



The Friends of Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 MAY 2015 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Nita Pearson, Ann Petty, Janet Stevenson, Mary Roberts, Roy Hill

Apologies: Jackie Spalding, Mike Statham, Pam Porter, Bernard Lee, Jane and Geoff Wilson, Ron Hill, Tracy Foulds, Pat Hubbard

Nita said that she was disappointed with the very low turn out to the meeting, and hoped that people were out voting, rather than just not coming out.

Discussions/Decisions

Unemployed people helping voluntary groups – Nita had a meeting with a lady from the job centre on 30 April to discuss working more closely with them with young unemployed people who wish to help with our work on litter and perhaps also with planting and weeding. Nita signed an agreement to take on volunteers to help with our work in the village and provide some form of monitoring and evaluation exercise. She also agreed to help in a similar capacity with any volunteers who wished to work at the community centre. Subsequently Nita had received a call from the job centre offering the services of a young man from Thringstone. She had spoken to the centre about this, and there might be opportunities there, but she had been told to speak with him as soon as possible, so would see what she could arrange and report back to the centre, as there are then health and safety, risk assessment and other paperwork to fill out for any volunteer.

Big Lunch – Please consider coming along to the Big Lunch at the community centre on 7 June for 2pm. We have managed to get the help of the scouts, who will be doing burgers and so you can bring your own food or get some there. This should be a great community event. Please consider turning out and bring something to sit on.

New Vicar - Rev Alan Burgess will be leaving St Andrew's (and Whitwick and Swannington) due to ill health. St Andrew's church is anxious to get views from everybody as to what is needed in a vicar to get people going to the church.



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They have no young people attending and no young families, and want to know how to put this right. They are therefore inviting everybody to attend a church council meeting on Wednesday 27 May at 2pm in church. At this meeting, people can express any views on the subject.

Proposed development of 85 units on fields near The Bull's Head – at the end of April, a company were on site doing investigations into the drainage from the fields. It would appear that they (whoever they are) had been asked to test whether the drainage in the field is satisfactory or not given that the plans at the moment suggest a pond on the development to help ease flooding and water drainage issues.

We suggested to him that yesterday, the drain near the manhole the other side of the road near the Bull's Head was flooded completely when it has only just been raining steadily, not heavily. This was allowing water to run down onto the junction. He said that if the report generated suggests that a pond on site isn't enough to cope with the water and drainage issue, then whoever takes over the building of the properties will have to do something about this.

The planning site for this development shows that David Ross, who lives in the house immediately opposite The Bull's Head, has already pointed out two things in April this year:

- Volumes of traffic are high, and there have been accidents on the A512 that runs alongside the site, with a fatality in 2009.
- Removing the speed humps will increase traffic speed, and the proposed access to the site from Lbro Rd is potentially hazardous.
- Drainage is inundated already when it rains leading to flooding near The Bulls' Head because existing drains can't cope

There does not appear to currently be a builder attached to this planning application.

Grace Dieu Woods - We contacted the de Lisle family on 17 April to ask whether there were yet any plans in place with regard to the future management of the woodland, following the meeting we attended last year to discuss the BMX tracks etc., and whether any thought had been given to talking with NWLDC about litter bins. We were told there were plans to work on the estate full time and invest more in the woodland going forward. There has been an increasing amount of flytipping in the woods, and where possible, this has been removed. We were alerted via the Streetlife website about a new BMX track growing in size near to the hardstanding at the bottom of The Warren. This digging out of an extended area, ruining the bluebells and small saplings and larger trees, was done by men, in some cases with chainsaws, and holly bushes were burnt. The people responsible for doing this were bringing with them wooden pallets and carpets. It was suggested that Friends of Thringstone might help, so we became involved in the issue and also started receiving direct emails on the issue.

Edward de Lisle suggested another meeting to discuss the problem, with interested parties attending at his parents' house in May.

The police were informed of concerns regarding this vandalism, of potential vigilante groups being formed and of other associated issues, and made a visit, took photos, and it was brought to the attention of all officers at the beat meeting on 22 April.

The bottom line is that the owners of the land need to agree to work with the police to eradicate the problems, but it is also necessary to bear in mind the needs of youngsters in the area. This should not, however, involve damage to private woodland or anti-social behaviour. We have also had reports of quad bikers claiming they have permission to use the land from one of our members, and it is thought they come from Coalville.



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The police have emailed the de Lisle family to see what can be sorted. In the interim, the pallets and carpets have been removed from the jumps by persons unknown, taken to the hard standing at the bottom of Turlough Road and then taken off site. Subsequently some of the jumps have been dug back by persons unknown. We also understand that Ian Evans from the Forestry Commission has been informed and has also contacted both the police and the de Lisle family. We are concerned that the de Lisle family may feel there is too much bother managing the woodlands and sell it or fence it off completely, as they did years ago with Sharpley Rocks.

Monthly litter pick total – 192 bags against 170 for April 2015. The local lad who we met on 15 March who said he would litter pick every weekend for us has now decided litter picking isn't for him, so we have collected his litter pick stick from him.

Next community litter pick – This Saturday at 10am from The Green.

Coalville Picnic in the Parks – 28 June – We have completed the necessary paperwork to have an exhibition (and sell books) in the WW1 tent. This is a free pitch. NWLDC want the exhibition to be interactive, and have suggested we dress up.

Problems with dog fouling - Nita had a meeting on 7 April at the council offices, and has been asked to see if anybody will help them. Under a new law introduced to target the problem of dog fouling, councils will be able to target owners who are not equipped to clear up after their dog. The move follows anger from communities across the UK about the problem of dog poo in public places.

The Council only has 2 people in the office working on the problem with litter, which includes dog fouling. They have put together a business plan and want volunteers to help them with the dog fouling problem. The idea is a pilot at the moment, and they want someone to take on the post of volunteer dog watch for their street or immediate neighbourhood. They don't want people to do this in the countryside. They are only interested in streets.

The people who volunteer to help will be issued with:

- Hi Viz vest with logo on it
- Cards matching the poster (shown to the meeting)
- Posters
- Stencils to make on pavements
- Leaflets matching the poster
- Flags with the poster on it on a stick to put near dog fouling areas (if there is grass there presumably)
- Report books

They will be asked, after training on health and safety, to dish out posters/leaflets to all their neighbours. These neighbours will then put the poster in their window, so that dog walkers see the eyes of the poster dog looking back of them as they pass. That will, they hope, deter them from letting their dog foul and/or give them the idea to take their dog poo home or bin it. The volunteers will also be asked to put stencils on pavements where necessary and put the flags into the grassy areas where dog fouling is rife, and will need to report back to the council on a weekly basis so that the council can see if the initiative is working or not.

The officer concerned said that she appreciates the poster says to pick up the fouling, but doesn't say to bin it or take it home. She agrees that some people will say that they have bagged it and done as the poster asks, even if they have then left the bag somewhere for someone else to pick up.



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If anybody is interested in helping the council with this, especially if they live somewhere near 150 Main Street where someone is putting bags of dog poo daily, please contact Jacquie.sykes@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk

Thringstone School Summer Fete – We have reserved a stall at this event on 13 June. We need to have set up before 10.45am, so as we are only selling books (unless people have DVDs for us to sell which they might like to donate), we will get there about 10.15am. It starts at 11am and goes on til 3pm. Bill Enser and Kathy Mardon have said they will help Nita with the stall, and 2 others have suggested they may also be able to pop down to help out. Janet said she could also be available, as could Mary and Ann.

AGM – Our AGM comes up in June every year, and membership monies become due at that time. If anybody wishes to stand for committee, please let us know as soon as possible.

Chairs Report

Letters received: None.

Emails Received: Various from members and agencies with which we regularly deal

Emails Sent:

- Various sent to NWLDC about issues noted and fly tipping found.
- We had an email from a gentleman in London who had seen our minutes of July 2014 and wanted a copy of a will mentioned in there for Rev. Matthew Drake Babbington. This was forwarded to him.

Promotion:

- We have 303 **twitter followers** which is an increase of 4 in last month, and 149 **facebook followers**, an increase of 3 this month. We have been posting pictures on our facebook page of our planting to show people in the village what we do and how lovely it looks.

Other:

- We took copies of **the latest Bauble** to all our delivery people, and thank everybody for their continued help to take these round the village. We also take copies to the Community Centre, Marlene Reid Centre, Springboard Centre, Library, Hermitage FM and Snibston Discovery Museum. We received an internet thanks via Streetlife from a member of staff at the library for our contribution of local books and pamphlets to Coalville Library.
- We provided a letter of support to go with the funding bid being prepared by **Thringstone Bowls Club** to enable them to improve and increase toilet facilities at their club, for which we received an email of thanks.
- Went to Teamprint to check that the photographs and page settings for the new **Pubs book** are correct following the last print which wasn't acceptable.

Finance Report

Gen Fund held 1st of month (bank + petty cash + float)	£2,898.83		
Income		Expenditure	
Memberships	£14.00	Broadband etc.	£11.73
Raffle	£12.00	Car parking	£1



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Donations	£18.00	Purchase of shrubs	£8.99
Publications	£18.50		
total income to general fund		£62.50	
		Total expenditure	£21.72
		Total general fund at month end	£2,939.61

Publications Report – Roy Hill

Nita said that Roy Hill was now giving up the work he has done on publications. We didn't have a dedicated publications officer until January 2008 when Tony Newton took it on. He did this until the AGM of 2009, after which Nita took it over, followed briefly by Geoff Wilson and Roy had stepped up to do it from January 2010. During this period, the amount of publications has increased dramatically, and we are very grateful for Roy's help. He is being followed by David Stevenson from after the AGM next month.

Roy has replaced the advertising posters at the two outlets to show the revised offers agreed at our last meeting. There have been several sales made as follows:

Memories 4

Members Club 1 £2.50
Ann Petty 3 £7.50

Scots in Thringstone

Members Club 1 £2.50

Born and Bred 1

Community Centre 1 £3

Booth Book (Not strictly a FoT publication)

Community Centre 1 £3.00

Plus a donation of £5

Therefore David Stevenson has received £23.50

	Community Centre	Nita	Anne	Members Club	Stock		TOTAL
Born and Bred 1	1	1	2	1	5		10
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	15		19
Memories 3	2	2	3	1	5		13
Memories 4	2	10	2	2	78		94
Durham Miners	2	3		2	14		21
Scottish in T'stone	2	1	3	1	6		13
TAIP	2	4	0	1	26		33
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	19		24



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Graveyard Booklet	5	15	10	1	176		207
Sub-totals	23	53	35	17	509		637

Web Report

Various update information has been sent to the webmaster during the month since the last meeting. The website does need some updating, as this was last done in January and the webmaster is aware of this from a recent phone call.

Community Report and What's On

LullabyTrust charity fundraiser – The charity football game at Thringstone Miners FC against Leicester Legends on 26 April raised £2,750 for the Lullaby Trust. Thank you to all who came and supported this.

Thringstone Bowls Club – The club is now working with the schools partnership team at NWLDC and going into schools to talk to them about bowling and offer them the chance to come to Thringstone to play. They also have recently received a letter from the County Council indicating that they have been selected for an award of recognition for their work in the area, and have been invited to a presentation in May.

- 9 May – **Thringstone Primary** – car boot and craft fayre event. 11am-3pm at the school. St Andrew's will be having a stall there.
- 9 May – Friends of Thringstone **litter pick** at 10am from The Green
- 9 May – **VE Day party in Memorial Square**, Coalville. 1pm-5pm. Need to bring your own table and chairs. Free live entertainment with Hermitage FM.
- 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
- 10 May – **Trip to see the grave of Richard 3rd** – St Andrew's is running a coach which will leave from The Green at 1.15pm, returns 5.15pm at cost of £10. Any interested parties should contact Jan Cufflin on 588540.
- 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 This production will be supporting Rainbows as their chosen charity.
- 15 May – Band night at **The Black Horse, Whitwick** with Top Secret
- 16 May – New Lount and Coleorton Volunteer group has a **plant sale at Coleorton Wood, Pitt Lane (off the Moor)**. 10.30am – 1pm. More details from 223456.
- 16 May – **EAGA gospel choir** performing at St John's, Whitwick. 7.30pm start. Tickets £7, under 16s free, light refreshments will be available at the interval.
- 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. 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



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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.
- 25 May – **Oaks Country Fair at Oaks in Charnwood**. 10am – 4.30pm. Stalls, food, cars and vintage tractors, beauty products etc. Probably an entrance charge.
- 27 May – **St Andrew's work party morning** changing to Wednesday to see if it will attract more volunteers. Meet at the church at 10am and work until 12 noon.
- 29 May – **Acoustic night** at The Black Horse, Whitwick with Nic and Debbie
- 30 May – **Plant sale at New Lount Nature Reserve, Melbourne Road, Newbold Coleorton** as part of a fundraising effort for New Lount and Coleorton Volunteer Group. 10.30am – 1pm. More details from Vera on 223456.
- 4 June – **Ladies' Pamper Evening** at the George and Dragon. Tickets £5 redeemable against first drink. Starts at 7.30pm. All proceeds in aid of Thringstone Primary School
- 6 June – **Olivia's Family Fun Day** – Charity fund raiser for very ill little girl at Hermitage Leisure Centre, 12.30-4.30pm. All welcome. Face painting, BBQ, bar, stalls, raffle, tombola etc.
- 12 June – Band night at **The Black Horse, Whitwick** with Taxion
- 13 June – **Thringstone Primary summer fayre**. 11am-3pm. We will be there with a stall, so please come and support us if you can.
- 13 June – Whitwick is holding a **big garage sale**. Many streets are joining in. All starts at 10am and goes on til 3pm. You will probably need to drive round to find all the properties taking part.
- 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 refreshments will be available on the day. To book your place email 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 20th and Under 10s on the 21st. Gates open at 9.30am. Kick off 10am. 9v9 format. £25 entry fee. For further details contact 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
- 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.



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- 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.
- 4 July – Alfie's Day at the **Man Within Compass** – charity fundraiser.
- 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. These will take place on 12 and 26 July. On 19 July, there will be an open afternoon at Grace Dieu Priory between 2pm and 5pm at which there will be an exhibition of finds from the recent pond works on site.
- 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**. Starts at 12 noon. Stalls, bouncy castle, food, live music, and lots more including face painting. Free entry. Come along and support the event. Open until 11pm.
- 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
- 15 August – **Woodstock in Whitwick** at Hermitage Leisure Centre.
- 30 August – **Whitwick Music Festival** at the Man Within Compass
- 5 Sept – **Whitwick Party in the Park and scarecrow festival**. 11am start. Stall bookings being taken via rosemary.leeson@whitwickce.org
- 12 Sept – **Belton Village Show**. Craft stalls, RBL involvement, food, etc.
- 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.

History report

- We found some photos on line of the **Post Office on The Green**, which have been saved to our archives. If anybody has any photos of any other business in Thringstone which is now closed, please can you share these with us?
- David White has asked Ann if she would like to have all his **Thringstone slides** which he has used for years to do slide shows in the village. Ann is happy to take these to save them for the future, and we may at some stage put on our own slide show, and ask David to come and do the commentary, as he does this in such a witty way it would be impossible for us to match him!
- We will have a display at an event at **Ibstock Palace** on 16 May from 9am – 3pm relating to WW1 and 2.
- Ann has made arrangements to borrow some **WW1 artefacts** from Carillon Museum in Loughborough to take along to Picnic in the Parks on 28 June. She has also spoken to Mel



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Gould at the museum to see what information they might have on the role of women in WW1.

- Michael Kendrick has given Ann a copy of an article he wrote on **women working in munitions** locally in WW1 to see if it sheds any light on our own research.
- We now have three photos of the **Leicestershire Territorials** camped with their horses at High Torr in Whitwick during WW1.
- We have a copy of a newspaper article from the late 1920s early 1930s of **Robert John Herbert Maloney (Bob)** of Thringstone who was a footballer with Northampton during that period.
- **Chris Matchett** has given Ann some details of The Bull's Head from the Mabe family who kept it during the 1940s, and a copy of a drawing of The George and Dragon which came from the USA.
- We have a copy of a letter to a Mrs Alice Patrick of Belton relating to the estate of **William Robert Burtenshaw Mann** of Thringstone who died on 24 September 1964.
- We met with Richard Clarke, a member of the **Richards family** who has let us have a photograph of the watch found on the body of John Richards who lived on the Twigg farm in Main Street, Thringstone and was killed, aged 30, in the Whitwick pit disaster. The watch was given to his son Harold who was born less than a week after his father died. Mr Clarke aims to let us have a copy of the birth certificate of Harold Richards, and we also expect to be provided with a copy of a 1909 church magazine which he has.
- Ann attended the local Heritage Forum meeting and mentioned that we are looking to find out more regarding the work of **women of the village in WW1**. We were given some leads to follow up.
- Ann sent a photograph of what used to be **Everard's Tower** in Cademan Wood to the war memorials project folk at County Hall. Everard's Tower was demolished after having been, allegedly, hit by lightning. It was made of local stone and was built by the de Lisle family to commemorate Everard Alyosius March Phillipps de Lisle having been killed whilst fighting for the 60th rifles in Delhi on 17 September 1857.
- We understand that **Rev Shrewsbury's grave** in St Andrew's churchyard is being renovated. It is next to the Booth grave which has recently undergone its own renovations.
- We now have a copy of a photo of **Thringstone Miners FC 1964-5 season**.

Councillors' report

Nothing received.

Residents have complained to Leon about faded road markings on The Green. He has asked the county council to look to repaint as soon as possible.

Severn Trent have been working on Main Street at the top end by Chapel Fitness to repair leaks from pipes under the highways which have been leaking due, it is suggested, to the weight and volume of traffic going down that one side of the highway due to parked cars on the other side.

Police Report for last 31 days (PCSO Mark Ball)

Nothing received.



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- We heard of an attempted burglary in Gracedieu Road – a man entered a property saying he needed to check water pressure, but was asked to leave as he couldn't provide identification. The owner doesn't think anything was stolen, but it serves as a reminder that all people from utility companies should have identification and be able to produce this upon request.
- We also heard about the apprehension of a female who had taken 2 large bottles of cider from Thringstone Co-op without paying for these. We also understand a woman left the shop with a trolley full of groceries without paying, but was recorded on CCTV and footage passed to the police. The woman concerned told the police it was not her on the footage and the police have therefore said there is nothing further they can do.
- One of our members has had her car badly scratched whilst parked on the Melrose Road estate.

Gardening and environment

- **Weeding** has been done down the church jitty, Brook Lane, The Green, Drury Lane and we believe on Millhouse by a small team of volunteer helpers whilst Bernard is indisposed. We also purchased some replacement shrubs where others had died. Thank you to all who have helped with the gardening and maintenance in Bernard's absence. We hope that Bernard will be well soon, and send him our good wishes but hope that the volunteers already working on areas will continue to do this until notified otherwise.

Next meeting: AGM on 4 June at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre. The new committee for the year will be elected at this event, followed by the normal meeting. Please try to attend if you possibly can.



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