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Thringstone, by Friends of

elcome to our first newsletter of 2010, produced and delivered free of charge to residents of Thringstone, by Friends of Thringstone.

What are we up to right now?

- We have planted in excess of 1,700 bulbs around the village, which should make quite a show in the Spring
- We've been liaising with various agencies about a possible youth art provision within the village
- We have met with a member of the Coleorton heritage team, and hope to be able to information share
- We are shortly going to add history information to our website which was previously part of Thringstone On Line. That means people with an interest in the history of the village and the area generally can find all the information in one place
- We worked with NWLDC on their wellbeing event in January promoting Friends of Thringstone as a worthwhile organisation to join if you want to volunteer and get a greater work/life balance
- We are looking into providing printed information on St Andrew's church and graveyard at some point in the future
- We have worked out a full programme of walks for 2010 to include some new walks using local footpaths and tracks. Our first walk is the Blue Plaque Walk on 14th March leaving from The Green at 2pm. Further walks include 11th April, Cademan and Swannymote history walk leaving The Green at 2pm and 25th April Grace Dieu, Cademan and surrounding woodland footpath walk leaving The Green at 10.30am. There is a cost of £2 per person for our walks.

COME AND JOIN US

What can you get for £2.50? 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.

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

Did you know?

Thringstone House (the eighteenth century farm house part of the Community Centre) was purchased by Charles Booth from Mrs Louise White of Swannington for £700 on 25th March 1901 for the purpose of providing local inhabitants with a meeting place for social, educational and recreational activity. In 1911, the architect, Harry Fletcher of London, designed the two-storey hall to the rear, and the Thringstone Trust was founded to ensure that the building be used in perpetuity for the benefit of the inhabitants of Thringstone, Whitwick, Swannington, Worthington, Osgathorpe, Coleorton and Belton.

Thringstone Members Club

Fancy a game of bingo, and don't want to travel into town? Thringstone Members Club offer bingo on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday nights at 9pm for only £1 a book.

Membership of the club is only £3 for a year. Call in to the club for more details or give them a ring on 01530 222737.

Events Coming Up In Thringstone Tea dancing

Tea Dancing starts Friday 5th February 1.30pm-3.30pm at Thringstone Community Centre. No experience or partner needed, and no booking required. Tea and coffee will be provided. Dances will be led by very experienced dance teacher. Sessions cost £2. Come along, have some fun and meet some new friends.

George and Dragon music nights

Feb 20 Allcock Brothers Feb 26 Fat Cat March 6 Cellar Bar Blues March 13 Bugs



March 27 Mojo Hand April 3 New Street



WE NEED YOU!

Do you care about your community? Would you like to discuss matters of common interest and concern with other residents? Do you have about 1-2 hours to spare a month? If so and you are aged 16 years or over and living in Thringstone we would like to hear from you!

North West Leicestershire District Council's Housing Department is looking to set up a tenants and residents association in your area. Why not come along to the Thringstone Members Club on Wednesday 24th February from 6:30pm-7:30pm and we'll explain what it's all about over a nice cuppa! We look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions or need help getting to the venue, please contact Charlotte Cosgrove on 01530 454795 or email charlotte.cosgrove@nwleicestershire.gov.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:

N Pearson	01530 223434	Chairman
T Bream	07850 085444	Treasurer/members
J Stevenson	07815 112475	Minutes Secretary
P Porter	01530 469474	Environment
P Clayfield	01530 224804	Arts/community
R Neal	01530 451204	Planting
G Wilson	07767 436706	

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

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PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

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

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

Hermitage FM

North West Leicestershire has a new community radio station known as Hermitage FM, broadcasting to our area on 99.2fm. The station is a not-for-profit organisation run and staffed by volunteers and offers a wide range of music for all tastes and is happy to take dedications for broadcast.

In addition to the broadcasting facilities, there is a coffee lounge at the studios in High Street, Coalville, with further studios in Ashby and Ibstock.

Take this newsletter into the station and get a free cup of tea or coffee when you purchase one.

People interested in learning about the media or helping with other area of volunteering at the station are encouraged to contact them on 460992.

District Councillors' ward surgery

District Councillors Ray Woodward and Dave Everitt are holding a ward surgery for residents of the village on Sat 20th February from Ham-Ipm at Thringstone Members Club. Please come along and discuss any issues that may be affecting you, or share ideas on things you feel are needed in the village.

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