



## 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 third newsletter of 2012, 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.

### What is happening?

- THANK YOU to all people who joined in the village festivities over the Jubilee period, looked around the Community Centre and came to see our history display, where we also had lots of archive information and our publications were on sale. It was also especially nice to have our own window space at the St Andrew's Flower Festival for a floral display. The village looked great for the festivities, there were lots of things to see and the village shone. Well done to all who helped put on the village events.
- We moved our flowerbed on The Green at the end of May, just prior to the Jubilee Festival, with the help of Aggregate Industries who sent a team to help us for the day. They also helped with the planted area down Millbank, and by clearing weeds from the jitties around the church, for which we are most grateful.
- We had a stall at the Coalville twenty12 event at Coalville Park to celebrate the Jubilee and Olympics and would like to thank everybody who gave stuff for us to sell and who bought stuff from us. We will be taking part in an open day at Snibston Museum in early September.
- We have submitted the bid to the Heritage Lottery Funding under a project called All Our Stories. The idea is to record people talking about their memories, investigate the history of the village, and work with archaeologists and universities to pull information together.
- Do you have any photographs of any of the events held in the village in the past? We have just obtained photos of Thringstone Carnival in August 1989 to add to our archives, and are looking for other photos of this sort of thing. We have also been given a copy of the original handover brochure from the reopening of The Fox in August 1955. We can scan anything given to us and return the originals to you. Please let us know if you can help.
- We are currently working on a project to record the lives of people who kept pubs in the village.

If anybody can help at all with this, even if it is just to tell us your memories, please get in touch. We would especially like to hear from anybody whose family kept pubs here, and any photos would be especially welcome.

- Members of our group continue to litter pick around the village at every available opportunity. However, the next Friends of Thringstone **environmental clearance day is Saturday 27 October**. Meeting at 10am on The Green, we will have a couple of hours of clearing the village of unwanted rubbish as a group.

### THRINGSTONE NEWS AND WHAT'S ON

#### Thringstone House Community Centre

Thringstone House Bridge Club is looking for new players for a regular game on a Wednesday night from 7.30pm-10pm. Any interested parties should contact Steve and Hazel Lilly on 224128 or David Stevenson on 458257.

#### George and Dragon

Saturday 8 September - Soul and Motown at its best with the superb Randell and Dennis Dee.

Saturday 15 - The return of Morgan Perkins as the great Frank Sinatra.

Saturday 22 - Paul Jones with hits from the sixties.

Saturday 6 October - W2 a superb duo.

Saturday 27 October - Gary Setterfield is Sir Elton John (a brilliant tribute)

#### St Andrew's Church

Saturday 8 September – 7.30pm. Moira Male Voice Choir in concert. Please contact the church for further details.

Geoff Walker, together with Kirsty L Savory, has written, and has in print, a booklet of poems, entitled Modern Bible Poems. Booklets are £4 each with the profits divided between Kirsty's 6th form education and LRI Our Space appeal, which is a proposed unit to treat teenage cancer patients. Check out other details on <http://www.modernbiblepoems.co.uk>



### **Thringstone Bowls Club**

Success in a bid to Sports England's Inspired Facilities grant scheme means that Thringstone Bowls Club is able to carry out various improvements to the club. This also means that, by receiving Inspired Facilities Funding, the club now carries the Inspire Mark, celebrating the link to the London 2012 games.

The award will provide the club with new ladies' and gents' changing areas, with a children's changing room and disability access, a covered spectator area with seating, lighting around the green enabling play during summer evenings when the nights begin to draw in, CCTV coverage to increase security and the provision of a perimeter pathway around the green to improve safety.

With the upgrade in the Club's facilities, the project will offer a better quality bowling (and social) experience and, together with recent improvements to the clubhouse and green, should increase club membership and to meet the club's aim of becoming more involved with the local community, especially to develop working partnerships with schools. The aim is eventually to set up a Junior Section within the Club.

Construction on the new developments should begin early October and be finished in time for the April 2013 season. Some of the work will be done by volunteers.

New bowlers are always welcome. Please contact Dave Bamford on 222475.

Those interested in further details should go to the club website which is

[www.thringstonebowlingclub.org.uk](http://www.thringstonebowlingclub.org.uk).

### **Whitwick Community Coffee Shop**

Are you over 50? Do you want to join the monthly Friday musical luncheon club? This is one of several lunch clubs operated by the coffee shop and provides a beautiful home cooked meal. You need to complete a membership form to qualify for your reduced price two course meal. Go in to the coffee shop to complete a form, or telephone the shop on 519696 or email

[training@whitwickcommunitycentre.co.uk](mailto:training@whitwickcommunitycentre.co.uk)

Transport can be provided.

Are you 16-18 years old and fancy trying something new but not sure what? Starting from 31 October, you can join a 6 week course (3 days per week) having a go at all sorts of different things, including catering, customer service, office and reception work, woodwork, furniture warehouse and repairs and forestry and environmental projects. These courses will be held at various locations, transport can be paid for, and you can get work experience which leads to NOCN step up qualifications. You get a free trip to Alton Towers if you join one of the

courses. Spaces are limited. Please contact Rhonda on 07809 230885 or email [rhonda@whitwickcommunitycentre.co.uk](mailto:rhonda@whitwickcommunitycentre.co.uk)

### **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 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

A complete set of photos come at the discounted price of £24.

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
- St Andrew's Graveyard Booklet

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.

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