



## The newsletter of The Friends of Thringstone

Winner of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011

Winner of the Partnership and Community Group Awards Footprint Challenge 2009

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

in the 2010 Rural Community Council (Leics. and Rutland) Village Achievement Awards **Autumn 2011 Issue 23**

**W**elcome to our third newsletter of 2011, produced and delivered free of charge to residents of Thringstone and parts of Whitwick, by Friends of Thringstone.

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Friends of Thringstone is exceptionally proud to have been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011. This is the group equivalent of an MBE and was achieved thanks to the hard work of people volunteering and giving of their time for the benefit of the village doing planting, litter picking, working on events and generally thinking of the village. Many thanks go to all who have helped over the years and continue to do so.

### Thank you

The inaugural Scarecrow Event was a big success for the village. We have spoken to numerous people who were involved (and not involved) to gain feedback, which has been on the whole very positive. All comments both good and bad have been collated and will be considered prior to doing another similar event. The weather was good to us and we believe that we made a very good addition to the Community Centre centenary, bringing a buzz to the whole village.

Having hoped that we would have approximately 30, we ended up with 52 scarecrows of all different shapes and sizes around the village. To keep it fair the Brownies and Rainbows did a sterling job voting for the winner and runners up which were First - Mad Hatters tea party, Second - The Simpsons and Third - Tour of Duty, Well done to these three. Competition was fierce and it was a very close run thing.

As always these events cannot be run without a team of people behind the scenes so my thanks go to Nita Pearson, Bernard Lee and my wife Vicky (for her patience), Ella Roberts for her support and encouragement and to Ruth Cliff and her brownies and rainbows.

It would also be remiss if I didn't say a massive Thank You to our sponsors. Without their kind generosity this event would not have happened.

Our sponsors (with apologies for any omissions) were Thringstone Primary School, Always from the Heart, Cayman Reef, Sign it, Elson's, Pennline, Swithland Water, Fisher German, Thringstone Post Office, Thringstone Off Licence, George and Dragon, Capelli's, Ruby's, Lindsay Weaver, John Moore, Co-op, Morrison's, Tesco's and A B Wallace. Thanks also to members of our group for their raffle prize help.

Tam Bream - Scarecrow event organiser

### What else is happening?

- **We are joining with the BBC to put on a Reel to Reel event at Thringstone House Community Centre on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 7pm-9pm.** This event will be held in the downstairs bar/lounge, and is to celebrate those people who have taken film of the village in the past, and to show some of these films. The event is free, and the bar will be open! Come along and see us, and look at film and slides of the village in the past.
- We were presented with a highly commended award by Nigel Smith, chairman of NWLDC, for reaching the final 3 in the Partnership and Community Category of NWLDC's footprints challenge 2011.
- We believe in having a bit of fun and entered into a bowls match with St



Andrew's and are planning a visit round Ravenstone Almshouses shortly.

- We have put together a funding package to the Respect Challenge to work with young people and older people on a joint project at The Meadows Care Home.
- We ran a Heritage Event at the George and Dragon in July which was very popular, and we continue to develop ways of promoting the history of our village to a wider audience.
- Our next litter pick is on 29<sup>th</sup> October at 10am from The Green. We actually have a lot of laughs whilst out collecting litter so come and have some fun with us.

### **Publications currently available**

Friends of Thringstone now has a **DVD of the village** available at £3.50 per copy. This includes footage of the village and surrounding woodland area throughout the year and is something to cherish for the future. If you are interested in a copy, please contact us.

**Old photos** - We now have a limited edition of mounted, but not framed, old photographs of the village available at £3.50 per photograph. These photos are:

- Carterdale estate as fields, viewed from Talbot Street, Whitwick
- The Grace Dieu Viaduct 1906
- The Old Rose and Crown as a 3 storey public house c 1900
- The Star Inn, Main Street circa 1906 complete with Burton Brewery signage
- Thringstone House Community Centre in the 1950s
- Ruby's fish and chip shop, The Green, 1949 (complete with national bunting and signage for mystery coach trip)
- George and Dragon 1912
- Main Street near Star Inn, complete with horse and cart about 1920

Other Friends of Thringstone publications include:

- Thinksun 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

Most publications are available at The George and Dragon, at Thringstone House Community Centre, and from our website which is [www.friends-of-thringstone.org.uk](http://www.friends-of-thringstone.org.uk)

### **COME AND JOIN US**

We all know that time is precious. However, being a member of our group doesn't mean you have to DO anything at all. You don't have to come to meetings, or help with any volunteering projects if you don't wish to, although if you do, that would be great.

Monies from membership go to help provide this newsletter so are very important to the group. For the sum of just £3.50, you can learn more about what is happening in the village and get more involved if you want to by helping with planting schemes, attending litter picks or helping in other areas, like working with us on undiscovered history, but YOU DON'T HAVE TO.

You can follow us on facebook and twitter if you have a computer, and might like to be a facebook or twitter friend.

We regularly take part in events around the area where we have stalls, and we have a lot of fun with everything we do.

Our meetings are always at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre on the **first Thursday of each month**. Remember, that you really don't have to come to meetings to be a member. This is just an option.

For more information on our meetings or becoming a member, call us on 01530 223434.

**Alternatively email our webmaster at:**

[webmaster.thringstone@ntlworld.com](mailto:webmaster.thringstone@ntlworld.com)

### **WHAT'S ON**

#### **Thringstone Members Club**

**Tea dancing** every Friday afternoon from 1.30pm–3.30pm. £2 per person. For all enquiries, please contact Alan Toone on 01332 752201.

#### **The George and Dragon**

Now selling vegetables fresh from the farm, as well as home cooked pies, jams, cakes and gifts.

**1<sup>st</sup> October** – Mojo Hand

**8<sup>th</sup> October** – Natalie Nightingale, local vocalist



**15<sup>th</sup> October** – Warlock

**22<sup>nd</sup> October** – The Acemen – rock cover  
band

**Thringstone House Community  
Centre**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

In concert – Lynn Goldborn and Steve Hicks.  
Tickets £6 from the centre office.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Coalville Male Voice Choir  
Tickets £5 from the centre office

**November**

Village quiz at a date to be confirmed. Contact  
the centre for more details on 222337.

**Saturday December 3rd**

Centre Stage presents  
Shoo Shoo Baby's Christmas Party  
Tickets £8 from the Centre office

