



The Friends of  
Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 JUNE 2014 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Present:** Ann Petty, Rowena Summers, Ray Woodward, Dave and Julie Everitt, Jackie Spalding, Mike Statham, Pam Porter, Bernard Lee, Ron Hill

**Apologies:** Roy Hill, Geoff Wilson, Geoff Walker, Leon Spence

<b>Voting in of new committee:</b>	<b>Chairman:</b>	<b>Nita Pearson</b>
	<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Geoff Wilson</b>
	<b>History:</b>	<b>Ann Petty</b>
	<b>Admin:</b>	<b>Rowena Summers</b>
	<b>Vice Chair:</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
	<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
	<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
	<b>Minute Secretary:</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
	<b>Events and What's On:</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
	<b>Environment:</b>	<b>Vacant</b>

**Proposed by Dave Everitt and seconded by Ray Woodward, approved by all. Nobody put themselves forward for the vacant positions.**

The AGM report on the year was read out and is attached to the minutes.

### Information/Discussion:

**Honorary Member** – Margaret Bell from Thringstone Members Club has been made an honorary member in recognition of her work in the village.

**Green Plaque for Charles Booth** – The unveiling of the green plaque to Charles Booth takes place at an official ceremony at Thringstone House Community Centre which starts at 2pm on 18 June, with the unveiling taking place about 2.30pm. We will be the first green plaque given out, which is a real coup. **Anybody who wants to come along to see this happen will be most welcome.** Thringstone Primary have said they will send along some students and we



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would really like 'the powers that be' to see that we are a thriving and welcoming community. We have been advised by County Hall that the plaque is being put up on the Monday before the unveiling at 10am.

**Charles Booth Grave** – paperwork has been issued on 8 May at the Concessionary Court regarding the grave renovations. On 8 June, the church will be able to send in to Church House the necessary paperwork for the approval of the grave renovations to be considered. The family has asked for and been given details of church wardens to contact with queries to relieve Alan Burgess from constant contact.

**Christmas Tree for the centre** – Janet has found out that the tree place at Gelsmoor has some 3-4' trees ready to plant, which will be delivered to the centre at the end of September (if ordered) for £20. Jackie Spalding has contacted Friezeland trees in Cadeby and got a price for a rooted 6' tree (minus delivery) for £40 with this being available in September/October. Bernard has said he could contact Blackbrook Farm to see if they have any trees and the price. *The meeting agreed to the purchase of the tree from Friezeland, and that Ray Woodward and Bernard could sort delivery. Rowena said she would like to pay for the tree. Mike said that the centre could also make a contribution. It was agreed to go back to Friezeland and talk about the order.*

**Picnic in the Parks at Coalville 2014** –29 June – all day until 6pm  
Thanks to Ron Hill and Megan Cross for letting us have bric a brac to sell at this event. There is more to come from Janet Stevenson, Kay Lakhman, Ray Woodward, Julie Everitt, Bill Newton and Ann Petty. **We still need help on the stall for this event.** So far, only Bernard has said he can be there for the day, with Janet and Ann saying they can come for part of it. Ray Woodward is going to try to get the tables from the community centre, but we need help putting up the tent and also helping us set up and take down, as well as stall manning. Jackie said she could help with taking stuff and setting up. Dave and Julie also said they could come and help at some point. **If anybody else is available please let us know.**

**Monthly litter total for May** – 140. Remember that the next litter pick is **Saturday 14 June at 10am** from The Green. All welcome. We have received confirmation that we will be joined by some cadets from the 1188 Air Cadet Squadron. We have also posted through some doors details of the litterpick after several people asked when the next one was. We have invited members of the de Lisle family to come and work with us within the woodland area if they are able.

**The Great War Remembered** – As you already know, this 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 at Thringstone House Community Centre. There will also be a service at St Andrew's on 6 July starting at 10am. Ann is helping Rev. Burgess by providing details of local soldiers stories to form part of this service. 30 posters have been printed and placed in various outlets, but if anybody has any time to put posters up for us, please get in touch. A programme card has also been designed (thanks to Janet Stevenson) and printed. Mike Statham has done banners and notices which will be going up near the centre the week beginning 16 June. The event has also been widely advertised on the internet, including the new County Council WW1 commemoration site.

Dave reminded the meeting that he has antique telephones he could bring to the event. Thringstone Primary may be providing a collage of work but this is not certain and will have to be picked up from the school rather than sent.



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We have received confirmation from Coalville Rotary Club that they are giving us £50 towards the costs for this event and received £100 from St Andrew's which has gone towards the cost of providing the posters and programme cards. We thank both these parties. Sunil at Thringstone shop has offered to help, and we have also secured up to £25 from Thringstone Co-op to be used on provisions bought by the centre for refreshments on the day. Lorraine is dealing with that side of it. EM Airport are considering also sponsoring the event.

**Snibston Miner's Gala** – we have been invited to have a stand again at this event, which is likely to be the last of its kind. The date is Saturday 13 September. We need people to man the stall. *Bernard, Rowena, Ron and Ray agreed to help with the stall and to do wine and water, which means purchasing a new lot of wine and marking bottles for winners accordingly. The form will be completed and the £20 stall fee sent off.*

**New Publication** – we have a new publication for sale called Thringstone around WW2 – the memories of 4 men. This 84 page booklet is for sale for £2.50.

## Chairs Report

### Letters received

- Copy of the RCC's Village Events

### Emails Received

- Several from Leicestershire County Council about the Green Plaque for Charles Booth
- From Voluntary Action Leics. saying they are featuring our litter picking work in their volunteer news stories as an example of good practice.

### Emails Sent:

- Various to agencies about ongoing issues

### Promotion:

- We have 224 **twitter** followers which is an increase of 12 this month.
- We had a letter printed in Coalville Times of 30 June mentioning the Great War Remembered event
- Bernard took a load of our leaflets to the Voluntary Action Leics. stall in Coalville Precinct on 4 June as part of a promotion drive. Thank you Bernard

### Other

- We have 4 new members, Carole Wortley, Terry and Chris Cran and Colin Garner. Welcome to them all.
- Congratulations go to our members Ruth Crockett and Mike King who get married on 21 June.
- We currently have 126 paid up members

## Treasurer's Report

Date May 2014

<b>Gen Fund held 1st of month</b> (bank + petty cash + float)	<b>£2755.07</b>		
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
membership	£ 390.00	Broadband and calls - May	£ 12.56
donations	£ 39.60	Gardening	£ 19.00
Publications	£ 43.00	Carparking/stationery	£2.80



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Easle sale	£5.00	Community Centre	£150.00
		Computer Inks	£25.99
raffle	£ 8.00	RCC Sub	£12.50
Sale of Lawnmower	£ 40.00	Photocopying at centre	£35.00
<b>total income to general fund</b>	<b>£ 525.60</b>	<b>total exp</b>	<b>£ 257.85</b>
		<b>Total general fund at month end</b>	<b>£3022.82</b>
		<b>graveyard fund balance</b>	<b>£ 9.84</b>

## Publication Report – Roy Hill

I have had to produce this report quite early in the month due to a holiday and therefore I have not included a stock report this time.

We now have a new publication as mentioned earlier in the Chairman's report. We ordered 100 of these and actually received 104. Ann has been given a stock of 10 of these and Nita has been given a stock of 5. 12 free copies have been given out.

I visited Ashby Museum to check sales there and no one knew if any had been sold. I am waiting for a reply to an email to see if there are any sales and whether they will continue to stock Thringstone and its People.

The special offers we have made have resulted in some confusion in the pricing on posters and so I shall reproduce them, hopefully with the correct pricing!

We have sold 1 set of photographs £24 to a new member, 2 Memories 3 £6 (one to Thringstone Luncheon Club and one at the Community Centre), 1 Village trail 2 £2.50 at Thringstone Luncheon Club, 1 DVD £3.50 to someone who saw it advertised in The Bauble, 2 copies of Scottish in Thringstone £5 at the community centre, 1 Born and Bred 1 £3 at the George and Dragon.

### The Treasurer has received:

1 set of photographs (Colin Garner) £24  
 1 Memories 3 (Luncheon Club) £2.50  
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 1 Village trail 2 (Luncheon Club) £2.50  
 1 DVD (Bill Ward) £3.50  
 1 born and Bred 1 (George & Dragon) £3.00

2 copies of Scottish in Thringstone (Community Centre) £5

*Subsequent to this report, Roy has advised that Ashby Museum have sold all their copies of Thringstone and Its People, save one which they are keeping for reference and may want further supplies. He is dealing with this. He will also talk to Thringstone Members Club who have suggested they might want to stock other publications for us.*

## Web report

The webmaster has recently put the Great War Remembered Poster on the home page, and updated the whole of the website with publications, photos etc., and totally updated the sponsorship page.

He has put on a download book into the publication page detailing the history of Grace Dieu Park Cricket Club, written by John Wisehall.

We thank our webmaster for all his work on the site throughout the year.



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### Community Report and What's On

**Thringstone U11's football team** is looking for 3 new players for next season. Training is on a Tuesday night at 6.30pm at the Homestead Road football ground. Must be U11 on the 1/9/14 – currently school year 5.

**Thringstone Ladies' Luncheon Club** has vacancies. They meet for lunch every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at Thringstone Members Club starting at 11.30am. They often have speakers. It is £10 a year subscription. Please contact the President on 222558 if you are interested.

**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 Pam for further details on 222558.

**Kettlercise (kettlebell) training** every Monday at Thringstone House Community Centre 7:30pm. Shed the weight, tone the body and have great fun. Just £4 per class. Call Jake 07886209366

**Mobile Library** – Derek, who currently runs this facility which visits fortnightly on Tuesdays is retiring. The library is currently looking for new recruits to take over the service.

- 7 June – **Churches Together** Pentecost Party at Thringstone Members Club from 3pm-5pm. Bring food to share. Family games and prizes.
- 9 June – **Grace Dieu Priory Work Party**. Anybody who wants to help is asked to meet at the priory at 6.30pm.
- 12 June – open mike night at **The Hare and Hounds**. Starts 8pm
- 13 June - **Standing in Line** – a centre stage production taking place at Packington Memorial Hall from 7.30pm – the story of Albert Scimshaw who was born on the borders of Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire and who died at Passchendaele. Booking on 564613.
- 14 June – **FoT litter pick**. 10am from The Green. All welcome.
- 14 June – Thringstone By The Sea summer fete at **Thringstone Primary** from 12 noon til 4pm. Stalls and games planned.
- 14 June – **Thringstone Miners Welfare** – showing the England v Italy World Cup Game. 7pm til late as there is a party afterwards. This is also being shown at **The George and Dragon** from 11pm. Food available
- 14 June – Talk and tour by woodman Tony Smith of **Holly Hayes Wood**. Meet at the wheel at the City of Dan at 10am. Further details from Tony on 07946 702447.
- 14 June – Charity summer fayre in aid of Rainbows hospice at **Christchurch, Coalville**. 11am-3pm.
- 18 June – **Recycling roadshow** at Morrison's Coalville from 10am – 2pm. Order your red boxes, yellow and blue bags and get free recycling goodies.
- 18 and 26 June – **Grace Dieu Priory** is the venue for school visits from children from The Manor Preparatory School.
- 19 June – Uruguay v England being shown at 8pm at **The George and Dragon**
- 21 June – Gary Setterfield is Elton John at **The George and Dragon**. Starts 9.15pm
- 24 June – Costa Rica v England being shown at 5pm at **The George and Dragon**.
- 27 June – live **bluegrass** country music with the Down Country Boyz at The Lady Jane, Whitwick 8.30pm-11pm.
- 28 June – **Motofest** event in Coalville centre
- 29 June – Coalville's **Picnic in the Parks** – come and see our stall



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- 2 July – a group of year 8 students from Ratcliffe College are having a tour round **Grace Dieu Priory** from about 1.30pm
- 4, 5 and 6 July – Thringstone's **Great War Remembered** event at Thringstone House Community Centre.
- 11 July – **Beltones in concert** singing a medley of war songs at Thringstone Methodists Church. Starts at 6.30 to 7pm. This is free, but a collection will be taken. There are refreshments afterwards.
- 20 July – open afternoon at **Grace Dieu Priory** as part of Leicestershire Archeology week
- 25-7 July – **Heather Music Festival**. 3 stages and 50 bands.
- 2 August – **Thringstone Live for Charity** at the George and Dragon. Gates open at 12 noon. Carries on until 11pm. Many live bands.
- 3 August – **WW1 event at Moira Furnace**. Further details later.
- 4 August - **Whitwick St John's** – bells being tolled from 7pm, once for every name on the war memorial
- 16 August – **Woodstock in Whitwick**. 12 noon til late at Coalville Rugby Club.
- 18-22 August – **St John's, Whitwick** – Mega Makers Holiday Club - £1 per family per day. 10am-12 noon. 4 – 11 year olds
- 29 August – **WW1 music hall** event at Hugglescote Social Club from 7.30pm
- 30 August – **poppy walk, displays on WW1 and refreshments** at Hugglescote Community Centre plus **flower festival and remembrance** service at St John's, Hugglescote at 4pm.
- 1 November – **planting of 50 trees for 50 Hugglescote soldiers** from WW1 at Millfield Recreation Ground, Hugglescote, followed by concert at Hugglescote Community Centre.

### History report

- For those interested in older film, the **British Council** has now finished digitizing various films from the 1930s and 1940s. These are available to view on their website [www.britishcouncil.org](http://www.britishcouncil.org) or through Vimeo. There is a particularly interesting film from 1944 about the story of English Inns.
- We found military records on the internet for various Thringstone men going back in some cases to the Napoleonic wars. These are **Thomas Barlow** from 1884, **Thomas Billings** from 1878, **George Bird** from WW1, **William Bradley** from 1811, **Joseph Burton** from 1926, **James Cooper** who was born in 1805, served in Canada with the 58<sup>th</sup> foot in 1823 and went on to serve for over 21 years, **Thomas Cooper** from 1811, **William Cooper** from 1831 who was discharged after being diagnosed with consumption, **Sam Curtis** from 1895, **John Thomas Fortnam** from WW1, **Thomas Fortnam** from 1884, **John Howe** from 1885, **John King** who was with the 8<sup>th</sup> foot and served in Canada until at least 1785, **William King** from 1846 who was discharged because of breathing issues, **William Mason** from around 1814, **Joseph Moore** from 1882, **John Potter** who deserted in 1836, **John Skellit** from 1799 in the Napoleonic wars, **Edward Stanley** from 1897 who had one blue eye and one brown and served in South Africa, **William Stinson** who deserted in 1835 and then returned to serve in India, Crimea, Malta and East Indies before dying in service on 6 February 1885, **Thomas Wardle** from 1816, **Samuel Whaite** from 1825 who served in Canada, and **Richard Williamson** from 1901 who only served for a year in South Africa.



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- Ann has been sent the minute book from the **National War Relief Thringstone and District** meetings held from August 1914 until November 1915 by one of the extended members of the Booth family who lives in County Antrim. It belonged to her grandmother, who was Charles Booth's eldest daughter. This will be added to our archives and read with interest. Many of the people involved were prominent local people of the time, and it is nice to see their addresses and handwriting.
- We have **interviewed Colin Garner** who lived in Thringstone in the 1940s and was once the policeman for Whitwick and Thringstone talking about his memories and the changes he has seen. We have also interviewed **David Haynes** about his memories of his grandfather who lived in a farmhouse on Main Street and then lived at The Gables in the 1940s and **Barbara Toon** who ran the John Street shop with her husband Joe for years.
- We were contacted by Peter Hopper who is now 90 and was the manager of the nail and tack side of **BUSM** which set up a place at the Wesleyan Chapel in Thringstone in 1967. He has given us new information and details of Ted Sutton to whom we also spoke, who helped set up that business.
- We went to the WW1 commemoration event at **Ibstock Community College**, and got more ideas for our own event.
- Following a talk to **Thringstone Ladies' Luncheon Club**, we have made contact with a lady who has indentures relating to her property and the land on which it was built going back to George 3<sup>rd</sup>, and have spoken to a lady whose family delivered meat to the village from Swannington every week in the 1930s.
- We believe we may now have exhausted all possible sources of information regarding **soldiers who survived the Great War** and have put together a list with as much information as is currently available on these men and their lives. This covers 81 men from Thringstone and surrounding villages. The Booth extended family has been very helpful in providing information on their relatives who served in that war. We also have had some considerable help from John Wisehall regarding the Croson family, many of whom ended up in foreign lands. He has also given us photos. Thanks also to Colin Moore and his family for information on their relatives.
- Thanks to Mike King for letting us have copies of his deeds relating to **Gladstone Cottages**, Main Street. From this, we have been able to trace details of the owners of what was originally the land on which the houses now stand back to 1843.

### Councillors' report – Leon Spence

*Leon had been at a funeral and had not been able to prepare a report.*

*The meeting heard that **2 yew trees**, formerly protected, forming the boundary of 8 Badgerscroft are to be felled. These were part of the old vicarage garden*

*The planning situation regarding **The Fox** remains under consideration, as does the proposal to build a new detached residence at the rear of **31 The Green**.*

***Thringstone Post Office** has now moved to the corner of John Street. There is to be a grand opening at 2pm on Saturday coming with Andrew Bridgen.*

***The George and Dragon** changed hands on 23 May. The garden area has already altered, and there were plans to provide new fencing to a children's area, an orangery and do various redecoration internally.*

*There was general discussion about the state of the **grass verges**, which are supposed to be cut up to 9 times a year and had been cut this week. Ray Woodward said that this wasn't set in stone,*



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*and could be anything from 5 or 6 times a year in reality. Some people's grass verges, because they had recycling on them were only partially cut, and other people had complained that the grass was falling into the roads and blocking drains..*

*Bernard said that there were certain traffic islands which you could not now see across and which were dangerous, Flagstaff Island at Ashby being one. For those interested in projected dates for cutting, go onto the County Council website. That said, they intimated they were doing Thringstone's verges week commencing 22 May and did it this week. The next cut is estimated as 24 June.*

*There was discussion about the cancelling of a full council meeting and that Dave Everitt had wished to raise at the meeting who the **emergency contacts** were for the council over weekend periods. 3 bags of asbestos waste had been left on the Dalkeith Walk car park a couple of weekends ago, and he had spent a long time trying to get someone to remove these, eventually succeeding by contacting an asbestos waste company in Sheffield who moved them. These were dangerous to be left dumped on a car park and there should have been someone available on an emergency council number who could deal with it. Dave was thanked for his prompt action. Dave also reported that the council had a new chairman, and there was concern over developers of land not providing affordable housing.*

### **Police Report for last 31 days**

3 thefts, one from the Jet garage where a person has driven off without payment  
2 damage - once again the Jet garage which sustained some damage to shutter  
1 Burglary dwelling, which is still under investigation.

*The meeting was told that a yellowish stone garden ornament in the shape of a person's head had been stolen today from the front garden of a house on Shrewsbury Walk.*

### **Gardening and environment**

- More **shrubs** have been purchased for and planted down Drury Lane from the shrub and plant sale at The Dairy, Moor Lane, Coleorton on 3 May. All proceeds from the sale went to the local church, and it was very worthwhile going if you went early. Some shrubs seem to have disappeared from down by the church wall, and we need to purchase more shrubs for other sites we look after.
- We were promised replacement **poppy plug plants** from Thompson and Morgan about 2 weeks ago, and these have yet to arrive. If they don't come shortly, we will ring them again.
- We have ordered some **wildflower seeds** from [www.crocus.co.uk](http://www.crocus.co.uk) for Millbank. These are the only seeds recommended by the Royal Horticultural Society and will add to what is already there.
- We have sold the **motor mower** for £40. Bernard is arranging to get some more bark chippings to cover of the last remaining bit of grass, having cleared the area.

### **Any other business**

- We understand that, following the change of ownership of the George and Dragon, we are still able to have our publications on sale there.

**Next meeting : 3 July at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre. All welcome**



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