



The Friends of
Thringstone



'Working together to improve our village'

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2016 AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Nita Pearson, Ann Petty, Lorraine Whitehurst, Geoff Walker, Bernard Lee, Bill Enser, Julie and Dave Everitt, Tracy Foulds, Kathy Mardon, Mary and Nigel Roberts, Tina Bakewell, Mike Statham, Pam Porter

Apologies: Pat Darby, Geoff and Jane Wilson, Mike and Ruth King, Ann Statham, Pat Hubbard, Maureen Simm, John Jackson

Discussions/Decisions.

Charles Booth Exhibition 26 November— Thank you to everybody for coming to this event, and to Ann Petty and Bill Newton for all their work putting together the displays and exhibits. You are excellent. We could never do these events without you.

We reckon we had about 200 people through on the day.

It took a lot of preparation and work, but was very successful all round for all the groups who took part, and we got some very very positive comments from people who came. Nice to see quite a few of our members there as well..

Of the other groups who took part, Ibstock HSG were full of praise, Ravenstone Almshouses said it surpassed anything they could have done elsewhere, Coalville Heroes Project gained a lot of new links and were more than happy, Whitwick HSG have sent a thank you for a good day, and Newbold said they have nowhere they could have exhibited anything like as much stuff and were very satisfied. Ibstock would be happy to do this again, and the Coalville Heroes project have now got some ideas about working with us again on something else. St Andrew's was also pleased with the steady flow of people that came to the church, including people from outside the area.

Many many thanks to the people who baked. The sale of cakes and teas raised £86.40 for the centre. Thanks also to Mary for the cake covers etc. The centre also did a raffle for the Charles Booth Bursary which raised £74.

At the end of the evening, only 4 cakes were left for the centre to deal with. Everything else was bought. We had so many compliments about the cakes everybody made.

I was delighted that 58 people stayed to see the slide show with David White. It meant a lot to him, and equally a lot to us as a group.



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From a Friends of Thringstone standpoint we sold a lot of publications (see later)

Carols On The Green – Please remember that this is to take place on 9 December with the procession from St Andrew's starting at 6.30pm. Thanks to Janet Stevenson for doing the artwork for some posters. These have now been sent out to various people to include various church groups and copies put up at Thringstone Primary School, Ruby's, the centre, Thringstone Members' Club, Miners Welfare, the notice board on The Green and the Methodist Chapel.

Future of Hermitage Leisure Centre – we have previously mentioned the proposals to move the Hermitage Leisure Centre onto the site presently occupied by the Co-op in Coalville. This matter made the front page of the Coalville Times of 25 November. At a meeting of the Whitwick Parish Council, Steve Bambrick, deputy chief executive at North West Leicestershire District Council, delivered a presentation to the last parish council meeting about the future of the Hermitage Leisure Centre. The current facility needs refurbishing and upgrading. It is no longer big enough to fulfill the demand and the building is getting shabby. The estimated cost of this refurbishment and extension would be around £3 million.

We were told that it currently costs £800,000 per year to run Hermitage Leisure Centre, however, later on in the discussion it was confirmed that this figure actually covers both Hood Park and HLC (we have asked for a breakdown) and Hood park will not be closing.

The proposal is to build a new Leisure Centre on Bridge Road carpark. The cost to build would be £18 million which NWLDC would borrow. The new facility would be run by Leisure Trust contracted to NWLDC at zero cost to the council and saving the current outlay. This saving would be used to pay off the loans.

The site of the Hermitage Leisure Centre buildings and car parks would be sold for developers to build housing on, but the existing facility would not close until a new one is built. The playing fields and lake would remain as there is no space on the Coalville site for playing fields.

When questioned, Mr Bambrick agreed that the roads in Coalville would not cope with a great increase in traffic and may need to be upgraded.

The decision has not yet been made on this. The cabinet at NWLDC will probably make this decision in February 2017.

If you wish to comment on the proposals contact Steve Bambrick At The Council offices Coalville Leics LE67 3FJ

Monthly litter pick total – 153 against 148 for the same month last year.

Since we started keeping records of what we litter pick and putting it on the database with Litter Action UK every week, it would seem that we have collected and removed more than 10,009 bags of litter from the village and surrounding woodland. That is an awful statistic to report, but well done to all of us who litter pick and have done over the years. This information has been shared with Zilch who are an anti-litter group, and with NWLDC officers, who sent us a twitter message of thanks.

Chairs Report

Letters received:

- Letter from Mrs Hugill relating to the Charles Booth exhibition and the events in London. This was in reply to a letter we sent.
- Card from Thringstone Methodists thanking us for giving them spring bulbs.

Emails received:

- Various from people with whom we regularly share information including one from police asking when our meetings are for 2017.



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Emails sent:

- Reported various fly tipping to the council, and sent emails to others regarding on-going issues. This included the **overflowing manhole** outside 132 Lbro Rd, which overflowed with effluent during the recent heavy rain..

Promotion:

- We have **424 twitter followers**, which is an increase of 8 from last month and **339 facebook followers**, which is 3 more than last month. We regularly post information on both these sites.
- The **Coalville Times** of 11 November contained a promotional article on the Charles Booth event, plus a large article and photo on Nita's litter picking for FoT. An article about the Charles Booth event was also printed in the Lbro Echo
- The November **Your Community Voice** magazine contained the poster for the Charles Booth event and also advertised the Carols On The Green event.

Other:

- Collected **2 holly, 2 field maple, 2 elder and 2 dogwood** trees/bushes from NWLDC as ordered. These are part of their yearly free tree scheme. These have been given to Bernard to plant as appropriate.
- A plant was purchased to put on **Charles Booth's grave** on the 100th anniversary of his death.
- **Christmas cards** written and sent to variety of people and agencies from Friends of Thringstone.
- Thringstone Methodists have taken out a **membership** so that they can keep the congregation fully informed of things happening in the village. We also have another new member – welcome to Anita Jones.

Finance Report

We have paid the event insurance for 2017. The premium has increased by only 38p on last year.

Gen Fund held 1st of month (bank + petty cash + float)	£2,113.96		
Income		Expenditure	
Publications & censuses	£75.50	Broadband	£10.50
Raffle	£13	Winter Bauble printing	£35.50
Donation	£1.00	Plant for Chas. Booth grave	£4.02
New members	£7	Cards and stamps	£8.09
		Zurich event ins.	£82.50
total income to general fund	£96.50	Total expenditure £	140.61
		Total general fund at month end	2,069.85

Publications Report

Nita sold 1 x Mem 4, 1 TAIP, 1 x WW2, 2 x Pubs and 2 x Businesses books plus 3 1939 registers. At the Charles Booth event we sold 2 Scottish miners, 2 Durham miners, 2 pubs, 1 graveyard, a memories 4 and a TAIP and businesses combo. Nita also sold 1 copy of a 1911 census, 1 copy of the 1939 register and received £2 extra for some photocopying. We also received a £1 donation..



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Web Report

The webmaster has added the November minutes and the Winter Bauble to the website, photos of the bulb planting from last year and Carols Round The Tree from last year, but still has photos to put on there.

Police Report – PCSO Mark Ball

- In our last minutes, we were reminded about leaving things in vans. We heard, shortly after our meeting, that someone on Glebe Road had had their van targeted, and whilst they did not get into the van, they did cause considerable damage.
- We were told via facebook of several break ins and attempted break ins to cars in the village (Melrose Road, Henson's Lane and Main Street in particular) on the night of 16 November. We understand the one on Henson's Lane was reported to police.
- There was also a bike taken from The Green and an attempted burglary, but it is not clear that anything was taken.

Community Report and What's On

Thringstone Primary School's Harvest Assembly raised £60 for Oxfam and provided Coalville foodbank with boxes of tinned food to be distributed locally. The school also raised £256.55 for Breast Cancer Care from their Wear it Pink day. Their Children in Need event raised £206.73. The quiz night at **North Street Club** raised £1728.10 for LRI Children's Cancer Unit. Thanks to all who supported this event.

£803.07 was raised at **The Old School House** fete and open day on 19 November. Thanks to all who came along.

The George and Dragon has live music every Friday and Saturday night in the lead up to Christmas.

A collection for the community centre made at the recent Friends of Grace Dieu Priory's **Elizabeth 1st event** raised £130. Thanks to everybody who contributed.

Oak FM – As you know from previous minutes, this radio station had to close. In mid November, the studio equipment was dismantled and removed from the building. As has been mentioned on some forums, OFCOM, the regulatory body, is considering a transfer of the Oak FM 'licences to broadcast' to a new company, possibly an Asian network, and it's this company who have bought the equipment.

Whitwick Fryer opened up on Sunday 6 November with all profits going to St John's church in Whitwick. We are told that they raised £1,040.

Grace Dieu School's new day nursery has opened. If you are interested in viewing the Day Nursery, please ring 222276 or email: info@gracedieudaynursery.com

Thringstone Panto And Drama Society has supported many local charities over the years, raising thousands of pounds. They will be singing for the British Legion Christmas supper again on 5th December at Thringstone Community Centre.

- 2 Dec – **Whitwick Winter Wonderland** at The Conny Club, Whitwick. £1 admission. 7pm til late. 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



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the 1980's with [Analogue Haze](#) who promise to play lots of party tunes and of course a few of our favourite Christmas hits!

- 2 Dec – **Family Fun Night with Santa** at Thringstone House Community Centre. Starts at 6pm. To see Santa, ring the centre on 222337.
- 2 Dec - **Go Ukelele Crazy at Thringstone Miners Welfare** with Thringstone WI. Tickets £5. Starts at 7pm. Bar open. Tickets from Helen on 458872.
- 3 Dec – **Christmas in Coalville** in the town centre. Food and drink, stalls, family entertainment, activities and Christmas Light Switch On.
- 3 Dec – **Hare and Hounds Christmas Light Switch on** at 6pm. Ibstock Brick Brass will be playing. All welcome.
- 3 Dec – **Grace Dieu Manor School's Christmas Fayre** – 10.30am – 1.30pm. All welcome. Raffle, Santa's Grotto and lots of stalls. Free entry. Temple Trees will be there taking orders for Christmas Trees.
- 3 Dec – **Thringstone Primary's Christmas Fayre** from 3.30pm. All welcome. We have been told that both the George and Dragon and Bellway Homes have donated prizes to this event.
- 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.
- 4 Dec – Hermitage Leisure Centre – **Antique and Collectors' Fayre** – Guildhall Fairs - 9am-3.30pm. £2 entrance.
- 4 Dec – **NW Leicestershire Model Engineering Society Santa Specials**- Whitwick Miniature Steam Railway at Hermitage Leisure Centre Recreation park – trains and traction engines in steam from 11am-3pm.
- 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.
- 10 Dec – **Coalville Library Christmas Fayre** – 10am-3pm at the library with Hermitage FM doing live broadcasts and many craft and charity stalls. All welcome.
- 11 Dec - **NW Leicestershire Model Engineering Society Santa Specials**- Whitwick Miniature Steam Railway at Hermitage Leisure Centre Recreation park – trains and traction engines in steam from 11am-3pm.
- 11 Dec – **Woodstock in Whitwick's Woofers Winter Wonderland Walk** – 12 noon til 2pm. 4 miles walk meeting at 11.30am from The Wheel at the bottom of Leicester Road and returning to Three Crowns for refreshments afterwards. All welcome. Dogs need to be on leads please. Santa hats and Christmas jumpers are compulsory! Donations welcome.
- 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. Mince pies and mulled wine will be on sale.
- 18 Dec – **St Andrew's Church** – carol service with nativity tableau. Starts at 4pm.
- 18 Dec – Century Theatre – **Desford Brass Band**. Call the box office for tickets on 278444 or book on line. Tickets £8, concessions £7. Starts at 7.30pm
- 24 Dec – **St Andrew's Church** – Midnight Holy Communion starts at 11.30pm.



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- 20-28 Jan – Thringstone Panto and Drama Society production of **Beauty and the Beast**. More details on ticket prices nearer the time.
- 25 Feb – provisional string quarter at **Thringstone House** performing Haydn's Op 77 no. 2 in F major and Debussy's Op 10 in G Minor. More details near 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

- **East Midlands Oral History Archive** has secured £27k in funding to work to record information from people in their 80s and 90s talking about their lives between 1945 and 1962. We have put forward the names of some people who wouldn't mind being interviewed. This is likely to result in us interviewing people in January.
- **At the Charles Booth event** we made several new contacts. One lady from Ibstock came with postcards and photos to share of her family's connection to the Booth shipping line and has already started to send us scanned copies of all her information. Another gentleman was able to put names to a lot of faces on photos we have in our archives, and another gentleman told us of his connection to the Webb, Biddle and Waldram families. This latter link is to be followed up further, as he has photos and various other material to share which includes a photo of the building of Holly-Dene in Brook Lane which was built by his family.
- **The Woodlands**, the house that has in recent months become a care home on Loughborough Road, and which has been called The Woodlands since it was built in the 1930s has been renamed Peregrine House.
- Ann has been talking to a lady called Mrs Chambers whose mother Jessie Georgina Cresswell nee Avery worked for **the Booth family**. Jessie appears to have died in 1929. This information will be typed up and added to our archives.
- The lady mentioned above (Mrs Chambers) mentioned that her aunt and uncle had kept **The Bull's Head** from 1921-1928. Her aunt was Caroline Sylvia Avery who married Edmund Alfred Holmes in High Wycombe in 1918. Caroline was born 29 March 1881 and had been a cook in service in the south of England for a couple of decades prior to her marriage. This would tie in with the information we had given in our Pubs Book, where Mrs Holmes had offered teas at the pub, with home made bread, cakes and pastries. The couple do not appear to have had any children. In 1936, the couple went to run the now demolished Waggon and Horses on the corner of Church Lane, Whitwick, and their address on the 1939 register was this pub address of 1 Church Lane, Whitwick. Edmund, although listed as licensee, was a miner and Caroline was keeping the pub. With them was Caroline's brother, Leonard John Avery and his family. He was a painter and decorator. They stayed at the Waggon and Horses until 1943. After leaving this area, the couple seem to have moved to Woodhouse Eaves. Caroline died in hospital in Leicester on 25 February 1957 and her address was given as 26 Main Street, Woodhouse Eaves. She left £1302 15s 7d to her husband, who at that time is listed as a retired licensed victualler. It is not clear at this stage if this is the right man, but there is an Edmund Alfred Holmes of 69 Barrow Road, Quorn listed as dying at the Catmose Vale Hospital in Oakham on 7 May 1958. He left £3294 8s 2d with Constance Sybil Cooke, wife of Sidney Cooke, and Harold



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Ernest William Collins as executors. This is currently the only Edmund Alfred Holmes born on 28 June 1884 that we can find.

- Ann went down to London with a group of members and others to the **London School of Economics** and Booth family event on 23 November, and met a lot of the Booth family who had been up to Thringstone a few years ago. There is shortly to be a new website on Charles Booth, on which you will be able to see copies of the 450 plus notebooks that were used to do the poverty maps, and also see the maps themselves and compare the area from the 1890s to now.
- **1939 registers** – the 1939 Register team at Findmypast have been able to successfully match and open over 5 million more records that were previously closed. For people who have tried unsuccessfully to find a family member in the Register who died after 1991, there's a very good chance you'll be able to now.

Findmypast is the only place online that gives you access to the 1939 Register, which is a responsibility they take very seriously. Accordingly, they've been working away behind the scenes to give access to as many individual entries as possible. Data protection law prevents anybody from opening the record of anyone younger than 100 years and a day and still alive. As the Register ceased to be updated in 1991, this meant a number of the records of people who have since died were closed, when legally they could be open. In addition, many deaths were never recorded in the Register, possibly due to the individual dying abroad or a number of other reasons. The records of these people would also be closed. In order to open these records and give access to users, Findmypast have cross-referenced the 1939 Register with the General Register Office's England and Wales civil registration death indexes, 1969-2006. Since this record set gives dates of birth, they can match individual deaths, where they are recorded, to the people in the 1939 Register, meaning these records can now be open. They took the decision to do this matching after they had launched so that both Findmypast and TNA were confident that the process was 100% accurate. They have cross-referencing further records on an ongoing basis, and will have more open soon. In addition, they are now opening the records of those who pass the 100 years and a day threshold on a weekly basis, at a rate of around 30,000 per month. If people wish us to look for family members, please let us know. It is £1 for every sheet we then print out for you. Lorraine said that she is using the 1939 registers to trace her family, and it is interesting that in some cases it gave the married name of women as well as their maiden name.

Councillors' report

Nothing to report

Nita asked Dave to sort out the refuse arrangements at Peregrine House, as they put their bins out on the wrong day, which means they are there, with black bin liners on top, for the best part of a fortnight, as they don't have any recycling bins to use.

Gardening and environment

Nothing to report



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AOB

Geoff said that the dumping of wooden pallets on the field opposite the White House on The Warren was continuing. Bertie de Lisle has said he thought it was a builder from Ashby. Further investigations are taking place on this.

Next meeting is 5 January 2017 at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre



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