



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



Carols round the Christmas tree - Look out for the Christmas tree and lights that Friends of Thringstone are donating to the Community Centre just prior to the Christmas period. Come along to join in the carols round the tree with the help of St Andrews choir at 7pm on 19th December. Drink and food will be available!

The period leading up to Christmas can be a really hectic time for most families, and whilst the same applies within our group, we are busy making plans for 2009, looking at what we can do within the village and areas where improvements would be welcome.

We discuss these plans at our meetings. If you think that there are things we should be looking at, please let us know by coming to our meetings and putting your voice across. We are a really friendly group and are willing to consider all points of view.

Friends of Thringstone can only operate if we have members who are willing to take part and help with things we plan. Our meetings are held at 6.45pm at Thringstone Community Centre, and our 2009 meetings will be held on 8th January 2009, 19th February 2009, March 12th 2009, April 16th 2009, May 21st 2009, June 11th 2009, July 9th 2009, September 10th 2009, October 8th 2009, November 12th 2009 and December 10th 2009.

What are we up to right now?

- We are hosting a drop in meeting at the community centre to look at old photos of Thringstone and talk about things as they used to be on Thursday 20th November from 2-4pm. We are still working on putting together a full archive list of old photographs of the village, and intend eventually to produce a booklet of photographs of Thringstone now and then.
- We have finished planting at The Community Centre, and by the church wall which runs from Loughborough Road towards Main Street.
- We hosted a visit by Citrus Group to talk to members about their plans for The Fox site.
- We joined in with Thringstone Primary School as part of NWLDC'S Big Tidy campaign, have linked with the army cadets, leaders and explorers and other young people to do a clean up within the woodland area, and are continuing to carry out our own litter picks in the village.
- We are hopeful of being able to work with the church to donate some money towards the restoration and cleaning of Charles Booth's grave within St Andrew's churchyard.
- We have now achieved a good link with Coalville's Town Twinning links in Romans-sur-Isere to discuss best practice on environmental themes.

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

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thringstone Community Centre has rooms available for week night parties free! If you want to use the bar lounge which accommodates up to 40 people, bring your own food, but agree to use the fully staffed bar, we could help you.

Weekend hire of the upstairs main hall costs from £65. This room accommodates up to 100 people, is ideal for family parties and celebrations, and there is an adjacent kitchen and staffed licensed bar.

The lounge/middle function room is also available to hire from £60. This facility is on the ground floor and can accommodate 50 people, so is ideal for a small family gathering. There is a kitchen nearby and wheelchair access. The facility has a staffed licensed bar.

If you are interested in using Thringstone Community Centre for a function please telephone 01530 222337 for further details.



OTHER EVENTS IN THRINGSTONE

Fri 5th December 2008

Christmas Carols at Grace Dieu Priory

A torchlight procession from the Bulls Head, Thringstone car park at 7pm. Go along and enjoy some mulled wine and mince pies. Free entrance but a collection will be taken, the proceeds going towards the upkeep of the Priory. For further details telephone 01530 223201. Why not consider making a night of it with a meal at The Bulls Head telephone 01530 224327.

Web site: <http://www.gracedieupriory.co.uk>



OUR 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:

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| N Pearson | 01530 223434 | (Chairman) |
| T Newton | 01530 222064 | Treasurer) |
| J Stevenson | 07815 112475 | (Minute Sec) |
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| M Smith | 01530 457677 | (Children's liaison) |

Alternatively email our webmaster at:

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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, health and safety and equal opportunities policies, etc. check out our web space at www.friends-of-thringstone.org.uk

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.

- Friends of Thringstone 2009 Calendar with full colour local photographs of the village
- 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
- Memories of Thringstone Part Two

The George and Dragon are offering a full festive package from 1st December in the run up to Christmas. Their extensive Christmas Fayre menu is £19.50 per head for 3 courses and parties are welcome - please book in advance.

If you fancy having your Christmas lunch on the day at the George and Dragon, a 6 course meal including welcome drink is available for £49.50 per head, with concession rates for children. You will need to book early by contacting the George and Dragon on 01530 222282.

Fancy spending New Year's Eve at The George and Dragon? They have live entertainment with Ricky Diamond (Neil Diamond Tribute Artist) with full evening buffet for £20 per person. Bookings only on the number above.

WIZARD OF OZ - THE PANTOMINE AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE

From Thursday 15th January 2009 until Saturday 24th January 2009. Matinees on both Saturdays (17th and 24th). Ticket prices remain at last year's levels of £7.00 adults and £6.00 child/concessions. Concession rates for senior citizens are available on Thursday 15th and Monday 19th performances. Contact 834575 for tickets.

'**The King and I**' will be the May musical which will run from 11th to 16th May 2009, with a matinee performance on Saturday 16th. Prices again are £7.00 Adult and £6.00 Child/Concession with concession rates available on Monday and Tuesday performances only.

Christmas Services – St. Andrew's Church Thringstone

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| 7 th December | 09.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 04.00pm | Christingle |
| 14 th December | 10.30am | 'Messy Church' |
| 21 st December | 09.00am | Holy Communion |
| | 06.00pm | Lessons and Carols |
| 24 th December | 04.00pm | Crib Service |
| | 11.15pm | Midnight Communion |
| 25 th December | 10.30am | Holy Communion |

