



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

Where does all our money go? That's probably a question we all ask from time to time, and Friends of Thringstone is no different, which is why we continue to look for sponsorship, when we can, to fund projects.

Membership money goes part way to fund the production of these newsletters for the village. We also keep a small reserve to reprint our existing brochures, which are detailed below. We continue to stock brochures because we want to ensure that details of our village history carry on being properly recorded and available. Having brochures on the village's past also encourages people who come to the village to take an interest, walk round the area and hopefully spend money in the village.

Each year, we produce a 'wish list' of things we would like to do, and are currently working our way through this year's. However, if you have any suggestions on improvements that you feel could be made to the village, please let us know. If we are able to help, we will do so, even if it is only to ask other agencies to get involved.

We all love where we live, and want to see the village clean, tidy and be somewhere to be proud of living.

What are we currently doing?

- We have worked on our new flowerbed on The Green and planted summer planting and shrubs. This area will be further transformed in due course with other planting which we hope will add colour throughout the year. The Chapel Fitness Centre sponsored the re-turfing around the new flowerbed. Thanks go to them.
- We are continuing to maintain, and replant where necessary, the other areas we initially planted and are responsible for in the village. These are the bottom of Brook Lane, by the church wall, down Drury Lane, at the bottom of Millbank and on Main Street, and the bushes on Loughborough Road by the Springfield estate, and we hope to add seasonal planting where we can. Following the theft of plants from the church wall area, our group will have to purchase new shrubs, which if replaced

with what was stolen will cost us £96. There has also been a tree to replace which did not survive the winter.

- We have purchased a number of litter pick sticks, gloves and bags so that we have enough equipment to run our litter picks as events. We had a litter pick on 12th June and worked with the national Geocache network on this. 21 volunteers collected 39 bags of rubbish and various other items for which we thank them. Our next litter pick is on 30th October and will tie in with the Community Service Volunteers action week and hopefully with local youngsters.
- We are still hoping to work with the church on conserving the grave of Charles Booth and also want to provide an artefacts cabinet at the Community Centre where historical items found in the village can go on display. Currently, anything found goes to Leicestershire museums, and does not stay in the village for local people to see.
- We are working towards putting together a small booklet on the notable graves at St Andrew's. There are a lot of interesting stories relating to people who have been part of the village's history, and we want to preserve these records for the future.
- We have been approached by East Midlands Oral History Archive to work with them on a project to record the history of the people who came to this village from Scotland and other places as a result of mining and associated industries. These stories will hopefully form part of a larger East Midlands project
- We have taken part in the Picnic in the Parks and Grace Dieu Priory summer events to further promote our village as a nice place to visit and in which to live.
- We have joined the Green Community Network set up by the district council and spoken at a council meeting about the work we do, which is seen to be part of the current government's Big Society, where local people are encouraged to work to improve their local area.



- We are working on a general video of the village to highlight its history, and show the village and woodlands through the seasons.
- Next year is the Community Centre's centenary, and we want to work with them on a huge village event, and also on another event possibly later this year. Watch this space!
- Walks continue to be popular. We successfully took part in the National Forest walks festival and look forward to taking part in the Leicestershire walking festival in September. Our walks are 5th September at 10.30am from The Green, where you can join us for the Osgathorpe to Cloud Hill walk, and 12th September, which is our historical Grace Dieu woods, Charnwood Forest Railway and Charnwood Canal walk. Meet at The Green at 2pm. All walks cost £2.

COME AND JOIN US

Like what we do and want to support us? Think about joining us and help us to continue to try to improve the village and the area. We actively welcome new members. 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 and if you want to, come to meetings, 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. You really don't have to come to meetings to be a member. This is just an option.

Our meetings are always at 6.45pm at Thringstone Community Centre on the first Thursday of each month. For more information on our meetings or becoming a member, call any of our committee below.

Chairman – Nita Pearson 01530 223434

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What is happening in the village and surrounding area in the next few months?

Alpha Romeo club meets third Wednesday evening of every month at the George and Dragon. All those interested, just turn up.

Thringstone Live For Charity – 21st August at the George and Dragon from midday. Good selection of bands and artists booked. All proceeds to Cancer Research and Rainbows charities. Pete and the team would like to thank all who supported the recent fashion shows at the George and Dragon which raised £500 towards these charities.

Charity day at Thringstone Members Club on 30th August from 1pm onwards. All welcome.

Moira Male Voice Choir is giving a concert at St Andrew's Church on Saturday 25th September from 7.30pm. Tickets are £7 and available by ringing 222071 or emailing thringstone.standrews@ntlworld.com. Tickets will also available at the door on the night.

Hay rake Picnic at Thringstone House Community Centre takes place on 28th August with a 10am start. Join in the meadow hay rake and you will be helping to preserve and improve its diverse flora and fauna. Please wear stout shoes, bring a rake and some food for the pot luck picnic. Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

Banded Together, a performance story of the Whitwick Pit Disaster of 1898, written and directed by Brian Langtry plus CJ and The Zouch Boys takes place at Thringstone House Community Centre on 25th September at 7.45pm. Bar open from 7pm. Tickets £8 from the centre office.

Hijinx Theatre presents Ill Met By Moonlight by acclaimed Wales-based playwright Charles Way on Wednesday 20th October at Thringstone House Community Centre from 7.45pm with bar open from 7pm. This play, set on the Welsh borders, is a tale of love and magic, with a script of great beauty and skill, and celebrates love's ability to overcome obstacles. Tickets are £8, concessions £7, available from the centre office.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

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

- Thriksun 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

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

