



The newsletter of The Friends of Thringstone

Winner of the Partnership and Community Group Awards Footprint Challenge 2009.

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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2011, produced and delivered free of charge to the residents of Thringstone, by Friends of Thringstone.

THRINGSTONE HOUSE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

**4th June 2011, 12 noon – 5pm with
live music in the evening.**

2011 is the centenary of the gift by Charles Booth to Thringstone of what we now know as Thringstone House Community Centre, and a huge celebration is planned at the Centre for 4th June.

Starting at 12 noon and finishing at 5pm with further musical attractions in the evening including 'Rock'd up Souled Out', this is a family event, with entertainment for everybody, including a juggler and other entertainments for children. There will be hot, fresh food available, Melton Brass Band are playing, there will be lots of stalls and displays including vintage motorbikes and a great time is guaranteed.

Friends of Thringstone is planning to have a **plant stall**, so if you think you will need extra plants for your garden, please come along on the day and see our stall.

There will be a lot of information around the village about the celebrations nearer the time, so keep a look out for posters and information.

As part of these celebrations, Friends of Thringstone is putting on a **SCARECROW EVENT**. We are looking for people to buy straw from us, for only £3.50, and build an individual and humorous scarecrow. Straw will be delivered to each property, and also taken away if people want this, and we are pleased to announce that Thringstone Primary School and the local Brownie group are working with us on this. A quiz will be designed to take people

(both adults and children) round all the scarecrow sites, all scarecrows will be judged, there will be prizes for the quiz winners and scarecrow winners, and we hope this will help draw the community together.

If you would like to help sponsor this event, or would like to donate raffle prizes, or just want further information, please contact us. This event is a great opportunity for Thringstonians to celebrate the village and its community centre.

What else is happening?

- We are continuing with our seasonal planting scheme and are replanting daffodil bulbs and other spring bulbs to give a show of colour throughout the village.
- Our next event litter pick is on 26th March, meeting at 10am on The Green. All those who come along to help clear the village of litter will receive a free snack lunch afterwards at Thringstone House Community Centre. For more details, contact Pam Porter on 469474.
- We are continuing our project of filming people who came to this village from Scotland and the North East as part of the East Midlands Oral History Archive Project. If you have any stories about the village, whether you came here from elsewhere or were born here, and want to help us record these, please contact us.

Our walks programme kicks off this year with a walk on 15th April. All walks cost £3 per person, as there is a comprehensive history element with most. Walks meet at The Green at 10.30am and are 15th April – Grace Dieu Priory, Railway and Canal, 27th May - Cademan and Swannymote Woods, 19th June - pubs of Coleorton (including visiting one or two) 10th July – Thringstone and



Whitwick pubs (one visit to a pub), 7th August – Grace Dieu Priory, Railway and Canal, 4th September – Cademan and Swannymote Woods. If you are interested in finding out about the blue plaques, or would like a special walk and tour of the village and surrounding area, maybe for a group to which you belong, or for your family, please contact us.

Publications currently available

Friends of Thringstone publications include:

- 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

These publications are available at The George and Dragon, at Thringstone House Community Centre, and from our website which is www.friends-of-thringstone.org.uk

COME AND JOIN US

Friends of Thringstone 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.

You can also follow us on Facebook and twitter if you have a computer, and might like to be a Facebook friend. See our website for details.

We regularly take part in events around the area where we have stalls, and we have a lot of fun with everything we do.

Our meetings are always at 6.45pm at Thringstone House Community Centre on the first Thursday of each month. You really don't have to come to meetings to be a member. This is just an option.

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

Chairman – Nita Pearson 01530 223434

Vice Chair – Tam Bream 07850 085444

Environment – Pam Porter 01530 469474

Arts/Community – Pam Clayfield 07914 920442

Minutes – Janet Stevenson 07815 112475

Planting – Ray Neal 01530 451204

Alternatively email our webmaster at:

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The George and Dragon

Have just launched their home-made range of pies and quiches, available to order - steak and stilton £5.50 each, family size steak £5 00, family size apple and cinnamon £2.75, family size rhubarb and ginger £3.

The George and Dragon are happy to quote for any outside catering functions and takeaway meals. Contact them on 222282.

All products will soon be listed on their web site.

Entertainment at The George and Dragon

Sat 26th - Blues with Big Mog and the Alley Cats

Sat 12th March - Replica (60s and 70s)

Sat 19th March - Ken Spencer and the superb Warlock

There will be a huge celebration of the Royal Wedding of William and Kate in April. More details from The George and Dragon.

Thringstone House Community Centre

Presents an evening with song and joke man **SHEP WOOLLEY**. This fantastic singer, songwriter, comedian and entertainer will be at Thringstone House Community Centre on Saturday 5th March. The evening starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 from the Centre office on 222337. A tasty supper is included in the ticket price.

