



**W**elcome to our second newsletter of 2009, produced and delivered free of charge to residents of Thringstone, by Friends of Thringstone.

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You will probably be aware of public meetings held earlier this year to discuss the proposals to build further housing in the village, and the building on the Green Wedge which separates villages such as ours from Coalville. You may also have heard about the suggestion of a Coalville Eco-Town, the site of which could potentially lie between Coalville and Shepshed.

Whilst Friends of Thringstone are a non-political group, members have been actively consulting with the district council to make their views known. We feel it is important to keep the Green Wedge. Nobody wants Thringstone to be swallowed up in an urban sprawl. Our members also want to keep our identity as a village rather than being seen as part of Greater Coalville.

Thringstone was mentioned in the Domesday book, and has a strong community spirit. Whilst an increasing population means we need increased housing provision, our wish is that our identity as a village remains and the environment is not spoilt for future generations.

## What are we up to right now?

- As a result of a successful funding bid, Friends of Thringstone are now able to offer residents of the village the opportunity to borrow a Smart Meter. These are a very useful addition to the home as they provide up to the second information on the amount of electricity you are using in terms of both power and cost, and thus allow you to look at making savings. You can see in real time the benefits of turning off electrical devices at home. Whether it's turning off at the plug rather than just using standby, or simply turning off a light, the smart meter shows you the cash impact of changing your habits and behaviours which could amount to savings of hundreds of pounds per year. Friends of Thringstone have 7 Owl Meters, which are available through our own loan scheme, which links to NWLDC's sustainability team.

Interested parties are asked to contact Nita Pearson on 01530 223434 for further details.

- We have reached the final three of the NWLDC's Footprint Challenge awards, and will know the outcome in May. Whatever happens, it is an honour to be in the final.
- We have done another huge litter pick, and further are planned. See our advert below.
- We have helped Thringstone Primary School with their wild flower garden and are working with them on a CSV Action Earth project, having been successfully

accepted by Action Earth as one of their UK projects.

- We applied to East Midlands in Bloom to have our planting work considered for an award under their Neighbourhoods category and are busy ensuring that all our planted areas continue to look at their best.
- We continue to hope that we can work with the church towards the restoration and cleaning of Charles Booth's grave within St Andrew's churchyard.
- History Road Shows – we are arranging a series of heritage road shows in the village. See our advert for further details.

## COME AND JOIN US

**Membership of our group is just £2.50.** You get a full membership, which will last through to the AGM in June. You will also receive (either by email or personal delivery) copies of all the minutes of meetings held during the year, whether you were present or not, and can join in on discussions. Our meetings are always held at Thringstone Community Centre. Contact us on any of the numbers below for further details.

## EVENTS IN THRINGSTONE

### FRIENDS OF THRINGSTONE HERITAGE ROAD SHOWS

**As a result of the huge interest in our archive material and photographs, we are putting on a special history display at George and Dragon, Ashby Road, Thringstone on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 12.30pm-5pm. The theme of this display will be public houses of the area. All welcome.**



## Litter Picks

Keeping our village clear of litter is important to our group. As a result, we regularly carry out litter picks throughout the year. All litter picks start at The Green at 10am.

Our litter picks for the rest of the year are 17<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> September, and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009.

All welcome. Bags and gloves provided.

## Friends of Thringstone Guided Walks 2009

Our historical walks during May and June are listed below. Meet at The Green at 2pm if you want to come along.

May 17<sup>th</sup> Cademan Woods

May 24<sup>th</sup> Grace Dieu Woods

June 7<sup>th</sup> Village blue plaque walk

Whilst the walks are free, we rely on donations in order to continue to produce our walks brochures, which will be available on the day.

If you are a local group and want to have a guided walk, please contact the Chairman on the number below.

**Want to go walking with an accredited Walking For Health Initiative walk leader as part of a healthy lifestyle?**

Health walks are available in Hugglescote and Whitwick starting at 10am.

**First Friday of every month: -**

Hugglescote Surgery, Grange Road, Hugglescote

**Second Friday of every month: -**

Hermitage Leisure Centre, Whitwick

All welcome and there is no charge.

A health questionnaire needs to be completed by all new walkers.

## Events coming up at the George and Dragon include:

May 9<sup>th</sup> – 60s-80s night with the BJs

May 30<sup>th</sup> – Leicester group The Warlocks

June 10<sup>th</sup> – Local Morrismen will be visiting the venue

There are many other attractions planned. Please contact them on 222282 for further details.

## Police Beat Surgeries in Thringstone

will be held between 1015 and 11am on the following dates at The Green:

29<sup>th</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> June, 1<sup>st</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 14<sup>th</sup> October, 19<sup>th</sup> November and 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

If you want to talk to a member of the local beat team, go along and have a chat.

## OUR 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	Treasurer
J Stevenson	07815 112475	(Minute Sec)
T Bream	07850 085444	(Memberships)
G Wilson	07767 436706	(Finance liaison)
P Porter	01530 469474	(Environment)
P Clayfield	01530 224804	(Arts/community)
R Neal	01530 451204	(Planting)
J Cufflin	01530 451366	(Event manning)
M Smith	01530 457677	(Children's liaison)

Alternatively email our webmaster at:

[webmaster.thringstone@ntlworld.com](mailto:webmaster.thringstone@ntlworld.com)

For the latest local information, full details of what we have achieved since our inception in 2005, details of our constitution, health and safety and equal opportunities policies, etc. check out our web space at [www.friends-of-thringstone.org.uk](http://www.friends-of-thringstone.org.uk)

## PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Publications listed below are available from Thringstone Community Centre, The George and Dragon, 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.
- Memories of Thringstone Part One
- Memories of Thringstone Part Two

