



The Friends of  
Thringstone



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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2016 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Present:** Nita Pearson, Ann Petty, Janet Stevenson, Bernard Lee, Bill Enser, Ann and Mike Young, Mike Webster, Mike Statham, Ray Woodward, Kath Ingall

**Apologies:** Geoff Walker, Ron Hill, Pam Porter, Nigel and Mary Roberts, Leon Spence, David Stevenson, Ann Statham, Tracy Foulds, Pat Hubbard

### Discussions/Decisions

**Membership – Thank you** to all the people who have rejoined the group, and paid their membership for the current year. There are a handful of people whose money is yet to come in.

#### **Loughborough Road, Thringstone - traffic calming consultation.**

The consultation into the traffic calming proposals to erect at 75mm speed table where the present traffic calming is near the Priory site ends tomorrow. All members on email were circulated with the necessary information to allow them, should they wish, to put in an objection to the proposals. Nita sent the County Council a copy of the minutes of the last meeting where this was discussed. The height of the proposed speed table is 1-15.at 75 mm high, which we believe to be a very gradual approach of some 1.12m. The gradients of the ramps at Springfield, the top of Loughborough Road and the crossing by Rubies is about twice the gradient proposed.

We are told that there is not another option on the discussion table for this, and wonder people's views pressing the county council for either a speed camera in the entrance to the village to slow people down after they leave the A512 from Loughborough direction, or one of those signs that lights up and tells you what the speed is. We are not sure there is any money in a budget anywhere to facilitate this. *There was considerable discussion about this, whether there should be a community speedwatch if there is not budget for anything else. Mike W said that prior to the chicane being in place, there had been several problems with speeding cars, which had improved since the chicane was placed there, and there was genuine concern about the issue going forward. The meeting also discussed the height of the hedge to the bottom end of the cricket pitch, which is a considerable problem to visibility, and were told that Mike W had tried to get*



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*something done about this before without success. The meeting felt that it best to continue to press the county councillor to take these concerns to the relevant bodies.*

Please also note that Loughborough Road will be closed from Henson's Lane/Members Club up to The Green from 11 to 14 July going up to the village according to signage placed there. We are told that this is due to work being done by the National Grid. This will also affect the bus service. We understand from Arriva that they will reroute the bus from Loughborough Road along Main Street and Henson's Lane

**Number 16 bus service** - The changes to the bus service came into effect from 19 June 2016 with a reduction in frequency to hourly from half hourly with buses going up to Coalville at 13 minutes past, and returning at 40 minutes past. The Skylink goes to Coalville at 44 minutes past. As expected, the service no longer serves the loop around Melrose Road, Thringstone, but now operates exclusively along Loughborough Road. Residents of Melrose Road will be able to access the service at stops on Loughborough Road. Any residents with mobility difficulties need to get in touch with their local Community Transport provider, which in this case is MRC Community Action. As a result of enquiries, Nita discovered that the removal of bus stops no longer in use is the responsibility of the local council, so contacted them to ask for the removal of bus stops on Main Street, Glebe Road, Henson's Lane and Melrose Road.

**Flooding and the Methodist Chapel** – there was considerable flooding at the Methodist Chapel on 15 June, which saw a group of volunteers, plus councillors, trying to keep the water at bay. Around 5 inches of water came into the chapel after the drain in the pavement outside spilt over onto the pavement and this happened more than once during that day. Thanks go to Leon Spence for his quick action to get sandbags and other help. Much was ruined, including old minute books and hymn books.

After a series of conversations with Nita, **Ruby's chip shop** set up a charity donation box. £65 was collected by clients of the shop and passed to the chapel, along with an extra £40 from Michael, Sonia and Andy at the chip shop. Thanks go to them for their generosity.

Nita was contacted by Helen Crouch from the **Leicestershire Northern Flood Support** Page on facebook, having seen the FoT post about the issue. Helen has worked to help people in Cumbria in the past, and organized further help. On 18 June, Nita and Helen delivered bag upon bag of donated cleaning materials to several families on Farndale and Gracedieu Road as well as Thringstone Methodists. By also working with folk from Whitwick Parish Council, we were able to extend the help and support offered by the flood support team to a wider area than just our village and we know that people in Leicester Road, Whitwick were helped. A further donation from Friends of The Nook in Agar Nook of more cleaning materials were given to Sue Colledge in Whitwick to share out with people affected.

Nita found photos on line of the damage caused to the Methodist Chapel, which were given to them to show to the insurance assessors who came out to view the damage.

Nita spoke with Emily Hutchinson from the Flood Forum group about meetings held locally with residents and other groups, and has put herself forward to be a contact for Thringstone going forward and attended a meeting of the local group on 29 June. This proved very informative, and the group hope to put together a leaflet to be delivered to all known properties affected by the recent flooding, and hold a meeting locally, at a date and venue to be advised, at which time residents can talk to agencies, such as Severn Trent, Councils etc., about flooding issues. Nita showed a copy of the relevant paperwork circulated at the meeting, which consisted of 4 pages of questions on which there were no answers given.



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Leon Spence has raised with the County Council Leader the issue of flooding and the aftermath of what happened earlier this month. A full post mortem is being carried out at LCC and he will be having a meeting with the Director as soon as that professional assessment is carried out. A senior officer will also be going to Whitwick Parish Council and the flood forum.

*There was considerable discussion about flooding locally, the efficacy of the flood forum, and what had been put in place after the 2002 floods. Ray said that the Environment Agency now check the grids at the bottom of Leicester Road, but the county council haven't kept their promise to maintain the drainage system. Bill said that there was considerable flooding from the drains on Main Street, but they need clearing out, as do the ones near the George and Dragon, and he had rung the council and been told that some of the drains had never been cleared of slurry, and it was generally agreed that most of the drainage isn't up to standard. There was also talk about the state of the Grace Dieu brook and the Environment Agency saying, in the past, that clearing out the brook at the rear of Grace Dieu school was not a priority because it is private land, and no houses are likely to be affected. Ray said that a recent call to the Environment Agency had concluded that they would at least look at the issue.*

**Music Festival** – Sponsorship has continued to be found for the festival, and things are coming together nicely for the event on 6 August. *Several people took away leaflets to put in their cars and expressed an interest in the event generally.*

**Monthly litter pick total** – 153 against 176 last year.

Nita did some litter picking on World Environment Day (5<sup>th</sup> June) and added her totals to the national figures being collected.

Nita was contacted by **Bridge Road Co-op** on 20 June asking if they could litter pick with her on 26 June as part of their Big Co-op Clean campaign, where across the country, various members of the Co-op work with communities on projects, including cemetery tidying and litter picking. Nita agreed, and this clean up became the 27<sup>th</sup> carried out by the Co-op nationwide. Nita and the team of 6 from all over the Co-op family litter picked through Gracedieu Woods, which was very muddy. The team had with them a PR lady from The Co-op who came from Lichfield, and a professional photographer employed by the Co-op from Leicester. Unfortunately, on the way back from the litter pick, the PR lady fell in the mud, which was embarrassing. The Co-op agreed to do all the necessary publicity, and sent 6 photos to us plus a copy of the article for our portfolio and website which Nita showed to the meeting. 8 bags were collected by the team in one and a half hours which the Council picked up. Nita told the de Lisle family what had been achieved, for which they thanked us.

Keep Britain Tidy is advertising **The Great British Spring Clean** will take place during the whole of March 2017. We may be doing something like another community litter pick during this period.

**Condolences** go to the family of John Shirkie who died in June. John was one of a handful of Scottish people we filmed being interviewed back in 2011 as part of the Migration Project we were involved with, run by the East Midlands Oral History Archive. John was one of the founders of The Rangers Supporters Club which ran at the time from the Rose and Crown, and also used to play football for the village. Sadly since we produced the book which came from these interviews (Scottish in Thringstone), 3 of those interviewed have now passed away.

## Chairs Report

### **Letters received:**

- From member with renewal..



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#### Emails received:

- Various from people with whom we regularly share information.
- From NWLDC with **guidelines on litter picking** on busy roads. Copy sent to people who regularly litter pick.
- Invitation to go to **Coalville Rotary** on 26 September to talk to members about our group, our aims, etc., and also mention what is happening at the centre. Accepted.
- We now appear in NWLDC's **directory of local and voluntary organizations** having completed the necessary paperwork.

#### Emails sent:

- Reported various fly tipping to the council, and sent emails to others regarding on-going issues.
- There is a new website called [www.coalvilleuk.net](http://www.coalvilleuk.net) which links to a facebook site called This is Coalville. On the website, they are trying to put a list together of anything in and around Coalville and surrounding villages. They had nothing on there about Thringstone, and now have details of our group and contact details.
- Reported to County Council highways the problems with the drains near and opposite the post box on Melrose Road, the one by 160 Loughborough Road and the one near the manhole on Loughborough Road near the bottom of the Bull's Head car park. All these are blocked, overflow easily, and cause added water issues during period of heavy rainfall. The council have agreed to look at these before the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in July.
- To council about the bus stops on Main Street, Glebe Road, Henson's Lane and Melrose Road which are no longer part of the Arriva service. Was told by Arriva East Midlands that it is the responsibility of the local authority to remove bus stops no longer in service. The ones on Main Street, Glebe Road and Henson's Lane have not been part of a bus service since September last year! *Ann said there are bus stops on Leicester Road that haven't been used for more years than she cared to remember.*
- To Katherine Stanley at NWLDC as she is trying to get local organizations and people together to put on a local **event on WW1 in November**, since the council failed in their attempt to get the Weeping Window poppy installation. Asked to be involved in some way, explained previous partnership with Century of Stories etc., and waiting for further information.

#### Promotion:

- We have **389 twitter followers**, an increase of 12 this month and **308 facebook followers** an increase of 10 this month. We regularly post information on both these sites.

#### Other:

- We have a new member. Welcome to Mike Webster.
- Following a call from BBC Radio Leicester, Nita agreed to help find somewhere to place a clue for the **Clueless Sunday treasure hunt programme** on 19 June. She chose The Hare and Hounds, in Whitwick, since the programme then went onto the Miners Welfare FC in Thringstone. This gave Nita the opportunity to talk about the work done locally to help flood victims and promote Helen Crouch and the Leicestershire Northern Flood Support facebook page, for which they were very grateful.



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- Janet has been working on a **funding bid** to the Co-op to put on an event at the centre, probably in November, around the life and work of Charles Booth. This is still work in progress.

### Finance Report

<b>Gen Fund held 1st of month</b> (bank + petty cash + float)			<b>£2,489.38</b>
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
		Broadband etc.	£20.91
Membership renewals/new	£45.50 inc.Pat	Gardening equipment	£24.00
Publications	£21	Bauble printing	£35.50
Raffle	£9.00	Computer equipment	£333.99
Donations	0.50		
<b>total income to general fund</b>		£76 Total expenditure	£414.40
		<b>Total general fund at month end</b>	<b>£2,150.98</b>

### Publications Report

£15 was collected from the centre which we believe was for a businesses and pub book with the agreed discount, plus a copy of Thringstone Around WW2 and a copy of Village Trail 1. The members club has sold one pubs book for £6.

### Web Report

The webmaster has put on all minutes to date, the recent AGM Chair's report and also updated our meetings page. He has also put on a lot of the photos from Century of Stories and is currently working on putting on other photos which is likely to take some time. The businesses book is also still to go on the website under publications.

### Police Report – PCSO Mark Ball

- Reported the **damage to our planting** down Drury Lane – the lilac bush was smashed, various other planting stamped on, and ivy pulled off the wall.
- Understand an **unknown car** hit a parked vehicle on Booth Road, went to the other side of the road, hit another car, and then reversed back and drove off. This happened on 4 June evening. The car initially hit was a write-off since the other car hit the central pillar of the car between front and back doors and caused too much damage for the car to be repaired.
- The Friends of Grace Dieu Priory **advertising board** at the rear of the Bull's Head/top of the Sustrans track was vandalized on the evening of 13 June. Some drug smoking items were found nearby. This was reported to the police, and FOGDP.



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- On 5 June, we were told that someone on Loughborough Road set fire to various **plastic items** in their garden, which created a lot of issues, and to which the fire brigade were called. . We were also told of a similar issue on Henson's Lane, and maybe these two are the same report. Please think twice about burning this sort of thing, as it causes toxic fumes
- The police sent details to the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators about an attempted theft of a caravan on **Main Street** on 19 June. 4 males and a noisy 4x4 vehicle were seen.
- The Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators also received details of the attempted theft of a caravan from **Carterdale** at 1.30am on 21 June. 2 men in dark clothing were seen running up Gracedieu Road and a vehicle then heard speeding off.
- Residents of **Springfield** reported to the police on 30 June that youths, playing at hitting golf balls from the football field at the back of the Bowling Club were hitting windows of properties on that estate.
- There was a fire to a car at the rear of **Clyde Court** on 1 July. The car was destroyed. The police believe this was a 'deliberate ignition'.
- There has been an increase, again, in the amount **catalytic convertors** being taken from cars, with 3 in the general area this month.

### Community Report and What's On

Every Thursday at the **Hare and Hounds in Whitwick** there are baby and toddler soft play sessions from 12 til 3pm. £2 per child with free tea and coffee for parents.

- 8 July – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Elvis and Neil Diamond tribute with Dave Dixon
- 8 July – **Thringstone House Soul Club** – Northern Soul and Motown. Starts at 8pm. £3 in advance or £5 on the door.
- 9 July – **Dancing in The Street** – Memorial Square, Coalville with Hermitage FM from 12 noon til 4pm. Music of Motown in the 1960s.
- 9 July – **Vintage tea party** in aid of MacMillan. Being held at 358 Meadow Lodge, Church Lane, Whitwick (opposite New Swannington Primary School. 2pm-5pm. Free admission. BBQ, cakes, craft stalls, live music etc.
- 9 July – **Lesley Smith** at Grace Dieu Priory with a performance on Elizabeth 1. Starts at 6.30pm. Free, but donations requested. Please park on the priory field, NOT the Bull's Head car park. Please take a blanket or chairs to sit on.
- 10 July – **John Stacey** in concert at Black Horse, Whitwick
- 16 July – **Hare and Hounds Music Festival** supporting the Royal British Legion, Olivia's Charity and Gail's Wishes. Starts at 1pm, gates open at 12 noon.
- 24 July – **Grace Dieu Priory walk** – Meet at Bull's Head car park at 3pm and take a walk to the priory and learn its history. Cost £3, children free..
- 30 July - Walk in the steps of **Robert Stephenson** on a guided tour of the Swannington Incline at the western end of his 1832 Leicester and Swannington Railway - the railway that was the catalyst for the expansion of the North West Leicestershire coalfield and the creation of the town of Coalville. 2pm-4.30pm. For more details ring 07936 669276. This is part of the festival of archaeology.
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- 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.
- 7 August – Stordon Lane, Griffydam – fun dog show. Gates open at 11am, judging starts at 12 noon. Entries on the day are £2 per class. For further information contact 07875 880168.
- 13 -14 August – **Woodstock in Whitwick** at Hermitage Leisure Centre. Starts at 1pm.
- 16 August – **Swannington Village Hall** – Fun Day with treasure hunts, games and prizes, bouncy castle, face painting, arts and crafts. Part of clubs Complete for 3-14 year olds. 3-14 year olds 9am-3.30pm £13, 9am-12.30pm £6.50. For more information please go to [www.clubscomplete.co.uk](http://www.clubscomplete.co.uk)
- 20 August – **Bull's Head, Thringstone** – family fun day, including live music. 12 noon til 6pm. Kids disco 6pm-8pm. Karaoke, bouncy castle, penalty shoot out. Candy floss, face painting, tombola. All welcome.
- 20-28 August – Thringstone House Community Centre – **Art Exhibition**. See board nearer the time for opening times.
- 27 August – **Thringstone's Got Talent** – talent competition at Thringstone House Community Centre. Starts at 7.30pm. Hosted by Shannon Helen Fear. Many excellent acts.
- 27 August – George and Dragon – Chrissy Phillips in concert at 8pm
- 28 August – Music Festival at the **Conny Club, Whitwick**. More details nearer the time.
- 10 September – **Osgathorpe Hall** – Boogie Night. Hits of the 70s and 80s. More details nearer the time.
- 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
- 5 November – **George and Dragon** – bonfire night with live music from 7.15pm. Fireworks start at 7.30pm.

### History report

- We acquired a copy of a press cutting of a performance of Snow White at **Thringstone Primary School** from sometime in the 1970s from facebook.
- Pam Spence has given us a letter dated 4 October 2001, with map, relating to the unveiling of the **mother superior sculpture** in the field by Grace Dieu Priory. Locally known as Rusty Mary, the sculptor was Mike Ivens.
- This week's CoalvilleTimes reports two things in their history section with Thringstone connections – firstly **George and John W Gee**, brothers from Thringstone, were taken to court in 1916 charged with allowing their lurcher dog to take part in hare coursing on a farm belonging to an Arnold Pratt in Shepshed. The gamekeeper for the de Lisle estate, Trevor Pratt, said that he had also seen both men on 11 June, but both had alibis and the case was dropped. The second story relates to **Fred Southern** aged 20 of 9 Melrose Road, who



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in 1966 was charged with kicking the door to the Waggon and Horses in Whitwick. It would seem that he refused to go away when asked to by police because he wanted to go back into the pub to fetch his girlfriend. He was fined £5, and told that, should he fail to pay within seven days, he would go to prison for a fortnight.

- Janet Stevenson suggested that the names of the 3 men from Thringstone who were killed in the **Battle of the Somme** be added to a list being kept at Whitwick. She also suggested we look at the Soar To Somme websites.
- In our book on the **Pubs of Thringstone**, we talked about a grave in St Andrew's churchyard for two sons of James and Mary Ann Wilson who ran the **3 Tuns in Main Street**. The grave is very worn and it is difficult to read the correct dates. Further research has discovered that the grave records James Bowley Wilson died aged 3 years in 1878 not 1905 as printed, and his brother, Joseph Henry died aged 15 days in 1882. Mary Ann and James Wilson married in Leicester when Mary Ann nee Bowley was only 16. They had 8 children, of whom only 4 were still alive in 1911. James Wilson died in 1886 leaving his wife personal effects of £110. In 1903, their daughter, Mary Ann, married **James Bowley**, a blacksmith, said on the 1911 census to be of Whitwick but probably a farmer's son from Shepshed. He'd been lodging at the 3 Tuns, with 2 other lodgers, including a member of the Gough family for some time, and was there in 1901, at which time, the property must have been quite crowded since it was housing Mary Ann, 3 of her daughters (Martha Selina Gough, Mary Ann Wilson and Beatrice Wilson, plus 5 lodgers. Upon the death of Mary Ann Wilson, James Bowley briefly took over the tenancy of The Three Tuns. This was mentioned in our pubs book, but nothing else was known at that time.

We now find that James Bowley and Mary Ann nee Wilson had a son called James Wilson Bowley who was born and died in 1905 and went on to have another son, with the same name, born in 1914. From the 1939 register, at which time the Bowley family were living at 18 Loughborough Road, Thringstone, it would appear that James Bowley was born on 18 August 1875 and was a general labourer in a brickworks in 1939. His wife, Mary Ann nee Wilson, born on 27 July 1879, kept house, and their son, the second James Wilson Bowley was born on 27 January 1914, also worked at the brickworks. James Bowley died in 1959 in the Coalville area, and his wife, Mary Ann appears to have died at the Sundial Nursing Home in Aylestone, Leicester on 14 December 1960 but had been living in Cambridge Street, Shepshed. She would appear to have left £506 9 shillings. Their son James Wilson Bowley died in 1981 in Leicester.

- Following on with the pubs book, **Percy Rossell** and his wife Edith kept the **George and Dragon** in the; 1920s. We weren't aware of the name of their daughter, but the 1939 register gives the answer to this. In 1939, Percy was a publican at a licensed premises at 1 Cheapside, Shepshed. His date of birth is given as 2 July 1886. With him is his wife, Edith born on 7 July 1886, their daughter Elizabeth A born 26 September 1914 who was a kitchen maid, and their son Rudolph A born 21 November 1920, a storekeeper. The name of the licensed premises on Cheapside is currently unknown but local people remember it as a beer off sales outlet.
- Staying with the George and Dragon, after Percy Rossell left, the pub was taken over by **Percy Holland**. By 1939, Percy Holland was the landlord of The Queen's Head, Thornborough Road, Coalville, together with his wife Kate. Percy was born on 24 May 1888, and Kate was born on 24 May 1886 and we believe that he was born near



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Manchester, and married Kate in Newark in 1916.. They may have had at least one child, but the record for this in 1939 is closed. We are told that the Queen's Head was on the corner of Spring Lane, Swannington and closed and was demolished many years ago, but we have a photo of it in the early 1900s which we have shared with Whitwick Historical Group, since that area is now part of Whitwick and was shown to the meeting. *Kath said she remembered that pub being there, and there were some cottages next to it on Spring Lane. You used to be able to go into the pub with a jug to get beer to take away.*

- **Walter Jordan** and his wife Edith (born 20 March 1877) kept the Rose and Crown from 1900 -1902. By 1939, they were at 242 Bardon Road, Ashby Woulds, where Walter (born 29 April 1875) was a school playing fields groundsman. With them was their daughter Mirian Grace born in 1921.
- **Edgar Bennett** who kept the Rose and Crown from 1911-1912 is shown at 4 Belvedere Road, Repton in 1939. He was a builder's labourer, and his son, also called Edgar, was a radio engineer.
- **Eric Allan Jones** kept the Bull's Head from 1960-65. From the 1939 register, it would appear that before becoming a publican, Eric was a circular hosiery machine fitter, and lived with his wife Ivy at Greymere, Leicester Road, Barrow Upon Soar.
- **Joseph Waldrum** who kept the George and Dragon from 1916 to 1923 went back to working in coal, as a coal merchant, as by 1939, that was his job, and he was living at Long Street, Castle Donington. He had remarried a lady called Mary Elizabeth (known as Elizabeth) Everley in Loughborough in 1924 after his first wife had died in 1921. Joseph Waldrum was the brother of Ruddy Waldrum who started the business that is now known by his daughter's name - Ruby's.

### **Councillors' report**

- There appears to have been a planning application put in to build a 2 storey dwelling and garage on the 0.28 hectare paddock area by the side of the walkway leading to fields on **Millhouse Estate**, close to what we know as The Pinfold. This proposed development is outside the local plan's limits to development and is on a Greenfield site. Details are on the council's planning website. *Nita said she had contacted Dave Everitt about this to express concern that allowing this was the thin end of the wedge and would then lead to further development on this area of green fields.*
- **The public footpath** that runs from Henson's Lane by the side of the primary school through to Ashby Road (A512) is being closed from 25 July for 6 weeks to allow Bellway Homes to construct a new footpath in connection with the new Priory development.
- There have been various comments on facebook, and made personally to Nita, about the state of **the jitties** running off the old Henson's Lane recreation park (which is going to be changed shortly to allow the expansion of the football field) and also the jitty from Booth Road to St Andrew's. Leon Spence was informed of this dialogue and contacted County Hall about the complaints. We have subsequently spoken with the family living next to the jitty from Main Street (opposite Fortnam Close) who have received a letter from county hall saying they have no budget to cut back bushes etc., and giving the family 21 days in which to do this themselves. There is also some confusion as to whose responsibility it is to ensure that the gardens to houses along public footpaths are properly fenced.



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- We are told that **the school** have put in for 2 pull-ins on their driveway to allow cars to pass.
- NWLDC has put together a **local plan** for consultation. This will set out the planning framework for the district up to 2031. Before the Local Plan is submitted to the Secretary of State the Council is required, in accordance with Regulation 19 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning)(England) Regulations 2012), to publish the Local Plan and to invite representations on it. Therefore, the Council is publishing the Local Plan for consultation from **4<sup>th</sup> July until 5pm on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016**. The Statement of Representations Procedure outlines further details about the consultation including where copies of the documents can be viewed. The Statement of Representation and The Statement of Fact can be viewed at [http://i.emlfiles1.com/cmpdoc/2/0/6/2/1/files/381744\\_statement-of-representations-procedure-and-availability-of-documents.pdf?dm\\_i=9Q2,4BYRK,M99EQ8,FVI9V.1](http://i.emlfiles1.com/cmpdoc/2/0/6/2/1/files/381744_statement-of-representations-procedure-and-availability-of-documents.pdf?dm_i=9Q2,4BYRK,M99EQ8,FVI9V.1)

### Gardening and environment

- Thanks to John on Booth Road (who isn't a member) for letting us have 8 trays of **summer plants** for our community planting. This happened within days of us having had planting damaged down Drury Lane. We also received some plants from a lady in Springfield who was also getting rid of some ferns, which Bernard dug up and replanted. Thank you also to Janet Stevenson for the **donation** of a honeysuckle, some teasels and a Red Hazel.
- The Christmas Tree provided for the centre has died and has been removed. Since FoT has supplied two now, and both have died, it was agreed to provide some sort of large false tree going forward for use at the Carols Round The Tree event.
- Bernard has been weeding down **Millhouse Estate**, taken away some of the forgetmenots and put their seeds back down at various locations, and has dug up the dead bush on The Green and 2 dead brooms from Brook Lane and one down Drury Lane. Janet and David helped by also taking up some of the forgetmenots. Whilst we have something to go in place of one of the dead bushes, probably 2 will need replacing at some stage. He has also redefined the border to the bed on The Green.
- When Virgin Media put in a new box on the corner of Melrose Road (club end) they made an awful mess of **the grass verge**, and said they were not in a position to put down any grass seed to make good the verge. As a result, Nita put down a box full of grass seed she'd had spare in her garage.

**Next meeting is 4 August 2016 at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre.**



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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



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