



## The newsletter of The Friends of Thringstone

Winner of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011

Winner of the Silver Award for Community and Gold Award for Cleaner/Greener  
in the 2010 Rural Community Council (Leics. and Rutland) Village Achievement Awards

Winner of the Partnership and Community Group Awards Footprint Challenge 2009

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Welcome to our final newsletter of 2011, produced and delivered free of charge to residents of Thringstone, and parts of Whitwick, by Friends of Thringstone.

If you wish to contact us to tell us news for the next edition, or just ask questions, please ring 01530 223434.

The Community Centre held an open meeting in October to discuss the plans for a full village celebration around the Queen's Jubilee in June 2012. Lots of things were discussed, so keep your eyes open for details in the coming months.

### What else is happening?

- Friends of Thringstone worked in partnership with the BBC to put on a Reel to Reel evening at Thringstone House Community Centre in September which was a great success and attracted a full house. Thanks to local people who supplied us with copies of their own films, to David White for his slide show and to the Media Archive for Central England for their help. If anybody has any photos of the village in the past, or indeed film or slides, please contact us if you are willing to let us copy this to add to our village archives. A collection for the Community Centre was raised at the event which realised £54.86 for which they thank you.
- The Full Circle Project is keen to help people save local history. They have asked that you search out hidden film or tape of anything Midlands based, irrespective of whether it is a village event or merely you as a child in your parents' back garden and let them have a copy as it adds to national social history archives. They will digitise your film, put it on DVD and send it back to you free of charge. If it is village related, you can then consider sharing it with us, and we can add it to our own archives. Contact Media Archive for Central England on 01522 837750 and ask to speak to Lucie Kerley for more

details. You can also search online the film archives of the whole of the UK by going to various sites, including [www.macearchive.org](http://www.macearchive.org)

- Friends of Thringstone is one of a handful of groups who have recently worked with Leics. County Council on their Village Voices project. There has been no collection of recorded data on how accents and dialects have changed in Leicestershire villages since the 1950s, and we have recorded 2 people from the 60+ age range, 2 from the 30+ age range and two youngsters saying similar words, reading from a passage and answering questions on how they would say certain phrases. This information will be stored by the East Midlands Oral History Archive in Leicester and will be compared with previous archives to see how accents have changed since people travel more now for work.
- We have finished writing a booklet on some of the interesting graves at St Andrew's, and have managed to get funding from NWLDC to produce these, which we hope will be available in the early part of 2012. This also marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of St Andrew's church.
- We had hoped to achieve funding to work with the local Brownies on replanting The Meadows' remembrance garden as part of The Respect Challenge, but were unsuccessful. One of our members has donated some garden furniture, which has been re-stained, along with the flower planters and the gazebo already on site, and we



will hopefully be in a position to plant some bulbs in the garden for the spring from our own funds.

- We held another litter pick on 29<sup>th</sup> October. Friends of Thringstone regularly pick up litter away from our organised litter picks, some daily, some weekly, and we thank everybody who helps us try to keep the village clear of litter. We do, however, have concerns over the amount of full dog poo bags left in hedgerows and full nappies also dumped. The issue with dog poo is particularly noticeable on the sustrans track near the Turlough Road junction and in the new plantation. These things can go in any litter bin you see, and of course you can always take it home with you. Please don't just dump it. It isn't nice and becomes flytipping at that point, which is a fineable offence.

#### **Publications currently available**

Friends of Thringstone has a **DVD of the village** available at £3.50 per copy. This includes footage of the village and surrounding woodland throughout the year and is something to cherish for the future. If you are interested in a copy, please contact us on 01530 223434.

**Old photos** - We now have a limited edition of mounted, but not framed, old photographs of the village available at £3.50 per photograph. These photos are:

- Carterdale estate as fields, viewed from Talbot Street, Whitwick
- The Grace Dieu Viaduct 1906
- The Old Rose and Crown as a 3 storey public house c 1900
- The Star Inn, Main Street circa 1906 complete with Burton Brewery signage
- Thringstone House Community Centre in the 1950s
- Ruby's fish and chip shop, The Green, 1949 (complete with national bunting and signage for mystery coach trip)
- George and Dragon 1912
- Main Street near Star Inn, complete with horse and cart about 1920

Other 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

Most 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](http://www.friends-of-thringstone.org.uk) or ring us on 01530 223434.

For information on our meetings or becoming a member, call us on 01530 223434.

**Alternatively email our webmaster at:**

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#### **THRINGSTONE NEWS AND WHAT'S ON**

The brand new **Thringstone Miners Welfare Social Centre** was officially opened to the public on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Already home to a number of user groups including Thringstone Miners Welfare FC, Thringstone Mother & Toddlers and Thringstone Play Group, the Trustees of Thringstone Miners Welfare Social Centre invite you to visit this new community facility to discuss your personal or group's requirements. A modern venue with function room, licensed bar, kitchen and secure garden area, this is an ideal venue for meetings, functions and children's parties.

Thringstone Miners Welfare Social Centre is fully inclusive with secure onsite parking. To discuss your requirements please contact: John Ball on 07843664752 or Email [john\\_ball6@sky.com](mailto:john_ball6@sky.com)

#### **Thringstone House Community Centre**

**New Year's Eve hoe down.** This starts at 8.30pm, and a piper will be on hand to bring in 2012. Please bring your own food. Bar open. Tickets £15, from Jan on 588540.

**Panto** – Cinderella. 20<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> January excluding 24 and 25<sup>th</sup> January. 7.30pm nightly. Tickets £6 - £8. Tickets available from 834575 or email [tickets@tpads.org.uk](mailto:tickets@tpads.org.uk)

#### **George and Dragon**



New Year's Eve 2011– The Aceman (rock and ska) plus full carved buffet. £20 by **ticket only**.

Jan 7<sup>th</sup> 2012 – Paul Jones, Johnny Cash and Roy Orbison tribute

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> – Popular soul and Motown singer, Randell

**St John's, Whitwick**

Saturday 18th February 7.30pm

**Concert by Viva la Musica**

at Whitwick Parish Church

*A small choir from Loughborough performing a wide range of unaccompanied music*

Tickets £5 from Whitwick Church, Community

Coffee shop or on the door

Tel 454011 or 459845

