

Our Place

Issue 23



Upcoming Workshops...

Soundabout Music Workshop

Saturday 20th October & Saturday 17th November

Please pre-book your music session with the wonderful Soundabout when you book in for the day

Pumpkin Carving

Every day from Monday 22nd to Saturday 27th October

Please bring your own pumpkins as we won't have many!

Cooking skills with Amy

Monday 22nd October

This morning workshop is a longer cooking workshop, which focuses on a specific cooking skill...You do of course get to eat or take home what you've made too!

Spooky slime workshop

Tuesday 23rd October

Make some nice messy slime!

Giant bubbles

20th, 24th & 27th October

Enjoy our giant bubbles, even when it's not the summer!

Mentos Rockets

Friday 26th October

Who doesn't love explosions!?

Woodwork with Paul

Friday 26th October

Paul will help you make something in the art room, give it a go, help us make things for our Christmas fair!



Over 2,000 children joined us this summer which is another record high! We particularly enjoyed the Open Day, Family Fun Day and of course Water Days (our pool was very popular!). We look forward to seeing you all again on a Saturday or the October half term (we are now taking bookings).

A Super Thomley Summer...

Thomley at Thame Food Festival...

Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th September

We are excited will be providing activities at the very popular Thame Food Festival.

We wanted to make it clear to visitors that we aren't shut due to this, we have closed for a private booking as we welcome The Fragile X Society and their families to Thomley for their annual conference. So if you still want to get your Thomley fix you can see some familiar faces and activities down at Thame Show Ground. We hope to see you there!



See the orange section below, which is where you can find us offering archery, food art and craft, giant bubbles and we will be selling sausage rolls and cakes!



October half term...

Bring your pumpkins to Thomley this October half term, as every day we'll be doing pumpkin carving!

That's not all though, as we have lots in store for you! Be sure to check out the online calendar or the PDF version of the holiday planner on the website.

Also have a look at our upcoming events such as a talk with Paul Isaacs, Trunk or Treat Halloween evening, Roast dinner Sunday and lots more to keep you busy over the half term period.



Just a few stalls left at our Christmas Market...

There is still time to join us at the Christmas Market. We have just a few stall places left. Please do get in touch with Amy if you want to book your place:

amyappleton@thomley.org.uk

We also still need more raffle prizes! Please get in touch with Lisa if you can donate anything:

lisahanton@thomley.org.uk



Thomley needs your help to build a community of Heroes...

As you know from the media, charities are not at the top of anyone's financial agenda. Times are really tough and likely to become even tougher. Unfortunately Thomley is no exception. In fact, due to our size and specialism, we are sadly more vulnerable than most.

Building on our current activities, our future vision is to extend our work to provide a continuous lifelong learning and transition programme to enhance the overall well-being of each person who visits Thomley. We will continue to provide leisure/recreational activities for all, and additionally develop focused self/life/work skills and purposeful activities in our quieter times. We see this as a natural extension to our current work. To achieve this we are:

- Actively talking with other organisations who can fill in the gaps of our experience.
- Looking at ways to generate income from our assets, e.g. barns, office space etc.
- Use this vision to access new streams of funding that have previously been closed to us.

It costs £500k annually to run our charity and only £60k income is generated through donations by you, our visitors. This leaves a large hole to fill every year, which as you can imagine, is both time consuming, relentless and unsustainable in the long term.

We are sharing our funding challenges with you as we have always believed in working in an open way and actively seeking your help so that Thomley continues to survive now and in the long-term. Here are some ideas on the ways you can help:

- Introduce us in your place of work to become charity of the year.
- Set up a monthly donation scheme with us, £10 a month.
- Introduce us to friends, colleagues and family members who are interested in supporting a local charity.
- Undertake fundraising events on behalf of Thomley.
- Volunteer to support local community fundraising activities.
- Running an eBay trading site.
- Providing expert advice for us on commercial development/trading, fundraising, etc.
- Become a trustee, patron, ambassador.
- Leaving a gift in your will.

Thank you for taking the time to look at this. Do contact me at any time if you would like more information on any of the above. My contact details are:

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Catch me on your next visit.

Using a well known phrase:

Ask not what your Charity can do for you, ask what you can do for your Charity!

Warm regards

Warren Koehler
CEO



Paul Isaacs

Autism Expert & Thomley Patron



Friday 19th Oct 2018

**“Living through the haze” -
Life with Autism**

Join us for an informal conference with Paul Isaacs in the Thomley Pavilion, arrive from 5:45pm for a 6:15pm start, it is £5 per person to attend the talk.

The soft play areas will be open for those wishing to bring their children, just £3 per child to come too! Hot dogs, cake and drinks are all available from the cafe to buy on the night.

Please share this with your contacts who may benefit from hearing Paul's fantastic talk.

**Booking is essential, email us on:
bookings@thomley.org.uk
Or, call: 01844 338380**

Trunk or Treat!

Join us for a spooktacular evening for the entire family this Halloween!

**Saturday 27th October,
From 5:30pm-8:30pm**



We will be holding our second 'Trunk or Treat' after last year proved to be a huge hit! This trend started in America and we think it is a fantastic activity to bring to you as something different to the usual trick or treat!

The activity involves the trunk of your car being open and displaying treats, sometimes games, and decorations. You can get plenty of inspiration on google or pinterest! Parents can find this safer for their children and a more inclusive alternative to walking around the streets with your children.

We will be serving hot dogs, jacket potatoes with chilli-con-carne and lots of cake from the pavilion. We will also be making Halloween slime and doing Halloween face painting!



Dressing up is optional and there will be a prize for the best car boot and outfit on the evening!

To book, email: bookings@thomley.org.uk or call: 01844 338380

Christmas Market

24th November, 10am - 3pm

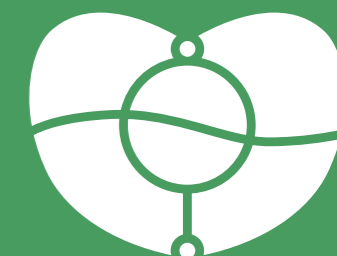
Free entry - No need to book

Join us for our very popular Christmas Market!
Shop for your Christmas goodies
Eat lovely festive food whilst the kids can play!
The famous Christmas raffle!
Santas Grotto will be available (book on the day)



Please note our gates will not be locked during the day like they usually are

Where are we?
Thomley, Menmarsh
Road, Worminghall,
HP189JZ



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A Thomley Roast Dinner!...

Sunday 21st October, 12pm or 2pm

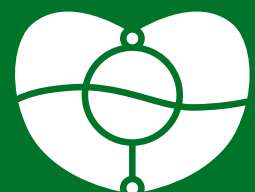
The site will be open to play between 11am and 3pm, but as the day is about the roast dinner we won't be taking bookings unless you are booking either of the lunch slots. The normal menu will not be on offer on this day.



Several Thomley families have suggested that going out for one of the most pleasurable of dinners (a roast) can be quite a stressful and rare event which they would love to be able to do more often. Well we would like to give it a go and offer the disability friendly venue you have been looking for! Many of you may know Nikki (who works in the kitchen), she is a chef and makes a fantastic roast dinner!

Join us on Sunday 21st October and book in for the 12pm or 2pm sitting, where we will serve the adults a roast dinner and a pudding for £12. Children (up to 15) will get a free roast after paying their entry donation of £6, £8 or £10.

Please book by calling:
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