



# The Friends of Thringstone



**'Working together to improve our village'**

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2018 AT CHARLES BOOTH CENTRE**

**Present:** Nita Pearson, Ann Petty, Janet Stevenson, Bernard Lee, Pam Porter, Geoff Walker, Ron Hill, Anita Jones, Tracy Foulds, Pat Hubbard, Shirley Gordon, Maureen Simm, Tina Bakewell, Dave Everitt.

**Apologies:** Mike and Ann Statham, Julie Everitt, John Jackson

### **Discussions/Decisions.**

**Monthly litter pick total - 159 bags** against **145 bags** for the same month last year. 12 bags of cans, bottles and crisp/sweet packets were removed from the woods during this period.

What appears to be a child has put up a notice within the woodland asking people to take their litter home, but this does not stop people smashing glass in the woods – one of our members' dogs has had his paw badly cut because of broken glass hidden within the leaves. Please be careful with your animals when walking in the woods.

11 September saw the launch of a new piece of equipment for NWLDC's Street Cleansing team – a new barrow fitted with a suction device, which allows the operator to clear cigarette ends and small items from around street furniture more efficiently. It is doubtful that this will appear outside of Coalville town though.

In Pennsylvania, USA, there is a new law requiring anybody fined for littering as a first offence, which includes dropping **cigarette butts**, to carry out litter picking for between 5 and 30 hours within six months, as they feel that the fine isn't sufficient deterrent. It is unlikely that this will ever happen here though!

**The Melrose Play area** has been targeted by young people intend on digging holes and bending railings. Once reported to NWLDC's parks department, the holes, which were immediately in front of the basketball net, were filled in and the bent railing removed. They also took away a dumped office chair which was found there.

**Memorial Project** – Due to a clash of dates and various other personal issues, Nita has pulled out of the lecture part of this project due to take place on 9 November at 6.30pm at Century Theatre. Nita's research will now be presented by Biz from Swannington Research.

**Bulb Scheme** – The bulbs we ordered from NWLDC are to be delivered on 18 October to Bernard. We need to organise groups of people who will be willing to plant these. Nita will contact people when the bulbs come to see if anybody wants to help plant these.

**Hello Heritage event** – This took place on 15 September. 62 people came along, £61 was raised in tea, coffee and cakes sales for the centre, and £68.50 was taken for publications (see later). Thank you to everybody who came along and supported the event, to the



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ladies who baked and to the people who helped on the day with the event. Special thanks go to Ann and Bill for their work on putting together the exhibition which, as usual, was of an excellent standard. Hello Heritage 2019 will be Saturday 7 September to Sunday 22 September. Hello Heritage 2020 will be Saturday 5 September to Sunday 20 September

**Marking the end of WW1** – We are still working on this event, but it will no longer include the Tigers WW1 group, as their chairman is terminally ill.. Posters have been sent to all the partners working with us on the event, and a programme for the day put together and sent to the printers. Nita will need some help with this event. Jill Emmerson and her sister and Mary Roberts have agreed to come and help sell teas and coffees etc., but we need one more person if possible, please.

Janet has agreed to bake, as have Doreen Bates, Sue Rowbottom, Ann Petty, Gillian Bates and Tina Bakewell, and Jill Emmerson has said she will make 30 cup cakes.

Ebay offer cake stands with the British flag on. These currently cost £5.90 each plus postage. Should we order some?. Similarly, there are plastic table covers available for £1.90 per table, although perhaps the table covering should be plain. We already have 6 Union Jack flags to use outside the event, and have ordered and received 15m of red white and blue bunting. Should we have Union Jack paper plates for example?

Nita has discovered that the centre ordered 30 plastic poppies back in February to go on lampposts in the village, but not knowing this, borrowed 3 large plastic poppies from Whitwick Parish Council as a stop-gap. These were shown to the meeting.

Ann and Nita will be manning the exhibition part which will start at 12 noon and go on until 5.30pm. In the evening, there is a free concert starting at 7.30pm which Nita will also have to run. Can anybody help with other things on the day please? Dave said he might be able to help but would tell us nearer the time.

**Centre's quiz night** – This is on 9 November and the quiz team comprises Gillian and Des Bates, Kathy Mardon, Ann Petty, Carole Wortley and David Stevenson.. Nita is collecting the money from the team members and will take that to the centre with the form we need to complete.

**Carols At The Centre** – This will now take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December with a procession from St Andrew's at 6.30pm as usual and up to the centre afterwards. All are welcome.

**Centre news** – Various events are coming up at the centre, all of which are in the What's On section of these minutes. The brown leaflet which was distributed for the centre by one of our members to certain areas in the village had Christmas Crooners down potentially in November. This will now have to be changed due to contractual issues. The TPADS murder mystery due to be on 26 and 27 Oct has been temporarily put back to Saturday 17 November and Friday 23 November. Nita said she understood that the kitchen upstairs was going to be replaced, and that from January, other people may well be coming into the bar lounge during our meeting as the centre is going to market the bar as open to the public. Discussion took place on the provision of notices at the centre, and the general consensus was that there needed to be the same posters within the bar lounge as there was within the corridor area.

### Chairs Report

**Letters received:** None

**Emails received:** Various from people with whom we regularly share information.

**Emails sent:** Various to groups and individuals as usual. Also informed NWLDC of flytipping

**Promotion:** We have **541 twitter followers**, which is 4 more than last month, and **662 facebook followers**, which is 10 more than last month. One of our new twitter followers is Crane and Walton. Charles Edmund Crane who founded the firm was the son of our Rev. Crane of St Andrew's. They have said they are pleased to tell us that the 4<sup>th</sup> generation of the Crane family is now working at the practice. Mr Crane, in addition to being a solicitor, was for some time chairman of Ashby de la Zouch Cottage Hospital.



Community Voice of October 2018 has various mentions of FoT – page 6 regarding the Whitwick Historical Group’s 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary exhibition, page 8 about Nita’s Points of Light award, and page 13 regarding our 10 November event.

We are continuing to post details of local events, public notices and also historical photos on both sites, and Nita is also posting stuff on the Coalville History facebook site.

### Finance Report

<b>Gen Fund held 1st of month</b> (bank + petty cash + float)	<b>£2,849.00</b>		
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Memberships		Broadband	15.00
Raffle	6.00	Autumn bauble	40.10
publications	76.00	Postage for publications	1.26
Donations	2.50	Stamps	6.96
<b>total income to general fund</b>	<b>£84.50</b>		<b>£63.32</b>
		<b>Total general fund at month end</b>	<b>£2870.18</b>

### Publications Report

Nita sold a copy of all the Village Trail booklets for £7.50 to a gentleman in Shepshed who likes to go walking with The Ramblers. At Hello Heritage, Nita sold one set of Village Trails, one Village Trail 2, 2 pubs books, 2 Thringstone and Its People, one businesses, 2 copies each of Born and Bred 1 and 2, one WW2 book, one Scottish and one Durham miners booklet, 1 full set of Memories (1, 2, 3 and 4), and a Graveyard book. Because of bulk buying from one gentleman from Leicester, some of the prices were discounted but £68.50 was taken in total at that event.

Web Report – minutes for June, July, August and September are yet to go on site, together with photos of the centre’s launch and our stand, photos taken of the litter pick with Consortio Security, the Miners’ Gala and Nita’s award.

### Police Report

- Nita has said to the police that we are no longer getting the same information on crime in the village as we used to get, and was given a lot of stats relative to Whitwick which had all been given to the Whitwick Parish Council and did not appear relevant to us. The police said some of the events of which Nita was aware may have been answered by Loughborough beat patrols, so will not appear on the Thringstone statistics.... She was also referred to the crime stats which are now published, in arrears, on <https://crime-statistics.co.uk/postcode/le67> The latest figures are July. It is clear, however, that some of this also refers to Whitwick, as it refers to problems at the petrol station. As far as Thringstone village is concerned, 2 crimes comprising burglary and a violent or sexual offence happened near or on Henson’s Lane, one theft and a violent or sexual offence happened on or near Loughborough Road, 2 instances of shoplifting were near a parking area (Co-op?), one incident of anti-social behaviour on or near John Street and one on or near Tithe Close and another on a recreation area (probably the football pitch at the rear of the bowls club), one incident of criminal damage on or near Swallowdale, one violent or



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sexual offence on or near Booth Road (about which we knew and reported in August) and another on or near Ashdale.

- The following post was put out by NWL Police on 3 October - During patrols around Thringstone beat officers PCSO Booth and PC Gregory were stopped by a member of public, who told them their vehicle had been hit by a golf ball, which had possibly come from the green just off Melrose Road. Upon checking the green officers found various golf balls and tees. More golf balls were then found on Springfield. At this stage nothing else has been reported as damaged. Please be aware this could cause criminal damage if hit over the houses!
- Figures recently published show that 84% of residential burglaries in Leicestershire went unsolved in the 12 months to March 2018. The percentage of unsolved vehicle theft cases in the same period was 70%. Police chiefs have said increased demand and reduced officer numbers mean they have to prioritise cases where there is a realistic chance of prosecution. Leicestershire has lost 3% of police officers over the last year and, more alarmingly, more than a fifth of its workforce in just seven years. This means the size of the force has reduced from 2,317 in 2010 to 1,802 in March 2017 – a loss of 515 officers – according to the latest Home Office figures.
- From Neighbourhood Watch posting - Vehicle Crime - Gee Lane - between 5.40pm on 27th Sept to 9am on 28th. Entry gained to vehicle by unknown means and a wallet stolen.
- We believe there was a police operation on 18 September involving several police cars travelling to the Bull's Head and officers going into the woodland. We were told a male was arrested. This was the same day that someone posted on facebook that a man in full camouflage gear was in the woods near the Melrose Road play area.
- We are told that police with dogs were searching for 'a running man' on the Woodside estate during the week of 20 Sept. Someone did see a man with two bags running towards Loughborough Road.

### Community Report and What's On

The MacMillan coffee morning at the centre raised £220. Thank you to all who baked and bought! A similar event at Thringstone Primary raised £163.20.

The circus night at **Holy Cross School** raised £4,480. Thanks go to everybody who helped and went along to the event.

5 Oct - **Line dancing social at centre**. 7.30pm-9.30pm to cater for beginner and some improver dancers. All requests. £4. For further information contact Ann on 07914 358050.

6 Oct – Thringstone Panto and Drama Society's **race night at Thringstone Members Club**. Starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £1. Raffle. 8 races, minimum 50p bet. Book please through Scott Coleman on 07495 763972.

9 Oct – **Film Club at the centre** – film will be The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society. Doors open at 7pm.

11 Oct – **Gin tasting** event at Charles Booth Centre. 7pm-9pm. £15 which includes 2 free drinks and snacks.

12 Oct – Film night at centre showing film of the life of **Roseia de Verdun** (Grace Dieu priory) and some other short films. 7.30pm start. Admission £2 by raffle ticket.

19 Oct – Abba Tribute at **Whitwick Conny Club**. Starts at 9pm.

20 Oct – **Thringstone Soul Club** charity event for Prostate Cancer. 2pm – 10pm at Thringstone Members Club.

20 Oct – **Whitwick Historical Group's** anniversary exhibition at Hall Lane Methodist chapel. 10.30am – 5pm. All welcome. Friends of Thringstone will be present at this event.

31 Oct – **The scary side at Charles Booth Centre** from 6.30-8pm. Come and take part in exchange of ghost stories. There will be lots to keep kids occupied, including presents, the bar will be open and some food will be available but you can bring your own to share.



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31 Oct – **Halloween event at The Meadows** from 4pm. Go and see one of the most haunted places in the village.

31 Oct – **Bull's Head, Thringstone** – Halloween pizza party 5pm-7pm. £6 a ticket. Make your own pizza, games, best fancy dress and spooky disco.

3 Nov – Bonfire night at **George and Dragon**. Doors open at 4pm. Bonfire lit at 7pm with fireworks starting at 7.30pm. Free entry. Car parking available at £5 per car. Lots going on including hook a duck, homemade cakes, sweet stall, candy floss, slush machine, winter warmers, bottle bars, prosecco and gin bars, bbq and lots more. Live music from Sam Southall from 9pm.

9 Nov – **Quiz night** at the centre.

10 Nov – **FREE EVENT** at the centre to commemorate the end of WW1. Exhibitions with local partners from 12 noon until 6pm then from 7.30pm **FREE CONCERT** with Foresters Band where you can dance the night away.

11 Nov – **Antique and Collectors'** fair at Hermitage Leisure Centre 9am-3pm. £2.

16 Nov – Cher and Pink tribute at **Whitwick Conny Club** with Stacy Green. Starts at 9pm

17 and 23 Nov – **TPADS murder mystery** at Charles Booth Centre – A Taste of Murder. Tickets £10 from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/tpads](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tpads).

23 Nov – **North Street Club** – Charity quiz night and raffle in aid of 'Our Space' appeal - Children's Cancer Unit at the Leicester Royal Infirmary. It's an amazing facility providing care for children and young cancer patients in a home from home environment.. Teams of 4, £5.00 per person.

Tables can be booked (pay in advance) or the just giving page can be used to make payments or donations. <https://home.justgiving.com/?take=10>

24 Nov – Andy Kayne as Barry White at **Whitwick Conny Club**

25 Nov – **Christmas Craft Fayre** at Hermitage Leisure Centre. 11.30am until 2.30pm. No further details currently known.

1 Dec – **Santa, children's disco and Christmas Craft fayre** at the centre from 10am – 4pm with tables for the craft fayre at £10.

2 Dec - **Thringstone Members Club** – Panto Society Christmas Fayre. 1pm-5pm. All welcome.

14 Dec – Cliff Richard and Olivia Newton-John Tribute at Charles Booth Centre – further details nearer the time.

19 Dec – **Carols On The Green** – 6.30pm procession up to the centre to sing carols and then go inside for refreshments etc.

26 Dec – **Boxing day charity football match** at Thringstone Miners Welfare FC, Homestead Road. 10am – 1pm. The Hares 11 v Thringstone 11. Free entry, raffle and refreshments. Money raised from this will be split between MWJ07 in memory of Minnie, a local charity and a mental health charity.

### **History report**

- On 2 October, it was reported by the Leicestershire Records Office:

More

We're very pleased and proud to have taken delivery of the Coalville Times today. A huge slice of Leicestershire history with so much information. It's a great privilege to care for these records and make them available. [#stocktaking](#)

- Nita has investigated details of all the Thringstone properties and their residents involved in the **1936 property clearance orders**, and these have been saved to our archives and revolve around properties on Brookside (Gracedieu Rd), Brook Lane, Main Street, Drury Lane, Fox Yard and Henson's Lane . If anybody is interested in these, please contact Nita and she will send you all the information.
- NWLDC is currently doing a consultation on **district heritage assets**, split into commemorative structures, educational establishments, places of worship and suburban and small country houses. These details include Thringstone St Andrew's (1862), Thringstone Methodists (1863) and the Old School House (1844). Nita has pointed out that the Wesleyan Chapel on Main Street (1872) should also probably be included especially



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since the current structure was built on foundations from around 1822. If anybody wants to view these lists and the details they give, they are welcome to do so. The council would indeed appreciate your comments on the draft lists, by **Friday 26 October**. Please visit [www.nwleics.gov.uk/local-heritage](http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/local-heritage) for further information.

- At the Hello Heritage event, we had the chance to talk to the granddaughter of Clara and James White formerly of Gladstone Cottages. Clara ran a fish and chip shop from her home. Our book on businesses states that James died in Coalville in 1966. We were told that he died on Boxing day 1966 at 42 Main Street, the home of his granddaughter at the time. We also spent time talking to Emily Norley nee Belcher of the family who ran Glebe Farm from around 1931 until 1939. She confirmed many details about the farm which we were given subsequent to the publishing of Thringstone and Its People.
- For some years, we have wondered about the **Whitwick and Thringstone Nursing Association** and its association with the Booth family. This organization operated up to the start of the NHS and we have discussed before what it was like for people who had little money and ill health. Considerable research using newspaper archives has brought to light that Whitwick and Thringstone Nursing Association was formed early in 1899 by Charles Booth. His involvement is confirmed in an article about the association in the Leicester Daily Post of 3 March 1903 which talks of him as their founder. Charles Booth presided over many of their meetings from at least 1903. Coalville Times of 24 March 1905 printed a letter from Rev Edwin S Crane of St Andrew's Vicarage. In this letter he comments that he has not been a subscriber to the group since October 1899, but had been during its first year. He stopped subscribing because at that time 'there was a sick person in Thringstone for whom no nurse could be obtained', so he had asked that the association nurse deal with fewer cases, so as to be able to concentrate on those with serious illnesses, where necessary on both night and day duty. He felt, however, that the help of friends would probably be more readily available in the daytime. This alteration was not made, so he left, but he thanked Mr Eagles for 'the unprejudiced way in which he has handled the subject'. Mr Eagles was Joseph William Eagles, a gas works manager and at one time Whitwick scoutmaster, who lived in Whitwick from around 1902 on Hermitage Road, but moved eventually to Melton Mowbray. Every year, the Booth family had given money to help this association, and Mrs Booth continued to be involved with the organisation after the death of Charles. The district's nurse until March 1903 was Miss Mary Ann Moyle, who lived in Brook Lane, Whitwick with her companion and fellow nurse Rosa Bunce. She then left to be replaced by Nurse Griffiths. Money was always tight, as records from 1904 show that the Thringstone collections had only totalled 9s 11d against Whitwick's contribution of £16 8s 10d. The group meetings were presided over in 1904 by Mr Thomas William Bourne, a draper who operated from premises in Whitwick Market Place having recently moved from operating in Beatrice Road, Leicester. A vote was taken at the AGM in 1904, at which time the job of secretary was split between Dr Burkitt and Mr H T Bastard, Mr Bastard, a Cornish born teacher from Silver Street, Whitwick, having been sole secretary in 1903. By 1909, the secretary of the group was just Henry Thomas Bastard, and it was recorded that 214 cases had been attended that year and 3,100 visits made. Comments were made that other associations charged for the attendance of the nurse, and that only £103 11s had been received from subscriptions, which did not cover costs. Mr Booth said he had hoped that, when the nurse had been stationed in the area for some time, people would start paying a higher subscription towards her maintenance. He said that he had already paid between £300 and £400 to the association, having originally paid £50 a year until 1903 when he reduced it to £40. He felt this could not carry on indefinitely and that the group should not be so dependent upon its founder. By 1910, Jacob Newbury presided at the annual meeting, with the help of Dr Burkitt and Hon. Sec. Miss Harding but Mr Bourne was still involved with the committee. Jacob Newbury was a registrar of births and deaths and lived in Market Place, Whitwick. He died in May 1914. This meeting was held



at the national school in Whitwick. The 1910 report said that Nurse Ada Morley of Brook Lane, Whitwick had attended 180 cases and paid 3670 visits. 144 of the 180 cases had been discharged, 3 sent to hospital and 25 died. Several people had made donations to the group as a result of her excellent work. There had been a lot of collections made within the district for flannel and old linen, George West was the book keeper, subscriptions of £80 13s and 5d had been made, £98 8s 4d had been spent leaving a balance of £16 1s 11d. In 1911 when the Thringstone Coronation Committee was wound up, and a surplus left, Mr Jabez Henson, seconded by Mr Thomas Watts, proposed that £1 1s be handed over to the Leicester Infirmary, and the remainder of £2 12s 9d to the Whitwick and Thringstone Nursing Association. This was agreed unanimously. The church also gave money to the association with a payment of £1 8 shillings and 3d noted in the church newsletter of October 1913.

By 1914, concern was expressed at how little was given by the parishes using the services of the nurse, and new rules were initiated relating to anybody who did not subscribe to the association being able to use the services of the nurse. By 1920, at which time Nurse Sherratt announced her retirement, things were improving with house to house collections taking place. However, in 1922, when Dr Burkitt was chairman, he reported that subscriptions were poor. In 1924, Thringstone Jollies, the forerunner to the panto society, performed at the centre to raise money for the association and Mary Booth opened the garden party to raise funds for the association at The Old Vicarage, Whitwick. She provided a similar service in 1925. In 1927, a performance at the Whitwick Picture House raised £10 2s 10d for the Association. In 1931, the Association ran a parade through the villages with prizes for a tableau, decorated vehicle, decorated cycle and fancy dress. By 1939, Nurse Elsie Deane was the nurse in charge and the chair was John Henry Robinson of Thringstone. Nurse Deane of Hermitage Road reported at the annual meeting that she had made 6,264 visits that year to 156 patients. The annual garden party was opened by Lady Oliver, and attractions included a dancing display, music from the Hugglescote and Ellistown Band and various amusements and competitions. In 1940, the Beaumanor Lodge of the Royal Antediluvian Order of the Buffaloes had a collection for the continued work of the Association. This organisation itself offered a medical support network. We also know that Philip Aris of Whitwick and his wife were very involved with the nursing association, and were joint secretaries of the group for around 25 years. This was recorded in his obituary in 1950. We know that the association was still operational in 1947 as the Coalville Times reported that in February 1947, there was a pantomime of Cinderella performed by the students of the Kathleen Freeman School of Dancing, Loughborough. The proceeds amounted to £13 and were in aid of the Whitwick and Thringstone Nursing Association.

- Kenneth Foxon kept the **newsagents at 22 Main Street** from at least 1959. He was born on 12 May 1915 in Hinckley and died in September 1976. Married to Kathleen Rose Tracey in 1938 in Nuneaton, he also worked as a hosiery counter man in Hinckley, and kept this job on whilst running the newsagency. The family had 2 children, William John and Phillip. William married June Massey in March 1962. They had met at the Thringstone Youth Club, and were married at the New Swannington Wesleyan Reform chapel. In our book *Businesses in Thringstone*, we briefly refer to an accident Mr Foxon had with a local child, and that things were never the same after that. Newspapers from the time tell that Mr Foxon was involved in an accident with a young 11 year old cyclist, Davis Thomas Valance of Barwell whilst travelling to or from work in Hinckley on 10 October 1959. The child had been cycling to a farmhouse having been potato picking in a field near Stapleton with 3 other boys, all of whom Mr Foxon passed. The jury decided that Mr Foxon must have safely and correctly passed the other three boys who were in front of the boy killed and was not speeding. The boy died of a fractured skull and broken leg, and Mr Foxon said at his court case that he didn't see the child. He was fined £25 and ordered to



pay £25 costs and disqualified from driving for 3 years through driving dangerously. The Foxon's were still at 22 Main Street in 1964, and we understand had a dog called Rupert. In addition to selling newspapers, they also sold Ladybird books cycle accessories, toys, and electrical goods. Mrs Foxon died in 1979.

- We have briefly discussed this before before, but in 1939 Alfred Smith Pepper of **The Bull's Head** was taken to court. Further details unearthed tell us that William Cecil Jones of the Manor Farm, Gracedieu was also involved in the police raid, as he was one of the 3 men found in the pub when police went there at 10.37pm. Mr Pepper claimed to have left the pub at 10pm to go to disconnect the pumps having told customers to drink up, and he got involved in talking to two of the men about a lettuce which he was wrapping up for them when the police came. John William Slatter of Avenue Road, Coalville was a cousin of Mr Pepper's wife and was staying the night. Pepper was fined £3 3s which was 1.5 guineas in each of the two cases brought against him. The information on Mr Jones at Gracedieu Manor Farm is also new.
- 1936 – We have briefly mentioned the problems with the licensee of **The Bull's Head** at this period, Mr Wilkinson before, but have new information, which tells us that Mr Wilkinson, publican at Bull's Head was taken to court over a bill of 8 shillings by Davenport and Son Ltd of Ashby who said they had delivered goods to the value of £3 8s as ordered by Mr Wilkinson's wife, but had only been paid £3. Mr Wilkinson said he knew nothing about the order and had not seen them. George Davenport Lowe, traveller for the firm, had called on 3 September and Mr Wilkinson was out, but Mrs Wilkinson had promised to send a cheque and gave an order for 2 bottles of sherry and a bottle of lime juice, totalling 8 shillings. Mr Wilkinson admitted that his wife was in charge when he was away and had his authority to order things, but she had never exercised that authority. He was fined 8s and costs. In March 1937, a case to transfer the licence of the pub to Cyril Stanley was adjourned. He had applied for the license from Alfred William Wilkinson. The previous month, Mr Stanley had applied for a protection order which was refused and Mr Wilkinson was granted a renewal of the license. On January 16th, Mr Wilkinson had given a bill of sale for £105 in favour of his wife, and a representative of the owners went there on 19th with an ejection order and the bill of sale was registered on 20<sup>th</sup>. There was a clause stating that Wilkinson could not give a bill of sale to anyone other than the brewery, but the renewal of the license was granted and the present application was for a transfer. Mr Wilkinson was heavily in arrears, owing £150 for goods supplied and a writ had been issued. He had not paid rates or excise duty since October and was bound to do by the agreement. The brewery had paid the excise duty for him, to preserve their rights to the license. The only course open was to accept Wilkinson back again until the matter could get back to court. He had been living in the licensed part of the premises, in fact in the tap room and was the tenant under sufferance, and the de-licensed part was still with the brewery. Wilkinson claimed he had not been selling beer for the last 2 weeks, and had given only one small order for beer. There was no beer on the premises and people were not able to buy it. The brewery felt that the pub was completely useless and in a frightful condition. Wilkinson was not attempting to run the business and asked that a suitable person be allowed to carry on the license. Mr Stanley said that the premises were filthy, but that he had some beer on his part of the premises. In fact he had two 18 gallow barrels in the pantry and drunk some of this himself, but had not been selling it. Mr Wilkinson was then told the license was being transferred to Mr Stanley.
- Feb 1944 – Joseph Herbert Mabe of **Bulls Head** was taken to court for selling intoxicating liquor outside permitted hours on Jan 8<sup>th</sup> to 3 Whitwick brothers, Ernest, Harold and Edmund Knight, all miners. There were voices heard and the sound of glasses and money being passed at 10.35pm. Police entered by back door and saw brothers there with beer and the landlord admitted having just served them. Everybody was quite open about what





had happened, and the wives of the three men were having coffee with the wife of the landlord. Mabe was fined £2 2s in each case and the three Knight's £1 1s each.

- Jan 1907 – Samuel Hallam of **Queen's Head** was appointed a commissioner of taxes for Leicestershire.

### **Council report**

White lining has taken place in the village to refresh the road markings.

Dave said there had been a meeting, to which he had not been invited, involving housing officers and residents of the Woodside estate about the garages on the estate. These are to be demolished due to many being in very poor repair. After a lot of people complained about this, new garages are to be supplied to people who need them, but it has become apparent that many people who rent garages on the estate are still not aware of the council's plans.

### **Gardening and environment**

Bernard continues to weed, prune and maintain our existing planting.

**Next meeting is 1 November at 6.45pm at Charles Booth Centre.**