



A scarecrow spotted last year

Picture: Discovery Centre/ X

Fundraising scarecrow trail returns

SCARECROWS will be scattered across the town when an autumn trail returns this month.

Thatcham Scarecrow Trail is back for a second year between Saturday, October 25 and Sunday, November 2 with a raft of new characters for families to find.

Maps will cost £3 – in cash only – and be available to buy during the week-long event from the Nature Discovery Centre in Lower Way.

The event is raising money for Parsons Down School and The Nature Discovery Centre.

Have your say on blue plaque sites

Town Council invites public to celebrate Thatcham's stories

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THATCHAM Town Council is asking residents to help shape the future of their blue plaques.

Since October 6, 2018, a plaque has been released annually, with residents now encouraged to put forward suggestions for 2026 and beyond.

Whether it's a remarkable local figure, a historic building, or an event that left its mark on Thatcham, the town council and its heritage working party wants the community to have its say.

Blue plaques are a way of sharing stories that might otherwise remain hidden forever, from pioneering inventors and wartime heroes, to cultural milestones and iconic landmarks.

Chairman of the heritage working party Nathan Gregory said: "Blue plaques are a wonderful way to connect our community with its history."

"By sharing your ideas, you can help ensure that Thatcham's stories – big and small – are remembered and celebrated where they truly belong: in the heart of the town."

The town council said that each plaque helps bring Thatcham's heritage to life for future generations.

Residents can submit their ideas by completing the proposal form



The unveiling of blue plaque honouring the rich history of Bradley Moore House, a building believed to have been constructed in 1744 and which has played a central role in Thatcham's community health

on the Thatcham Town Council website.

When making a suggestion, the council asks that people include the name of the person, building or event being put forward, with an

explanation of the historical evidence, alongside where the desired location would be.

This year's blue plaque commemorates Moorside's role as a Second World War storage depot and supply base.

It will be unveiled on Sunday, October 19, as part of the Thatcham Festival.

Full details of the town's existing blue plaques can be found on the Thatcham Town Council website.

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Vintage Adventure celebrates with a cake served by Thatcham Park Primary pupils



Vintage Adventurers enjoying the entertainment

Vintage year for worship group celebrating fourth anniversary

VINTAGE Adventure, a worship group for older people, celebrated its fourth birthday on Thursday, September 18 at Thatcham Methodist Church.

After a short informal act of worship, guests were entertained by Derry, a cabaret singer, with added dancing by Thatcham's very own Tiller Girls – some of the volunteers.

Mayor of Thatcham Petra Pem-

berton thanked the volunteers who make Vintage Adventure run smoothly every month, and for the guaranteed warm welcome each person receives as they walk through the door.

Homemade birthday cake was shared and served by young volunteers from Thatcham Park Primary School.

Vintage Adventure next meets on Thursday, October 16, 2.30pm to

4pm, at Thatcham Methodist Church.

Vintage Adventure is a monthly event led by the churches in Thatcham for the 'young at heart' in the community.

It aims to be inclusive and dementia friendly.

Further details are available from Karen Frost by emailing karen.f@bbbcircuit.org.uk or calling 07444851606.



Cabaret performer Derry

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Eight stand for six Memorial Foundation trusteeships

THATCHAM Memorial Foundation is holding its Annual Public Meeting tonight (Thursday).

Starting at 7.30pm, reports on the charity's activities and finances will be shared along with an opportunity to ask the trustees questions.

The evening will also be a chance for the beneficiaries of the charity to vote on the six community trustees that will serve for the next four years.

There are eight candidates for the roles:

Vicky Cawes, of Beverley Close, a teaching assistant who offers her skills in community-based activism and states her geographical closeness to the foundation's site as an advantage.

Jan Cover, of The Quantocks, who offers her skills from her working life as a publican in addition to over 10 years of voluntary service to the Thatcham community.

Richard Crumly, of Cowslip Crescent, a retired solicitor and former councillor who states his neutrality as a strength – not being connected to hirers/tenants/local residents/firers users.

Lynsey Hadley, of Beverley Close, a retired insurance clerk who states her daily use of playing fields and geographical closeness are benefits she can bring to the table.

Vicki Lambourne, of Almond Drive, a senior manager at Care UK, who says she would bring experience in governance, fundraising, brand strategy and awareness leading to income generation.

Tom McCann, of Chapel Street, a retired construction industry worker who states he is a town and district councillor and would believe in social responsibility contributing to the local community.

Jo Warner-Harte, of Tennyson Close, an assistant headteacher focusing on SEND and inclusivity. Her stated skills are governance, financial oversight and ensuring compliance with statutory duties.

Andrew Willis, of Stephenson Close, currently working in higher education with a background in human resources, who says his skills would drive successful projects, foster a positive culture, and shape long-term strategy.

Full trustee profiles are available to view on the foundation's external notice boards and website www.thatchammemorial.org.uk

Only individuals living within the charity's area of benefit are allowed to vote, with registration opening at 6.45pm.

The foundation is asking for people to notify them if they will be attending, as refreshments are being served after the meeting – enquiries@thatchammemorial.org.uk