



The newsletter of The Friends of Thringstone

Winner of the Partnership and Community Group Awards Footprint Challenge 2009

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Winner of the Silver Award for Community and Gold Award for Cleaner/Greener

at the 2010 Rural Community Council (Leics. and Rutland) Village Achievement Awards

Welcome to our final newsletter of 2010, produced and delivered free of charge to residents of Thringstone, by Friends of Thringstone.

Our big news this time is that in September we were awarded a Silver Award for our community work and a Gold Award for Cleaner and Greener work in the village by the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire and Rutland) with awards being presented by the president of the RCC, Lady Jennifer Gretton. It is very pleasing to be recognised outside our own immediate area and is all thanks to the voluntary work done by our members both past and present.

We have also recently been informed that we have been nominated for the Queen's Awards.

What are we currently doing?

- **Carols around the tree at the Community Centre** will take place at 7pm on Friday 10th December with a procession from St Andrew's church at 6.45pm. Please come along and join in the singing outside then come inside for a sing song in the bar area. All welcome! If you have already started to prepare for Christmas, Friends of Thringstone Christmas Cards are available at £5 for 10. These depict the snowman built on The Green in 2009.
- We are continuing to forge links with other groups in NW Leicestershire who work on environmental or history projects in their own villages. We attend NWLDC's Heritage Network meetings, as well as the Green Footprint network meetings, and find it useful to share experiences with other groups. Following on from this, in October we worked with a group in Diseworth on their Big Switch Off event, aiming to encourage residents to look at saving money by use of renewable energy technologies.
- We have bought the shrubs and remaining winter plants needed for our new flowerbed on The Green. We will be replanting daffodil bulbs and other spring bulbs to give a show of colour next year both in that bed and hopefully throughout the village. In order to raise funds for this

project, we had stands at the Snibston Miner's Gala and also at the Happy Hearts Day at Hermitage Leisure Centre.

- We linked with the Coalville Cadet F Squadron, 1188 Coalville Squadron ATC, the youth club and scouts to carry out our final big litter pick on 30th October with refreshments after at Thringstone Members Club. This tied in with the CSV Action Day for volunteering.

Thanks to all who turned out to help and to Margaret Bell for a great buffet.

- Following meetings and discussions with East Midlands Oral History Archive to work with them on a project to record the history of the people who came to this village from Scotland, we are linking with Thringstone Members Club to film people talking about their journey to Thringstone from Scotland, their memories of building what was The Rangers Club, and about their lives in Thringstone and how this differed from their lives in Scotland. These stories will form part of a larger East Midlands project and it is a great honour to be asked to be part of this pilot scheme.
- We are putting together our walks programme for 2011, to include working again with the National Forest Walk Festival which runs at the end of May and the Leicestershire Walks Festival which runs in September. By joining in with these festivals, we bring more people into the village from outside areas and so encourage people to visit our local establishments.

What else is needed?

Is there anything you feel needs tidying up, or any other things that you feel detract from the appearance of the village?

Do you have some history information or photographs that you would let us copy for our own history archives?

Do you have any spare time to help us with existing projects?



Please let us know if there is anything you can offer to us or things you feel we can help with.

CHARITY NEWS

At recent fund raising events at Thringstone Members Club, £135 was raised for Air Ambulance and £179 for Glenfield Hospital. Thringstone Life for Charity events run at the George and Dragon raised just short of £3,000 which goes to Rainbows Hospice and Cancer Research UK. Thanks goes to all who supported these events.

THRINGSTONE MEMBERS CLUB

The Members Club has a wide range of dinners, parties and events on in the run up to Christmas. Open to all members, for further details, please contact the club on 01530 222737.

COME AND JOIN US

Friends of Thringstone actively welcome new members. By becoming a member of Friends of Thringstone, for the sum of just £3.50, you can learn more about what is happening in the village and if you want to, come to meetings, get involved in planting schemes or go on litter picks or help in other areas, like working with us on undiscovered history. We also take part in events around the area where we have stalls, and we have a lot of fun. You really don't have to come to meetings to be a member. This is just an option.

Our meetings are always at 6.45pm at Thringstone Community Centre on the first Thursday of each month. For more information on our meetings or becoming a member, call any of our committee below.

Chairman – Nita Pearson 01530 223434

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Environment – Pam Porter 01530 469474

Arts/Community – Pam Clayfield 07914 920442

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Planting – Ray Neal 01530 451204

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What is happening in the village and surrounding area in the next few months?

3rd December - Carols at Grace Dieu Priory will take place at 7pm from The Bull's Head, Thringstone. The Belltones will be aiding the singing, entrance is free and mulled wine and mince pies will be available.

6th Dec – Christmas flower arranging with Alistair at George and Dragon, Thringstone at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 Limited places. Please book.

10th Dec - Carols round the tree at Thringstone House Community Centre on Friday 10th December at 7pm, with singalong afterwards in the centre. All welcome.

22nd Dec – Brass band and mince pies at Christmas at George and Dragon, Thringstone. Starts 7.30pm

24th Dec - Carols at George and Dragon, Thringstone.

31st Dec – New Year's Eve Party with Aceman at George and Dragon. £20 including carved buffet.

Thringstone Pantomime and Drama Society's panto this year will be Puss In Boots, which will be on at the Community Centre from 13th January until 22nd January. Further details will be posted outside the centre shortly.

Want to try T'ai Chi?

T'ai Chi is designed to improve breathing, tone muscles and stimulate the flow of life energy throughout the body. This gentle exercise system promotes good health and general well-being for all ages and abilities. It also acts as a moving meditation, calming the mind, invigorating the body and producing deep relaxation

Thringstone's Tai Chi class, which has been established for 16 years, is held on Monday evenings at the Methodist Church Hall at 6.45pm for beginners and 8pm for improvers and costs £6 per session. A new beginners class started in September and can still be joined. The next introductory class with brief talk and demonstration will be held in early January subject to interest. Please telephone Stephanie Padbury on 01509 218043 for more details.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Publications listed below are available from Thringstone Community Centre, The George and Dragon, or at our meetings.

- Thrinksun Born an' Bred Part 1 and Part 2 by Joan Brotherhood Blackey.
- Thringstone Village Trails 1, 2 and 3
- Memories of Thringstone Parts 1 and 2

Visit our website at www.friends-of-thringstone.org.uk to read all about our group.

In some newsletters there will be a police survey. Please complete this and return to PC James Broomfield at Coalville Police Station.

