



The Friends of
Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2016 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Nita Pearson, Ann Petty, Janet Stevenson, Mike Statham, Bernard Lee, Bill Enser, Pat Darby, Pat Hubbard, Kathy Mardon, Tracy Foulds, Ron Hill, Julie and Dave Everitt

Apologies: Maureen Simm, John Jackson, Gillian Bates, Nigel and Mary Roberts

Discussions/Decisions.

Charles Booth Exhibition 26 November 11am-6pm— Posters have been done (thanks to Nigel Roberts for designing these), and sent to all the other groups working with us on the event. We have also sent them to various media sources, and put them on various web pages on the internet. Coalville Heritage Society said they had nobody to man a stand, but we have suggested they come with displays, and we can take them down at the end for them if someone can then pick them up, as the event has been advertised to include Coalville, and it would be nice if they were still a part of the event.

St Andrew's Thringstone is now going to be open from 10am until 4pm on the day for people to go round and see the church should they wish to.

We now just need people to come along to the event, which has, at 5pm a slide show from David White. If nothing else, we would be obliged if members could support the slide show part of the event. Andrew Bridgen, MP, has said that he will attend at some point.

Nita is in the process of writing press releases on this event, but has already posted details on the FoT facebook and twitter pages, This is Coalville facebook page, Coalville Past and Present's facebook page, and the facebook Spotted pages for Coalville, Whitwick, Measham, Ibstock, Newbold, Thringstone and Ravenstone. Details have also been sent to St Andrew's. Flyers have also been done, posters put up and people told verbally..

The centre will be providing refreshments and are looking for people to help with this if anybody would like to do so. Please contact Lorraine direct on this if you can help.

Kathy and Janet said they could help, and Julie offered to make some cake.

Community Centre's Quiz Night - The FoT team didn't win, but came about mid table with a total score of 68. We did get a 10 out of 10 score for classical music, and 9 out of



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ten in the booze round though! The winners were Ladies Badminton with a score of 77. We posted a picture of the winners on our facebook and twitter pages.

Bulb Planting – A supply of bulbs was given to Thringstone Methodists, The Community Centre and The George and Dragon, some bulbs offered to Thringstone Members Club, and the rest of the bulbs split up and planted in various areas by 10 members of Friends of Thringstone and a chap from the village who wanted to help. All the bluebells have been put this time down Drury Lane, and we have also planted round trees and other areas at the Bull's Head end of Loughborough Road.

We also cut back the bushes mentioned in previous minutes which nobody owned and which had encroached onto the pavement by Badgerscroft on Loughborough Road to such an extent that people with pushchairs or users of mobility scooters had to go into the road to get past. Thanks to all who helped and thanks to Ron Hill for taking the cuttings from these bushes away for us. Hopefully the village will look stunning next Spring.

Nita put a piece about this on our facebook page, which was shared by NWLTourism under their Somewhere Nice To Go pages. Various photos were taken and sent to our webmaster and put in our portfolio.

Canine Partners, based in Osgathorpe, are an assistance dog charity which train dogs to help people with physical disabilities. These dogs bring greater independence and quality of life to their partners as well as offering companionship and help with everyday tasks. Occasionally, a small number of dogs are withdrawn from the specialist training programme because they find that some dogs are just better suited as companions than assistance dogs. As a result these dogs need new homes and Canine Partners are looking for people who may be interested in rehoming one. Full details about the rehoming process can be found here:

<https://caninepartners.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering/rehome-one-of-our-dogs/> ringing 01530 225930 or emailing rehoming-midlands@caninepartners.org.uk. More information about Canine Partners and the work they do can be found here <https://caninepartners.org.uk/>

Carols On The Green – This is to take place on 9 December with the procession from St Andrew's starting at 6.35pm. Jan Cufflin made an application to the county council for a lit Christmas Tree for this event, but the conditions for the licence were too onerous, and consequently there will not be a tree there. After the singing on The Green, we will all go to the Methodist Hall for further entertainment and refreshments. Please bring torches.

Bus Stops – Nita contacted County Hall to remind them that there were still 2 old bus stop signs in place in the village, and ask what was happening with the poles on which the bus signage had been placed. The answer came back that the 2 signs still there were higher than the average, and would be removed in due course, and in fact now have been removed. However the poles will remain, as there might be possibilities, going forward, of bus stops returning to these routes (unlikely, but we take their point), and they did not want to have to incur costs putting posts back if that happened.

Metal Detector – Steve Taylor has a metal detector and is interested in going round land with this implement to search for treasures. If you have any land and are interested in someone doing this, please contact Steve on 07586074538

Miners Gala to return? We hear through the grapevine that efforts are being made to put on the Miners Gala again, which used to operate from Snibston Discovery Museum for several years. A date of 9th September 2017 has been earmarked, and if this happens, we will try to be part of it, as it is a very worthwhile event, and it was sad that it finished when Snibston



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closed. As we understand it, there is the ever present problem of finding funding, but we will keep you informed of developments as they occur.

Monthly litter pick total – 199 against 138 for the same month last year.

During half term, housing officer Polly Page took a group of young people out litter picking. They picked up two large bags full of rubbish which the Council took to the tip. Certificates were issued to the children to take to school.

There was discussion about the amount of litter generated by Halloween, and how some children had caused upset by breaking up pumpkins, kicking them around the streets and taking all the sweets left out for others. Nita said that 12 bags of litter, mostly pumpkins, had been collected on Tuesday and that some children had also decided to kick about the recycling left out.

Condolences to the family and friends of Sheila Dean, our member, who died on 29 October.

Chairs Report

Letters received:

- We let The Rosary Rally Committee borrow our large tent for the rally at Gracedieu earlier this year. They have sent us a lovely card with a cheque for £100 to say thank you. This has been acknowledged

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 **417 twitter followers**, which is an increase of 3 from last month and **336 facebook followers**, an increase of 13 this month. We regularly post information on both these sites.
- The new magazine, **Your Community Voice**, mentioned us and gave our website address in their first publication.
- The Coalville Times of 21 October briefly mentioned our **Charles Booth exhibition** and said for further information to look at the FoT facebook page. As no promotion has yet been sent to the papers, it would seem that they are following us on facebook! This was further reinforced by another article in the same paper quoting our facebook page word for word on the fundraising event for MacMillan held at Thringstone Miners Social Club.
- Nita gave a supply of our **promotional leaflets** to the sales advisor at the new Priory development on Loughborough Road.
- Nita has contacted the editor of the **Bradgate magazine**, which like its sister magazine, The Vine, comes out every 2 months, and which has charity pages within its content. They have said they are interested in anything we send, so Nita has submitted a half page article on the village, to mention our group, the centre and the panto and drama society. We believe that this article is to be printed in the January edition of The Vine.
- **Winter Bauble** written, printed and given out to volunteers to deliver.

Other:

- Graffiti reported on the Millennium plaques on **The Green** was cleaned off.

Finance Report

Gen Fund held 1st of month (bank + petty cash + float)	£2,159.44
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Income		Expenditure	
		Broadband etc.	£8.40
Rosary rally donation	£100	Website 2 year charge	£16.78
Publications	£2.50	RCC subscription	£12.50
Raffle	£7.00	Bauble production	£35.50
		%age for bulbs from NWLDC	£81.82
total income to general fund		Total expenditure £	£155
	£109.50	Total general fund at month end	£2,113.96

Publications Report

The community centre sold a publication for £2.50. We are still not sure having done a stock take what this was.

Web Report

The webmaster has added the October minutes but has quite a large number of photos still to put on site. We have, however, paid for the website name for another 2 years (as above).

Police Report – PCSO Mark Ball

We understand a member of the public stopped a man from taking meat from Thringstone Co-op one Saturday, but it is believed he still left with some meat. The Co-op and Police would prefer if anybody sees someone stealing things that they alert staff, rather than tackle people directly.

We were told that someone on Melrose Road had a BMX bike taken from their garden.

From the police report - There was a pedal cycle stolen and reported to the police from Loughborough Road but the BMX on Melrose Road doesn't appear to have been reported.

There was also a motorbike taken from an address but it looked like the thief could not get it started and abandoned it and the owner was informed and retrieved it.

The police have been informed of a large number of shed breaks in all areas.

In Coleorton there were 4 in one night, so please be aware.

Also, at this time of year, trade vehicles are a target as our more unsavoury characters know that persons returning from a job may just want to get in their home, its cold and dark, so they leave their tools in the van. Also some have been collecting scrap over the year, especially plumbers, and have been storing it in their shed and load the van up. This collection of scrap metal can be worth a lot of money so people need to be aware about locking sheds and not leaving stuff in vans.

Community Report and What's On

Thringstone Soul Club has moved to Thringstone Members Club from the centre with effect from 11th November. This will now always be on for £3 on the 2nd Friday of the month. All welcome.

Capelli Hair Design at 20 and 22 Main Street is currently up for sale for £210,000. It comes with a one bed roomed flat, and is said to be open to conversion 'back' to a house or two houses, or be converted into flats. This property was, for years, a news agency. We understand the current business is moving to smaller premises.



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Thringstone Members Club raised £600 for MacMillan cancer care at an event on Sunday 23 October. Well done to them.

A Big Thank you to all the supporters of Macmillan Cancer Support who raised an astonishing £355.00 at the coffee morning held on Saturday 22 October in **Springfield**.

- 4 Nov – **Conny Club, Whitwick** – Bonfire night starting at 7pm with group Ska Amanga.
- 5 Nov – **George and Dragon** – Bonfire night with live music from Union Avenue 7.15pm. Fireworks start at 7.30pm. Burgers, hot dogs, mushy peas and mint sauce.
- 5 Nov – **Lady Jane, Whitwick** – The Shakers in concert
- 5 Nov – **Hare and Hounds** Bonfire Night starting at 7pm with BBQ and free entry.
- 6 Nov - **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Unplugged in concert
- 10 Nov – **Hermitage FM Quiz Night**. More details from the station direct.
- 11 Nov - **Black Horse, Whitwick** – tribute to Elvis and Neil Diamond with the King of Diamonds starting 9pm.
- 12 Nov – 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. Tickets £9 from www.ticketsource.co.uk or direct from the centre office, which is open Monday-Friday 9am - 12 noon
- 12 Nov – **Thringstone Miners Social Club** – quiz night to raise money for a social club for adults with Downs Syndrome. Tickets £5 to include buffet. Contact Sarah on 07534 930570 or email sarahbaxter392@btinternet.com .
- 13 Nov – **Remembrance Sunday** parade etc. at Memorial Square, Coalville.
- 18 Nov – **Elizabeth 1st** at Thringstone House. Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start. Tickets £5 on sale by contacting Gillian on 224491.
- 18 Nov – **Charity Quiz Fund Raiser** for LRI Children's Cancer Unit at North Street Club, Whitwick. Teams of 4 ideally, £5 per person. Starts at 6pm. All welcome.
- 19 Nov – **Old School House Thringstone** – Open day 12 noon til 4pm to show off the new Sensory Room log cabin and equipment Table top stall, sweet and cake stalls, raffle etc. Hot and cold food available. All welcome.
- 19 November – **Warriors Fighting Championship UK** at Hermitage Leisure Centre. An evening of mixed martial arts with live entertainment and performances. Tickets £30. Doors open 5pm. For more details contact the centre on 811215.
- 26 Nov – **Charles Booth and other notable people - Exhibition** at Thringstone House. 11am-5pm with slide show from 5pm-6pm on people from Thringstone's past .
- 2 Dec – **Whitwick Winter Wonderland** at The Conny Club, Whitwick. Come and visit Santa in his Grotto, say hello to his Magical Reindeer, take part in our Christmas Jumper Competition and enjoy a glass of Mulled Wine whilst listening the festive sounds of the [Leicestershire Co-op \(Snibston\) Band!](#) The evening will end with a trip back to the 1980's with [Analogue Haze](#) who promise to play lots of party tunes and of course a few of our favourite Christmas hits!
- 3 Dec – **Christmas in Coalville** in the town centre. Food and drink, stalls, family entertainment, activities and Christmas Light Switch On.
- 3 Dec – **Thringstone Primary's Christmas Fayre** from 3.30pm. All welcome
- 4 Dec – **Carols at Grace Dieu Priory**. Starts at 3pm. All welcome. Donations will be taken. .
- 4 Dec- **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Simply Acoustic with some Christmas favourites.



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- 4 Dec – Hermitage Leisure Centre – **Antique and Collectors' Fayre** – Guildhall Fairs - 9am-3.30pm. £2 entrance.
- 9 Dec – **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.
- 10 Dec – **Christmas Fairy Wonderland at Fairy Friends**, 2-4 North St, Whitwick. Meet lots of fairies enjoy story time, have your photo taken, plus entertainments, arts and crafts. £5 per ticket per child for a 1 hour session.
- 11 Dec – Centre Stage Production at Thringstone House of **Shoo Shoo Baby's Christmas Party**, a funny musical double act and their pianist. Tickets can be bought through www.ticketsource.co.uk/thringstone or via the centre for £9.
- 20-28 Jan – Thringstone Panto and Drama Society production of **Beauty and the Beast**. More details on ticket prices nearer the time.
- 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. Tickets £9 from www.ticketsource.co.uk or from the centre office which is open Monday-Friday 9am – 12 noon.

History report

- We had a facebook message from Ian Chambers telling us that his grandmother used to be a ladies' maid for **Mrs Booth**, and that his mother went there a lot as a child. He has said he will get his mother to talk to us at some stage and we are arranging contact.
- In earlier minutes we discussed the marriage of Catherine Illsley of **Talbot House Farm** to Ronald Dryden. On looking through the banns registers for St Andrew's we have found the banns listing for March 1934. Catherine's brother Gilbert Charles Illsley married Constance Parker also at St Andrew's in December 1933. Constance was from Long Eaton. By 1939 Gilbert and Constance were dairy farming and carrying out a market garden business at Wilsthorpe Farm in Long Eaton, whilst Catherine now Mrs Dryden was still with her parents, Charles and Annie at Talbot House Farm. Catherine is listed as an elementary school teacher, although she doesn't appear in the teachers' registration lists covering the period 1914-48 which is odd.. We knew the family had had another 2 children who had died before 1911, but have discovered that they had a daughter called Gladys Mary born in 1920. She is down as Mary Gladys Illsley in the St Andrew's confirmation records in 1933 as living at the farm.. We are unable to trace Gladys after this, but think she may have emigrated to the USA in 1947. Just along the road from Talbot House Farm in 1939, at Talbot Cottage, were the Watson's, including 'Miss Millie' about whom we have spoken before and her father George H Watson, pithead baths attendant and his wife Charlotte, George H Watson Jnr, who was a labourer at the pumping station, and Kenneth who was a shop assistant at a grocery and provisions shop. Talbot Farm Cottage was occupied by farm labourer Samuel Berrington and his wife Annie, Ethel Haywood lived at The Bungalow, Redhills, and Francis and Carina Challoner farmed at Redhill Farm.
- We were given a copy of a photo showing the **committee of the Thringstone Miners FC** for 1969-70.
- We have been told that the land on the corner of **Henson's Lane and Loughborough Road** on which 103 Loughborough Road was built in the 1930s, and possibly also The Woodlands next door, belonged originally to Jack Mee Kidger, the farmer.



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The meeting then heard various amusing tales regarding the Kidger family from people who remember them.

Councillors' report

- Leicestershire County Council Highway Forum - NW Leics were given details of 78% Government budget cuts to Highway Maintenance
- 3 ash trees have been cut back and one felled by 3 and 4 Badgerscroft.

Gardening and environment

- Bernard continues to work on our planted areas. He has pruned and cut back various bushes down by the church, Drury Lane and Brook Lane. There are at least 8 bushes which now need replacing – 2 down Brook Lane, 1 on Drury Lane and 5 down by the church jitty. Nita has spoken to NWLDC, as we put in for holly bushes and dogwoods as part of their annual free tree scheme, and understands that everybody who asked for trees/bushes will get them, and emails will be going out shortly with a pick up date of 20 November.

AOB

- There is an advert in the Bauble for a new **dog grooming business** opening in Thringstone. This is being run by Kathy Mardon who was asked to tell more about her venture, her qualifications and promotional ideas. Kathy took her qualifications in Cambridgeshire at a college with a very good reputation, and is in the process of equipping her studio, which she hopes will be open at the end of November. She intends to have an open day, and there is good parking. She feels strongly about community, Thringstone is her home, and looks forward to welcoming all her new clients shortly.
- Mike Statham explained that the **community centre** had hoped by now to be in a position to run with the 7 trustees in waiting, but the dissolution of the present trustee set up is taking longer than anticipated and will now not happen before early 2017. He said that the organization will still run with a management committee in the interim, but the new trustees are looking at getting a business plan organized. Staff positions will be secure, and it is anticipated that there will be an open meeting for villagers to come along and ask questions about the plans for the future. NWLDC is helping with various advice, but the centre DOES need more volunteers to step forward, to help in whatever way they can. The centre especially needs volunteer bar staff to help at events. If anybody is interested, please contact the centre on 222337 any day between 9am and 12 noon when the office is staffed.

Next meeting is The Christmas Party as well as the meeting. This takes place on 1st December at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre. Please come along, bring food, and have a good time!



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