



Welcome to second newsletter of 2008, produced and delivered free of charge to residents of Thringstone, by Friends of Thringstone.

Friends of Thringstone is the only group of its kind in Leicestershire, if not in the East Midlands.

What do we do?

- By undertaking environmental clearance work, planting shrubs, bushes, trees and plants, we work on improving the village and surrounding woodlands, so that it is nicer for residents and visitors alike. By doing this, we hope to engender a sense of community pride, and encourage more people to come to the village, which will help keep village businesses open.
- We also work to promote and protect the history of our village and surrounding woodlands by providing booklets on the village and beyond. By doing this, we again hope to encourage people to visit our village, spend some time in our shops and visit our local public houses and restaurants. We are setting up regular walks from The Green during the summer months, which will be widely advertised, and help promote the village to interested parties. See below for dates.

Did you know that Thringstone was mentioned in The Domesday Book?

What can you do?

The Fox has now closed. The Rose and Crown is closed until it can find a new manager. Other pubs are under threat. Over the years, we have lost the Co-op, the newsagents, the butchers and the small shop in Fox Terrace, which were all facilities for the village. We have, however, gained a beauty and tanning salon, another hairdressers shop, and are likely to see another care home. The new children's centre at the bottom of Henson's Lane will also shortly be open. We don't want a village devoid of shopping and leisure facilities, and businesses are still under threat. By getting more visitors to our village, we at least give local businesses the chance of more trade. Do something to help, and join our group. Together we can try to do something about it.

Did you know that Carterdale is named after Cuddy Carter, whose farm was on the site?

WHAT HAVE WE DONE LATELY?

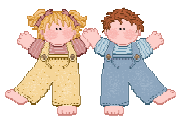
- On a snowy February morning, we removed 23 bags of rubbish from the area near Thringstone Members Club, down the Sustrans track to the Melrose Play Area.
- In March, we met with Brady Haran from BBC East Midlands Today and he filmed us talking about all the blue plaques in the village, as part of his Route 366 series.
- Thanks to funding from the WI, we have produced a new booklet called Memories of Thringstone Part 1. This gives lots of information about the village in days gone by. We are donating 25 copies of this brochure to Thringstone Primary School, so that the children of the future will know something about the village in the 1900s. This booklet is available at local outlets and at our meetings.
- We have finished planting a former derelict area of land at the bottom of Main Street with a variety of trees and shrubs. This should help to brighten up that area, following on from the work we have done on Millbank.
- Following a generous donation to our group, we have started to replant and redesign the Community Centre garden so that it looks at its best all year round. We will also put up a small plaque to commemorate the life of Robert Newton, a well-loved villager whose history knowledge and promotion was well-known.
- We are working with local and national partners on a new Blue Plaque Heritage Scheme, which could benefit the village by broadcasting our history and facilities to a wider market.
- Our **2008 Heritage Event will be in September 2008.** The themes will be mining and pensions, with the 110th anniversary of the Whitwick Pit Disaster, and the 100th anniversary of the start of Old Age Pensions, which came about because of the work of Charles Booth, who lived locally. Entertainment already confirmed includes children's entertainer, a brass band, a bouncy castle, pony rides, an old fire engine, ice cream man, fairground organ, Carillon Radio, heritage



and history displays, hot food sales and various craft stalls. Money raised from this event is ploughed back into the village.

- We are working with the library service to promote the mobile library which visits the village fortnightly on a Tuesday between 9.15am and 4.15pm, and allows people free internet access, free books and talking books. Our website contains full details of when the mobile library visits.

Did you know that Henson's Lane is named after the Henson family who were village blacksmiths?



BE A FRIEND!

Our June 2008 meetings is our AGM and we are having a special visit to Swannington Mill and then adjourning to a local public house for our meeting. All other meetings are held at 6.45pm at Thringstone Community Centre on:

- July 10th
- Sept 11th
- Oct 9th
- Nov 6th
- Dec 11th

Membership of our group is £2.50, and for that you will get a full membership, which will last through to the next AGM. You will also receive copies of all the minutes of meetings held during the year, whether you were present or not.



OUR CONTACT NAMES & NUMBERS

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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, etc. check out our web space at:

<http://www.friends-of-thringstone.org.uk/>



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.
- Memories of Thringstone Part One

Walk Dates – come and join us!:

Sunday 27th July, 2pm The Green - Blue Plaque walk

Sunday 17th August, 2pm The Green - Grace Dieu woods, the canal, viaduct and railway

Sunday 21st September, 2pm The Green - Cademan and Swannymote



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