



The Friends of Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2018 AT CHARLES BOOTH CENTRE

Present: Nita Pearson, Janet Stevenson, Ray Woodward, Tina Bakewell, Mike Statham, Shirley Gordon, Maureen Simm, Ann Petty, Geoff Walker, Pat Hubbard, Ron Hill

Apologies: Bernard Lee, Bill Enser, Geoff and Jane Wilson, Tracey Foulds, John Jackson

Discussions/Decisions.

Monthly litter pick total - 127 bags against **162 bags** for the same month last year. A lady from Loughborough Road said her young son Rossi wanted to litter pick, so Nita found a child's size stick which she has given him. He subsequently went with his family and picked up a bag of litter.

Bulb Scheme – The bulbs we ordered from NWLDC were delivered on 18 October to Bernard. Nita, Bernard, Pam, Mike and Anne set about planting these on 24 October, having given the bag of tulips to the centre for them to brighten up their own area. We planted near the Bellway site, on Drury Lane, on the corner of Booth Road, by the Thringstone sign near Whitwick Moor and around the church area.

Thringstone Post Office – Kay and Boss are leaving Thringstone to retire and live in Syston. They will be leaving on 11 November, the shop will then be shut for a couple of days, and then reopen with new owners. The Lakhman family has been part of the village since 1992, and we all wish them well in their retirement. They are inviting everybody to join them for some bubbly and nibbles on 3 November between 4pm and 6pm in order that they can say thanks for the support from villagers. If you want to meet the new owners, they will be at the shop on Saturdays to meet people. The new owners will rebrand the shop at Thringstone Village Stores.

Marking the end of WW1 – As stated before Jill Emmerson and her sister and Mary Roberts have agreed to come and help sell teas and coffees etc. and Janet has agreed to bake, as have Doreen Bates, Sue Rowbottom, Ann Petty, Gillian Bates and Tina Bakewell, and Jill Emmerson has said she will make 30 cup cakes. There will also be the auction of a cake taking place during the day.

We have heard that Ravenstone Cubs are coming along as part of an away-day exercise and will be looking at the exhibitions and learning about the local history.

Ann and Nita will be manning the exhibition part which will start at 12 noon and go on until 5.30pm. In the evening, there is a free concert starting at 7.30pm which Nita will also have to run. Please come along to support this event which has been a mammoth undertaking to put together.



St Andrew's will be opening its doors on 8 November between 10 and 11am and on Saturday 10 November between 11am and 4pm for people to have a look at the war memorials there. The remembrance service will be at 10.30am on 11 November.

Centre news – The centre is considering putting on a New Year's Eve party with tickets priced at £15 for adults (under 14s free) which would include first drink free. There would also be a DJ and the bar would be open. In order to ensure that this event would be cost effective, the centre needs to establish that at least 70 people would buy a ticket. If you have any interest in attending the event, you need to tell the centre office prior to 14 December. Their telephone number is 222337.

Next year, NWLDC are to put a funding scheme out for events marking the peace of 1919. Nita has already been in touch with the centre to see if this is something they would like FoT to put on. Mike said that things now seem to be settling well at the centre, but there are lots of challenges still ahead. Bookings have increased, and there is a new trustee, Dr Amanda Berry from Loughborough University.

The AGM for the centre will be on 20 November at 7.30pm and all are welcome. User groups will get an invitation to come along to this.

The Halloween event at the centre the previous evening had gone well, with lots of people entering into the fun of the event by coming dressed in costume.

There was a lot of discussion on how people get to find out **what is on at the centre**. Nita said there are lots of posts on social media, there is direct marketing from the centre, posters are put up, things are sent to the press but sometimes not printed, she has done things with Hermitage FM, and tries to ensure things get into the Community Voice magazine which is delivered free, but if people don't read posters, buy papers, listen to the radio or go onto social media/have an email address, it is easy for things to be missed. The general consensus was that there has to be a variety of avenues to promote things, but there will always be people who find out about things after the event.

Chairs Report

Letters received: None

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

Emails sent: Various to groups and individuals as usual. Also informed NWLDC of 5 separate items of fly tipping and also that the bin attached to the post at the top of the church jetty had become unattached. A new bin was provided.

Promotion: We have **542 twitter followers**, which is one more than last month, and **690 facebook followers**, which is 28 more than last month. We are continuing to post details of local events, public notices and also historical photos on both sites, and Nita is also posting stuff on the Coalville History facebook site.

The Bauble for Winter was sent to the printers and was ready to give out to people to deliver.

Other: Nita, Ann and Bill took information on **Thringstone Primary and Grace Dieu school** to the 35th anniversary exhibition of Whitwick Historical Group on 20 October. Many people were able to give names of children on photos we displayed, we met Mrs Upton who for a short time taught at Thringstone Primary before going to Holy Cross, and also met several other people who used to go to school in Thringstone when Mr Sealey was head in the 1950s.

Nita was asked by Andy Rush, editor of the Lbro Echo, to send details of all the **Thringstone men** killed in WW1 for a roll of honour to be printed at a later date. She sent 6 emails full of information, for which she was thanked. He said he felt, by reading the stories, very touched by the information and felt it was an amazing piece of research from our group.

Finance Report

Gen Fund held 1st of month (bank + petty)	£2,870.18
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cash + float)			
Income		Expenditure	
Memberships		Broadband	15.00
Raffle	13.00	Renewal of website	11.99
publications		Bulbs (%age to NWLDC)	75.48
Donations			
total income to general fund	£13		102.47
		Total general fund at month end	2780.71

Publications Report

We have nearly run out of stock of the TAIP books with only 5 in circulation. Nita needs to see if these can be reprinted, but it is unlikely given that they had to go to another printers to be done and has been in touch with the printers to ask them about this.

If anybody feels able to help, please let us know.

Web Report – minutes for June to October and the Autumn newsletter have been put on site. The photos of the centre's launch and our stand, photos taken of the litter pick with Consortio Security, the Miners' Gala, Nita's award and our stand at Whitwick Historical Society's 35 anniversary event are to go on site shortly.

Police Report

Nothing received from the police despite a request.

A group of what we are told were year 11 young people went out on a **drinking spree** at a party on Loughborough Road on 5 October after attending a 16th birthday party. The following morning, Nita picked up 17 empty drink cans and 9 empty bottles of alcohol which included a 3 litre bottle of Lambrini complete with 6 plastic straws. This was all within a 200m stretch of the road, and all on the grass verges. We understand that the police were called to deal with these young people who at that age shouldn't have been having alcohol anyway.

The Route 52 pole near Springfield and the Grace Dieu's **signboard** near the Bull's Head car park were both broken by youths pulling at them over half term. Friends of Grace Dieu Priory intend to reinstate their signboard, but there is nobody now interested in replacing the Route 52 pole. Neither of these incidents have been reported to the police, as it was felt they would not be interested.

Tragically, on the evening of 29 October, the body of a 21 year old man from Coalville was found in **Grace Dieu woodland**. He had been missing from home for 3 days, and it is understood there were no suspicious circumstances.

Crime figures for August on the internet show details of one incident of ASB and one of burglary on Tithe Close, a burglary and a violent or sexual incident on Melrose Road, criminal damage and a theft on Henson's Lane, 2 violent or sexual offences on Loughborough Road, an incident of ASB on Old Bakery Close, another one on Homestead Road, an incident of criminal damage on Lilybank, a vehicle crime on Gracedieu Road, and one incident of violent of sexual crime on Brooks Lane and another on Booth Road.

Community Report and What's On

The work to change **Memorial Square in Coalville** has stopped and may not recommence until the early part of next year because the contractors' bill submitted turned out to be far more than the



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£1.5m budgeted for by the district council This is now being discussed between NWLDC and County Hall and a possible outcome from the discussions are that the council could increase its budget to fit the current scheme, though the it is reluctant to do this.

The scheme could also be reduced in scale to fit the £1.5 million envelope or new contractors may be sought to deliver the project within the council's budget.

Fencing currently at site will be temporarily removed opening up the one hour free car parking spaces in the square to shoppers and short stay visitors. The 24 replacement free spaces that have been split between James Street car park and Margaret Street will also continue to be free in the run up to Christmas. The council wants create a more attractive public space that is pedestrian friendly and can be used for a range of events. The council says it remains committed to its corporate priority of building confidence in Coalville, with other projects in the town still going ahead, including new housing on Ashby Road, grant funding to regenerate the derelict bus depot and bring a new business to the town, and funding for events.

Grace Dieu Park Cricket Club's 1st 11 won a runners up medal at the Leicestershire and Rutland Cricket League awards, plus for the 2nd year running, won the fair play award. Well done to them.

3 Nov – Bonfire night at **George and Dragon**. Doors open at 4pm. Bonfire lit at 7pm with fireworks starting at 7.30pm. Free entry. Car parking available at £5 per car. Lots going on including hook a duck, homemade cakes, sweet stall, candy floss, slush machine, winter warmers, bottle bars, prosecco and gin bars, bbq and lots more. Live music from Sam Southall from 9pm.

9 Nov – **Quiz night** at the centre. Forms available from the centre office.

10 Nov – **Ravenstone Village Hall** craft fayre – 10am-2pm.

10 Nov – **FREE EVENT** at the centre to commemorate the end of WW1. Exhibitions with local partners from 12 noon until 6pm then from 7.30pm **FREE CONCERT** with Foresters Band where you can dance the night away.

11 Nov – **Antique and Collectors'** fair at Hermitage Leisure Centre 9am-3pm. £2.

13 Nov – **Film Club at the centre** – film is Life of the Party. Starts at 7.30pm. All welcome.

16 Nov – Cher and Pink tribute at **Whitwick Conny Club** with Stacy Green. Starts at 9pm

17 and 23 Nov – **TPADS murder mystery** at Charles Booth Centre – A Taste of Murder. Tickets £10 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/tpads.

23 Nov – **North Street Club** – Charity quiz night and raffle in aid of 'Our Space' appeal - Children's Cancer Unit at the Leicester Royal Infirmary. It's an amazing facility providing care for children and young cancer patients in a home from home environment.. Teams of 4, £5.00 per person.

Tables can be booked (pay in advance) or the just giving page can be used to make payments or donations. <https://home.justgiving.com/?take=10>

24 Nov – Andy Kayne as Barry White at **Whitwick Conny Club**

25 Nov – **Christmas Craft Fayre** at Hermitage Leisure Centre. 11.30am until 2.30pm. No further details currently known.

1 Dec – **Santa, children's disco and Christmas Craft fayre** at the centre from 10am – 4pm with tables for the craft fayre at £10.

2 Dec – **Friends of Grace Dieu Priory carol service** at Grace Dieu Priory. Starts at 3pm. All welcome.

2 Dec - **Thringstone Members Club** – Panto Society Christmas Fayre. 1pm-5pm. All welcome.

5 Dec – **Charles Booth Centre** - Christmas Crooners Live Stage show at 7.30pm – Tickets £10 from www.ticketsource.co.uk or from the centre office. Now in its 10th year of touring the UK, this charity event features West End performers and will showcase the music of Sinatra, Bing Crosby and similar singers.

7 Dec – At the centre from 7pm-8.15pm – **Pompom and Prosecco workshop** with Steph. Make a pompom and tassel bag. Cost £20 per person. Booking only on 07801 999282. This is an 18 plus age group event.

9 Dec -10am at Charles Booth Centre – **Santa Fun Run**. 1k and 5k routes. Cost £5 per person, under 5s free. Tickets available at the centre and Chapel Fitness Centre from 2 November. Dress



Code: Red & White. FREE SANTA HAT FOR ALL RUNNERS! Christmas Fancy Dress Optional. Fun Prizes to be won for best outfit and many more.

11 Dec – **Film club at the centre.** Film will be Mama Mia, Here we go Again. Starts at 7.30pm. All welcome.

14 Dec – **Cliff Richard and Olivia Newton-John Tribute** at Charles Booth Centre. Top tribute artist Simon Goodall as Cliff. Tickets are £10 and available from www.ticketsource.co.uk or from the centre office.

19 Dec – **Carols On The Green** – 6.30pm procession up to the centre to sing carols and then go inside for refreshments etc.

19 Dec – **Ashby and Coalville Lions' Santa Sleigh** will be coming round the village between 5.30pm and 8pm.

23 Dec – **Mince Pie Run in Belton** – 10.30am-1.30pm from Belton Village Hall. This is a partnership with Cycling UK East Midlands. Hundreds of local cyclists meet here, most having ridden from their home towns and cities for refreshments, a chinwag, and a warm. There is a tombola in aid of Rainbows Children's Hospice with lots of prizes. Over £500 was raised in 2017.

All cyclists welcome. See http://www.ctc.leic.org.uk/Mince_Pie_Run.php for a flavour of the event and some of its history.

26 Dec – **Boxing day charity football match** at Thringstone Miners Welfare FC, Homestead Road. 10am – 1pm. The Hares 11 v Thringstone 11. Free entry, raffle and refreshments. Money raised from this will be split between MWJ07 in memory of Minnie, a local charity and a mental health charity.

History report

- Articles in the Leicester Chronicle in 1876 under the title **Modern Domesday Book, Landowners of Leicestershire** list only 3 landowners in Thringstone at that time - Moses Burton, John Carter and Joseph Toole.
- Following a request we received via facebook regarding information wanted on the **windmills of Thringstone**, Jimmy Francis found a copy of the parish magazine from 1932 written by Mr H Butler Johnson, which quotes information from an 1896 book by James Booth Elverston called Annals of an old English family. This gives information on the windmills and is the same information that used to be available at Thringstone Online history site, copies of which we already have. The Mill that used to be by what is now Millhouse Estate, and stood near the Stoneycroft Farm was run by the Elverston family and burnt down in 1780. James Booth Everston was from Heaton Norris in Lancashire, and was a cotton and linen trader in Manchester. He died in 1909.
- Nita has had the opportunity to talk to Rose Anderson who used to keep **The Rose and Crown** from 1984-86 with her then husband Eddie. Rose said that they took over the pub from Sue and Keith Walker. They split up and Sue moved out, and Keith carried on alone for a short time. He then moved, with his girlfriend Wilma, to the Hammer and Pincers in Wymeswold. Rose said she and her husband were there for about 2 years. He was a miner/electrician and his parents lived in Clyde Court in Thringstone. She is cousin to Elaine Measom who, with her husband Richard, kept The Rose and Crown, from May 1986 until 1988. Rose said that they hadn't any history in the pub trade and went into the pub as a quick decision, as things in the mining industry weren't going well, and the pub trade seemed to be the thing to go into. She said they had a very strict interview with the brewery, Bass, and it was 'a good cracking little pub, busy from opening of the doors to closing time'. They served pub food, like steak pies etc., and also made sure at Christmas there were bowls of Cadbury's Roses on the bar, believing that if you looked after your customers, they would look after you. After leaving the Rose and Crown, the couple went to a bigger pub in Spondon, but split up. Rose kept working in the pub trade, finishing off at a pub in Barkby. Nita has also spoken to Elaine Measom, who with her husband Richard kept the pub after Rose and Eddie Anderson left. Elaine said she was 30 when they took the pub on, and was from Coalville and he was from Bagworth, although he had lived for some time in Groby. When they left, they took on the Windmill in Gotham. Prior to coming to Thringstone, they had not been in the pub trade themselves, but Richard's parents had always kept clubs, so they had an idea about the pub trade, and Elaine had been the first



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chef at the pub in the time of Eddie and Rose Anderson. They loved Thringstone and the pub, which was always very busy. Elaine's sister still lives in the village. Elaine said that they had an old large framed map on the chimney breast of the pub which showed Thringstone in days gone by. When they left, they gave that map to Thringstone Primary.

- When the lease to the **George and Dragon** was up for sale in 1918, it was advertised as having coach houses, 4 stall stable, loose box and yard as part of the outbuildings. The lease was let to Hansons Ltd with an expiry date of 25 March 1923.
- Jan 1899 – The homing club started at **Queen's Head** by S W Hallam. It had its first show in February with 2 classes for cocks and hens.
- Jan 1900 – George Fortnam, chairman of Thringstone Flying Club (pigeons at **Queen's Head**) died of typhoid after a brief illness aged 30. Shortly afterwards Charles Jarvis died of the same thing. Charles Jarvis had previously kept the Prince of Wales and was a licensee for new property in Whitwick. Had just taken over license of Cricketer's Arms following leaving G&D. He was robust and 44 years of age.
- Jan 1909 – sale of property formerly owned by S W Hallam of **Queen's Head** – 2 properties known as Gladstone Cottages, Main Street, and piece of land adjoining suitable for building. In addition, the Old Post Office and buildings in the occupation of Mr Harry Cattell, plus large garden with frontage to Lbro Rd which could be used for the erection of other property. This property was bought by James Gee of Ivydene, Loughborough Rd for £180. Thatched cottages on The Green in occupation of Wm. Upton with 53 ft. frontage to Main Street were also up for sale .
- July 1899 – **Sale of Thringstone House at Fox Inn**. Realised £600 the purchaser Mrs Jason White. Thringstone House comprised of entrance hall, dining and drawing rooms, kitchen, cellar and pantry, 4 bedrooms and 3 attics, wash house and stables for 3 horses, shedding for 8 cows, barn, trapshed, cart house, slaughter house and piggeries. Mrs White advertised Thringstone House for sale or to let again in November 1899.
- Same auction as above in July 1899 - 2 brick built messuages in **Drury Lane** bought by Mr John Emerson for £40. 2 houses in Main Street in the occupation of Toon and Smith purchased by Price Kidger for £168. Mrs Jason White also bought Little North's Close for £126, and she also bought a house in the occupation of Mr Grew for £122.
- June 1903 – New Information - Robert Maloney, publican of **The Fox Inn** was charged with being drunk in charge of a horse and cart which he was driving at a rapid rate, urging it on and using foul language. He was unsteady and in turning the horse round ran the wheel onto the roadside turf and drove off again at 11.30pm. Followed by police to Fox Inn of which he was manager for Mr Emerson and spoke to him and then in the stable PC Brown told him he was not safe to be near the horse, but said to PC Brown 'I hope you won't do me for being drunk and let it be for furious driving.' He said he had just had a drop of beer and together with Herbert Stacey, had been in 2 public houses because it was raining. Fined 10s 6d and cost of 13s 6d or 7 days.
- Nov 1899 – new clubroom opened at **Rose and Crown**. Extensive alterations were made, and as this is the house of the Lodge of the Charnwood Forest Rangers, it was deemed advisable to celebrate the opening of the new room with a concert.
- July 1910 – Plans were drawn up to provide an up to date hall and billiard room at **Thringstone House**. Mr Enoch Briers and Sons are the contractors and the cost will be about £2,500 which will be paid for by Charles Booth. Inside of the building will be fitted especially for limelight and other lanterns, a tower being built for this purpose of non-inflammable material. The hall will also be available for public meetings and will be heated throughout with hot water pipes on the slow system.
- Jan 1911 – at a committee meeting at **Thringstone House** and Library, Mr James, assistant honorary secretary said he remembered the time when there was no such place as The Club and Library and how the young men used to spend their evenings, to use a common phrase, in pit dirt until bed time, and lounging about the village, visiting the beer



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houses and so on. The young men were now eager to get to the club house and rub shoulders with their mates. They could read the news of the day, as there were many papers to choose from, a friendly game of cards, or chess and numerous other games to indulge in, or if they wished to become a speaker, could try their hand on the committee. They felt they had the most elaborate modern structure in the shape of a billiard room and hall and Mr James hoped that everybody would fully appreciate the great kindness shown to them by Charles Booth.

- 23 April 1911 – completion of the new part of **Thringstone House**. The architect was Mr Fletcher of London, the work was carried out by Messrs Enoch Briers and Sons of Whitwick. The decorative plasterwork was carried out by Mr William Warren of Finsbury House, Vaughan Street, Coalville. The hall was heated by gas from Coalville Urban Council. A new trust was formed. 'Membership of the Institute is to be open to all males over the age of 10 years and the committee will comprise of 9 individuals, 6 of whom will retire annually, 2 elected by Mr Booth and 4 by members of the club, the whole to be chosen from 12 names selected by the presiding committee'. Present committee John Winters (chairman), John Waldrum, Ernest Winters, Henry Aris, Henry Upton, Ernest Watts, William Watts, J W Brotherhood, and Ernest Waterfield. Honorary secretary William Jesson Gough, resident superintendant Mrs Alice Towle and games superintendant Mr H Waldram. Charles Booth said at the opening that when he bought the old property 10 years ago, it was with the idea of adding interest to the life of Thringstone, making it a pleasanter place in which to live, and this extension followed on the same idea. They could not make a success of the institution unless it was heartily supported by the people of the place. He said he felt that the new hall should be of sufficient size to hold a fairly large audience. He said that he had given the architect some idea of numbers needing to be seated in such a room and he had certainly packed them more closely than he might have done, but he hoped that they would not be uncomfortable. There were 320 in the room at that moment, which he thought was a very good number for a Thringstone audience. He wanted both sexes, all ages and all tastes catered for and hoped that the hall would cater for a great many purposes. He hoped to see concerts in the hall, lectures, and political meetings there. He did not see why political meetings as well as social meetings should not be held in the hall and he looked forward to seeing dances there. He put no limit to the uses to which the hall should be put, other than it should lend enjoyment and instruction to life. He also wished to see music and some theatrical performances. He saw no reason why the young people should not hold a ball there, and hoped that the floor would be good for dancing. He noted that the committee proposed to arrange the hall so that they could hang a curtain for theatrical performances. The Institute already gave much of their time to providing music, and he hoped it would provide cookery and other classes for social skills. Vicar Shrewsbury said that they owed a great debt to Charles Booth and would try to repay him by using the magnificent hall and institute as Mr Booth would wish them to use it.
- May 1911 – Presentation to Mrs Mary Booth at Thringstone House by Thringstone Mother's Meeting. Mrs Booth was thanked for having done so much for the **Mothers' Meeting at Thringstone House**. She said she well remembered 25 years earlier when that movement was commenced by her, and how she devoted much time in reading to and instructing the mothers.
- In 1914, **the population of Thringstone** was given as 1,279 with 10 licensed premises being in the village, which equated to one pub for every 127 inhabitants. Whitwick's population was 4,133 and there were 26 licensed premises which was a ratio of one pub to every 159 people.
- **St Andrew's church** got electric light in Dec 1932.
- Dec 62 – **4 students from Lbro college** were killed when their Morris Oxford estate car hit another vehicle en route to The Bull's Head around 10pm. The students were Anthony Birrell 21 of Buxton, a 2nd year electrical engineering student, Malcolm Toon 19 of



Leicester, a first year industrial chemistry student, Alan Darvill 19 of Sheffield, a 2nd year civil engineering student, and Norman Hine 20 of East Dulwich who was attending a short course of instrumental techniques in chemical analysis. They were in convoy with another car which reached its destination, and when the other car failed to appear, the passengers in the first car walked down the road to see it had crashed. The road had black ice and the vehicle had left the road a split second before hitting the brickwork of the pillar to the railway bridge crossing the road. The car received dreadful damage, with a headlamp either side of the brickwork. The fact that there had been fog and ice earlier should have led to more care according to the coroner. There were skid marks of 146 ft on the road and verge.

Council report

As previously mentioned, NWLDC has sent letters to people living near the bus stop opposite the end of John Street asking about their views on replacing the bus shelter.

The letter reads '**Bus shelter opposite John Street, Thringstone**

As you may know, the bus shelter opposite John Street was damaged by a vehicle some time ago, and the shelter was irreparable and removed. We have received an enquiry from a member of public requesting that the shelter be reinstated, however we would firstly like to carry out a consultation with nearby residents to ascertain if the bus shelter would be a benefit to the community or if it may have attracted anti-social behaviour in the past.

I am writing to let you know as a local resident and to ask if you have any comments on this?

If you have any comments could you please let me know either by email to

catherine.ridgway@nwleicestershire.gov.uk or by post to Catherine Ridgway, Community Focus Team, North West Leicestershire District Council, Council Offices, Coalville, Whitwick, Leicestershire, LE67 3FJ before 5 November 2018.

Waste Services team will soon be launching a new campaign - **Recycle more**... This is to encourage more residents and businesses in our district to recycle more materials, more often making our district greener and a more sustainable place for everyone.

The Waste Services team would like everyone to be part of Recycle more including Parish Councils. There's a short survey on our website asking people about their recycling habits, but also if they have any ideas or suggestions for **Recycle more**. To complete the survey please visit:

www.nwleics.gov.uk/recyclemore. For further information, please contact AmyBennett or John Bright at john.bright@nwleicestershire.gov.uk.

There was considerable discussion at this point on recycling generally, and the amount of plastic things are wrapped in. Geoff Walker said that he takes his own containers to the butchers to cut down on plastic, and it was mentioned that several shops now encourage people to bring their own containers. Other shops are now looking at using less plastic wrapping. Geoff said that people who go to the market often bring their own containers, and the hope is eventually that people will think about being plastic free, and that there is a movement along those lines. Geoff said that he often sees plastic floating in the brook, especially after heavy rainfall, and it should be realised that all this plastic will eventually end up in the sea, and in our food chain. Geoff posts a lot about plastic on his instagram account and said he will consider also posting this on facebook for FoT to share to its readers.

Gardening and environment

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

Next meeting is 6 December at 6.45pm at Charles Booth Centre. This is also the Christmas party. Please bring food with you to share.