



The newsletter of The Friends of Thringstone

Winner of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011

Winner of the Silver Award for Community and Gold Award for Cleaner/Greener

in the 2010 Rural Community Council (Leics. and Rutland) Village Achievement Awards

Winner of the Partnership and Community Group Awards Footprint Challenge 2009

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Welcome to our third newsletter of 2014, produced and delivered free of charge to residents of Thringstone, and parts of Whitwick, by Friends of Thringstone.

If you wish to contact us to tell us news for the next edition, or just ask questions, please ring

us on 01530 223434.

Follow us on twitter. Our twitter address is @Thringstone2. We are also on facebook under Friends of Thringstone.

What is happening?

- **The Great War Remembered**

Thanks to everybody who came out to the event in July at the Community Centre. We had a good turnout and some exceptionally positive comments.

- Litter – Over the summer period, litter has increased, as it always does. We have continued to try to provide a service to the village by collecting litter on a daily basis, to include Grace Dieu Woods, but if you fancy giving us a hand, please do so.
- Our planting - In 2005, as part of a general tidy up of the area, we planted lots of shrubs and 3 trees down Drury Lane, the little lane by the side of Thringstone Co-op. The trees were immediately snapped in half, but saved, until this July when someone deliberately broke one of the trees and it could not be saved. We try to make the village look nice by our planting on The Green, down Drury Lane, Brook Lane, by the church, down Millbank and elsewhere, and are very disheartened when this is vandalised or shrubs and plants are stolen. We spend a great deal of our funds each year on seasonal planting, and on replacing planting which has died without also having to contend with replacing planting stolen or vandalised. This year, we planted a lot of poppies on The Green which came out just in time for the anniversary of the start of WW1 on 4 August. Please respect what we are doing, and report to us anybody you see stealing or vandalising the planting.
- **PUBLICATIONS** – We have a new publication which tells the stories of 4 men born around the time of WW2. This is available for £2.50. We are currently working on a book on businesses and pubs in the village, which includes village shops

and factories. **We still need information from people on this.** Photos would be good, but information is vital, as we still have gaps in our knowledge. **Did you, or do you, run a business in Thringstone?** Any information would be very welcome, so please contact us on the number above.

- **We are still looking for village and family photos we can scan.** Did you go to school in Thringstone and still have a copy of your class photograph, or were you in a panto or nativity play? Do you have photos of the village celebrating the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 or Charles and Diana's wedding in 1981? We are looking for photographs to put in our archives, to include village events, families and weddings, right up to the 1990s. If you have anything you are willing to share, please let us know. The main thing is it has to be specific to Thringstone.
- **Want to join our group?** Membership continues, for the 5th consecutive year, to be £3.50 per person. For that you receive regular details on what is happening in the village, and have the opportunity to come to meetings and join in with our projects if you wish. Please contact us on 223434 if you are interested. We have social events throughout the year which include, for example, parties and attendance at the village quiz, and we have a lot of fun.

Publications

Friends of Thringstone has a **DVD of the village** available at £3.50 per copy. This includes footage of the village and surrounding woodland throughout the year and is something to cherish for the future. If you are interested in a copy, please contact us on 01530 223434.

Old photos - We have a limited edition of mounted, but not framed, old photographs of the village available at £3.50 per photograph. These photos are:

- Carterdale estate as fields, viewed from Talbot Street, Whitwick
- The Grace Dieu Viaduct 1906



- The Old Rose and Crown as a 3 storey public house c 1900
- The Star Inn, Main Street circa 1906 complete with Burton Brewery signage
- Thringstone House Community Centre in the 1950s
- Ruby's fish and chip shop, The Green, 1949 (complete with national bunting and signage for mystery coach trip)
- George and Dragon 1912
- Main Street near Star Inn, complete with horse and cart about 1953

A complete set of photos is available at the discounted price of £24. See our details above regarding discount prices on the purchase of sets of our publications.

Friends of Thringstone publications include:

- Thrinksun Born an' Bred Parts 1 & 2 by Joan Brotherhood Blackey (£3 each)
- Thringstone Born and Bred 3 by local poets (£2.50)
- Thringstone Village Trails 1, 2 & 3 giving the history of the area and a map to show you the routes (£2.50 each)
- Memories of Thringstone, Parts 1 & 2 (£3.50 each)
- Memories 3 (£2.50 each).
- St Andrew's Graveyard Booklet detailing the lives of some interesting people buried there (donations suggested of £1.50)
- Scottish in Thringstone—the story of people coming to the village in the 1960s. (£2.50 each)
- **NEW** – Thringstone and Its People – full of information on the history of the village from 1800 to about 1955 and the families who lived here. £6 – available by contacting us direct on 223434.
- **NEW** - Thringstone Around WW2 – the stories of 4 men. £2.50.

Most publications are available at Thringstone Members Club, at Thringstone House Community Centre, and from our website which is www.friends-of-thringstone.org.uk or ring us on 223434.

For information on our meetings, publications, work in the village or if you are interested in becoming a member, call us on 223434. You can also tweet us by using @Thringstone2, go to our facebook page, or you can email us via the website webmaster.thringstone@ntlworld.com

What's On



Complete pet service
Dog Hosting, Cat Care, Pet Feeding & Dog Walking
Small Animals to Small Holdings
Pet Taxi/Ambulance
Contact Vicky on 07876 327764
info@eastmidlands.animalsathome.co.uk

Thringstone Sunday Lunch Club also has vacancies. They go out by coach on the last Sunday of a month to a surprise venue for a meal. The coach picks up from Thringstone Members Club. Please contact the organiser on 222558 for more information.

Thringstone Bowls Club

Thringstone Bowling Club welcome new members of all ages to the Club. Coaching evening is on Wednesday or by arrangement. For the Club's address and contact

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details please refer to the Club website:
www.thringstonebowlingclub.org.uk

Thringstone House Community Centre

Saturday 4 October – Centre Stage Production of Femmes Fatales – Songs for Scarlet Women with Sarah Moule. Starts at 8pm. Tickets £9 from the centre's office.

Psychotherapy and counselling
 Nick Carter – UKCP Registered
 Short or Longer Term Work
 28 Loughborough Road, Thringstone
 Tel: 01530 223241

Saturday 15 November – Song Of The Soar. Live music into Dragonhead with Brian Langry. Starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £5. More details from Brian on 416251

Thringstone Ladies Luncheon club has vacancies. They meet for lunch every 2nd Wednesday of the month at Thringstone Members Club starting at 11.30am. They often have speakers. Please contact the

Churches Together

Whitwick and Thringstone 'Churches Together' is the coming together of all the Christian churches - Roman Catholic, Church of England, Baptist and Methodist. Monthly meetings are held to discuss and support activities across the churches.

Every fifth Sunday at 6pm a joint service is held at one of the churches. The group is probably best known for the annual Good Friday Pilgrimage starting at the abbey of Mount Saint. Bernard at 10am calling at all the churches along the way and concluding with a service at St. Andrew's church Thringstone. For further details please contact the secretary on 460117 or your local church.

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