



The Friends of
Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2014 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Nita Pearson, Ann Petty, Leon Spence, Ray Woodward, Dave Everitt, Bernard Lee, Pam Porter, Janet Stevenson, Mike Statham, Roy Hill, Geoff Wilson

Apologies: Tam Bream, Ron Hill, Rowena Summers, David Stevenson, Geoff Walker, Tracy Foulds, Pat Hubbard, Carole Squires

Future of Thringstone Methodist Chapel – Thringstone Methodist chapel needs more members to secure its future. According to chapel guidelines, they need to have 12 signed up members but have been running for some time on 8. Of those 8, many now have health issues and are not attending chapel, and meetings are being held to discuss which way to go. The group also need someone as permanent treasurer. They have a lot of user groups using the hall, and are concerned over the future of the site. If you have any previous connection with Thringstone Methodist Chapel, and/or would like to join their congregation, please go along at 3pm for their Sunday service.

Letter from member of the public – an unsigned letter was sent to the community centre addressed to us, complaining about parking on grass verges and was read out to the meeting. The problem is that there is nothing really we can do to stop people parking on the verges 'and making the village look a mess'. We have already discussed this previously, and in order to answer the letter have requested, in The Bauble, that people think twice about parking on verges. *The meeting reiterated that the police are aware and can't do anything and the county council are unable to help either. There are signs on Broomleys Road saying 'parking on verges/footways may render you liable to prosecution'. The meeting asked whether we might we have similar along Loughborough Road but were told that these were old signs, there was no budget for this, but maybe a wooden bollard might be placed on the grass verge near Shrewsbury Walk.*

Fire on Shrewsbury Walk – as you will know, there was a fire on Shrewsbury walk in the early hours of 15 October. We set up a social media appeal and consequently worked exceptionally hard with the council, Churches Together and other individuals to get some help for the gent whose possessions were destroyed. NWLDC arranged somewhere to store things and most of the stuff was taken to the temporary flat on 25 October. This included a



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3 piece suite, fridge freezer, cooker, dining table, bed, bedding, clothing, pots, pans and other stuff. A list of all things donated was circulated round the meeting. Kay at Thringstone Stores set up a collection box for people who wished to donate money which raised £93.57. St Andrew's church raised £59. The Black Horse in Whitwick did a fund raiser which raised £150 allowing them to buy a new electric cooker which Stacey from S&J on The Green then fixed in. The Housing Department also got some clothing sorted through Marlene Reid Centre and The Red Cross. Special thanks to Craig at Castle Garage for the 3 piece suite, to 8 Ball Cleaning Company for cleaning it, to Julia, Pam and Churches Together for everything they did, Nigel and Mary Roberts for the bed and their help getting it to the storage, to Jane for the chest of drawers, to Vanessa for the dining table, to Alison for the fridge freezer, to Mick Simm for his help, and to Ray Gee, Bill Enser and Tony Dandy for their help with transport. Thanks also to everybody who helped in what turned out to be a mammoth undertaking. A letter of thanks was sent to St John's in Whitwick and appears in their November magazine. *The meeting thanked Nita for all the effort she personally put in to organising this on behalf of the group.*

Booth Grave – Work started on 18 October. The family has requested that we leave the issue of the money in our graveyard fund there for the time being until they are in a position to discuss this further

Christmas Tree for the centre – Lorraine has agreed a place to plant the tree which Janet is fetching at the end of the month. Rowena Summers has confirmed she will pay for the cost of the tree. *Bernard said that he had hoped to put in a permanent electricity supply to the tree, but as there were areas of concrete to deal with, this had to be dropped.*

Table Top sales at the community centre - We took part in the first table top event at the community centre, and Ann provided history display boards telling the story of Charles Booth. We took £7 on the day selling bric a brac. The remaining stuff left unsold was donated to College Garth Kennels for their table on 1 November at the centre, with the books left being donated to the community centre's book swap. As there was nobody to man a stall for us on 1 November, we did not have a presence at the 2nd event, although Ann did a display relating to WW1 for the centre to use. The next table top sale will be 6 December at 10am-1pm. Santa will be on hand hosting his own tea party! Ann will do a display based on the panto.

Monthly litter total for October and litter pick – Monthly total was 178. Thanks to the 14 people who came out on the litter pick on 25 October. These were members of our group, plus Polly Page from NWLDC. We collected a lot of rubbish, which just shows how much litter is out there, despite us collecting rubbish daily anyway. We met a chap from Talbot Lane who told us he litter picks round there every week and also goes into the woods, and collects litter whilst out walking with his family. We are sure lots of other people do this as well.

Fundraising – one of our members suggested that we might like to take advantage of people offering items they want to get rid of by taking these from people, and opening an ebay account and putting them on there for sale, taking any money raised to put towards FoT funds. The meeting suggested this was not necessarily something to pursue, and were told the suggestion had also been put to the community centre to consider at some time in the future. *The meeting discussed various schemes where people could buy goods on line and give money to a chosen charity. The Community Centre had investigated some of these, but found out that there were joining fees which might be prohibitive.*

Commemorating Theophilus Jones – we are considering either having a tree or bush planted in the village to commemorate the fact that Mr Jones, from Thringstone School, was the first soldier to die on British soil in WW1. The anniversary is coming up on 16



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December. We have spoken to the centre about this, and the school, who are unable to support us during that week but wish us well. The management committee of the centre are discussing this issue next week at their meeting.

New Members – welcome to Nigel and Mary Roberts who have just joined us as members. Nigel does the plug and play at the centre.

Can you spare some time? We still have vacant positions within the group – we still have vacancies for a minute secretary, admin help, events secretary, publicity officer, environment lead and membership secretary if anybody is interested. Please let us know if you can give an hour a month to help the group in any of these things. Membership secretary is only really busy around renewal time. The rest of the time there is nothing really to do!

Chairs Report

Letters received:

- From person mentioned above, and also letter from Co-op saying they were unable to give us any money or vouchers to help Mr Morris's collection.

Emails Received:

- Various from agencies with which we deal and members asking questions etc.

Emails Sent:

- Various to agencies with which we deal etc.

Promotion:

- We have 265 **twitter followers** having had our twitter account now for just over 4 years. That is 4 up from last month, and we now have 111 **facebook followers**, an increase of 48 in the month, mostly as a result of the stuff on there about the fire and co-ordinating collection of items. Thanks to reposting, our facebook page has reached over 1,575 people this week.
- The details of our **litter picking success**, mentioned at the last meeting, which were then part of Leon Spence's blog were picked up by the Coalville Times and printed on 10 October. The **details of the fire**, quotes and phone number contact for people wanting to help went on the front page of the CV Times of 23 October, without them checking with us that it was OK to put the telephone number for contact.....
- Photos of the results of the **litter pick** on 25 October were put onto the Big Tidy UK (Keep Britain Tidy) website with a report, as we were working with them and CSV Action Earth on our litter pick. We also put a report and photo on the Litter Action UK website and sent photos to our own website manager.

Other:

- We attended the **Hugglecote WW1 memorial event** at which 2 Thringstone men were recognized as being part of the first 50 to join up to go and fight. It was a very emotive and beautifully organized event, during which 50 trees were planted and 50 pigeons released. A ribbon for each soldier was available to tie round one of the trees and we tied one round a tree for Isaac Hall from Thringstone. We also met with relatives of James Bancroft from John Street, and have subsequently shared with them the photograph of James which we got from Jonathan Capewell earlier this year as they had no family photograph of him. Several photographs of the event were taken and sent to Ann for the archives
- We took 11 photos for Lorraine at the **table top sale** at Thringstone House Community Centre on 1st November.



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Finance Report

We are expecting the invoice for the printing of the new publication to be about £50.

Gen Fund held 1st of month (bank + petty cash + float)			£3,210.40
Income		Expenditure	
		Broadband etc.	£12.02
Donation	£10.00	Raffle prizes	£2.98
Raffle	£8.00	Car parking	£2.10
Community Day	£7.00	Stamps	£3.72
Publications	£29.00	New photo album	£4.99
total income to general fund		Total expenditure	£25.81
	£54..00	Total general fund at month end	£3,238.59
		graveyard fund balance	£18.34

Publications Report – Roy Hill

It was discovered upon giving out and selling our new booklet on Durham Miners that there is part of a sentence missing at the top of page 27. It should read 'Part of the job George had as liaison officer was to find lodgings in the area for 130 transferred miners'. The first part of the sentence (before lodgings) is missing. We have contacted Teamprint about this, and they have apologised. Geoff has done an addendum sheet to go into the booklets in the future.

There have been no sales in October at either the Community Centre or Members Club. I shall distribute the new publication, Memories of Durham Miners, to our outlets as soon as possible. We had 54 of these books printed. Free copies were given to all the people who contributed, and in the case of Ikey Peachy, who died, a copy each to his 4 children. We also gave a copy to Thringstone Primary and another to Coalville Library leaving us with 40 to sell.

Nita was given a £10 donation from Bobby Emmerson, interviewed for the Memories of Durham Miners publication, who unfortunately died on 29 October.

Sales are:

Graveyard trail – unknown amount of copies sold for £4 by the church

9 copies of Durham Miners sold by Nita - £22.50

1 copy of Scottish in Thringstone sold by Nita - £2.50

With the addition of the £10 donation, £39 has been given to David.

An up to date stock report will be given at the next meeting.

Web Report

The webmaster is still working on 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. He has said he intends to do all this sooner rather than later, if at all possible.

Community Report and What's On



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- **Ray Sutton's art lectures** continue to run at the community centre. The next ones are 19 and 25 November and 3, 10 and 17 December. The cost is £3 and they start at 3.30pm.
- **Coalville Library** will be closed from 24 November until 6 December.
- **St Andrew's Ladies Group** is looking for a new leader. From December, Sue Jones will be stepping down. Currently up to 35 ladies go along once a month, on the first Monday of the month at 7pm, to listen to speakers which the organizer arranges at which there is a cost of £2 per head per session to cover speakers' costs. If anybody is interested in taking this on, please contact the church direct.
- **The Old School House Summer Fete** raised £531. Well done!
- We understand that £200 was recently presented to Thringstone Scouts as a result of money raised at **Thringstone Live for Charity**.
- **The MacMillan Coffee Morning at Thringstone Primary** which we attended raised £201.42. Thanks to all concerned.
- **The Black Horse, Whitwick** still needs Domino Players for their in house league on Monday nights at 9pm. If you know anyone who might be interested contact Sarah on 460770 or 07557 649635 or pop in for more details.
- **Thringstone Scouts and Brownies** are looking to hear from anybody who was a scout leader in Thringstone in the last 50 years. They can only be contacted via facebook on www.facebook.com/1stThringstone
- 9 Nov – **Remembrance Parade** and service in Whitwick. Parade leaves Hermitage Leisure Centre to go to St John's and the war memorial for 2.30pm start. There will also be the usual remembrance parade in Coalville town centre finishing at Memorial Square at 11am with a service. The remembrance service at St Andrew's will be at 10.30am
- 9 Nov – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – WW1 display by Whitwick and Ibstock Historical Groups with photos and kids' activities. 2pm-5pm.
- 12 Nov – for the week – **Loughborough Fair** is back in their town centre.
- 14 Nov – **Quiz evening** at Thringstone House Community Centre starts at 7.30pm. People are welcome to come along and support teams. FoT has a team entered.
- 15 Nov – **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.
- 16 Nov – **Antique and Vintage fair** at Hermitage Leisure Centre. 9.30am – 3.30pm. Admission £2. More details from 0116 2872011.
- 21 Nov – **North Street Club Quiz night** and raffle in aid of children's cancer unit- 8pm start. Teams of 4. £5 per person. Cash for winning team.
- 21 Nov – **Farmer's market in Coalville**
- 22 Nov – **Coalville Food and Drink Festival** at Belvoir Shopping Centre from 9am-4pm. Includes various street entertainment including Children's Choir Factor. Free parking at Snibston with free Snibston shuttle train rides. Free parking at NWLDC car parks in town. Christmas lights switch on at 5pm with fireworks. Santa and his reindeer will be in town!
- 22 Nov – **Swannington Guides** are holding a White Elephant Sale at the village hall, but not sure on times.
- 24 Nov – **Film Club at the Community Centre** is showing The Railway Man. 7pm start £1.50 to cover costs.



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- 27 Nov – **Castle Rock High School Christmas Fayre** – Starts at 3.30pm. 20 stalls, raffle and refreshments. Free entry.
- 28 Nov – **Plug and Play** at Thringstone House Community Centre from 8pm. All welcome. Bar open.
- 29 Nov – **Coalville Christmas Market.**
- 30 Nov - **Service of celebration for Thringstone Brownies** at St Andrew's church.
- 30 Nov – Christmas Fayre at **Thringstone Miners FC**. Starts at 1pm.
- 2 Dec – The community centre is showing a **French film with subtitles** called Welcome to the sticks. This starts at 7pm and the cost is £2
- 5 Dec – **Whitwick Christmas Lights** Switch on at 7pm. There will be an event the same night starting at 7.30pm outside Whitwick Constitutional Club with mulled wine, mince pies, carols, santa etc., plus real reindeer and Ibstock Brass Band
- 6 Dec – Christmas Table Top Sale at **Thringstone House Community Centre**. 10am-1pm. 50p admission.
- 7 Dec – **Christmas at Swannington Mill** – 2pm-4pm – craft stalls, family games and Santa
- 12 Dec – **Carols Round The Tree at Thringstone House**. Procession leaves St Andrew's at 6.30pm to get to centre for 7pm carols. Entertainment, hot and cold drinks inside afterwards.
- 12 Dec – Hermitage Leisure Centre **Adult Comedy Night** – Dean Courtney. Tickets £10. Starts at 7.30pm. More information from 811215.
- 14 Dec – **Carol Concert at Grace Dieu Priory**. Starts at 3pm and ends at 4pm. Parking at The Bull's Head. Mince pies and mulled wine will be on sale. All welcome.
- 16-24 Jan – **Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs** at Thringstone House Community Centre. Tickets are £8 for adults and £7 for children from 834575 or email tickets@tpad.org.uk. The main charity for this event is Bradley's fund. Bradley is 9 and has quadriplegic cerebral palsy.
- 15 Feb – A Sunday night concert at Thringstone House Community Centre with **Tom McConville and the Transpennine Sessions**. Starts at 8pm. Tickets £9 each from the centre's office. This concert will be a mix of bluegrass, old time and Celtic music linking Scotland and the borders in the north to Ireland and back to the north east.
- 12-16 May – Thringstone Panto and Drama Society's production will be **Me and My Girl**. 7.30pm nightly with matinee on 16 May at 2.15pm. Tickets £8 adults £7 children from 834575 or tickets@tpads.org.uk

History report

- We have acquired more **photographs** of people born in Thringstone and also transcribed the report of the **funeral of Private Theophilus Jones**, former head of Thringstone School, which we found in Hartlepool archive material.
- Photographs were taken of demolition of **The Fox** this month.
- We have been asked to consider researching **Thringstone women of the First World War** and their contribution to the war effort. If you have anybody in your family who would fit this description, who might have been a nurse, or involved in some other way, please let us know. We know there was a Red Cross and Order of St John of Jerusalem jointly organized Voluntary Aid Detachment hospital at Cavendish Bridge, Castle Donington during the period, and the Coalville and District VAD war hospital was at Broom Leys, Coalville. Maybe there may be some women from the village who helped there? The Red Cross has a database containing details of some of the women employed across the



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country in this work, but without names to go on, we are unable to ask for their help to search this database.

- Ann attended the recent **Heritage Forum** group meeting in Diseworth.
- We found **apprentice details** dated 1671 for 3 men from Thringstone who were trained to be butchers – John and Thomas Alwood (son of John Alwood, a smith) and Edward Hewson.
- We have run off copies of **military records** relating to several men from Thringstone who served during WW1. These are Lawrence Gough, Joseph Robinson from Bauble Yard, James Hall who lodged at the Rose and Crown, John Thomas Hibbert who lived on Main Street, James Robert Maloney who also lived on Main Street, Cyril Edward Potter, born in Thringstone the son of Thomas Potter who was for a time the police constable for the village before moving onto Castle Donington, and Sanford Pratt who in 1889 was the gamekeeper at Gracedieu Manor, before moving on to eventually work from The Keeper's House in Coleorton and Junction House in Osgathorpe. Sanford served 2 terms in the arm, before and then during WW1.
- We have copies of the military service records for several men. **Edward White**, was half brother to John Morley who was a casualty of WW1. Edward went into the army in 1902 and served mostly in India. We think he came out of the army around 1908 and returned to working in the pit, and lived on Main Street. Another soldier whose records we now have is **Joseph Moore** who joined up in 1882 aged 19 and served until 1894 in Ceylon and Singapore. Joseph was also a miner. Another soldier was **John Chambers**, who served twice – 1895-1903 and then during WW1. He eventually moved to Shirebrook in Nottinghamshire. **William Lord** was another soldier whose records we have, but he seems to have lived mostly at Pegg's Green. Another one is **Harry Gill** who moved to Yorkshire. The other set of records we now have relate to **Alfred Bradley** who joined up in 1891 aged 18. We also now have the discharge papers for **William Bancroft** of John Street from the First World War.
- We found a record online relating to **removals of people from Thringstone Parish** under Poor Law guidelines of the time to Lincolnshire. James Springthorpe was removed in 1829 along with his wife Frances, children Mary (10), James (6 and a half), and Adeline (2) to Sleaford. Thomas Underwood was removed in 1766 along with wife Mary, Elizabeth (9), Rachael (5), and Ann (2) to Edenham. *There was considerable discussion at this point as to how families like this were treated, and how they would travel such great distance at a time before trains.*

Councillors' report – Leon Spence

There had been a meeting at Stephenson College this week where people could meet the police commissioner and say what mattered to them in their area. There had been an increase in crime last year, but this year had decreased. Due to current circumstances, there may be a reduction in police officers in future years and they are relocating the instant response teams, so that the team now at Coalville will be relocated to Loughborough. The fire authority is also affected by reductions in provision and may struggle to provide the current level of service. Appliance numbers may be reduced.

Primary school admission closing dates for children to start next September is 15 January, so if you wish to get your child in your local school you need to apply before 15 January.



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There is a terrible shortage of foster parents. If you are interested please register with the county council.

There was considerable discussion at this point about provisions for children and young people.

We are continuing to work on reporting overgrown grass verges and footpath issues.

The grant funding bids for £20k for 7 areas are still open to voting until Sunday. Whitwick has a bid in for green gym in Whitwick Park and another to help Whitwick Scouts.

At this point in time, the meeting mentioned the pot hole on the corner of Melrose Road and Loughborough Road which you can't avoid hitting as you turn into the road. The matter of holes in the grass verge by the entrance to Dalkeith Walk car park was also mentioned. It was agreed to email details of these issues to local councillors again, but it was suggested that, due to budget restrictions, this might be something FoT might like to fund themselves.

The chair expressed alarm at this suggestion, and said that there is no intention whatsoever of funds which we have had to raise ourselves being used on what is perceived to be council functions.

The meeting asked whether anything had happened with regard to the possible siting of a litter bin for children going to the Miners Welfare Play Group. Dave agreed to ask again what was happening with this suggestion.

The issue of the outline planning for 85 units having been granted on fields near the Bull's Head was raised, and it was pointed out that JCBs were on site there today.

The meeting also mentioned that flytipping had increased over the UK as a whole. NWLDC figures for 13/14 suggested there had been 1100 incidents reported which equated to 1.2 per 100 people. This is apparently high compared to neighbouring councils. There was some discussion about dumping of waste on The Warren, and that some of it was now on de Lisle land.

Police Report for last 31 days

A new online tool, which allows the public to feedback on the service they receive from Leicestershire Police, has been launched.

Called Rate your Local Police, the system enables people to log on and feedback on any interaction they've had with the Force based on a five star rating – similar to TripAdvisor. There is also space for the public to provide additional comments and information.

Leicestershire Police is leading the way with this new tool and is the first in the country to develop and roll it out Forcewide. The system has been created to enhance public confidence in policing, help identify any areas for improvement and provide another way for people to get in touch. It also allows the Force to easily respond to feedback.

Rate your Local Police has been designed specifically for leaving feedback and is not a forum for people to make formal complaints. These still have to be submitted via the website or in writing.

Anyone who has recently dealt with the police can rate the service they've received at

www.leics.police.uk/rateyourlocalpolice

Chief Constable Simon Cole said: "Leicestershire Police wanted to provide the public with a quick and simple way of giving honest feedback about the service they receive."

- There have been reports of ongoing ASB at the back of the bungalows in Springfield and similar reports on Melrose Road. The police are endeavouring to sort this.
- A locked car parked on Loughborough Road was subject to an attempted break-in on 14 October and its lock and paintwork were damaged.
- A cycle was taken from back of the Co-op



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- Damage was caused to a motor vehicle on Henson's Lane - all 4 tyres slashed
- Damage was caused to a brick wall in Heathfield – this has subsequently been rebuilt
- Theft from a motor vehicle - however the owner is not sure if it happened in Thringstone or another place they had visited.

Subsequent to the above report being received, we were told of the theft of the RBL Poppy Collection tin from Thringstone Co-op on 1 November. A newspaper report on this appeared in the Leicester Mercury of 4 November with quotes from FoT and referring to our facebook page. The photo and video of the person concerned was released by police and circulated round our members. A Uube link to the police article was put on our facebook page, and was picked up by people and put on the Spotted Whitwick and Spotted Coalville facebook pages. The police appeal was on EM TV news on 4 November and again on 5 November with interviews with Nita and Leon included in this. It had also been on ITV news and was in this week's Coalville Times. Cllr. Spence knows someone who will give a £200 reward to anybody who gives the name to the police and which results in successful prosecution.

Gardening and environment

- We have signed up to **Pledge4plastics.co.uk** to try to help recycle more plastics than we currently do. This site is also open to individuals who want to try to recycle more plastics if they wish. British statistics suggest that 11% of household waste going into landfill is recyclable plastic, and 40% of that is plastic bottles.
- Bernard said that he had pruned Drury Lane and weeded.
- We hit a snag with our funding bid to have **litter posters** around the village, as the funding body said we needed permission from County Hall to put up posters, and also wanted us to put on a google map where each poster would go. We tried to find out who to contact over permissions, but failed. Also, as we were not personally technically strong enough to be able to do the google map business, and nobody we knew was, we have withdrawn our application for funding.
- Earlier this week the county council closed off part of the **A512** near The Bull's Head to deal with overhanging branches and bushes which impacted on safe use of the carriageway.

AOB

- The winter edition of **The Bauble** will be picked up from the printers tomorrow. It will need to be delivered by our volunteers before 6 December as it contains an advert in it for the next Table Top sale at the centre.

Next meeting: 4 December at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre. THIS WILL BE OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY, SO PLEASE THINK OF COMING AND BRINGING FOOD TO SHARE.



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