

THRINGSTONE BAUBLE

The newsletter for the Friends of Thringstone

April 2006

Issue 3

With the opening of Grace Dieu Priory set for 1st and 2nd July, and with the many other exciting developments happening within our village, we are producing our third newsletter for residents of Thringstone and visitors to our area.

Friends of Thringstone's aims are to improve the village for residents and visitors alike. We do this by various means, including undertaking planting projects to improve the appearance of the village, by working with other agencies on ensuring a clean, safe and welcoming environment for all, by keeping members informed of all village activities, and by listening and responding to people's concerns affecting their life within the village. This often involves working with other agencies to help solve difficulties being experienced.

RECENT WORK UNDERTAKEN

Work on our planting project on Drury Lane has progressed well with trees, shrubs and plants already in place. We would like to thank Midland Quarry Products for their help with this project.

Several tons of litter have been removed from the village and surrounding woodland by our group.

We continue to liaise with Friends of Grace Dieu Priory on their open event.

We have improved the information given on our website to include other links and local contact numbers. Our website address is:

<http://tringstone.hopto.org/>

We have worked with Environ to help promote composting and awareness of environmental issues affecting all at their open day on 7th May at Thringstone Community Centre.

FUTURE WORK PLANNED

We will be present at the opening of Grace Dieu Priory and also at the Picnic in the Parks, (NWLDC's flagship summer event).

We are also improving our profile by distributing additional posters and leaflets

Working to improve other areas of Thringstone after our present conservation project has ended. This may possibly include improvements to footpath M97 off Glebe Road, a planting project at Lily Bank, and other areas.

We are in negotiations with the local authorities to provide a National Forest sign at the entrance to the village and to provide other signage reflecting Thringstone's history.

Following discussions with NWLDC's Director of Environment, we are hopeful that better litter facilities will become available within the village and that dog foul bins will be placed along the Sustrans track in Grace Dieu woods.

We are seeking funding so that we can provide a small leaflet on the history of the village, which would be available for tourists. Thringstone has a long and chequered history, and we would like to see the village itself be part of the tourist trail, (as well as encouraging people to visit Grace Dieu Priory), which could potentially help our local businesses and hostleries.



GETTING INVOLVED

If you would like to help us improve Thringstone for the benefit of all, have an interest in the history of the village, want to help with our projects, can help us to produce a history leaflet or are just curious about what we are about, come along to our meetings.

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FUTURE MEETINGS

Scheduled meetings for 2006 are:

Our next meeting - Thursday the 13th April at 6:45pm at: Thringstone Community Centre with guest speaker Lynne Hughes, Community Safety Officer.

Meeting - Thursday the 18th May at 6:45pm at: Fox Inn, Main Street, Thringstone

Meeting - Thursday the 22nd June at 6:45pm at: Thringstone Community Centre

Meeting - Thursday the 3rd August at 6:45pm at: Thringstone Community Centre

Meeting - Thursday the 14th September at 6:45pm at: Thringstone Community Centre

Meeting - Thursday the 19th October at 6:45pm at: Thringstone Community Centre

Meeting - Thursday the 7th December at 6:45pm at: Thringstone Community Centre

Any changes in venue will be announced in the local newspapers in 'What's on', but if you want more immediate information, please contact any of our committee, names given below, who will be pleased to help.

LOOK AFTER OUR VILLAGE

Thringstone is a beautiful area to live in. Let's all work together to keep it that way!

If you are aware of a problem that detracts from village life, report it to the correct authority. The list of **Useful Numbers** may help.



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Leicestershire CC Offices	01162 323232
Footpaths	01162 657083
NW Leics. Council Offices	01530 454545
Dog Warden Service	01530 454563
Flytipping	01530 454616
Noise Problems	01530 454609
Highways Officer	01530 513333
Domestic Waste Collection	01530 454618
Community Centre	01530 222337
David Taylor MP	01530 814372

CONTACT NAMES & NUMBERS

For further information on how to join the Friends of Thringstone, please contact any of the members listed below:

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S Morgan	01530 503822	(Secretary)
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<http://tringstone.hopto.org/>