

THRINGSTONE BAUBLE

The newsletter for the Friends of Thringstone

December 2005

Issue 2

Welcome to our second newsletter and the first with the new name "Thringstone Bauble", chosen recently at a meeting of our group. As you may know, Thringstone was the site for several bauble makers in years gone by, and the new name hopes to link the Thringstone of the past with the Thringstone of the future.

The Committee and Members of Friends of Thringstone aim to improve the village for residents and visitors alike, and since our inception earlier this year, we have managed to make some good progress.

WHEN DO WE MEET?

Our meetings are normally held every 6 weeks, and we would like to thank The Fox, The Community Centre, The Miners' Welfare and The Thringstone Members Club for hosting our meetings this year.

WHO CAN COME ALONG?

Anyone can attend our meetings and become a member of the group, or just come along from time to time to see what is happening.

WHAT HAPPENS AT MEETINGS?

At our meetings, we report on various matters, including details of events, areas of

concern to villagers, what is happening within the village and with the Grace Dieu Priory project, and work in which we are at that time engaged.

We also have guest speakers. We have heard from Chris Hulse, local dog warden, had visits from Ian Holland, the community PC, Steve Leeland from NWLDC has spoken about nuisance and noise, Clark Robinson from NWLDC has spoken about environmental concerns, Dave Whitt came to speak to us about Grace Dieu Priory, and we have recently had Kate Richards and a Housing officer from NWLDC come to talk through concerns regarding anti-social behaviour by youths and others within the village.

If you have something to say about Thringstone, are unhappy about something within the village, or just want to meet other people from the village, you would be most welcome at any of our meetings.

If you want to know more, our website address, for those of you with internet access, is:

<http://spaces.msn.com/members/thringstone/>

For those of you without, contact numbers are given at the end of the newsletter.

ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

- We have set up a bank account and website, and have 9 committee members and many general members.
- In the last newsletter, we reported that we hoped to provide a new flowerbed on The Green by the autumn, and this has now been provided, in partnership with NWLDC.
- The Booth memorial area has been tidied, weeds removed and the seating area cleaned up.
- The access point known as Drury Lane, leading onto Bob's Closs and footpath 28 has been completely stripped of weeds, rubble and rubbish, tidied and renovated – in this connection thanks go to Adele Toon



of Toon's Skips for the provision of a discounted skip for the removal of the soil taken up by the JCB from Cuckoo Gap.

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FUTURE AIMS

- Funding applications have been made to plant trees, shrubs and flowers along Drury Lane, as well as to grass it and provide a hardcore walk surface. It is hoped that this will deter people from using the area for tipping of rubbish and provide an attractive area for those wishing to walk along the footpath.
- Funding has been sought to provide another bench, which it is hoped can be sited along Loughborough Road.
- Future bids for funding could include further tree planting schemes and further benching within the village.

We wish to support any existing or new Neighbourhood Watch schemes, and would ask that anybody involved in such work contact us to discuss what help we may give.

MINERS' WELFARE

We also wish to support the Miners' Welfare in their attempt to secure funding to improve their facilities, and would ask that any villager interested in championing the Miners' Welfare and joining their committee contact them direct to offer help. Within any village, it is important to ensure that existing venues stay open for the benefit of all the villagers. You may know that the Miner's Welfare is the home of Thringstone football club and for many years has also hosted the local playgroup's activities. A

sustainable community is vital if we wish to avoid the urbanisation of villages. Please support your village's businesses and venues.

CONTACT NAMES & NUMBERS

For further information on how to join the Friends of Thringstone, please contact any of the members listed below:

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Alternatively email us at:

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For the latest information check out our web space at:

<http://spaces.msn.com/members/thringstone/>

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Friends of Thringstone meeting will be held at Thringstone Community Centre, on 1st of December 2005 at 6:45 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

DATE OF NEXT LITTER PICK

A litter pick is planned for Sunday the 8th January 2006. We will meet on The Green at 10.00 am. Please join us.

We would also like to thank John Dickinson for coming along to give advice on various items of interest found, and to Ray Neal, Colin Perrett, Bernard Lee and Sandi Newton who helped on the day to facilitate the improvement works.

- Removal of several tons of litter from the village following litter picks.
- Helped NWLDC with daffodil bulb planting around the Grace Dieu woods area.



- Within our existing framework, we have set up sub-groups to look at vandalism and anti-social behaviour, environmental/horticulture issues and funding opportunities.