



The Friends of  
Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2012 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Present:** Nita Pearson, Rowena Summers, Ann Petty, Janet Stevenson, Bernard Lee, Roy Hill, Geoff Walker, Tracy Foulds, Ray Woodward

**Apologies:** Ron Hill, PC James Broomfield, Pam Porter, Sue Rowbottom, Cllr. Spence, Pat Hubbard, Carol Squires.

**Discussions/Decisions: The Flowerbed on The Green** – Bernard would like to shrub this area and plant some seasonal planting, rather than all seasonal planting. This was agreed. Tulip and daffodil bulbs will be planted and possibly a rhododendron. Bernard will go to various nurseries to source these and will be repaid upon production of invoices.

**Purchase of digital recorder and accessories** – We would like to purchase a Zoom digital recorder, plus dictaphone, accessory pack, internet microphone and tripod. This works out at about £119 from Amazon. It was agreed that we purchase these as we have sufficient monies in reserves.

**Quiz night is now Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov** – We think we still have a team. Paul and Lis Muller dropped out and have been replaced by Des and Gillian Bates.

**Carols Round The Tree** – will be Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December and will then possibly move on into The Upstairs Hall, not the bar lounge and the U3A choir have been approached.. Nita is putting something in The Bauble about this with the procession leaving St Andrew's at 6.30pm as usual.

**School Fete – 30<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm-5pm.** It was agreed we should have a stall selling CDs, DVDs, computer games and books in the main. Nita will email all members to ask them to look out these things and donate them to us for the stall.

**Thringstone Methodist event, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2013** The church have decided that they want to have their 150th anniversary event on the weekend of 7th July 2013 which is before children break up for the summer holidays. They will probably be putting on a slide show in the evening and will be doing cakes, teas etc. in the hall and wanted to know if FoT will organise (possibly with the school) a mini scarecrow event with all scarecrows in their field by the side of the hall. That would mean about 10 scarecrows max, plus maybe a history display (with Whitwick Historical Group if we can) and maybe also a plant sale. They also want some old



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kids' toys and were thinking of asking at Beaumanor Hall if there are any old kids' clothes they can borrow, as they want to get kids to come so parents go and have tea.

Ann Petty said that she had heard that the community centre were looking to put on a fete the same weekend, so Nita went to speak to Lorraine in the office and told her about the Methodists event. She has left it to the community centre to decide if they will put something on the same day or not. FoT agreed to do the plant, toy and history side, and Nita will ask guides, scouts, brownies, school, and 2 play groups to do a scarecrow, but needs to find a place who will give us straw to use.

### Chair's report

#### Letters Received:

- From **Voluntary Action Leicestershire** regarding their programme for the next quarter.
- From **Voluntary Action Leicestershire** regarding their AGM in Leicester. Declined.
- From **Voluntary Action Leicestershire** with a trustee board member ballot form. Completed.

#### Emails Received:

- From **Woodstock in Whitwick** with invite to the cheque presentation mentioned last month. Accepted. Ann Petty said she would go with Nita to this event.

#### Emails Sent:

- Various regarding ongoing issues to committee, members and agencies

#### Promotion:

- We will be doing another **National Forest Walk Festival** walk in 2013 to Cademan and Swannymote on 26<sup>th</sup> May at 10am. We have filled in necessary paperwork and sent to organizers. 40,000 brochures get printed, and will have our details in.
- Someone had put a large comment on the **Francis Frith history website** saying that Thringstone is an awful place, with children running amuck around the village, so much so that they left in 2004 and their memories of the village in their childhood had been spoilt. I have now updated this information to say that Thringstone has a great community spirit and advertising the work of FoT.
- I am currently working on the text for **The Bauble** which will go out between mid November, and 1st December. I am approaching all local venues to ask what they are putting on, but will not be chasing people for information. In order to get the Bauble ready for people to deliver mid November, it has to be at the printers by the 6<sup>th</sup> November at the outside.

#### Other:

- Thanks to Bernard for helping me with the stall at the **Miners' Gala**. We had some wine donated to us by Rowena, which helped no end, bought some and had to buy more on the day as people were too lucky guessing where the wine was! There was a £20 cost for the stall for the first time this year, but we still managed to make £98 profit. In both 2010 and 2011 we made about £46 profit, in 2009 we made £66 profit and in 2008 when the gala started we made £39 after costs, but didn't do wine and water then. This is therefore the most we have ever made at this event despite the stall fee. It was a very busy day doing wine and water again with probably more people than ever before. It was mentioned that more money could be made if members were asked, over a period of months, to donate wine should there be a similar event in 2013.



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- Thank you received from Mary Randall of **Thringstone Methodists** for our cheque. They have had one quote for a new door to their church in the region of £2,000.

## Treasurer's Report

<b>Funds held 1st of month</b> (bank + petty cash + float)	<b>£3,615.08</b>		
<b>Income</b>		<b>expenditure</b>	
raffle	£ 6.00	T/stone Methodists	£ 100.00
graveyard booklet	£ 1.50	raffle prizes	£ 2.00
Snibston event	£ 167.80	further wine for Snibston	£ 18.80
donation	£ 0.12		
<b>total income</b>	<b>£ 175.42</b>	<b>total exp</b>	<b>£ 120.80</b>
		<b>Total funds</b>	<b>£ 3,669.70</b>

Snibston Gala was well attended and our profit from the event was huge, despite having to pay £20 for the stall this year. We made a donation of £100 to the Methodist church

The end of September marks the end of the first half of the financial year. We have a summary, available on request, on a separate sheet, comparing the half year totals with last year's (2011-12) totals – but as that was a ten month year, I have also included totals for 2010-11 as a comparison.

When comparing and doing a rough 50% calculation, please remember:

INCOME- that most membership is now in for the year and there are no more major sources of income over the next 6 months. EXPENDITURE - insurance and hall hire goes out only once a year and has not yet been paid. The excess after the first half of the year is £147.96 and this will probably be used up by the end of the year. When the decision to donate to the Methodist Church was made, it was in the knowledge that supporting such local institutions and projects might eat into our ample reserves.

## Publication Report – Roy Hill

There have been no sales at the Community Centre this month and I was unable to get to the George and Dragon to check sales there. Nita has sold one copy of the graveyard booklet.

Therefore the following payments will be made to the Treasurer:

£1.50 for Graveyard Booklets from Nita.

## STOCK REPORT

	Community Centre	George & Dragon	Nita	Anne	Stock	TOTAL
<b>Born and Bred 1</b>	2	3	0	2	14	21
<b>Born and Bred 2</b>	2	3	0	2	30	37
<b>Memories 1</b>	2	2	0	2	20	26



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<b>Memories 2</b>	2	3	0	2	24	31
<b>Village Trail 1</b>	2	3	3	2	13	23
<b>Village Trail 2</b>	2	3	3	2	10	20
<b>Village Trail 3</b>	2	3	3	2	17	27
<b>Graveyard Booklet</b>	10	5	15	10	182	223
<b>Sub-totals</b>	24	25	24	24	311	408

### Web report

Nita has spoken with the webmaster, who is endeavouring to get the whole site up to date at the end of October when he is likely to have some free time. He hadn't realized it was 6 months since the site was last updated, and will do his best to get this sorted.

### Arts and Community Report and What's On

- **Coalville Library** is holding a book sale from 1-13 October with books of all kinds, including talking books, plus CDS, ranging in price from 40p - £2. Interested parties are advised to bring their own carrier bag!
- Friends of Thringstone's next **litter pick** is 27<sup>th</sup> October at 10am from The Green. It would be nice to have a few people help us clear up the village. Just turn up on the day as we have litter pick sticks, bags and hi viz vests etc. This has been advertised for us in the Thringstone School newsletter.
- **The Fun Day charity fundraiser for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation** at the George and Dragon on 8<sup>th</sup> September raised around £700. This was put on at the pub with the help of Caroline Townsend, whose daughter, Lily was born in Thringstone and was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at 21 months, and has to have up to 8 injections a day to stabilize her condition.
- **Thringstone Panto and Drama Society** is putting on Alice in Wonderland for their January panto. This will run from 18-26 Jan excluding Tuesday 22 and Wednesday 23 at 7.30pm nightly, and there will be matinees on 19, 20 and 26 January at 2.15pm. All performances will be £8 adults and £7 children except Thursday 24 when all seats will be £6. Block bookings available on all dates except Thursday 24 of £1 discount per seat for more than 15 seats. Advance ticket booking on 834575.

6 Oct – **Whitwick Methodist Church's** 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Broomleys Choir in concert 7pm. Tickets £6

6 Oct – **Belton Village Hall** – Celebrating the Divas of Jazz by Juliet Kelly. 7.30pm. Tickets from 222897

19 Oct – Jive Aces Rock and Roll Night at **Conkers** – 7.30pm. Tickets £15 per person

24 Oct – **Sure Start, Thringstone** – free big outdoor play event for children with Matt Shaw at the centre on Henson's Lane. 10am-12noon and 1pm-3pm.

26 Oct – **Hermitage Leisure Centre** Quiz and Fish and Chip Supper. 7pm-11pm

29 Oct – Film Club at **Thringstone House Community Centre**. Film is Hugo.

24 November – **150th anniversary concert** at St Andrew's. More details nearer the time. Due time to start is 7.30pm.

26 Nov – Film Club at **Thringstone House Community Centre**. Film is War Horse.



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### Century Theatre, Snibston

26 Oct - **Nick Toczek**, shows and fun workshops. Varying costs - half term family value. Contact 278444 for further details.

19 & 20 Oct – **Mercury** – Queen Tribute band. 7.30pm. Friday tickets £15 in advance and £17 on the door, Saturday tickets £16 in advance and £18 on the door.

17 Nov – **Bon Jovi UK** – The Tribute band – 7.30pm. Tickets £13 in advance £15 on the door.

24 Nov – **Lucy Ward and Green Fortune** – folk artists. 7.30pm. Tickets £8 in advance, £10 on the door. .Please see

[www.leics.gov.uk/index/leisure\\_tourism/museums/snibston/snibston\\_news/snibstonevents.htm](http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/leisure_tourism/museums/snibston/snibston_news/snibstonevents.htm) for full details of what is on at Snibston as there are also children's things on during half term and various other history things to see. Snibston will be holding their usual firework night on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### History report

- Several people at the **Miners' Gala** said they had photos (and one said they had a video) of people and events and would get in touch to let us have copies. One of these conversations was with a lady who said she is the granddaughter of Charles Booth's butler but we are currently unable to verify this. She intends to look out some photos for our archives and Ann and Nita have been to see her to give her information on the Thringstone and Whitwick side of her family.
- Nita has continued researching **pubs of Thringstone**, including sourcing and running off copies of censuses relating to pubs once part of greater Thringstone (including Rotten Row), and now in Griffydham, Coleorton and Peggs Green, plus the **1911 census** for Thringstone Mill and Stordon Grange.
- Mary Randall from Thringstone Methodist Church has provided us with a photocopy of the **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary brochure for the church** detailing its progression, and ministers, from 1863 to 1963.
- Thanks go to Joan Leverett in Clacton who sent photos of the **wedding** of William Edward (Ted) Chamberlain and Hetty Hudson in 1946 at St Andrew's. Hetty died of TB in 1948. Ted's family was involved with keeping the shop near The Fox.
- We approached Colin Hyde from East Midlands Oral History Archive about whether there is any possibility of the dialogue from the **Migration Stories films going onto a CD** so that this can be played, typed up and recorded in written form for people to read. The CD has now been supplied. Geoff Walker is trying to get this from a computer CD into a playable CD and then we can look to possibly get this into print, but this will be a long job. Nita has already typed up 4 of the 5 transcripts and will work on the others in due course. Roy Hill took away the various pieces of equipment Tam has given us to see if he could download the audio files from the recorder to CD to go to EMOHA.
- Ann had written to Mrs Hugill asking if she has any photographs of the marriage of her mother (Charles Booth's daughter) at St Andrews for the exhibition which St Andrew's are trying to put together in November. Two photos had been sent of family weddings from 1906 and 1912, but the pictures had been taken at Grace Dieu rather than the church.



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- Charles Booth's grave – Nita had a call from a Mrs Wilson who is connected with the family about donating money for the grave. She wondered if she could donate to FoT as a charity and get gift aid, but Nita said we weren't a charity, just a local group, and then explained the up to date position. We have subsequently received a detailed report from Norman and Underwood which basically says that the lead lettering needing replacement is no longer available as it would have come from old redundant printing presses. They could pour lead into the missing spaces but would be costly and require additional carving. Conversely an aluminium mould could be used as a template to be made to repair and replace missing and damaged letters. The gentleman from Norman and Underwood has been making enquiries about the cost for this, and in the meantime, Cllr. Spence has been in touch with English Heritage about the grave and written to the vicar detailing various concerns and asking who actually owns the grave..

There was considerable discussion on this point about the listing of the grave, the family's responsibilities etc.

### **Councillors' report – Cllr. Leon Spence**

Cllr. Spence was ill, but had given a brief report to Nita over the telephone.

**Road signage** – The Green, Springfield, Elgin Walk, Bishopdale – these are on order, but the order cannot be placed until a certain amount is reached.

**Hedge by 14 and 14a Booth Road and access to the rear of St Andrew's.** Various people had contacted both EMHA and the County Council about this, and Nita had joined in by contacting the County Council. Tracy said she understood that EMHA would only reduce the size of the hedge if prompted by County. We all hoped this would happen as the hedge is now 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the way up the gable end of the property and the tenant charged with cutting this is unable to do so.

**Cycle path through Coalville with Sustrans** is presently concentrating on Hugglescote and Bardon, but could come to include Grace Dieu woods at some point in the future.

Cllr. Spence is still in discussions with **Severn Trent** about things going in the brook.

He is also involved in several casework issues in the village.

### **Police Report from Jim Sorrell**

Within a day of repainting the units on the **football pitch** at the rear of Thringstone Bowls Club, graffiti had been scribbled across these. As a result, following a report to NWLDC, these were repainted again by the council's contractor on 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. A report was made to the police about this graffiti in case the marks were someone's tag.

States for the last 30 days for Thringstone from PCSO Jim Sorrell. -

Assault and or harassment = 2. 1 is domestic related and a male has been charged.

1 is a group of friends falling out and generally having a go at each other. 2 suspects both to be charged.

Theft = 1 wheelie bin no suspects.

Damage to motor vehicle = 1 bent door, no entry gained, nothing taken, no suspects.

Public order = 1 ongoing and vulnerable person involved and still on going investigation.

That is it as far as crimes that affect the community goes. We are however seeing an increase of non recordable offences which are usually domestic related and as such do not affect the general



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public. I would again take this opportunity to say that Thringstone is bucking the general increase that other areas of the Local Policing Unit are seeing.

### Gardening and environment

- Bernard has been busy weeding, tidying, mowing etc., and has planted the **daffodil bulbs** near The George and Dragon and near the entrance to the village from Whitwick, and hopes these come through as the ground was very hard and stony.
- As already mentioned, we have a **litter pick** on 27<sup>th</sup> October at 10am from The Green. All welcome.
- NWLDC are again offering a **free scheme tree** with pick up on 25<sup>th</sup> November. For anybody who wants trees, please contact NWLDC as they have crab apple, hawthorne, cherry plum and hazel available. As they are encouraging community groups to ask for larger numbers than usual on this scheme, having spoken with Bernard, Nita has asked for 4 cherry plum and 4 hazel which has been agreed. The idea is to move some of the existing planting down Drury Lane forward, and plant the trees behind where the bushes were. This could reduce the need for more money to be spent from the reserves for planting once the grass is removed. Bernard and Rowena both said they would like to order some trees. Nita will talk to them about this.

### **AOB**

- Please be careful if walking dogs off the lead in Coleorton Woods and Lount area as there is a virus about in these areas which affects the health of dogs.
- Someone we know has a 3 seater beige settee for sale. If anybody is interested, please contact Nita.

**Next meeting : 1 November at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre.**



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