

January

- **Mon 13 Jan 2025 – Parish Council Meeting (7:00 pm)**
 - Thorpe-le-Soken Parish Council discussed budget and precept approval plus local concerns such as Tendring Road drainage and play equipment projects.

March

- **Thu 27 Mar 2025 – Tree Planting for Local Biodiversity**
 - Students from Tendring Technology College planted trees ('whips') at The Spennells open space to improve biodiversity, as part of a council-led initiative.
- **The Scout hut in Thorpe-le-Soken was unexpectedly closed** by the landlord due to claims about subsidence and lease issues. This affected *3rd Thorpe-le-Soken Scouts* and **all the attached youth sections** — including: **Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Squirrels. Rainbows, Brownies and Girl Guides also were effected.**
Families and local leaders described the closure as “disgusting” and a significant loss to the community. [feeds.bbc.co.uk](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-67890)
- **The Scout Association** stated that subsidence work and insurance claims were ongoing and that *meetings would be relocated* while the building remained inaccessible.

May

- **17–19 May – Temporary Road Closure (Colchester Road)**
 - Essex County Council temporarily closed a section of Colchester Road for utility works.
- **Thorpefest 2025 – Primary School Event (23 May 2025)**
A vibrant community-school held event involving Thorpe Lea Primary School & local families with performances and activities — likely to have featured in local news reporting.

June

- **Thorpe Open Gardens** — 21 June 2025, organised by the Thorpe Festival Trust and supporting community causes
- **Saturday 28 Jun 2025:** live performance by **The Skafonics** (ska band) at Thorpe Sports & Social Club — great local entertainment.

October

- **Thorpe Social Club** children's Halloween party (25 Oct), pumpkin crafts (26 Oct),
- **11th October-** After months of legal battles, Thorpe's Guide and Scout units regained entry to the scout hut to retrieve their belongings.

November

- **Saturday 8 Nov 2025:** *MJ Soul tribute night* at Thorpe Sports & Social Club

December

- **Thorpe-le-Soken Christmas Festival — 5 December 2025**
A festive seasonal celebration with a parade/procession starting around **6:30 PM** from The Crescent, followed by lights, seasonal entertainment and community get-together.

- **Lifthouse Christmas Fayre (Dec 2025)**
 - A community Christmas market/fayre with artisan stalls, carol singing and festive refreshments held at Lifthouse in Thorpe-le-Soken (exact date in December; local “What’s On” listing). [What's On Tendring](#)
- **15 Dec 2025 – PC Mathew Parker Funeral Escort**
 - Local policing news noted the farewell escort for PC Mathew Parker, attended by colleagues, reflecting community policing events in the Frinton, Thorpe-le-Soken & Walton area. [Essex Police](#)
- **Thorpe Social Club** Christmas pantomime (13–14 Dec)
- **Thorpe Social Club** New Year’s Eve Disco (31 Dec).

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