

THRINGSTONE BAUBLE

The newsletter for the Friends of Thringstone

August 2006

Issue 4

Here is our fourth newsletter for residents of Thringstone and visitors to our area, produced free of charge for you by Friends of Thringstone, a voluntary group who aim to improve the appearance of the village, keep it safe, clean and welcoming, protect and promote its history, help keep village shops open and work to protect natural areas within the village for the future.

WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW

We've been busy recently, and here are just some of the things we have done since our last newsletter in April.

- Thanks to partnership working, we have completely restored Drury Lane as an access point to Bob's Closs, and are presently working on getting the signage back for this important historical area.
- We have carried out our 6th litter pick, and cleared the village and surrounding woodland of several tons of litter.
- Several members of our group have worked with the community centre on their annual hayrake, and also worked with Friends of Gracedieu on landscape maintenance work at the Priory.
- We are also working with the council on getting the signage back for

Bauble Yard, an area off Main Street where the bauble or spar industry was run for several years in the 1800s.

- We have started work on getting a history trail walks leaflet produced for the village and are applying for funding for this.
- We've slightly revised our constitution, giving us broader areas to work towards in the hope that these will further improve Thringstone for residents and visitors alike.
- We had a stand at Picnic in the Parks, the flagship event for NW Leicestershire District Council, and through plant and bric a brac sales raised enough money to complete some of our projects.



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP US

As part of our history project, we want to hold taped conversations with older villagers, talking about their memories of Thringstone. Some of these have already been done, but there's so much more to do. After taping, we would like to have these tapes available on MP3 in the future, with sound bites on our website, so that people can buy and access them. We also want to have them transcribed to written form, as we hope that local schools, including Thringstone County Primary, may wish to have access to them in the future as part of any history project they undertake.

If you would like to help with this aspect of our project, please contact us, as we would love to hear from you.

We've already discovered that, like many villages, Thringstone used to have a maypole, heard many tales of life in the village during the war years, found out about evacuees and prisoners of war working on local farms and listened to many stories of life as a villager.

All this history will be lost to future generations unless it is recorded. Please help us with this if you can.

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FANCY COMING TO A MEETING?

Our meetings are friendly affairs, and you would be welcome at any of our meetings. These are held monthly and membership is open to all on payment of a small subscription of £1. In return, you will get a membership card, and minutes of all our meetings, whether you have attended or not, and have the opportunity to put your concerns forward. We aren't just about meetings though, as we have social events too for members, so please consider joining us. There's always room for more members!

Meetings for the remainder of 2006 are:

Thursday 19th October 6.45pm at the Community Centre

Thursday 7th December 6.45pm at the Community Centre

Meeting dates for 2007 will be announced in our next newsletter at Christmas.

If you want more information, please contact any of our committee, names given below, who will be pleased to help.



GRACEDIU ROAD



Above is a water colour showing Gracedieu Road around 1800. The artist is unknown.

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

USEFUL NUMBERS

Police (Non-emergency)	01162 222222
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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For the latest local information check out our web space at:

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

Bird Food for sale in Thringstone

All profits to the R.S.P.B.

Peanuts, Mixed seed, Pine seed, Black sunflower seeds, Sunflower hearts, Niger seed, High energy with insects mixture, Fat balls large & small

1 kilo and 2 kilo bags
20 kilo and 25 kilo sacks

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