



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

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Winner of the Partnership and Community Group Awards Footprint Challenge 2009

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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2013, 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?

- **VILLAGE SCARECROW EVENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THRINGSTONE METHODISTS 150TH ANNIVERSARY.**

We are working with the Thringstone Methodist Church on their 150th anniversary celebrations in July, and are putting on another scarecrow event.



This will take place on **Sunday 7th July and run from 10am until 4pm**, with the event all kicking off at Thringstone Methodist Church Hall, The Green. On the day, the Methodist Church Hall will be open, and in addition to the scarecrows, there will be a slide show at the church hall at 10.30am and again at 3.30pm, teas and refreshments, a raffle, history and plant stalls and children's games. We hope to get a good range of scarecrows in gardens around the village, and to join in with this part of the anniversary day, there is a £3 fee for which you will get straw to make your scarecrow. The Thringstone Brownie

and Rainbow group are judging the event, there will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes which will be awarded after 4pm, and we will be providing maps so that people can walk round the village and see the scarecrows. All who are interested in building a scarecrow are asked to contact us on 01530 223434 or text us on 07850 085444. This is a great opportunity to join with the Methodist Church, celebrate their history within our village and have some fun.

- In advance of the main event 150th anniversary day, there will be a concert at The Methodist Church Hall by The Beltones on Friday 5th July from 7pm. Tickets are free, but donations are welcome, and refreshments will be provided.
- We were unsuccessful in our bid for Heritage Lottery funding, but have bought a digital tape recorder to record the memories of people in the village.
- We are continuing to maintain and replant areas of the village for which we are responsible, and will be endeavouring to ensure the village looks great throughout the spring and summer months, which includes making sure the village stays relatively free of litter.
- We have been working with the local Heritage Forum to try to put something together on the lives of the fallen of World War 1. If you have relatives from the village in your family who lost their lives, and have any photographs of them, we would welcome having a copy to scan and then return, as the booklets we are hoping to put together on these



heroes really needs to have their photographs where possible.

- 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.

THRINGSTONE NEWS AND WHAT'S ON

Grace Dieu Park Cricket Club celebrates its 150th anniversary this year and is putting together a series of events to celebrate this achievement, while simultaneously looking to forge even closer links to the local community.

Club secretary Colin Pratt said "We are happy to be a local cricket club, looking to draw its players from Thringstone and the surrounding villages. It is our ambition to develop local young cricketers and to see them move through to playing senior cricket for the club. This year we are running an under 10s Kwik Cricket team for the first time in many years and would love to see more young local kids involved.

Cricket is a wonderful, social sport in which boys and girls can compete side by side; in fact some of our better young cricketers are female. We have already started winter nets to prepare for the forthcoming season, and these take place at Ibstock Community College on Saturday mornings. We are more than happy to welcome new faces and no experience is necessary. We have a number of qualified coaches who are all CRB checked and eager to help young players reach their full potential."

Anybody who is interested in learning more about the club should contact Colin on 01530 456148.

Thringstone Members Club

The club continues to host various charity evenings. For more details of what is on and when, please contact Margaret on 01530 222737.

Thringstone House Community Centre

April 27th Saturday Annie Duggan Band
Blue Collar Country Blues and Roadhouse Rock
Tickets £7 in advance, £8 on the door.
Bar open from 7pm. Further details from 222337.

The centre run a variety of classes and activities at the centre, and room hire is also available. Contact them on 01530 222337 for further information.

George and Dragon

April 13 – Dave is Elvis
April 23 – St George's Day celebrations
April 27 – Danny Fisher is Roy Orbison
11 May - Koostix

Thringstone Panto and Drama Society's

21-25 May production will be Eurobeat, the musical. £8 adults, £7 children, telephone 834575 for tickets and further details.

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 One and Part Two by Joan Brotherhood Blackey.
- Thringstone Village Trails 1, 2 and 3
- Memories of Thringstone, Parts One and Two
- 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.

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