



The Friends of
Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 NOVEMBER 2017 AT THRINGSTONE HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Nita Pearson, Ann Petty, Janet Stevenson, Ron Hill, Bernard Lee, Kathy Mardon, John Jackson, Maureen Simm, Tracy Foulds, Dave Everitt, Shirley Gordon, Mike Statham, Pat Hubbard

Apologies: Ann Statham. Pat Darby, PSCO Lynette Rose, Geoff Walker, Julie Everitt, Bill Enser

Discussions/Decisions.

Prominent women event on 7 October – We were very pleased that so many people came out to the event at the centre, and particularly want to thank Friends of Thringstone members Ann Petty, Janet Stevenson, Mary Roberts and Kathy Mardon for baking for the event. Thanks also to our member Pat Darby for helping, along with Janet, to serve the teas, coffees etc. Much appreciated.

Booth family - Nita had a call on 17 October from Fanny Hugill, one of Charles Booth's grand children, to say another one of his grand children, Cecilia Champion, nee Booth, had died on 15 October aged 93. There are now only 2 grand children left – herself and Jim Booth. She was delighted to know that we are still doing things in the village to remember Charles and Mary Booth and sends her regards to everybody.

Future of the centre – the open meeting on 27 October saw about 80 people come and talk with the trustees, ask questions, make suggestions and sign up to help volunteer. The trustees ensured the people there that they are on top of the transition phase. Various people offered to help with items such as facebook and twitter set up, and various reassurances were given and other suggestions made. If anybody has any questions about the centre going forward, or wishes to help in any way at all, you should contact Margaret Fern on 07801701666 or by email on margaret.fern@ntlworld.com Mike said that the handover takes place on 24 November, that there would be money coming from the county council, to include the women's trust money, and a possibility of future grants. The trustees are now meeting weekly during this transition period.

Bellway site road name and opening ceremony – As you will remember, we put forward the proposed road names for the Bellway site, linked in to men from Thringstone connected to WW1. It took a lot of research by Nita to then find people connected to these families. We have heard from Bellway:

'We're looking at having the street naming ceremony for The Priory on Saturday 18th November.



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We're planning on having the below events happen, all subject to confirmation which we will be seeking from them shortly:

- Air/Army/Sea Cadets in attendance
- Councillor David Everitt to unveil the road names
- Poppy Planting - Either in an open space or a planter with an engraved plaque

Currently we're looking at starting around 12pm but all timings etc will be firmed up once we have a better idea of who can attend etc.'

Nita has therefore been in touch with the relatives of the men commemorated, and told them of the plans.

Defib at The Meadows – This was collected, and was stored at Nita's house.

Unfortunately, the centre was unable to discuss the use of the machine at that venue as hoped, and so the machine has been gifted to the football club, where it may be more useful long term. The British Heart Foundation and Football Association have said that all clubs should have a defib, as the strenuous nature of the sport leads to many cardiac arrests, and it is nice to have been able to put Thringstone ahead of the game in this respect. We received a letter of thanks from their chairman.

Parking on The Green – Residents have been receiving parking tickets for parking just one inch on the double yellow lines near the centre, and have recently had a meeting with the council over this. Following complaints about parking, they sent parking wardens down in the mornings at weekends, but are going to look more closely at parking on Fridays when there is a lot more traffic parking on double yellow lines. You have been warned!

Air Ambulance Clothing Bank – There is a new clothing bank on the car park of Thringstone Members Club for Air Ambulance. This is now a permanent fixture.

FOT Marquee – We have already received some interest about hiring this out. The tent is 30 ft. x 10 ft. We are welcome to offers to hire it out.

Hermitage Leisure Centre- we understand from the internet that the cabinet meeting on 1 November approved the plan to build a new leisure centre and knock down the existing one. This will go to full cabinet for approval on 21 November.

Christmas meeting and party – The next meeting will be a party, and if people would like to bring along some food next time, that would be nice. It should preferably be something you also like to eat and can include hot food if that is what you would like to bring. A selection would be nice though.

Ashby and Coalville Lions' Santa Sleigh – Alec Wayte has told us that the sleigh will come round the village in the evening of 20 December, starting on The Green at 5.30pm, then going down to Glebe Road, Henson's Lane, round Melrose Road to end hopefully at 8.30 ish on the service road on Loughborough Road. Anybody living on Loughborough Road service road part should try to move their vehicles as the sleigh is wider than a car, and they will need the space to get down there in safety, and in order to not disappoint the children as they had to do last year.

Famous Fifty exhibition, Coalville Market – This exhibition opens on 11 November at 12 noon and contains work from Thringstone Primary and Thringstone Scouts. Go along and support their work. The exhibition stays open until 2 December.

Carols On The Green – we will be working with St Andrew's and the folk at the Methodist Chapel again for Carols On The Green on 15 December. As usual, we will leave St Andrew's at 6.30pm, and sing carols outside til 7.15pm then adjourn into the Methodist Chapel Hall



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for refreshments and entertainment from the choir of the U3A. Please put this date in your calendars!

Monthly litter pick total – 162 against 199 for the same month last year.

Chairs Report

Letters received: As above.

Emails received: Various from people with whom we regularly share information

Emails sent: Various to groups and individuals as usual.

Promotion: We have 467 **twitter followers**, which is 2 more than last month, and 527 **facebook followers**, which is 7 more than last month. We are continuing to post details of local events and also historical photos on both sites

Finance Report

Gen Fund held 1st of month (bank + petty cash + float)	£2,135.02		
Income		Expenditure	
Publications	£20	Broadband	£10.50
Raffle	£6	Ink	£19.99
Woodstock in Whitwick	£200	Centre donation	£20.00
Donation	£5		
total income to general fund	£231		£50.49
		Total general fund at month end	£2,315.53

Publications Report

At the Prominent Women in NW Leicestershire event, Nita sold 1 Thringstone and Its People, 1 Memories 3 and one Village Trail 2. We also received a £5 donation. Ann sold some Charles Booth books and photos and has donated the money to us for these. Thanks.

Web Report

The website was last updated in August.

Police Report

- There are continuing thefts of items from Thringstone Co-op. This includes several items in the promotional stacks near the front door, including beers. After many facebook postings about this, the shop moved their expensive promotional items from near the door. We understand that someone is going in regularly to take things to then sell on. These include cheese, sugar, tins and meat. She has been banned from the shop, but comes in at a time when she thinks the staff will not know her.
- Some youths, who said they were from Whitwick, were stopped from setting fire to woodland close to the Melrose Road estate on 13 October, but left debris.
- A lady delivering leaflets on the new Bellway site was badly bitten by a dog whilst posting a leaflet through the door. Please be careful when delivering leaflets, especially if they are flimsy paper.



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- Vehicle Crime - Tithe Close - between 2pm on 08 October and 9am on 9 October. Damage caused to lock but no entry gained.
- Vehicle Crime - Loughborough Road, Thringstone - between 8pm on 11 October – 7.30am on 12 October. Vehicle left on driveway overnight had entry gained and search made but nothing believed stolen.
- Burglary - Tithe Close - between 9.48am on 8 October and 9.50am on 15 October Entry gained to garage by breaking the lock and property stolen.
- Vehicle Theft - Theft of van DS05 AZO left outside overnight, perhaps with keys in, stolen from Gracedieu Road between 10.30pm on 17 October and 6am on 18th.
- Vehicle Crime - A gent on Main Street/Henson's Lane corner had the rear window of his van broken overnight on 28 October and gardening equipment stolen.
- 3 youths were seen coming over the wall from the bowling club at teatime on 23 Oct. This was reported to members of the club to see if any damage had been caused.
- A drugs raid took place on Melrose Road on 27 October. Around £8,500 plus cannabis were seized and a man arrested.
- A car parked on the Thringstone Members Club car park on 27 October had one of its tyres stolen and the bolts were taken from other wheels.

Community Report and What's On

The MacMillan Coffee morning held in Springfield recently raised £220. Thanks to everybody who contributed and came along on the day.

Thank you to everybody who contributed to **St Andrew's Christian Aid Refugee Appeal**. £91 was raised.

Pete's Pies Charity Quiz at The New Inn on 21 October resulted in £640, being raised. This money will be donated to the Radiotherapy Department at Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Full/part time positions for support workers have become available at The Old School House Thringstone. For more information/application please contact Lesley or Kayleigh on 224426

- 3 Nov – **Build a Guy competition** at the George and Dragon. Bring your guy down to be judged and win a 1st prize of £50 voucher. Winner will be announced on their facebook page on 4 Nov.
- 3 Nov - **Whitwick Conny Club Bonfire** with fireworks display, plus hot food and drinks and then TBTR on inside afterwards. Only £2 per person, kids go free.
- 4 Nov - **George and Dragon bonfire night**. Bonfire lit at .715pm. Live music from Sam Southall, sweet and candy floss stall, BBQ, bottle bar and Prosecco bar, pie and peas stall, Mexican wrap stall and much more. Free entry. Car parking £5 per car.
- 5 Nov – **Quiz at Man Within Compass, Whitwick**. Starts at 4pm. £1 per person entry. All welcome.
- 10 Nov – **Thringstone Soul Night** at Thringstone Members Club. £3 admission. DJs this time are Jed Purkis, Mick Smith and Steve Storer.
- 10 Nov – **Thringstone House village quiz**. Starts at 7.30pm. Teams are £5 per person with up to 6 per team. Interested parties need to contact the centre for the form.
- 11 Nov – 2 Dec – **Famous Fifty** exhibition about WW1 in Coalville Market.
- 12 Nov – 10.30am **remembrance Sunday service** at St Andrew's, followed at 2.30pm by the usual service at St John's in Whitwick round the remembrance memorial.



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- 14 Nov – **Jan's Amble** meets at 10.30 on The Green and will go this time to Outwoods with lunch, probably at the Harvesters. All welcome.
- 17 Nov – **Hicks and Goulbourn** in concert at the Community Centre. Lynn Goulbourn is well known in the village as she used to work at the centre. Those coming to the event will see one of the best established acts on the folk and acoustic music scene in the UK. This is part of a European tour. Tickets £9 from centre or www.ticketsource.co.uk/thringstone
- 17 Nov - **St John The Baptist Church, Whitwick** – Music evening, with The Big Little Band – a group of musicians from all over Leicestershire. Starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £7. To raise funds for the church and for Action for Children. Tickets from 838290 or 812777.
- 24 Nov – **North Street Club** – Charity Quiz Night in support of Children's Cancer Unit at the LRI. Entry is £5 per person, with teams ideally of 4 people. Tables can be booked and paid for in advance by going to the Club's Just Giving page where you can pay for tables/raffle tickets or make a donation to this great charity. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andrea-burton3>
- 25 Nov – **Craft fayre** at St John's in Whitwick from 2pm-4pm. All welcome.
- 25 Nov – **Craft fayre** at Broomleys School. 10am -2pm. Free entry.
- 25 Nov – **Moonshiners 50s tribute** at Thringstone House Community Centre. Tickets £6 7.30pm start. Tickets available through www.ticketsource.co.uk/thringstone or direct from the centre office.
- 1 Dec – **PTA Christmas Fayre** at Thringstone Primary. 3.30pm-5pm. All welcome.
- 1 Dec – **Whitwick Winter Wonderland** at Conny Club from 7pm til 11pm. Santa, outside bar, food, carols, lights. Children free, adults £1.
- 3 Dec – **Grace Dieu Priory Carol Concert** – starts at the priory at 3pm. All welcome.
- 3 Dec – Hermitage Leisure Centre – Olivia's journey charity **Christmas Fayre**. Starts at 1pm.
- 9 Dec – **Whitwick's St John The Baptist Church** – Victorian carol singers, mulled wine, mince pies, handbell ringers at 4pm, Christmas lights switch on at Black Horse, Whitwick from 2.30pm with Santa's grotto, stalls, music etc.
- 9 Dec - **Abba Tribute** at Thringstone House Community Centre. 7.30pm start. Tickets £8 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/thringstone or direct from the centre office.
- 19Dec – Hermitage Leisure Centre, **Raver Tots Christmas Bash**. 2pm-4pm with DJ Slipmat. Tickets are on sale through Skiddle and range in price from £7 to £12.35.
- 13 Dec – Black Horse, Whitwick. **Christmas quiz**. Times to be confirmed later.
- 15 Dec – **Carols On The Green**. Procession from St Andrew's at 6.30pm to sing carols round the Millennium Stone until 7.15pm. We will then all go into the Methodist Chapel Hall for refreshments etc. All welcome.
- 16 Dec – Belton Church – **Charnwood Voices** choir in concert. A voyage through Christmas. Starts at 7.30pm. Conductor Nicholas Scott-Burt. Features Harry Scott-Burt on cello. Tickets £10 to include glass of wine or soft drink and refreshments. Tickets from tickets@charnwoodvoices.org.uk or on the door.
- 17 Dec – **Breakfast with Chase at The Bull's Head**. £6 per child to include breakfast, photo with the character and drink. Numbers are limited so book early at the pub.
- 17 Dec – **Carol Service** at St Andrew's at 4pm. All welcome.
- 20 Dec – **Ashby and Coalville Lions' Santa Sleigh**. Starts at The Green at 5.30pm, goes down Main Street, down Glebe Road, Henson's Lane, Melrose Road and then up the service



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road on Loughborough Road (car parking permitting) around 8.30pm. Please give generously to this wonderful organisation which does such a lot.

- 23 Dec - **Breakfast with Chase at The Bull's Head**. £6 per child to include breakfast, photo with the character and drink. Numbers are limited so book early at the pub.
- 23 Dec – **Thringstone Soul Club's big Christmas bash** at Thringstone Members Club. Tickets only at £5 per ticket. Contact Steve on 833531. DJs are Steve Storer, Mick Smith and Jed Purkis and singer Jayne Lesley will also be there.
- 24 Dec – **Midnight holy communion** at St Andrew's church. Starts at 11.30pm.
- 26 Dec – **Charity football match** at Thringstone Miners FC. 10am – 1pm. Selected 11 v Thringstone 11. £5 per player. Free entry for spectators. Raffle. All money to be equally split between two currently unnamed local charities.
- 19-27 Jan – **Rapunzel at Thringstone Community Centre**. Tickets £9 OAP and children £8. Ticket booking line is www.ticketsource.co.uk/tpads or you can book on the phone to 0333 666 3366 or you can go into the centre on Thursdays between 7.30pm and 8.30pm and get tickets from the cast.

History report

- Ann is continuing to tape people talking about their **memories** for the East Midlands Oral History Archive project.
- We have been approached by the **conservation officer** for NWLDC to work with him on events, talks etc. connected to learning opportunities around war memorials and a Heritage Lottery bid. When we have further information, we will let everybody know.
- A visit to Osgathorpe Church has thrown up new information concerning the Knight family of **Stordon Grange**. John William Knight died on 6 October 1920 aged 78 and his wife Sarah Hannah nee Nicklinson died on 17 September 1924 aged 78. They are memorialized along with their daughter Clara Louise who died on 23 September 1906. Their eldest son, also John William Knight, died in Ayr in Queensland, Australia on 28 November 1922 aged 53. When the Knight family left in 1924, the Co-op bought it, but soon sold it, as the manager they put in charge was not a farmer, to a Mr Nicklinson, a distant relative of Sarah Hannah mentioned above. It was he who had the building knocked down.
- Several facebook postings have brought new photographs to the archives, including one of the wedding of **Harold Richards to Eva Annie Rossell** on 13 May 1922 in Thringstone. The photo shows many of the Rossell family.

What follows is **information taken from local media** regarding the village in the past.

- Death notice - Mr James Lester, former head of **Thringstone Primary School** died on 12 July 1943 at his daughter Mrs Dorothy Millicent Kellow's house in Teignmouth Road, Torquay. Dorothy was also a teacher. Mr Lester had been born in Saltley in Birmingham on 25 July 1867, and had been living with his daughter from at least 1939 as he is shown on the 1939 register with them. The death notice said that he had previously lived in Bridge Road, Coalville, and had been on the management board of the Co-operative Society for several years and was also associated with the local Liberal party. He had also been Parish Clerk for St Andrews and had left Thringstone Primary in 1928.
- 1944 saw another **kids variety show** organised by Mr Henry Robinson for the High Sheriff's fund for Merchant Seaman at the community centre. Evacuees Barbara and



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Margaret Henstock sang. There were also songs round the piano by Cliff Terry and Tony, W Costello, Gordon Robinson, Betty and John Brooks, Winnie (probably Winnie Locke from Loughborough Road), Leslie, Arthur Sykes, Audrey Shelton, J Childs, Margaret Hatton, Jean Wright and Peter Brotherhood also took part. Frank Lees was the illusionist, and Gwen King played the piano.

- 1947 – Lily Amelia Mabe, of **Bull's Head** was fined 1 guinea for driving without a license on 7 October in Main Street.
- April 1944 – 17 perches in Drury Lane were sold for £26 to Mr WRB Mann formerly belonging to the late **Thomas Twigg**, the farmer from Glebe Farm whose family is linked to the Richards family. The auction of Mr Twigg's estate also included '2 houses known as Gladstone Cottages' in Main Street, and a building site with disused house, also in Main Street,
- **Death Notice - Miss Annie Elizabeth Symons Lee**, former infant teacher at Thringstone School, died at the home of Mrs Watts in Gracedieu Road in 1947. She has been born in Cornwall on 19 May 1863. In 1911, the Watts family had lived at Ivydene, 9 Loughborough Road, Thringstone before they moved to The Woodlands, Loughborough Road. The Woodlands is now known as Peregrine House and is a children's home. The death notice said that Miss Lee had been a staunch supporter of St Andrew's. The funeral service was conducted by Rev Arthur Newell Crane, son of Thringstone's former vicar, one of her former pupils and vicar of Bardon from 1927, who had previously been a vicar in Kings Norton, near Birmingham. Rev Crane was shown on the 1939 register as living at Bardon Vicarage, which is still there, and close to the church near The Birch Tree. He was also an ARP warden. Rev Crane died on 12 July 1955 at which time he was living at 5 Somerby Road, Thurnby.
- Mentioned before in minutes has been **Clifford Shelton** who won various trophies for his cornet playing. We have now discovered that he started playing cornet aged 8 and by 9 he was in Snibston Colliery Band. He had won several awards before he was 12.
- March 1951 – the first ever **3 act plays** were put on by Mr Robert Jones and his wife at Thringstone Community Centre under the new name of Thringstone Drama Group. Stage manager was Ivan Reid, effects were done by D Watson, and the electrician was Edwin Hicken. The 3 plays were Strained Relations, Old Moore's Almanack and How He Lied To Her Husband. Players were Gladys Lowe, Pat Westgate, Margaret Houlton, Eileen McCarthy, Eileen Kidger, Connie Stinson, Ann Underwood, John McCarthy and Kathleen and Bob Jones.
- An article in the local paper from 1950 tells us that the field the other side of Bob's Closs is known as **Mellor's Closs**. That then joins up to Talbot Lane.
- **Hextall's Farm** – Robert Henry Hextall died at Charnwood Farm, Thringstone on 1 October 1952. A native of Barton in the Beans, he was a staunch supporter of Whitwick Baptist Church. His probate records show he left £4981 6s 1d to wife, Elizabeth.
- 1953 - **Bob Jones** announced he was leaving Thringstone school to move to Harlow to a new school which was being built to educate 350 students. Mr Sealey, from Sibleby, took over. He had previously been the senior assistant at Rosebery Street school in Loughborough. When he left, Bob Jones was presented with a pipe rack and 2 pipes by scholars.



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- **James Dunn** from 16 Homestead Road became his battalion boxing champion in 1953. Formerly a miner at New Lount, he enlisted in 1950 and had been serving in Germany since July 1952. He was in the 1st battalion of the Seaforth Highlanders.
- **Henry Vivian Robinson** died on 18 May 1955. Mr Robinson had done a lot for Thringstone House, but had also won a Military Medal in WW1. He was well known locally as he played football for Peggs Green and was chair and secretary of Thringstone House football Team and Thringstone Imps football team. He also played cricket for Gracedieu, had been chairman of the Community Centre, and raised £1500 for the troops in WW2.
- 1956 – **Pat Westgate** of The Warren started an 18 month placement in Cyprus with the Women's Voluntary Service. She had been a member of the WVS for 3 years.
- 1956 – A new **choral group** was established at the community centre. Chairman – Ernest Aris, Maurice Maloney vice chair, Joyce Burton, secretary, W Cooke treasurer, Don Hambleton conductor, William Wilkins deputy conductor, Mrs Irene Brooks, accompanist. Dudley Watkins, a teacher at Whitwick School, was at the time producing 3 one act plays to go on in the winter months. Mr Aris's wife, Maude, was a teacher at Thringstone Primary.
- June 1956 – **Death notice** - John Hall, former landlord of Queen's Head for 10 years died at his daughter's home in Lbro. He was born on 5 February 1879. He had been a miner at Snibston Colliery for many years and licensee at The Jolly Colliers for 10 years and the Queens Head for 10 years. Well known in his younger days as an athlete, he had been a member of The White Cross football team in Whitwick. This was all new information, which has given us further leads to his family history. On the 1939 register, at the Queen's Head with John and his mother, Sarah Jane, was John's daughter, Mary Smith born 1910 and her husband Joseph W born 19 July 1907. Joseph was a coal miner airway lipper below ground. Next door was John's son, William born 1902, and his wife. Research has shown Mary Hall marrying Joseph W Smith in this area in 1936. Mary Smith died in 1994 in Loughborough. After extensive research, we now know that John and his siblings had been brought up in Whitwick and had lived for some time with his parents Abel and Sarah, at The Blacksmith's Arms, Hall Lane, which his grandparents James and Catherine Burton ran. John's parents, Abel and Sarah eventually moved to Cademan Street and then on to keep The Boot Inn, Silver Street, Whitwick in 1901. The Hall family continued to keep the Boot Inn until it closed in 1910. It is now the kebab house on the corner of Silver Street. The Blacksmith's Arms was more or less where the current Methodist Chapel stands at the bottom of Hall Lane. John Hall was licensee at the Jolly Colliers in 1930 when his wife, Frances died on 21 October. She left him £276 6s 9d and they had married in 1899. The couple had several children listed on the 1911 census when they lived at Woodbine Villas, Main Street, Swannington – Abel born 17 April 1902, John Thomas (known as Jack) born 25 June 1902, William born 27 January 1905, Frances born 1908 and Mary born June 1910. A further daughter called Abigail was born in 27 May 1915. Frances married Richard Hallam and lived in Thornborough Road. Abigail married Harold Woodiwiss and lived in Lancashire, and Mary lived in Loughborough. Abel married Hannah Bradley, John Thomas married Rhoda Black and kept what was known as Jack Hall's shop, next to The Queen's Head, and William married Fanny Moore. We have now also been in touch with descendants of John Hall, and provided them with details of their family which they previously did not know. Ann said that she has spoken to some of the family and they said that Jack Hall was offered the pub at one stage, but preferred to take on the shop instead.



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- Aug 1956 – Landlord of the **George and Dragon** was Ronald Evans. The pub was hit by lightning which affected the fuse box but nothing else. This is new information, but we have no idea who Ronald Evans was. If anybody is able to help, please get in touch.
- 1958 – Death notice - **Harold Brooks** died in Canada aged 77. He had lived at Thringstone House and emigrated in 1903 to the USA before moving to Canada in 1910. He lived in Calgary and married there in 1931. He had been a cricketer with Gracedieu club. This is new information. Research has shown that Harold Brooks, son of Harriett nee Hurst, was born in Thringstone, and lived with his mother and grandmother at Thringstone House. He is with both on the 1881 and 1891 censuses, and had 2 sisters called Florence Emily and Annie Rebecca. His mother, Harriett, died in Thringstone in 1897 and is buried up in Whitwick Cemetery. His sister, Annie married into the Cambrook family and moved to Harrow in Middlesex and had 3 children. Annie died in 1951. We are currently unable to find out what happened to Florence. Harold is on the 1916 Calgary census with a wife listed as Ellen. He was an accountant with the CPR Co. His wife was 5 years older than him. We are therefore assuming that he married again in Calgary in 1931. The 1921 census, shows him with a wife, this time named Emma Amy. He is still an accountant in Calgary at 1616 22 Avenue West.
- Feb 1959 – The living quarters at **The Bull's Head** were being altered, and thieves took advantage by breaking in and taking cigarettes, cigars and spirits to the value of £45. This was discovered when the manager appeared on the Monday morning. The property was owned at the time by George Robert Bailey of The Greyhound Inn, Burton on the Wolds, Lbro. This is new information. We are unable to find out anything further on George Robert Bailey.
- March 1959 – Carol Ann Richmond aged 15 of the **George and Dragon** was thrown by her horse and injured. This is new information, leading us to believe that Ronald Evans had left the pub and it was now run by someone called Richmond. We have no further information.
- 1959 – Richard and Nora Love took over the **Rose and Crown**. Nora, nee Burton, had been born in a cottage which stood a few yards from the Rose and Crown. This cottage had since been demolished. She left the village aged 17 in 1948 to get married in Southwell, Nottinghamshire. The article stated that Richard had worked at Ollerton colliery in Nottingham, but 12 months earlier had injured his back and had then taken over the license of the Miners Arms in Stonebroom near Alfreton. They had 4 sons. Their son Brian is a regular soldier, who at the time was serving with the Sherwood Foresters in Malaya. Derek was a miner at Clapwell colliery near Chesterfield, Phil was at Ollerton colliery, and Barry, a farm worker, was looking for employment in the Thringstone area. This is all new information.
- **Mary Booth** founded St Andrew's Home at Cross Lane Cottages in May 1910 for 3 children suffering with phthisis (any lung diseases like TB). Mrs Turner was the first matron, and she lived over the road at Ashby Lodge. The first children to take advantage of this were Eva Rossall and Sally (Sarah Jane) Walton, later joined by Eva's sister Edith, a chronic asthmatic who never married, but later worked for Mrs Booth. Mrs Turner was replaced on 24 July by Miss Howard, but she left for Australia in the summer of 1911. She appears as the manager of 'the convalescent home at Cross Lanes on the 1911 census. Miss Whiffin succeeded her. The 1911 census for Cross Lanes Cottage shows Mary Howard, aged 30,



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matron, from Churchstoke, Montgomeryshire together with patients Effie Walton, 17, Sarah Jane Walton, 14 and Sarah Ann Abell, 11 who were all from Thringstone. Others living at Cross Lanes in 1911 were Mr Rennocks and Mr Hunt with Mr Gough and Mrs Crofts at Kirby's Yard. We have no idea who Miss Whiffin was. Most children who attended this home, which moved in 1914 to The Meadows which allowed them to take in 7 girls, went on to go into service, many of them with the Booth family. Edith Rossell was with them for some time. Effie and Sarah Walton were sisters from Fox Terrace, Main Street. Their parents were George and Charlotte. Charlotte Walton died, and George remarried Lizzie formerly Smith, who brought her own children into the relationship. Effie was confirmed at St Andrew's in 1909 from her home address of Fox Terrace. Sarah Walton was confirmed from Cross Lane Cottages in 1912. We believe that Effie Walton married Leslie Towers in Leicester in 1921. By 1939 she was a widow with a date of birth of 14 July 1895 and living at 17 Queen Street, Oadby with 3 children. Sarah Jane Walton married Ernest Brooks in 1922. She seems to have had a birth date of 17 February 1897 and by 1939 was living with her husband, who was a railway signalman at 133 Bardon Road, Coalville. They seem to have had 2 children. She died in 1961 in Coalville. Sarah Ann Abell was the daughter of William and Ellen who lived on Brook Lane and moved to St Mary's Terrace, but this is not certain, since she appears with her family in 1911 as well as at the convalescent home. She is, however, the only Sarah Ann Abell born on 16 November 1899 in Thringstone. She is in the St Andrew's confirmation registers, being confirmed as Sarah Ann Minnie Abell, in 1913 from Cross Lane Cottages. That means she was there for at least 2 years. Sarah Ann Minnie Abell married John Pickering at St Andrew's in Thringstone in August 1924. On the 1939 register, she was living with her husband at 206 Talbot Street. Her husband was a lime kiln fireman. They had a son called John T born 30 April 1926 and had taken in 3 evacuees, Sheila, Gillian and Ronald Langley. She died in 1978. Eva Annie Rossell married Harold Richards. Edith Rossell was shown on the 1939 register, birth date of 7 January 1898, with her parents in Brook Lane and was incapacitated. She died in 1975.

- 1960 – **Thringstone Community Centre Musical Comedy Group** put on their first performance. With 7 performances, *The Country Girl* was produced by Ron Smith, as a musical comedy on a budget. 120 costumes had been made by the group themselves, and there were 35 members of the group, of whom only one has ever appeared on stage before. The 15 instrumentalists included Margaret Smith, Margaret Deardon, Norma Savage, Eric Griffin, Roy Burton and John Brooks under the direction of musical producer Don Hambleton.
- 1960 - Thringstone Community Centre had its own lot of **handbell ringers**, under the tutelage of Miss Bray.
- By the 1960s, the **Lowe family** lived at The Meadows as The Bruce family had left. Mrs Lowe's name was Ruby.
- There was only one candidate to vote for in **Thringstone in 1950** – R Stanyard, representing the Labour party. No other candidates put themselves forward. This may have been Reg Stanyard of North Street, Whitwick.

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- Nita had a meeting with county councillor Tony Gillard on 10 Oct about the road markings near Thringstone Co-op, which are barely visible. Photos were taken and the matter referred to officers.
- The grass verge outside 17 Booth Road has not been cut since early this year because the council have it on their list as containing wild flowers, which is nonsense. This was reported to the relevant officers.

Gardening and environment

Bernard continues to weed, prune and maintain our existing planting.

AOB

Janet said that in November 2018 it will be the centenary of the armistice. Whitwick St John's would like to be part of this and are looking for bell ringers to learn bell ringing in the bell tower. It takes a year to train new ringers, but anybody can learn. The group would be happy to take on anybody over the age of 11, and are intending to start the new group shortly, probably early one evening, at a date to be decided. If you feel you are interested in this, please contact Janet on 458257 for a chat.

Next meeting is on 7 December at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre. This is the Christmas party.



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