



# The Friends of Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2015 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Present:** Nita Pearson, Pat Darby, Pam Porter, Geoff Walker, Geoff Wilson, Mike and Ruth King, Julie and David Everitt, Ann Petty, Janet Stevenson, Mike Statham, Ron Hill, Roy Hill, Bernard Lee, Jennie and Peter Walker, John Carr, Bill Enser.

**Apologies:** David Stevenson, Marlene Pearson, Tracy Foulds, Pat Hubbard, Nigel and Mary Roberts

### Discussions/Decisions

**Christmas Tree** – Thanks to Bill Enser for arranging for a new Christmas tree to go in the garden at the centre, and to Josh Allen from the George and Dragon for covering the cost of this. Much appreciated by all concerned. We have bought new lights for the tree which Bernard organized, so thank you to Bernard.

**Monthly litter pick total** – 148 against 124 for November 2014. By 15 November, our Litter Action UK site, on which we report our community litter picks and weekly litter pick totals, showed that we have collected over 8000 bags of litter since we started doing this nearly 11 years ago.

**Clean for the Queen 4-6 March 2016** – NWLDC have asked what we intend to do for this event. As reported previously, we have already signed up for it, and when we have decided what to do will tell the council. We have already told Whitwick Parish Council and may well work with them on the day.

**What is happening at the community centre** – The centre has asked the community for their thoughts on a name change. As you will recall, this was discussed at an FoT meeting earlier this year. See below for further information on the change in governance.

### Chairs Report

#### **Letters received:**

- From **East Midlands Housing** asking us to attend a specially organized trip to Fortnam Close and another one confirming that we would be outside at some stages. Ann and Nita



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attended this trip which ended at the George and Dragon, and met some interesting people connected to the village, and got some photos of people who used to live in Fox Terrace.

- From the **community centre**, reaffirming the position as discussed at previous meetings with regard to the setting up of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation as the new Trust and a Community Interest Company which will deal with the business and commercial operations at the centre. The letter asks for people to consider coming on board as new trustees and/or directors of the CIC. Please contact Mike Statham if you have any interest.

#### Emails Received:

- Various from members and agencies with which we regularly deal
- From **Tennyson Insurance** with whom we have our public liability policy saying they are merging with Zurich but the insurance we currently hold still stands.

#### Emails Sent:

- Various to local agencies, and to council regarding flytipping and other issues.

#### Promotion:

- We still have 338 **twitter followers**, but now have 196 **facebook followers**, an increase of 8 this month.

#### Other:

- A slightly depleted FoT team took part in the **quiz night** at the Community Centre on 20<sup>th</sup> November, but didn't do very well at all.
- **Christmas cards** will be sent to the same agencies, individuals etc., as last year on behalf of the group.
- We are sad to report that our member, Herbert Brooks died this month, only a matter of 10 months after his wife Enid died. Condolences to Patricia, Kathryn and families. Our former member Chris Mellor has also died. Condolences to her family.

### Finance Report

<b>Gen Fund held 1st of month</b> (bank + petty cash + float)	<b>£3,059.66</b>		
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Membership	£3.50	Broadband etc.	£13.95
Raffle	£13	Plants and bulbs	£11.97
		Photocopying at centre	£83.60
Publications	£77	Parking	£0.50
		Lights for Christmas tree	£24.99
<b>total income to general fund</b>	£93.50	Total expenditure	£135.01
		<b>Total general fund at month end</b>	<b>£3,018.15</b>

### Publications Report

Nita has sold 1 pubs book, 2 businesses books, a discount offer on 3 pubs and 3 businesses books, one Thringstone and Its People and one Thringstone Born and Bred 1 (£57).



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St Andrew's church has sold one graveyard booklet (£1.50).  
David took some of our publications to the Bowling Club Dance, and sold a pubs and businesses at the discount offer, a Village Trail 1 and a Thringstone and Its People (£18.50).  
Total sales this month therefore total £77.

### **Web Report**

There have been no updates done to the site since August. The webmaster is aware of this situation.

### **Police Report – PCSO Mark Ball**

- We have been told that planters were stolen from the front of 2 houses in Springfield during the middle of November. We also believe that a window to the rear of Thringstone Methodist Chapel was broken this month. We were also told that there was another robbery at Thringstone Co-op on 28 November by a person who had also been and done the same thing at Whitwick the same day.

### **Community Report and What's On**

**Thringstone House Village Quiz Night** raffle raised £124 for the centre. Well done to the centre for putting this event on again.

**New Vicar for St Andrew's**, St John's and St George's – the advert for a new vicar has been placed in the Church Times and is also on the Diocesan website. It is hoped to start interviews in the New Year.

£298 was raised at the **MacMillan Coffee Morning** held recently in Springfield. Thanks to all who came to support this.

**Grace Dieu Manor School** recently entered a national children's writing competition and 2 poems belonging to students James Tallett and Georgina Hessey are to be published in Out Of This World – East Midlands Voices

**Children's Society Boxes**, St Andrew's raised £742.74. Thank you to all who contributed.

**Bradgate Park news** - the Ruins of Bradgate House will be open throughout the winter on Sundays 10am-4pm. Go and explore the remains of one of the most important houses of Tudor England and the childhood home of Lady Jane Grey – Leicestershire's other Royal connection – and view the 2015 exhibition in the newly restored chapel. As there may be occasions to have to cancel opening on any particular Sunday if the weather or ground conditions mean there is a risk to either visitors or the monument. If you are travelling a distance you may wish to phone ahead to check 0116 236 2713.

Coalville now has a **Cash Generator shop** at 20 Belvoir Shopping Centre. This shop has things to buy, plus gives people the opportunity to sell things, deposit things to then buy back, send and receive money with Western Union and cash cheques. For more information contact them on 440575 or go to [www.cashgenerator.co.uk](http://www.cashgenerator.co.uk)

- 4 Dec – Black Horse, Whitwick - **karaoke**
- 5 Dec – Thringstone House Community Centre – **band night**. Local bands Dawn of Anubis, The Four Fours and before The Crash. **Free entry**. 7.30pm-11.30pm. **CANCELLED**
- 5 Dec - **Thringstone Scouts Christmas Fair** in the scout hut. No times known.
- 5 Dec – Three Crowns, Whitwick – **Santa is coming**. All proceeds to Olivia's journey. 12 noon til 3pm.



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- 5 Dec – **Bull's Head, Thringstone** – Karaoke from 8pm-11.30pm
- 6 Dec – Black Horse, Whitwick – **Beyond X** on live.
- 7 Dec - **County Music and Dance at Thringstone House Community Centre** from 7pm-11pm. Bar open. Live music. Costs £4. This is a weekly music night.
- 10 Dec - **Folk night at Thringstone House Community Centre**. Starts at 8.30pm and will take place every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.
- 11 Dec – **Carols Round The Tree** at Thringstone House Community Centre. Meet at St Andrew's at 6.30pm and walk to the centre for 7pm and carols outside (or inside if wet) with entertainment inside afterwards. Bar open.
- 12 Dec – **Leicestershire Co-op Band** in concert at St David's Church, Broomleys. 7.30pm start, tickets £6 (children free). Contact 07935 263988.
- 12 Dec – **Coalville Library's Christmas Craft Fayre** from 10am – 3pm.
- 12-13 Dec – **Open house art exhibition** at 117 Main Street. Times are 9am-5pm both Saturday and Sunday with local artist Tom Genders. For more information contact Tom on [tomgenders@gamil.com](mailto:tomgenders@gamil.com) or ring him on 07525 918193 or go to [www.tomgenders.com](http://www.tomgenders.com)
- 13 Dec – **Carols at Grace Dieu Priory**. Starts at 3pm. All welcome.
- 14 Dec - **County Music and Dance at Thringstone House Community Centre** from 7pm-11pm. Bar open. Live music. Costs £4. This is a weekly music night.
- 17 Dec – **Adult Bingo** at Thringstone House Community Centre – 7pm for 7.30pm start
- 18 Dec – **Kids film club** at Thringstone House Community Centre 6pm. Film is Muppets Christmas Party. FREE
- 20 Dec – **Carols by Candlelight** at St John's in Whitwick from 6pm.
- 21 Dec – New Inn, Peggs Green – **Hathern Brass Band**. 7.30pm start
- 28 Dec – New Inn, Peggs Green – **Country Walk and Refuel** – walk starts at 10.30am. Please contact pub direct to book your place on 222293.
- 31 Dec – **Village New Year's Eve Party** at Thringstone House Community Centre. Bring food to share and enjoy the party disco. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets £2 on sale shortly.
- 15 -23 Jan 2016 – The panto at the Community Centre will be **Little Red Riding Hood**. Tickets will be £8, concessions/children £7. To book a ticket, please contact 834575.
- 15 May – **Grace Dieu Historical Walk** with members of Friends of Grace Dieu Priory. Meet at Bull's Head at 3pm. Cost £3. Children free.
- 19 May – Walk through **Grace Dieu Woods** with the Ramblers as part of the National Forest Walk Festival. Meets at the Hare and Hounds in Whitwick at 7pm.
- 25 May – **Whitwick Historical Group** is leading a historical walk round Whitwick meeting at their Old Station Close HQ at 1pm. Light refreshments afterwards.

### History report

- We were asked by Whitwick Parish Council for information on **Thomas Elsdon Ashford** VC who lived for a while in Brook Lane, Thringstone and married Betsy Ann Sisson from the village. They had been approached by the Fusiliers Museum in London who have his medals and wanted more information. We have given as much information as we can, including the fact that their son, also called Thomas Elsdon Ashford, was born and died in 1894 and is buried at St Andrew's church as they were living in Thringstone at that time.



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- We now have a copy of a photo of **Thringstone FC Youth team** from 1985. Thanks to Christine Middleton, we now have copies of family photos relating to the Gee family, including wedding photos and photos of **Edward and Sarah Ann Gee** who lived in Barrack Yard.
- From reading through old editions of the Coalville Times, we are now aware that by September 1915, 2 members of the **Thringstone Cycling Club** had been killed, and a further 14 were at the front.
- **Century of Stories** - Do you have a cake or meal recipe from a relative in WW1 which has been passed down and that you are willing to share? Maybe you have a recipe from your Grandfather or Grandmother? The team is finalising the Leicestershire Learning Pack for schools and as an activity, school children will be tasked with making WW1 recipes. All ideas and contributions welcome - email [centuryofstories@leics.gov.uk](mailto:centuryofstories@leics.gov.uk)
- Ann organized for a gent from the Woodside Estate to give a talk to the U3A on St Andrew's Day about the **Scottish and Durham miners coming to Thringstone**. A fee was received and passed to us, which will be reflected in our next month's accounts.
- In our October minutes, we reported that Nottingham University was looking for former miners to interview for their **Pit Talk East Midlands project**. Ann was present at the recent recording of Ray Neal talking about his life in the mines, which was very interesting. If anybody else wants to take part, they are asked to email [pittalkeastmidlands@gmail.com](mailto:pittalkeastmidlands@gmail.com) or contact Natalie, project leader on 0115 8483011.

#### **Councillors' report**

- Leon Spence is going to arrange another meeting with Arriva to discuss the bus situation in the village having spoken to various people about the route
- The Council are in discussions about amalgamating City and County, which could prove difficult for localism.
- The Council is still dealing with the same amount of 'pauper funerals' this current year as in previous years. *There was considerable discussion at this point about the cost of funerals*

#### **Gardening and environment**

- Bernard has not done any gardening this month. Mike said all the bulbs planted at the centre should look lovely in the spring.

The group would like to wish everybody a happy and safe Christmas.

**Next meeting is 7 January 2.16 at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre.**



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