



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 last 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

Nita on 01530 223434.

What is happening?

- **Carols Round The Tree** at Thringstone House Community Centre takes place on Friday 14 December from St Andrew's Church at 6.30pm for a lantern procession to the Thringstone House Community Centre, getting there for 6.45pm. Come along and sing your favourite carols with an invited choir, then come into the centre for refreshments (hot soup, minced pies and mulled wine) and have fun with a family sing a long. The bar will be open.
- We have planted more shrubs in the flowerbed on The Green for which we are responsible, which will cut down on the amount of work needed in that area, and intend at some stage to remove the grass down Drury Lane and plant shrubs there for similar reasons. We have planted a lot of spring bulbs on The Green, and elsewhere in the village, to give some colour around spring time.
- We are still waiting to hear whether we have been successful in our Heritage Lottery bid to work with archeologists and Leicester University on finding out more of the history of the village. In the meantime, we have bought a Zoom Hi digital recorder and other apparatus to help us record people's lives to then type these up for posterity. If you would like us to tape you talking about your memories of the village get in touch. We can record you talking about how you came to the village from elsewhere for example, or again if you were born here and have seen the changes with new housing estates going up and

remember some of the families of the past. We are currently collating transcripts of various tapes already typed up, where these have not been published, and are looking to consider publishing these, in small quantities, at some stage in the future.

- We are still trying to collect copies of old photographs of any of the events held in the village in the past. We can scan anything given to us and return the originals to you. Please let us know if you can help. We are especially interested in photos from the 1970s onwards.
- We are also still 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 of some of the pubs no longer open, please get in touch. We would especially like to hear from anybody whose family kept pubs here, and any photos would be especially welcome.
- We have continued doing regular and event litter picks around the village, and have picked up in excess of 2,250 bags full since we started in 2005. NWLDC are now advertising that they can supply people who want to help reduce litter in the area with a litter picking pack. Anybody interested in one of these packs should contact Ruth Mulvany on 454600 or email ruth.mulvany@nwleicestershire.gov.uk. The packs are for individual 'silent litter pickers' who want to pick up litter whilst they are out and about, and include advice, hand gel, a high viz tabard, a litter pick grab and a sticker



to put on the black household bin so that the bin men know any extra waste is legitimate.

THRINGSTONE NEWS AND WHAT'S ON

Thringstone Members Club

Children's Christmas Party 7 Dec

Christmas Quiz 8 Dec with an 8pm start. £1. All welcome.

Snr. Citizen's Christmas Party 14 Dec

Christmas Eve Dance and New Year's Eve dance will be in aid of Downs Syndrome and is £3. Tickets will be available at the door and all are welcome. All money goes to the charity.

For more details, contact Margaret on 222737.

Thringstone House Community Centre

New Yoga class every Tuesday 6pm-7pm. £4 per class. Beginners welcome and mats are provided. For more details contact Paula on 07743 015377.

9 February 2013 – Rocket Theatre performing Oscar Wilde's Lord Arthur Savile's crime.

March 16 2013 - The Joint is Jumping featuring 52 Skidoo a Harlem Swing Band

Tickets for both these are £9 in advance, £10 on the door, children over 14 £8. Starts 8pm

Miner's Welfare

31 Dec – New Year's Eve Party. £5 per ticket available from the club or via facebook or twitter pages.

George and Dragon

Christmas lunches and dinners are available from 1 Dec throughout the month. Please check website or ring 01530 222282 for prices and menus.

Dec 15 The Keystones (brilliant 60s band)

Dec 22 The Bugs - reforming to play at the George and Dragon.

Dec 24 Xmas Eve Carols, log fires and mulled wine.

Christmas Day 6 course carvery - please check web site for price and availability.

Dec 31 New Years Eve Party with our very own in house disco and karaoke by ticket only. £20 per ticket. Price includes a champagne toast and a full carved hot and cold buffet (limited tickets available)

Thringstone Panto and Drama Society's

production for 2013 is Alice in Wonderland. This runs from 18 to 26 January with some date exceptions. For further details and tickets, please contact the ticket hotline on 834575.

Whitwick Parish Church Christmas Fayre

Saturday 1 December 4pm-6.30pm. Meet Santa, hot and cold refreshments, games, gifts and crafts, books, nearly new toys and homemade cakes.

Free entry. All welcome at the Parish church and grounds, North Street, Whitwick.

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 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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