



The Friends of  
Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2014 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Present:** Cllr . Dave Everitt (part), Cllr Leon Spence (part), Bernard Lee, Pat Hubbard, Tracy Foulds, Ann Petty and guest, Ron Hill, Roy Hill, Bernard Lee, Geoff Walker, Brenda Simpson, Pam Porter

**Apologies:** Geoff Wilson, Gillian Bates, Alan Burgess, Mike Statham, Ray Woodward, Janet Stevenson, John and Karon Smith, Carol Squires, Rowena Summers, Tam Bream

### Information/Discussion:

**New Member** – Welcome to Jackie Stanton who has recently joined us.

**County Council's Green Plaque Scheme** - Charles Booth is one of the 12 names that have been nominated for a new Green Plaque after 3 of us put him forward as a suggestion. Only 6 plaques will be granted, and the closing date for people to vote is 7 April. In order to get one of these plaques, we need people to vote please, as only the ones with the most votes will get a green plaque. You can vote online at: [www.leics.gov.uk/greenplaques](http://www.leics.gov.uk/greenplaques) or pick up and drop off a voting form at your local **Leicestershire Council library**. You can also send your list of favourites to: Green Plaques, Communities & Wellbeing, Room 500, Leicestershire County Council, County Hall, Glenfield, LE3 8RA. Remember - the closing date for entries is Monday April 7. Nita also has some forms, so if you want to give her a call on the number above to get a form, please do so.

**Monthly litter total for February** – 140. We are getting increasing questions about the lack of dog poo stencils in the village. *Leon Spence confirmed that he has the stencil kit to do this at some time and will do it when the pavements are dry.*

**Coalville Picnic in the Parks 2014** – The council has informed us that this event will take place, after all, in 2014, but no date has yet been given. That means **we need bric a brac and will be needing plants to sell**. Can members please start thinking about this please.

**Proposed building of 85 dwellings on land off Loughborough Road** – an exhibition was held at the centre on 27 February to which a lot of people turned up. A plan



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was shown to the meeting of the proposed development by Investin Properties, which was not to scale and is not a definite plan of how the housing will look, but just something to give people an idea of things.

This land also goes at the back of 125 and 127 Loughborough Road and runs at the rear of Henson's Lane and up to the rear of Thringstone Primary and the developers say they intend to retain existing hedgerows and trees as well as adding additional planting, landscapes and public open space (including a pond).

Cllr. Spence explained that the applications is speculative, and there is presently no builder attached to the scheme. He also explained the situation regarding land issues in NW Leicestershire.

*He also said that concerns expressed at the time and subsequently included the access being only from Loughborough Road (removal of the present traffic calming and entrance to the site there), the impact on the green wedge and countryside, flooding issues, existing drainage problems, problems with general infrastructure – schools, and doctors – and the volume of traffic, estimated by Fisher German as an extra 53, which refers to vehicle movements during peak hours on week days. Fisher German estimate that not all dwellings will generate a vehicle trip during every hour of the peak period; these will be spread over the morning/evening peak periods.*

Work is still being undertaken on the Transport Assessment but this will provide further detail behind the 53 vehicle movements.

Details on what Fisher German had said on traffic assessment was shown to the meeting.

People were also told that none of the dwellings would be 3 storey and 17 of the dwellings will be social housing.

*Cllr Spence reiterated that people who wished to make comments on the proposals could contact Liberty Stones at Fisher German. They could also do this via contact with Nita who had agreed to pass any concerns from members over to Fisher German.*

**Charles Booth's Grave** – The family has contacted us with regard to the listed building consent and detailed statement of works and we have again supplied them with the full inscription details. The matter is now to be referred to the church faculty for their approval.

**The Great War Remembered** – Following discussions with the centre, FoT has agreed to help put on an exhibition and commemoration event at Thringstone House Community Centre themed around the village in 1914 and the effect of the war on the lives of people here. The event will run on **Friday 4 July from 6pm til late, on Saturday 5 July from 10am-10pm and on Sunday 6 July from 2pm-5pm.**

It is hoped to have a short prayer on the Friday at the opening, and also show DVDs of the Great War, and play music. Whitwick Historical Group has asked to be involved for one day with an exhibition, probably on the Saturday, and it is hoped to get other organizations involved and put on something both sensitive and informative about this period in history. We have asked the Co-op if they will sponsor the event for milk, tea and coffee, and there will be a leaflet delivery on the event, and it will obviously also go into the Bauble. The WI is interested in making poppies on the afternoon of 5 July, and the RBL have expressed an interest. It is hoped to show some relevant films in the evenings. We are also looking to have a remembrance book available, so that people can record their own views on the conflict and also their families.

We will be asking if people have anything we can scan/copy nearer the time.

The primary school is also going to be involved in some aspect of the event, probably with work they have done previously related to the war, which can then be displayed at the centre. The Old School House have agreed to put their lollipops out again, sprayed red, so they look like poppies,



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given that one of the headmasters of the school, Theophilus Jones, was the first casualty of the war to die on British soil. Details of the event have been sent to the Rural Community Council for inclusion in their Village Events booklet and will headline the next Bauble. We have already emailed members on email asking for their views, and for help with the exhibition manning, but received scant response so far. Our publications will be available at the event.

*The meeting discussed the provision of a Book Of Remembrance being available for people to record their thoughts on those lost to the Great War, and agreed that this should be ordered.*

*Geoff Walker said he had some things from his uncle who was a sub-mariner, and he was willing to let us borrow these.*

**Traffic speeds on the A512** – we understand from Swannington Parish Council that there are plans to change the speed limit on parts of the A512 in Swannington from 40mph to 50mph.

**Litter Pick 8 March 2014** – We are meeting at 10am on The Green.

Whitwick Scouts are coming to help us and are getting sponsorship to help with their fund raising. All members also welcome to come and help. The Coalville Times have already been in touch and are sending a photographer and then doing an interview afterwards.

It has been suggested that we might have more participation by linking in gifts with children's activities – for example Ashby are doing a big litter pick and are giving children a chocolate cold coin for every recycleable item they collect. They are also encouraging local schools to do art projects with recycling, and they also put up posters where they have cleared large areas saying 'cleared by Ashby volunteers on whatever date'. People were asked their views on us doing this, in order to attract more interest.

*The meeting agreed that we do well working with local groups and businesses already, and putting up a poster to say where we had cleared could possibly lead to vandalism. However, the meeting agreed to try to muster up some more interest in coming out for the community litter picks.*

### Chair's report

**Letters Received:** none

**Emails Received:**

- Various – see sections below
- **Voluntary Action Leicestershire** has given us the details of someone who wants to volunteer with us. He has been sent details of our litter pick on 8 March and intends to come along, and may also litter pick independently.

**Emails Sent:**

- Various to agencies about ongoing issues including the reporting of flytipping in various areas, including 4 garden chairs on the roof of the football changing rooms off Melrose Road.
- We also completed a 6 page survey to **Litter Action UK** about our litter picking activities.

**Promotion:**

- We now have 190 **twitter** followers which is an increase of 12 this month. We continue to do tweets on a regular basis so that word gets about on the workings of the group. We also now have 39 facebook followers.
- In the **Coalville Times** of 28 February was an article about The Great War Remembered event and also about the green plaque voting.



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## Other:

- We were asked by NWLDC to pick up the folders sent in to the **Green Footprints Awards** in 2011 and 2013 as these were being thrown out. This is a portfolio of 25 pages including photographs from the 2011 application, and a 46 page folder from the 2013 application. These are now with our own archives, and were brought to the meeting.
- Someone has been cutting back their **silver birch trees** and other pruning and leaving the cuttings in a builders bag either on The Green or in one case on the bollard part at the junction of The Green and Loughborough Road. If anybody sees someone do this, can you please ask them to dispose of it more sensibly!
- We have sent an application for funding to **Woodstock in Whitwick** which would help us to print further publications. Woodstock in Whitwick this year is on 16 August.
- We have joined **Culture 24**, a network designed to help us promote the Great War Remembered event. In addition, for the same reason, we have joined the Centenary Partnership. This means the event will also be automatically added to Engaging Places and BBC Things to Do. We can also use their logo which links us to other national events.

## Treasurer's Report

### February

<b>Gen Fund held 1st of month</b> (bank + petty cash + float)	<b>£3,192.31</b>		
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
membership	£ 3.50	broadband and calls - feb	£ 16.26
donations	£ 0.50	univ of leicester cd recording	£ 12.00
Thringstone & Its people	£ 90.00	carparking	£ 0.50
other publications	£ 7.50		
raffle	£ 5.00		
<b>total income to general fund</b>	<b>£ 106.50</b>	<b>total exp</b>	<b>£ 28.76</b>
		<b>Total general fund at month end</b>	<b>£ 3,270.05</b>
		<b>graveyard fund balance</b>	<b>£ 9.84</b>

I (Lis Muller) have just received the invoices for the printing of Thringstone and its People (£363), the reprint of the Scottish in Thringstone (£36), and The Bauble (£34.55) and these will be shown on next month's accounts. As March is the end of our financial year, please can ask that any monies relating to this year are put through my door by 31/3/14 at the latest. Likewise any bills that need to be paid are chased up and presented to me by then. Thanks

## **Publication Report – Roy Hill**

An email listing publication discounts was sent round to the members of the group who are on email.

We have given free copies of Thringstone and Its People to Jimmy Francis and Ron Goacher who help us with our research from time to time.

Three copies of Scottish in Thringstone have been sold at the Members Club and the sales of our new publication, Thringstone and its People, have gone well.

This month, Ron Hill has sold 5 (and a copy of Born and Bred 3), Nita has sold 4, Ann has sold 1



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I have sent one copy each of Born and Bred 3, Memories 3 and Scottish in Thringstone to Melton Bookshop who was buying them on behalf of a customer. I have yet to receive payment and have 'prodded' them.

There were no sales at the George and Dragon or the Community centre. Both have a copy of our new book on display.

The Treasurer has received 3 copies of Scottish in Thringstone - £7.50, 9 copies of Thringstone and its People- £54 (includes payment for 2 reported last month). Still to be paid to the Treasurer 1 copy Born and Bred 3, 2 copies of Thringstone and its People £12

## STOCK REPORT

	Community Centre	George & Dragon	Nita	Anne	Sundry people	Stock	TOTAL
<b>Born and Bred 1</b>	2	1	0	2		8	13
<b>Born and Bred 2</b>	2	1	0	2		28	33
<b>Born and Bred 3</b>	2	3	4	2	3	47	61
<b>Memories 1</b>	1	1	0	2		17	21
<b>Memories 2</b>	1	1	0	2		22	26
<b>Memories 3</b>	2	3	3	5	1	11	25
<b>Scottish in T'stone</b>	2	3	1	3	3	22	34
<b>T'stone &amp; its People</b>	1	1	7	4	1	53	67
<b>Village Trail 1</b>	0	1	2	2		13	18
<b>Village Trail 2</b>	0	1	0	2		10	13
<b>Village Trail 3</b>	0	1	2	2		20	25
<b>DVD</b>	0	0	0	0		3	3
<b>Graveyard Booklet</b>	6	5	15	10		175	211
<b>Sub-totals</b>	19	22	34	38	8	429	550

## Web report

The webmaster has put in hours of work to get the website back into shape, for which we thank him. There are still photographs to put on the projects page at some stage, to include the photos from last year's Scarecrow Event and the publications section is not up to date, although it now has its own page and the contact details are correct.

## Community Report and What's On

This list has been compiled from information phoned or emailed to us, from facebook and paper/poster advertising and/or by going through the list of What's On from the NWLDC website. If interested in any of these events, please check with the venue concerned that the details are still correct.

- We were told that **Punch Taverns**, who own the George and Dragon, were selling it, along with 3000 other public houses, and understand that the George and Dragon is under offer to a person who is said to be local, but no further details are currently officially known.
- The **Central England Cooperative** has been shortlisted for the coveted **Sustainable Urban Design** award as part of the NWLDC's Green Footprints Awards for its new



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Thringstone store which 'offers local residents a new facility within a short walk or cycle from their homes and blends well into its surroundings'.

- The Community Centre is now running a course on **Sugarcraft** on Tuesday mornings.

### Dates for your diary

- 7 March – lunchtime talk at Ashby library on **life in the trenches of WW1** with Nick Marshall. Library members £2.50, non members £3
- 8 March – for those not litter picking with us, the centre have a coffee morning from 10am – 1pm as part of **International Women's Day** with chocolate and fruit samples, and fair trade refreshments courtesy of The Co-op.
- 8 March – Danny Fisher in the show Elvis versus Roy Orbison at the **George and Dragon**
- 9 March – Belton – **Centre Stage production** of A Woman's work at the village hall. This is a show with songs and stories from 15<sup>th</sup> century to date, detailing the work of women including mill workers, laundresses, lace makers, lavender girls etc. 7.30pm start. Tickets and details from 222897.
- 12 March – **Coalville Library Talk** – The village cinemas of Leicestershire with Brian Johnson. 12.30pm- 1.30pm. Library members £2.50, non members £3.
- 14 March – **Stephen Booth the crime writer** is giving a talk at Coalville Library from 12 noon til 2pm. Tickets £3 each from the library
- 17 March – **St Patrick's day** celebrations at the George and Dragon
- 19 March – **Rev. Rob Marsh** is going to be talking about his recent trip to India at St Andrew's and showing some of his photographs. No time known.
- 20 March – Talk at Snibston on **The Bevin Boys** by Jed Jaggard. 10.30am. £4 to include tea, coffee and biscuits.
- 20 March – **Charles Hanson Auctions** valuation day at Coalville Rugby Club. 10am-3pm. Free valuations. Donations requested to Hospice Hope.
- 21 March – **The wildlife of Grace Dieu** – a talk and presentation by Steve Woodward at Ashby Methodist Church Hall. 7.30pm start.
- 22 March – Mojo Hand at the **George and Dragon** for their 6<sup>th</sup> live show
- 22 March – Eaga Gospel Choir at St John's, Whitwick. Tickets £7, children under 16 free. Tickets from any member of the church, Whitwick.coffee shop or on the door. Enquiries ring Margaret on 817642
- 23 March – **Wartime Leicestershire** – Beaumanor Hall on this Sunday from 10am-4pm. Free talks, free tours and free parking, all put together by Leicestershire Archeological and history society. Ann will be there for Grace Dieu Priory. Admission £5 and children free. Please reserve places for the talks via the website which is [www.lahs.org.uk/](http://www.lahs.org.uk/)
- 28 March – **Comedy night at Hermitage Leisure Centre**. Adult comedy show featuring names from TV. 7.30pm. Tickets £10 from 811215.
- 29 March – **Annie Duggan band** is back at the centre for a live show. Contact the centre for more details.
- 29 March – Sam Southall (brilliant young singer) at the **George and Dragon**.
- 30 March - **Dog walk at Bradgate Park** with dog behaviourist Steven Havers. Meet at Newtown Linford car park at 10am. Cost £3. Will take about 2 hours.
- 30 March – **Mothering Sunday** at the George and Dragon. Booking will be essential.
- 17 April – Miner's Morning at **Snibston Discovery Park** – talk and discussion by Jonathan Capewell about soldiers of the Leicestershire Regiment in WW1. 10.30am-12 noon.



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- 21 April – **Easter Egg Hunt** in Swannington. Starts from Hough Mill at 2pm-5pm. Book your place by emailing [chairman@swannington-heritage.co.uk](mailto:chairman@swannington-heritage.co.uk)
- 24 April – **Charles Hanson Auctions** Valuation Day again at Coalville Rugby Club. 10am-3pm. Free valuations, but donations requested to Hospice Hope.
- 25 April – **Armageddon Pro Darts** at Hermitage Leisure Centre. Tickets £20 each or 4 for £70. Contact 811215 for further details.
- 4 May – Whitwick Constitutional Club – **Charity band day** in aid of Rainbows. More details to follow but know it is outside.
- 12-17 May – **Sound of Music** at Thringstone House Community Centre. Tickets from TPADS.
- 29 May – **Charles Hanson Auctions** again at Coalville Rugby Club. 10am-3pm. Valuations free but donations requested to Hospice Hope.

### History report

- The 3 tapes from **East Midlands Oral History Archive** have been typed up, but provided very little information which can be used by the group.
- **Leicestershire & Rutland Heritage Forum AGM** will be taking place on Friday 4th April at Snibston Discovery Museum from 2.00 pm. There will be a *FREE (normally this is a charged activity)* colliery tour before the AGM & Open Meeting. Light refreshments will also be provided.
- We have researched the life of **Dr Richard Orton** who was born in Kegworth in 1806, and served Thringstone and surrounding areas in the 1850s and 1860s from a surgery in Colerton and another in Swannington. This is new information and revealed a court case involving an alleged indecent assault on an 8 year old girl at the surgery. Dr Orton was acquitted due to witnesses not turning up to prove their side of the case.
- We have been given copies of **more photographs** from Sue Millership of David Robinson, and Jack Rennocks and Maurice Robinson working at the woodyard. We now also have photos of Mary Theresa Hallam and her sister Sarah Ann, sisters of Samuel W Hallam who kept the Queen's Head. Mary Theresa was postmistress in Thringstone in 1871, and moved to Canada in 1882 after her marriage. We also now have photos of Burley Chesterton, son of Thomas who kept the George and Dragon and who was born at the pub, and Louis Hollingsworth, son of Hannah Maria Hollingsworth who kept the Queen's Head.
- We have a copy of the obituary of **Samuel W Hallam** of Thringstone, father of one of the landlords at The Queen's Head. It was he who brought the post office to the village in about 1856. We have also researched Londoner **Mrs Mary Jane Crampton** who was head at Thringstone School for 3 years in the 1870s about whom we previously knew nothing and **Miss Annie Elizabeth Symons Lee**, born in Fowey in Cornwall, another teacher at Thringstone school who died in 1947 and is buried at St Andrew's.
- Ann has been contacted by someone with information on **WW1** following the recent press release who wants to bring things he has along to the Great War Remembered event, which is fine. Ann also now has contact details for a man called Ralph Butler who lived in Thringstone, and intends to talk to him about his recollections at some stage.
- **Trade directories** - We now have copies of the Historical Directory for Whitwick, Swannington and Thringstone in 1846, copies of Whitwick and Thringstone entries for the



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- Post Office directories of 1849, 1855 and 1876 and Whites directory for 1863, plus copies of the Commercial Directory for 1861 and Bennett's Trades List for Thringstone from 1901.
- We are hoping to find details of heads of **Thringstone School** from its opening in 1844 to 1873 when our records began. The nearest we have is that someone called Fletcher was head in 1846 and Sarah Gough was head in 1862 and 1863, but we are currently unable to trace who these people are.
  - We now have more information on **Arthur John Willmott** who was the butler to Charles Booth. We have also researched William Bingham who kept **The Fox** in the 1890s – it seems he also ran a business as a carrier, and went into liquidation. We have also researched James Horden Pannett and his family, who kept The Fox after Mr Bingham.
  - We have interviewed **Len Higgs** who had a haulage business for 40 years on Brook Lane, and he has told us about Mr Pratt who was the boat builder at The Old School House. We have spoken with Carl Garrett whose brother, Paul, worked at the boat builder's yard, and he is endeavouring to get more information for us on the owner of the boat business.
  - We have interviewed **Geoff White** about owning the property next to the Co-op and running it as a bookies in the 1980s. He has given us more information on previous and subsequent owners.
  - John Barks has contacted us and told us about running the **John Street shop** between 1974/5 and 1978.

### Councillors' report – Leon Spence read in his absence

The issues regarding the Loughborough Road build had already been covered.

#### **A busy month!**

There are lots to report this month so lets get started!

#### **The Fox Site – proposed affordable housing**

I have a meeting with Jim Patman, Executive Director of East Midlands Housing Association, this afternoon (Thursday) about proposed development of The Fox. I hoped to provide a verbal update of that meeting this evening. *Details on this will be requested from Cllr. Spence and forwarded on to members.*

#### **Proposed relocation of Thringstone Post Office**

Residents will be aware by now that the Post Office are planning on relocating their Thringstone branch to Thringstone Stores, Loughborough Road (Kays).

The intention is to continue to provide most Post Office services through a revamped counter service.

If you want to let to give your views the public consultation is open until 21 March. A link to the consultation is available at <http://www.whitwickandtringstonenews.co.uk/2014/02/thringstone-post-office-to-move.html> or you can visit [www.postofficeviews.co.uk](http://www.postofficeviews.co.uk) and enter the branch code 28721799.

I have responded to the consultation as County Councillor. My own view is that it is important keep a Post Office provision in Thringstone but there are highways concerns about relocating to the proposed Thringstone Stores which could affect the safety of both motorists and pedestrians. As such any alternative locations should be considered by the Post Office.

### **Loughborough Road potholes**



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I'm delighted to say that potholes caused by the removal of cats eyes (towards the Grace Dieu end of Loughborough Road) have now been filled in.

Please let me know if you have any other Highways concerns.

### **Leicestershire County Council Green Plaque Awards**

I'm sure it will have been mentioned elsewhere but please take a minute to vote for Charles Booth in the inaugural LCC Green Plaque awards. It would be great to see him recognised through this scheme. (Lets face it, we wouldn't be sat in the Community Centre tonight without him!). Voting is open until 7 April and a link can be accessed by visiting:

<http://www.whitwickandthringstonenews.co.uk/2014/03/leicestershire-county-council-green.html>

### **Electoral changes**

There are a couple of issues of which residents need to be aware. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England have finalised their review of North West Leicestershire. There will continue to be 38 councillors but most importantly for villagers Thringstone will have just one District Councillor (the Whitwick bit of the Thringstone ward has been moved into Whitwick).

Parish Council – I am still collecting petition signatures for a Community Governance Review to establish a Parish Council in Thringstone (I took a few weeks off in the worst of the winter weather). I am hopeful that we will have enough signatures to trigger the review in the next month.

**School Transport** - Leicestershire County Council are currently carrying out a consultation on proposed changes for home to school transport. The changes will mean that free school buses are only provided for children to their **nearest** school if that school is more than 3 miles away (2 miles for primary schools).

Investigations show that a number of Thringstone families may be affected by these proposals. Historically most children who have attended Thringstone Primary School have 'fed up' to Newbridge High School in Coalville as the village has fallen in the secondary schools catchment area. Many children living in the north of the village (Henson's Lane, Springfield, Melrose Road etc.) have received free bus transport as Newbridge is more than 3 miles from their home. Under the proposals free bus transport would not be provided to Newbridge as Castle Rock High School is nearer and seemingly (using walking routes on Google Maps) less than 3 miles from any home in Thringstone, meaning that free transport would not be provided to that school either. The County Council is proposing the changes will come into effect from September 2015 and will not affect any children currently at Newbridge who receive a free bus pass.

**For all the latest village news please visit my new look website:**

<http://www.whitwickandthringstonenews.co.uk/>

### **Police Report**

5 x assault and harassment offenses = these all relate to the same group of people and is being investigated.

1 x theft from motor vehicle = Investigation closed. No perpetrators identified.

1 x Theft of Cycle = Cycle left insecure and unattended over night. Investigation is ongoing.

1 x damage = Investigation closed. No perpetrators identified.

1 x burglary dwelling – Empty property - Investigation closed. No perpetrators identified.

1 x damage to motor vehicle – Under investigation – all wiring to a Yamaha Bike was cut through.

### **Gardening and environment**



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- NWLDC has confirmed that they cannot recycle cans, bottles and plastics put into **litter bins** in the village (or elsewhere) as they had hoped to do, because people putting dog waste in street litter bins now precludes this.
- Thank you to whoever it was who, yet again, repaired the wooden bench down **Drury Lane** (behind the Co-op) for us which was vandalized once more.
- The BBC is putting on a show called The Big Challenge for **allotment holders**. The information has been shared with the Community Centre for their allotment holders and with two of our members who we know have allotments.
- There is nothing further to report from the gardening front. Litter etc. has been covered elsewhere.

### Any other business

- A **diabetic pen** was found whilst out litter picking in February. This was taken to the chemist, who refused to accept it because she said there were needles inside the packaging although these were not visible. We were told to take the article to the council. They were also unwilling to take this, as they only pick up things with needles, you can't hand them in at the reception. After some discussion, during which we were asked to put the pen (which looked for all the world like a felt tip) into a bottle (which was not available from in the council reception), it was agreed that they would take the item if it were put in a carrier bag. It was therefore put in a bag and left at reception.
- **The School** has asked that they automatically get sent a copy of the Bauble by email every quarter. They are also interested in getting a copy of the Community Centre's Focus magazine. We hope to get copies of their newsletter in return.
- We have been invited to a **network meeting** in April at the school where we can talk to other groups in the village about our plans.
- Roy Hill asked whether practice information from the **Health Centre** could be included in The Bauble. It was agreed that this could be, and the deadline for the next Bauble was the end of April.
- There was general discussion about the new idea of **records on databases** being shared outside of GP surgeries. Bernard Lee said he was totally against this, and it should be a case of opting in rather than opting out. It was said that Drs Lewis and Patel were in agreement with patients' information going on databases and being shared. Roy Hill said that care data could be sold off but the information on the database in this instance would be anonymised so people's identities were protected. The other database information is that which is sent to hospitals, so that they have everybody's information should someone be admitted. The completion of these databases has been something required by central government, and you can pull out by filling in a form, but be aware that there are two forms to complete, as there are two databases.
- Several people completed forms to **vote for Charles Booth for a green plaque**. The centre was given 30 forms to give to user groups to vote.

**Next meeting : The next meeting is on 3 April 2014 at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre.**



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Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards 2009  
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