



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

What are we up to right now?

- Following a successful funding application, we have received monies to be put towards planting and other improvements in the village from Highcross Leicester.
- We are encouraged to hear positive comments from people who complement us on our work litter picking and planting. We are, however, disappointed that some of our flower beds seem to have become the target of theft of shrubs and damage to plants. It takes a lot of hard work to raise money for new planting in the village, and equally hard work to plant and maintain these areas, and it is sad that some feel the need to destroy these. It then costs our group further time to generate funding and more time to then put it all back into shape.
- We have submitted an application for further funding for various litter picking equipment required by the group. We were pleased with the turn out to our litter pick with the Newfoundland dogs on 27th March. 28 bags of rubbish, a carpet and a tyre were cleared by the 23 volunteers who came along. Thank you to all who helped and took time out to clear up other people's litter and to Llynda and Darryl and their dogs Alice and Robbie for their invaluable help.
- We have two walks in May which form part of the National Forest Walks Festival. These are 23rd May, 2pm from The Green – Cademan and Swannymote and 30th May, 2pm from The Green – Grace Dieu Woods, canal, railway and priory. On 13th June, at 2pm from The Green we have our Blue Plaque Walk and at 10.30am from The Green on 27th June, we have a Thringstone to Coleorton via Swannington Walk. Come and learn more about where you live. Walks cost £2 per person. All welcome.

COME AND JOIN US

Our AGM takes place on 3rd June at Thringstone House Community Centre starting at 6.45pm. Anybody can come along to our meetings and take out a membership. By becoming a member of Friends of Thringstone, for the sum of just £3.50, you can learn more about what is happening in the village. We don't just have meetings, in fact you don't have to come to meetings if you don't want to, but you can get involved in planting schemes or go on litter picks or help in other areas, like working with us on undiscovered history. 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?

On The Green used to stand an old barn and a saw pit, the latter owned by George Gough, also licensee of The Rose and Crown and owner for many years of The Green before disposing of it to the brewery. In the saw pit, he made posts and rails for neighbouring farmers. His pub used to provide accommodation for outriders who would stay there for 2- 3 days whilst on business in the area with horses being stabled down Drury Lane. The Green was the social centre for the village. At the Barn End, the men would congregate to discuss topics of the day. The barn, erected to provide shelter for the outriders' vehicles, then became a shop before its eventual demolition.

What the Community Centre offers the village and surrounding area

Friday 21st May at 7.45pm the Community Centre are hosting Maalstroem meets Jo Freya. This is a must for lovers of folk music as there will be 5 terrific musicians, all composers of original music, playing a variety of songs. Tickets are £8, concessions £7, and are available from Thringstone House Community Centre by ringing 222337.

Thringstone House Community Centre room hire. The centre provides meeting facilities for local groups, Local Education



Authority night school classes, private classes, conferences and other social functions.

Contact the centre to see what is available. The main hall is available at £20 per hour and can accommodate 100 people for functions with tables and dancing. This room is ideal for family parties, wedding celebrations and fundraising dances. There is an adjacent kitchen and licensed bar within the room.

There is also a downstairs bar at the centre stocking a good selection of wines, spirits, beers and soft drinks. This is open most weekday evenings.

The centre also offers various resources for a small fee, including kitchen facilities, tables, photocopier, fax, laminator, TV, video, cinema system, sewing machines, notice boards and information points.

The office is open Monday to Friday from 9am – 12 noon. Please contact the centre direct if you want to use any of these facilities.

Want to have a go at doing pottery?

Tuesdays 1.30-3.30pm and Thursdays 7pm – 9pm. Pottery Drop In at Thringstone House Community Centre. Cost is £6 per session, and beginners are welcome. For more information contact Julie on 07786 441192

NEW - Ray Sutton Leicestershire history lectures – Tuesdays 7pm-8.45pm. £2.50 per session. Tea and coffee 50p. May 18th - Mount St. Bernard and Catholicism, May 25th - Thomas Cook and the local railway age, 1st June - Inns and pubs of Leicestershire and 8th June - Garendon, Grace Dieu and Ulverscroft. For more details, and for details of Ray's existing art and literature programme, contact Thringstone Community Centre on 222337.

Existing groups who use the Community Centre include Whitwick Royal British Legion, the art group, bridge club, civil service club, dressmaking group, Jowett Car Club, pre-school, retired people's fellowship, table tennis group, Thringstone and District Disabled Activities club and the wine circle. If you are interested in any of these groups, please contact the centre who will put you in touch with the individual group organisers.

Belly Dancing classes run at the centre on Thursdays from 5.45pm – 6.45pm and cost only £2. For more information contact the Active Together Team at The Council on 454606. Also available and run by the Active Together Team

are **Tea Dances**, which run on Fridays from 1.30pm-3.30pm and again cost only £2.

George and Dragon Events

Monday May 17th – ladies fashion show. £5 entry. Proceeds to Thringstone Live For Charity

Monday 14th June – gents and ladies fashion show. £2.50 entry. Proceeds to Thringstone Live For Charity

Thringstone and District Rambling Club

Do you fancy a good walk on a summer's day?

Sunday 6th June – Meet at 9.30am at The Green and walk to Melbourne (6.5 miles).

Leader is Celia on 01509 230453.

For more information on The Ramblers, please go to www.ramblers.org.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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P Clayfield	07914 920442	Arts/community
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Alternatively email our webmaster at:

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Visit our website at www.friends-of-thringstone.org.uk to read all about our group.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

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

- Thrinksun 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

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