



Welcome to our final newsletter of 2009, produced and delivered free of charge to residents of Thringstone, by Friends of Thringstone.

Big news from us this newsletter is that Friends of Thringstone won an Outstanding Achievement Award at the East Midlands In Bloom Neighbourhood Awards 2009, at a civic presentation in Nottingham.

The judging, which took place in July, took into account our floral planting schemes, our general landscaping works, the cleanliness of the village and lack of litter, and the overall impression of the village as a whole.

Out of a possible 200 marks, we scored 171, and are delighted that our work has been recognised at a regional level.

What are we up to right now?

- We are continuing to link with the school and with NWLDC and local businesses on various projects. This includes the possibility of archeological investigations at the former Thringstone Halt, part of the Charnwood Forest Railway line which ran through the area, and connected with the station in Whitwick.
- Do you have any photographs of the village in days gone by? We are looking to extend our archives, and are always on the look out for new photographs. We are especially keen to hear from anybody with photographs of the 1950s or 1960s or who might wish to be recorded talking about the village in those decades.
- We are also in need of some Grandma's Favourite Recipes. If you have any old recipes that might be of interest, let us know, as we are considering putting together a brochure of photographs of the village in the past and combining these with old recipes. Please contact our Chairman if you can help with this.

- We have organised our bulb planting ready for next Spring. We are also intending to look towards continued seasonal planting in some areas.
- Our walks programme has now finished for the year, but a full programme of historical and health walks has been put together for 2010, to include walks as part of the National Forest Walks Festival at the end of May. Our first walk in 2010 will be on 14th March. Further details in the next newsletter. Thanks to all those people who have supported our walks during the year.



Cademan and Swannymote Leicestershire Walks Festival Sept 2009

COME AND JOIN US

What can you get for £2.50? You are probably thinking nothing much. However, you can get something really worthwhile. By becoming a member of Friends of Thringstone, for the sum of just £2.50, you can learn more about what is happening in the village.

We don't just have meetings, get involved in planting schemes and go on litter picks. We also take part in events around the area where we have stalls, and we have a lot of fun.

In the last couple of months alone, we have had a challenge bowls match with St Andrew's Church at Thringstone Bowls Club, and also taken part in the Village Quiz at Thringstone House Community Centre.

For more information on our meetings or becoming a member, call any of our committee below.



Events Coming Up In Thringstone

Sat 14th November – Fresh from the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards, Musician of the Year Tom McConville (The Newcastle Fiddler), David Newey and Joss Elliott in Concert at Thringstone House Community Centre. 7.45pm start. Tickets £8, concessions £7 to include supper. More details from Lorraine on 222337.

Sat 21st November – The Blues Cats at The George and Dragon, Thringstone

Sat 28th November – The Warlock, rock and roll and rhythm and blues at The George and Dragon, Thringstone

Friday 4th December – Carols at Grace Dieu Priory. Meet at The Bull's Head, Grace Dieu at 7pm and walk by torchlight down to the ruins for carols at 7.30pm led by Beltones Choir. Refreshments available include mince pies and mulled wine, and a raffle will be held.

Saturday 5th December – New Orleans Hotshots at The George and Dragon, Thringstone

Friday 11th December – Carols and lanterns at Thringstone Community Centre. Join Friends of Thringstone by the Christmas tree and have a drink in the Centre afterwards. Procession leaves the church at 7pm.

Saturday 12th December – Gary Setterfield, Elton John Tribute artist at The George and Dragon, Thringstone. Evening includes Christmas menu at £19.50 per head. Booking essential on 222282. Take a look at the website which is www.georgeanddragon.co.uk

Saturday 19th December – The Pheromones, male harmony duo at The George and Dragon, Thringstone.

Fancy a walk with a difference?

Both a ghost walk and a history walk to the priory are available during December. Please contact 01530 458872 for further details.

Police Beat Surgeries in Thringstone

will be held between 10.15 and 11am on the following dates at The Green:

19th November and 3rd December.

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:

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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

Publications listed below are available from Thringstone Community Centre, The George and Dragon, or at our meetings.

- Thinksun Born an' Bred Part 1 and Part 2 by Joan Brotherhood Blackey.
- Thringstone Village Trails 1, 2 and 3
- Memories of Thringstone Parts 1 and 2

Bird Food sold at competitive prices
All profits to the **R.S.P.B.**
Mixed Seed, Peanuts, Sunflower black & peeled,
Niger seed and Fat balls
Small bags (1 or 2 kilos) or full sacks (20 kilos)
6 Heathfield, Thringstone
Tel: 07815 112475

Christmas at The George and Dragon, Thringstone

Christmas Fayre menu available during December - £19.50 for 3 courses

Christmas Day menu – £49.50 for 6 courses. Booking essential, places limited

New Year Eve Cabaret and Carved

Buffet – entertainment with Nicky Diamond - £25 per ticket. Booking essential.

Merry Christmas from Pete and the team.

