



The Friends of  
Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 MAY 2016 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Present:** Nita Pearson, Ann Petty, Ron Hill, Bernard Lee, Bill Enser, Pat Darby, Pam Porter, Dave and Julie Everitt.

**Apologies:** Roy Hill, Marlene Pearson, Tracy Foulds, Pat Hubbard, Janet and David Stevenson, Geoff and Jane Wilson, Gillian Bates

### **MEMBERSHIP MONEY IS NOW DUE PLEASE.**

### **Discussions/Decisions**

**Century of Stories** – The group continue to work on a banner, and have also worked on acting out the story contained in the poem written before Easter. The banner design is going to the Century of Stories people, but we have seen the text and drawings from the girls, plus photographs, that are likely to be used.

The last workshop on 9 May will see the youngsters act out their story and present their banner to the invited audience at 4.30pm at the centre. If anybody would like to come along and see the girls and give them a round of applause for all their hard work, we would be delighted to see you there. We understand that a former member of our little group, Alex Cooper, who wrote a letter to go to the Lord Lieutenants Awards, received a letter back saying that he hadn't won an award, but they did send him a small token of thanks for entering. Alex was the only one from the group who could enter because of the age restrictions. As we have said before, we understand that later on, a booklet containing all entries will be produced, and copies will be sent to all those who took part.

**The Priory site on Lbro Rd** – As you know from previous minutes, Nita has worked hard to get various names of people involved in the WW1 conflict put forward for the new roads onto this site. On 18 April, she received information that all four names have been approved for the new street names as follows:-

**Griffin Road** (main/spine road onto development) – named after Amos Griffin

**Jones Close** (2<sup>nd</sup> community shared street on right) – named after Theophilus Jones



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**Gee Lane** (1<sup>st</sup> community shared street on right) – named after James Gee

**Rennocks Place** (1<sup>st</sup> community shared street on left) – named after Frederick William Lawrence Rennocks, who was the only one of this list who survived the war. He won a military medal, and was known locally by the name Tamar (but nobody knows why).

The planning department thanked Nita for her hard work in locating the living relatives of these WWI soldiers. The good news has been shared with all the families concerned by email and facebook message. A press release was sent to Coalville Times which appeared in their edition of 22 April 2016.

**HGVs travelling along Lilybank** - Nita had a meeting with Leon Spence to discuss this, and take photos, having discussed the matter with local police, and as a result, Leon agreed to write to the County Council to discuss concerns. The reply received says 'There are a number of reasons why HGVs would have a legitimate reason for using Lily Bank. HGVs may deliver and pickup within the 7.5 tonne weight limits and we are unable to restrict such activity. The refuse vehicle could legitimately use the route to service properties along road within the 7.5 tonne weight limits or access other areas of Thringstone.

The weight restriction signs at the A512/ Lily Bank junction have to be in place to ensure that the weight restriction zone covering the Thingstone/Whitwick area is enforceable. The signing of the weight restriction aims to keep HGVs on the A and B Roads, thereby minimising HGV movements through village areas. The removal of the weight restriction signs could encourage additional HGVs to use Lily Bank as an unrestricted lorry route into Thringstone and on to the quarries in Whitwick, and any change would require a costly amendment to the associated Traffic Regulation Order. There is a similar issue with the national speed limit signs. Given the rural nature of Lily Bank as it leaves the A512, the current speed limit is appropriate and in keeping with national guidance on setting speed limits. So there is a legal requirement for the speed limit signs to be in place at the junction.

Due to our financial constraints we would only consider funding speed reduction measures at locations where there is a proven accident problem, based on a record of personal injury accidents. As there are no recorded personal injury accidents on Lily Bank in the last 5 years we are unable to fund such measures, but would consider their implementation if the full cost of the works were funded by a third party.

As you I am sure you are aware, the Police are responsible for the enforcement of both speed limits and weight restrictions and as such I will pass on your concerns regarding the activity on Lily Bank to them.

In this case we consider that the speed restrictions and signing are appropriate for the site and the type/ volume of traffic using it, so I am unable to justify funding any changes at the site.'

*There was general discussion at this point about various lorries seen on Lilybank and the problem this creates and whether it would be best for the road to be one way. Nita said she had already suggested this to Cllr. Spence after a conversation with local police.*

**Music Festival** – In addition to headliner Oliver Sean, Sweet Revenge, Dr K's Gastric Band, Fleetwood Jac, The Lids, The Bench That Rocked, Dave The Rock Band and Melissa and the Vibe are so far booked to appear on 6 August. Oliver Sean is an MTV nominated artist, and Melissa was in Tom Jones' team on The Voice in 2014. There is also going to be a youth section, and we are hopeful that there will be an acoustic set going on indoors. We are still looking for people willing to help on the day and afterwards, and also looking for sponsors.



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**Centre News** – The centre team is still working hard towards getting the change of governance sorted, using the new name of Charles Booth Centre and the papers were acknowledged by the charity commissioners on 4 May.

The production of Naked Truth was a sell out and profitable for the centre. It is hoped other such preview nights will take place at the centre rather than elsewhere.

The new Northern Soul club night started at the end of April and was very successful. The next one will be June 10th, and the centre continue to offer a monthly bingo night on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 8pm, plug and play on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month from 8pm, folk club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month from 7.30pm, film club on the last Monday of each month from 8pm (although cancelled in May because it is a bank holiday) and other activities. The new line dancing class on Wednesday nights seems to be going well. For any information on what is on at the centre, please contact them on 222337 weekday mornings between 9am and 12 noon.

Cocacabana, the latest production by Thringstone Drama and Panto Society is in May (see below)

**Monthly litter pick total** – 140 against 192 for April 2015. That said, Nita hasn't been and cleared the area by the side of Grace Dieu priory and up as far as the lodge next to the Bull's Head this year which she did last year in April.

**Next litter pick – Volunteers week 1-12 June** – It was agreed that the next litter pick be on 4 June at 10am from The Green. Bill Enser said that he is occasionally able to get litter pick sticks, and would get some next time they were available so that we can gradually get rid of the ones no longer in full working order.

### Chairs Report

**Letters received:** None

**Emails received:**

- Various from people with whom we regularly share information.
- From gentleman wanting to put an advert on our website relating to saving money on home energy costs. Sent info to webmaster. Link is <http://www.solargatesystems.co.uk/how-to-save-energy-at-home/>

**Emails sent:**

- Reported various fly tipping to the council, and sent emails to others regarding on-going issues.

**Promotion:**

- We have **368 twitter followers**, an increase of 5 this month and **285 facebook followers** an increase of 7 this month **Photos of some of our planting** were taken during the month and put on our facebook page, receiving positive responses.
- **Photo** and article sent to Coalville Eye regarding our Clean ForThe Queen litter pick appeared in the April edition and picture of volunteers, including Nita and Ann, appeared in the RCC April newsletter at the event at Radisson Blu.

**Other:**

- Took 4 copies of the **Heritage Awards** submission, in folders, with copious amounts of photos and evidence, to County Hall personally on 12 April as the cost of postage was astronomical at £26.60. This was then acknowledged by email.
- Reported twice to **Frank Innes** in Coalville that there was a for sale board of theirs outside St Andrew's Church. Initially, it was promised it would be removed within a week, but a week later it was still there, so Nita rang again and 6 days later it finally got removed



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- Had a call from **the job centre** with details of someone from Coalville who wanted to do maintenance work, but decided he might like litter picking. 2 messages were left on his voicemail on his mobile phone number and no reply was received, so not bothering to try again, as it is usually a waste of time, as the people referred mostly don't turn up anyway.
- Had contact from a lady via facebook trying to contact the **miners social centre** but never getting a reply to her phone messages. She wanted an email address. Suggested if she wanted room hire to try the community centre, where there is a staffed office M-F from 9am-12noon. She wanted a room that was wheelchair friendly so suggested she hire the bar lounge and middle room together. She wasn't aware this could be done.
- Thanks go to Ray Whitmore who took a film with his drone around **Grace Dieu Priory** this month, and upon request, kindly uploaded it up Utube, so that it could be shared with members of Friends of Grace Dieu Priory and others.

## Finance Report

<b>Gen Fund held 1st of month</b> (bank + petty cash + float)				<b>£2,512.76</b>
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>		
		Broadband etc.		£12.35
Membership renewals	£10.50	Stationery for WW1 submission		£11.96
Publications		Donation to Community Centre		£250
Raffle	£5.00			
<b>total income to general fund</b>				
	£15.50	Total expenditure		£274.31
		<b>Total general fund at month end</b>		<b>£2,253.95</b>

## Publications Report

Nothing sold. Nita decided to put an advert on our facebook page for our publications to see if that brings in any response.

## Web Report

The webmaster is still dealing with updates and said he hopes to get it up to date soon. The last minutes on site are January, and there are files of photos to add on from last summer to bring the site to date plus the last 2 publications need to be listed. An email was sent to the chairman from Katherine Stanley, Engagement Officer at NWLDC, asking about up to date information, and wondering if our group had folded given that the website had not been updated.

*There was considerable discussion about the website, and it was felt that the webmaster is doing his best to keep the website up to date, and this should be accepted. Having a different system created would add to public confusion and would not serve any purpose.*



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### Police Report – PCSO Louise Paget

- Someone drove into the back of someone's car on Main Street on 20 April. Nobody seen.
- Theft of pedal cycle from Henson's Lane - cycle was left insecure at side of house and someone stole it. Possible suspect.
- Attempted break at a garage in Talbot Street, home owner disturbed two young persons who ran off. Mobile unit attended but no trace.

*Pam said there was a bike seemingly abandoned amongst the bluebells in the woods last week and maybe that had been stolen.*

### Community Report and What's On

*Bill wondered whether it served a purpose to read out what was happening in the village at the meeting, as people could read this in the minutes. Others felt that it was best to quickly read these out, so that people could ask questions if they needed to, and also make a mental note of things they wanted to attend.*

- **Thringstone Primary** students recently raised £162.72 for Sport Relief.
- The recent cake bake at the **Hare and Hounds** raised £150 for the Red Cross and RBL.
- **Yoga Classes** every Wednesday at Whitwick Park Hall. 6.30pm-8pm. No further details known.
- **Hare and Hounds** is looking for experienced bar staff for a few hours a week. Great second job. If interested please ring on 07983689986 or bring in your CV and ask for Anthony or Lesley
- The raffle put on during the performance of Naked Truth at the centre raised £102 for **MacMillan nurses**. We currently have no figure for what was raised for them in the donations bucket.
- Thringstone House Community Centre needs people to help with **bar work** for voluntary events and occasional paid functions. If you are interested, please contact the centre direct.
- Every Sunday at **Thringstone Members Club** from 7.45pm until 10.30pm John is hosting music for dancing. Admission cost £2.50. All welcome.
- 6 May – **Black Horse, Whitwick** - Karaoke.
- 7 May – **Plant Sale** at Coleorton Wood, Pitt Lane, off The Moor, Coleorton. Starts at 10.30am and finishes at 1pm. All sorts of plants and shrubs available plus planters and garden ornaments. Refreshments available.
- 7 May – **Thringstone Members Club** – Dave Johns in concert.
- 7 May – **Plant Hunters' Fair** at Donington le Heath Manor House – 10am – 4pm. Entry £1.
- 8 May – **Hermitage Leisure Centre** – Antiques fair with Guildhall antiques and collectors fairs. Starts 9am. Ends at 3pm. There will be an entrance charge of £2. .
- 8 May – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Stewart Green from 9pm.
- 13 May – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – 70s night with Jayne Lesley. Starts at 9pm
- 14 May – **Thringstone Members Club** – Mick's karaoke from 8pm.
- 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.
- 17-21 May – **Cocacabana** the musical at Thringstone House Community Centre. Tickets £8, children £7. Starts at 7.30pm each evening. Tickets from 834575



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- 18 May – **Walk around Whitwick** with members of Whitwick Historical Society. Meet at 1.30pm at The Old Station, North Street. Donations welcome. After the walk there will be light refreshments.
- 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. This is a 5 mile walk.
- 20 May – Mizz Pink at Whitwick Constitutional Club – Stacey Green's Pink tribute act. Tickets on the door - £5 to non-members, £3 to members.
- 20 May – **Girls' Night Out at Thringstone Members Club** – Strippers, drag artist, buffet. 8pm til late. Tickets £10 from Old School House. Contact 07725 919099 and ask for Lesley. All proceeds go to Old School House/Hayes Close residents' fund.
- 20 May – Lyric Rooms, Ashby – **Tribute to David Bowie** - £27 per person to include 3 course meal. Tickets from Jayne on 07946 438904.
- 21 May - **Plant Sale** at New Lount Nature Reserve, Newbold Coleorton. Starts at 10.30am and finishes at 1pm. All sorts of plants and shrubs available plus planters and garden ornaments. Refreshments available.
- 21 May – **Thringstone Members Club** – Pete's Karaoke from 9pm.
- 22 May – **Walk round Blackbrook Reservoir** with the Ramblers. This is a 10 mile walk starting at 10am at Mt. St Bernard Abbey. The walk goes along the disused rail route with views of Fenny Windmill and then goes over high ground to the Abbey. There will be stops for lunch along the way.
- 22 May – Family fun day from 10am-2pm at **Thringstone Miners Welfare FC**. Fee entry. Penalty shootouts, bouncy castle, glitter tattoos, music, games and food. All proceeds to Asthma UK.
- 22 May – **Family Geocaching guided walk** from the car park at Field Entrance, Hermitage Leisure centre. Meet at 10.30am. Cost £2. Booking on 454606 is essential
- 25 May – **Buggycise Walk for Mums** – Meet at 10am at Hermitage Leisure Centre, and walk with other mums wanting to get back into shape after their 6 week check. Booking essential on 454606.
- 25 May – **Walk around Whitwick** – this is a similar walk to that on 18 May with members of Whitwick Historical Society. Meet at Old Station, North Street at 1.30pm.
- 25 May – **Whitwick Historical Group** is leading a historical walk round Whitwick meeting at their Old Station Close HQ at 1pm. Light refreshments afterwards.
- 26 May – **Swannington Incline walk** for 5 miles with the Ramblers. Meet at 7pm at Coalville Memorial Square.
- 26 May – Black Horse Whitwick – **Haydock Races coach trip** - £15 for the coach with entrance to be purchased individually at the course. Coach leaves at 9am. Contact pub for more details.
- 26 May – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – bank holiday mini beer festival and family fun day with live music
- 30 May – **Take Teddy to the Mill** – event organised by Swannington Heritage Trust. 2pm-4pm at Hough Mill, Swannington. Teddy themed fun with crafts, games and refreshments. Donations welcome. More info from 838331
- 6 June – **Fund Raising Quiz for The Old School House**, Thringstone's sensory room at Lady Jane, Whitwick starting at 8pm.



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- 11 June – **Thringstone Primary School** fete from 12 noon.
- 21 June – **Friends of Grace Dieu Priory** relaunch event. 7pm at the school hub at Grace Dieu Manor School. All welcome. Refreshments provided after short talk and presentation.
- 8 July – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Elvis and Neil Diamond tribute with Dave Dixon
- 9 July – **Lesley Smith** at Grace Dieu Priory with a performance on Elizabeth 1. Starts at 6.30pm. Free, but donations requested.
- 6 August – **Music Festival** at Thringstone Community Centre. Open from 12 noon. FREE
- 7 August – **Charity dog walk** from Black Wheel in Whitwick to Monastery finishing then back at Hare and Hounds, Whitwick for BBQ at 3pm. Dog show there are 4pm and evening quiz from 7.30pm in aid of Oncology Unit at LRI.
- 13 August – **Woodstock in Whitwick** at Hermitage Leisure Centre. Starts at 1pm.
- 27 August – **Thringstone's Got Talent** – talent competition at Thringstone House Community Centre. Starts at 7.30pm.
- 24 September – St Andrew's, Thringstone – **Moira Male Voice Choir** in charity concert to raise money for the sensory unit at Old School House, Thringstone.
- 24 September - Hermitage Leisure Centre – The Jerseys in concert – Frankie Valli tribute. Doors open at 6.30pm with ticket prices starting at £12 in the tiered seating through to £19 in the VIP area. For more information on tickets call the centre or 07719 636374.
- 14 Oct – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – 80s night with Jayne Lesley
- 28 Oct – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Elton John Tribute evening

### History report

- We have been talking to people about **Talbot House Farm** and the White family. Keith Emerson from Field View Farm on Lilybank remembers Polly and Jack White, as he said they farmed Talbot House Farm for years after their parents died and Jack died at the farm. Apparently Polly was a good tennis player, was a member of the Nanpantan Tennis Club, and there was a tennis court at the farm for years. The White family were tenants, as the farm was owned by Wyggeston Hospital. After the White's left, we believe that the farm was taken over by a family called Timmus. Mr Emerson has been farming at Field View Farm himself for 35 years. When he moved there, it was just a house with a field next to it, and he built the barns and turned it into a farm.
- We now have a copy of a photo of Sue and Carole Gee taken in **Barrack Yard** in the 1950s.
- Ann attended the latest **NW Heritage forum meeting** on 20 April at which Century of Stories gave a presentation and mentioned their work in Thringstone.
- Four photos taken at the recent production of **Naked Truth** featuring the stars of the show and Lisa Riley have been saved for our archives.
- We have been given a sack full of information by the Newton family which was collected, mostly in the 1990s, by Robert Newton. Some of this is new to us, and we are currently sorting out what is in there, but did you know that it was in Spring 1996 that the '**new plantation**' off Springfield was planted? Prior to this happening, it was a farmer's field across which was access to the woods.



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- Another one of the gems in the bundle from Robert Newton were copies of reports in local media from 12 December 1975 stating that **Thringstone House Community Centre** was finally given approval to sell alcoholic drinks instead of just coffee, tea and soft drinks. A lounge bar was opened and the agreement was that alcohol could be served 6 nights a week and on Saturday lunchtime between 12 noon and 2pm. The lounge area was created from what had been the grand billiard hall, housing 2 billiard tables, one full size and one three quarter size. There was a lot of concern locally at the time that young ones were being turned out by the drinking laws, especially given that the Booth family were tea total and had stipulated that the centre be non-political, non-denominational and strictly teetotal, with an aim of bringing together young and older people and providing facilities for recreation and education for all people, irrespective of age, religion or wealth. At the time of asking for a license, the centre is said to have been catering for anything up to three different activities per night, attracting between 50 and 60 people, and classes included judo, yoga, photography, dressmaking and weight training. Nine local societies used the premises for drama, old time dancing, table tennis, badminton, weight training and other purposes involving up to 300 people, whilst about 200 attended the regular classes on offer. At this time, David Fitt was warden, and chair of the management committee was James Gee of 3 Loughborough Road, who had recently retired and had been associated with the centre since the age of 18.
- From the Robert Newton collection was a press release from the Leicester Mercury of 2 April 1996 connected to the future of the then **vicarage in Thringstone**. The article talks about the Leicester Diocese meeting to discuss what should happen to the building, and mentions that the vicarage, at that time 117 years old, and with 2 staircases, was built by Baroness Angela Georgina Burdett-Coutts, then England's wealthiest woman and at that time heir to the Coutts bank in London. Baroness Burdett-Coutts was born in 1814 and died in 1906. She was well known for her philanthropy. She became a celebrity in 1837 when her step grandmother (the widow of Thomas Coutts) left her the whole of her fortune. Marriage proposals poured in which she refused, but she did unconventionally propose marriage to The Duke of Wellington in 1847 but the 78 year old Duke declined. The baroness was famous in her time for starting what were known as Ragged Schools, instituting night classes for the unskilled, helping 'fallen women in the East End of London' and supporting London's Royal Marsden Hospital. She was also known for being partly responsible for the setting up of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and also for endowing colonial bishoprics in Cape Town, Adelaide, British Columbia and elsewhere. In memory of her father, she spent £90,000 on St Stephen's Church and its associated schools in Westminster. It was estimated that by the 1880s she had given away between £3 and £4 million. She also established various homes in the London area and provided nurses for the Zulu war. She became the first woman to be raised to the peerage in her own right in 1871 and the following year was the first woman to be given the freedom of the City of London. The baroness gave £1,350 for the building of Thringstone Vicarage after hearing of the 20 year struggle to raise funds for a parsonage, in what was then one of the poorest districts in Leicestershire. A close friend of Charles Dickens and prime ministers Gladstone and Disraeli, she didn't marry until 1881, at which time her husband, William Ashmead-Bartlett had to take her name and drop his. He was only 27 years old, and she was 67. Because of some of the clauses of her legacy, she had



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to give up most of her inheritance on her marriage. This didn't deter her for continuing to help various charitable projects both at home and abroad but did curtail the amounts she was able to give.

The death knell for the vicarage was reported widely in January 1999 when agreement was given to demolish the building and replace it with up to 11 new homes after a government inspector said that no objection could be raised to residential development of the site and demolition of the vicarage

*Bill said that he had salvaged the stairs from the vicarage and they were now installed in part of his property.*

- Nita was contacted for the second time by a member of the **Robinson family** about their family tree. They had come from Northamptonshire to Thringstone to, yet again, look round the graveyard, and wanted more information and spent over 45 minutes talking about their family tree on the telephone. The people they are now trying to trace are the family of Charles Harris (a tailor from Swannington born 1812 died 8 November 1893) and his wife Mary neeThornley from Thringstone, born 1813 died 6 July 1888. They had none of this information. The Harris's married in 1839 and in 1881 lived in Talbot St, Whitwick, close to Whitwick Moor. Charles Harris left a will, and at his death was living on Whitwick Moor. The Harris family does not appear to have been buried at St Andrew's. They are also trying to find out about Lucy Orchard who married Charles Harold Robinson in 1884. Lucy appears to have been born in Thringstone but no records of her family seem available. They were given various pointers on how to trace these people and where they lived, worked and married, how to order wills and marriage certificates, where the Leicestershire records office is, and told to ring back if we could be of further help.
- In the Coalville Times of 15 April was an article about various miners getting their pension and having a presentation at Desford colliery. One of the named miners was **Leonard Rennocks** of 10 Homestead Road, Thringstone, who the article says had worked in the pits for 51 years, the last 14 being at Desford. Leonard was born on 25 January 1901, in 1939 was living at 12 Talbot Street, Whitwick and was the son of John Lawrence Rennocks and Emma Bowley who also lived in Talbot Street for many years.

### Councillors' report

- The last two remaining **council garages** (one which had no roof and the other one which was being used) on the car park area near the Melrose Sports Pavilion were demolished on 11 April. Once upon a time there were several garages there, and now there are none.
- NWLDC has announced that it cost them £20,000 to **clear the A42 of litter** between the period of 5 March and 17 April. Operatives said that the weight of the litter was the same as that of a large blue whale. The road will not be cleared again of litter until next Spring.
- **Thringstone Primary** has put in a planning application for an extra 11 staff and visitor parking spaces.
- Dave said that at a recent cabinet meeting, it had been suggested that some form of art work be put into the window of empty shops in Coalville so they looked more inviting.
- Dave said that NWL was to take some refugees but they would be housed in properties from the private sector, not council housing stock.
- The youth club building in Whitwick is now a community building (where the yoga is as mentioned earlier) and it was hoped to put on various things there. The refurbishment had



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been done by students from Stephenson College and had been the subject of various grants.

### Gardening and environment

- **Starbucks chain of shops** have announced they are trying to help reduce the amount of coffee cups from their shops being thrown away into the street and into bins, by stating that the cost of a coffee will reduce by 50p per cup for people bringing in their own cup. It is hoped that Costa Coffee will follow suit. In Thringstone we pick up lots of Costa coffee cups, as well as McDonalds, Subway and KFC stuff.
- There is a new app called **LitterGram** which can be downloaded to smart phones. If you have this app, you can take photos of litter issues and by then being put on a map, the local council will be informed of the issue to deal with it. There is currently some controversy over this because of the use of the term gram. The facebook people, who own InstaGram, have asked them to change their title. For more information go to [www.littergram.co.uk](http://www.littergram.co.uk)
- **Thanks to Bernard** for helping the centre by digging their flowerbeds and removing weeds. He has also done some weeding i our own areas.
- **3 broom shrubs have died** and need replacing down Brook Lane and one on the front of the Springfield estate.
- Nita collected 2 **litter pick sticks** back from people who hadn't used them, so that we have enough now in stock, given that some are past their best.

Next meeting is 2 June at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre. This is our AGM. Please remember that your membership subscription is now due.



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

