



The Friends of
Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 NOVEMBER 2013 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Dave Everitt, Pat Hubbard, Bernard Lee, Mike Statham, Leon Spence, Tracy Foulds, Janet Stevenson, Roy Hill, Ron Hill, Geoff Wilson, Geoff Walker, Ann Petty, Pam Porter.

Apologies: Tam Bream, Gillian Bates, Sue Rowbottom, Fran Skinner, Ray Woodward, Rowena Summers, David Stevenson, Carole Squires, Jane Wilson, Julie Everitt

Discussions/Decisions

Monthly litter total for October including community litter pick –

Monthly litter pick total for October was **167 bags** of litter removed.

Thank you to the 7 adults and one young lady for helping with the **litter pick on 19 October**. We collected 14 bags of rubbish, which, given much of the village is cleared daily by the group, is still a lot to collect in a couple of hours. The back road down to the George and Dragon was particularly strewn with litter. Thanks to Ron for taking that one on for us.

Photos were taken and have been added to the portfolio, sent to the webmaster and put on the Litter Action UK site.

The young lady who came along got a certificate of thanks from Community Services Volunteers, as October was part of their campaign called **Make A Difference**.

Thanks also go to **Thringstone Co-op** for letting us have supplies of their bags for a lifetime for our litter picking activities.

We were invited by NWLDC to a **cream tea for volunteers** who do litter picking on 31st October. Ron, David and Nita attended and certificates were given out at the cream tea. Nita was also presented with a special recognition award for her work litter picking in the village.

Expenses – from last month's meeting. Geoff Wilson chaired a discussion regarding the provision of **broadband** for the group, which currently is provided by the Chair. When mobile calls are made by the chair, which are outside the current package, the chair will claim on the expenses procedure for this. The issue revolved around the need for the group to have access to and be contacted using broadband. After considerable discussion, the meeting voted that the chair be reimbursed 50% of the cost of the broadband. This will be repaid by sending the book keeper/treasurer copy invoices monthly.

Book keeper's role – Our current book keeper is likely to be leaving



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the village in February. She is willing to continue to see the financial year out so that she can prepare all accounts for the audit, but we are now looking for someone to take over. This requires someone with excel and **an hour a month** to do the necessary computer entries etc. This is not something that Nita can or will take on. Nita is already chair, secretary, minute secretary, what's on co-ordinator, publications writer and publicity officer, environment lead and history researcher. If anybody is willing to give an hour a month to help the group, please contact Nita direct.

Village Quiz at the Community Centre – this is taking place on 8 November starting at 7.30pm. The team is David Stevenson, Gillian and Des Bates, Rowena Summers, Geoff Wilson and Robert Jordan.

Carols Round The Tree – 20 December at Thringstone House Community Centre, with procession from St Andrew's.. Leon has secured a free tree of about 20 feet from the source mentioned at the last meeting. This is being picked up shortly by Bernard. Some members agreed to help him with this. Leon was thanked for his help.

Big Book of Thringstone – history. This mammoth work, which took over a year to research and write, was sent to the printers last month. They are doing the proof reading and resetting the script in publisher. They wanted to have a contents page, which has been provided, but also have a wish to see a detailed index listing people, occupations, organizations and places.

There are many people listed in various categories, and it would be a mammoth task to undertake to do an index. An example is Moses Burton who appears in the category on stockings (framework knitters), in the poverty section and also in others. We also listed many people who had 'run ins' with the law and putting in every person would mean an index of several pages. The meeting voted against having an index at all, and this will be passed back to the printers. The book will be bound, so with a hard cover. The cost of binding the book will work out, for 50 copies, at just under £2 per book plus the printing costs. It is proposed that the book is 15.9 wide and 22.5 deep which is known to printers as SRA.

Chair's report

Nita is still not fully well but the following has been done this month.

Letters Received:

- 2 from the **Community Centre** – one asking for details of our usage etc. as per normal, and one regarding the quiz event.
- **Cheque for £50 received from Coalville Charity Cup.** This is the second part of our sponsorship from them this year – previous cheque was £70 for the scarecrow event.
- From **NWLDC** asking us to complete a short questionnaire regarding 2014-15 budget savings, as to what we felt were important to our community.

Emails Received:

- Various – see sections below
- Completed survey from **Giving On Line** following receipt of seeds and carrier bags last month.
- From **Snibston** thanking us for being part of the Miners' Gala event and saying that the event in 2014 will be held on Saturday 6 September.
- From Quentin Brodie about litter picking and asking for information. He is lobbying central government on behalf of **Keep Britain Tidy.**

Emails Sent:



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- Various to agencies about ongoing issues

Promotion:

- We have another 16 more twitter followers this month, making **160 followers** which is 40 more than we have in actual members!

Treasurer's Report

OCTOBER FIGURES

Gen Fund held 1st of month (bank + petty cash + float)	£3,394.05		
Income		Expenditure	
publications	£ 25.00	photocopying	£ 5.00
raffle	£ 13.00	parking	£ 1.20
donations	£ 2.00		
Sponsorship (C/V charity FA)	£ 50.00		
total income to general fund	£ 90.00	total exp	£ 6.20
		Total general fund	£ 3,477.85
		graveyard fund	£ 9.31

Since the end of the month, I have received money from Roy for publications and these will show in next month's figures.

Publication Report – Roy Hill

We have received stocks of our latest publication, Memories 3, and these have been distributed to our usual outlets and free copies given to those who contributed. We have had an excellent month of sales.

The Members Club have done a grand job by selling 13 copies of Scottish in Thringstone and Nita has sold one copy each of Memories 3 and Scottish in Thringstone.

The George and Dragon have sold 1 copy each of B&B1, B&B2, Memories 1 and Memories 2. Nita passed some copies of Memories 3 to Pam Spence and she has sold nine so far whilst Ann has sold two copies of Memories 3.

Therefore the following has been paid to the Treasurer:

13 x Scottish in Thringstone (members Club) £32.50, 1 x B&B 1 (G&D) £3, 1 x B&B 2 (G&D) £3 1 x Memories 1 (G&D) £3.50, 1 x Memories 2 (G&D) £3.50, and Nita has paid the Treasurer directly 1 x Memories 3 £2.50, 6 x-Memories 3 (Pam Spence) £15, 1 x Scottish in Thringstone (Ann Petty) £2.50 plus a £1 donation, 2 x Memories 3 (Ann Petty) £5 plus a £1 donation, making a total of £72.50 with further monies to still be paid to the treasurer for one sale of Memories 3 from Pam Spence, who also has another 3 still to sell for us.

STOCK REPORT

	Community Centre	George & Dragon	Nita	Anne	Members Club	Stock	TOTAL
Born and Bred 1	2	1	0	2		9	14
Born and Bred 2	2	1	0	2		29	34
Born and Bred 3	2	3	0	2		60	67
Memories 1	1	1	0	2		17	21



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Memories 2	1	1	0	2		23	27
Memories 3	2	3	5	5		16	31
Scottish in T'stone	2	3	4	0	8	9	26
Village Trail 1	1	1	0	2		14	18
Village Trail 2	1	1	2	2		11	17
Village Trail 3	1	1	0	2		22	26
DVD	0	0	0	0		3	3
Graveyard Booklet	6	5	15	10		175	211
Sub-totals	21	21	26	31	8	388	495

Web report

The webmaster has a full list of updates, which includes minutes, the last 2 newsletters, updating the home page which still mentions things happening in May, various photographs and updating of other details. In August, some minutes were added, but nothing since. There was concern that the home page, at least, was not up to date.

Community Report and What's On

Thringstone Miners Welfare FC will be putting on a New Year's Eve event again this year. More details to follow.

St Andrew's has raised £731 for the Children's Society. They are to be congratulated on raising this amount.

NWLDC won the Keep Britain Tidy Award 2013 for their roadside litter campaign. They also won the partnership award with Keep Britain Tidy for their work with Pallex to work with van and lorry drivers on litter reduction.

Ruby's Fish and Chip Shop would like to thank people for putting their loose change in the collection tin for Leicestershire Kidney Patients' Association. They raised £82.57.

Ruby's now sell fish bites -4 bite size pieces of battered skinless and boneless fish for £1.

Thringstone Primary collected £61.52 for the Once We Were Soldiers charity – a charity for homeless former soldiers.

T'ai Chi with Woon Lee now on at the Community Centre on Tuesdays from 10am – 11am. There is no class fee as such. People are encouraged to give donations, which are normally about £5 depending on circumstances.

Kettlercise Exercise classes are now running at the Community Centre on Mondays from 7.30pm. The class started on 4 November and the next class on 11 November is free, after which it is £4 per session. For further details, please contact the instructor on 07886 209366.

Ray Sutton continues to do his talks on the history of art, literature and film on Wednesdays at the Community Centre. They start at 2pm and go on until 3.45pm and cost £3. He is currently covering WW1.

Hare and Hounds in Whitwick is offering Sunday lunches now. They started on 3 November. £1.95 for a starter and £5.95 for the roast of the day. They are also continuing to do lunches on Tuesdays – which is 2 courses for £4.95. They are also now open at 3pm on a Friday for those people needing an early drink after work.



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Grace Dieu Park Cricket Club has vacancies on their committee and is also looking for people to help with the following. Like us, they have difficulty finding people willing to help out. Their list for help required is:

- Tidy and vacuum the clubhouse on a Saturday morning, while the juniors train;
- Score regularly for one of the junior sides;
- Help the coach on match days by putting out boundary markers and stumps etc;
- Take a role in trying to get sponsorship/grants for the club;
- Allocating raffle tickets and taking responsibility for their return;
- Help with any odd jobs that are required;
- Take responsibility for posting news and information on the GDPCC website

If you are able to help, please contact Colin Pratt on 456148.

- Until 6 Dec – **Buggycise** aimed at mums wanting to get back to fitness. Each session includes fitness and strength exercises. Meet at Thringstone Members Club car park at 11.30am on Fridays. Sessions are free, but booking is advised on 454606.
- 8 Nov – **Kings Arms, Whitwick's first car boot**. £7 per car, £10 per van. Bacon cobs, tea and coffee available. 8am til 12 noon. More details ring 460035.
- 9 Nov – Charity fundraiser at **Howe Court** Community Hall off Brooks Lane, Whitwick. Lots of gifts etc. 50p entrance.
- 9 Nov – Keystones 60s band at the **George and Dragon**
- 9 Nov – **Three Crowns, Whitwick** – 80s night from 8pm til 2am. Fancy dress encouraged.
- 10 Nov – various **remembrance day** services, including St Andrew's at 10.30am
- 10 Nov – **The Oddfellows** will be marching from the Community Centre at 6pm to St Andrew's Church. There will be a service, and then people can come back to the centre for tea.
- 15 Nov – rescheduled from 11 Oct **Trio Manouche** at Thringstone House Community Centre. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £9 from the centre.
- 23 Nov – **Coalville Food and Drink Festival** in town centre 10am – 4pm. This will include the provision of an ice rink and live music!
- 23 Nov – **Sam Southall** at The George and Dragon – first time he has played there
- 29 Nov – **plug and play** returns to Thringstone House Community Centre
- 29 Nov - **Suibston Museum** is hosting an exhibition by Charles Jennens at 2.30pm. This will be hosted by The Earl Howe.
- 30 Nov – James Stevens is Shakin' Stevens at The **George and Dragon**
- 30 Nov – **Thringstone Miners Welfare FC** – FIFA gaming night. 7pm start. £5 entry. Cash prize. Bar open and food available.
- 30 Nov – **Coalville Christmas light switch on**. Santa is there between 18am and 1 pm and there is also face painting, balloon modeling, a craft fair at the library and stalls open from 10am til 3pm. As part of this event, from 3pm-4pm from Coalville Market Hall Car Park is a **family festive bike ride**. This will go round Coalville and is suitable for all ages. Book on 0116 3053179. There is a **fireworks finale** at 5pm
- 1 Dec – Rummage Sale **at the community centre in aid of College Garth Rescue Kennels**, Hathern (Homeless and stray dogs). Starts at 12 noon and continues until 4pm.



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There will be craft stalls, tea, coffee cakes etc., and the idea is to raise money for shutters on the kennels to keep the dogs warm. All welcome.

- 7 Dec – Another **Family Festive Bike Ride**, this time from Snibston Museum from 3pm-4pm. This is part of **Snibston's Christmas Fayre**. Booking for the bike ride is required on 0116 3053179.
- 17 Jan – 25 Jan 2014 – **Panto** at Community Centre will be **Dick Whittington**. They will be performing at 7.30 pm (excluding Tuesday and Wednesday night) and there are matinee performances at 2.15 pm on Saturday 18th & 25th January and Sunday 19th January. Tickets for matinees do sell very fast so it is worth getting your orders in as early as possible. The group is also looking for volunteers to help out with either Front of House, Chaperoning for the under 16's or to help back stage. If you would like further information or to book tickets please ring the ticket hotline on 01530 834575 or e-mail tickets@org.uk. Tickets can be collected from the community centre by arrangement. Please come and support your local community group. Geoff Walker said he could also help to get tickets if people spoke to him.

History report

- We have been investigating the names of the **overseers for the poor of Thringstone**, a post which linked to the Board of Guardians and also to, in the case of our village, Ashby Union Workhouse. Linked to this, we are also looking to find names of **parish constables** also appointed by Ashby Magistrates for our village and Grace Dieu. This research is bringing up a host of new information.
- We have added some **more wedding photographs** of people in the village to our archives.
- We carried out a series of interviews with the granddaughter of Lizzie Waldrum nee Upton who started the chip shop in the village which became **Ruby's**. She has let us scan photographs of the family and other relevant items, including the chip shop takings book from 1927-34 and rent book payments, for which we thank her. Copies of all these have been run off to go into our archive folders. Some of the photographs are of Ruby Waldrum herself, and we also have obituaries for Ruby's parents and a photo of Jack (Ruddy) Waldrum and Lizzie his wife. They were Ruby's parents and started the fish and chip shop in 1895.
- Ron Hill gave us some information on pubs, which included a photo of a group of **licensed victuallers** from the district taken approximately in the 1950s. We are now trying to find names for these gents.
- Ann is continuing to get the **WW1 project information** sorted in the agreed format.
- On 21 November at 10.30am til 12 noon at Snibston is a meet the experts talk on **remembering the fallen of WW1**. Pre-book on 278444.

Councillors' report – Cllr. Leon Spence

County Council 'Financial Crisis' consultation

I reported to you previously that Leicestershire County Council have been consulting on how we deal with the £110 million revenue shortfall we will be facing over the next few years.

Over 7,000 people responded (mostly in the older age range) to the consultation and the areas which residents highlighted as those best for making savings are:

- Street lighting Grants to communities Funding for agencies



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- Travel to schools
- Children's Centres
- Museums
- Grass cutting
- Funding for businesses
- Early learning
- School support

The areas which residents most want to protect are:

- Gritting
- Roads and paths
- Physical disabilities
- Trading standards
- Older people, community services
- Mental health
- Learning disabilities, community services
- Older people, residential services
- Safety maintenance

Leicestershire County Council will now seek to model its Medium Term Financial Strategy informed by this consultation.

There was discussion at this point about the e-petition to save **Snibston Museum**. For those who wish to sign this, the link is <http://politics.leics.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=33&RPID=17283593&HPID=17283593>

There was also discussion about the **cycling network** running through Coalville, and why this did not link up to the Sustrans route, and about a small area near the fencing to Harlow's which is about 2 metres in length and seems to serve no purpose.

Council Tip

Coalville Tip is now closed on Thursdays and Fridays. The opening times from October until March are 9am – 4pm on remaining days.

Council Tax Fraud Campaign

NWLDC are in the process of conducting a review of Council Tax 'single person discounts' over the coming weeks.

The review is one carried out by all councils on a periodic basis to address the problem of fraudulently claimed single person discounts, believed by professionals to be one of the most common types of fraud committed.

If you claim single person discount you will receive a letter over the coming weeks, if you have not already done so, asking you to self certify your continued entitlement.

Please fill in and return the letter promptly to ensure an uninterrupted award of your discount.

Dog Waste

According to council officers we are now in dog waste 'peak season' and for the next few months the level of inconvenience caused by the problem will almost inevitably increase.

Using limited resources NWLDC are trying to address the problem, although officers concede prosecutions are notoriously difficult to secure.

One of the ways the matter can be addressed is by highlighting the problem and to that end I have been issued with a dog fouling warning stencil kit.

If there is anywhere in the village which you feel is particularly inconvenienced by dog waste please let me know and I will come along with my pavement stencilling kit.



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At this point in time there was discussion about whether it would be feasible for McDonalds in Coalville to do as other towns have done and put the registration number of vehicles on people's drive through receipts so that if this were discarded outside a bin, the culprit could be traced. This had been discussed with NWLDC and their legal department had suggested there were too many potential loopholes for this to be considered.

Thringstone Parish Council

We have previously discussed the pressures that our village will increasingly face as a result of County Council spending cuts (highlighted by the LCC MTFs Consultation above) and reductions to budgets available for the Coalville Special Expenses at NWLDC (well over £30,000 taking into account recharged expenditure next year).

We have also discussed the possibilities for moving forward, one option being the establishment of a Parish Council.

In order to formally consider establishing a Parish Council the most common method of starting the process is by way of a petition calling for a Community Governance Review.

Following discussions, I have now compiled such a petition compliant with the legal requirements. To trigger a review our petition needs to get 250 signatures, although good practice would suggest we get 30 or so more. All signatories MUST live in Thringstone.

Please sign the petition in order that the formal process of considering the establishment of a parish council may commence.

Aside from the above Dave and I have been undertaking casework throughout the ward.

Police Report

2 x shed break ins where lawn mowers were taken – under investigation
1 x theft from Co-op – under investigation
3 x other thefts – under investigation
2 x damage – filed
1 x assault – detected
3 x domestic incidents.

Other incidents which we know about, due to emails from the Police appealing for information but not identified in the crime stats provided by them are:

2 cars in Glebe Road had **catalytic converters** taken from them which were reported in emails from the police in early October asking for information. There has also been at least one stolen on Melrose Road and a spate of this in Whitwick. We understand that there is a specialist 'Op' in place with covert patrols to try and find out who is responsible for these converter thefts.

A car was broken into last week in Gracedieu Road. The car was parked securely but still broken into and a quantity of heavy tools, including a pressure washer and generator, stolen. Police have appealed for information.

Several cats were poisoned on Melrose Road. Police appealed for information to find the culprit but we understand that this has happened for the last 3 years in September/October and it is wondered whether someone puts something on their garden at this time of year which is



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poisonous. After working with the RSPCA and doing a press release in the papers, no one came forward with any information for Police to follow up. This investigation was closed pending any further information coming to light.

Someone removed part of the **de Lisle fencing** to the hardstanding on Turlough Road. The de Lisle family was informed, and we also told the police but this did not appear in their crime statistics as above.

Just for your information Constable James Broomfield undertook some work with the BBC1 **Breakfast Time** crew on 22 October to film a piece about Anti Social Behaviour issues in preparation for ACPO National ASB week. This was broadcast on Monday 28th October 2013 around 6.20am, 7.20am and 8.20am.

Gardening and environment

- We are continuing to report various incidences of **fly tipping** around the village which is then dealt with eventually by NWLDC. Someone regularly leaves an empty 1.5 litre bottle of Lambrini in **St Andrew's churchyard**, and lately there have also been used nappies found there also which have been removed. This month we have also removed 30 cancer clothing collection charity bags which had been dumped in the middle of the pavement on **Main Street** and reported this to the charity concerned.
- If anybody is interested in **an allotment**, we understand there are some places available on the Walker Flats site behind George Street/Hall Lane. Please contact NWLDC direct if you have an interest.
- We understand that there are new rules in place which mean it is your responsibility to check that **scrap merchants** you give your things to have the necessary licenses from NWLDC and the Environment Agency. Those that do not have these licenses may dump things they are unable to sell, thus adding to fly tipping issues.

Any other business

- The winter edition of **The Bauble** is ready for people to deliver during November if possible please.
- Bernard left a lot of tomato and sweet pea seeds for the group, which were divided up.

Next meeting : The next meeting is 5 December at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre. This will also be the Christmas Party. Please bring food to share.



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