

Our Place

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Upcoming Workshops...

Our accessible festival 'Accessival' is well into the planning stage and we have lots lined up for you!

Many music acts are now booked in, staging, sound systems and even toilets are all secured!

We will be offering fresh pizzas, fries and BBQ options throughout the event. There will be a bouncy castle, jumping pillow, festival facepainting and lots of other outdoor activities for the children. Plus for you adults there will be a variety of refreshment stalls, including cakes, gin and beer van!

Early bird tickets are on sale for the remainder of March. Prices will then go up to full ticket price. We hope this period of cheaper ticket options will support those who want to make it a more affordable day out.

Things we still need support with and would LOVE to hear from those who could help:

- * More performers / dance / music / entertainers / perhaps Ed Sheeran if anyone knows him!
- * Volunteers to support the event on the day
- * Sponsorship of the event or specifics such as the children's activities

To get involved in any of the above ways contact us: fundraising@thomley.org.uk

Buy your tickets to the event here: <https://thomley.org.uk/events/festival/>



Paul Isaacs family support
Saturday 11th March

Mother's Day meal
Sunday 19th March

Bouncy castle
Every day of the Easter Holidays!

Giant bubbles
Tuesday 4th and Friday 7th April

Lionel the train
Tuesday 11th April and 17th May

Paul's Woodwork Workshop
Wednesday 12th April

Beat boxing workshop
Thursday 13th April

Farm visiting Thomley
Friday 14th April

Jumping Pillow games
Saturday 6th May

SPRING OPEN DAY - FREE ENTRY
Saturday 13th May

Camping night
Friday 26th May from 4pm

For the full range of activities look at our online calendar: www.thomley.org.uk/calendar/



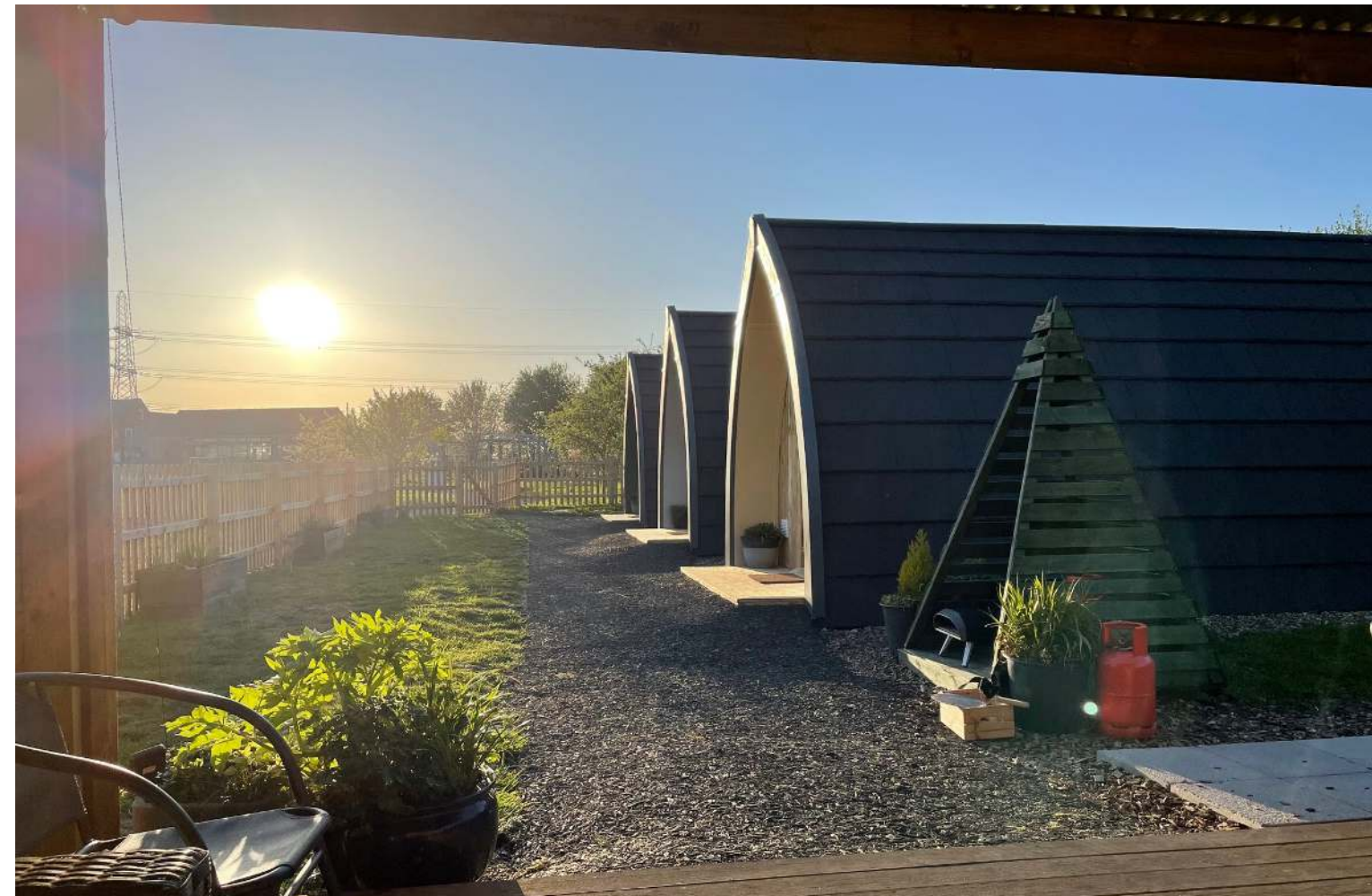
The Easter Holidays...

Easter is always a treat at Thomley, as the weather improves (we hope) and we are able to make use of Thomley's grounds with our additional activities.

There is lots to take part in, including our popular Easter egg hunts, woodwork workshop and even a beat-boxing workshop! Booking is essential as always at Thomley and we do need to know if you are planning on bringing extra people or if you can no longer make your booking.

Booking in advance is advised, as in February half term we were fully booked for the majority of days before the week had even begun!

Please book on our online calendar, here: www.thomley.org.uk/calendar/



Pod offers for Easter...

This April we have the following offers in our pods:

- * The next FIVE people to book a two-night stay this Easter holidays will receive £30 off of their booking. Use code: Easter30
- * FREE breakfast hamper for up to four people - for bookings on Easter weekend (Friday / Saturday / Sunday night) please email after booking to claim: campingpods@thomley.org.uk
- * We are offering a FREE 24 hour stay for those eligible for the Buckinghamshire HAF Programme; inclusive of dinner, breakfast and lunch on the following day. This will be picked via a raffle. Full details in the HAF section of this newsletter.
- * One-night stay available in the Chill Cabin on the 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th and 15th April

To book your pod, please visit the website and select the first night of your stay in your selected pod, followed by the last night of your stay in your selected pod. Book here: <https://buff.ly/3uZhr6m>

Support our Easter Egg Appeal...



Would anyone kindly like to purchase some Easter eggs to support our Easter activities?

We will be holding Easter Egg Hunts for our visitors over the Easter holidays and need lots of chocolate to reward our egg hunters! We would appreciate any donations of eggs, however if you want an easy option to buy then these Creme Eggs always go down well:

<https://buff.ly/41JdSTd>

Thank you so much in advance if you're able to help.

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Buckinghamshire Holidays and Food Programme for Easter...

Oxfordshire Holidays and Food Programme for Easter...



For those who receive free school meals in Buckinghamshire. Book on our website, by reserving your day on our online calendar. Click the date and then the option for Buckinghamshire HAF bookings.

You can also book FREE door to door pick up and drop home service on Please contact us directly to book this: bookings@thomley.org.uk / 01844 338380

CAMPING PODS RAFFLE

You can also win a FREE stay, including dinner, breakfast, use of the centre the following day and lunch. To enter, please email: bookings@thomley.org.uk expressing your interest. The winners will receive a one-night stay in the Hare Hut on the Tuesday or Wednesday in either week of the Easter holidays. Winners picked at random and there are four total stays being funded.



Book Buckinghamshire HAF Programme places here:
www.thomley.org.uk/calendar/

The Holiday Activity and Food programme provides organised holiday activities and a meal for children who are in Reception-Year 11 and who are an in receipt for benefits-related free school meals.

Eligible families are entitled to four days over the Easter holidays. Available dates are Monday 3rd April - Friday 14th April. You will receive a session in our sensory room as part of your visit and a free hot lunch, which you can pre-order when you arrive on site for your visit.

Book Oxfordshire HAF Programme places here: <https://oxfordshirecountycouncildemo.coordinate.cloud/>

Car Park project complete...

We recently announced on our social media channels that the car park would be refurbished in January.

The works are now all finished and we hope you approve of the new flat, accessible and professional arrival at Thomley. We've also managed to add over 35 additional spaces including our overflow area - so there's plenty of space for you to park!



Camping at Thomley in 2023...

We have proudly offered camping at Thomley on our large site for 16 years. This is an invaluable opportunity for people with a disability to try camping for the first time or perhaps camp regularly in a setting safe and familiar to them.

We are hoping to make a specific small area on our site for camping so that the facilities are better for those wishing to camp with us, rather than just anywhere on the field. You will be able to have access to water and electrics in a fenced off area. Meaning your stay is more secure. This area is likely to open in May half term and the summer holidays this year. We will still offer some larger scale camping nights, as with previous years. Booking details will be announced in April 2023 when we are operationally ready.



Acworth
Burrow



Badgers
Bunker



Deer Den



The
Rabbit Hole



Squirrel
Retreat

Join our evening clubs...

If you haven't already been part of or heard of our wonderful adult cooking club, you are missing out!

This is a very popular after-hours club here at Thomley. We have great fun cooking up a three-course meal and socialising with our other cooking buddies once a month at Thomley. We learn new cooking skills, new recipes, new flavours and tastes, and with a new-found confidence even new friendships are made. In the coming months some of the themes we have are Taco Tuesday where we will be exploring Mexican flavours, retro dining and cooking on a budget, giving you ideas to make your money go further in the cost-of-living crisis. Please book online or contact: bookings@thomley.org.uk

Adult Cooking Club



Youth Club



The Youth Club at Thomley is a fantastic opportunity for young people to chill, chat and make friends with others. We offer a structured activity and also some free time for the young people to relax and socialise, either chatting or playing console games or a even game of pool in our newly refurbished 'Teen Den'. Parents are asked to stay on site and they can spend this time away from the young people and enjoy a cuppa and a chat with other parents & carers to encourage the young people's independence. If you want to discuss anything about youth club, please contact Kevin: kevin.bobbin@thomley.org.uk

We have a wonderful time at adult social club. There is always a new experience to be explored.

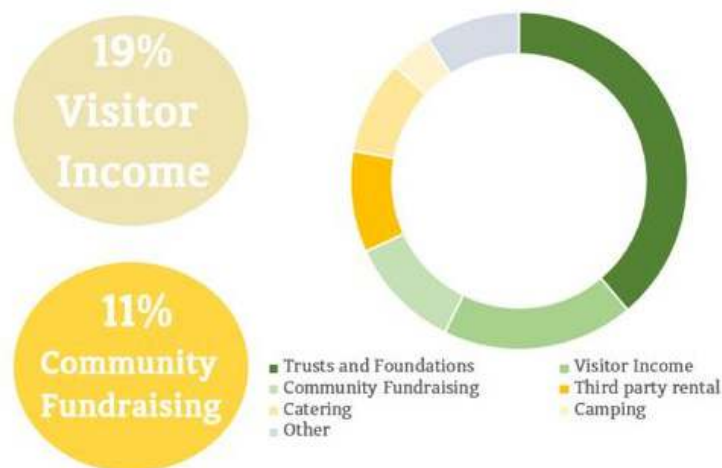
Thomley heard from many of our adult users that there was limited opportunity to meet new friends and develop those relationships in the evenings. We now host an adult social club once a month for anyone over 18 to join. Every session we learn a new craft or skill that might even mean we take up a new hobby or interest as well as enjoying the company of the other attendees. We have done activities from jewellery making, silent discos to accessible yoga classes. We also can use the café to order our evening meal in, there is always a yummy special laid on. We have plenty of spaces if more people would like to attend. Check out the planner for the days it is held every month and if you would like further information please contact: annacapitani@thomley.org.uk

Adult Social Club



Did you know in 2023 it will cost over £770,000 to run Thomley?

How do we get our funding?



Breakdown of Thomley's costs



We've registered Thomley with #easyfundraising, which means over 7,000 brands will now donate to us for FREE every time you use them to shop with.

These donations will really help, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long. Sign up here: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thomley/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=rm-gs-f1

Upcoming fundraising events...

Car boot - Sunday 23rd April
Stalls available to book now!

Please email for further details or any questions: fundraising@thomley.org.uk



Tough Mudder Team - Sunday 7th May

Contact us to join the team. 5km, 10km, 15km or Lidl Mudder spaces available.

Email: fundraising@thomley.org.uk



Thame 10k Team - Sunday 25th June

Take part in a popular local 10k event and raise funds for Thomley in the process.

Contact us to represent Thomley at this event: fundraising@thomley.org.uk



To find out more about Thomley take a look at our infographic: www.thomley.org.uk/about-us/

Did you know?

In 2022 visitor income contributed £112,514 towards our total costs

63% of Thomley's expenditure was spent on staff in 2022

Utilities alone will cost us in excess of £33,000 in 2023

Direct maintenance costs such as cleaning, repairs and servicing will cost us in excess of £60,000 in 2023



Our Quiz with Ken Bruce on May 20th has SOLD OUT. Thanks to all who have ordered a ticket / booked a table, we can't wait!

For those who have missed out, there will still be an opportunity for you to take part. We are also selling E-Tickets for you to watch and take part from your own home. We will send the live link an hour before the event is about to start. Tickets for the live stream can be booked here: <https://buff.ly/3Ulg2DN>