

**MOORENDS COMMUNITY CENTRE TO BE REOPENED BY
THE MAYOR OF THORNE ON 30TH OCTOBER 2008.**

The Moorends Community Centre is a former Methodist Church on Northgate in Moorends which was acquired by Thorne- Moorends Town Council in 1976 and converted for community use. However after many years of use it became shabby and in need of refurbishment to bring it up to modern standards and thereby increase its usage both in terms of numbers of users and the range of activities that are carried out.

Following a competitive tendering process the Main Contractor John A O'Neill of Thorne and Sons was appointed and site work commenced on 16th July 2007 and was completed on 16th June 2008. The Contract value was £82480.52 and a grant of £52480.52 was received from the Rural Target Fund of the Objective 1 programme for South Yorkshire which is part financed by the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund and the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs managed by the Yorkshire Rural Community Council. The works carried out were as follows:

- New roof to replace flat roofs.
- Stabilisation of the main hall floor.
- Installation of new windows and security shutters.
- Replacement of rendering.
- New damp-proof course and replacement of damp affected internal plaster.
- New lighting.
- New kitchen floor covering.

- Improvements to toilets.

The Town Council has also had the building decorated internally, fitted new kitchen units and had the roof repaired in collaboration with Contractor Henry Boot.

The refurbished building is to be re-opened by the Mayor, Councillor Carol Williams at 1pm on Thursday 30th October and all those involved in the re-furbishment together with users and local residents have been invited.

The Town Clerk of Thorne-Moorends Town Council said:

“Subject to obtaining more funding the Town Council wishes to carry out further improvements including:

- New stage curtains and other stage equipment.
- Restoring the original entrance from Northgate.
- Converting the rear bar into a lounge area for multi-use.
- Improvements to the car-park, external lighting, landscaping etc.”

NEW COULMAN PAVILLION ON SCHEDULE.

The Coulman Recreation Ground was bequeathed to Thorne- Moorends Town Council in 1912 and it has been a popular sports-ground ever since. However the facilities are badly in need of improvement and a project has been developed by the Town Council in partnership with others to provide a new Community Building on the site together with improvements to the playing surface. The **New Coulman Pavilion** will include a large community room and kitchen together with six changing rooms and other facilities.

The playing surfaces were extended, drained, leveled and re-sown in the Spring of 2008 and one advantage of the wet summer has been excellent grass growth so that the pitches are already being used.

Following a competitive tendering process, the contract for the new pavilion was awarded to Watfords of Wombwell Ltd and the work, which commenced on 23rd June 2008, is on programme and budget. The external works are virtually completed and the roof was put on at the beginning of October so that the work can now be completed in the dry, with scheduled completion by the end of the year.

The whole Coulman project is valued at just over £1 million is part funded by Thorne-Moorends Town Council with major external contributions from the Football Foundation, The Coalfield's Regeneration Trust and DMBC Neighbourhood Team. The Moorends Hornets and Stingers Football Club, who have been involved in the project from the beginning, have also helped in many ways.

The new facilities are open to every-one in the community and the Council is already taking bookings for the new facilities.

The Leader of Thorne-Moorends Town Council, Cllr. Martin Williams, said:

“This project has been over four years in the making and it will be a great community asset for the people of Thorne and Moorends. The fact that the Town Council took the lead just shows what can be done at local level if everyone works together.”

REMEMBRANCE DAY.

The Royal British Legion are marking Remembrance Day in Thorne Memorial Park at 10.45am on Sunday 9th November with a minutes silence at 11am followed by Wreath Laying after which there will be a Parade up to St Nicholas Church Thorne where there will be a special Service of Remembrance starting at 11.30 am. More and more members of the public have come to pay their respects and participate in this moving event over the last few years and all are welcome. The Markham Main Band will be playing by the War Memorial from 10.30am and the Town Council will be providing refreshments for all Veterans.

ANNUAL FIREWORK DISPLAY.

The Town Council is holding its Annual Firework Display at the Moorends Welfare Ground this year. This professional display by Fuse Fireworks is set to music and the availability of a greater firing area will mean that this years display should be even more spectacular than last years. Thorne- Moorends Community Radio will be presenting a show from the event which is free and will start at 6.30pm on Wednesday 5th November 2008 at the Moorends Welfare Ground, Grange Road, Moorends. There will be plenty of parking on site and also be some small fair-ground rides and refreshments will be available.

**XMAS ILLUMINATIONS SET TO PROVIDE A
SPECTACULAR DISPLAY.**

This year the Town Council has ordered an impressive display of Xmas illuminations for both Thorne and Moorends. In Thorne there will be Icicle Curtains around the Market Place and along King Street and a spectacular Ceiling of Light in Finkle Street together with features on a number of lamp standards and a tree in Thorne Park will be illuminated. In Moorends there will be animated multi-coloured motifs on groups of lamp standards at the Bullring and the Wembley Road, Alexandra Road and West Road junctions on Marshland Road.

All will be welcome at the **switch on event by the Mayor Councillor Carol Williams** at the Green end of Finkle Street at 4pm on Friday 28th November and Thorne Moorends Community Radio will be present and there will be illuminated novelty figures to delight the children.

THORNE FARMERS MARKET

Thorne Farmers Market has re-located to warm dry inside facilities at the Thorne Old Peoples Centre, Church Street Thorne (near St Nicholas Church).

The next market is to be held between 10am and 2pm on Sunday 2nd November and a special Christmas Farmers Market will be held between 10am and 2pm on Sunday 7th December (the Yuletide Fair weekend).

All visitors will be most welcome and new stallholders can contact Janet Martland on 01405 816165 to book a place.