



# The Friends of Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

Chairman: Nita Pearson  
20 Springfield, Thringstone, Leicestershire, LE67 8LT.  
Telephone: 01530 223434  
[mail to: nita.pearson@ntlworld.com](mailto:nita.pearson@ntlworld.com)

Visit our website at: [www.friends-of-thringstone.org.uk](http://www.friends-of-thringstone.org.uk)  
We are also on facebook/twitter. Twitter address @Thringstone2

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 APRIL 2015 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Present:** Nita Pearson, Ann Petty, Geoff Wilson, Roy Hill, Ron Hill, Bernard Lee, Kathy Mardon, Jackie Spalding, Linda Harris, Dave Everitt, Bill Ensor, Mary Roberts

**Apologies:** Janet and David Stevenson, Gillian Bates, Leon Spence, Mike Statham, Julie Everitt, Nigel Roberts, Geoff Walker, Rowena Summers

### Discussions/Decisions

**Monthly litter total for March** – 224 bags of litter collected and removed during March against 192 for the same month in 2014. This total includes the 15 bags which were collected by 5 adults and 2 children during our litter pick in the woodlands on 7 March and the bags collected by Ron Hill who went out and collected 13 bags from the lane down to the George and Dragon.

Kathy Mardon has now joined our litter pick team, and has a litter pick stick to work with. She intends to try to litter pick once a week and has done a sterling job in removing over 200 **bags of dog poo** which are left in a specific area in the woodlands (behind the Springfield estate) because people can't be bothered to take these home.

There was considerable discussion at this point about why people don't take dog poo home or put it in a bin and the use of biodegradable bags. It was also wondered whether some of the dog poo bags thrown around in the woods were from children rather than adults.

Earlier this week we were alerted to the fact that someone was depositing Co-op carrier bags containing dog fouling between a Laurel bush and the fencing to the end house by the jetty running opposite The Fox site in Main Street so went and removed 57 bags from this area.

The meeting wondered about the provision of more bins in the village, and in the woodland in particular. Having spoken to members of the de Lisle family about the problems within the woods, they asked for more bins and this question was then brought up to officers at NWLDC who have supplied details to pass on to the family, which include the fee they charge to empty bins on private property. It was felt by all concerned that the amount of dog fouling and leaving of full bags of dog fouling by pet owners was unacceptable.



RCC

The Friends of Thringstone  
Winner of the Big Tidy Award at Keep Britain Tidy Jubilee Awards 2015  
Winner of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011  
Winner of Gold and Silver RCC Village achievement awards 2010  
Awarded Outstanding Achievement Certificate in the RHS Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards 2009  
Winner of the NWLDC's Footprint Awards under Partnerships and Community Groups 2009 and finalists 2011 and 2013



Stepping out for a greener district



During March, Keep Britain Tidy had a Community Clear Up Campaign, which did not match in with our own community litter pick. However, 8 bags were collected in the daily litter picking matching this campaign, and we advised Keep Britain Tidy of this total and explained that the contents of 3 bags from the 8 were recycled.

**Next community litter pick** – It is volunteering week from 1-6 June, and we wondered whether we should consider doing a litter pick during that period. Nita pointed out that we have several commitments during June, and maybe should consider a litter pick at the end of May. We will talk to Pam Porter about this and report back to everybody on the next litter pick date as soon as we can.

**Thringstone School Summer Fete** – We have been invited to have a stall to sell things and our publications at this event which takes place on 13 June. We would have our publications on sale, but would not expect a great amount of sales. The event will be in the afternoon, but we don't have times as yet but need to confirm the position with the school. We are already committed to working at Picnic in the Parks on 28 June.

The meeting discussed this, and it was agreed that we should have a presence at the event, but there was doubt as to who might be able to help Nita man a stall. Geoff said he might and Ron said he might, but neither were certain. It should not be up to Nita to man the stall on her own.

**The Big Lunch** – 7 June. In partnership with St Andrew's church, we are planning a lunch in the closs at the back of the Community Centre. All are welcome, but need to bring their own food and a rug to sit on. The event will kick off at 1pm from The Bull's Head car park with a walk through the woods and a duck race, getting to the centre for 2pm. It would be nice to see as many people there as would like to come and meet others in the village. The centre's toilets will be open, and there is a plan B in the event of rain – a tent. We have told Thringstone Primary about this event, and they intend to tell their pupils and their families. There was considerable discussion about the use of the centre for the event, and the fact that it is a centre for the village and should be used, and not just have the toilets open. There was also mention of using the scout hut in the event of rain. Nita will talk with various others about these options.

**Visit to recycling centre** – 4 of us went along to the recycling centre on 1 April to see how it operates and what happens to the kerbside waste collected. We were told that both flytipping and littering was increasing year on year and saw how items were sorted ready for sale to various businesses. Currently 47% of all the kerbside waste is moved on and even slurry scraped from the roads is broken down into its various parts and sold on. It was a very interesting experience, and thanks to Paul Coates at NWLDC for organizing it.

**AGM** – Our AGM comes up in June every year, and it would be nice if some people might like to put themselves forwards to fill our vacancies. We still have vacancies for a minute secretary (as the chair has to take the minutes and chair the meeting at the moment), admin help, events secretary, publicity officer, environment lead and membership secretary if anybody is interested. All these jobs are currently done by the chairman as well as her own role which cannot be something which continues indefinitely. 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!

**New Member** – Linda Harris was welcomed to the meeting as a new member.



The Friends of Thringstone  
Winner of the Big Tidy Award at Keep Britain Tidy  
Jubilee Awards 2015  
Winner of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011  
Winner of Gold and Silver RCC Village achievement awards 2010  
Awarded Outstanding Achievement Certificate in the RHS  
Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards 2009  
Winner of the NWLDC's Footprint Awards under Partnerships  
and Community Groups 2009 and finalists 2011 and 2013





## Chairs Report

### Letters received:

- Pack of free car stickers from **Keep Britain Tidy** offered to members by email. Some were taken at the meeting but there are still some available if anybody wants one.
- We received a letter from Mrs Fanny Hugill about the **Booth grave renovations**, thanking us for our help, and saying that on 23 November, on the centenary of his death, the London School of Economics who hold the Booth maps and papers plan an exhibition and a half day seminar on Charles Booth, when speakers will highlight the relevance of his findings to today's problems.

### Emails Received:

- From **Andrew Bridgen MP** which said that all the work we do in the village is very much appreciated.
- From **Voluntary Action Leicestershire** giving us contact details for someone who wished to volunteer with us. This gentleman was subsequently met and decided he would like to litter pick for us once a week at the top end of Grace Dieu Woods.
- Various from agencies with which we deal and members asking questions etc.
- From NWLDC in advance of the **Volunteer Celebration** event asking for completion of a form showing our activities and photos. Sent these by return.
- From **Keep Britain Tidy** with their March newsletter detailing our win at the awards in Liverpool and showing a photograph.
- From person interesting in their **family tree** and trying to trace a John Raven born in 1794.

### Emails Sent:

- Various to agencies with which we deal, including reporting flytipping and lights out.

### Promotion:

- We have 299 **twitter followers** which is an increase of 13 in last month, and 146 **facebook followers**, an increase of 8 in the month.
- Half page article with photo of the Keep Britain Tidy Awards just on Friends of Thringstone in the **Coalville Eye** of March 2015. There was also a half page article with colour photos in the Village Connect magazine for April/May.
- Photos from the **litter pick on 7 March** were put on our Litter Action UK web page, details sent to Coalville Times and Loughborough Echo, a thank you certificate was given to the two young people from Thringstone Primary who came along, and photos were sent to our webmaster and put in our portfolio, as well as being posted on our twitter and facebook pages. Our litter pick was also mentioned in Thringstone Primary's latest newsletter, and was featured in the Coalville Times of 20 March.
- We gave all our black and white **promotional leaflets** to Voluntary Action Leicestershire at the jobs fair at Snibston on 6 March. They can use these at other events.
- Exhibition at **Snibston Discovery Park** in March themed around Century of Stories featured 3 stories of people with Thringstone connections. Photos sent to our webmaster, put on facebook and also twitter.

### Other:

- Our event on the Great War last summer was linked to a national programme called The **First World War Centenary**. As a result of linking with this, and their link with the Midlands Arts Council, we were contacted this month to complete a 10 minute verbal survey on



RCC

The Friends of Thringstone  
Winner of the Big Tidy Award at Keep Britain Tidy  
Jubilee Awards 2015  
Winner of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011  
Winner of Gold and Silver RCC Village achievement awards 2010  
Awarded Outstanding Achievement Certificate in the RHS  
Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards 2009  
Winner of the NWLDC's Footprint Awards under Partnerships  
and Community Groups 2009 and finalists 2011 and 2013

footprints  
Stepping out for a greener district



perceptions of the event, what we did, how we did it, who we linked with etc. They then wanted the views of 2 people who came to the event, whose details we provided.

- Along with Ann, Janet and David, Nita went along to a **celebration of volunteering** organized by NWLDC and held at Radisson Blu East Midlands Airport. This was a very nice occasion, and a chance to network. The deputy chair of the council made mention in his speech of our Keep Britain Tidy Award win, which received a round of applause.
- Ann and Nita went along to Ashby Rotary to deliver a talk and display on **Charles Booth**, which allowed us to promote our group, the Community Centre, and the village generally. Geoff said that the meeting were very impressed with the talk and display given.

### Finance Report

The chairman has recently submitted an application for consideration of funding to the Woodstock in Whitwick Committee. If successful, any money awarded will not come until the end of the year or beginning of 2016.

<b>Gen Fund held 1st of month</b> (bank + petty cash + float)	<b>£3,073.82</b>		
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Membership	£3.50	Broadband etc.	£12.12
Raffle	£7.00	Plants	£42.46
		Stamps	£6.36
Publications	£2.50	Teamprint	£127.05
<b>total income to general fund</b>	£13	Total expenditure	£187.99
		<b>Total general fund at month end</b>	<b>£2,898.83</b>

### Publications Report – Roy Hill

The committee has already discussed the new discounted price for someone who might want to buy all 4 of the Memories books, and agreed from 1<sup>st</sup> May that a discounted price of £10 for the 4 should be offered. Roy will make the necessary alterations to his posters.

A poor month for sales this time, but it was a short month as we were asked to close the sales by March 24<sup>th</sup>. Just the one copy of Memories 4 has been sold by Pam Spence.

It is a very long story but basically the new publication 'Pubs in Thringstone' was collected by Nita but there were so many printing errors in it that she had to contact the printers about this.

Following a discussion, the printers agree the issues are their fault, and are reprinting the book and the boxes collected were taken to the local tip.

David Stevenson has received £2.50



**The Friends of Thringstone**  
**Winner of the Big Tidy Award at Keep Britain Tidy Jubilee Awards 2015**  
**Winner of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011**  
**Winner of Gold and Silver RCC Village achievement awards 2010**  
**Awarded Outstanding Achievement Certificate in the RHS Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards 2009**  
**Winner of the NWLDC's Footprint Awards under Partnerships and Community Groups 2009 and finalists 2011 and 2013**



	Community Centre	Nita	Anne	Members Club	Stock			TOTAL
Born and Bred 1	1	1	2	1	6			11
Born and Bred 2	1	1	2	1	27			32
Born and Bred 3	2	4	0	1	62			69
Memories 1	1	1	1	1	13			17
Memories 2	1	1	1	1	16			20
Memories 3	2	2	3	1	5			13
Memories 4	2	5	5	2	67			81
Durham Miners	2	3		2	15			22
Scottish in T'stone	2	1	3	1	8			15
TAIP	2	4	0	1	25			32
WW2	2	5	5	1	42			55
Village Trail 1	0	2	2	1	13			18
Village Trail 2	0	1	2	1	8			12
Village Trail 3	0	2	2	1	20			25
Graveyard Booklet	5	15	10	1	176			207
<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>503</b>			<b>629</b>

### Web Report

Various update information has been sent to the webmaster during the month since the last meeting. The webmaster kindly informed us of interest in some photos we sell during this month.

### Community Report and What's On

**St Andrew's** – The jumble sale on 14 March at St Andrew's raised £135 for church funds. Thanks go to all who helped and came along to support the event.

**Thringstone Bowls Club** is actively recruiting new members. Anybody with an interest is asked to contact the club direct. They are also planning to put in another grant so that they can have a new toilet block.

**The Vista Bus is coming to the Community Centre on April 14th from 10am until 12.30pm.**

Local sight loss charity Vista is launching a brand new mobile support and advice service for older people 'at risk' of developing sight loss in Leicestershire.

The mobile service will raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of sight loss, the importance of early diagnosis and the links between lifestyle and sight loss, visiting supermarket car parks, GP surgeries, health centres and other busy locations right in the heart of villages and towns across Leicestershire.

Manned by friendly staff, the mobile exhibition vehicle will feature an open plan welcome area, leaflet display and a seating area for individual consultation and support. During their time on board, visitors can:



RCC

The Friends of Thringstone  
 Winner of the Big Tidy Award at Keep Britain Tidy  
 Jubilee Awards 2015  
 Winner of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011  
 Winner of Gold and Silver RCC Village achievement awards 2010  
 Awarded Outstanding Achievement Certificate in the RHS  
 Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards 2009  
 Winner of the NWLDC's Footprint Awards under Partnerships  
 and Community Groups 2009 and finalists 2011 and 2013



Stepping out for a greener district





## The Friends of Thringstone

- Learn how a healthy lifestyle can reduce the risk of sight loss, and the importance of regular sight tests and spotting conditions early
- Find out more about the support and services available through Vista
- Access a wide range of information leaflets
- Discover equipment and technologies that can support people with sight loss.

The programme will also support older people already experiencing sight loss, enabling them to access dedicated information, advice and support in their local communities.

**Oddfellows group** – A branch of this society runs at Thringstone Members Club every month, usually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 7pm, but this is put back in the case of bank holidays, and a warm welcome is guaranteed. There is a membership fee to join, but you can come along to a meeting and see what you think before making a decision. Please contact David on 224492 for further details including details of visiting speakers and events. We know that July's meeting will include 'a medical dog', and September's will include cheese making.

**George and Dragon** – Starting on 14 April and running every second Tuesday throughout the summer is a classic car event, where people can bring their own classic car or just come to look.

**Thringstone Panto and Drama Society** – is looking for volunteers to help with their next production in May. They are looking for Front of House, Backstage staff, Lighting staff and scenery painters. If you would like further details please email [chair@tpads.org.uk](mailto:chair@tpads.org.uk) for an application form. You can be assured of a warm welcome

**Plug and Play** at Thringstone House Community Centre continues to run on the last Friday of each month from 8pm. All welcome.

**Grace Dieu Park Cricket Club** has been busy putting in a new concrete base and netting for the training nets at the club in advance of the new season starting.

**Pregnancy Yoga Classes** – professional help with breathing, stretching and relaxing to help with your experience. Belton Village Hall every Sunday morning from 10.30am until 12 noon. Classes are £8 each payable in 4 week blocks of £32 until 37 weeks of pregnancy after which payments can be made weekly. Drop in sessions are £9 each and further details are available from Jen on 07467 946368 or email [namasteyogauk@gmail.com](mailto:namasteyogauk@gmail.com) to book your space.

- 4 April - **Easter Craft, Food and Gift Fair, Hood Park Leisure Centre, Ashby de la Zouch.** Free admission. There will be 35 stalls with a wide choice of unique items and exclusive gift alternatives to high street shops. For further information contact Lorna Robinson on [aandlrobinson@btinternet.com](mailto:aandlrobinson@btinternet.com) or 01827 373318.
- 6 April – **Thringstone Members Club** – Family fun day from 1pm-7pm with bouncy castle, disco, hot food etc. All welcome.
- 7 April – **Popstar Experience** at Hermitage Leisure Centre for 6-12 year olds. Sing and record your own CD which you can take home. Booking essential on 811215.
- 12 April – **Hugglescote Community Centre** afternoon craft fayre. 1pm-4pm. Free entry.
- 13 April – Meeting of Thringstone Oddfellows at **Thringstone Members Club**. 7pm start.
- 14 April – 10-12 noon – **Vista bus** at Thringstone House Community Centre to talk to interested parties about eye health.
- 17 April – Whitwick Constitutional Club – **Dan Budd as Robbie Williams**. Tickets £3 on the door. This tribute act has rave revues. Starts 9pm.
- 17 April – Band night at **The Black Horse, Whitwick** with The Cheeze.



RCC

The Friends of Thringstone  
Winner of the Big Tidy Award at Keep Britain Tidy Jubilee Awards 2015  
Winner of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011  
Winner of Gold and Silver RCC Village achievement awards 2010  
Awarded Outstanding Achievement Certificate in the RHS Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards 2009  
Winner of the NWLDC's Footprint Awards under Partnerships and Community Groups 2009 and finalists 2011 and 2013

footprints  
Stepping out for a greener district



## The Friends of Thringstone

- 24 April – **Ladies' pamper night** at Thringstone Miners Welfare. 7.30pm-10pm. All sorts of things including massages for ladies to try. All welcome.
- 24 April – Armageddon Pro Darts at **Hermitage Leisure Centre**. Tickets £25 or 4 for £80. Contact 811215 for further details.
- 24 April – **St Mary's, Osgathorpe** – Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup> and Robert Dudley. Doors open at 7.15pm and patrons must be seated by 7.55pm. Contact [osgathorpevillage@gmail.com](mailto:osgathorpevillage@gmail.com) or 224579. Tickets £14.
- 25 April – **Whitwick and District RBL** want to run a coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum. The coach will leave and return to The Green, but they need to know how many might be interested in order to work out a cost etc. Please contact Mavis on 833293.
- 2 May – **Silver Oaks Nursing Home, Whitwick** – May Day Party.
- 3 May – **Conny Club, Whitwick** – Annual Music Festival. 12 noon til late. £1 admission
- 9 May – **Thringstone Primary** – car boot and craft fayre event. 11am-3pm at the school. For further details contact Mrs Tebbutt at the school on 222489.
- 9 May – **Specialist Plant Fair** at Donington le Heath Manor House from 10am-4pm. £1 entry. Lots of plants to buy and experts on hand to discuss things with. Tea room will be open.
- 10 May – **Hugglescote Community Centre** craft fayre 1pm-4pm. Free entry
- 11 May – Thringstone Oddfellows meeting at **Thringstone Members Club**. 7pm start
- 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](mailto:tickets@tpads.org.uk)
- 15 May – Band night at **The Black Horse, Whitwick** with Top Secret
- 16-17 May – **Moira canal Festival** at Moira Furnace
- 16-28 May – **National Forest Walk Festival**, including local walks. More details from the National Forest website [www.thenationalforestwalkingfestival.co.uk](http://www.thenationalforestwalkingfestival.co.uk). For immediate interest, however, you might like to know that there is a walk from **Mt St Bernard** on 16 May at 9.30am which takes in Blackbrook Reservoir and Fenny Windmill, and on 17 May there is a walk round **Grace Dieu Priory** at 3pm. Also on 17 May is a historical walk along Jessop's tramway and the **Coleorton Railway**. This starts at Hough Mill at 2pm. On 20 May there is a historical walk round **Whitwick** which starts at Whitwick Historical Group at 1.30pm and is replicated on 27 May. On 24 May there is a historical walk around **Coleorton and Swannington**. This starts at Hough Mill at 2pm. There may be charges for these walks. Please take money with you.
- 21 May, Jonathan Capewell is doing a talk at Snibston on WW1 soldiers from the **Leicestershire Regiment**. Starts at 10.30am and cost is £4 to include refreshments.
- 23 May – **Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds** are holding a huge plant sale during Ashby Arts Festival Week at Ivanhoe School with proceeds to Hospice Hope. 9am start. No more details at present.
- 29 May – **Acoustic night** at The Black Horse, Whitwick with Nic and Debbie
- 12 June – Band night at **The Black Horse, Whitwick** with Taxion
- 13 June – **Thringstone Primary summer fayre**. More details nearer the time.
- 13 June – **Thringstone Miners Welfare FC** 6 a side football tournament. £5 per player (6 players and 2 subs). Cash prize and trophy for the winners. Bar, BBQ, bouncy castle and



RCC

The Friends of Thringstone  
Winner of the Big Tidy Award at Keep Britain Tidy  
Jubilee Awards 2015  
Winner of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011  
Winner of Gold and Silver RCC Village achievement awards 2010  
Awarded Outstanding Achievement Certificate in the RHS  
Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards 2009  
Winner of the NWLDC's Footprint Awards under Partnerships  
and Community Groups 2009 and finalists 2011 and 2013

footprints  
Stepping out for a greener district



## The Friends of Thringstone

refreshments will be available on the day. To book your place email [tringstonemwfc@gmail.com](mailto:tringstonemwfc@gmail.com)

- 14 June – **Hugglescote Community Centre** craft fayre 1pm-4pm. Free entry.
- 20 and 21 June – **Open gardens, Osgathorpe** – art trail, cream teas, scarecrows and more. More details later
- 20 and 21 June – **Thringstone Miners Welfare FC Football Tournament**. Under 11s on 20<sup>th</sup> and Under 10s on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Gates open at 9.30am. Kick off 10am. 9v9 format. £25 entry fee. For further details contact [secretary-tmwfc@btinternet.com](mailto:secretary-tmwfc@btinternet.com)
- 25 June – Talk on the **history and folklore of herbs** and their modern day useage at Snibston (Education Room). Starts at 10.30am with a cost of £4 to include refreshments.
- 26-28 June – **National Forest Folk Festival**, Moira. More details from [www.affc.demon.co.uk](http://www.affc.demon.co.uk)
- 27 June – **Silver Oaks Care Home, Whitwick** – Show and Open Gardens event
- 27 June – Coalville Park – **Proms in the Park**. This will include The Ockbrook Big Band. Food and bar available.
- 28 June – Coalville **Picnic in the Parks** from 12 noon til 5.30pm.
- 28 June – Outside performance of **Pride and Prejudice** at Osgathorpe Hall. Bring a chair and a picnic. More details later.
- 10 July – Acoustic night at **The Black Horse, Whitwick** with Unplugged
- 11-26 July – **Festival of Archeology** fortnight. Grace Dieu Priory will have 2 guided walks. Times to be confirmed.
- 23 July – Talk at Snibston (Ellis Room) on **George Stephenson and William Stenson**, the founders of Coalville. Starts at 10.30am. Cost £4 to include refreshments.
- 24 July – Band night at **The Black Horse, Whitwick** with The River Chickens
- 25 and 26 July – Whitwick's Big Dig with Charnwood Roots Project. More details nearer the time
- 1 August – music and family event at **Thringstone House Community Centre**
- 9 Aug – **Dog show** at College Garth Kennels, Hathern. More details nearer the time.
- 14-16 August – **Moira Furnace Folk Festival**, Moira. More details from [www.moirafurnacefolkfestival.co.uk](http://www.moirafurnacefolkfestival.co.uk)
- 15 August – **Woodstock in Whitwick** at Hermitage Leisure Centre.
- 5 Sept – **Whitwick Party in the Park and scarecrow festival**. 11am start. Stall bookings being taken via [rosemary.leeson@whitwickce.org](mailto:rosemary.leeson@whitwickce.org)
- 18-22 Sept – **Ashby Statues fair** with Pat Collins fun fairs. The streets will be closed again going through town.
- 26 Sept – Cantabile at **St Mary's, Osgathorpe**. More details from [osgathorpevillage@gmail.com](mailto:osgathorpevillage@gmail.com).

Nita mentioned that on 1<sup>st</sup> August there was to be a **music festival at Thringstone House Community Centre**. This would feature 50% local groups/singers and would also involve stalls, catering etc. Volunteers may be needed to help with this event, and more would be discussed at a later stage. All money raised would go to the community centre.



The Friends of Thringstone  
Winner of the Big Tidy Award at Keep Britain Tidy Jubilee Awards 2015  
Winner of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011  
Winner of Gold and Silver RCC Village achievement awards 2010  
Awarded Outstanding Achievement Certificate in the RHS Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards 2009  
Winner of the NWLDC's Footprint Awards under Partnerships and Community Groups 2009 and finalists 2011 and 2013

**footprints**  
Stepping out for a greener district





### History report

- **Whitwick U3A History Group** has been in touch to ask if anybody has ever done a graveyard index at St Andrew's, as they want a project to get into. Ann has told them that there was one done some years ago, and told them about our graveyard trail as well. They also asked if we know anybody who can do a talk on the Scottish miners coming to Thringstone. Ann has told them about our Scottish in Thringstone booklet.
- Following on from above, we have been given a copy of a plan showing the majority of the names of the original tenants of the **Woodside Estate**, which includes both Scottish and Durham families. This, combined with a copy of a page of the 1965 Thringstone Primary School Register, has helped work out who lived where.
- We have details of the inquest into the death of **Wilfred Loakes** aged 2 of Thringstone in 1907. His father, Harry, had previously been the landlord at the George and Dragon. Wilfred died in a fire at his house after playing with matches and was buried at St Andrew's.
- We now know that **Elms Farm** (opposite the George and Dragon) was purchased by the Co-operative Society in 1918 with the intent of helping to supply local people with milk. It was hoped at the time that the Co-op would go on to purchase other dairy farms..
- We have a copy of a court report regarding the theft of lead from an unoccupied bungalow on the **de Lisle estate** by local men on 10 June 1950.
- We have a photo of a Miss E A Coffey, who was matron of the **VAD Hospital** at Broomleys in Coalville in 1918. She was mentioned in dispatches for her wonderful work with the wounded and her picture was published in the Daily Mirror of the 12 October 1918.
- We now have the inquest report into the death of **Kenneth Iliffe Mattison** of Main Street, aged 2 in 1925. The children of the family were quarrelling over a toy and knocked over a saucepan which was being heated in the fire of the rooms in which the family lived and he was scalded to death. The coroner blamed the lack of proper cooking facilities and poor housing for being the main cause of the death. Kenneth was buried at St Andrew's.
- We now have a copy of a newspaper article in the Nottingham Evening Post dated 13 December 1930 relating to 17 year old **Elizabeth Everley of Thringstone** winning a £250 car in a local prize draw. She said she was selling it, as the family needed the money because the father, a boot maker, was on short time. Elizabeth was born on 4 February 1913 and her father was Arthur. Elizabeth went on to marry Jeffrey Taylor from Ellistown. £250 for a car was a considerable amount in 1930 and it was obviously a high end car.
- We have a copy of a newspaper report from a court case in 1931 relating to Sylvia Holmes, the wife of Edmund Holmes, the landlord of **The Bull's Head** indicating she had received a stolen case after 3 men came into her establishment for cups of tea en route from Loughborough. They claimed they had found the case on the road when in fact it had been stolen from The Echo offices and whilst she thought it all very strange, Sylvia did nothing to report the matter to the police. We had previously thought that the Holmes family had left the pub in 1928. This has now been revised.
- We have the report of the death of 3 year old **James Roland Murfin**, son of Thomas Murfin of Thringstone who was knocked over by a car and died later in Loughborough Hospital in February 1933.
- We have a newspaper article from Northampton relating to the wedding of former Northampton footballer **Robert Maloney** from Main Street, Thringstone to Kathleen Chown of Northampton in 1936.



**The Friends of Thringstone**  
Winner of the Big Tidy Award at Keep Britain Tidy Jubilee Awards 2015  
Winner of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011  
Winner of Gold and Silver RCC Village achievement awards 2010  
Awarded Outstanding Achievement Certificate in the RHS Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards 2009  
Winner of the NWLDC's Footprint Awards under Partnerships and Community Groups 2009 and finalists 2011 and 2013





## The Friends of Thringstone

- We have a copy of the inquest details into the death of **Frederick Tivey** of Main Street dated 1941. Fred was 79 years of age and killed by a car driven by a local mining inspector after he left friends and crossed the road to a timber yard.
- We have read the details of a murder trial relating to a woman from Breedon who, because of poverty issues, and with great regret, **killed her young son** by pushing him down a well, as she couldn't feed or clothe him, and he was existing on gooseberries. She was sentence to death, but this was commuted.

### Councillors' report

Cllr Spence has not submitted a report.

Dave Everitt said that the last council meeting he had attended had reported the sudden death of Cllr. Dave de Lacy from Ibstock, which was a big loss.

Thringstone will now only have one councillor as a result of boundary changes. There will not be a vote to change county councillors on 7 May as they have another couple of years left in post, and as a result of this, despite some last minute attempts to save Snibston Museum, this is unlikely to happen, as the county council has already decided its fate.

### Police Report for last 31 days (PCSO Mark Ball)

Mark had hoped to come to the meeting, but had been unable to at the last minute. We had already been advised of a break in to a van parked on the Swallowdale Estate from which a variety of work related equipment was stolen, and that fencing panels to a house on the Woodside Estate were broken.

The report received was:

2 shed breaks, one had items for fishing taken, the other, on Rumsey Close had no items taken.

The owner heard a noise and thought it was his son returning home, but a few minutes later when his son hadn't entered the room, he looked into the garden and saw a person running off from his shed. When he called us and the word went out over the airwave a force helicopter, which was on its way back from a job and was nearby, was diverted to assist but it was too late they had got away, that's why the helicopter was in the area.

2 theft from stores, it looks like a person who was responsible for the poppy collection theft is back, one of the staff is sure its him so still under investigation.

There was considerable discussion on the fact that the person stealing from the local stores may be the same person who stole the poppy tin, and why he wasn't being arrested.

There was also talk about drug issues locally, and the fact that today Nita had found two bank cards down Drury Lane, which had been taken to the police station.

### Gardening and environment

- Bernard has planted some new shrubs and plants down **Brook Lane**, but will need to buy more at some stage.
- NWLDC have given us the remainder of their free tree stock, which included some Acers which will be planted down **Drury Lane** at some stage.

**Next meeting: 7 May at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre.**



RCC

The Friends of Thringstone  
Winner of the Big Tidy Award at Keep Britain Tidy  
Jubilee Awards 2015  
Winner of the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011  
Winner of Gold and Silver RCC Village achievement awards 2010  
Awarded Outstanding Achievement Certificate in the RHS  
Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards 2009  
Winner of the NWLDC's Footprint Awards under Partnerships  
and Community Groups 2009 and finalists 2011 and 2013



Stepping out for a greener district