



The Friends of
Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 JULY 2014 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Nita Pearson, Rowena Summers, Geoff Wilson, Jackie Spalding, Tracy Foulds, Bernard Lee, Roy Hill, Mike Statham, Gillian Bates, Ann Petty, Janet Stevenson, Pam Porter

Apologies: Ron Hill, Ray Woodward, Dave Everitt, Leon Spence, David Stevenson, Pat Hubbard, Carol Squires, Geoff Walker

Green Plaque for Charles Booth – The event was preceded by Radio Leicester interviews and the unveiling went well. Lots of photographs were taken by the county council, and it was wonderful to see how many people turned out to see it all happen. Thanks to the community centre for the catering, and a huge thanks to Jim and Charles Booth (grandson and great grandson of Charles Booth) for travelling all the way from Taunton in Somerset to do the unveiling. Various photographs have been sent to the webmaster for inclusion on our website, and also run off for our portfolio.

Charles Booth Grave – As far as we understand it, the vicar has written to the faculty to get the authorisation which will allow works to start.

George and Dragon - We went to say a personal thank you to Pete, Ann, Margaret and Steve when they left The George and Dragon after 7 years. In the time they have been there, they have been happy to let us sell our publications there, and have let us use the pub without cost for several heritage events and one community services volunteer event, and supported us where they could with raffle prizes and other things. We intend to ask the new management at some stage if they will be interested in selling our publications there in the future. We understand that the pub is opening again on 8 July after refits in the kitchen.

Christmas Tree for the centre – We said at the last meeting that we would pay for a tree from Friezeland Trees at the cost of £40 and Ray and Bernard provisionally said they would go to fetch this from Cadeby. We have ascertained that a delivery charge to the centre from there would be £25, and this might be easier to arrange, then all we need is a team of people to plant the tree in September time. Janet mentioned that the place at Gelsmoor would do a 6' tree and deliver it for free. It was agreed that Bernard talk to them about this, as it would also be supporting a local business.



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Picnic in the Parks at Coalville 2014 –29 June – Thank you to Kay from Thringstone Post Office for giving us 4 cases of soft drinks for children to sell at this event and for everybody's help with the bric a brac to sell. Many people donated bric a brac to us for the event, and thanks also to those who helped with the set up and the running of the stall. NWLDC said that 5,000 were clocked in as coming in to the event. It rained half way through the day which severely impacted on sales, but we took £149.09 which is £10.37 less than last year. We paid £25 for the stall so profits on the event amount to £124.09. 15 boxes of bric a brac were left after the event finished, and these were taken away by the Air Ambulance for sale on their future stalls.

Monthly litter total for June and litter pick– total for the month 133. Thanks to 1188 Coalville Air Cadet Squadron for sending 9 cadets and 2 staff to help with our litter pick on 14 June. It is a shame that only 5 members of FoT came out to help with the litter pick. We collected 12 bags of rubbish with the addition of buckets, wheels etc., and photos were taken and put in our portfolio, on our page with Litter Action UK, and on our facebook page. Press releases were also sent out. We treated the cadets to chips after at Ruby's, with the bill for that coming to £24.30.

The Great War Remembered – We received confirmation shortly after the last meeting that EM Airport Sponsorship Fund would give us £100 towards the event which starts tomorrow. Thringstone Primary has provided lots of pictures and work, the Art Group have also put up some pictures, John Brown has provided some posters, and all the exhibitions are in place. The Old School House has put up their poppies today. Kay at Thringstone Post Office has provided biscuits and nibbles for the event. Dave Everitt is bringing some antique phones for the 6pm Friday start. Ann has picked up a pack of things from Carillon Museum in Loughborough which includes British and German helmets, cap and war badges, a replica German stick grenade, death plaque, Christmas Box that Princess Mary supplied all troops, and shell art.

Snibston Miner's Gala – If anybody wants to donate some wine to us for this event in early September, we would not say no. Rowena has made enquiries with Mercury News in the precinct about supplying us with wine which they sell in shop for 2 bottles for £5.50, which they may also deliver, but we have to pay cash which might cause a problem as the bill would be about £80.

Next Litter Pick – CSV Make A Difference Day is 25 October 2014. It was agreed to do our next litter pick on that Saturday.

Chairs Report

Letters received:

- From NWDC regarding Picnic in the Parks with passes etc.
- From BBC Radio Leicester regarding the Clueless programme.
- Very nice letter from Thringstone House Community Centre thanking us for the Green Plaque involvement.

Emails Received:

- Various regarding ongoing issues and from organizations with whom we have a link.
- From Voluntary Action Leicestershire regarding ongoing advertising of our work on their website.
- From NWLDC asking for feedback on Picnic in the Parks. *At this point there was considerable discussion about the benefits to groups, local people and the council in providing such a yearly event. Various suggestions had been made on improvements*



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that could be made to the event, but it was generally agreed that the event was fine as it was.

.Emails Sent:

- Various to agencies about ongoing issues

Promotion:

- We now have 227 twitter followers, an addition of 3 this month and 53 facebook followers.
- Thank you to **Thringstone Primary** for putting in an advert for our litter pick on 14 June even though we didn't get any extra people coming to the litter pick as a result of it...
- We helped with the **BBC Radio Leics**. Clueless treasure hunt programme on 22 June by placing a clue in Thringstone House gardens. This gave the opportunity to promote the village and the Booth plaque.
- We did a live broadcast on **Hermitage FM** on 2 July regarding the Great War Remembered Event, and understand a live outside broadcast is planned for 5 July at the centre.
- **Newspapers** - A photograph of our litter pick appeared in the Coalville Times of 19 June, along with photos and an article on the Booth Green Plaque. A photograph of everybody who went to the event (and wanted to be photographed) appeared in the Leicester Mercury on 21 June and was also posted on their website. The Great War Remembered Event promo piece is in the Coalville Times of 4 July.

Other

- Following a request from someone on Glebe Road, we have spent some considerable time trying to tidy up the **Council notice board** on The Green by removing old posters, bits of posters and staples so it looks less messy. Getting all the old staples out is, however, impossible. *Roy felt that people that made such suggestions should actually offer to help.*

Treasurer's Report

Date June 2014			
Gen Fund held 1st of month (bank + petty cash + float)	£3022.82		
Income		Expenditure	
membership	£ 35	broadband and calls – MAY	£ 19.76
donations	£ 3	Gardening	£ 7.99
Publications	£ 96	Car parking and stationery	£2.50
St Andrew's Thringstone sponsorship for event	£100	Feeding the air cadets	£24.30
EMA Sponsorship for event	£100		
Picnic in the park	£ 149.09	Cartridge Inks – Ann Petty	£ 45.94
raffle	£ 12	Leics CC – Stall at Snibston Gala	£ 20.00
total income to general fund	£ 495.09	total exp	£ 120.49
		Total general fund at month end	£ 3397.42



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	graveyard fund balance	£ 9.84
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We have just been invoiced from Teamprint for the last Bauble at a cost of £34.95 and for the new publication at £140. These will appear on the next report.

Publication Report

The new publication Thringstone in World War 2 has been selling well. The Ashby Museum has sold all copies of Thringstone and Its People that we sold to them at a 10% discount. The Members Club now has a copy of each of our publications for sale plus advertising posters. I have removed all the publications from the George and Dragon until the new owners have settled in and agreed to continue the sales for us.

Sales have been **WW2 booklet** – Pam Spence 13 copies, Nita 2, Ann 3, **Memories 3** – Nita 1 copy, **B&B1** – George and Dragon 1 copy, **Thringstone and its people** - Ashby Museum 5 copies, Ann 1 copy, **Scottish in Thringstone** – 3 at Members club.

Therefore the Treasurer has received:

Via Nita.

3 copies of WW2 @ £2.50 = £7.50
 10 copies of WW2 @ £2.50= £25.00
 3 copies of Scottish @£2.50= £7.50
 1 copy TAIP @ £6= £6
 2 copies @£2.50 = £5

Via Roy

5 copies of WW2 @£2.50= £12.50
 1 copy of Mem 3 @ £2.50 = £2.50
 1 copy Born and Bred 1 @ £3 = £3.00
 5 copies @ £5.40 = £27

A total of £96.00 this month.

STOCK REPORT

Jun-14

	Community Centre	George & Dragon	Nita	Anne	Members Club	Sundry people	Stock	TOTAL
Born and Bred 1	1	0	0	2	1		7	11
Born and Bred 2	1	0	0	2	1		18	22
Born and Bred 3	2	0	4	2	1		63	72
Memories 1	1	0	0	2	1		17	21
Memories 2	1	0	0	2	1		22	26
Memories 3	2	0	2	5	1		11	21
Scottish in T'stone	2	0	1	3	1		21	28
TAIP	1	0	2	2	1		41	47
WW2	0	0	5	7	1	5	56	74
Village Trail 1	0	0	2	2	1		13	18
Village Trail 2	0	0	0	2	1		9	12
Village Trail 3	0	0	2	2	1		20	25
DVD	0	0	0	0			1	1
Graveyard Booklet	6	0	15	10	1		179	211



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Sub-totals	17	0	33	43	13	5	478	589
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Web report

There are quite a few pictures now to go onto our website page following events in the village and Picnic in the Parks, plus the Chairman's report for 2014 and last month's minutes. The rest of the site is up to date.

Community Report and What's On

Thringstone's Under 9s recently won a football cup. Well done to them.

Hare and Hounds – from their facebook page - as from Monday 30th of June the open all day every day 12pm to 12am with a lunch menu 2 courses for £5.95 from 12-3pm followed by a bar snack menu, all day kids menu, bouncy castle and sunny beer garden

We have been told that **The Black Horse in Whitwick** changed hands on 2 July. New landlords are Sarah Elverstone and her partner Mitch.

We understand that **Whitwick Brownies** closed on 2 July.

Thringstone Miners Football Ground is looking for advertising sponsors round their ground. £150 per annum. Contact Angela on 07864 651884

- 4, 5 and 6 July – Thringstone's **Great War Remembered** event at Thringstone House Community Centre.
- 10 July – **Hare and Hounds, Whitwick** – first of their monthly plug and play events. Starts about 7.30pm.
- 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.
- 12 July – **The Meadows Summer Fete** – Loughborough Road - 2pm-4pm. All welcome
- 12 and 13 July – **Rempstone Steam Rally** at Turnpost Farm, Wymeswold. Admission £7 per adult, £4 per child and under 5s free. Gates open at 10am and close at 5pm.
- 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.
- 26 July – Working party at **St Andrew's** from 10am til 12 noon. Refreshments provided.
- 1 August – **Mobile Skate park** coming to Belton Football and Cricket Club from 1pm-3pm. Free..
- 2 August – **Thringstone Live for Charity** at the George and Dragon. Gates open at 12 noon. Carries on until 11pm. Many live bands. £2 adults, under 14s free.
- 3 August – **WW1 event at Moira Furnace**. Further details later.
- 3 August - **Whitwick St John's** – bells being tolled probably from 2pm, but this is not yet certain, once for every name on the war memorial
- 8 August – **Mobile skate park** at Whitwick Park. 1pm-3pm. Free
- 15 August – **Mobile Skate Park** back at Belton as above.
- 16-26 August – **Art Exhibition at Thringstone House Community Centre**. Weekdays and bank holiday Monday 3pm-9pm, Saturday 1pm-5pm and Sunday 2pm-5pm. Free entrance.
- 16 August – **Woodstock in Whitwick**. 12 noon til late at Coalville Rugby Club.
- 22 August – **Mobile Skate Park** back in Whitwick as above



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- 18-22 August – **St John's, Whitwick** – Mega Makers Holiday Club - £1 per family per day. 10am-12 noon. 4 – 11 year olds
- 24 August – **Whitwick Music Festival** at The Man Within Compass. Free entry.
- 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.
- 16 September – **Whitwick Party in the Parks** at Whitwick Park from midday.
- 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

- We found various **photographs** and details online relating to people who lived in Thringstone in the past. These include a photograph of George Allgood who left Thringstone in 1864 aged 18 to settle in Coalville, Utah, photographs of Elizabeth Bradley and William and Mary Chambers who had a connection with the Talbot Inn, and George Edwin Collis who was police constable for the village in 1910 and lived at Olga Terrace, Ashby Road. We also found a photograph of Shirley King, her mother and brother. Shirley died aged 3 in 1939. Whilst standing on a small bridge no longer there on the A512, she threw some grass into the brook and ran across the road to see it come out the other side to be hit and killed by a lorry. We also now have photographs from Robert Emmerson and family of things in the village in the 1970/80s, and some wedding photographs from St Andrew's in 1955 and photographs of Edward and Sarah Ann Gee. This information has been added to our archives.
- Thanks to the lady from The Green for giving us information about her family – The Hall's, two of whom were killed in **WW1**. Thanks also to John Spence for letting us borrow shell cases brought back by members of his family.
- Thanks to Sue Millership for giving us information about Harold Millership of Whitwick who won **bravery awards in WW2**. This information has been shared with Whitwick Historical Group.
- We have interviewed another elderly lady about moving from **County Durham** to Leicestershire in the 1960s. Her husband was the liaison officer who helped the Durham miners find accommodation locally.
- We now have copies of the following proven wills which have been taken from the prerogative court of Canterbury Wills : **Sarah Robins**, spinster, dated 1642, **Elizabeth Hunt** dated 1723, **Reverend William Avarne** (after whom various land in the village was named as below) dated 1814, **Edward Price**, coalmaster and one of the partners who owned Pegg's Green Colliery, born around 1770 who lived at Griffy Hill in the township of Thringstone, dated 1845. Pegg's Green colliery started in 1830 and closed on 3 December 1859, at which time the partners involved in running it were Thomas Bostock, John Price, William Kidger, John Knight, Benjamin Walker and William Worswick. One will of interest was that of **Rev Matthew Drake Babington** born in Rothley on 11 July 1788, baptized in Rothley Temple, who died 26 July 1851 in Messina, Sicily. He was curate in Narborough in 1812 then perpetual curate for Whitwick and Swannington in 1828, also Shepshed until 1831 and Oaks in Charnwood in 1838 and a rural dean for Ackley from 1840. He was vicar



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of St George's in Swannington and was succeeded by Samuel Smith MA. He was married to Hannah Churchill on 7 June 1820. His will was proven 1852. With regard to **William Avarne**, we have also downloaded a copy of the auction particulars relating to the sale of 3 dwelling houses with cellars, stables, gardens etc., and adjoining cottages plus up to 20 acres split into 7 closes, plus cow stock and furniture sold after his death at an auction in April 1814 by Mr Ingle of Ashby.

Some of these people also appear in the poll books we have already within our archives. We also know there is a will available to purchase from the National Archives relating to Richard Holyoake and dated 1798. It would appear that Richard was 'a farmer of Thringstone'.

- We now have a copy of the **land tax redemption list for Thringstone for 1798** which shows land owned and by whom and land occupied and by whom. This names several people who have come up in previous research, including John Jones who we believed farmed at Grace Dieu.
- We are trying to research **Joseph Robinson**, who lived in Bauble Yard, Thringstone and who died as a result of a pit accident at Coleorton. His hand was cut at work, went sceptic, and he died from blood poisoning in 1935. If anybody has any more details, please let us know.
- We now have copies of indenture lists for various people in Thringstone, **apprenticed to others to learn a trade** in the 1700s. These have been saved to our archives. The apprentice was detailed, as well as 'the master'. These were, Edward Griffin who was apprenticed to Thomas Henson in 1750 as a cooper, William Roe who was apprenticed to John Moore in 1759 as a framework knitter, William Toon who was apprenticed to Henry Robins in 1759 as a wheelwright, John Bonser who was apprenticed to Robert Cox as a cordwainer (shoemaker) in 1766, Richard Cresswell who was apprenticed to John Varnham in 1773 as a cordwainer, Thomas Ward who was apprenticed to John Ward in 1776 as a baker and James Leason who was apprenticed to Thomas Cooper in 1782 as a framework knitter.
- We now have copies of the electronic engineer student entry and qualifications for **Allen Robert Crane**, son of Reverend Crane, mentioned in earlier minutes, who went from being an electronic engineer to a doctor during WW1.

Councillors' report – Leon Spence

Choose how you move: Over the next two months staff from the County Council will be visiting the vast majority of households in Thringstone under the centrally government funded 'Local Sustainable Transport Fund'.

The purpose of the visits will be to raise awareness of sustainable travel in the area (i.e. public transport, cycling, walking) as a realistic alternative to car use.

The project is following on from similar ones elsewhere in the county which have proved a great success.

Stephenson Way to Hall Lane cycle route: The cycle route is nearing completion (it should be complete in the next two weeks) and looks great. I would urge everyone to take the opportunity to walk along the route over the coming weeks.

The meeting was told it could be accessed from Coalville Rugby Club by walking from there towards the Sharpley Avenue play area.



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Please be aware that a number of measures are still to be completed, these include top soiling and seeding of areas adjacent to the path and the installation of safety gates and signage along the route. I have had a long conversation with the LCC Director of Environment and Transport querying whether there may be any potential impact of the route on the green wedge / area of separation designation. Phil Crosland has informed me that the route will have no impact any future planning applications.

Hedgerows and vegetation: I have received a great deal of calls about hedgerows and vegetation growing over footpaths and roads. All of these calls are forwarded to LCC Customer Services who write to landowners asking them cut back any overhanging plant growth. Due to wildlife concerns no enforcement action will be taken on any areas of concern until the autumn. *There was some discussion regarding the overgrowth of nettles alongside the footpath near the traffic calming just up from The Bull's Head. It is not clear whose responsibility this is, but it has been mentioned before.*

Parking on verges: A number of local residents have contacted me about motorists parking on grass verges. Once again these cases have been referred to highways.

As a rule of thumb enforcement action will not now be taken for this infringement unless a hazard is being caused. In cases where such a hazard is occurring the County Council will install wooden bollards. However they are reluctant to do so on the basis that installation will normally 'move a problem rather than resolve it'.

There was some discussion at this point about people parking half on the road and half on the pavement and the inconvenience this caused to pedestrians.

Meals services consultation: I would like to draw attention to an ongoing consultation being conducted by LCC on the future of 'meals on wheels' and 'lunch clubs'. LCC are proposing to remove any subsidy for these types of service normally accessed by elderly and infirm residents. Please take the time to respond to the consultation at:

http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/your_council/haveyoursay/mealservices.htm. The consultation is open until 11 August.

There was general discussion about how consultation documents are worded, which do not give you the chance to actually put your views across, and that in a lot of cases, these are merely exercises which will not change decisions already made.

*The meeting also discussed recent publicity regarding recycling of plastics. County council figures show that they stopped **recycling some kinds of plastics** taken to its tips about a year ago. This is mostly rigid plastic like water butts, guttering, garden furniture, buckets and children's toys. 1200 tonnes of rubbish were incinerated or burnt rather than recycled. Leicestershire County Council said it had become uneconomical to recycle some forms of plastic because the company it was using started to reject the waste and an alternative has not been found. Despite this, the county council has continued to encourage people to recycle plastic at its tips even though it knew this was being landfilled.*

It said it did not tell residents what it was doing because the rubbish involved represented just 0.4% of all waste recycled. It also said it did not want people to get out of the habit of recycling while it sought another company. County Hall said bottles and similar items which can be left in household waste collections were still being recycled and NWLDC continue to recycle everything collected at kerbside collections. As a result of this information, Leon has taken this issue to a meeting for discussion.



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The meeting felt that more information needed to be circulated about kerbside recycling, what could and couldn't be recycled, and maybe a facts sheet issued to all households with full details on what could be taken and what could not. Roy felt this might be something FoT could help with as far as this village is concerned. Several people said they had been visited by someone from the council asking about their recycling habits, although other people had merely been given a leaflet and some received nothing.

Police Report for last 31 days – PCSO Mark Ball

During the past 31 days there have been a few incidents of note:

1 x damage to motor – perpetrator was identified and insurance claim is being processed against them

2 x damage – both to properties and both still under investigation

2 x thefts - sadly I cannot give more details on these due to data protection

1 x robbery - once again cannot give out too much, but most enquiries have been completed

I have the opportunity at the moment to concentrate on the schools in the area, getting stuff ready for the next school year.

The meeting knew of a robbery in Clover Place recently involving what is thought to be an imitation firearm. Money was taken.

Gardening and environment

- Bernard has been busy weeding down Millhouse Estate, Drury Lane and other areas. The poppy plug plants came and have been planted out and the shrubs on the flowerbed on The Green tidied. The wildflower seeds have been sown down Millbank. The remainder of the grass down Drury Lane has been removed and replaced with bark chippings. More plants are required at some stage. Bernard said we probably needed another 12 shrubs. Janet suggested she might have some.
- Pam Porter said that she was sure there would be enough people to form a working party if Bernard ever needed help maintaining the existing areas.
- There was some discussion regarding whether FoT could have planted 28 trees to represent each of the fallen of WW1 somewhere in the village. Whilst it would have been nice to use Bob's Cross, 28 trees would more or less have taken over an area.

Any other business

- The Community Centre. Mike Statham told the meeting of the various discussions with members of the county and local councils and with the Booth family over funding issues at the centre. He also said that the centre had looked at the Trusteeship arrangement with County Hall and had found there were various loopholes that could be exploited by them if they wished to distance themselves from the centre from a maintenance or funding standpoint. The centre have applied for money to provide an energy audit at the centre, and also possibly a feasibility study for a solar farm, which would bring much needed money into the centre. There was also discussion about the provision of a lift, and what could possibly facilitate this.

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