



**W**elcome to our first newsletter of 2009, produced and delivered free of charge to residents of Thringstone, by Friends of Thringstone.

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Thank you to everybody who came along to sing carols round the tree at the Community Centre on 19<sup>th</sup> December. We hope you enjoyed seeing the tree lit up. We feel it added to the Christmas spirit in the village.

Friends of Thringstone has been busy since the last newsletter talking to people about the proposals to build further housing in our village. We are not a political group, but feel from an environment angle that further building could be potentially damaging for our village, and also for its identity.

We have also been busy promoting a reduction in the carbon footprint for individuals and businesses within the village.

### **Fancy coming to our meetings?**

Our meetings are open to all, but we hope that people who come along will join us as members. Our meetings are held at Thringstone Community Centre at 6.45pm and the dates for 2009 are: March 12<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, May 21<sup>st</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup>, October 8<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Alison McCafferty, Energy Advice Officer from NWLDC is booked as guest speaker at our May meeting.

### **What are we up to right now?**

- We joined again with Thringstone Primary School in January to collect litter and remove rubbish from the village.
- We helped Thringstone Primary School with their bulb planting at St Andrew's.
- We have joined Enable, the County Council's environment group.
- We put together a submission to the Footprint Challenge run by NWLDC and are awaiting news of whether we have been successful
- We have applied for East Midlands in Bloom to have our planting work considered for an award under their Neighbourhoods category.
- We are still 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 wrote to NWLDC detailing our concerns, from an environmental angle, over the proposals to build further properties within our village as part of the Local Development Framework.
- We submitted a petition to the Highways Forum of Leicestershire County Council about the traffic calming near the Bull's Head, which we consider to be dangerous.
- We have met with the Neighbourhoods Manager at NWLDC to talk about a possible Thringstone Forum. This is a council lead initiative, and would bring

together various key people connected with crime, health and safety and other issues together at a meeting geared around helping villagers with issues with which they may have a problem. This forum is likely to be set up later in the year.

- We hope to link with the Community Centre to help provide a patio area at the top of Bob's Closs.

**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. If you have email, these will be emailed to you, but if not, we hand-deliver minutes to our members.

### **Village News**

Thringstone Off-Licence now is a Lotto outlet, so you can now buy lottery tickets from this venue.

Thringstone Community Centre is hoping to be able to turn their house lounge area into a café during the daytime. Volunteers are needed for this enterprise to get off the ground. Kitchen staff and serving staff will be required, and opening hours will depend upon the amount of volunteer support generated. Please contact the centre if you can help on 222337.

Volunteers are needed to help with work on Bob's Closs, the designated wildlife site, situated behind the community centre. Brook clearance and coppicing is needed, in addition to the annual



August hay-rake. If you want to help, please contact the Community Centre.

Volunteers are also need to help with the summer play-scheme at the Community Centre. Please contact the centre if you can help.

## EVENTS IN THRINGSTONE

**MUSICIANS ROBIN AND BINA WILLIAMSON ARE APPEARING AT THRINGSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SAT 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH. TICKETS £7 FROM THE CENTRE.**

### **GEORGE AND DRAGON**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> – Phil Carr**

**March 14<sup>th</sup> - Soul and Motown Disco**

**March 21<sup>st</sup> – Randell (Soul and Motown Singer)**

**March 28<sup>th</sup> – New Orleans Hotshots**

**The George and Dragon are now serving breakfasts from 9am Monday to Friday, and are also selling fresh farm foods, and meat can be ordered. Talk to Pete when you call in about what is available, or for further details on any of the above, please contact the George and Dragon on 222282.**

THRINGSTONE PANTOMIME AND DRAMA SOCIETY'S NEXT PRODUCTION IS THE KING AND I WHICH WILL RUN FROM 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY TO 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY. TICKETS ARE RELEASED IN FEBRUARY. PLEASE CONTACT 01530 834575 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

## 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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Alternatively email our webmaster at:

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](http://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.

- Thrinksun Born an' Bred Part 1 by Joan Brotherhood Blackey.
- Thrinksun 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

## TONY NEWTON DRIVING

*D.S.A., A.D.I. (car)*

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