



# The Friends of Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1SEPTEMBER 2016 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Present:** Nita Pearson, Bernard Lee, Ann Petty, Janet Stevenson, Julie and Dave Everitt, Pat Hubbard, Maureen Simm, John Jackson, Geoff Walker

**Apologies:** Ron Hill, Geoff and Jane Wilson, Pam Porter, Sue Rowbottom, Tam Bream, Tracy Foulds, Ray Woodward

### Discussions/Decisions.

**Carols On The Green - 9 December** – we have discussed this matter with people from St Andrew's, and are anticipating starting a procession from St Andrew's to The Green at 6.30pm as in the past. Carols will then be sung on The Green, accompanied by Val Baxter from Belton on the accordion, and then people will be invited across to the Methodist Chapel's Hall for refreshments. We are hopeful that the U3A choir will sing at this event, and are hoping to sell mince pies etc. as well. Watch this space for more details.

**Charles Booth Exhibition 26 November** – In order to broaden out the event, so that we can call it Charles Booth and other notable people or something like that, Nita has been in touch with various other heritage groups about taking part in the event. That would, potentially, increase the interest of the event, and also bring along supporters of other groups to the event, so that the audience numbers increase. There has been potential interest from the Coalville Heritage Society who have details on George Smith and the Munitions Ladies Football Team,, Whitwick Historical Group have said will do something, Measham Museum want to bring things relating to Joseph Wilkes and Ravenstone Hospital have a book about their founder, Rebecca Wilkins (no relation) to sell. It is hoped other groups could also come to this, and then it can be properly marketed. We have already listed the event with NWLDC.

**Traffic Calming on Loughborough Road** – the council sent a letter to Cllr. Spence answering all the queries and concerns raised by residents as part of the consultation process into the changing of the traffic calming at the entrance to the Bellway Homes site. Nita has a copy of this letter, which goes through each of the concerns raised and gives reasons why they consider these concerns are unjustified, and ends with saying that a speed table is the best



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option. If anybody wants to see the letter from County Hall, please contact Nita or Cllr. Spence direct.

**World Mental Health Day event** - This year, World Mental Health Day takes place on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October and the North West Leicestershire Mental Health Action Group are developing a series of activities for the day. Hosted by Thringstone House Community Centre, the day will feature a number of events and activities for people to try and are likely to include:

- Mindfulness sessions
- Coffee morning
- Doodle art
- Food and mood / eating for mental wellness
- A walk around the local area

As the plans are being developed, if you would like to get involved in the day (this could be providing an activity, promoting your services or bringing along your service users) please don't hesitate to get in touch with Zara Barnes at NWLDC. Nita has already said that FoT would be involved in some way.

**Bus Service** – there are rumours that the Arriva bus service is changing to every 2 hours from once an hour. Arrive Midlands East say there is no truth in this.

**Monthly litter pick total** – 191 against 159 for the same month last year. That said, to the same point last year against this year, we have had to pick up 116 less bags.

**New Members** – Welcome to Roger Davinson, Michael Bunn, Tracey Montague, and Sandra Messenger who all joined us at Thringstone Music Festival.

### Chairs Report

#### **Letters received:**

- From NWLDC regarding the **diversion of the footpath** across the old Henson's Lane recreation field, as the football club are going to develop a grass training area there, which means that the footpath presently crossing over the middle of this site is being diverted.
- From a member enclosing a cheque.

#### **Emails received:**

- Various from people with whom we regularly share information.

#### **Emails sent:**

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

#### **Promotion:**

- We have **404 twitter followers**, an increase of 7 this month and **321 facebook followers** an increase of 8 this month. We regularly post information on both these sites.

#### **Other:**

- Attended Whitwick and Thringstone **Flood Forum** exhibition and met people from various agencies dealing with flooding locally. The event attracts over 30 people.
- Gave a talk on FoT and Thringstone with Mike Statham to the **Whitwick Ladies Bright Hour** group. Mike spoke about the community centre.

### Finance Report

<b>Gen Fund held 1st of month</b> (bank + petty cash + float)	<b>£2,157.66</b>	
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>



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		Broadband etc.	£15.30
Memberships	£21	Card for Nora Newton	£2.50
Publications	£32	Flowers for Nora Newton	£7.00
Raffle	£9.00	Photocopying	£30.00
Donations	£13.00		
<b>total income to general fund</b>		£75 Total expenditure	£54.80
		<b>Total general fund at month end</b>	<b>£2,177.86</b>

## Publications Report

The team at Thringstone Music Festival sold a village trail 2, a full set of memories booklets, 3 Scottish in Thringstone, a Businesses in Thringstone, a Durham Miners booklet, and a photograph of the Carterdale estate. This raised £32. Well done and thanks to Janet, Ann, Pam and Kathy for manning the stall.

We have advertised all our publications on the Coalville Past and Present facebook page.

## Web Report

The webmaster has updated the site with a copy of the Autumn Bauble and the August minutes. There are still other updates to do. This month we have sent two photographs taken at the Music Festival to put on the website.

## Police Report – PCSO Mark Ball

- A man was involved in an accident on **Main Street** when his van hit a parked car. He was taken away and breathalyzed and found to be over the legal limit.
- A 3 vehicle collision happened near the George and Dragon during the morning of 22 August. One person was trapped and once freed taken to hospital., whilst another 3 were treated at the scene.
- From Neighbourhood Watch reports – drive off from **Talbot Street service station** of a Toyota VF53 CNE which turned out to be a false number plate
- Someone hit a white van parked in **Main Street** opposite The Old School House on 12 August. No witnesses.
- Attempted break in to a van in **Mossdale**. Owner interrupted this act, and saw 2 men run into a waiting car which drove off with no lights on. Police informed.
- Van break in on **Carterdale** at 2.30am on 19 August. Tools stolen which were later recovered.
- A woman stole meat from **Whitwick Co-op** on 21 August. She was seen on CCTV but was not apprehended.
- The toilets in **Whitwick Park** were vandalized on the evening of 21 August. No suspects, but a lot of damage caused. There were also plants stolen from underneath some of the Whitwick signage which now have plant boxes attached.



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### Community Report and What's On

**Thringstone Music Festival** raised over £3000 for the centre, for which they are very grateful. Many thanks go to the bands and musicians who gave their time free, and to the volunteers who worked, in some cases, an 18 hour day to put the event together.

There will be a sale of **library books and DVDs at Coalville Library** from 10 September. Lots of bargains will be available.

**The Hare and Hounds** soft play sessions previously mentioned in minutes have now been discontinued due to lack of interest from local parents/carers.

The May show from **Thringstone Panto and Drama Society** will be Irving Berlin's White Christmas. More details nearer the time. The group still need scenery painters and other help.

**Auditions** for new members will be 6 Sept at 7.30 pm at the Community centre. If you know anyone please let Mandy Baughurst know. People will need to sing a song and follow some simple choreography steps.

£466 was raised by Geoff Walker for **the Old School House Sensory Room** fund from Thringstone's Got Talent. Thanks go to all the acts who took part and their supporters.

The recent family fun and music day at **The Bull's Head** raised £450 for Adapt, a children's charity. Thanks to all who came along

**Thringstone WI** meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at Thringstone Methodist Church Hall at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**The local male speakers' club** meets at Thringstone Methodist Church Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 7.30pm.

It would appear that **The Oak, in Whitwick**, which was in the ownership of Central England Co-operative was sold by them to SV Richards Building Contractors Limited in May this year. Efforts have been made by local councillors to get the new owners to tidy up the site.

- 2 September – Black Horse, Whitwick - Spektrum
- 3-4 September – **Whitwick Scarecrow Festival**. More details nearer the time.
- 4 September – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Beyond X in concert.
- 8 September – **Folk on The Green** folk club at Thringstone House Community Centre. 8pm til late. All welcome.
- 9 September – **Soul Club** at Thringstone House Community Centre –soul and motown music. Starts at 8pm til late. £3 for members and £4 on the door.
- 10 September – Swannington Village Hall – **Coffee morning in aid of Cancer Research UK**. Starts at 10am and ends at 12.30pm. Homemade cakes and preserves for sale, plus natural skin care products.
- 12 September – **Line dancing for beginners** at Thringstone Members Club starts at 1pm. £4 per class.
- 13 September – **Classic Rock USA** at Thringstone House Community Centre. Show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £9 available from the centre or book direct on [www.ticketsource.co.uk/thringstone](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thringstone) X Factor's Joe Whelan is Springsteen. Another artist coming will be Martin Bell (from Top of The Pops)
- 15 September – **Thringstone Bingo** at the Community Centre. Starts at 7.30pm. All welcome.
- 16 September – Joey Linden at Whitwick Connie Club as **Freddie Mercury**. £3 members, £5 non-members. All welcome.



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- 23 September – **Plug and Play** at Thringstone House Community Centre. Starts at 8pm. All welcome.
- 24 September – Oh What A Night – **Tribute to Frankie Valli and the 4 Seasons** at Hermitage Leisure Centre. Starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 in the tiered seating, or £19 in the VIP area. For more information call 07719 636374 or contact the centre direct..
- 26 September – **Film club** at Thringstone House Community Centre. Starts at 7.30pm. Film title unknown, but it stars Tom Hanks.
- 30 September – **The Expired** at Black Horse, Whitwick
- 30 Sept-1 Oct – **The Sound Of Murder** – a murder mystery at Thringstone House Community Centre – starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £8 inc. light 2 course supper. Tickets from the centre on 222337.
- 8 Oct – **Moira Male Voice Choir** at St Andrew's church. 7pm start. Tickets £5. Funds go to Old School House sensory room project.
- 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 Union Avenue 7.15pm. Fireworks start at 7.30pm. Brugers, hot dogs, mushy peas and mint sauce.
- 12 November – Centre Stage Production at Thringstone House of **Amandou Diagne and Group Yakar UK** – Senegalese instrumentalist and group performing a variety of music from jazz to funk, Afrobeat to blues and Mbalax. Ticket sales and cost to be announced.
- 18 November – **Elizabeth 1<sup>st</sup>** at Thringstone House. Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start. Tickets £5 on sale soon.
- 26 November – **Charles Booth Exhibition** at Thringstone House. 11am-5pm.
- 9 December – **Carols On The Green**. Procession from St Andrew's at 6.30pm, to sing on The Green and then go into the Methodist Chapel Hall for refreshments. All welcome.
- 11 December – Centre Stage Production at Thringstone House of **Shoo Shoo Baby's Christmas Party**, a funny musical double act and their pianist. Ticket sales and cost to be announced.
- 17 March 2017 – Centre Stage Production at Thringstone House of **Tim Kliphuis Trio Goes Grappelli** – a classical violinist and his group perform the music of Stephane Grappelli. Ticket sales and cost to be announced.

### History report

- A group of men who came to Thringstone Music Festival identified their class photograph from the 1980s in the portfolio of **school photos** which Ann had brought along. They also gave us the names of several of their class mates. We are also now busy trying to put names to the school photo for 1954 and to the teachers from the school at that time. Thanks to those who added to our knowledge following a recent facebook post of this picture.
- There have been several posts on facebook linking people to the Thringstone On Line stuff on **public houses in the village** (also now on our FoT website). As a result, we have had contact from 3 people who may be able to add to our information on landlords of The Rose and Crown, George and Dragon and The Queen's Head (Love, Perkins and Abbott).



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- We have been sent a copy of a photo of **The Fox, Thringstone** in the snow just before it closed. This has been added to our archives.
- Ann has been to Whitwick Historical Group to look at the demolition details relating to **5 and 7 Loughborough Road**, which were built around the early 1900s by the Gee family, and rented out, apparently. Nos. 5 and 7 are now two more modern semi detached properties. Some people in the village have told us they lived at old no. 5 and about the houses at that time. It would seem that Amy Gee, warden of the centre until 1949 also lived at no. 5 in her younger days. In the 1939 register, no. 1 Loughborough Road was occupied by Albert and Mary Ann Ottey (he was a boot and shoe maker), at no. 3 was Jimmy and Gladys Gee, nobody lived at no. 5 and at no. 7 lived Ellen Gee (widow) who had previously lived in Barrack Yard and had given birth to 14 children.
- **Thringstone Methodist Chapel** is featured in the summer magazine for the local Methodist circuit, and from these we see that the Sunday School started in 1866 and the Women's Guild in 1953. Neither of these continue today. In 1911 when the centre opened, until 1990, the Methodist Church Anniversary was held on 1st Sunday in May at the centre. The electric organ was transported across the road and the platform was assembled. Afternoon and evening services were always full. In 1958, fundraising projects, such as summer fairs, were held on Charity Gough's field down Brook lane, and a Nissen Hut was purchased from Ravenstone for £126. This was made of zinc and bricks were added to complete the structure. Many in the congregation gave their skills free of charge to complete the hut, although Arthur Syke's father insisted it be called The Assembly Hall. In 1970 some land was sold and the church hall built by 1975.
- We understand that there was an allotment between 2 and 8 **John Street** owned by a Mr Joseph G Watkins, who may also have sold his produce as a market gardener. He had a son called George who was very good looking, so they say! Mr Watkins and his family lived at 7 John Street.
- By looking at the deeds for the semi detached houses between 29-35 **Loughborough Road**, we have discovered that in 1894, John Riseam bought a parcel of land from Thomas Salt, John Biddle Brooks (gentleman of Derby) and Thomas Jesson (solicitor of Ashby) for £376 which included part of John Street. At that time, there were three neighbouring strips of land in the ownership of William Beckworth, builder of Whitwick, Michael McCarthy, councillor and innkeeper of Whitwick, and Samuel Towle respectively. John Riseam was responsible for building the terraced properties on John Street. He was London born, but lived at 64 Ashby Road,, Loughborough, and was a plasterer by profession before turning to the pub trade later in life. He died on 29 November 1919, leaving his wealth to his brother Edward Riseam and Barnabas Spruce (draughtsman possibly from Rugby). By 1920, Edward Riseam, was involved with Barnabas Spruce and Albert Bernard Baker (probably the coalminer of Gracedieu Road) in purchasing land fronting onto Loughborough Road and mention was made of gardens and piggeries at the rear of this which had been in the ownership of William Taylor, Thomas Howard and conveyed by George Payne to John Riseam in March 1895. Previously, in 1886, John Riseam had bought land there from William Frederick Beardsley, a solicitor, of The Grove, Ashby Road, Loughborough . A further mention is made of land owned by William James Hitchcock (probably of Kirby Muxloe), John Skinner and James Henry Wright Bosworth (possibly of The White House, Shepshed) which was sold to Edward Riseam. Edward died



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on 16 August 1938 in Hove, and his properties passed to George Frederick Coleman, Elsie Alice Thompson and George Percival Thompson (gentleman). This land was sold in April 1939 to James Nelson of Avala, Forest Road, Coalville with a view to building houses on the land on Loughborough Road, and also mentions 9 houses on John Street as well as 141 yards of frontage on Loughborough Road currently in the occupation of George Watkins (presumably the allotments mentioned above). Because of WW2, James Nelson held onto the land until July 1954 when he sold it to Barclays (Leicester) Ltd. and the houses from John Street corner down towards the church jitty were built.

- Numbers 37-41 Loughborough Road (3 bungalows) were built in 1966/7 on the church field. All this took place during the period of time that Rev. Richard F Willis was vicar (who was mentioned in last month's minutes). His final article in the parish magazine dated January 1969, which is available to read on our website under Thringstone On Line (along with several other parish magazines) states 'A few years ago the vicarage field was sold and three bungalows built - for which from time to time I have been blamed and criticised; truly the field was a grave liability, but it was the sale of a small piece of ground as a churchyard extension that brought the "White Elephant" into the limelight. The remaining plot was sold as a whole, after my unsuccessful attempts to get the middle piece taken over by residents as a local football field. The Church Commissioners, who exercised full control rights - I had no say in the matter - put the ground up for sale, part still agricultural (now the bungalow gardens) with a proviso that no building structure was to be erected on them. The sites for development only allowed for gardens parallel to the extension of the vicarage fences. The vicar received NO MONETARY BENEFIT for this transaction which brought in the price of £1,020. Over the years we have had our most happy and inspiring times, together with heartaches, hurts and criticisms which are the lot of any who take the leadership. One query was this: "why did you not have a church hall built on the vicarage field?" - forgetting the fundamental fact that a plot could have been earmarked nearly 100 years ago and could NOT have been sold. In the days gone by, the Church of England school, together with the Booth's Community Club House, available for church use free, meant that a private church hall was not essential, but in later years, long before we came, it was a different matter. Yet within the last four and a half years it became possible to purchase the Main Street Chapel as a church hall for £350, alas without success.'
- We have been talking to people about the link between The Woodlands and 105 Loughborough Road, as these two houses were built at the same time by Mr and Mrs Walter Watts for themselves and their daughter Renee Brooks and her husband. They used to have a path between them and at one time, part of the garden to The Woodlands was owned by a Mr Priest, who was someone other than the householder, but eventually brought back to be within the ownership of the occupants of the house.

### Councillors' report

Nothing to report

### Gardening and environment

- Bernard has done some pruning, weeding, planting and generally tidying up around the village.



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