

THRINGSTONE BAUBLE

The newsletter of The Friends of Thringstone

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This is our final newsletter for 2007, delivered and produced free of charge to residents of Thringstone, 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.

CHRISTMAS GIFT AND CRAFT

FAYRE

This is the perfect opportunity to buy unique gifts and seasonal items, and order meat for the festive season.

**Come along to
Thringstone Community Centre,
The Green, Thringstone,
on Saturday 8th December 2007 from
10am to 3pm.**

Lots of stalls, all different and individual.

Visit Santa in his grotto.

Listen to a fairground organ. Sing carols, and see the handbell ringers.

Hot fresh food will be available.

ALL WELCOME!

WHAT HAVE WE DONE

LATELY?

- Since our last newsletter, we have received further funding which has allowed us to plant **trees and shrubs** on a previously untidy and unutilised piece of land on Main Street. As mentioned in our last newsletter, we hope to then dedicate this site to Robert Newton, a well known, and well liked, local figure and historian who gave a lot to the village in his lifetime.
- We are actively working on our **2008 Heritage Event**, on 6th September 08. This will link with the mining heritage of the village, and with the 110th anniversary of the Whitwick Pit Disaster, as well as with the 100th anniversary of the start of Old Age Pensions, which came about because of the work of Charles Booth, who lived locally. If you wish to be part of the heritage event in 2008, please contact the event co-ordinator.
- **A Friends of Thringstone calendar**, featuring many local villagers and groups is now available for £5. We hope to have these on

sale at local outlets, but if you want to order one now, please contact the chairman on the number below.

- We have attracted funding which has allowed us to start the process to **put into book form the memories of local residents**, taken from tapes now deposited with East Midlands Oral History Archive. We feel a book recording the memories of people who have lived in the village will be useful in the future, not only to schools and students, but also to those people wishing to know more about the history of their family and the area.
- We are still looking to **tape more residents** talking about the village in days gone by, and also collect copies of any old photos people may have of the village. If you have photos you think would be of interest to us, please contact us on any of the numbers below.
- We will be moving our website to another address shortly, but will be keeping you informed.



BE A FRIEND!

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.

Our 2008 meetings will be held at 6.45pm at Thringstone Community Centre on:

January 10th
February 7th
March 6th
April 10th
May 8th
June 5th
July 10th
Sept 11th
Oct 9th
Nov 6th
Dec 11th

We also have regular events meetings to plan our events throughout the year. Our meeting in either June or July will include a visit to Swannington Mill.



If you would like to come along, please do. **Membership of our group is only £2.50**, and for that you will get a full membership, with a membership card, which will last through to our next AGM in June 2008. You will also receive copies of all the minutes of meetings held during the year, whether you were present or not.



USEFUL NUMBERS

Police (Non-emergency)	01162 22222
Leicestershire CC Offices	01162 32323
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
Cllr Pam Clayfield	01530 224804
Cllr. Dave Everitt	01530 223074
David Taylor MP	01530 814372



Contact names & numbers

For further information on how to join the Friends of Thringstone, or to be part of any of our planned events, please contact any of the members listed below:

N Pearson	01530 223434	(Chairman)
T Newton	01530 222064	(Vice chair)
G Wilson	07767 436706	(Secretary)
P Porter	01530 469474	(Treasurer)
R Woodward	01530 831542	(Events)
S Newton	01530 222064	(Ass. Events)
R Summers	01530 450735	(History)
R Neal	01530 451204	(Environment)

Alternatively email our webmaster at:

webmaster.thringstone@ntlworld.com

For the latest local information, full details of what we have achieved since our inception in 2005, details of our constitution and equal opportunities policies, details of our craft fayre stalls, photographs and archives, check out our web space at:

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



This newsletter was designed by J Smith, our webmaster.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

We have a range of publications, listed below, available from Thringstone Community Centre, The George and Dragon, and The George at Coleorton, or at our meetings.

- Thinksun Born an' Bred Part 1 by Joan Brotherhood Blackey.
- Thinksun Born an' Bred Part 2 by Joan Brotherhood Blackey.
- Thringstone Village Trail (the blue plaque walk).
- Charnwood Forest Railway and Canal, Gracedieu Priory and Manor (includes the Viaduct).
- The Warren and Cademan Woods.

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Blackbrook Traditional Meat will be at the Christmas Gift and Craft Fayre. See them there and take advantage of this fantastic opportunity to talk to the people connected with the farm about what they offer, and order meats for Christmas.