



## 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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**W**elcome to our second 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 us on 01530 223434. Follow us on facebook or twitter. Our twitter address is

@Thringstone2

### What is happening?

- **VILLAGE SCARECROW EVENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THRINGSTONE METHODISTS 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.**

Have you decided to have a scarecrow as part of the village scarecrow event which we are running alongside the Methodist Chapel's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations? There is still time to join in and be part of this terrific event in the village.



This will take place on **Saturday 6th July and run from 10am until 4pm**, with the event all kicking off at Thringstone Methodist Chapel Hall, The Green. On the day, the Methodist Chapel 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 3pm, teas and refreshments, a raffle, history and plant stalls and plenty

for children hopefully including an old fire engine to look at and explore.

There is a £3 fee to take part in the scarecrow event, for which you will get straw to make your scarecrow. The Thringstone Brownie and Rainbow groups are judging the event, and there will be 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes which will be awarded after 4pm at the Chapel Hall. We will be providing maps so that people can walk round the village and see the scarecrows. All who have an interest 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.

- Once again, Friends of Thringstone reached the final 3 in the 2013 Green Footprints Awards, Partnership and Community Category. Thanks to all who continue to help us during the year with litter picking, planting, events and archive gathering for our history projects. We removed over 125 bags of rubbish, litter, bottles, cans etc. from the village in just April alone and for the first time took part in the Earth Day campaign on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.
- We are continuing to maintain and replant areas of the village for which we are responsible. The village looked lovely when Spring finally arrived and the daffodils came out, but yet again some of our planting was vandalised. We have bought more shrubs and plants and will continue to work hard so



that the village looks good during the coming months.

- We have been busy putting together a new publication called Born an' Bred 3. This is a collection of writings from three villagers and is shortly to be available at the usual outlets.
- Did you used to run a business in the village? Did you come to the village for work from other parts of the country? We would like to hear from you if you did. 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 any of 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.
- **Want to join our group?** Membership continues, for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, to be £3.50 per person. For that you receive regular details on what is happening in the village, and have the opportunity to come to meetings and join us with our projects if you wish. Please contact us if you are interested.

### THRINGSTONE NEWS AND WHAT'S ON

**Thringstone Football Club** is running an under 9s tournament on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. All teams are welcome at that age. Check out further details on their facebook, twitter and pitchero websites.

**Thringstone Members Club** continues to host various charity evenings. For more details of what is on and when, please ring 01530 222737.

### Thringstone House Community Centre

**31 May and every last Friday in the month** – open mic session for local bands. 8pm-late, all welcome, and bar is open.

**29 July – 2 August - summer play scheme.** 10am-1pm for 5-12 years olds. £4 for Monday-Thursday and £5 for Fridays. Theme is sun, sea and sand. The centre need to construct a large sandpit and want tarpaulins 4mx 5m, logs or something suitable for sandpit sides, buckets and spades and a gazebo. Contact the centre for more details on 222337.

**10-18 August** – annual art exhibition. Mon-Fri 3pm-3pm. Sat 1pm-5pm, Sunday 2pm-5pm. Free entry.

### George and Dragon

Thringstone Live for Charity music festival is on 3<sup>rd</sup> August. Please support local charities.

### Grace Dieu Park Cricket Club

To celebrate its 150th anniversary Grace Dieu Park Cricket Club will be holding a 'Past and Present' game in the afternoon of Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

Anybody who has had any association with the club over the years is invited to drop in to have a drink and reminisce about how things used to be.

### Methodist Chapel Hall

5<sup>th</sup> July – concert by The Beltones. 7pm start. Donations on the door please. Refreshments available

### 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 Parts 1 & 2 by Joan Brotherhood Blackey.
- Thringstone Village Trails 1, 2 & 3
- Memories of Thringstone, Parts 1 & 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, twitter us by using @Thringstone2 or email us via the website

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