6, we feel privileged to be able to complete primary school with happy memories and feeling that we are now ready to continue our education and achieve the best for ourselves.

Ella and Amelia



### **ThornaBees**

It has been nearly a year since Christ the King first got our delivery of a swarm of bees! Over the past few months, the children and staff at Christ the King have been working very hard to feed the bees, check they are healthy and also use them in our learning. Our bee hive has been getting busier and busier and now we are at the point where we are estimating that we have around 40,000 to 50,000 bees! The ThornaBees made it through the winter and are so healthy active that they have been producing more honey than they need for themselves so we got to try some! Extracting the honey from the frames in the hive is a tricky and sticky job, and we needed some specialist help and equipment to ensure that we collected as much as



possible in the process. The honeycomb in the frames were all sealed, so before we placed them into the extract, we had to carefully cut open every single hexagon so that the honey could pour out. The frames were placed into the extractor which works by slowly spinning round so the honey oozes out of the frame and down to the bottom of the barrel. The honey is then poured out of the barrel into a sieve to make sure no small parts of honeycomb make its way into our final product. After the sieving process, we jarred the honey and branded it with our official ThornaBees label!











## Christ the King Catholic Primary School







# The Eco-Warriors have enjoyed spending time appreciating wildlife close to home and posting the photos on their Google Classroom. They have shared ideas on how to make different bird feeders and have spotted sparrows, starlings, blackbirds, magpies, pigeons, seagulls, ducks, swans and cygnets. Other wildlife they have seen include tadpoles, bees, foxes and even hedgehogs! They have big plans for when they return to school to continue their great work and work towards an Eco-Schools Green Flag.

**Christ the King Eco-Warriors** 









## **Local Interest**



## **Smart Recycling**

Smart Recycling is a local company based in Northallerton operating a fundraising/recycling business widely referred to as "Cash 4 Clothes". With over 50 drop-off point locations it has grown significantly from it's humble beginnings in the early 2000s, when it was founded and was initially known as Rag'n'Phone.

Smart Recycling empowers people to raise some money by bringing in their unwanted clothes, whilst having the peace of mind that their clothing would not end up in landfill. All clothing items are given a Second life, whereby they are either recycled into other items or sorted and re-sold as second-hand clothing. Customers are paid cash immediately or can choose to support a local charity by donating their proceeds from the clothing brought in, all completely hassle free.

The recently refreshed drop-off point at The Pavilion, Thornaby, Stockton-on-Tees is open Monday to Saturday from 9:30 to 17:00, but closed on Sundays. Customers at the Thornaby drop-off point are paid 50p per kilo of unwanted clothes accepted. For more information on other drop-off point locations, opening hours and other questions, please visit our website www.smartrecycling.org.uk or call us on 01609 780 555.



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## **Ebony picks up silver at national BTEC Awards**

When it comes to her studies, Stockton Riverside College student Ebony French doesn't consider herself particularly special.

Her view is that you have got to put in the graft and give it your all if you want to achieve, and that's what she does.

But those around the 18-year-old Computing student say something quite different.

Describing her as "a champion", Ebony's tutor, Simon Patterson, said: "She is relentless in her pursuit to get her qualifications. She doesn't let anything hold her back, never complains and, while she recognises her limitations, she won't give up."

It's a view that others clearly share, as Ebony has been named a silver winner of a prestigious national award.

Recognised for her tenacity and commitment, she received the Silver Award in BTEC IT and Computing Learner of the Year at the Pearson's 2020 BTEC Awards.

Excited to have even been nominated, Ebony, who has cerebral palsy, said: "I freaked out a little because I had no clue. It just proves that when you are passionate about something, it pays off."

Joining the college straight from school on a level 2 computing course and progressing to



level 3, she said: "I have loved every minute of it. I get to sit next to my best friend and now to be nominated for student of the year is just crazy."

Brushing off any praise for the hard work she puts in, she said: "It's a fact, if you don't put the effort in then you can't expect to get anything back. If you do put the effort in, then there's a sense of achievement that comes from that."

She is quick to turn the praise back to her teachers, adding: "Simon is always

there to help if I'm stuck. He gives that extra attention to detail that makes such a difference. He goes above and beyond."

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In its 10th year, the Pearson's 2020 BTEC Awards celebrate students' exceptional achievements and success in vocational learning. Winners were announced at an online ceremony with 17 award categories.

Nominating Ebony, Simon believes she epitomises everything the awards stand for.

He said: "She will put in the extra hours, having organised study groups with her friends, to make sure she gets through the course."

"For all that she is up against, she never uses it as an excuse. She is a champion who doesn't complain and just gets on with it."

The 2020 BTEC Awards ceremony was hosted by presenter of the United Stand, YouTube influencer and BTEC Ambassador, Flex, with awards presented by double Olympic Gold medallist, Max Whitlock, and actress and former BTEC Drama student at The BRIT School, Kellie Shirley.



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## An update from Lesley Graham, College Principal at Stockton Riverside College...



As you can imagine, it's been a strange few months at Stockton Riverside College. In line with Government guidance we stopped the vast majority of face-to-face teaching on the 23 March, however, the College has remained open for our most vulnerable learners throughout lockdown.

We are a very caring college and really look after our students and staff, but this has been particularly evident over the last few months in the way our teaching and student services teams have supported our students in these unprecedented times.

An example of some of the work we've done over the last few months to keep morale up is the 'Wonderful World Project'. It was borne of an idea amongst a group of colleagues that they wanted to share and send a message of hope to the wider community.



The Louis Armstrong ballad was chosen as the team felt that the message, looking for beauty in an otherwise difficult world, was apt during these times. Staff and Students sent in their recordings, then our fantastic Film and TV students pulled it all together.

We are incredibly proud of this piece of work – it was a real team effort between staff and students so please do give it a watch you can find it on YouTube: What a Wonderful World Public: https://youtu.be/ZMCDRnX2cZM

I am really proud of Stockton Riverside College's staff and students, and never more so than over the last three months. Whilst I can't promise things will be entirely back to normal by September, what I can guarantee is that all our students, current and new, will be given all the support required to successfully achieve and move on to the next stage of their lives no matter what.



## Welcome Back to Thornaby Market

appy Thursdays are back!
After nearly 3 months of lockdown and the cancellation of the outdoor markets...finally...on Thursday 28 May, Thornaby welcomed back some familiar faces. Although only two were allowed to work on the food only market, Trevor's Tea Van and the legendary William 'Egg Man' Fife (see photo taken around late 90s) returned to serve some of their loyal customers in the open air. The past three weeks have seen a steady flow of market traders return to work and we're now just about back to where we were before lockdown.

The new markets have some of the most stringent social distancing, queue management and sanitising options in the country as we look to ensure they are a safe, clean and friendly environment. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank both the traders and the public for following all the guidance and

signage so far. The markets have gone really well since we started and it's great that we can all adapt to this new way of working and shopping. Everyone should be proud and we should all continue to shop local and support local traders at this particularly difficult time.

For those who haven't visited the market yet, please come down and take a look - safe in the knowledge you can shop safely in a friendly, outdoor environment. Check us out on our markets Facebook page -

https://www.facebook.com/ stocktononteesmarkets/



## Life at The Poplars Care Home

The Poplars are pleased to welcome Elise Smithson as the new Manager who joined us in March and we wish her well.

Our Activities Co-Ordinator Brenda has transformed a corridor on the dementia unit called "Take a Walk Down Memory Lane" which shows pictures/photos of old time favourites including fashion, transport, and celebrities past and present. All the residents love discussing and debating about their memories.

Some of the activities that we have done during the lockdown include the usual Bingo, Quiz, Coffee Mornings, Dominoes, Karaoke and of course an Easter Bonnet Parade. The Mayor and Mayoress were sadly missed this year due to the current circumstances so we had to "Make Do and Mend" as the saying goes.

We have celebrated St Patrick's Day, St Georges Day, V.E Day and a very special 100th Birthday. Party on our lockdown lovelies.

Finally a massive thank you for all the support, cards, gifts and well wishes from our community and families, it really means a lot.

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Like all other schools across the country, we had to close our doors to the majority of children due to the threat of COIVD-19. For our amazing, resilient children it has meant a very different way of learning. We have remained open to provide childcare for vulnerable children and the children of key workers throughout lockdown, including holidays. The pandemic has led to many changes in school including the need to socially distance which has been a real challenge. On the 1st June we were delighted to welcome back many children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. This has been such a pleasure but we do really miss those children who continue to learn from home and we desperately look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for a new kind of 'normal' to resume. Our school community has continued to keep connected in many ways and our online learning platform and social media has played a huge part in this. We hope this issue of Thornaby Pride, in sharing the fantastic work of our children during this unprecedented time, also helps our community re-join and reconnect.



### **KS2 Sports**

KS2 created their own Sports Day events. They then had plenty of activities to entertain them during their lunch break. There were lots of creative ideas on show.



### **KS2 Letters**

KS2 wrote thank you letters to different members of staff to thank them for ensuring they can access their rights. The children's passionate writing showed their genuine appreciation.



### **Prize Winning Poem**

We were very proud of Year 3 pupil Layla for winning the Thornaby **Community Litter** Project poem competition. Well done Layla.





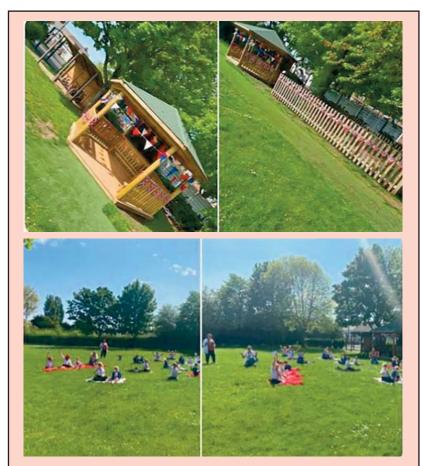
### **Puppets**

The children enjoyed making story puppets. The children stood close together are siblings.



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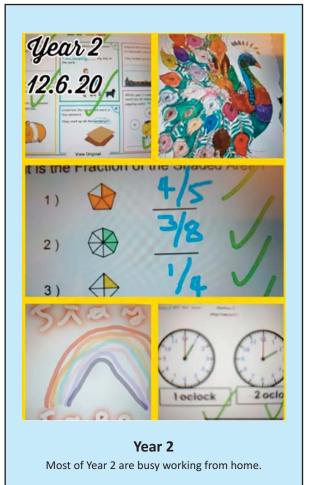
### VE Day 2020 - VE Day 75

75 years since Victory in Europe day. We always commemorate our important history events in school. The children had a socially distanced picnic to celebrate. It was a beautiful day and reminded us how nice our school grounds are.



# Year 1 Year 1 took part in Virtual Sports Week.







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Year 4 -Home Learning



Nursery and Reception have enjoyed getting creative in the kitchen. Some fantastic responses to the 'food art' activity.







Village Virtues were definitely used when completing this cross stitch book mark.

## Wheely Good Idea to Help Five Lamps' Home Carers Enhance Support for Vulnerable People in Stockton

A four-figure grant from a regional employer has supported a Teesside charity to enhance the home care services it provides and improve the health and well-being of its home care colleagues.

In response to the increased pressures caused by the coronavirus pandemic, the Five Lamps Organisation is bringing in two new electric bikes to help its team of domiciliary carers reach the 90 people they currently look after across the Stockton area more quickly.

It is also giving its 53 carers new branded backpacks and water bottles, while some of them will receive solar mobile phone chargers to both help with the lack of facilities during social distancing and to recognise the brilliant job they are doing in supporting vulnerable people who currently need homecare service more than ever.

The project is being funded with support from a £1,500 grant from the community benefits fund linked to Banks Renewables' Lambs Hill wind farm near Stillington.

The family-owned firm agreed with the Lambs Hill Wind Farm community fund committee members to temporarily relax the fund's eligibility criteria in response to the impact of the pandemic and extend the area within which grants can be made.

Headquartered in Stockton, the Five Lamps Organisation delivers an integrated range of social, economic and financial inclusion services within which it seeks to transform lives, raise aspiration, remove barriers and offer choice.

The carers' new bikes are expected to come into service later this month and will make it easier for carers to travel safely and ensure more time can be spent delivering care.

Nicola Garrett, director of corporate services at The Five Lamps Organisation, says: "The last few weeks has showcased the importance of domiciliary care and the pressures home care providers and carers face. Our home care team is doing an amazing job in continuing to safely look after local people who often need a great deal of support.

"Many of our clients have a wide range of complex needs, so are shielding from the virus, and their visits from our carers are often one of very few social interactions they're having with other people.

"Some of our carers walk, some drive and some already use bikes to travel between visits and to collect prescriptions and shopping which has been a challenge during lockdown.



"We wanted to find a way that our carers could get around safely and quickly, so that they can spend as much of their valuable time as possible in people's homes providing care. Creating a pool of electric bikes will really make a difference, not just during the pandemic but as lockdown is lifted.

"The backpacks provide recognition for the essential job that our carers are doing, while their need to both stay hydrated and keep in touch during the days means that the new water bottles and solar mobile chargers will come in very handy.

"We couldn't have made these plans happen without Banks Renewables' generous support and our carers can't wait to take our new bikes out on the road."

Sue Bell, chair of the Lambs Hill Wind Farm community fund committee, adds: "In normal times, this kind of work is important to our community, but at present, it provides so much more in terms of support for our vulnerable people and their families.

"This care and service is invaluable and this funding committee, set up and financed by the Banks Group, has been able to help in making it easier to reach the people that need it.

"It is also right that those putting others first should be given recognition for that and deserve equipment that makes their task easier. This is a very worthwhile project to be able to help and a pleasure to support."

The Lambs Hill wind farm will generate more than £250,000 of local community funding over its 25-year lifespan and has been operational since the beginning of 2017.

It generates over 23,500 MW of green electricity every year, which is enough to meet the annual energy requirements of more than 5,700 homes, and by doing so, displaces almost 7,800 tonnes of carbon dioxide from the electricity supply network per annum.

Lewis Stokes, community relations manager at the Banks Group, adds: "Our wind farm benefits funds are designed to support good causes in the closest surrounding communities which make a tangible difference to the lives of people living there.

"In this unprecedented time of need, we felt it was right to step up and do as much as we can to support the local community where it's most needed, and we're grateful for the support of the support of the members of the funding panel in enabling us to do so.

"The Five Lamps team is doing a great job in supporting vulnerable people in the community and we're keen to hear from other groups who could make a similar impact with the help of a grant from the Lambs Hill fund."

Community groups, or voluntary organisations in the vicinity of the Lambs Hill wind farms which are looking for a grant of up to £3,000 should contact the fund manager at the County Durham Community Foundation, who administers

the fund on behalf of Banks Renewables, on **0191 378 6342** to check if their group or project is eligible.







#### It's times like this we learn to...

We have never know times like these and they have been testing for all generations but especially for our children and their families. As the school doors closed for many on 20th March, times were very uncertain as to when children return to the classroom. Thankfully, the dedicated staff prepared lessons and activities to be delivered via the internet on google classrooms. Little did we know then that this would be the way our children would learn for the next few months.

In the early days of lockdown, only a handful of children entered through the gates each morning as their parents bravely went to work in hospitals and care homes. Overtime this increased but school was not quite right without busy corridors and classrooms. Thankfully now, we have been able to welcome back pupils from Year 6, Year 1 and more Critical Worker children. Our children have been amazing--supported by dedicated teachers and patient, creative parents! COVID19 may have stopped lots of things...but it didn't stop the kids from St.Pat's learning! We would like to say a HUGE St.Patrick's Thankyou to our NHS for keeping us safe over the last few months and our families for doing so well in difficult times to enjoy our curriculum in your homes! We look forward to welcoming back all of our children in September.

Here are some of the things our children have been getting up to at home over the last few months.







#### **Home Historians**

Children across the school continued to find out about the past and especially events from our local history. From home, children discovered what Thornaby looked like during World War 2 and its link with the Battle of Britain. They also discovered how Thornaby helped to change the world and its past with pioneering the railway. Families were encouraged to discover historical landmarks. Once restrictions were lifted some travelled further afield like the Dial Cottage in Tyneside. Children got into role and became News Reporters from different periods of history. Hot news came from the Great Fire of London! Children got creative and made WW2 aircraft from recycled materials.

### **Super Scientists**

Most children like to get hands on with science and lockdown provided the opportunity and time to do this. In year 6, children investigated how light travels and designed their own investigations to find this out. Our youngest children explored different properties of materials around the home and compared them with one another. We have been surrounded by rainbows and our Year 1 children discovered how the colours are made in rainbows. While the weather was fine, it gave our young scientists the chance to see how flowers and plants are made up and look at the different parts. Charts and graphs were all beautifully constructed and observations all accurately labelled up- it was like been in the classroom.









### **Earth Day**

We celebrated Earth Day on 22nd April. This helped to shape our curriculum at home during that week. Our young ecowarriors lobbied MPs to urge them to think about global issues as well producing persuasive posters to encourage everyone to look after our planet earth. Some children made their own models of our beautiful blue planet. It went unnoticed by all how creation was allowed to come alive during the pandemic and at times like this we learn to love God's creation again. The air became cleaner to breathe, skies became blue with less air travel and more wildlife came to visit our gardens. One child helped save a little injured blackbird's life by taking him to a vet while many classes made bird houses for birds to shelter. Let us learn to love our earth again!









### **World Ocean Day**

And in June we celebrated World Ocean's Day. The oceans help make our planet blue and children. Our children were amazed to see how COVID19 allowed more species of fish swim freely because of the decrease in human activity in our oceans. The oceans inspired art work as well as using computer coding to travel to the deeper depths of the ocean floor. Children designed messages for helping to keep our water pollution-free. The attitude of this generation and our little David Attenborough's offers great hope for the future of our world's oceans.











#### **Remote Readers**

You can't beat a good book! It was important the our children kept up with the basics in phonics and reading. Daily phonic sessions were offered to our early readers and all children were encouraged to maintain a love of reading. Families really got creative as they hot seated characters from books, designed book covers, wrote letters to their favourite authors and made landscapes from well-known stories. Some even went on real Bear Hunts - and were not scared!















### **Geographers - Home and Away**











### **Out and About**









### **Ready Steady Cook**



### **Dengineers and Engineers**



Every grey cloud has a silver lining and our children were given a chance to take time and discover the childhood classics like making a den. The challenge was set to make dens from object around the house.

Spectacular

structures were constructed and probably caused havoc in most living rooms around the Thornaby area but great fun was had by all and the truth be known-most adults enjoyed it too! Many children took part in the Teesside Bridge Challenge and designed their own bridges. All risk assessment were carried out and no child was harmed during the making of these bridges!

#### **Smart Art**

Rainy days - get the painting stuff out! Art was definite feature on our lockdown curriculum. Right across the school, children used a variety of medium - pastels, paints, collage and sculpture to create their own ideas as well as looking the work of famous painters including Kandinsky.





### **Google Hangouts**





### **Holy Communion Preparation**







### Keeping the Faith













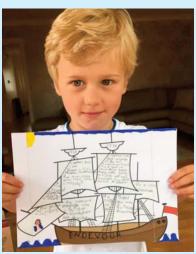


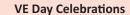
### James Cook - he's one of our own!



















### **Marvellous Musicians**









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### A word in Mr.Johnson's ear!





Dear Boris Johnson

Fristly, I woods wite to say that I was very rapply to hear you logist on the corona witus airst I hope your recovery is going well. Also, I would like to congratulate you and your family on the birth of your little boy, My mum is also expecting a baby in a few weeks time, my third brother! hope your partner and baby boy are dong well. I can't wait to tell my brother, when he is older, about the year he was born when there was a global pandemic and we were all placed into loci down.

I understand that you are a very busy man but I do hope you get the chance to read this letter, an writing to you as I am due to start secondary school in September of this year and I am worried that me, along with all other year six students across the country, will not be given the usual transition programme offered. We are the next generation and I believe that we should begin our next journey with as much positivity as possible.

wy patents and my leachers have explained to me mys en average in make the sactifices we have and if this you are doing a very good job at keeping us all safe. I understand that the current situation has not been caused by you and the decisions you are having to make everyday must be very hard. However, I think that a lot of parents and children must be extremely anxious about the next stage of our education.

Authough I aim only ser years old. Think it is Very Inportant triat me and my selow year six s across the country, are given a smooth transition into secondary school. Therefore, I would like to request that an effective programme is put into place for us, that all secondary schools must adhere to.

I think that a planned transition will be important in building the confidence we need to succeed and perform, at our best, in our education and ultimately to help build and shape the future of our great country.

Thank you very much for your time, Yours sincerely

## **Thornaby Food Bank**

The last months have been challenging, busy, encouraging and filled with gratitude. Firstly gratitude to the huge numbers of individuals and businesses who have supported us with donations of food, end of day produce, and cash which have enabled us to keep up a good supply of food to those who have come to the food bank.

Secondly gratitude to our endlessly enthusiastic volunteers who have adapted to government regulations, social distancing, working a shift system to ensure their own safety and that of others, cleaning, packing bags, and collecting.

Lastly but by no means least we thank those who come to collect their parcels. We can no longer offer the hospitality of coffee and soup and a chat, nor for that matter a choice of food as we have previously done and of course we insist on social distancing, all of which has been accepted with gracious good humour.

As lockdown seems to be easing we remain cautious about changing from our present system of distributing ready packed bags from the doors.

Our time of opening for collecting parcels is Thursday between 12 and 1. Any changes and details of times for donations can be found on our Facebook page.

Lee Reichman has shared this poem he has written which puts into words so much of our experience and of the experience of those we seek to help.

Deep down you know you can.

Be proud of who you are for you can overcome,

Look forward to the future, the bad times they're all done.

You've made the move to realise you're losing self respect And finding out the answer, you listen and connect. For time they call a healer, if patien

For time they call a healer, if patient with your goal

And achieving your ambition,
It'll come from within your soul.
It doesn't matter who you are,
everyone's made mistakes
Just put it right, be honest,
that is all it takes.

Success determination, of wanting your life to be

Will start from looking in the mirror and loving what you see.

So, please, don't look back in anger, in what you were before
As that was then and this is now
You're worthy of much more.

A huge thank you to all who enable Thornaby Food Bank to continue.



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Bags to go



Ready for deliveries



Sorting and packing



Sorting fruit and veg from supermarkets

### Summer Term 2020

Thornaby Academy's official newsletter



## Welcome from the Principal

Welcome to the summer update from Thornaby Academy. In unprecedented times, our students have proved exceptional and I am delighted to share with you what they have managed to achieve with the fantastic support of parents and staff.

#### **Open All Hours**

With thanks to staff, Thornaby Academy has remained open for eligible children throughout Lockdown. With the support of staff, students were set to task to thank NHS staff using a musical resources and equipment to pay homage. Creatively, they designed a large-scale thank you in the centre of school that was both eye catching and heartfelt.

### **Virtual Awards**

Over Lockdown, students have worked hard at home with the support of parents. Students have been accessing their learning on line and for that we have commended them. Every week, teachers have recognised and rewarded achievement by giving out Virtual Awards.

These have been published on our social media page and received lots of positive responses. Well done to all of those students who have received awards, they are definitely well-deserved.

#### Fresh Start

Normally at this time of year, we would be welcoming new additions to our Thornaby 'family'. This year, we have welcomed Year 6 students by virtual means. They have all been taking part in our 'Moving Up' programme and enjoyed the challenges we have set them as they take the huge step from Primary to Secondary. Lockdown has not stopped them from visiting the school either. A video tour around the Academy has given them a chance to explore their new school and meet their new teachers.

#### **Fond Farewell**

As new students join us, it is that time of year when we have to say a fond farewell to others. This year, our Year 11 students left us much sooner than anyone could have expected, but this did not stop us

from giving them a special send off. After a leavers' assembly with a photo montage of their five years in school, a guard of honour made up of every student in school saluted Year 11 out as they left us for the last time. I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success for the future; they may not have sat exams, but they have worked incredibly hard and deserve that recognition. We look forward to welcoming them back to share their results with them on Thursday 20th August.

Please visit our website www.thornabyacademy.org,uk to hear about our news and events and remember, you are always welcome.

Donna Butcher, Principal of Thornaby Academy





## **Maths Matters**

Since schools were closed on the 20th March, the Maths department have provided students with work via Google Classroom and Hegarty Maths. Powerpoint presentations are uploaded weekly for students to work through, this includes a detailed 'how to' explanation of the weekly topic along with helpsheets and questions and answers for students to complete. By students working through the powerpoints, this gives them the understanding before then moving onto Hegarty Maths to complete the quizzes that link to the weekly topic. Hegarty

Maths is a website which provides quizzes for the students to complete complemented with the excellent support videos on how to answer each question if they are stuck. Students can also email the Maths department staff who are always on hand to send help via email or ring home to explain what the student is stuck on.

Top 3 students for most questions answered on Hegarty Maths from each year group are:

Year 7: Hayden (2516), Melissa (2001) & William (1099)

Year 8: Hall (1347), Morgan (998) & Daniel (900)

Year 9: Alexander (753), Kadan (528), Elizabeth (450)

Year 10: Kelsey (1000), Scarlett (922) & Eve (856)

The Maths Department would like to congratulate all of the students in the top 3 and would like to say to all students, 'We miss you and can not wait to see all your faces again! Keep up the hard work, you are all superstars!"

## **Transition**

It is fair to say that year 6 transition this year hasn't exactly been how we planned. Due to current restrictions we have had to adapt and modify our approach. This year we have been running a 'Virtual Transition'. This has included meetings with staff from primary schools, sharing information via the website, information and videos shared via social media, and weekly emails to parents and carers. We have created and shared a 'Moving up Guide' and set weekly challenges for year 6 students to complete. Our aim is to ensure students, parents and carers feel as comfortable as possible about transition. We have also implemented additional contact on a bespoke level. This has included virtual meetings with parents and children, face time calls and virtual tours. This approach could not have been successful without the hard work and dedication of staff, students and Parents/carers. We look forward to welcoming the new year 7 cohort in September.



## **English**

Shakespeare lived through many a pandemic - during 1606 The Bard is said to have written both King Lear and Macbeth (let's face it though, Netflix was not in existence back then). Of course, we're grateful Shakespeare did not have the distractions of binge watching as it has allowed our Year 7 students to immerse themselves in some of Shakespeare's greatest plays. Working remotely, they have analysed the language of Hamlet; created their own witch's spell; written a newspaper article about the failures and successes of Macbeth. and read the sinister speech of Richard III. Well done to those who have completed all the work. And remember, nothing will come of nothing.

When times are challenging, one of the best cures is to curl up on the settee with a cup of tea and a good book. This is exactly what our Year 8 and Year 9 students have been able to do. Our Year 8s have been remotely battling through the The Hunger Games, whilst our Year 9s have been delving into Robert Louis Stevenson's Victorian London through reading The Strange Case of Doctor Jekyll and Mr Hyde. Alongside this, students have been consolidating their reading by completing various comprehension and writing tasks. It has been a pleasure reading diary entries, written by our students, about

Primrose Everdeen's devastating reaction to her sister taking her place in the Hunger Games; newspaper articles reporting Hyde's vicious attacks on the city of London; and the detailed language analysis that students have produced. A special mention goes out to Alex Fisher in Y9 and LucieBeth Hall in Y8, who each and every week hand in outstanding work – both in quality and quantity – well done.

Imagine being isolated from all your friends and family, food being limited, and no toilet roll to be seen ... oh wait... actually, we don't need to imagine this anymore... but this what the boys in Lord of the Flies had to endure when they were stranded on a desert island. This classic novel is a set GCSE text for our Y10 students and, through their remote learning, they have been evaluating the moral messages that Golding explores in this dystopic story. The quality of the work we have received has been amazing with some students writing grade 6+ standard essays. We like to highlight the effort of Kelsey Lester, who when faced with a choice of essays, instead of the completing the minimal requirement, responds maturely, and in detail, to all essay questions.

## **Business Department**

The Business department supports the ideas and innovation that students come up with. It involves a lot of brain storming and discussions in order to come up with a Business plan, understand the financial side of business and also marketing.

extremely hard during lockdown and tackling the unit of Recruitment. Over the past few weeks the students have been making job adverts for potential 'employees' to apply for. Understanding the recruitment process and how to find the most suitable applicant, getting to grips with the interview process and what is suitable to wear and act in an interview. The students have also been studying the different structures in the work place and explaining which one is the most suitable for a chosen

business.

The Business cohort have been working

An internal manager for Curry's would make the staff more comfortable and not much change would be made. However, fresh ideas from someone who is not from the business (external), they may help the business expand and develop. bringing new faces! a new audience to the business.

Internal. Having someone with experience in that certain store moving upwards would encourage employees to push themselves and make them for comfortable with someone they know as their Store manager. It may also comfortable with someone they know as their Store manager. It may also with the support of the saff that no major changes will take place. The person in the advantage of knowing the staff, systems, customers etc., so they know what to expect. However, the staff condig et too comfortable and be obedient because of jailousy, this may lead to poor customers service and safest because for indicase in vision of the staff in the staff is a positive because net when star schoology, opportunities and customers can be brought in the store by an external worker. They can also set new alian sand achievements for the store to push limits and expectations higher for not only the store in Itself but the staff, it leading to good costomer service and a hard working work environment. However, employing someone externally comes with recruitment costs, job adverts, other members of staff may let threatment.

I recommend that someone should be employed externally as the store manager for Currys PC world. An advantage of this would be new ideas and sechnology being brought into the store leading to new customers and opportunities for staff, creating a happy work environment along with great customer service. New aims and achievements can be put in place to

(ask One

| Management Style<br>(Autocratic/Democratic): | Description:   | Advantages (why this motivates staff):  | Disadvantages (why this causes problems):   |
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|  | Managers who believe<br>in taking all decisions<br>and just passing<br>instructions to<br>workers. | -it allows fast decision<br>making<br>-it handles crisis<br>situations effectively<br>-it improves<br>communication           | -Not all people like<br>being told what to do<br>when they understand<br>the task<br>-This may reduce<br>creativity, productivity<br>and motivation |
|  | Managers who involve<br>workers and less-senior<br>managers in decision<br>making.                 | -It brings different<br>viewpoints to the table<br>-It builds team<br>relationships<br>-It can function in most<br>workplaces | -It can lead to<br>procrastination<br>-It takes time to reach<br>a decision<br>-It offers an element of<br>continuing uncertainty                   |

9 Mark Exam answer from Ebonnie Y10

By Kelsey Y10

he store recognition. forcewer the opportunity cost is that when employing someone externally it omes with recruitment costs as job adverts need to be put in place. Members f saff may feet interestend which will create a tense atmosphere. Everall, I think that employing someone external comes with more advantages han disadvantages. It comes with new challenges and boundaries, new fails and tasks to achieve along with new experiences, new technology, ustomers, surroundings and could benefit the store and the staff massively.



## 'If Music be the Food of Love...'

During times of quietness and reflection we are often drawn to subjects such as the 'arts'. The period of 'lockdown' is no exception to this and at Thornaby Academy we have been celebrating the work being created by our students in Art and Music.

In music, students have been using online music programs to create drum patterns and loops. They have also developed their ICT skills by converting their work into an MP3 so that it can be shared. McKenzie in Year 7 has really enjoyed this task and has created a number of songs, his latest being called Monic the Hedgehog with fast drum rhythms to represent the movement of the character Sonic. Gabriel in Year 10 has been working his way through the main theme to Phantom of the Opera on the piano and he has been devoting time to his BTEC studies learning about the music industry.

In art, students have been creating a 3D piece of work inspired by 'What I love'. Interestingly, students have designed a variety of cakes (that I'm sure you'll agree – look good enough to eat!).

We would like to encourage all students to think about how the 'arts' have helped us recently and to be prepared to share this with us when we return. We look forward to seeing, discussing and celebrating this with others.



Cake 1 – Designed and made by Abigail in Year 8



Cake 2 – Designed by Jake in Year 9 and completed by Abigail in Year 8



Cake 3 – Designed and made by Brandon in Year 7



Cake 4 – Designed and made by Hayden in Year 7

## **Food**

During lockdown, many of us took up baking as a way to pass the time or de-stress. Popular dishes to make included bread, pizza, brownies, cookies and of course banana bread. This could be why my jeans are now too tight despite the morning PE sessions! Shortages of ingredients like flour and yeast have meant that people have had to get creative in the kitchen by substituting ingredients.

Thornaby Academy students have been busy practicing their skills and getting creative at home. They have been working on their knife cuts, as well as baking and decorating. We definitely have some amazing chefs of the future here, and I can't wait to get back in the food room with them!









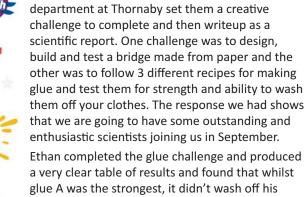


# Welcome to the Science Department

at Thornaby Academy.

In the Science department, we aim to teach you how to think like a scientist to solve the many problems you might be faced with. It is a great skill to have and will serve you well throughout life.

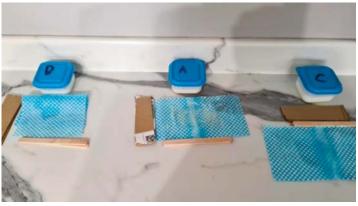
Your Journey to thinking like a Scientist starts now!



In September we welcome our new arrivals from Primary schools. Prior to their arrival, the science



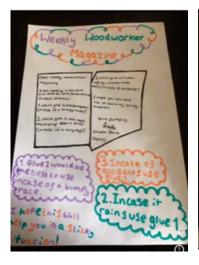
Hameed really enjoyed the challenge and not only produced enough glue for all of Thornaby also tested them on a variety of cardboard objects.





fabric sample.

Daniel produced a very detailed report and Abbie really showed her scientific abilities by completing both the glue and bridge challenges. Not only did she produce very detailed reports on each, she added extra information in the form of a magazine page. Maybe competition for Thornaby Pride!





Hannah completed the bridge challenge by designing 2 very different bridges, testing them and then taking the best parts form each one into her final bridge design. Careful testing showed this to be better than either of her first 2 and showed how a logical approach and scientific testing resulted in a great design and a strong bridge.



Well done to everyone who took part in this challenge and we look forward to meeting so many amazing scientists in September.

# Thornaby Show has been cancelled for 2020 due to Covid 19

It is with great regret the popular annual Thornaby Show which attracts 1000's of people has been cancelled for 2020



Due to Covid 19
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has also been cancelled

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## Dibbles Bridge and the Wild Rover

When I began this 'Wild Roving' thing three years ago, I wasn't really sure if it would be anything more than a one off. I started to walk as a symbol for empathy and to walk in other people's footsteps. I wanted to talk - because stories are quickly forgotten. Add those two things to my musical identity and The Wild Rover became a part of 'me'. From uncovering my own ancestry to the historical events and people of my community, I continue to uncover and be amazed by our history - and have become more determined that 'remembrance' becomes real and important part of life across Teesside. It is also why I gather people at my Pub reminiscence group, Joe's Speakeasy and why I write songs about the lives of the people I meet. Everyone matters.

That is why I was ashamed when I heard the story of the 1975 Dibble's Bridge disaster. I was shocked that despite my local knowledge I had no recollection of such a horrific event and embarrassed that it was shared with me by the then new Principal of Stockton RIverside College. Lesley Graham moved up to us from the Luton area and knew much more about it than me! I did some research and wrote a song based on the stories I read and was proud of the reaction it received when I performed it in ARC last June... but I wanted to do more. I decided to up sticks and bring a 'Suburban Speakeasy' to Thornaby to try and uncover more of the emotions, the stories and the memories of that fateful day. A bit of word of mouth and social media goes a long way and thanks mainly to Carol Woodgate, Steve Walmsley and Mark Deaton, the

Queens Club was jam packed for our inaugural session earlier this Spring. The time went too quickly so we planned more sessions and I resolved that to mark the 45th anniversary of the crash I would walk from Lanehouse Road to Dibble's Bridge, arriving to mark the events on 27th May before gathering the communities of Nidderdale and Thornaby together to remember - properly.

And then... COVID 19 happened. My planned gatherings had to be abandoned - as did my Wild Rover walk. But as the weeks went on I became determined to find some way to mark the anniversary. With lock down slightly eased I was able to ask my regular walking wingman whether he would accompany me for the original planned final stage of the walk and he agreed that, driving separately we would meet























at Pateley Bridge and carry 33 white roses to place on the place where the Thornaby lives were lost.

May 27th was a hot day - 'a beautiful day for a day trip' and we marvelled at the stunning countryside of the region. We followed the B6265 - that fateful winding and hilly road. With a bouquet of flowers and my guitar strapped to my back we attracted quite a lot of bewildered attention from passers by bored and then confused looking children in enforced car journeys wondering - as one fellow walker commented 'where the wedding was'. We passed by Hanson's quarry and met an elderly couple who had been isolating due to ill health. They'd not heard of the story but we must have stimulated enough interest in them as they later passed us in their car heading to the Bridge. Most of our walk continued in silence - almost pilgrimage in nature. We passed a B & B, (to be completely honest we hoped it was an illegally opening Pub that could quench

our thirst but were disappointed), where the proprietors, an elderly couple enquired about what we were doing. They had lived there for over 35 years but had always wondered why such a tragedy had not been more fully remembered in the region and beyond. The gentleman shuffled inside and came back out with a laminated copy of the original press report. I sang them the song and left them a little emotional and reflective as we continued on our way - one last hill before the descent onto Dibble's Bridge.

When we arrived the Bridge was silent save for the constant flow of traffic. We later commented on the speed that many cars, motorbikes and cyclists were travelling at - seemingly oblivious of the treacherous bend and deathly potential of the bridge they suddenly encountered. After placing our tribute and singing the song - to no-one other than the spirits of those who died back in 75 we spoke to a lady from a house overlooking the bridge. She told us that

a cyclist had died there last month and of a write off of a car carrying four young men just weeks ago. The deaths and the peril of Dibble's Bridge remain very much part of it's day to day existence. There are no road signs of note - save for a temporary one that was put up for the ill fated Tour De Yorkshire. It felt like the bridge was just waiting for the next unsuspecting day tripper to add to the scrapes, dents, scars and worse it has received over its lifetime. We didn't stay long. We felt like an additional distraction that could add to the danger of the road and so after a last pause we headed back along the B6265 and home to Teesside. It had been a beautiful day to remember. I only wish it was a walk we had never had to make in the first place.

In loving memory of the 33 and those who tried to save them.

Mike McGrother

# **Bader Primary School**



#### **Bader in Lockdown**

On 23rd March, schools in the UK went into lockdown, but the learning didn't stop here at our school. We remained open for children of key workers and the learning, (and fun), continued! Throughout the next eleven weeks, children were able to take part in a range of activities and storybook projects.

Children still continued with their English and Maths learning and they worked really hard completing tasks set by their class teacher.













#### **Storybook Projects**

In the afternoon, children participated in various storybook projects. They listened to a story and then completed different tasks, all linked to the book. Have a look at some of the fantastic activities they did!

They also got crafty and made some wonderful creations! From cross stitch to rock painting, model making to creating bird feeders, the children's creativity has been endless!







# **Bader Primary School**



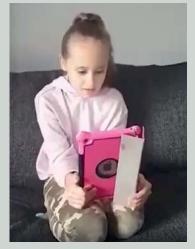
#### **Learning at Home**

Whilst a few children carried on coming to school, lots of others were busy working and learning from home. Using Class Dojo, parents have been uploading all the fantastic work that their children have been doing for their teachers to see. It's been amazing to see how determined the children are to continue their learning whilst being in lockdown (one of our Bader values).



























## **Bader Primary School**



#### **Bader Values**

Children are still collecting Bader value points for all their excellent work and this has led to many receiving well deserved certificates! Points are awarded for being happy, aiming high, determination, excellence and being respectful. All of these children have been demonstrating these Bader values, even whilst learning through lockdown.











Mr Murphy (our sports coach) has also been setting P.E challenges for the children to complete whilst at home and we have seen some wonderful examples of determination to try and beat Mr Murphy's score!







#### **Returning to School**

At the beginning of June, we welcomed some children back into school. Staff were really excited to see children return and school was set up following the government's safety guidelines. At the moment, we have 10 coloured bubbles of children back in school and working hard. We have continued with our normal lessons but, we have also been focussing on PSHE lessons, making sure children are happy and feel safe. We can't wait to see everybody back in school soon!









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We are currently in the process of opening a sister company called "The Hub" our aim is to bring the community together here by the riverside.

Due to Covid-19 we are unable to work from the centre at present however we have been running free retail and customer services qualifications via zoom. We have several pathways which we run whether people are unemployed, in employment or looking to enhance their skills.



#### Case Study 1: Amanda Archer

Amanda from Thornaby, came to us in February 2020 as a referral from the DWP to Partake in a motivational course for job seekers with barriers to learning. Amanda had been unemployed for some time due to anxiety. She completed the course and progressed onto completing two further courses and is now actively seeking employment.



#### Case Study 2: Holly Levett

Holly from Thornaby came to us in January 2020 to also partake in the motivational course funded by the DWP. Holly had been unemployed since the previous August due to anxiety. On her first day she was very reluctant to arrive and had a panic attack due to being so nervous. However, Holly loved being with us, her confidence grew and she progressed

onto three more courses and successfully completed all three. Now is a volunteer with us, assisting and mentoring other new learners and helping us with our new venture The Hub.



#### Case Study 3: Jessica Stellard

Jessica came to us to complete her maths level 2 and her teaching qualification. The managing directors became so enamoured with Jess that she is now a tutor with us and even piloted the first online courses that Lakota have offered due to Covid-19 and successfully had 100% retention and pass rate.

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### Mandale Mill Primary School

#### Mandale Mill Primary is officially a 'GOOD' school

At Mandale Mill, we were delighted to secure a 'Good' rating from Ofsted after they visited us in February. They upgraded our previous judgement of 'Requires Improvement' to 'Good' following a two-day inspection.

The school's Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management and Early Years Provision were all rated as 'Good'.

During the visit, pupils told inspectors that they feel safe and "kind, friendly staff" look after them well. Their personal, social and emotional development has been recognised as "a particular strength" of the school.

Among the other strengths that were identified, inspectors reported that "leaders are determined that all pupils will succeed". Teachers have "worked hard to make sure that teaching is a good standard" and pupils with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) receive the right support in lessons.

There is an "extremely strong culture" of safeguarding in school. Staff are very well trained and have ensured that pupils have a "strong awareness" of how to keep safe.

The Mandale Mill community deserve this recognition as a result of all of their hard work and their sheer determination to improve. During our visit, I was told that 'we have wonderful children who will turn into wonderful adults as a result of attending this school'. This makes me an unbelievably proud headteacher! Leanne Moore



#### Early Years - "Stay and Read, Count or Learn"

This year we have continued our successful "Stay and Read" sessions each term where our adults are invited to come into school and share stories with us, both in Reception and Nursery. This year, we have developed these sessions to now include "Stay and Count" These sessions have been really popular and we have enjoyed sharing a wide range of maths activities with our adults. We've also introduced "Stay and Learn" sessions in our Nursery to show what we love to get up to Our Express Events — where we

to show what we love to get up to! Our Express Events – where we celebrate and share what we have been learning in our topics - are also a highlight for us in Early Years and they have included having breakfast with parents, singing songs, crafts and having a banquet!







#### **Early Years at Mandale Mill Primary School**

We have exciting news.... from September 2020 we will be offering 30 hour provision for 3 and 4 years olds and 15 hour provision for 2 year olds. If you think you qualify for either of these, please contact the school office on **01642 647010.** 



#### **Early Years - Online Learning**

The children in Early Years have amazed us with their online learning via Seesaw during Covid19. We are so lucky to see the lovely learning that is happening at home. We have loved speaking to the children and have missed them so much! Our children make us proud every single day.





### Mandale Mill Primary School

#### **Culture Weeks**

We have loved learning about different places around the world this year. We have had special weeks focused on Chinese New Year, Diwali, Life in Africa, Life in Europe and Life in Iceland. We have learned a Bollywood dance, made dragons, dressed up in different clothes, looked inside a fish and tried food from around the world. Where will we explore next year?







#### **Returning to Mandale Mill**

Over the last few weeks, staff have worked hard making Mandale Mill safe for the return of our pupils. This has included Miss Moore, our head teacher, creating virtual walkthrough, explaining what to expect upon returning. Mandale Mill has already welcomed back some children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

Year 6 have been role models and have really enjoyed their return to school, stating that the best thing about coming back is being together again and sharing their stories of life during lockdown!

They have been enjoying drawing, reading outdoors, dancing and exercising.

Year 1 have been recapping their phonics, place value and using Seesaw. The children have all been superstars producing performance poetry about the five senses. Their afternoons have been filled with well-being activities, art and modelling playdough.

Our Reception bubbles have been working hard completing their Seesaw work and enjoying spending time outdoors, doing puzzles, dancing and drawing.

Nursery have settled back into school and are enjoying lots of time outside. They have worked hard on their creative skills by making potions!

All pupils were challenged, both in school and at home, to take part in the Tees Valley Virtual School Games. Our children and staff really enjoyed competing and sharing their scores.

We are really looking forward to more children attending in the coming weeks.



#### **Educational Visits**

Although we have a lot of fun in school, we also love to enrich our curriculum with local visits. This year, we have been to Asda, Cherry Hill Garden Centre, Thornaby Fire Station, The Dementia Hub to join Funky Feet, Thornaby Library and Tees Marsh. We have also had lots of visitors to early years including an optician, a story teller, a bearded dragon, caterpillars and stick insects!







### Over a Hundred People Arrested, Drugs Recovered & Vehicles Seized in Lockdown in Stockton

Officers from the Stockton Neighbourhood Team have arrested 110 people, conducted many drugs warrants and stopped and searched over 236 people whilst out on patrol since March.

As a result of the work carried out by the team across Stockton district, items such as machetes, knuckle dusters, knives, class A and B drugs, 12 cars and 12 motorbikes/ scooters have been seized in total.

On Monday 22nd June, a silver Mercedes was recovered in Norton by officers who suspected that the vehicle was involved in drugs activity.

Over the weekend (June 20th & 21st) another vehicle and scooter were seized by officers and a woman was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A drugs. As a result of enquiries linked to this arrest, a property in Stockton town centre was searched where weapons and suspected drugs paraphernalia were recovered. The woman has since been released under investigation pending further enquiries.

Stockton Neighbourhood Inspector Jon Willlougby said: "Throughout the lockdown period, my team have continued to go above and beyond to keep the streets of Stockton safe and have stopped these potentially dangerous drugs and weapons from getting onto Stockton's streets.

"In addition to this, over 100 people have been arrested on suspicion of a number of offences including possession of drugs, driving offences, money laundering, assaults and many more. One man was recently sentenced to 3 and a half years in prison as a result of his arrest and conviction.

"The sergeants, officers and PCSOs in our team are a credit to our Force, and even with the added danger of a pandemic, they have worked incredibly hard to protect our communities.

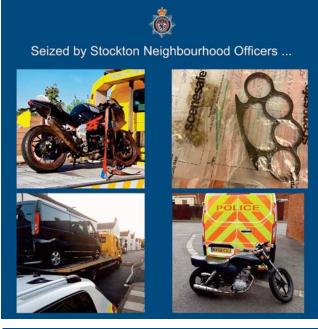
"Our positive results during lockdown are partly down to intelligence from members of the public, which we will act on wherever possible and I would like to thank the public for having the confidence to come forward to report crime to us. I hope the residents of Stockton can be reassured that we are doing everything we can to clamp down on criminal activity."

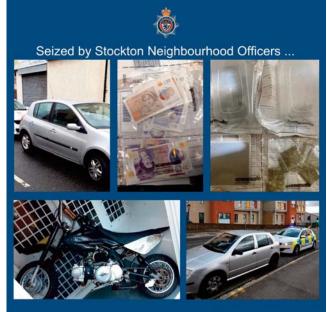
Do you have information about criminal activity in your area? If so, call us on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

- Our Crime Prevention officer is working on a crime prevention project around thefts from allotments
- With the increase in Neighbourhood Police officers we are allocating two more PCs to Thornaby and they will be working closely with partners to address community issues
- A recent example of good work by officers in the area was on 24/06/20 where a male was arrested following alleged burglary offences and a short vehicle pursuit. He was charged with 5 counts of reported burglary, dangerous driving, driving with no insurance, fraud and theft of vehicle











### **Asda Community**

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# Life at Mandale House

Everyone is living through unprecedented times with the restrictions on movement and access effecting everyone. At Mandale House Care Home in Thornaby though residents and staff have been busy living and loving life!

We've held our own Mardi Gras, which May thoroughly enjoyed. And Brenda has been making chocolate Krispie Cakes for everyone to share with a lovely cuppa.



Mardi May



Crispy cakes Brenda



**Sweets socially Distanced** 

Residents have continued to enjoy a bit of socially distancing retail therapy, Dorothy loves shopping for her liquorice torpedoes at our Sweet Shop.



**VE Day Brian** 



**Darts Brian** 

We organised a darts tournament where our Brian taught the staff a thing or two about stepping up to the oche. Brian also thoroughly enjoyed the carpark concert that was part of our VE Day celebrations.

# Surprise tea party to mark Thornaby resident's 100th birthday

100-YEAR-OLD Thornaby resident Marion Lawrence marked her centenary this week with a glass of sherry and slice of homemade cake at the care home where she lives.

Staff and fellow residents at Mandale House Care Home, on Acklam Road, surprised Marion with a celebration after she said she didn't want to make a fuss.

The home's kitchen team created a tea party complete with a specially made birthday cake decorated with edible daisies – Marion's favourite flower.

She blew out her candles after everyone at the home sang happy birthday.

She also received a telegram and card from the Queen, congratulating her on her milestone year, which staff at the home will frame.

She said: "I told you not to make a fuss but I'm glad you did and I've loved every minute of it.

Marion added: "I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone to stay home and staff safe."

Marion was born on 29th March 1920, one of eight siblings, and has lived in

Thornaby her entire life. She recalled: "We attended Sunday School and I won a bible for reading poetry."



She married Thomas Lawrence at St Paul's Church, on Cambridge Road, in 1939, with whom she had two children, Brian and Marion.

Following the outbreak of the Second World War, Marion worked at the ICI making munitions, and later worked in various shops around Thornaby.

She said: "I enjoyed talking to people." Marion moved into Mandale House Care Home in June 2018, where she regularly takes part in activities with other residents. Bingo is a favourite, having enjoyed regular games at the town's Queens Club.

Tracey Wilson, activities coordinator at Mandale House Care Home, said: "It was a pleasure to organise a birthday party for Marion.

"She said not to make a fuss but it was her centenary and we wanted to do something to mark the occasion, especially as the home is closed to all but essential visitors at the moment.

"It's amazing to think she was born 100 years ago, has lived through the Second World War, and seen her hometown changing so much over the past century. "She is a much loved resident and everyone thoroughly enjoyed celebrating her birthday."

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# Only sausages should sizzle this Summer



Cleveland Fire Brigade warn that only sausages should be sizzling this summer as they remind residents how to stay safe at home over the summer with a series of fire safety tips.

They include being extra vigilant with BBQ's, taking care in the kitchen and disposing of rubbish safely.

Figures show in June, July and August last year there were 34 house fires with cooking the main cause and this year we have already had a number of incidents of fires spreading from BBQ's.

Smoking related incidents are the second biggest cause of fires. Cigarettes should be extinguished properly and hot materials, like BBQ ashes, should never be dumped in the bin. Refuse in the garden not stored securely, away from property, can cause fires from BBQ's to spread and can be a target for arsonists.

Firefighters from Grangetown Community Fire Station were called to a property last month (May) after a fence was accidentally set alight from a BBQ. The blaze rapidly spread to the shed and caused heat damage to the house with six children, aged 13 weeks to 12-years-old, having to be rescued through a ground floor window.

Steve Johnson, Senior Head, Prevention and Engagement, said: "This is just one example of the serious consequences when fires, like BBQ's, can quickly get out of hand if not controlled. We want everyone to enjoy themselves during the long and hot summer months but take care to rule out any potential hazards.





"Think about where you are positioning your BBQ. Not close to buildings or fences, or blocking access. The BBQ should be monitored at all times and children and pets kept at a safe distance and ensure that after use BBQ coals are disposed of safely.

"Careless cooking can be a recipe for disaster, both indoors and out. Be sensible and don't leave cooking unattended, chuck out your chip pan – they should never be used. And remember that drinking can lead to distractions so don't drink and cook."

The seasonal fire safety tips are outlined in a Cleveland Fire Brigade summer safety campaign.

Further information can be found at www.clevelandfire.gov.uk

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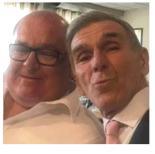
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## JOHN HARRISON HARTLEY OBITUARY

Sad news that John
(Harrison) Hartley lost his
long, courageous fight
against cancer on the 21st of
June - heartbreakingly for
his children and
grandchildren on Father's
Day. His amazing wife, Carol,
who nursed John throughout
his illness said: "John died
peacefully."



The Hartleys are a top Thornaby family held in great affection by so many in the community and John was known for being a larger than life, adored mainstay of the family.

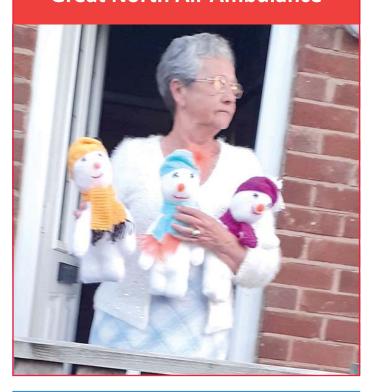
All who knew him will remember him for his caring heart, infectious smile and incredible generosity. Those he worked with at Northern Dairies and latterly for many years at James Cook Hospital all thought the world of him.

John loved all sport, but mainly football, rugby and cricket. He played for local teams, but is best remembered for coaching a number of teams with some success. In Thornaby however, he is more notably associated with Mandale teams were a succession of players loved and respected him for his dedication and for his terrific sense of humour.

John is pictured on the left with brother Ged - also associated with local football, but most known for playing with South Bank as a top class centre back. John's passing has left a great hole in so many lives. Rest in peace, John Harrison Hartley. You will be sorely missed.

### **Local Interest**

Councillor Pat Large has raised just over £250 knitting for the Great North Air Ambulance





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### **RAF Thornaby – 1939 to 1945**

### Bristol Blenheim V6022 - 28 April 1941

On 28th April 1941 this aircraft of 114 Squadron aircraft took off from Thornaby at 18.00hrs for an escort duty of Convoy FN 59 in the North Sea, on their return to Thornaby the aircraft crashed two miles short of the runway at 23.14hrs, in the region of Whitehouse Farm / Barwick Lane. Sadly all three in the aircraft were killed.

Bristol Blenheim V6022 was built to contract 1485/39 by Rootes Securities at Blythe Bridge and was delivered into MU for acceptance in February 1941. It was issued to 114 Squadron in April 1941 but was with the unit only days before suffering this Cat.E2/FA (burnt) damage as a result of the accident detailed above.

Pilot - F/O John George Keith Long RAF (42374), aged 20, of Downend, Gloucestershire.

Son of Raymond William Long and Elsie May Long (nee Fisher), husband of Marianne Long (nee Jones) of Downend, Gloucestershire.



Buried Downend (Christ Church) Churchyard, Gloucestershire.

Observer - P/O Norman Frederick Dawson RAFVR (84729), aged 21, of Chelmsford, Essex.

Son of George Dawson and Susan Ellen May Dawson (nee Carter), of Chelmsford, Essex. Buried Writtle Road Cemetery, Chelmsford, Essex.

Wireless Operator / Air Gunner - Sgt Norman Frank Taylor RAFVR (755472), aged 21, of Cheltenham. Son of Frank Henry Taylor and Florence Emma Taylor (nee Bishop), of Cheltenham.

Buried Cheltenham Cemetery, Prestbury, Gloucestershire.

Further information :-

http://www.yorkshireaircraft.co.uk/aircraft/yorkshire/york41/v6

I am doing some research into this incident and I wonder if anyone knows any information. Maybe there is someone who is a descendant of one of the casualties.

For anyone with any information could you please contact

Peter Bainbridge – **01642 868877 – peterbainbridge@ntlworld.com** 

### Lockheed Hudson P5127 - 11 June 1940

n 11th June 1940 this aircraft of 220 Squadron aircraft took off from Thornaby airfield at 03.20hrs. It left the ground normally and climbed away to around two hundred feet after which a turn to the right was made which increased in steepness until it stalled and flew into the ground. The crash site is believed to have been near to Quarry Farm, Ingleby Barwick. The crash caused the bomb load to explode which resulted in the deaths of all four airmen. The investigation into the incident and the Court of Inquiry returned verdicts of "cause obscure". This would be the first of two Hudson crashes at Quarry Farm. The crash site has been built over with housing in years since the War.

Hudson P5127 was built to contract 791587/38 by Lockheed at Burbank and after delivery to the UK, assembly and testing it was issued to 220 Squadron in early 1940. It was destroyed in the crash detailed above.

Pilot - Sgt Eric Morgan RAF (700305), aged 30, born Leeds.



Son of Charles Morgan and Annie Morgan (nee France) of Leeds, Yorkshire.

Buried Thornaby on Tees Cemetery, Yorkshire.

Pilot - Sgt Dennis Robert Holbeche RAF (564819), aged 26, of Grays, Essex.

Son of Harry Holbeche and Amy Holbeche (nee Jones), of Grays, Essex.

Buried Thornaby on Tees Cemetery, Yorkshire.

Wireless Operator - AC1 William Charles Irvine RAF (625299), aged 19, of Tullyhogue, Co.Tyrone, Northern Ireland.

Son of William Irvine and Ethel Irvine (nee Appleby), of Tullyhogue, Co. Tyrone, of Northern Ireland.

Buried Thornaby on Tees Cemetery, Yorkshire.

Air Gunner - Sgt James Richard Butterworth RAF (525413), aged 23, of Kendal, Westmorland.

Son of James Butterworth and Annie H. Butterworth (nee Fagan), of Kendal, Westmorland.

Buried Thornaby on Tees Cemetery, Yorkshire.

Further information :-

http://www.yorkshireaircraft.co.uk/aircraft/yorkshire/york40/p5 127.html

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### Vampire VZ227

n 24th March 1956, a Vampire jet from 608 Squadron was force-landed near Acklam following an engine failure immediately after take off from RAF Thornaby on Tees.

Air historian Howard Newbould reports that the aircraft just missed houses on Farley Drive, Acklam prior to the crash landing. In 2011, I was contacted by a witness to this incident who recalled that the aircraft approached the airfield from a NNE direction crossing half way along Downside Road at an estimated height of 200ft. It proceeded across what was Levick playing field and across Mandale Road. It then clipped a tree top alongside Stainsby Beck and went down in the field beyond the beck. The witness and some friends ran to the scene. A man from Farley Drive arrived and extricated the pilot who appeared to have only suffered superficial cuts. The aircraft was largely intact though later suffered some "looting" from those who had arrived at the scene to take away 'souvenirs'. Word at the time suggested that the landing gear failed to come down and that the pilot was cruising round to run down the aircraft's fuel load but misjudged



it and ran out of fuel before he made the runway. The aircraft was in the field for the best part of two days before the RAF cleared the site.

Pilot - F/O H Bates RAF.

Vampire VZ227 was built to contract 6/ACFT/2467 by English Electric Co.Ltd. at Samlesbury and was delivered to the RAF in November 1949, it was issued to 247 Squadron at Odiham in December 1949 when to unit converted to the type. 247 Squadron ceased operarting Vampire FB.5's in May 1951 and after a period of storage the aircraft was issued to 608 Squadron at Thornaby. It sustained Cat.5/FA damage as a result of the incident at Acklam and was scrapped.

I received a phone call from someone called Roy who recalled the Vampire crash incident when he was 8 to 12 years old and was playing somewhere near Stainsby School in the Acklam area. A low flying single seat plane flew over with the engine making strange noises and then crashed. The pilot survived but may have been injured. Roy was born in 1948 so the date would be 1955 to 1960 or thereabouts. The crash site would be somewhere in the dip between Stainsby School/Acklam area and Stainsby Hill, Thornaby on Tees. RAF Thornaby closed in late 1958 so that could narrow the date to 1955 to 1958.

Does anyone else have any recollections about the crash?

Regards

#### Peter Bainbridge

More from Peter Bainbridge. Peter is researching airplane crashes in and around Ingleby Barwick. He is looking for help in accurate verification. Thornaby Town Council does hold some photographs of RAF Thornaby on Tees, but relies on local RAF historian, Ian Ferguson, for information. Ian's RAF knowledge is immense.

### **Thornaby Funriders Group**

My Grandad was George Harris who was born at 6 King Street, Thornaby on Tees. I believe his father (my grandfather) was Mayor of the town and Freeman of Thornaby on Tees. My Grandma was Florence May Coverdale, who was born in Eston but later moved to 37 Henrietta Street, Thornaby on Tees. Grandad and Grandma married around 1922 and set up home in Thornaby - firstly in Lanehouse Road before buying their first house at 3 Poplar Road for £425.00. Later they moved to 329 Thornaby Road in 1930 which they purchased for £650.00.

As there where not many cars around in those days, they got great pleasure out of

cycling - although I'm not sure in those early days whether cycling was considered as leisure/ sport/ pastime or if there was any established cycling clubs.

They had relatives in Middleton in Teesdale -

hence the picture with all that snow. They also had a tandem (see picture) which they used on holiday and ride up as far afield as Scotland and down to the south of a England. Both their children Jean (my Mum) and George her brother both cycled too. I guess that's where I get my love for cycling from. They loaned their house to the RAF to be used as officer's quarters during the war as it was close to the Airfield.





At some time the family moved to Harrogate for George's work with the GPO eventually returning home to Thornaby Road near the end of the war where they spent many happy years until the end of their lives. George died in Oct 1977 and May died in Dec 1988. I miss them both dearly.

Keith Stewart TFG







# Thornaby Funriders Group





With relaxation of coronovirus restrictions, TFG are beginning to get back into business while still behaving responsibly.

They have just acquired use of the tennis courts in Littleboy Park for training purposes for novices taking up cycling or old hands just getting back into the saddle. The courts needed some work doing on fencing and tidying up the surface area, but volunteers rolled their sleeves up and did the business. Then it was back on the road to get rid of lockdown cobwebs.

























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#### Welcome to the New Manager

Teesdale Lodge would like to welcome Mark Mounter, to the team. Mark started his career in 1996 as a care assistant following in the footsteps of his mother. Mark qualified as an RMN in 2009 and worked his way to a senior nurse position in the NHS before moving to the private sector. Mark brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience, providing a transparent person centred caring approach.

Staff and family have reported Mark is very approachable, honest, and responsive all of which can be found at

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#### **Beating Covid**

Peter 76, moved into Teesdale Lodge Nursing and Residential Home last year after he

needed round the clock care, due to underlying health conditions and deterioration in his general health.
Unfortunately contracting Covid in March Peter deteriorated fast, the team here at Teesdale Lodge worked tirelessly around the clock to help Peter battle the virus. Peter has now been 3 months clear. Peter stated, "thank you to all the staff at Teesdale Lodge I owe them my life".

#### The show must go on!!

Activities Coordinator Jill, has worked hard to ensure residents within the home have experience a plentiful array of activities catering for all your needs. The home has run a Teesdale has got talent competition, outdoor activities such as basketball and bowling, residents have enjoyed a beach afternoon based in the home whilst enjoying the glorious weather. Residents also threw a marvellous Royal Ascot day party.



#### Onwards and upwards!!

In July 2019 the home gained a new board of directors who have invested substantially in improving the facilities within the home bringing it to a modern standard. The home started a refurbishment program at the end of 2019 but due to Covid 19 refurbishment come to a dramatic halt. We are now re-evaluating the refurbishment plans to facilitate infection control measures ensuring the best out come for our resident. The home added Dementia residential and nursing care to its registration in March 2020 which we are extremely proud being able to cater for all needs.

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# THE STORY THROUGH THE AGES OF SAINT PETER AD VINCULA, THE CHURCH ON THE THORNABY GREEN

ur much-loved Church of Saint Peter Ad Vincula that sits proudly on Thornaby Green is the oldest building in Thornaby and the present church building astonishingly is approaching it's one thousandth birthday. The Church has many stories to tell and now in the year 2020 it is experiencing further developments. In particular this year will see two major changes.

Our first change is to the building itself. Following recent repair works to the building it was found that the church roof is now in need of replacement. The existing roof believed to have been installed in 1950 has been condemned. Following a survey by the church architects the suggestion is that we replace the roof with a more appropriate roof tile, one which is sympathetic to the ancient building which is a Grade Two Star listed building on the statutory lists maintained by Historic England. This material will be Welsh Slate which should keep the building dry and give an attractive new look to the restored building. Estimates are that the costs of this work will exceed £30,000. To help fund this work we are launching a Just Giving Appeal in this edition of Thornaby Pride and details of this are at the end of this article. You can donate from £5 to buy a single roof tile and all donors to the appeal are will be recorded.

A second big change is very welcome and that is the installation of Reverend Robert Desics MA, SSC, CF in March 2020 as Vicar of the Parish of South Thornaby with responsibility for St.Peter's Church and St.



St. Peter's Church

Mark's on Trenchard Avenue. Reverend Robert Desics comments-

"It has been a great joy for me and my family to move to Thornaby to serve at St. Mark's and St. Peter's. For the past 15 years I served as Vicar for Hemlington. I also serve as a Chaplain to HM Forces and am Padre to Cleveland Army Cadet Force. When I'm not 'vicaring' or 'padreing' I am a tutor for the York School of Ministry, teaching theology and early church history.

St. Peter's is a gem of a church with a wonderful history and is one of the oldest churches on Teesside. It is vital that we safeguard our heritage for future generations. The building is not just about

the physical structure, but it speaks to us of a timeless faith in the God who loves us and calls us to be his children in Jesus Christ. St. Peter's is a living church with a vibrant community and everyone who comes along to worship with us is assured of a very warm welcome."

#### So just how old is the Church?

The existing church is believed to have been built in the twelfth century in Norman Romanesque style following the invasion of England by William the Conqueror in 1066. There is mention of Thornaby in the Domesday Book in 1089 where-

Land of Earl Hugh (of Chester)

Households: 12 villagers, 3 freemen, 1 priest.

Land and Resources: 22 ploughlands, 3 lord's plough teams, 6 men's plough teams.

Other resources: 1 church.

It does raise the possibility that the Church was built as early as 1089, though more probably the church mentioned in the Domesday Book was an even earlier church. The Domesday Book is a manuscript record of the "Great Survey" of England and Wales by the new king, King William the Conqueror. So it is quite possible that the Domesday Book records an even earlier church on the current site. Thornaby Green does have ancient origins. A stone axe head belonging to Mesolithic Period (about 3000 B.C) has been found here as well as Roman



Gravestones at rear of the church are all that is left of the church graveyard











Reverend Robert Desics outside St. Peter's Church

coins supporting the view that there may have been a Roman army camp here. Thus it may well be that St. Peter's was not the first church on the site of Thornaby Green.

### Where does the name St. Peter ad Vincula come from?

There is then a very interesting part of the history of St. Peter's, that is the original name of the church was actually "St. Mary Magdalene". The name later changed to St Peter ad Vincula which means "St. Peter in chains" and is derived from the ancient Basilica of San Pietro in Vincoli in Rome which contains the actual chains that St. Peter broke free from.

There are very few churches in England dedicated to St. Peter ad Vincula though interestingly the very first Church of England church established by Henry VIII has this dedication and is located in the Tower of London.

### Is there a link to the Five Lamps of Thornaby at the Church?

The Five Lamps is a very important part of the history and culture of Thornaby. In more recent times in 1874 a set of five lamps was built at the junction of Mandale Road and George Street. For many years afterwards it became a focal meeting point for the local community, this scene has become very much part of the twentieth century history of Thornaby. Following the routing of the A66 though through this part of Thornaby the 1874 set were removed though replicas were placed in a position nearby the original site and also at Mitchell Avenue. There is of course the well-established community organization The Five Lamps which is very active in Thornaby today.

Many people though are not aware of the origins of the Five Lamps in Thornaby which originate in this church. When Robert de Thormodbi returned wounded from the Crusades in the 13th century he swore to establish a shrine to the Virgin Mary. He did so in St Peter ad Vincula where the shrine was lit by five sanctuary lamps.

#### Also a link to Captain Cook?

The original Norman Font is still in the Church and of course is still used for baptisms. Perhaps the most famous baptism at the font was in 1702 when Grace Pace, the mother of Captain James Cook, was

baptised. It does make so many Thornaby folk proud to note our connection to one of the region's if not the country's most famous sons Captain James Cook.

As we look forward to the continuation of the worship in our beautiful little church in the Green we hope you may now want to visit the church and also help us to maintain this beautiful and ancient church by contributing to our roof appeal, through our Just Giving page details which are below. Please help us in our task of rebuilding the roof at St. Peter's, this will help ensure that St. Peter's continues to be a place of worship and asset to the wider community of which Thornaby can be justly proud.

We expect each roof tile to cost about £5 so please give generously. This can be done through our Just Giving account for St. Peter's Thornaby which you can find at justgiving.com.

For news updates and services times please visit the parish Facebook page at @souththornaby.

### REMEMBERING JAN SCOTT

Jeanette Scott known to most as Jan was born in 1954 in Thornaby to Sid and Irene Scott. Jan lived in Thornaby her entire life and was proud of her hometown. Jan was one of seven children consisting of brothers Tony, Neville, the late Gary, Michael and sisters Dawn and Andrea. She went to St Patricks RC School.

Jan, as the eldest of the seven children, was mothering in nature and from an early age helped her brothers and sisters – something that continued all though their lives. Family dynamics have never been easy in the Scott Household and arguments could be carried on for a good length of time. 90% of the Scott family like a good whinge and this has been passed down to younger generation! Jan was especially close to Dawn and Andrea and although there has been plenty of arguments, the love was always there. Jan would often talk about growing up

with her uncle Kevin and cousin Kathleen

and they would have school photos taken

together.

Jan left school and worked as a machinist at Bertie Woods. At the age of 21 Jan meet her first husband Steve and had her first-born Paul in 1974. Three years later, in 1977, Jan had her second born son, Lee. She lived at Longbeck Way until the early 1990s and then moved to Laurel Avenue and finally Whitley Road where she lived for the last 25 years of her life.

The marriage to Steve wasn't to last and Jan had some time as a single parent and enjoyed nights socialising at local night spots with her friends, Janet Pickering, Eileen Blowman and Pam Barker amongst others. Jan also enjoyed playing bingo at the Nash club in her younger days.





Jan then met her 2nd husband Mick and had her 3rd son Danny in 1986. The marriage again didn't last, and Jan struggled again as a single parent with little support from the children's fathers. Jan would work at local public houses to make ends meet. The children though were well looked after and never wanted for anything and Jan always made sure the kids always got what they wanted for Christmas.

Around 1993 Jan met Joe and had her only daughter Laura in 1994. Jan again split from her partner and brought the children up single handed in a loving, caring environment. As the children started to leave home and start families of their own, grandchildren came along. Her first grandchild was Luka who she adored

and would care for while Lee and Angie were at work. Then came along Pixie, Evie, Blake, Freya, and Rome. Unfortunately, Jan only got to meet another grandchild, Libby, once before she tragically died.

Nana Jan, as she liked to be called, played a big part in all her grandchildren's lives and could always be relied on to babysit. Jan was never happier than when she had the grandchildren around.

Jan lived for her children and grandchildren and would protect them fiercely. Jan had troubled times with her son Paul and his fight with addiction and at one point just about lost hope of Paul ever recovering. But she persevered and later became so proud of Paul and how he turned his life around. Paul now helps others fight addiction in the job he does as an addiction worker.

Jan had a close relationship with her daughter Laura and son Danny. Laura cared for Jan the weeks prior to her death and Jan could not praise Laura enough for the support. Danny was the blue-eyed boy of the family and could do nothing wrong in Jan's eyes. Jan was proud of all her children and praised them on Facebook; she was always first to like and comment on any pictures and posts.

Jan was jubilant when Lee married Kay in Portugal and took her on her first holiday abroad with the family for the wedding. Around the same time Jan set up Thornaby Alert on Facebook to fight



injustices in the local community. Thornaby Alert grew quickly and so did Jan's confidence to help others. She set up other social media support groups and led the way in Teesside in supporting others on social media. Jan kept secrets from her children and friends and never talked about what she had done for others in the community - always insisting on confidentiality.

That became clear after her death when her children received hundreds of messages from people who she had helped, some fleeing from domestic violence and others seeking all kinds of help. Messages of praise and condolences were received from Thornaby Town Council, and local police bobbies from the past who Jan, as Chair of the Holmes & Middlefield Residents Association, fought alongside to keep the community she loved safe. Jan was also involved in "Justice for Jodie" with her lifelong friend Joy Dove. Jan said Joy was a true friend to

Jan had a family Holiday to Thailand in January with her sister Dawn, cousins Vicky and Kathleen and loved her time visiting her Uncle David. On her return from Thailand Jan was taken ill with suspected Covid 19, however when Jan was tested the results were negative. Jan was in the at-risk criteria due to fibromyalgia, COPD and asthma and was advised to shield and self-isolate which she did and adhered to the government guidelines. Jan's health had deteriorated the past 10 years but she still made the best of things. Jan was a heavy smoker in her younger days which impacted her later life and was a contributing factor to her death. Jan, always a strong woman, never let others know how ill she really was.

with the support of the community after her untimely death and would like to thank everyone for their messages. We would especially like to thank Irene Jessop for her work in looking after mam and our family at this very hard time. It's certain that Jan Scott will be greatly missed by her children, grandchildren and the Thornaby Community who she dedicated so much time in supporting and helping in any way. In the words of our mam "GNGB" (Good

Night God Bless) and not forgetting her

Jan's children have been overwhelmed

first of the month post of "white rabbits, white rabbits, white rabbits".

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### That's me in the picture:

### Beryl Story, seven, at a VE Day tea party, Barnard Street, Thornaby-on-Tees, May 1945

'Growing up, I wasn't really aware of the war; I was more interested in my friends'

don't remember much about the day besides my mam telling me to put on my Sunday school dress, and the food. The sandwiches were filled with Spam and paste, and the jelly was topped with custard. There were lovely crunchy cornflake tarts and a nice celebration cake, too, with icing on top, which you can see in the middle of the photograph.

Barnard Street was a lovely street to live in, despite the war. I wasn't really aware of it; I was more interested in my friends. My dad stayed home because he fought in the first world war. My brother, who was seven years older than me, is also in the picture – he's the taller boy towards the back on the right, frowning. My mam must have been holding my younger sister, who would have been one, in the background somewhere.

I am sat between my two friends, Gladys (on my right) and Eileen. Gladys's nephew, Derek Smith, found this photograph and decided to produce Victory's Children, a documentary and exhibition about the lives of all the children in it. He was struggling to identify everyone, so asked if I could help. He came over with the photo and I knew everyone in it. We all lived on the same street and played together every day. The street no longer exists – there is a dual carriageway there now. Derek is planning a reunion for us this VE Day anniversary. Quite a few of us will be there, including David Green, the boy you can just see, three in on the right – he's coming over from Germany.

My friend Eileen was two years older than me, and when we were little I believed every word she said. Despite living in the same street, we drifted when we went to secondary school: she was Catholic, so went to a Catholic school. I saw one of her younger sisters and asked after her, and she told me she'd moved to America with her husband.

As part of Derek's film, we Skyped Eileen in Dallas. I hadn't spoken to her for more than 50 years. There we were in my bungalow and Eileen popped up on the screen. She said, "Hello, Beryl" and then, "Eh, Mrs Scott!" referring to my mother, and I said, "Oh, I'm not that much like my mam, am I?" and that broke the ice. We caught up on our lives, and she asked about people from Thornaby. She didn't have an American drawl at all. Then her husband joined in and it turned out he was in my class at school. She asked where I live now, and we realised it's the same bungalow they lived in before they left the area. You should have seen my face — it was a picture. I couldn't believe it.

I loved being part of Derek's project. I've watched the film 15 times. It brought it all back, going through my old photographs, especially of my husband Vic, who died when he was 37. We met while I was at secondary school. He pinched the crook I was using as a prop as a shepherd in the Christmas play, and said he'd only give it back if I went out with him. Six years later, we were married.



Beryl Story (fourth child from front, on left of picture): 'Barnard Street was a lovely street to live in.' Photograph: Courtesy of Derek Smith. Photographer unknown

When I look at this picture now, I think about how we've all improved our lives. I remember how lucky Vic and I felt when we bought a semi-detached house as newlyweds. And I think about what my two children have — my son Craig went to university and my daughter Caroline lives in a lovely house in Cheltenham. Each generation wants to better themselves; I learned that from my parents. I think to myself how pleased my mam and dad would be at the way our family turned out.

Article courtesy of The Guardian Newspaper

### **VE Day Commemorations**



Plans for Thornaby Town Council and other authorities to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe had to be abandoned because of the coronoviris pandemic. However, that didn't stop people from uniquely commemorating the event whilst adhering to social distancing.

Many Thornabians took to their gardens dressed in 1940s clothing and danced and sang to tunes from that era. The voice of Vera Lynn and songs such as Tipperary, Roll Out the Barrel and other familiar tunes could be heard on nearly every street and celebrations went on long into late evening.

The Hartley boys, Charlie and Sebastian (pictured) made their own commemorative T shirts and former Skelton Road resident, 87 year old Esther Robinson (still a Mandale resident) is pictured holding her own private

party (photograph from Jan O'Brien). Also photographed, The Red Arrows flying over a largely deserted Westminster.

At precisely 11.00am on May 8th, Mayor and Mayoress of Thornaby on Tees, Steve and Sylvia Walmsley, laid a wreath at the cenotaph and were joined (at a safe distance) by Rob and Lin Simpson from the Royal British Legion who also laid a wreath. One lady, whose father served with the Royal Tank Regiment also came along to pay her respects.

Rob Simpson recited 'They Shall not Grow Old' from Laurence Binyon's poem For The Fallon and a recording of The Last Post and Awaken was played and two minutes silence observed. Later, residents from nearby properties wandered over Acklam Road to pay personal tributes. And so, although coronovirus restrictions were in place, Thornaby on Tees still found innovative ways to 'remember'.

















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77 Lanehouse Road, Thornaby TS17 8AF

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Health Centre, Trenchard Avenue, Thornaby TS17 OBZ

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#### **South Thornaby Community Centre**

Haviland Road, Thornaby TS17 9JG

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### Robert Atkinson Youth and Community Centre

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#### **Thornaby Central Library**

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#### **Thirteen Group**

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Tel: 01642 383819 www.nth.nhs.uk/stopsmoking

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# **The Salvation Project**





COVID19 has had a huge impact on the nation and on Salvation Project. Lockdown was implemented by the Government on 23rd March 2020. Salvation Project took a decision to temporarily close the Community Group after the 11th March 2020. We continued to support the people who would normally attend the group which involved dropping food parcels and other items at their home.

People do not need a referral to receive help from the Project.

We were also heavily involved in dropping food parcels off for people who were needing support, shielding and the elderly who were afraid to leave their homes.

We spent a lot of time putting together food hampers, toiletries, purchasing of bread and any other products that people were short of. In the current climate the shops had long queues as everyone was struggling to purchase food.

We have attended the project each Wednesday since 18th March, from 4.00-5.45pm which is Salvation Army Premises, Westbury Street, Thornaby to accept donations and we always ensure social distancing is adhered to, we attend other nights and weekends to ensure requests for support were met.

We struggled to purchase food as also did our members who support us. We worked hard to ensure we always met requests from those that needed our support, and like everyone this resulted in us visiting a number of shops to purchase items that were needed.

We were also able to deliver over 115 Easter Eggs which were donated by our members to local primary schools to be handed to children who would not normally receive an Easter Egg, the schools were:-

St. Patricks, Harewood, Bader, Christ The King, The Village, Thornaby Church of England and Mandale Mill

We have had some fantastic weekly support from a number of organisations, Morrisons, Teesside Park and Asda, Thornaby and also their customers who donate into the trolley each week which has helped us massively.

Boundary 500 have donated £500 on 7th April 2020 and £500 15th May 2020

Stockton & Thornaby 5's & 3's Domino League £250 donation 14th May 2020

Ventient Energy(Seamer windfarm) (Simon Kelly) donated £250 worth of food to us on 17th June 2020.

Terry & Lisa Rowland have run a number of bonus balls for family and friends and have donated the money to the Project. Terry & Lisa have supported the group since we started in September 2016 which we are extremely grateful for.

The above have supported the Project massively and we are extremely grateful



#### SALVATION PROJECT

COVID19 had a massive impact on the community.

We had a number of fund raising events planned to raise funds, Easter -cake bake, bag pack at Asda, however due to Covid19 we had to cancel the above events, this had an impact on the Project as we do not receive any funding we have to support the running of the group purely by fund raising and members of the public making donations to the project.

At this moment in time we are unsure when we will be able to continue with the weekly community group, but we are putting plans in place to ensure that social distancing is adhered to and to ensure the Health & Safety and wellbeing of everyone is adhered to, once we are given permission to re-open the group.

However we will continue to support the community with food etc as required.

#### **Further Information**

If you need any further information please contact us either on facebook or email or if you would like to come down and have a chat and coffee about the work we do, please drop the project a message and we will arrange this.

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