



The newsletter of The Friends of Thringstone

Winner of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011

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

Winner of the Partnership and Community Group Awards Footprint Challenge 2009

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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2012, produced and delivered free of charge to residents of Thringstone, and parts of Whitwick, by Friends of Thringstone.

If you wish to contact us to tell us news for the next edition, or just ask questions, please ring 01530 223434.

What else is happening?

- **Thank you** to all who braved the cold to come out to the Carols Round The Tree in December at the Community Centre. £49.10 was raised for Christian Aid.
- We are planning to move our **flowerbed on The Green** away from overhanging trees so that the planting we do stands a better chance of survival and we don't have to arrange watering rotas during the summer. We will also be changing the bed from a raised one to a flat one for the same reason. If you are an adult and would like to help us with this work, which will start to take place around March, please let us know on the number above.
- The Community Centre is continuing to try to co-ordinate various activities to take place around the **Queen's Jubilee** in June and we have heard of quite a lot being planned in the way of street parties and organised events. For any thoughts on Jubilee events, or queries, please contact the centre any morning on 222337.
- We have had discussions with the Council over the provision of **litter bins** and especially about dog fouling. Stencils have already gone in some parts of the village warning people of the fines involved in dog fouling, and more are being provided.
- We achieved a grant to produce our **graveyard booklet on St Andrew's** which will be available very

shortly at all our usual outlets, plus also at the church. The 12 page booklet gives brief stories on some of the people buried at St Andrew's and is aimed at drawing more people to look round the churchyard and learn about the village and its characters. If you have any information on your own family which you would like to share with us for our archives, please get in touch.

- We planted some bulbs at **The Meadows**

care home from our funds and hope that these brighten up the view for residents looking out of their windows. We have

also

village

done some more planting around the

and hope to have a good display for the Queen's Jubilee in June.

- Members of our group continue to litter pick around the village at every available opportunity. However, the next Friends of Thringstone

environmental clearance day is scheduled for 17th March. Meeting at 10am on The Green, we will have 3 hours of clearing the village of unwanted rubbish as a group, then have something to eat. Everybody is welcome to join us. It is actually quite nice and very rewarding to do this sort of clearance work – honestly!

Information required!

2012 is Archives Year for the Women's Institute. Mary Booth, wife of Charles Booth who is buried in St Andrew's churchyard, set up a version of the Women's Institute in 1916



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at Thringstone House Community Centre (when it was known as The Clubhouse). This was not an affiliated group to the National Federation of Women's Institutes, and shouldn't be confused with the Co-op Women's Guild. All records on this WI group were transferred to Wigston Archives.

The local WI is looking for information on the group formed, and to hear from anybody who might have family members who were part of this group. Can you help? Photos, recollections etc. are all welcome. Please contact us if you feel able to help on the number at the top of this newsletter.

Dumping of rubbish

Several electrical items were dumped in the village around the Christmas and New Year period, and these were removed by NWLDC as this became flytipping. They have asked that we remind people that all electrical items can be taken to the tip on Ashby Road, Coalville, where they are then recycled and/or disposed of. If you have any large items that need removing, please contact the Council and they can talk to you about helping with this. Ring customer services on 454545.

In early January two members of Friends of Thringstone cleared up The Fox site as best we could of loose rubbish, but noticed that again there is a lot of flytipping on the land. This was reported to NWLDC who are contacting the owners of the land about its removal.

THRINGSTONE NEWS AND WHAT'S ON

Walks

As in previous years, Friends of Thringstone is linking with the **National Forest Walking Festival** to put on a walk on Sunday 27th May at 10.30am from The Green to Swannymote and Cademan Woods. This is a history walk as well as a nature walk, and information is given on the de Lisle connection with Grace Dieu, Mt. St. Bernard Abbey and the woodland. Cost £3 per person, children £1.

Thringstone House Community Centre

21st April – Centre Stage presentation of The Honeyman by the New Perspective Theatre. 7.45pm in the centre hall. Tickets £8 in

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advance, £9 on the door. Bar open from 7pm. Further details from the centre on 01530 222337.

The centre is looking for **volunteers** for front of house and bar work, for help at the disabled activity club, with the summer play scheme running from 20th August until 24th August 2012 and the hay rake in the Closs at the rear of the centre. Please contact the centre for further information.

George and Dragon

24 March - Mojo Hand

7 April - Natalie Nightingale

23 April - St George's Day celebrations.

Queen's Jubilee – planned beer festival. Contact Pete for more details on 01530 222282.

Thringstone Miners' Welfare Centre

now has a contact number for bookings. This is 07864 651884.

Thringstone Members Club

Having raised in excess of £950 for a lady with cancer to go to Graceland, and over £300 over Christmas and the New Year for Wishes for Children, the club is looking to put on other charity events in the year. If you feel you can help with any charity fund raising at the club, please contact Margaret on 01530 222737.

Publications currently available

Friends of Thringstone has a **DVD of the village** available at £3.50 per copy. This includes footage of the village and surrounding woodland throughout the year and is something to cherish for the future. If you are interested in a copy, (makes a nice Mother's Day present) please contact us on 01530 223434.

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

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- 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

A complete set of photos come at the discounted price of £24.

Other Friends of Thringstone publications include:

- 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

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 or ring us on 01530 223434.

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

Alternatively email our webmaster at:

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