



The Friends of Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 JUNE 2015 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Nita Pearson, Ann Petty, Geoff Wilson, Dave Everitt, Bill Enser, Janet Stevenson, Ron Hill, Tracey Foulds, Mike Statham, Nigel Roberts, PCSO Mark Ball, PSCO Laura Cotton, Jan Cufflin

Apologies: Bernard Lee, Gillian Bates, Tam Bream, Roy Hill, Linda Harris, David Stevenson, Pat Hubbard, Jane Wilson, Leon Spence, Mary Roberts

Please note: If you haven't yet paid, your membership is now due. Thank you very much to those people who have already paid. The price remains at £3.50, for the 6th year.

Voting in of new committee:	Chairman:	Nita Pearson
	Treasurer:	Geoff Wilson
	History:	Ann Petty
	Vice Chair:	Geoff Wilson
	Secretary:	Vacant
	Membership Secretary:	Vacant
	Minute Secretary:	Vacant
	Events and What's On:	Vacant
	Environment:	Vacant
	Admin:	Vacant

Proposed by Janet and seconded by Nigel Roberts and agreed by all. Nobody put themselves forward for the vacant positions which will continue to be advertised.

Examination of Accounts

Thanks go to Tony Newton for carrying out an examination of the accounts. These have been passed as being acceptable, with a few small recommendations for the current year. If anybody wishes to see the statements from the independent examiner, please contact us.



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Terry Robinson – We were sorry to hear of the death of Terry Robinson, and condolences go to Peggy, Susan, Jill and families. Whilst Terry is gone, his poems containing his recollections of Thringstone will live on in our publications and in people's memories.

New Member – welcome to Pat Darby who joined us at the end of May.

Police Report for last 31 days (PCSO Mark Ball)

PCSO Mark Ball and PCSO Laura Cotton introduced themselves to the meeting. Mark said that he would be in the village as often as he could be.

It is vitally important that people report things to the police so they know what is happening in the village. By people not reporting things, it could seem to the powers above him that there were no incidents in the village, which could lead to his time in the village being reduced. Please report crimes, however small you think they are.

He reported that there is a spate of thefts of **catalytic convertors** and also tools being stolen from vehicles parked outside properties, and these thefts were carried out in very short time.

He also said that there is a **sale of tools** recovered by the police this coming Saturday at the police force main offices in Leicester, if people were interested.

As far as other police reports, he knew that someone on the **Woodside Estate** has had garden ornaments, 3 large planted pots, 7 smaller planted pots and 2 iron pots stolen from their back garden on the night of 19 May. This was not, however reported directly to the police. He urged people to report everything to the police, however small.

Nita said she reported to the parks department that the steps to the **Melrose Sports Pavilion** off Melrose Road had been vandalized. Within a day they went out and repaired these. We also reported graffiti on the pavilion this week which was painted over the same day

Discussions/Decisions

Grace Dieu Woodland – A meeting was held between ourselves, Friends of Grace Dieu Priory, the police, Ian Evans from Natural England and the de Lisle family on 28 May. At this meeting we discussed the BMX and motorbike issues in the woods, and it was agreed that the estate will work with both Natural England and the police to erect signage about the woodland's private ownership and about motorbikes. The jumps built in the woods were exceptionally high in places, cover a huge area and also are dangerous given their position near to footpaths.

An original suggestion of a voluntary group (like ours) taking over management of the woodland and part of it being fenced off and kept private was dropped. We were asked to report any incidences of drugs/BMX/motorbikes to the police and family, so that some police presence, if possible, can be requested if a pattern is obvious. We also discussed the drug issue within the woodland, of which the police are aware.

Having previously been interested in ascertaining the cost of litter bin provision down the length of the existing Sustrans path, the family has decided not to take this matter further.

Bill Enser asked what was wrong with young people on bikes in the woodlands, and Nita explained that the woodlands were a site of special scientific interest, and as such building jumps or riding motorbikes in the woods both caused damage which impacted on that status. Bill said that young people playing in the woods were the adults of the future, and it was wondered what it was that was trying to be achieved. It was explained that the woods are privately owned by the de Lisle



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family, who are happy for the young people to play in the area, but not to cause damage, and that various efforts had been previously made to ensure that full co-operation between all concerned was taking place. Mike said that there had been contact with the de Lisle family through the Ramblers Association in the past which had come to nothing.

For further details on the future of the woodlands, please contact Nita direct as this is quite a complicated matter.

The Christmas Tree at the centre – FoT provided a live Christmas tree last year for the centre to make it easier every year to hold the Carols Round The Tree event. We were told that the tree had a 50/50 chance of survival once planted. It would appear to be unwell. Buying one every year will mean an extra cost to the group. *Janet said she had sprayed the tree with bug spray, but understood we needed to try systemic insecticide. The meeting agreed that Janet could get some and try to save the tree going forward.*

Rebranding the community centre – Mike Statham has sent an email saying the centre really needs to make a decision soon on the issue of re-naming the Centre as part of a whole rebranding, renewing exercise. This is partly because they may need to use any new name on legal documents, contracts etc in connection with the solar farm project. If you would like to propose a suitable name please let the centre know this week. Already proposed is dropping the words community centre, and calling the centre just Thringstone House, or Booth's. The management committee of the centre will discuss the matter at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting on Monday 8th June and will probably vote on all the suggestions as they are anxious not to impose any name not supported by a clear majority of people involved with the Centre. The final decision will be taken by the Management Committee.

There was considerable discussion on this point on what to call the centre, with Nigel explaining his thoughts on the difference between a rebranding exercise and a renaming exercise.

The meeting agreed that any name chosen should reflect what was happening at the centre, and make it clear that it was not a private venture.

Something concise and to the point was needed, rather than something longwinded, especially since it needed to go on a notice board and also on letterheads.

Mike said that the centre had been given by Charles Booth to serve more than Thringstone, and this needed to be emphasised, and that the names put forward would be discussed at the AGM and then 3 or 4 names put forward to the management committee. Using a name with Booth in it ensured it was not just perceived as being for Thringstone alone.

Janet and Geoff said that the name needed to be descriptive and explain what happened at the centre and that, whilst the centre should be run on a business footing, it must also show it had changed from what it was. Whatever name is chosen should not sound too commercial or sound like it was a business (e.g. Booth's Place) as that could be seen as a business run by a Mr Booth.

There needed to be something that bridged the gap between commercial enterprise and community facility. Using the word Foundation could link to a charitable status and be a way forward.

If anybody has any ideas, please contact us so that we can take these to the meeting on 8th June.

Unemployed people helping voluntary groups – One of the volunteers put forward by the job centre joined us on the community litter pick, and has subsequently also worked on gardening issues. His details have been forwarded to the



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Community Centre to see if they are able to help. We have also had 2 other offers of volunteers from the job centre and one from the Hawthorne Centre, but turned these down at the time as we were not able to cope with having more than one volunteer put forward in such a short period of time.

Grass Verges – Along with district and county councilors within the area, we have received lots of comments and complaints from people about the grass verges and the fact that they were badly in need of cutting. Frequency of grass verge cutting has reduced from 9 a year to 5, with a guarantee of a minimum of 3 a year, due to budget cuts. The County Council's website suggested cutting was due on 14 May. When this date came and went we contacted the county council again, who said they were aiming at getting the grass verges cut during the week of 23 May but this depended upon weather conditions. Cllr. Spence thinks the verges should be cut this current week. However, upon discussing this at county hall, he has been told that people must be aware that the current service is the new norm. Cllr. Spence had told Nita that the number of complaints received at county hall, across all issues, are the highest ever, but it was felt that these can be dealt with by giving timescales for things, and working harder to achieve these.

The meeting discussed how bad the verges looked after being cut, whether it was nicer to keep them as mini-meadows given the plant life and insects etc., and also whether people should take over mowing their own grass verges. Nita said she was concerned for the operatives when they came to cut the grass, as it was too long for their machinery, anything could be hidden within the grass, including glass bottles and dog fouling, and there may be a health and safety issue for the men cutting the grass.

Big Lunch – Please consider coming along to the Big Lunch at the community centre on 7 June for 2pm. You can, if you wish, meet on The Bull's Head car park at 1pm and walk through the woods and take part in a Duck Race. Jan Cufflin said there were various prizes and a raffle organized. She also said she needed the help of men with long sticks in case some of the ducks get stuck. 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. Teas and coffees will also be available. This should be a great community event. Please consider turning out and bring something to sit on.

Monthly litter pick total – 179 bags of rubbish collected, and recycled where possible, in May. 9 people came out to help the community litter pick on 9 May, and we removed 31 bags of rubbish between us. Thanks to all who helped.

Recycling bins on The Green and other recycling issues – Nita had a long series of conversations with the recycling department about the bins on The Green which they were claiming were emptied fortnightly, and are lucky to be emptied once a month. The council will now make sure that these bins are emptied regularly and said when they are missed, it is because the team has forgotten to take the keys to the bins with them.

The council expressed concern on our own recycling of cans, bottles etc. in that bin whilst litter picking, but having assured them that the daily litter picking uses two separate bags, one for recycling and one for litter, they no longer feel there is an issue of contamination of the recycling that we deposit there.

We know that several people on the Woodside estate put glass items in their red recycling boxes along with plastics and tins, and have found that the refuse men did not take the time to separate these items and have left the bins untouched. NWLDC said that this wasn't the policy, and that the crews should still empty any boxes with mixed recycling, unless there is broken glass in there.



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They are now going to talk to their crews about this for the future. We also reiterated that they still don't pick up any litter dropped during the emptying of the recycling boxes. This is, apparently, the subject of ongoing training.

Chairs Report

Letters received:

- One from member with cheque and 2 others (see publications and history report).

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.

Promotion:

- We have 311 **twitter followers** which is an increase of 8 on last month, and which includes a company in Paris, France and 152 **facebook followers**, an increase of 3 this month.
- A **press release** on the success of the May litter pick was sent to the Coalville Times, Echo, Oak FM, Hermitage FM and Coalville Eye – it appeared in the **Coalville Eye's May** edition and in the **Coalville Times of 15 May**. Following an interview with a reporter from **Loughborough Echo** regarding dog fouling, an article and photo appeared in their paper of 22 May. Copies of the photos we took were also sent to the webmaster, put on our Litter Action UK website page, and put on our facebook and twitter pages. Our twitter post (with photo) was retweeted by various followers we have, including Keep Britain Tidy.
- Ann and Nita attended the **lbstock History Society's event** marking WW1 and WW2 and our presence was noted on their poster. Whilst there was some interest in our displays, we weren't particularly taxed during our time at this event.

Other:

- Roy Hill brokered an arrangement for us with **Whitwick Health Centre** for us to include details they wish circulated within our quarterly Bauble newsletter. Whether these items are included depends entirely on getting the text in before our deadlines and what space we have available at that time, which is understood by the practice manager at the Health Centre.
- 1-7 June is **Volunteer Week**. We have signed up to work on this, since we volunteer so regularly doing litter picking etc., and have a resource pack with which to work.
- Attended church meeting to discuss what is needed for **St Andrew's** and Thringstone as a whole in any new vicar appointed, and whether it is a question of moving more out into the community and/or offering different things to different groups at different times and changing some present arrangements. We understand that Rob Marsh, the current curate, leaves on 30 June to go to work in Kirby Muxloe area. He will be missed.

Finance Report

Gen Fund held 1st of month (bank + petty cash)	£2,939.61
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Income		Expenditure	
Memberships	£315	Broadband etc.	£19.62
Raffle	£3.00	Postage by rec. del	£2.78
Donations	£31.00	Printing at community centre	£5.40
Publications	£24.50		
total income to general fund		Total expenditure	£27.80
	£373.50	Total general fund at month end	£3,285.31

Publications Report

In the absence of Roy, £6 has been collected from Ann Petty for a Thringstone and Its People, and £3.50 from the centre for a Born and Bred 1. Nita has also sold 1 x BB1, 1 x BB2, 1 x Memories 1 and 1 x Thringstone WW2 from her own stocks. These were sent to someone by post totalling £15 to include postage. The actual cost to purchase the books was £12 and the postage by recorded delivery came to £2.78. £24.50 has been passed to David.

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.

There was considerable discussion at this point on the upkeep of the site, whether it needed to be changed completely and how to help the webmaster keep it more up to date.

Nita will talk to John when he returns from his holidays about this and involve others if necessary.

Community Report and What's On

Thringstone Panto and Drama Society has been invited to perform in Coalville Precinct on 27 June at 1pm as part of the Coalville Festival weekend. Well done to them. They are presently thinking of putting on a murder mystery production in September.

Thringstone Bowls Club held a challenge match with Bowls England on 27 May, which is a first for the club.

Grace Dieu Park Cricket Club Juniors are looking for sponsors who will support them to provide sport to local children. If you are interested then please contact Martin Lester at Martin.lester@hotmail.com

- 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.
- 6 and 7 June – **Leicestershire Sausage and Cider Festival** – Cattows Farm, Normanton Lane, Heather – Starts 11.30am both days. Finishes 11pm Saturday, 10pm Sunday. There is a ticket cost to get in..
- 12 June – Band night at **The Black Horse, Whitwick** with Taxion



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- 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 thringstonemwfc@gmail.com
- 14 June – **Hugglescote Community Centre** craft fayre 1pm-4pm. Free entry.
- 14 June – Donington Le Heath Manor House – outdoor play called The Secret Garden. 7.30pm start. Further details from 831259.
- 20 June – **Thringstone Members Club** – 50s and 60s night with Steve starting at 9pm
- 20 June – **Table Top sale at Viscount Beaumont School, Coleorton** to fundraise for St Mary's and St John's churches. 9.30am-1pm. Entrance 50p. Refreshments available.
- 20 and 21 June – **Open gardens, Osgathorpe** – art trail, cream teas, scarecrows and more. Live music. £3.50 per person, under 16s free.
- 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
- 21 June – **Shepshed Watermill** open day from 11.30am-4.30pm at Hathern Road, Shepshed.
- 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 June – **Recycling Roadshow at Coalville Market** between 10am and 2pm. Free gifts and an insight into how recycling works.
- 26-27 June – **Diseworth Village Hall** – Charnwood Community Theatre presents Gaslight, a Victorian thriller. Starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £7, over 65s £5. More details from Nick on 07837 695151.
- 26 June – Plug and Play at **Thringstone House Community Centre**
- 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.
- 28 June – Coalville **Picnic in the Parks** from 12 noon til 5.30pm. We will be there in the WW1 tent. Please come and say hello.
- 28 June – Outside performance of **Pride and Prejudice** at Osgathorpe Hall. Bring a chair and a picnic. No more details known.
- 4 July – Alfie's Day at the **Man Within Compass** – charity fundraiser.
- 4-5 July- **Shepshed Open Gardens**. 12 gardens will be open around the town, with many different styles and sizes. Refreshments and plant sales at several of the gardens, along with a craft fair on the Saturday and a food fair on the Sunday at the Council Offices, Charnwood Road. £3 per adult, accompanied children free. Tel: 01509 508040/650531.
- 10 July – Acoustic night at **The Black Horse, Whitwick** with Unplugged



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- 18 July – **Canine Partners Summer Show** at Midlands Centre, Ashby Road, Osgathorpe. 11am-4pm. £2 per adult. 50p per child. Lots of fun for the whole family.
- 18 July - **Shepshed Watermill** open day from 11.30am-4.30pm at Hathern Road, Shepshed.
- 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
- 24-26 July – **Heather Music Festival**
- 25 and 26 July – Whitwick's Big Dig with Charnwood Roots Project. More details nearer the time
- 26 July–2 August – **Heather Scarecrow Festival**.
- 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.
- 16 August - **Shepshed Watermill** open day from 11.30am-4.30pm at Hathern Road, Shepshed.
- 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
- 13 September - **Shepshed Watermill** open day from 11.30am-4.30pm at Hathern Road, Shepshed.
- 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

- A visit was made by **Barbara Clews, nee Henstock**, to Thringstone recently. With her sister Margaret, Barbara was a war time evacuee from Birmingham and stayed with Gladys and Jimmy Gee at 3 Loughborough Road between 1940 and 1944. Barbara, who now lives in a village near Rugeley in Staffordshire, subsequently wrote to the centre to ask about books on the village. After a telephone discussion, during which she said she had last visited the village about 20 years ago, she asked if we could send her copies of Born and Bred 1 and 2, Memories 1 and the WW2 book. She subsequently sent a cheque which was taken by the post office to 20 Springfield Close in Ibstock despite having Thringstone on the envelope, because the postal code was incomplete. Thankfully, the person at 20 Springfield Close, Ibstock brought the letter and cheque to us so that we could fulfill the



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order and send off the books. She was so pleased with all this, that she has written to us giving us her memories of being a wartime evacuee, and her sister, Margaret, has written to order the same books for herself.

- The gravestone of **Reverend Shrewsbury** at St Andrew's has been restored by Kevin Mitchell Memorials of Loughborough. The cost has been met by a member of the congregation as a tribute to Rev. Shrewsbury in appreciation of his wonderful ministry to St. Andrew's and the people of Thringstone for 46 years from 1908 to 1954.
- We now have a copy of a photo, taken from a film, of **Coddy Carter's cows** going past Thringstone Co-op on The Green in the 1930s.
- The sale of the **Grade 2 listed property** next to The Co-op appears to have fallen through because the person who was buying it couldn't get a mortgage. It is now on offer again for £175,000 to a cash buyer.
- We have a provisional meeting booked next week with Amanda Hanton from the **Century of Stories** County Council project to discuss whether they are able to help us roll out the information we collected last year on Thringstone soldiers to schools in the area. This would mean that all the work done at that time would reach a wider audience.

Councillors' report

- Following changes to policies and the recent election, we now have one district councillor who is Dave Everitt. Leon Spence continues to represent the village as County Councillor.
- It is sad to note that our district councillor has not been offered a place on the executive committee of the community centre or on Grade Dieu Priory Trust. These places have been taken by councillors from outside the village. *Mike said it was a shame that this had happened with the centre, as people who were coming to the executive committee may have no links whatsoever with the village.*
- We understand Leon was going to be talking to the Director of Highways about **cars parked on grass verges**, but has thus far been unable to arrange a meeting.
- Library opening times are to be reduced/changed. If you use the library in town, you should try to ensure you have details of their new times.
- The **Whitwick Post Office** move from the one at the bottom of Hall Lane is still taking place, and is going to be on Silver Street. Following concerns expressed by many, including Cllr. Spence, an email has been received saying the post office is looking at improving facilities for disabled by providing grab rails, and they will also look at the parking issue.
- The **Local Government Boundary Commission for England** is looking to equalise County divisions. This means Whitwick (and Thringstone) need to take on more voters. County council officers have put together proposals to be submitted to LGBCE which they would consider before putting their proposals out to consultation. The County proposals basically carve up Coalville into the surrounding divisions. As a result Whitwick would pick up the town centre. An alternative being put forward is to expand the Whitwick division into Greenhill. The LGBCE will eventually put their proposals out to public consultation. For more information see :<http://www.leics.gov.uk/.../abouttheco.../boundaryreview.htm> This suggestion has concerned some councillors who have raised concerns at the way they ride rough shod over centuries of heritage, crossing the green wedge that separates



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Whitwick and Coalville. They have proposed an alternative arrangement that would create a Coalville North division, Coalville South Division and, by linking Castle Rock with Whitwick, maintain the integrity of the two historical centres. If you have doubts about the new electoral arrangements, please comment to both the County Council AND the Boundary Commission.

Gardening and environment

- Thanks to Bill Enser and Alex Bodle for tidying up the area on Millhouse Estate that we plant and maintain and for also getting rid of weeds down Drury Lane. Thanks to Janet for continuing to look after the bed on The Green and planting some primroses, to Ann for helping down the church jitty, and to Roy Hill for looking after the Brook Lane planting whilst Bernard is indisposed. Some other plants and shrubs, brought from the New Lount and Coleorton Volunteer Group, have been planted down Drury Lane and Janet is planting more things there shortly.
- At the moment, **finest for littering** vary from £50 to £80 across the country. The Environment Secretary, Lis Truss, wants the minimum fine increased to £100. Penalties of £150 may be available, bringing England in line with Wales, and Councils are likely to be given the power to issue penalty notices for fly-tipping.

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- Janet had some plants going free, which were then given to interested parties.
- Nigel would like anybody with facebook interest to 'like' **Thringstone Music Festival** so that more people become aware of it. Please also then share it with your followers. The organization for the festival, which will be outside with stalls etc. inside, is going well and Nigel went through details of the bands coming and what the day was likely to be. Nita has ensured that it is mentioned on various websites away from facebook, and it has been featured in the latest Thringstone Primary newsletter. Posters are available. Mike said it was a fundraiser for the centre, and as such we needed as many people as possible supporting the event. Nita said she understood a deal had been brokered with Whitwick vineyard over sale and return of wine, which is a new link for the centre, and that there would be quiet areas for people to go to if they wanted the music in the background rather than right in front of them.
- Mike said he would like to compliment Friends of Thringstone and Nita in particular for the work done in the village and for the centre, which would be a poorer place without the help. He also said he encouraged anybody with an interest in the centre to come to the AGM on 8 June, and that the arrangements with the solar farm project were going well.
- Jan said that the church is providing a welcome pack for new residents and would welcome a short paragraph from FoT so this could be included.

Next meeting: 2 July at 6.45pm at Thringstone House 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

