



The Friends of  
Thringstone



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## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2017 AT THRINGSTONE HOUSE COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Present:** Nita Pearson, Ann Petty, Geoff Wilson, Dave and Julie Everitt, Ray Woodward, Bill Enser, Tracy Foulds, Bernard Lee, Mike and Ruth King, Anita Jones, Pam Porter, Maureen Simm, John Jackson

**Apologies:** Gillian Bates, Ron Hill, Kathy Mardon, Nigel and Mary Roberts, Pat Hubbard, Ann Statham, Janet Stevenson

### Discussions/Decisions.

**Marlene Reid's Christmas Toy Appeal** - This year's Toy Appeal has officially been launched, every year Marlene Reid centre helps children who for whatever reason would normally be without a gift on Christmas morning. If you think you can help by donating brand new toys for all ages, please contact 510515, or pop into Marlene Reid reception. Toys need to be with the centre BEFORE 10 December please.

**Bellway site road name and opening ceremony** – This took place on 18 November. Over 50 family members came along to see the road naming ceremony at which the Army Cadets marched. We were pleased to see Jean and John, the children of Bill Rennocks turn up to the event – it was John's 86<sup>th</sup> birthday as well. It was very satisfying to see so many people after all the hours of hard work researching the families for Bellway in order that names for the roads could be selected – and not all names researched and families contacted were used. It was also interesting to talk to people who now live on the estate, many of whom have moved from Leicester and Coventry to live here. Nita has done two interviews as a result of this – one with CV Times and the other with Mr Leicester from Leicester Mercury. Unfortunately, the CV Times put that the roads were Rennocks Place, Gee Lane, Jones Close and Green Road, which should have been Griffin Road. Copies of some of the photos have been sent to the webmaster, and also run off for our portfolio.

**Ashby and Coalville Lions' Santa Sleigh** –Remember that this is coming round the village on 20 December, starting on The Green at 5.30pm, then going down to Glebe Road, Henson's Lane, round Melrose Road to end hopefully at 8.30 ish on the service road on Loughborough Road.

**Unwanted Christmas decorations** - do you have any decorations you would like to donate to the centre? Quite a lot of things have already been donated, but there is a need for tinsel and that sort of thing. Please let the centre know if you are able to help.



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**Carols On The Green** – Please try to come to Carols On The Green on 15 December. As usual, we will leave St Andrew’s at 6.30pm, and sing carols outside til 7.15pm then adjourn into the Methodist Chapel Hall for refreshments and entertainment from the choir of the U3A. Please put this date in your calendars!

**Monthly litter pick total** – 152 bags against **153** for the same month last year.

**Chairs Report**

**Letters received:** As above.

**Emails received:** Various from people with whom we regularly share information

**Emails sent:** Various to groups and individuals as usual.

**Promotion:** We have 474 **twitter followers**, which is 7 more than last month, and 549 **facebook followers**, which is 22 more than last month. We are continuing to post details of local events and also historical photos on both sites

**Other:** Nita collected 2 Whitebeam and 2 Holly bushes from the free scheme at NWLDC. It is 10 years since this scheme started, and Nita was asked to send an email in with photos showing the benefit that these free trees have given us over the last 10 years which she has.

Nita contacted the new head of community services at NWLDC – Paul Sanders, and sent him details of our group and our current newsletter. He has replied to say that he would like to meet up with us sometime in the New Year.

**Finance Report**

<b>Gen Fund held 1st of month</b> (bank + petty cash + float)	<b>£2,315.53</b>		
<b>Income</b>		<b>Expenditure</b>	
Publications	£36	Broadband	£10.50
Raffle	£12	Teamprint	£36.80
Donation from U3A	£40	Stationery	£3.00
		Prize for U3A	£4
Photograph sales	£7	Printing at the centre	£5.10
<b>total income to general fund</b>			
	£95		£59.40
		<b>Total general fund at month end</b>	<b>£2,351.13</b>

**Publications Report**

Nita sold a copy of the Viaduct photo and a copy of the Carter fields photo. She has also sold 2 copies each of Thringstone and Its People, Businesses in Thringstone and Pubs in Thringstone.

**Web Report**

The website has been updated with minutes to date, plus newsletters to date. In addition, all the photos waiting to go onto the site have been added. Thanks to John for doing this. Nita put on facebook all the details of our website on 14 November, which resulted in 19 new people viewing the website that day. Nita intends to keep reminding people on facebook and twitter about our website going forward.

**Police Report**



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We were told by one of the decorators who was working on the communal areas on the Melrose Road site that he had had a circular saw and radio stolen. He left them in the communal areas to go to his car and when he came back, they had been taken. He did not bother to report this to the police.

We also understand that a lady on the Glebe Road estate didn't lock her car and left her handbag in there, which was then stolen. Please make sure you lock your cars, and take out all valuables.

Someone also broke the glass to the phone box on The Green during the last week of November.

Vehicle Crime - Hensons Lane, Thringstone - between 11pm on 14 Nov and 6.30am on 15th Vehicle left locked and secure outside home address, and next morning the vehicle had been stolen.

Burglary Other - Swallowdale, Thringstone - between 1.35pm on 12 Nov and 1pm on 17th. Garden shed left locked and secure has been entered by breaking off the padlock and property stolen.

Vehicle Crime - Main Street, Thringstone between 4pm on 23 Nov and 8am on 24 Nov. Vehicle was left locked and secure outside home address entry gained by forcing front passenger window and various items stolen.

Bogus Caller - Main Street Thringstone - 12.20pm on 24 Nov. A telephone call made to an elderly woman claiming to be the police, instructing her to withdraw £4,000 from her bank and to hand it to a courier at her home address, which she does. Please be very aware of bogus callers.

Vehicle Crime - Loughborough Road, Thringstone between 3am and 3.05am on 29 Nov. Vehicle stolen whilst parked on drive.

Road Traffic accident - on 4 December a boy ran out from behind a parked school bus into Loughborough Road and was hit by a car and taken to hospital. The police closed the road off for some time. Fortunately, he was not seriously injured. Please remind children of the dangers of running out into the road from behind parked vehicles.

We have had reports of a lady being assaulted on Main Street, close to the Booth Road junction about 3.30pm on 24 November. No further details are known, but the police and relatives of the lady concerned were making enquiries to find out more information.

A gentleman parking on the grass near the Melrose Road adult fitness equipment has been driving his vehicle over the grass by that equipment to exit the area. He has been told by the housing department not to do this again.

Our PCSO says that there was an incident on 22 November **on Main St**, where there were smashed window, no suspects seen.

Our PCSO has been in Grace due woods and seen motorbikes but unfortunately they just speed off and she can't identify who they are.

She has also been patrolling around the pavilion on Melrose Road sports field as there has been some anti-social behaviour there, but by the time she's got there they've moved on. She will try and get earlier over the next few evenings.

The CV Times of 24 November stated that, following the drugs raid in Thringstone last month, a man from Osgathorpe had received a five month custody order for common assault along with a 2 year restraining order prohibiting him from contacting the victim of his offence, and a man from Ibstock received a suspended sentence for possession of drugs with intent to supply, both of which it said were related to the drugs raid.

### Community Report and What's On

**Hare and Hounds** will be holding weekly quiz nights with cash prizes - Wednesdays 8.30pm and Sundays 7.30pm and bingo also runs at the same time. The pub closed for refurbishment on 20 November and reopens on 11 December.

**Thringstone House's quiz night**, to include monies taken from the raffle and bar takings, raised over £700 for the centre. 15 teams took part. **The FoT quiz team** came 8<sup>th</sup>

**Thringstone Members Club's** MacMillan coffee event raised £730. Well done to all concerned.



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Thringstone Primary's Wear Pink day raised £141 for Breast Cancer Care.

The carol concert at **Grace Dieu Priory** raised £140 for the Friends of Grace Dieu Priory.

- 8 Dec – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Elton John Tribute from 9pm.
- 9 Dec – **Whitwick's St John The Baptist Church** – Victorian carol singers, mulled wine, mince pies, handbell ringers at 4pm, Christmas lights switch on at Black Horse, Whitwick from 2.30pm with Santa's grotto, stalls, music etc.
- 9 Dec – **Coalville Library Christmas Fayre** 10am-3pm. Fun for all the family with local craft stalls, refreshments, Santa's grotto and Hermitage FM radio, plus three school choirs: All Saints School Choir performing at 10.30am, New Swannington School Choir performing at 12.15 and Viscount Beaumont's Schools Choir performance 1.45pm.
- 9 Dec - **Abba Tribute** at Thringstone House Community Centre. 7.30pm start. Tickets £8 from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/thringstone](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/thringstone) or direct from the centre office.
- 10 Dec – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Velvet Souls from 9pm
- 13 Dec – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Christmas Quiz in aid of Rainbows. 7.30pm start. £1 per person, maximum of 6 per team. Christmas themed buffet.
- 15 Dec – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Sheena McHugh and Keith Buck from 9pm.
- 15 Dec - **Christmas Party** for all ages in the main hall at Thringstone House Community Centre, including hot food, mulled wine, local ales, disco and plenty of festive cheer! Entry is an optional donation to support the centre. No booking required. Visit Santa in his festive grotto between 4pm & 8.30pm, only £5 per child! Includes free gift, photo and activity with Santa's helper. Booking required & limited availability. Get your tickets here: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/211995](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/211995)
- 15 Dec – **Carols On The Green**. Procession from St Andrew's at 6.30pm to sing carols round the Millennium Stone until 7.15pm. We will then all go into the Methodist Chapel Hall for refreshments etc, and singing from U3A. All welcome.
- 16 Dec – Belton Church – **Charnwood Voices** choir in concert. A voyage through Christmas. Starts at 7.30pm. Conductor Nicholas Scott-Burt. Features Harry Scott-Burt on cello. Tickets £10 to include glass of wine or soft drink and refreshments. Tickets from [tickets@charnwoodvoices.org.uk](mailto:tickets@charnwoodvoices.org.uk) or on the door.
- 17 Dec – **Breakfast with Chase at The Bull's Head**. £6 per child to include breakfast, photo with the character and drink. Numbers are limited so book early at the pub.
- 17 Dec – **Carol Service** at St Andrew's at 4pm. All welcome.
- 20 Dec – **Ashby and Coalville Lions' Santa Sleigh**. Starts at The Green at 5.30pm, goes down Main Street, down Glebe Road, Henson's Lane, Melrose Road and then up the service road on Loughborough Road (car parking permitting) around 8.30pm. Please give generously to this wonderful organisation which does such a lot.
- 22 Dec – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Band night with The Street from 9pm.
- 23 Dec - **Breakfast with Chase at The Bull's Head**. £6 per child to include breakfast, photo with the character and drink. Numbers are limited so book early at the pub.
- 23 Dec – **Thringstone Soul Club's big Christmas bash** at Thringstone Members Club. Tickets only at £5 per ticket. Contact Steve on 833531. DJs are Steve Storer, Mick Smith and Jed Purkis and singer Jayne Lesley will also be there.
- 24 Dec – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Keith Buck from 7.30pm.
- 24 Dec – **Midnight holy communion** at St Andrew's church. Starts at 11.30pm.



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- 26 Dec – **Charity football match** at Thringstone Miners FC. 10am – 1pm. Hares 11 v Thringstone 11. £5 per player. Free entry for spectators. Raffle. All money to be equally split between Olivia's Journey and Myeloma UK and Millie's Fund.
- 29 Dec – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – karaoke from 8pm.
- 31 Dec – **Black Horse, Whitwick** – Sophie Hardy from 9pm.
- 19-27 Jan – **Rapunzel at Thringstone Community Centre**. Tickets £9 OAP and children £8. Ticket booking line is [www.ticketsource.co.uk/tpads](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/tpads) or you can book on the phone to 0333 666 3366 or you can go into the centre on Thursdays between 7.30pm and 8.30pm and get tickets from the cast.
- 9 Feb - **Valentine's Day dinner** at The Conny Club, Whitwick. Upon arrival you will be presented with a chilled glass of Prosecco, before being seated for your delicious 3 course meal. Jackie Chamberlain will be there to create the perfect, romantic ambiance with a blend of carefully chosen songs. Booking is essential. Tickets available direct from the club. £14.95 per person

### History report

- Ann is continuing to tape people talking about their **memories** for the East Midlands Oral History Archive project.
- We have been told that Thringstone Co-op on St Andrew's Close opened in 1953 and closed in 1994.
- From information supplied by Mrs Hugill, we now are aware that **William Jesson Gough**, farmer of Talbot Farm, was one of the original trustees of Thringstone House, along with Rev. Cheverton Shrewsbury, M J Saunders and Charles Booth. Alice Towle was secretary. Born on 11 April 1874, William died at the farm on 6 July 1915 aged only 41 and is buried near the railings at St Andrew's. We had thought William had never married, but now discover he married Adelina Annie Tait Caldwell, born 5 September 1876 in Loughborough, the daughter of a farmer and hosiery manufacturer. They married on 24 October 1911 at St Michael's and All Angels at Bedford Park, London. The vicar conducting the service was Thringstone's Rev Cheverton Shrewsbury. When he died William left his wife £2,526 16s 6d. It would appear that they had 2 daughters called Catherine Mildred Caldwell Gough born on 25 August 1912 and Isobel Agnes Caldwell Gough on 22 March 1915 who married Ronald Dudley Herbert Draper in Barrow Upon Soar in 1949. In 1939, Adelina, Isobel (a dress designer and hosiery manufacturer) and Catherine Gough were living at 34 Woodhouse Lane, Quorn. Adelina died there on 26 September 1961 and left £21,531 15s 2d. Catherine died unmarried on 1 June 1993 in Leicester leaving £351,291 and Isobel died in 2006.
- We have a copy of an advert for the lunchtime menu at **The Queen's Head** from 1976 which is quite comprehensive. A fillet steak, chips or mash and 2 veg was £2.50 and chicken, chips and peas was 70p. The cheapest thing on the menu was ploughman's lunch for 45p.
- From a marriage certificate for Mabel Smith and John Rennocks at the Wesleyan Chapel on 26 Dec 1914, we have found out that the **Wesleyan Minister** at that time was Thomas Cottam. Born on 15 May 1874 in Preston, Lancashire, he became a minister in 1900, and was living in Huntingdon in 1911. It is unclear how long he served in this area, but by 1939



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he was living at The Manse in Ely, Cambridgeshire. He died in Cambridge on 15 January 1967.

- We have been in touch with the **Girl Guides** to ascertain when the Thringstone troops started, and have been told that 1st Thringstone Brownies' first meeting date was 14 Sept 1964. 1st Thringstone Guides' first meeting date was 15 Sept 1964 and 1st Thringstone Rainbows' first meeting date was 13 Jan 1992.
- New records of prisoners of war have been issued, and we have ascertained that **Thomas Hatherick** who lodged in Thringstone at 32 Loughborough Road prior to the war, and was a **POW in WW2** was apparently in Camp 7a, Stalag Moosburg in Germany. This was the largest prisoner of war camp in Germany in WW2 and was in Bavaria. He was a private in the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. On 30 April 1945, the camp was liberated by the 14<sup>th</sup> armoured division, and an estimated 110,000, French, Russian, US and British prisoners of war were freed, although German estimations of the number of men held there in January 1945 had been 76,248. Other WW2 POWs we have been able to find were **George Lillyman** who was in Camp 20B Stalag Marienburg on the border with Poland in what is now Malbork, **Dan Hudson** who was in camp 17a which we believe was Danzig in Germany and **Douglas Arthur Richards**, who died in a Japanese camp in Java. We are still looking for the records for Ken Gee, Frank Bowler and Jim Springthorpe from WW2 and William Lawrence who was a POW in WW1 and is missing from the currently available records.
- **Thringstone Scouts** – Nita has been researching the scouting movement in Whitwick and Thringstone, following receipt of a copy of a certificate for J W Burbank, from Thringstone Scouts dated 1921. An article in the Leicester Chronicle of 29 April 1911 mentions various local scout troops and gives details of their leaders going to Loughborough for a jamboree, including Whitwick with scout master Samuel Ernest Perry and Bardon Hill with scoutmaster Bellward and Coalville with scoutmaster E Young, but the article just says Thringstone and Coleorton, and gives no scout leaders names. We knew from other newspaper archives that in 1911 and 1913, the scout master at Whitwick was Samuel Ernest Perry, a tailor of Silver Street, and his assistant was A Pegg (probably Alfred also of Silver Street). We also know from Whitwick Parish Church newsletters that the Whitwick Scouts were active in 1914 going round houses in Whitwick taking details of occupants for the vicar. In 1916, at Robin Robinson's memorial at St Andrew's, a band of scouts were there, and one of them sounded the last post. Nita contacted the heritage section of the scouts HQ who have given us copies of documentation dated 2 August 1916. At that time, Edith Hastings, honorary secretary of the Ashby and Coalville district sent information to the scouting association on all troops under their guidance. This says that Ashby and Coalville Local Scout Association was formed in July 1916. Whitwick and Thringstone were sharing one scoutmaster, by the name of A Armstrong of Ivy Dene, Coalville and that the strength of the Thringstone group was 18. The only A Armstrong we can find in the Coalville area at that time was Arthur Armstrong who lived in Margaret Street. We have also been told by the heritage section that Scoutmaster Henry Vivian Robinson of Ashby Road, Thringstone applied for an Scoutmaster Warrant in 1921 using an HQ address of Thringstone House. Mrs Alice Towle was granted an Instructors Warrant at the same time. Mrs Towle had been superintendant at Thringstone House from 1907 until about 1920 when she moved to Cross Lane Cottages, due to ill health. She died in 1931. We, and the heritage section of the



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scouts, are assuming therefore that 1921 would be the start of the Thringstone Troop in its own right. There was a re-registration in 1931 and Henry Robinson was still the Scoutmaster. They also had a Cub Pack run by Miss D Bailey and again a re-registration in 1937. Senior Patrol Leader J. W. Burbank the recipient of the certificate was then appointed Scoutmaster with W Lawrence as ASM Rover Leader. Both gents' addresses at the time were John Street. J W Burbank was Joseph William Burbank born 20 April 1906, who in 1939 was living at 24 John Street with his wife Hilda and parents Cecil and Ethel and who died in 1980. We think W Lawrence was William Lawrence, born in 1886 who was a prisoner of war in WW1. William Lawrence was lodging with the Beniston family at 36 Main Street in 1939. Thringstone Scouts thought they were celebrating 50 years shortly. This is now obviously incorrect. We have shared all the above information and records with First Thringstone Scouts, and also provided them with pages of extra research they requested on Samuel Ernest Perry, who served in the Leicestershire Regiment and Prince of Wales Own West Yorkshire Regiment and was a Sargeant. People may remember his clothing shop at 6 Market Place, Whitwick, where Jonny Wong's now is. We have also shared our information with the grandson of Samuel Ernest Perry.

- **Forest View** – the blue house on The Green – We have discovered that in 1909, William James Gough Waldram lived there. He married Minnie Rosetta Webb of The Willows in July of that year. By 1911, when they were living at Holly Dene, Brook Lane, Thringstone, their **son Aubrey Webb Waldram** had been born – this is the same man who had the coal business on Gracedieu Road on which new houses have recently been built. William J G Waldram died on 29 April 1959 at 61 Gracedieu Road, Whitwick at which time his son Aubrey, as above, was a farmer. People may remember Aubrey's sister, **Catherine Minnie Waldram** born 1916 who was a teacher. She lived in a bungalow just outside the Thringstone boundary for years after retiring.

It doesn't look like the Waldram family lived at Forest View for long, since in 1911, they were also living in Brook Lane. It is worthwhile noting that James's sister, **Elizabeth Ann Waldram**, born on 3 January 1871, was listed in 1911 as an assistant school mistress at a church of England school. Ten years earlier she had been living in Sowerby, West Yorkshire, and lodging with a family called Gaukrodger. She was also teaching at that point. In 1915 she married Charles William Yearby, and continued to live at Holly Dene, Brook Lane, Thringstone. She died on 28 March 1950.

- **Shamrock House** – 80 Main Street – on 24 May 1915, Thomas William Barker, a widower married Emma Severn.. His address was Shamrock House which was for many years associated with the Maloney family.
- **1915 – Whitwick and Thringstone Citizen Corps. Shooting Handicap.** A shooting handicap of the above Corps took place on the Whitwick range on Saturday, 25 September 1915. The conditions consisted of ten rounds at both deliberate and rapid. The following were the results: Mr Blow deliberate 92, rapid 86, total 178 Mr Hull deliberate 82, rapid 81, served 8 total 171, Mr Robinson deliberate 90 rapid 60 served 8 total 151, Mr Burton deliberate 60 rapid 79 served 8 total 147, Mr Lester deliberate 78 rapid 56 served 9 total 143, Mr Pegg deliberate 76 rapid 47 served 5 total 128, Mr Harris deliberate 63 rapid 42 served 10 total 115, Mr Millership deliberate 84 rapid 17 served 3 total 104, Mr Dodd deliberate 27 rapid 10 served 10 total 47, Mr Holland deliberate 26 rapid 0 served 13 total



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39, Mr Hawkins deliberate 8 rapid 0 served 13 total 21. 1st Prize, Mr Blow, 2nd Mr Hull, 3rd, Mr Robinson.

The following items all relate to Thringstone school.

- **1907** – Records show that Thringstone School's headmaster was Edgar Stanley Boulter, assistants were Miss Gertie Gee, Miss Grace Webb and Miss Maud Webb. Pupil teachers were Arthur Francis Needham and Bridget Allen. We are unable currently to find out who Arthur Francis Needham was, but Bridget Allen was the daughter of Martin and Bridget Allen who lived at Turry Log House, Gracedieu. She married George Ratcliffe, a grocer, in 1920 and moved to Loughborough. We were already aware of Gertrude Gee and that she married Walter Watts. On Christmas Day 1909 when the wedding took place, the Gee family was living at Ivy Dene, which is 9 Loughborough Road. Further research has shown that Grace and Maud Webb were in full Amy Grace Webb and Louie Maud Webb, daughters of Daniel Amos and Catherine Webb of The Willows, Main Street, Thringstone whose details are recorded in Thringstone and Its People. Their sister, Edith May was also an assistant teacher according to the 1901 census and the 1891 and 1901 censuses show their elder sister Kate also as an assistant school teacher. Kate did not marry, and lived with her parents until their deaths after which she continued to live at The Willows with her brother John and his wife. Edith married Frank Hilder and moved to Leicester where, in 1939 she was a hosiery finisher. Grace married Henry Deakin Wright Morris at St Andrew's church on 28 September 1912. Mr Morriss's address had been 3 Green Lane, Whitwick. and in 1939 they were living at 98a Gracedieu Road, Whitwick. Maud married Hugh Massey and in 1939 was living with her family of 3 children at 105 Church Lane, Whitwick. The 1901 census shows another sister, Ellen, as assistant school mistress, along with Maud, Grace and Edith. Ellen married George Henry James and moved to Central Road, Hugglescote. Her daughter, Marjorie, later Mrs Stinchcombe, was an elementary school teacher.

When Mr Boulter left on 1 October 1915 to go to a school in Wigston, he was presented with an armchair and cushion by Charles Booth. The children and teachers presented him with a silver inkstand and pen and a silver mounted walking stick. He had been at the school for 13 years. Mr Boulter had been very involved with Grace Dieu Park Cricket Club, and was presented with a photograph of the current team. Mr Boulter's wife, Margaret Hannah, had died aged 43 the previous year, and had been buried at Wigston Cemetery, the couple having been very involved for a number of years with the church – All Saints, Wigston where her funeral had been held.

- **1926** – Mr Hedges, assistant head at Thringstone school, was promoted to headmaster at Copt Oak Church School. He had been with the school in Thringstone for 2 years. Mr Hedges and his wife had been very involved with the social life of the village, and helped raise £100 for the School Repair Fund. His replacement was Mr Coulter. The same year Miss Hughes also left and was replaced by Miss Tozer.
- When Miss Lee left Thringstone School after 33 years as head of the infant section in 1926, she was presented with a Chesterfield sofa following a collection from over 150 people. Miss Brewin, assistant teacher, presented Miss Lee with a handsome timepiece from the children and staff. Miss Elsie Mabel Palmer took over as head of the infant section on 12 April 1926.



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- Miss Palmer, who was born in Preston on 4 February 1886 but brought up in Kidsgrove, Worcestershire and Rawmarsh near Sheffield was the daughter of Andrew, a Wesleyan Minister. Her registration with the Teacher's Registration Scheme shows that she had a board of education certificate with credits in history and geography, a Cambridge senior local certificate with distinctions in scripture and geography, and LLA certificates in biblical history, English literature history and comparative religion. Her teaching career had started at the Bradford Memorial School in Manchester in 1904. She then went on to Little Lever Wesleyan School in Bolton until 1907 before moving to Ab Kettleby school near Melton Mowbray until 1911. She was briefly at Griffydham Wesleyan School in 1911 before moving to Belvoir Road Infants School in Coalville until 1915. Between 1915 and 1926 she was teaching at Ravenstone C of E school. By 1939 she was living at 5 The Cottages, Swannington along with her unmarried sister Eva born in March 1875. Records show that Miss Palmer, head of the infants, retired on 31 August 1949 and Mr Keen, headmaster, handed in his notice the same day. Miss Palmer had been absent from school for quite a while, as she had been suffering from glaucoma. She died, aged 95, on 4 April 1981 at the Kathleen Rutland Home for the Blind in Leicester Forest East.
- **1940**– One of the 17 evacuees from Audley Road, Birmingham that went to Thringstone was Ronald Bayliss. There were a further 14 children from Pitmaston Road in Birmingham who went to the school.
- **1941** – Miss Page was Miss Palmer's assistant
- **1946** – Miss Griffiths, domestic science teacher, left to take up another post in Market Harborough. She was replaced by Miss Hardy from Hugglescote.
- **1961 death notice** – Mr Harold Masser William Cuthbert died 21 November. This notice gave brief details including the fact that he had taught at Thringstone at some point. Further research has shown that he was born in Silver Street, Whitwick on 2 March 1886. He was the son of another Harold Cuthbert, a head teacher, who in the 1890s had taught at Whitwick School, moving briefly to Essex before going to teach at Coleorton school around 1900. Mr Cuthbert was also the nephew to Miss Mary Adeliza Cuthbert, Licentiate of the London College of Music, a well known Coleorton music teacher who had also been the organist at Whitwick and Ravenstone churches. He was living with his parents in Coleorton in 1911 and by that time was an assistant teacher. He married Clara Thorpe in Shardlow in 1913. During the first world war, he was a gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery, and on 23 July 1918, he received a commission to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps formerly the Royal Naval Air Service. There are several records you can buy from the National Archives which seem to mention him. On demob in 1919 it would seem that he was appointed to the civilian teaching staff at RAF Halton in Buckinghamshire. He then went to Thringstone school before moving to teach in Breedon on the Hill in about 1932. In 1939, he was living at Newgate House, Breedon on the Hill and was also a special constable. He retired in 1947. He was an active member of the RBL. Known to be very cheery, and a perfect gentleman, he died at 25 New Road, Water Orton, near Coleshill, Warwickshire, the home of his daughter Florence.
- **Also 1961** -Mrs Smith retired. She had gone to the school as a relief teacher during WW2, and ended up staying for 24 years. Prior to going to Thringstone school, she had taught for 5 years at Belton school and before that at Hemington. An active member of Osgathorpe WI, she was its secretary for 9 years. She was also on the committee of Osgathorpe



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Village Hall. On her retirement from Thringstone, she was presented with a watch from the staff and children by Mrs Anne Hicken, wife of the chairman of the school managers, Mr E Hickin.

- **1967** New school - Head was Don Hambleton who had been teaching in Thringstone for 11 years. Deputy was Viv Carey, who had been there for 13 years, and other teachers and their years at the school were Mrs J R Hall (3), Mrs Frazer (2), Mrs JM Hall (part time) (3), Mrs Witty (2), Mrs Wakinshaw (2), Miss Horton (11), Mrs Towers (3) and Mrs Gee was newly appointed. The school that year took part in the Coleorton Hall Fete and were highly commended. They also took part in the Worthington Fete 6 a side match, where they were runners up. The school was officially opened by Rt Hon Alice Bacon CBE, MP, Minister of State for Education and Science, and with her were Woodrow Wyatt MP, the Director of Education, the County Architect, Miss Hodgkinson and Mr Dalglish from HMI, Col. Lloyd and members of the county council's education committee, Alderman Mrs Keay, county officials and school managers. All pupils were present and the visitors enjoyed seeing a varied programme of activities, Miss Bacon spoke well and refreshments were served by Mrs Tart.

### Council report

- The drain on Loughborough Road down by the junction with the A512 which always flooded in heavy rain has been filled in and a manhole inserted in the road. A new drain has been put into Loughborough Road further up opposite the Bellway site.
- A new bench has been put by the sideline to the football pitch of Melrose Road. The bench is situated against the fencing to a property in Springfield. Another bench has been erected by the play area on Melrose Road close to the gym equipment.

### Gardening and environment

Bernard continues to weed, prune and maintain our existing planting.

### AOB

Bill said that the police went to his house a few days after his vehicle was broken into to give him a kit on keeping property safe.

There was some general discussion on a black and white spaniel which lives on Henson's Lane and roams round the village on its own.

**Next meeting is on 4 January at 6.45pm at Thringstone House/Charles Booth Centre. Have a safe and happy festive period.**



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