



The newsletter of The Friends of Thringstone

Winner of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011

Winner of the Partnership and Community Group Awards Footprint Challenge 2009

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

Winners of the Big Tidy Award in the Keep Britain Tidy Jubilee Awards 2015

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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2016, 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.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported Carols Round The Tree in December at the community centre. Nearly £100 was raised from collections and raffles towards the flood relief fund for Cumbrian families. Thanks also to Josh at the George and Dragon for sponsoring the purchase of a new Christmas tree.

LITTER continues to be an issue in our village and surrounding woodland. From the records we keep, we picked up, removed, and recycled where possible, 2,053 bags of litter during 2015 which is a record, unfortunately. There are lots of bins around in the village, and there should be no reason to drop litter in the street. Van and car drivers don't need to throw rubbish out of their vehicles either, but all this happens on a daily basis. Please think about the environment, and take a pride in our village by putting litter in a bin.

There is someone who likes highlighting the issue of dog fouling down by the church by using pink markers on the pavement. This isn't anybody we know, but obviously they have a dislike of seeing dog fouling around the village.

RECYCLING – The Council will no longer take things left out in plastic bags, so please don't leave your recycling out in bags. This causes added work for our litter picking volunteers to then move them and try to recycle elsewhere. If you need more red boxes for your recycling, contact 454545 and ask for some. We are told that households can have up to 5 red boxes to use.

You should also have had information from the County Council about the changes to tip

opening times and new opening days. If you are unsure, please contact Leicestershire County Council for more information.

Photos of Thringstone folk – During January we had a bumper lot of photos sent to us via facebook from Anne Annable of the Upton, Morley and Allen families which were great to receive, and tied in with other information we already had. Do you have any family or other photos you would be willing to share with us? If you don't want to ring us to collect these to scan, or don't want to email them to us, we are happy to have them sent to us by facebook message.

If you have anything you are willing to share, including house deeds, please let us know, especially if you live in one of the older houses in the village, like those on The Green in which we have a particular interest.

We are also interested in hearing from anybody whose female relative worked in munitions or any other service during WW1, as we want to acknowledge the work of women during this conflict.

Want to join our group? Membership continues, for the 6th 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.

Publications

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.

Current Friends of Thringstone publications are:

- **Thinksun 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 history of the area and a map (£2.50 each)
- **Memories of Thringstone, Parts 1 & 2** (£3.50 each)
- **Memories 3** (£2.50 each).
- **Memories 4** (£2.50 each)
- **St Andrew's Graveyard trail** detailing the lives of some interesting people (£1.50)
- **Scottish in Thringstone**—the story of people coming to the village in the 1960s. (£2.50 each)

On Tuesday 3 May 2016 our practice will be moving to a new clinical computer system called SystemOne. This is a major piece of work for the practice team and we ask for your help, support and patience over the coming weeks. Please see our website for further details or ask at front desk for an information sheet as there will also be implications for patients using online services and patients on repeat medication.

We are also pleased to announce that a practice pharmacist will be joining our team from April. They will be able to see patients for minor illness and medication reviews, as well as deal with a range of medication queries and processes.

- **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
- **Thringstone Around WW2** – the stories of 4 men. £2.50.
- **Memories of Durham Miners** – the story of miners who came to Thringstone in the 1960s. £2.50
- **Pubs in Thringstone – NEW** – a book telling the life stories of the landlords and landladies who

worked and lived in Thringstone from 1840 onwards. A snip at £6.

- **Businesses in Thringstone – NEW** – a book recording the stories of people who owned businesses in the village. Only £6.

Discounts are available to people who wish to purchase a full set of any particular title e.g. Memories booklets and for those who want to buy a pubs book and a businesses book together, there is a £2 discount, so 2 books for £10. Please ask us if this is of interest to you. Most publications are available at Thringstone Members Club and at Thringstone House Community Centre. You can also contact us via 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

Thringstone Bowling Club



Thringstone Bowling Club is looking forward to another successful season which starts on 16 April. New bowlers, from the age of 9 onwards, are always welcome to 'have a go' at lawn bowls at the Club. Club coaches will be at the green (located

next to the Thringstone Members Club) on Tuesday evenings from 6.15 pm onwards – so please come down to see if you like the game. We are also starting a Junior Section at the club this coming season so we would be very pleased to see more youngsters using the club facilities. Please contact David Bamford on 222475 for more details

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