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# Our Place Give Issue 56

## Major site developments...

Our site is really taking shape ready for you to try out LOTS of new activities at Thomley this summer.

Our new FLOOR IS LAVA, picnic area and adventure trail have opened already, with may new features such as our splash park, Viking Boat area, fire pit area, den building zone, insectopia and fairy garden all due to open around the start of the summer holidays. We thank all of our donors and supporters who have helped us to progress and hope that you, our visitors enjoy the new facilities.



### \*\*\*SPLASH PARK OPEN FOR THIS SUMMER\*\*\*

We simply can't wait to open the splash park for our visitors. There is currently still some work to do before completion, but we will be open for the summer holidays!

### Accessival Saturday 6th July...

Join us from 11am-10pm for our accessible festival! A festival for the whole community, suitable for all ages and abilities.

- \* LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY on the main stage.
- \* ALL DAY BAR including ThomAley ale, Lager and Cider on tap, Pimms & more!
- \* **HOT FOOD** including fresh pizzas and locally sourced BBQ food
- \* ACTIVITIES for all ages and abilities, including inflatables, face painting, hair braiding, train rides & LOTS more.
- \* PLUS the Euros Football will be on!
- \* **CAMPING AVAILABILITY** in our camping area.



Thanks to our main event sponsors:









### BUY TICKETS here: www.thomley.org.uk/events/accessival-festival/ FULL EVENT DETAILS here:

www.facebook.com/events/1784364028735734

# Summer Holiday

The inflatable assault course or bouncy castle will be out for the majority of days throughout the summer holidays weather permitting.

#### **Dino racing**

#### 29th July; 9th, 14th, 23rd, 31st August and 2nd September

A new one to try at Thomley, put on our dinosaur outfits and RACE against each other! Very silly fun to be had!

#### Floor is lava fun

27th July, 26th & 28th August Our staff will lead a game of FLOOR IS LAVA with your children. Can you be the last survivor?

#### **Jumping Pillow games**

29th July, 17th, 21st & 31st August Use the jumping pillow for a structured game ran by our staff.

#### **Animal Encounters Workshop**

**30th July 12:30pm-2:30pm** Animals are always popular, come and see some at Thomley, included in your entry ticket at no extra cost!

#### Storytime around the campfire

**31st July, 16th August** Our new fire pit will be open, join us for a story (and perhaps some marshmallows!)

#### Campers only!

Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th August Join us from 4pm and pitch your tent anywhere on Thomley's field. It's a great option to try camping for the first time or for a more accessible experience.

#### **Buckets for Bongos**

Tuesday 5th August

Can you feel the rhythm! Drumming workshop for all to join in with.







# **Activities at Thomley**

#### **Disability Water Day**

Tuesday 6th August

A very WET day at Thomley. Bring spare clothes and be prepared for lots of water based games and outdoor activities. Please note that indoor play areas are shut on this day.

#### **Crocodiles of the World**

#### 13th August, 1-3pm

Book in on arrival at Thomley to learn more about reptiles and you may even get to touch a snake and baby crocodile!

#### **Beat-boxing workshop**

#### 15th August, 1pm

Test your beat-boxing skills and learn how to give it a go. The instructor is VERY good and well worth a listen if you don't want to participate yourself.

#### Skateboarding workshop

22nd August, 12-3pm A Thomley first, as we have some specialist help here to teach skateboarding!

#### Woodwork workshop with Paul

27th & 29th August - all day Get creative and design some woodwork, decorate it and take it home! All day workshop in the art room that you can drop in and out of.

#### AFFORDABLE FAMILY FUN DAY

Friday 30th August, 10am-3pm This day is open to anyone and is a chance to experience LOTS of Thomley activities, at a heavily reduced price to help out after a busy summer!

#### Nintendo Switch Gaming

Mario Kart - 31st August Play Multi player Mario Kart with our staff in the games room!







# Holiday Hunger Meals at Thomley this Summer

For those in receipt of benefits, living in any county. Limited spaces and booking is essential.



We are thrilled to announce that we will be offering FREE visits over the Summer Holidays for those on benefits as part of a 'Holiday Hunger' campaign, very kindly supported by 'Cash for Kids'.

This is an amazing opportunity for those on a low income to attend Thomley including a lunch, for free! We have a limited number of spaces available to book on selected dates throughout the summer. You can live in any county and your children must all be booked in advance to attend.

To book and see if you are eligible, look here: https://thomley.org.uk/holiday-hunger-summer/

# cashforkids

### Holidays and Food Summer Programme at Thomley...



We are pleased to say that you can now book your summer Buckinghamshire Holiday and Food Programme visits to Thomley.

Your visit to Thomley will include all of the activities, your entry, a sensory room booking and a free hot lunch (which you can pre-order on arrival). You must be in receipt of free school meals and live in Buckinghamshire to be eligible. Please remember you will need your HAF code to make your bookings, which you can book on the HAF website, here: **https://buff.ly/47ogU1A** 



#### Bookings for the summer Oxfordshire Holiday and Food Programme can be booked from June 27th on the Oxfordshire HAF website.

Your visit to Thomley will include all of the activities, your entry, a sensory room booking and a free hot lunch (which you can pre-order on arrival). You must be in receipt of free school meals and live in Oxfordshire to be eligible. Please remember you will need your HAF code to make your bookings, which you can book on the HAF website, here:

https://coordinate.cloud/haf-oxfordshire-county-council/

# Book a camping pod stay...

Take a short break in the coming months and enjoy an overnight stay at Thomley in one of our camping pods! All nights include a day in the centre for FREE. See some of our special offers below, which offer you very affordable options to stay and play with us over the summer season.

### LIMITED SUMMER HOLIDAY AVAILABILITY

### **SPECIAL SUMMER OFFERS**

- \* 25% off two-night stays in August. Use code: 'August25'
- \* 33% off three-night stays in August. Use code: 'Summer33'
- \* Book the Enchanted Forest on these dates for 20% off one or two night stays: 19th July; 20th July; 9th August; 10th August. Use code: 'Enchanted20'
- \* Book the Hare Hut on these dates for 20% off one or two night stays: 9th August; 10th August; 22nd August; 23rd August; 24th August; 25th August. Use code: 'Hare20'

TO BOOK your pod, please visit the website and select the first night of your stay, followed by the last night of your stay in your selected pod.

# Book a camping pitch for the summer months...



Our camping pitches are ready and open for your summer stays! A very affordable short break which includes access to our facilities.

You can book from any of our 5 pitches and your pitch fee includes a day in the centre. Available to book from one to seven nights.

Two of our pitches include the use of a pre-pitched bell tent. Alternatively, you can bring your own equipment and pitch up when you arrive for your stay. All pitches have access to their own electrical socket, and there is a fridge, water, washing up sink and bin within the area.

#### Book your stay here: https://thomley.org.uk/visit-us/camping-pitches/

## Feeling adventurous?

Here are some photos of some of the recent improvements made to our outside spaces. The Floor is Lava area, Dinosaurs, picnic area and adventure trail have been HUGE HITS since they opened in recent weeks. Please continue to share your photos and feedback with us!





# Offices available to rent...

\* One person first floor office available for immediate tenant.

\* Four person 1st floor office available for immediate tenant.

\* Two person 2nd floor office with added lockable storage area, available for immediate tenant.

Your office includes: parking, use of shared tea and coffee facility, toilets, access to a shared meeting room and full internet access.

To arrange a viewing or to discuss the terms of our offices, please contact Operations Manager Joe. The fees you pay for your office go directly into our Charity and therefore support our visitors. Email: **joekitchen@thomley.org.uk** 



### Charity Winter ball - Saturday 16th November - tickets now on sale!



Our Charity Ball has now got quite a reputation for a glamorous yet lively night! Last year was the best yet, with fantastic food and great music all in the name of raising some funds for our Charity.

We are now taking bookings of tables / groups / individual tickets for the event. Please get in touch ASAP to book in: fundraising@thomley.org.uk

### **Our first Charity Skydive success...**

Our first batch of skydivers managed to go ahead as planned (despite adverse weather conditions) and jumped to raise money for Thomley at the end of May.

Thank you and well done to those very brave people! The few people in our first batch have raised over £2,500 between them. We still have approximately twenty people still to jump on 30th June.

Thanks for your efforts and for supporting our Charity.



### A few spaces remain on our September Tough Mudder Team...

We made a fantastic amount of money for Thomley at Tough Mudder in 2023. It was an EXTREMELY muddy day and over 25 people took part and smashed the courses to support us.

We are of course gluttons for punishment and are going back again this year and we have a few spaces remaining on Sunday 22nd September. The spaces are either for the 3+ miles course or the 10+ miles course.

#### The tickets are booked for the South London venue, one of the best Tough Mudder courses.

Please get in touch and register your interest now before all the spaces go:

fundraising@thomley.org.uk

