



The Friends of
Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 AUGUST 2014 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Nita Pearson, Ann Petty, Geoff Wilson, Janet Stevenson, Ron Hill, Roy Hill, Bernard Lee

Apologies: Jackie Spalding, Dave Everitt, Leon Spence, Ray Woodward, David Stevenson, Rowena Summers, Geoff Walker, Tracy Foulds, Carol Squires, Pat Hubbard

Money – Geoff Wilson explained that a query has been raised whether Nita should be the co-signature on cheques if the cheque is made out to her. This has been the case since the group started in 2005 and it is the first time it has been questioned. Nita buys most of the things for the group and is then reimbursed on production of an invoice. Nothing is paid without an invoice which is passed to the book keeper for a cheque to be issued. *The meeting felt there was no problem with this situation continuing, because everything is invoiced.*

Christmas Tree for the centre – *It was previously agreed that Bernard talk to the place at Gelsmoor about this, as it would also be supporting a local business. Janet agreed to deal with the company to talk about the tree and its delivery sometime in September.*

Charles Booth Grave – We understand from James Gore Browne that the necessary paperwork has been sent to the church faculty for final approval, or otherwise, by the chancellor of the Diocese. Nothing further is currently known.

Monthly litter total for July– 162 which is 16 bags down on July 2013. 20 bags alone were collected and removed on 21 and 22 July. There is a lot more litter now due to school holidays, but it isn't just children dropping litter! During the week of 28 July, we found a used nappy stuffed in the hedge by the steps to the door of The Bull's Head where there are adequate baby changing and toilet facilities. We have previously picked up used nappies on the football pitch to the rear of the bowls club, by the Melrose Road play area and also by the traffic calming coming from The Bull's Head, but this is the first time we have found one stuffed in a hedge.

Roy felt that we should not be proud of the amount of litter we picked up, as it is a poor indictment on the habits of people in the village. We don't appear to be able to change people's attitude to litter, which shows a complete lack of respect for the village and for the environment generally.



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The Council is intending to hold a **BBQ and litter pick** on the Woodside Estate on 15 August from 10am-2pm. We have agreed to work with them on this, and any members who wish to help would be welcome.

Keep Britain Tidy is doing a Big Jubilee Tidy Up event as part of their Jubilee this year, and it is to be held during October, which works in well with our next organized litter pick on 25 October, which also tallies with the CVS Make A Difference Campaign. We have ordered some stocks from Keep Britain Tidy and registered our own litter pick event on their website.

The Great War Remembered – Thanks to everybody who came out on a weekend of mixed weather to look at our exhibition and support the event and all the exhibitors. Huge thanks to Ann Petty and Bill Newton for their work to put on the best display that FoT have ever put together. It was a credit to you and also to the village. We reckon we got between 3 and 400 people along, which is very good given that the First World War is a very specific subject and might not appeal to everybody. One lady even came from Coventry. We received some very positive feedback on the whole thing, especially with regard to the FoT displays. Jonathan Capewell who brought stuff relative to the Leicestershire Regiment was delighted with the weekend, as he got 2 new bookings as a result, and lots more material and information for his collection. He said he met some wonderful people and was made to feel so welcome. Aubrey Finney from Belton was a first time exhibitor with his own private collection of material, and now intends to do more exhibitions elsewhere. Whitwick Historical Group was also pleased with the event. The WI took £60 in money from making poppies during Saturday which they donated to the RBL. FoT sold 17 publications, and got some donations. A considerable number of photos were taken and put into the portfolio and sent to the webmaster.

Roy said he wanted to say thank you to the people from Friends of Thringstone who were involved with the organizing and running the event as it would not have been the same without their effort.

Snibston Miner's Gala – If anybody wants to donate some wine to us for our wine and water stall at this event on 13 September, we would not say no. Ray Woodward, Ron Hill, Bernard and Nita said they would help with the stall on the day, but we would still welcome more help if this is available. *Janet agreed to go to the shop in the precinct to get the wine and organize its delivery sometime next week.*

Accident/incident reporting - We could be in breach of our insurance if any of our members engaged in volunteer work for the group are involved in an accident or incident and we have no written record. We also need to have this form in place for events, which includes litter picks. As a result, we now have an accident report form, which will also be sent to the webmaster for inclusion on the site. Should anybody engaged in voluntary work for the group be involved in an incident or have an accident, however minor, they need to report this immediately to the chairman and then complete the form we have prepared within 10 days. This could also protect us as a group against any 3rd party claim against us.

Roy suggested that we also needed a lone worker policy recording so that people were aware of whom to contact in the event of an issue. These two reporting forms could link together.

New Members – we have 2 new members – Paul Siddals and Jim Rowlinson. Welcome to them. We now have 127 members.

Vacant positions within the group – we still have vacancies for a minute secretary, events secretary, publicity officer, environment lead and membership secretary if anybody is interested. These positions are currently being covered by the Chairman. Job descriptions are available if anybody wishes to get in touch.



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Chairs Report

Letters received:

- From Coalville Rotary enclosing sponsorship cheque.
- Thank you from the centre regarding the work put in on The Great War Remembered Event
- From Voluntary Action Leics. regarding their AGM and trustee nominations

Emails Received:

- Various regarding ongoing issues and from organizations with whom we have a link.

Emails Sent:

- Various to agencies about ongoing issues including reporting to LCC that the grass verge down the bottom of **Whitwick Moor** is always missed, and the fact that the dog poo bin at the rear of **Thringstone Members Club** wasn't emptied for 3 weeks. We also reported 4 **street lights** which stayed on during the day, various **flytipping**, glass on the Melrose Road play area and also that there was a large hole by the side of the drain to the car park area near the **play area**. This was reported to NWLDC and filled in the same day by members from the Parks Department who had gone to clear up the glass, even though this job should have been done by the housing team. We thank them for this.
- Updated our details on the Worldwide Volunteering website.
- Completed survey for Givingworldonline

Promotion:

- We now have 243 **twitter followers**, an addition of 16 this month and 7 last week alone, and 56 facebook followers, and increase of 2 in the month.
- 4 photos and a write up on The Great War Remembered Event appeared in the **Loughborough Echo** on 11 July 2014. We are told that there was also a video taken by the Echo at the same time, but do not seem to have the technology to be able to view this. Despite the Coalville Times coming to take photos, they didn't publish anything. There was an article and photo of the **Great War Remembered Event** in the RCC bulletin of 21 July.
- Advertised next litter pick on 25 Oct on **Leicestershire Villages** webpage with photograph of last lot of litter collected at such an event.
- We discovered that there is a website called **The List**, which is based in Edinburgh, but which lists nationwide events and venues and that they have a list of classes and groups involved with Thringstone House Community Centre. Having established that the list wasn't sent by the centre, and isn't up to date anyway, we spoke to them and given their details to the centre for their own future advertising.

Other

- **The printer** used by the chairman is half owned by FoT and is not performing well. As a result of several conversations and emails with Kodak, the chairman has secured a free print head replacement from the company which it is hoped will allow photographs for the portfolio as well as general printing for the group to continue. The last replacement print head was purchased by the group in July 2013.
- Voluntary Action Leicestershire have given us the contact details for a young lady who is **interested in volunteering** with us. We have contacted her to see what sort of volunteering she wants to do.



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Treasurer's Report

Gen Fund held 1st of month (bank + petty cash + float)	£3,397.42		
Income		Expenditure	
membership	£ 7.00	broadband and calls -July	£ 15.92
donations	£ 2.50	Petty cash – raffle prizes	£ 4.00
Publications	£ 100.00	Car parking,	£ 1.00
Sponsorship CV Rotary	£ 50.00	photo printing WW1 Rem & PIP	£ 8.42
		Computer Inks	£ 26.99
		Newsletter Printing	£ 34.95
Raffle	£ 11.00	T'stone around WW2 printing	£ 140.00
		Lo'boro Carillon Donation	£ 25.00
		National Archives Wills 6x £3.30	£ 19.80
total income to general fund	£ 170.50	Gr War Rem Ann Petty expenses	£ 30.45
		total exp	£ 306.53
		Total general fund at month end	£ 3,261.39
		graveyard fund balance	11.34

Publication Report

We still have no news as to whether the George and Dragon will be offering our publications for sale again, and think this unlikely, but Thringstone Members Club now has a full stock and is making a good level of sales for us. Thank you to them and also the community centre for their sales.

Another good month of sales with Nita making several sales at the Great War Remembered event - (GWRE).

Sales have been:

World War 2.

Pam Spence 3 copies

Members Club 1 copy

GWRE 6 copies

Thringstone and its People

Nita 2 copies

GWRE 5 copies

Born and Bred 2

GWRE 1 copy

Born and Bred 3

Community Centre 1 copy

Memories 2 Community Centre 1 copy

Therefore the Treasurer has received from Roy:

1 Mem 3 Members Club £2.50, 1 Mem 2 Community Centre £3.50, 1 WW2 Members Club £2.50, 1 Mem 3 Community Centre £2.50, 1 TAIP Nita £6, 2 Scottish Community Centre £5, 3 WW2 Pam

Memories 3

Members club 1 copy

Community Centre 1 copy

GWRE 2 copies

Scottish in Thringstone

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GWRE 3 copies

Graveyard Trail

Community Centre 1 copy



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Spence £7.50, 1 GYT Community Centre £1,50 1 B&B3 Community Centre £2.50 – a total of **£33.50**

And from Nita:

1 TAIP £6, 1 B&B 2 GWRE £3, 2 Mem 3 GWRE £5, 3 Scottish GWRE £7.50, 5 TAIP GWRE £30, 6WW2 GWRE £15 **A total of £66.50**

This comes to a grand total of £100 this month.

Given the amount of sales this month, I have not provided a stock breakdown.

Web Report

The webmaster has been provided with a list of updates to bring the site up to date as the site was last updated on 29 May. The majority of this involves photos taken at various events since the beginning of June plus minutes.

Community Report and What's On

Storey Arms at Osgathorpe – Previous minutes have mentioned the fact that the pub was registered last year as a community asset and that pledges have been received in the sum of £28,000 towards a community share scheme aimed at keeping this open as a village amenity. We understand in the meantime that a developer has put in a planning application to build 16 properties in the village, and will pledge a further £300,000 towards the purchase and restoration of this community facility.

Baby Massage classes may shortly be coming to Thringstone House Community Centre. No further details at present.

Pub Quiz at the George and Dragon – This is continuing despite the recent management changes. It is open to all and starts every Sunday evening at 9pm.

The Body Toning Emporium in Clover Place has a sale on with a free trial on the toning tables available by calling 222201. They are also offering 20% discounts for over 60s, and a gym membership from £10 per month.

Thringstone Bowls Club have advised that as a celebration of their Jubilee Anniversary in 2015, the National Governing Body for lawn bowls, Bowls England, are sending a distinguished team for the celebration. This will be in May. More information will be forwarded nearer the time.

- Now until 20 Dec – **Ashby Museum Great War Exhibition**. Further details from 560090.
- 8 August – **Mobile skate park** at Whitwick Park. 1pm-3pm. Free
- 9 August – **Hare and Hounds, Whitwick** – family fun day with stalls etc. in aid of Motor Neurone Disease.
- 13 August – **St Andrew's Café Church** at Thringstone Methodist Church hall from 2-4pm. There will be a game of bowls.
- 15 August – **Mobile Skate Park** back at Belton as above.
- 15-17 Aug – **Moira Folk Festival** at Moira Furnace
- 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.
- 18-22 August – **St John's, Whitwick** – Mega Makers Holiday Club - £1 per family per day. 10am-12 noon. 4 – 11 year olds
- 22 August – **Mobile Skate Park** back in Whitwick as above



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- 22 August – **Coalville Male Voice Choir** commemorate WW1 in a concert starting at 7pm at St Wilfred's Church, Coalville. This is a fund raiser for the Royal British Legion and features soprano Helen Cawrey. Tickets are £8 by ringing Neil on 460167.
- 24 August – **Whitwick Music Festival** at The Man Within Compass. Free entry.
- 24 August – **Thringstone Members Club** – family fun day with bouncy castles and entertainment with profits to Rainbows
- 24 August – **Thringstone Miners Welfare** Family Funday starts at 11am. 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.
- 6 September – **Whitwick Party in the Park and Scarecrow Event**. 11am-5pm Whitwick Park. Lots of stalls and entertainment. **Please note** that last minutes gave the wrong date for this event.
- 7 Sept-22 Oct – **Buggycise 6 week course** aimed at getting mums back in shape. Starts at 10.30am at Thringstone Sure Start Centre. Sessions are £1.50 and booking is essential on 454606.
- 13 Sept – **Snibston Miners Gala** 10am-5pm. Come and see FoT there. Free entry. Includes things for children, rides, facepainting etc.
- 13 Sept – **Moira Male Voice Choir** in concert at St Andrew's. 7pm. Tickets £6 or pay at the door.
- 26 Sept – **Plug and play** resumes at Thringstone House Community Centre at 8pm. All welcome.
- 4 October – **Thringstone House Community Centre** – centre stage production of Femmes Fatales – Songs for Scarlet Women with Sarah Moule. Starts at 8pm. Tickets £9 from the centre's office. No concessions.
- 23 Oct – **Family Geocaching in Thringstone** – meet at 10.30am at Thringstone Members Club to go walking and cache hunting in Grace Dieu Woods. £2 per family. Booking required on 454606.
- 1 November – **Planting of 50 trees for 50 Hugglescote soldiers** from WW1 at Millfield Recreation Ground, Hugglescote, followed by concert at Hugglescote Community Centre.
- 15 November – **Thringstone House Community Centre** 7.30pm – The Song of The Soar – film plus live music from Dragonhead with Brian Lantry. £5 per ticket from the centre office or ring Brian for further information on 416251.

History report

- We have been invited to the launch by Cllr. Snartt, Chairman of the County Council (and also a councilor in Charnwood) to the heritage lottery funded project called **A Century of Stories** at Donington Le Heath Manor House on 12 August. We will endeavour to go along to this, as it might be useful to network and see what we might be able to join up with for the future.
- Ann explained about the archeological dig at **Grace Dieu Priory** and the subsequent pond information afternoon on 20 July were very interesting. New information has been gathered and but it is still unclear as to why the pond levels continue to drop.



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- For those that have the internet and do facebook, **Whitwick Historical Group** now have a facebook page on which they post a variety of very interesting things, including archive photographs. There is also a facebook page called **Whitwick Coalville and local pub photos** on facebook which gives lots of old photos of pubs no longer around. On that latter page is the story of a sweep from Thringstone being hanged for an attack on William Wilson, landlord of The Red House in Coalville. Years later, the attack was found to have been committed by someone else from Copt Oak who was being hanged for horse stealing and who confessed just prior to his death. We can, however, find nothing to substantiate this from press at the time.
- Nita attended a **Great War** event at Belton and both Ann and Nita, plus other members, attended the WW1 commemoration service at St John's in Whitwick last weekend, at which Janet Stevenson was involved in the bell tolling.
- Ann attended the **July Heritage Forum** meeting. 3 of the 5 books being printed on The Great War were launched at Snibston on 28 July. These are for Diseworth, Ashby and Ibstock and in many cases it has been necessary to raise up to £3k in sponsorship to get these printed. We have purchased a copy of the initial book on Belton, Osgathorpe, Diseworth and surrounding villages, which costs £8. The book which will include Thringstone, on which Nita and Ann have worked, comes out next year. As a result of seeing the purchased book, we have been able to send information to the Osgathorpe researcher on Albert Smith who was the grandfather of our member Jimmy Wilkinson, and about whom we had more information than was printed in the book.
- We have **interviewed Jean Brotherhood** nee Wright about growing up in Thringstone, which has given us more information on past times.
- As a thank you from Christchurch, Coalville for having their book on the fallen of the **Great War** on sale at our event, we have been given a free copy of the book. In it are some men from Whitwick.
- We have paid for several wills from the National Archives. These are **George Kelton**, gent from 1635 who married Lucy Conniars in 1593, **William Eyre**, gent from 1647, his sister **Mary Eyre** from 1657 (who may have been siblings to Sir Gervase Eyre), **William Exon**, yeoman from 1659, **John Adams**, earthenware dealer from 1854, and **William Henson**, farmer from 1857. From further research, we have discovered that William Henson was the great grandfather of John Henson Carter, known locally as Cuddy Carter, after whom Carterdale is named. It is also on record that William Eyre had a sister called Ruth who married into the Kelton family and that William and Mary Eyre were baptized in Belton, along with their brother John and sister Ruth.
- We were sent a copy of a photo taken in 1910 at **Glebe Farm** of Thomas and Susannah Twigg and their 5 sons, John, James, Herbert, George Albert and Ernest Thomas from someone who found our details on the internet, and read some of our minutes on line. They are directly descended from Ernest Thomas Twigg. This photo is completely new to us, and ties in with information from Frank Richards published in our recent WW2 publication. Thomas and Susannah Twigg were his great grandparents – his grandmother was Mary Ann who is unfortunately not on the photo, and was born 2 years before her parents married as Mary Ann Bradley.
- We have copies of **photos** from Sinclair Estate Agents of Forest View, The Green which is the Grade 2 listed property next to the Co-op. These compliment photos we already have. From the same source, we now also have internal photographs of Rose Cottage, Brook



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Lane which is a 17th century cottage on which we currently have one of our blue plaques. We also have external and internal photographs of Talbot House Farm on the fringes of the village which is also for sale. We have been given a copy of a photograph taken in 1935 outside the Queen's Head. We are still unclear who was running the pub at this time. We also now have a copy of a photograph of what may be the de Lisle family leaving Gracedieu Warren in 1907. We know they moved back to Garendon Park in June 1907.

Councillors' report – Leon Spence

A report was not received.

*The meeting heard that **Hall Lane in Whitwick** is to be closed from no. 398 on 18 August from 7.30am for 2 weeks. Severn Trent is carrying out sewer work to provide for 8 new homes being built near there. It is not apparently anything to do with upgrading sewers in the event of building on the green wedge.*

*We also have heard that 79 houses are to be built off Greenhill Road in Coalville down **Agar Nook Lane** which leads to open fields close to Abbott's Oak.*

*Leon has been busy dealing with problems raised by elderly people regarding the weekly **£6 lifeline charges** being levied against people with that facility to help with emergencies. This service was previously free.*

*The County Council is to **reduce the frequency of grass verge cutting**. They legally need to carry out 3 cuts a year, and currently do between 7 and 9. This is to be reduced to 5 per year to save money, and has come about as a result of a public consultation exercise carried out last year during which savings were discussed, and people were asked what services could potentially be cut or changed. The meeting felt that reducing the number of cuts of the verges was not necessarily a bad thing, and would encourage wildlife to use the verges more easily. The only problem might be locating litter and also visibility at junctions if grass is particularly high.*

*There is a **new funding pot** available for £300,000 available to community groups and churches to apply for. This is broken up into smaller £20,000 pots and Snibston, Whitwick and Thringstone are grouped together as an area that can apply. One project from each area is considered, but this must be match funded. Further projects can get £10,000, also match funded, and the decision as to who gets what is by public vote. It has been suggested there might be a foodbank set up in the area, as there is only one in Coalville connected to Margaret Street church currently for people in this area. There is also one in Ashby and another in Shepshed.*

Geoff said that something of this nature isn't necessarily something for FoT to do alone and it was agreed this should be a combined application with various groups, if it happened at all. It was agreed, however, that it would be useful, if something like this happened, to have it based at the Community Centre as the village hub.

Police Report for last 31 days – PCSO Mark Ball

We had a meeting with Mark Ball to discuss various things of mutual concern, and hope to be working more closely with him in the future.

The figures he has supplied for the past 30 days are:

- 1 Burglary dwelling, still under investigation
- 1 theft, sadly filed as person A was stating it was person B who in turn was blaming person A so no real proof of person responsible or anything evidential
- 2 thefts cycles, both taken from gardens, no witnesses, no suspects or CCTV, both filed



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- 3 Damage, there has been 1 person arrested and charged with one of the incidents, one has been filed and the final one is still under investigation
- And there was a little incident at a 16 year olds party that got a bit out of hand and a few slaps were exchanged.

The main thing to note are the 2 thefts of cycles from gardens, It's that time of year, the sun is out and the little ones are out playing during their summer hols, they go out on their bikes come home and leave them in the garden and forget about them. Then, some persons come along see them and add them to the scrap they have. We need to somehow remind people to make sure their little cherubs put their stuff/cycles away.

- *The meeting discussed recent events regarding the **fire to a motorbike** at the front of 62 Loughborough Road at 2am on 3 August, which lead to damage to the property. The police are appealing for anybody who might know anything to contact them.*
- *The meeting heard that we were made aware of some **bike thefts** from Clyde Court and also a potential case of theft and criminal damage there, which was stopped after a resident rang the police at 5.30am.*
- *We were also made aware of a theft of cash, and bank cards from **Shrewsbury Walk** on 23/24 July. Police asked for any witnesses to these incidents through the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, but called Shrewsbury Walk Shrewsbury Road.*
- *The meeting was also shown copy of a letter which was delivered round some households in the area regarding **nuisance motorbikes** in Cademan and Grace Dieu woods. This letter suggested that the neighbourhood team had received complaints about noise and disruption and they needed descriptions or registration details of vehicles, any photographic evidence, providing people 'do not put yourselves in harm's way' or details of who the riders were in order to take matters further.*

Gardening and environment

- Bernard has removed all the dead forget me nots from down **Brook Lane** now these have seeded down. There had also been a call received about weed killing down Brook Lane which had been sorted with the person concerned.
- Vandals pulled up one of the original 3 trees planted down **Drury Lane** in 2005 by hanging on the branches and causing the tree to come out of the soil. It could not be saved.
- Various **debris visible in the brook** has been reported to the de Lisle family/environment agency. This is mostly stuff washed downstream which has gathered round the little bridge to the back of the manor, by the old concrete bridge further down and in the bend to the stream, where trees are also down.
- Zilch, an anti-littering worldwide group is suggesting a **global initiative litter pick** on Saturday 13 September. They have teamed up with Let's Do It and have asked organizations to take part. Details of this initiative have been shared with Whitwick Parish Council and NWLDC to see if anybody is organizing anything locally.

Any other business

- **Severn Trent** – Roy said that about 3 weeks ago when we had a lot of rain in the area one Saturday, the brook level rose, and on the Sunday he discovered that there had been 2 sewage discharges in his garden, one of which was from a Severn Trent manhole. As a



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result of this incident, Roy rang Severn Trent to report the incident. It appears that Severn Trent is not a statutory consultee on planning applications, so planners don't have to ask them about sewage issues. They do, however, consult with the Environment Agency. After planning approval has been given, it is the Environment Agency who contacts Severn Trent, at which point in time they could say that the sewers can't cope. Roy wanted to point out that if anybody gets flooded or a sewage discharge at their property, they need to **contact the Environment Agency** to have this logged.

Geoff said that there had been a similar outpouring from the sewers on land near him and some of this discharge had ended up in Grace Dieu brook. Roy has now written to the planners objecting to the 85 houses near The Bull's Head on the grounds of the present inadequate sewer system which will not be able to cope with extra houses, and has also lodged his views on the local plan for the same reason.

- **The Bauble** newsletter will be ready for distribution to volunteers to deliver this month. It will need to be delivered before the end of September please.

Next meeting: 4 September at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre.



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