



The Friends of Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2019 AT CHARLES BOOTH CENTRE

Present: Nita Pearson, Tina Bakewell, Bernard Lee, Mike Statham, Tony Newton, Mike and Ruth King with Thomas, Dave and Julie Everitt, Janet Stevenson, Ann Petty, Pat Hubbard, Tracy Foulds, Josie Brownlow, Pam Porter

Apologies: Gillian Bates, Maureen Simm, John Jackson, Pat Darby, Bill Enser, Geoff Walker, Ron Hill

Discussions/Decisions.

Monthly litter pick total - 99 bags against **118 bags** for the same month last year.

From 1 December, the council now collect **used batteries and old mobile phones** as part of the recycling. Put these in a recyclable container by the red boxes and they will be taken away. This includes power tool batteries, laptop batteries and small round batteries that you get in watches as well as the usual A type batteries. On 26 November, the council also started to **trial a food waste collection** service with 2000 homes taking part. This trial will last 6 months, and then the decision will be made whether to extend the service. During the trial all food waste – including plate scrapings, bones, meat and tea bags – will be collected weekly from homes in addition to the usual recycling collections. The waste will then be taken to a Biogen processing plant in Warwickshire where it will go through an anaerobic digestion process, turning it into biogas, which can be used to generate electricity and heat, and also as a bio fertiliser on local farmland. This trial is in addition to the new trial for stackable recycling boxes started earlier this year, and during the first week, 1.5 tonnes of food was saved from going to landfill.

Friends of Thringstone's **quiz team** came a close 3rd in the centre's annual quiz. The quiz was won by U3A French with St Andrew's as runner up. Thank you to those who took part.

Trees – Nita went to NWLDC and collected a dogwood and a field maple tree as part of their free tree scheme. These were given to Bernard to plant where he sees fit.

Gracedieu Woods - On 17 November a group of Mountain Bikers cleared several trees from paths in the woods. This included the tree on the Duck Boarding and a number on the old railway line path, so all the obstructions have been cleared. They are also looking to replace the wire netting on the Duck Boarding if they can get permission.

Centre News: Thank you to everybody who came to, and baked for, the coffee morning for Once We Were Soldiers. £93.87 was raised.

A new **license** has been applied for which could allow the centre to sell alcohol outside the centre without having to apply for a temporary events license. This new application also changes some of



the more archaic things in the previous license, and allows the centre, on exceptional circumstances, to stay open until 2am on a Friday and Saturday evening. This would be useful with weddings and party bookings.

There will be no **film club in January**, as the date is taken up with the centre's AGM.

The centre is offering 20 places for **Christmas lunch** this year. If you or someone you know are alone, struggling to cope or isolated and want to spend Christmas at the centre, please contact the centre to book your place by 15 December.

The centre has removed the boarding from across the **fireplace** in the reception area (where the RBL cabinet is). This, and perhaps another old fireplace, will become features going forward.

The centre has had the **Booth poverty books** and other books which used to be stored in the house lounge valued. As these are all 3rd reprints, they aren't particularly valuable. The centre is considering donating these to the Leicestershire Archives in Wigston.

The knock through between the end and middle rooms is likely to happen fairly soon and will then have a partition in the same way as that between the middle room and the bar lounge. It will extend the performance opportunities.

Preschool is still waiting to start, but there are various hoops to jump through before that can happen.

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.

Promotion: We have **605 twitter followers**, which is 4 more than last month, and **1,108 facebook followers**, which is 24 more than last month.

Other: In our last minutes we welcomed Sheila James as a new member. Sheila's name is in fact Jones. Apologies to Sheila.

Nita is putting together the list of things achieved by the group this year for our website updates.

Within the last month, Nita has found two **large parcels** in the middle of Lbro Rd. These have obviously fallen from a vehicle having come over the traffic calming. One was Avon goods for a lady in Ravenstone which Nita took to her, and the most recent was today, and is for a company in Ilkeston. They were informed and came and fetched it.

Finance Report

Gen Fund held 1st of month (bank + petty cash + float)	£2,410.00		
Income		Expenditure	
Membership		Broadband	15.00
Raffle	£17	Bauble printing Winter	42.25
total income to general fund	£17		57.25
		Total general fund at month end	2,369.75

Publications Report

Nothing sold.



Web Report

No change since last month

Police Report

11 Nov – 1am but reported around 3am. 4 suspects disturbed at an address on **Homestead Road**. They were attempting to steal a vehicle through the keyless method.

11 Nov – Young lad in light, possibly grey, hooded top, dark trousers and rucksack walking down **Loughborough Road** pulling out plants from people's front gardens and throwing them on the pavement around 5.30pm

A resident on **Loughborough Road** has had plants torn up and thrown at the house. They have also suffered substantial car damage, wing mirror kicked off, panels of the car kicked in. The police feel this is children. Another lady on Loughborough Road had her car windscreen smashed on 13 November during the period between 9.30pm and 10.30pm.

17 Nov – posting from facebook - Man stopped on **Main Street** in the morning due to him driving like a maniac nearly hitting a lady! He was clearly under the influence and was driving a stolen car. When informed police were on the way he did a runner down Glebe Road! On police arrival they were unable to locate him, so took the car away but suspect still not found

Police are still trying to speak to **the drivers of two cars** – a red car and a 2007 5 door blue VW Golf who were in the vicinity of The Green on 16 October and drove down the road just prior to the fatal accident there. It is believed they may have information vital to the enquiry. They are also appealing to anybody who might have information about the accident, or who might have been in the area at the time, to contact them.

Community Report and What's On

Thringstone Primary raised £187.43 for Children in Need. Well done to all who contributed.

Thank you to all that supported the Charity Quiz Night & Raffle at **North Street Club**. A fantastic £1608 was raised for the Children's Cancer Unit at the LRI

St Andrew's have told us that £692 was raised from the Children's Society boxes. Thanks to everybody who helped.

Thank you for everybody who went along to the **Grace Dieu Priory Carol Service**. Around 150 people enjoyed the event which raised £178.43 for Friends of Grace Dieu Priory.

Message from Margaret MacDonald - PLEASE support our **new local Feed the Need (FtN) food bank, in Coalville**, to include families who have fallen through the eligibility cracks of the existing food banks. We are having a fundraiser in the Marlene Reid Centre this Saturday 7th 11am - 3pm as part of the Christmas Community Fair. Any items for a tombola gratefully received, or any donations of non-perishable food would be wonderful. You can drop either into the cafe called No 22 Hotel Street, Coalville or message me through facebook to collect or drop them off somewhere convenient. There are many people in our area who do not have enough food. If you know anyone in need, let them know we shall be opening our first session on Friday 13th. Anyone interested in helping us set up and grow our activities, please make contact. We are only just starting out, and the need is immense.

Grace Dieu Park Cricket Club have put out a facebook post saying as follows: Membership of the cricket club will be the same for all senior and junior members of the club (men women and children!) £40 per person. However for the first time in the history of the club. this year there will be a full family membership which will be £100. For the season April 2020/2021 if there are any men and/or children who'd like to join the club, this is a great way to get the family involved in the game at all levels. Winter nets will start 8-9pm at King Ed on 20th January and run for 12 weeks (£30 per player or £2.50 per week). Events coming up include Indoor winter league softball, back to the grounds for Monday training - after Easter (Bank holiday Monday family days), May-June super 8's hardball, July-September softball festivals and friendly hardball 11's. Please invite all friends to come along and join at any time of the year! Everyone welcome - no experience needed, fun guaranteed, skills developed and being part of a team and the wider club is an essen-



tial part of what we are! The ladies from the Gracedieuettes ladies team also welcome new members. Any female from 14 upwards is welcome to join. Winter training starts on 20 January at King Ed in the sports hall.

6 Dec – **Thringstone Primary Christmas Fayre** being held after school at 3.30pm

6 Dec – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Claire Prosser in concert at 9pm.

7 Dec – **Meadows Care Home, Thringstone** - Christmas Fayre. Starts at 2pm. All welcome.

7 Dec - **Whitwick St John The Baptist Primary School Christmas Fayre**, Parsonwood Hill – 1.30pm- 3.30pm. Meet Santa and look at the stalls. All proceeds go to the trim trail at the school

7 Dec – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Saturday night with Dave Taylor starts at 9pm

7 Dec – **Forest Way School's Christmas Fayre**. Starts at 10am.

8 and 15 Dec – **Santa Specials** at Hermitage Recreation Ground thanks to the model railway group. Open 11am-3pm. £5 to visit Santa and go on the steam train. All enquiries to 07922 692076.

8 Dec – Charles Booth Centre – **Santa Fun run** from 9pm til 1pm. £5 per person or £20 for a team of 6. Book on www.ticketsource.co.uk/charlesboothcentre or talk to the centre direct.

10 Dec. Charles Booth Centre **film club** - Film is First Man. Starts at 7.30pm. Raffle

12 Dec – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Christmas Quiz starts at 7.30pm

13 Dec – **Charles Booth Centre** – Christmas cake and coffee morning in aid of Triangle, the homeless charity in Leicester. 10am – 12 noon. Cakes, drinks etc.

13 Dec – **Charles Booth Centre** – Open mic Christmas Special – 7.30pm. All welcome. Red noses and white beards are welcome. There will be a prize for the best outfit and best song.

13 Dec – Oaks in Charnwood Church – **Christmas Concert** with Charnwood Symphonic Wind Orchestra. Tickets £10 from Sandra on 837059. Starts at 7.30pm

13 Dec – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – The Old Boy Network at 9pm

14 Dec - Charles Booth Centre – **Christmas Ceilidh** from 7pm. There will be some dance tuition, live music, complimentary Christmas buffet and of course the bar will be open. Tickets are £6 from the office or via www.ticketsource.co.uk/charlesboothcentre.

14 Dec – **Bull's Head** – Karaoke Night – 8.30pm-late. All welcome.

14 Dec – Christmas Party at **Hare and Hounds** from 8pm. Singing from Jayne Lesley

15 Dec – **Thringstone Methodist's Christmas Carol Service** at 3pm. All welcome.

16 Dec – **Charles Booth Centre** – Christmas film and disco 4pm-7pm. Free. Have some nibbles and see Santa

18 Dec – Ashby and Coalville Lions' **Santa Sleigh** will be coming round the village from around 5.30pm.

20 Dec – **Carols at the centre**. Procession leaves St Andrew's at 6.30pm to get to the centre for 7pm. Entertainment will be available after the singing at the centre.

20 Dec – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Emblem at 9pm

21 Dec – **Thringstone Soul Club Christmas Bash** – Thringstone Members' Club – 8pm - 12.30am. Ticket only advance. Tickets £5 from 813531. DJs Steve Storer, Mick Smith, Dave Watkins. Singer Jayne Lesley will also be singing soul classics.

22 Dec - **Mince Pie Run from Belton Village Hall**. Organised by Leicestershire and Rutland Cyclists' Touring Club. 10.30-12.30, 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.

22 Dec – **Hare and Hounds** – Family quiz night.

24 Dec – **Conny Club, Whitwick** – Sophie Hardy in concert. £1 entry. Members free. Starts at - 7pm.

24 Dec – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Keith and Sheena in concert at 9pm

26 Dec – **Thringstone Miners FC** – Charity Football match starts at 10.30am. Hares 11 v Thringstone 11. Kick off 11am. Free to spectators. Raffle and refreshments available. This is the



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4th year that this has taken place. All money raised goes to MWJ7 in aid of the Papyrus Charity, to Mind and to Once We Were Soldiers.

26 Dec – **Hare and Hounds** – Boxing Day Music Quiz from 7.30pm covering music from the 1960s through to the present day.

31 Dec – **Hare and Hounds** New Year Bash from 8pm with music and karaoke.

31 Dec – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – NYE with The Mandarins from 9pm

31 Dec – **New Year's Eve party** at the centre. Tickets £15. Tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/charlesboothcentre

5 Jan - **Charles Booth Centre** - Juke Joint from 3pm-6pm. Guest artist Danny Willson.

Admission £4 on the door.

10 Jan – Charles Booth Centre coffee morning in aid of **Thringstone Primary PTA**. 10- 12 noon all welcome.

14 Jan – Centre's AGM. More details nearer the time.

18-25 Jan – **Peter Pan** at Charles Booth Centre. Charity being supported is Jaxon's Chance – children's physiotherapy.

23 Jan – **Strauss concert** at the centre. More details nearer the time.

2 Feb - **Charles Booth Centre** - Juke Joint from 3pm-6pm. Guest artists Phil Riley and Neil Mercer. Admission £4 on the door.

14 Feb – Charles Booth Centre coffee morning in aid of **Thringstone Methodist Church**. 10-12 noon. All welcome.

1 March - **Charles Booth Centre** - Juke Joint from 3pm-6pm. Guest artists Hopkins Kaffee Light. Admission £4 on the door.

20 March – **Easter Egg Hunt** at Stephenson College

3 August – **Summer Fete** at Stephenson College

History report

- **Ruby's chip shop** wanted to have information about when the fish and chip business started to add to their logo, so Nita provided them with the information - 1895, plus lots of photos of the Waldrum family, the business in the 1950s and also receipt books for takings in 1929 and other such information. Ruddy and Lizzie Waldrum had 3 children – Stella, Ruby and Charles Lionel and the story of the 2 girls is in our Business book. Charlie was born on 28 July 1906, married Harriet Middleton at St Andrew's in July 1941 and died in July 1982. Charlie and Harriet had 2 sons – John T born 1942 and Charles L born 1945. Both seem to still live in this area.
- Nita is researching **Leonard George William Sealey** again – he was head at Thringstone school in the 1950s and lived at Thringstone House during that period. Nita has found photos of him during his Navy service in WW2 – he also worked on the Enigma Code, and of his first wife Joan who was also in Thringstone with him during the period. Mr Sealey moved to Massachusetts where he died in 2003. Nita has put a lot of information together about Mr Sealey, who was an educational innovator and this will form the basis of a Community Voice article in 2020 but understands that he was an active artist, painted pictures of local people including Jackie Hurst who used to be caretaker at the centre, started a puppet group at the centre making the puppets himself with students, and that the work he did was the forerunner to the youth club which was set up originally by Roy Severn..
- **Richard Orton** – surgeon. Mentioned in previous minutes as operating in this area and being based at Coleorton Moor and Swannington between 1850 and 1860. We now find that he was the medical officer for a while for Ashby Union Workhouse, and that his qualifications were MRCS England gained in 1828 and LSA in 1827. He was also a former surgeon for Honourable East India Company Service. He had a brother called John, also a surgeon, who practiced in Beeston, Notts. Born in 1806 in Kegworth (although some census information suggests Coleorton), Richard's wife was Eliza nee Inglesant, His daughters, Eliza and Anne, according to census information, were born in Thringstone in 1836 and 1841 respectively. Further research has shown that Eliza was born on 29 January 1836 and baptised at the Wesleyan Chapel at Griffydam. These baptismal



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records confirm an address in Thringstone at this time. By 1870, Dr Orton had moved to Loughborough, where he set up a practice at 21 Nottingham Road and he died on 31 March 1880 in Loughborough.

- Leics. Chronicle 22 June 1889 and Leicester Journal of 21 June 1889 record the case of George Hickling (known as Major) and James Goldstraw, colliers of Osgathorpe, against John Whaite or Whait, publican of **Fox In, Thringstone**. We have always been under the impression that the landlord of that period was John Emmerson. The report said that they two stole a piece of beef weighing 4lbs 10 oz from the pantry at the pub. The two were in and out of the pub on 1 June from midday to 7pm, and constantly walked near to the pantry door – the beef being in the pantry. Mrs Mary Whaite said she went to the pantry at 6pm and found that the beef she had put in there at 2pm was missing. Benjamin Gough, butcher of Thringstone, confirmed that Mrs Whaite had purchased the meat from him the day before. Half of the meat was found by PC John Wilcox at James Goldstraw's house, and he said they had cut it in half to share it, but that it had been stolen by Hickling. The two were sentenced to 7 days' hard labour. We are unable to find anything further on Mr or Mrs Whait/e, although a John Whait was appointed parish constable in Rearsby in 1913.
- In Leicester Chronicle of 2 May 1863 is a report concerning a broken window caused by W Clements and James Ward to the house of Mary Adams, **Tollgate keeper** of Thringstone. A fortnight earlier, the same two youths had set fire to a haystack belonging to a Mr Potter of Thringstone. This may have been the toll gate near the Bull's Head, as in 1861, Mary Adams, born in 1814 in Croydon, and her family lived close to these premises. We know from other newspaper reports that in October 1841, Joseph and Elizabeth Perkins kept the tollgate in Thringstone. These were a Whitwick couple who in 1851 were framework knitters on Whitwick Moor. In April 1853, there are reports suggesting that James Hewitt kept a toll gate near Thringstone which had the windows of the turnpike house smashed by Charles Ward of Whitwick, but we can find no further information on this man. In November 1864, Sarah Wilkins said she lived at the tollgate between Thringstone and Whitwick but again we have no further details.
- We are trying to put together details on the **Henson family** and in particular are looking at their connection to **Thringstone Methodist Church** and who might have owned land to gift to the chapel. As a result, we have been looking at farmers or landowners. We know that James Henson sold a lot of turf land fronting Gracedieu Road in 1884. James Henson was born in 1817 in Thringstone. His parents were Samuel and Harriot Ragg. By the time of the 1861 census, he was a retired hosier on Turry Log. By 1881, he was a farmer at a farmhouse next to Rose Cottage on Grace Dieu Road known as either Grace Dieu Farm House, Forest House or Forest Side. James died 27 April 1885. There is a connection to the Lager's, the butchers of Hugglescote, as his wife Emily was a Lager. Upon James's death, Emily remarried John Shaw. There is a history article in CV Times from the 1960s which says W. Henson of Whitwick sold 112 sq yds land to John Hextall in 1862 for £12 10s on which to build Methodist Chapel. A deposit of 30s was paid, and the rest was paid off in 3 instalments. Another article in the CV Times of 30 Dec 1960 claims that in the 1920s, the Methodists raised £70 for the purchase of a plot of land around the chapel from a Miss Henson. The 1911 census shows a William Henson born 1839 in Nottingham with wife Margaret nee Stinson (married 19 April 1859 Whitwick, Miss Stinson being the daughter of the landlord of the Hare and Hounds) and daughter Sarah Agnes living in North St, Whitwick. William is a grazier and died on 14 Oct 1923. From 1865-1890 he was landlord of Prince of Wales in Whitwick prior to which he was a shoe maker. An article in Leicester Chronicle of 2 May 1863 says that Mr William Henson, shoemaker, was taken to court by the parish overseer for failing to look after his aged mother. The article said that he owned 9 cottages and a piece of ground in which the old lady said she had an interest. Was he the W Henson mentioned in the press? One of his daughters Sarah Agnes seems to have married Albert B Utting in 1911 so Miss Henson can't be her. Another daughter Mary Ann married twice, firstly to Thomas Rowse and later to Joseph Chester and lived in Stone House, Swannington and wasn't a Miss Henson in 1920. He also had a daughter Elizabeth who married a John Warrington before 1920 and another



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called Margaret who married John Joseph Clarke Hoult who was born 1887 and died in 1939. John Joseph Clarke Hoult kept Warren Farm, Gracedieu in 1911. He had several children, and on his death the farm was taken over by one of his sons, Joe Hoult about whom we have spoken before. William also had a son called Joseph John Henson born 23 Nov 1870 in Whitwick who also became a blacksmith. One of his children, another William Henson married Ada Tomlinson and they lived on Sandholes. We have a photograph of him on a bench on The Green with other people. Ada Tomlinson left her family to move to Nottingham, leaving William to bring up 4 children on his own. We still therefore can't find Miss Henson. However, in 1913 there was a Miss E M Henson of Thringstone who exhibited oil paintings and fretwork at an annual Ashby Exhibition, and again at a similar event run by Coalville Cottagers Horticultural Society in August 1915. The only E M Henson we can find is Elsie May Henson, daughter of Charles Henson, butcher, who moved to 23 Hotel St. He was the son of James Henson and Emily nee Lager of Grace Dieu Rd Farmhouse mentioned above. The mystery over Miss Henson and Thringstone Methodists therefore continues, unless you can help?

Council report

The plans for a **full indoor market in Coalville**, to be called Newmarket, were approved on 3 December. This will be on the former Litten Tree pub in Marlborough Square. Work is to start in the New Year. The food vendors and a shared seating area will be located at the front of the market hall, and traditional market stalls selling a range of wares will complete the venue. Stallholders from the current indoor market have been offered space within the Newmarket or on the outdoor market in the redesigned Marlborough Square once this is complete. Others are being supported to move into alternative premises in the town centre. For further details, please go to https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/news/2019/12/04/coalville_newmarket_plans_receive_approval

The pot holes in the car park to the Melrose Rd pavilion area have been filled in with stone chippings.

Gardening and environment

Bernard is still tidying, weeding and sorting the garden areas.

Next meeting Likely to be January 2nd, although centre may not be open. We will confirm nearer the time.