

THRINGSTONE BAUBLE

The newsletter for the Friends of Thringstone

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This is our 5th newsletter for residents of Thringstone and visitors to our area, produced free of charge for you by Friends of Thringstone, a voluntary group aiming 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.



VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Have you noticed all the improvements and changes going on in Thringstone lately?

Here are some things you may have noticed

- Work has been done on the pedestrian crossing on The Green, the road camber has been altered slightly near the Methodist Church Hall to stop water building up on that corner and local councillors are looking at other ways of improving the village
- Friends of Thringstone have put up 2 blue historical plaques. I won't tell you where they are, other than going down Main Street might help you find them. No prizes for the first one to spot them and report back to us though!
- We have also been busy clearing away overgrown areas near Millbank Estate and hopefully making the area look more attractive when Spring comes along. Many thanks to local residents for coming out and helping us with this.
- Following consultation with the County Council, we are in the process of planting more trees and shrubs on grass verges within the village.



- We are continuing to tape local residents talking about the village in days gone by. Many thanks to those who have offered to talk to us, and also to the volunteers involved in the taping. One mass taping session done recently at the community centre was very enjoyable, so much so that we may have another one, so if

you are approached to tell us about your memories, please come along, as it is really good fun.

- We have made efforts to secure further funding for a summer event, more of which in a later newsletter. That said, if anybody wants to help organise any summer event we do, please contact us, as any help will not be refused.
- A funding application has been sent in to hopefully secure the funding of two National Forest signs for the village. Thringstone is after all a gateway village to the National Forest and we feel this should be marked.
- Our funding bid for a history trail walk leaflet is being processed in January. Again we are hopeful that this will enable us to be able to produce a walk leaflet available at local outlets, which will bring more people into the village to walk round, and hopefully buy something at our shops or stop in one of the village's hostelrys. We all need to support our village shops, pubs and the post office.
- We are planning a sponsored walk to take place on Sunday 14th January 2007. This will be to raise more funds to enable us to continue our improvement works and will be widely advertised. Sponsorship forms are available from any committee member listed below, or from the Community Centre, so if you don't fancy going on a 5 mile after-Christmas walk, just sponsor one of us who is walking please.



We would really value your help and support in our work, and welcome suggestions on how we can further improve the village for everyone.

If you have any suggestions, don't feel you have to come to a meeting if they don't appeal to you. Ring any of the committee and have a chat with them.



PLEASE JOIN OUR MEETINGS



Meetings are friendly things, and you can get a full flavour of the items discussed, and maybe add your own views. Our meeting dates for 2007 to be held at the Community Centre to start at 6.45pm are as follows:

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| January 18th | February 22 nd |
| March 22 nd | April 26 th |
| May 24th | June 28th |
| July 26th | September 6 th |
| October 11th | November 15 th |
| December 6th | |

If you would like to come along, please do. Membership of our group is only £1, and for that you will get a membership card which will last through to our next AGM in June, plus copies of all the minutes of meetings held, whether you were present or not.



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 454620
Noise Problems	01530 454488
Highways Officer	01530 513333
Domestic Waste Collection	01530 454572
Community Centre	01530 222337
David Taylor MP	01530 814372
Cllr. Pam Clayfield	01530 224804
Cllr. Rod Evans	01530 458859



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