

THRINGSTONE BAUBLE

The newsletter for the Friends of Thringstone

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This is our 7th newsletter for residents of Thringstone and visitors to our area, produced free of charge for you by Friends of Thringstone, a voluntary group aiming to improve the appearance of the village, keep it safe, clean and welcoming, protect and promote its history, help keep village shops open and work to protect natural areas within the village for the future.



VILLAGE SUMMER EVENT

The Thringstone Heritage Event held on Saturday 30th June 2007 at Thringstone Community Centre was a resounding success, despite the weather. In excess of 300 people turned out on a dreadfully wet and rainy day to see the entertainment arranged, and to look at the stalls and history displays. Thanks go to all our volunteers, to the catering team at the Community Centre, and to our entertainers and stall holders. Special thanks go to local singers Cutloose and to the British Theatre Dance Association for making themselves available at the last minute to entertain the crowds.

Thanks also to Jan Cufflin, Pauline Walker, Norah Newton and Kay Varu for their monetary gifts on the day.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements continue in the village as a result of the work of Friends of Thringstone. These are some of our recent successes and news.

- Thanks to successful funding from the Rural Community Council and NWLDC, Friends of Thringstone have several **historical walks trail booklets** available. See our list later in the newsletter.
- We are planning a **Christmas Gift Fayre** to be held at Thringstone Community Centre on Saturday 8th December 2007. If you are a local craftsman or woman and wish to be part of this event, please contact our events co-ordinator whose number is at the end of this newsletter.
- We are actively working on our **2008 Heritage Event**, which is likely to have a connection to the mining heritage of the village, and link in with the 110th anniversary of the Whitwick Pit Disaster. If you wish to be part of the heritage event in 2008, please contact the event co-ordinator.
- We are considering putting on an **Evening of Music and Dance** at Thringstone Community Centre in February or March 2008. Look out for further details early next year.

- We have finished clearing away overgrown areas near Millbank Estate and at the bottom of Brook Lane where it joins Gracedieu Road, and planted various bulbs, shrubs and plants, coppiced trees and pruned hedges. This latter exercise also included the need to remove fallen branches after a storm.
- We are currently starting work on the untidy area of land next to the properties at the bottom of Main Street opposite the Hensons Lane junction. Funding has been sought to plant trees, and it is hoped to then dedicate this site to Robert Newton, a well known local figure and historian who gave a lot to the village in his lifetime.
- We had a stall at Picnic in The Parks on 17th June selling plants to raise monies for our projects, and also at Gracedieu Priory's medieval event on 23rd June promoting our walks booklets.
- The tapes we have done of local residents have now been deposited for safe keeping and future research with East Midlands Oral History Archive. These tapes will be digitised and added to their catalogue to be made available to those who wish to listen to them worldwide. We are hopefully going to tape more residents talking about the village in days gone by, and are actively seeking funding to help publish the transcripts for local interest in the future..

CHRISTMAS GIFT FAYRE

Want to support local enterprise, buy unique presents for your family and friends this Christmas? But don't want to travel miles to find things that are just a bit different?

**Come along to THE CHRISTMAS
FAYRE to be held at:
Thringstone Community Centre,
The Green, Thringstone,
on Saturday 8th December 2007
from 10am to 3pm.**

We will have seasonal entertainment and food will be available. **Entrance is FREE!**



BE A FRIEND!

We would really value your help and support in our work, and welcome suggestions on how we can further improve the village for everyone.

If you have any suggestions, don't feel you have to come to a meeting if they don't appeal to you. Ring any of the committee and have a chat with them.

However, if you want to come to a meeting to find out more, our remaining meeting dates for 2007 to be held at the Community Centre to start at 6.45pm are as follows:

October 11th
November 15th
December 6th

We also have regular events meetings to plan our events throughout the year.



If you would like to come along, please do. **Membership of our group is only £2.50**, and for that you will get a full membership, with a membership card, which will last through to our next AGM in June 2008. You will also receive copies of all the minutes of meetings held during the year, whether you were present or not.



USEFUL NUMBERS

Police (Non-emergency)	01162 22222
Leicestershire CC Offices	01162 32323
Footpaths	01162 657083
NW Leics. Council Offices	01530 454545
Dog Warden Service	01530 454563
Flytipping	01530 454620
Noise Problems	01530 454488
Highways Officer	01530 513333
Domestic Waste Collection	01530 454572
Community Centre	01530 222337
Cllr Pam Clayfield	01530 224804
Cllr. Dave Everitt	01530 223074
David Taylor MP	01530 814372



CONTACT NAMES & NUMBERS

For further information on how to join the Friends of Thringstone, or to be part of any of our planned events, please contact any of the members listed below:

N Pearson	01530 223434	(Chairman)
T Newton	01530 222064	(Vice chair)
G Wilson	07767 436706	(Secretary)
P Porter	01530 469474	(Treasurer)
R Woodward	01530 831542	(Events)
S Newton	01530 222064	(Ass. Events)
R Summers	01530 450735	(History)
R Neal	01530 451204	(Committee)

Alternatively email our webmaster at:

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For the latest local information, full details of what we have achieved since our inception in 2005, details of our constitution and equal opportunities policies, photographs and archives, check out our web space at:

<http://tringstone.hopto.org/>



This newsletter was designed by J Smith, our webmaster.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

We have a range of publications, listed below, available from Thringstone Community Centre, The George and Dragon, and The George at Coleorton, or at our meetings.

- Thinksun Born an' Bred Part 1 by Joan Brotherhood Blackey.
- Thinksun Born an' Bred Part 2 by Joan Brotherhood Blackey.
- Thringstone Village Trail (the blue plaque walk).
- Charnwood Forest Railway and Canal, Gracedieu Priory and Manor (includes the Viaduct).
- The Warren and Cademan Woods.