

# Our Place



Issue 35

## Lockdown closure...

We are very sorry to all of our visitors that we have had to close from Thursday 5th November, as per the latest Government guidelines.

All current bookings between Thursday 5th November and Wednesday 2nd December will be cancelled. We hope to re-open on Thursday 3rd December and have planned our December and January activities on that assumption. However we will communicate regularly on our social media closer to the date to confirm are allowed to re-open.

Some of our staff team will be furloughed throughout this lockdown, so please do be patient if you have an enquiry. We will get back to you ASAP. If you have any enquiries please email us on: [enquiries@thomley.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@thomley.org.uk) or by inboxing us on our Facebook page.



## December & January provisional workshops...

*All of the below activities and workshops are subject to change. If lockdown is extended then Thomley may be forced to close for longer.*

### Roast Dinner Day

**Sunday 6th December**

An amazing roast dinner at an accessible venue. Open from 11am-3pm to play, pre-book your dinner for 12pm or 2pm.

### Christmas Party!

**Saturday 12th December**

Snow machine fun and hopefully Santa makes it to deliver presents!

### Christmas Opening

**Sat 19th - Wed 23rd December**

Activities include snow machine, giant bubbles, cooking ginger cookies, Christmas silent disco, archery and lots more!

**CLOSED - 24th-28th December**

### Christmas Opening

**29th - 30th December**

Activities include cooking, lino printing, parachute games, mentos explosions and sensory bottles.

**CLOSED - 31st Dec - 1st Jan 2021**

### New Year Opening

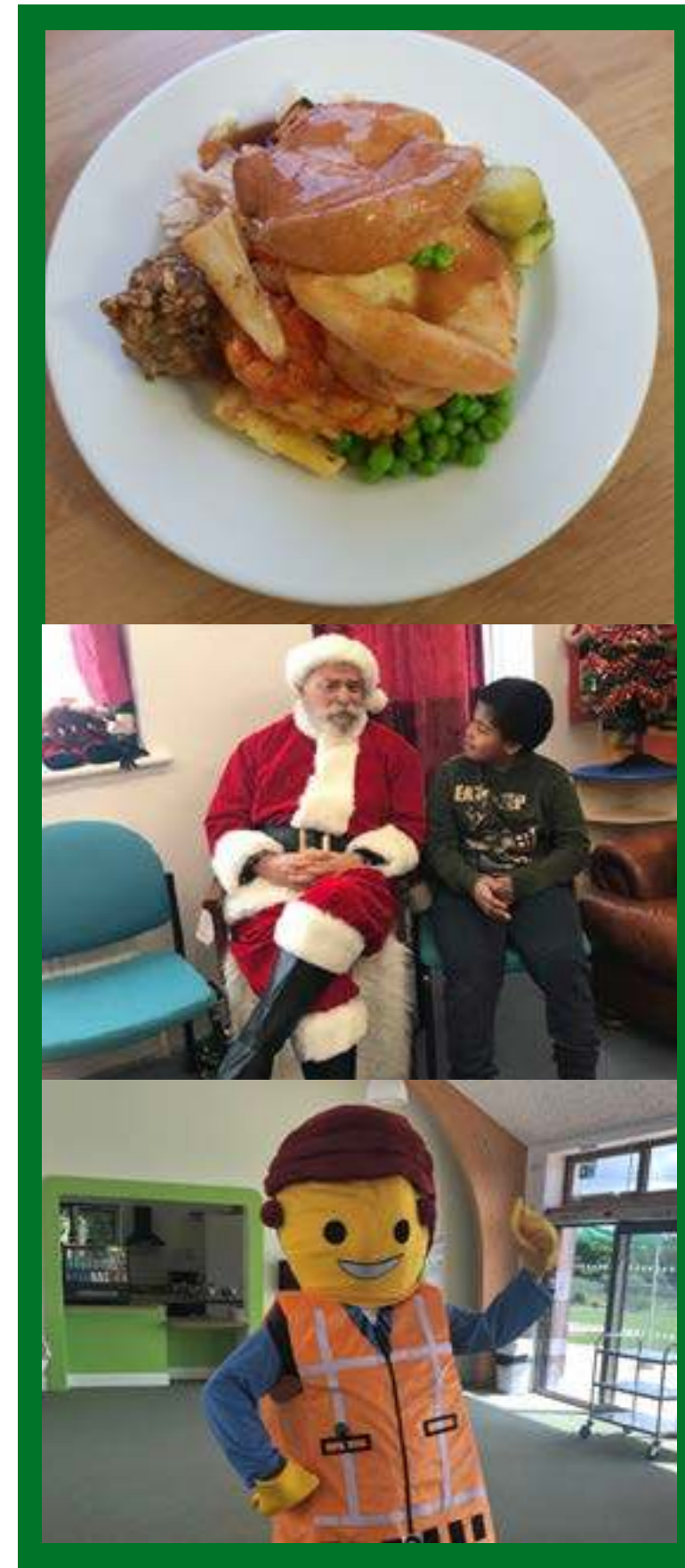
**2nd - 4th January 2021**

Activities include making fake snow, baking gingerbread men, laser tag, football and making luxury milkshakes.

### Lego Day

**Saturday 23rd January**

Meet our Lego friend! Plus take part in two Lego workshops at 11am and 1:30pm. The arts and crafts will also be Lego themed too.





# Lockdown challenge...

As a Charity, it is very difficult for us to survive in normal conditions. However at the moment it is harder than ever. We are looking to get as many people on board to do a fundraiser of their own for us throughout this 4 week lockdown.

This could be a personal challenge and using a Facebook fundraiser to 'Donate' to your challenge for Thomley.

\* A challenge you do every day as a family (All do 50 sit ups as a family every day throughout lockdown!)

\* Some form of exercise challenge (run 1km a day throughout lockdown!)

\* A come dine with me challenge (everyone in your house takes charge of dinner one day - get people to sponsor your winning effort!)

All ideas are good ideas! We are looking to get TEN people or families to sign up and raise money this lockdown, to help us through the tough times. In the last lockdown Alice and sister Verity took part in our 2.6 challenge (pictured).



# Follow us for updates...

Be sure to keep visiting our Instagram and Facebook pages where you will find all the up to date information about opening, activities and everything Thomley:

**Facebook:** @ThomleyPublic

**Instagram:** @Thomley\_

# Thomley Christmas Opening Appeal...

We don't know for definite when we can re-open. But for our families, we know Christmas can be a difficult time and we want to be there for you if we can be.

To help make this possible we really will need your help! Please donate to our CHRISTMAS OPENING APPEAL by donating on our Facebook post. (Go to Facebook and look for this photo).



All donations will help us to open the doors after lockdown and ensure we can afford staff, equipment and our running costs to open for you. Perhaps instead of giving Christmas cards this year, you could donate to us, instead? Thank you so much in advance for any support you can offer.

**Every £1 you can contribute will make a massive difference:**

**£20**

could supply all the art activities for one day in the art room over the Christmas period, meaning we can have paints, glues, brushes, pens and more.

**£60**

would cover one playworker to be on site to help us set up site, keep the site clean, play with the children and tidy at the end of the day

**£100**

would fund an Activity Co-ordinator for one day, without these members of staff Thomley can't open for the day at all



# An inclusive Halloween at our Trunk or Treat...

Despite the weather being pretty awful, we still had a fantastic turnout at our Halloween alternative, Trunk or Treat.

There was some fantastic trunks with some serious effort going into them. Thank you! It was also really pleasing for us to be able to host an inclusive event, safely, at a time where many events have to be cancelled.

A BIG thank you goes to Chinnor Parish Council who funded the evening and made it possible.



## “If I could give Thomley a million stars I would!”



This is a review from a new family who visited Thomley for the first time this half term, we just wanted to share it with you:

*“If I could give Thomley a million stars I would! We had our first day with you on Monday and it’s safe to say we will be back again and again.*

*It is such a wonderful place and so lovely to feel at ease and comfortable in an environment where everyone is welcome and catered for.*

*I didn’t realise when out in public quite how heavy the constant weight of worry was - until you removed it.*

**THANK YOU!”**

# Thomley Race Night...

Unfortunately the fundraising race night planned for November has had to be postponed due to the lockdown.

Activity Co-ordinator Faye will be in touch with those who booked a table for the event. Our plan is to reschedule this for January and would love for you still to come, so the planning does not go to waste!

A new date will be published soon and there will be spaces for a couple more teams.

If you would like to get involved or enquire about the event please contact Faye:  
[fayerperrottet@thomley.org.uk](mailto:fayerperrottet@thomley.org.uk)

## Postponed Thomley Race Night

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Time: 5-9pm



New date to be  
arranged soon

# Mini Christmas Market...

## Cancelled Mini Christmas Market



We unfortunately have had to cancel our planned ‘Mini’ Christmas Market, which was due to take place on Saturday 21st November.

The positive news is that our famous raffle can still take place! We will go ahead with this as planned, online. We have a huge range of fantastic prizes available. Tickets are just £1 each.

To get your tickets, please visit the pinned post on our Public Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/thomleypublic>



# The first Thomley Quiz Night raises £582!

The first ever Thomley quiz night, held in October has raised a fabulous £582!

Thanks again to those that brought a team along, for the lovely raffle prizes that were donated and for the time and effort our quiz master Matt Bowler put into the night. It was an entertaining evening and the money raised will keep us doing what we do best!

Congratulations to our winning team 'Lost without Stu'!



# Serviced offices are being constructed..

The refurbishing work has begun on our old and unused space upstairs in the Manor building (above the accessible toilets).

There will be four fresh new offices available to rent from January 2021. Tenants will all have access to our large meeting room and refreshments.

Here are a few photos of the offices after day one of the project starting...



For more information or to enquire about renting an office, please contact our Operations Manager Joe: [joekitchen@thomley.org.uk](mailto:joekitchen@thomley.org.uk) / 01844 338380

# Fundraising events...



## Thomley Race Night January 2021 - TBC

Book up to 6 people per table and enjoy Thomley's very first race night! It's £5 per person, or £10 per person to include a hot food buffet for your table. The bar will also be open!

## Thomley Football Tournament Sunday March 21st 2021

After our successful mens 6 a side tournament in the summer, we are putting on another one in Spring 2021. To reserve a team space, please contact us: [fundraising@thomley.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@thomley.org.uk)



For any fundraising enquiry or ideas please contact us, we would love to hear from you: [fundraising@thomley.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@thomley.org.uk)

# Takeaway serving hatch coming soon...

You may have seen some work being done to the outside of the cafe if you've been to Thomley in the last few weeks.

Construction is underway for our new takeaway hatch and seating area out the front of our pavilion. An opportunity for anyone local to grab a coffee or some lunch on the go, without officially coming to Thomley for the day. This should open some time in January 2021.





# A Thomley Christmas Dinner!...

Sunday 6th December, 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. The Christmas meal will include brussels and of course pigs in blankets!



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 are offering the disability friendly venue you have been looking for!

Join us on Sunday 6th December and book in for the 12pm or 2pm sitting. 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 £12. Children with a membership will receive a discounted £8 meal.

Please book by calling:  
01844 338380  
Or by emailing us:  
bookings@thomley.org.uk



# Current guidance for December re-opening...



We have worked tirelessly to ensure our site is safe and compliant with Government guidelines ever since we re-opened in July. Please read the below guidance before you visit, which is likely to change by the time we re-open (please see our Facebook page or website for the most up to date version).

You will see on your next visit that there is a QR code at reception when you sign in. This is not optional and all visitors must scan the QR code with their phone before accessing our facilities to support the Government's track and trace system.

We have been keen to open as many of our rooms as soon as safely possible. This does however mean that some rooms will have to remain shut for the time being. From December 3rd, the soft play area and mini gym will remain closed, however we will attempt to open all other indoor areas, including the playrooms, imagination room and construction room. These rooms may have very limited toys in, to help our staff with the strict cleaning measures.

There will be a clearly signed entry and exit door on all rooms and a one-way system throughout most buildings. The pavilion will have limited tables available to eat at and they must be pre-booked at reception. We have also added automatic sanitiser dispensers at the entrance to the cafe, the art room and the playrooms.

We know that change is not ideal for our visitors, but it is also extremely difficult for us to provide the full range of facilities and be compliant with all the guidelines, so we have simply had no choice.