



## 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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**W**elcome to our third 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 twitter. Our twitter address is**

**@Thringstone2**

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### What is happening?

- **Thanks to all who came along and supported the Methodists' 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and our scarecrow competition on 6 July. It was nice to have a lovely day for the event even if some people thought it just a bit too hot. Better hot than rain!** We would like to thank our sponsors – Coalville Rotary, Coalville Charity Cup, Thringstone Co-op, Morrisons, Tescos, Body Toning Emporium, Hermitage Leisure Centre and Elson's farm for all their contributions. Thanks also go to all who had stalls, came along to help our group, and helped with the running of the whole day. We had some wonderful feedback from people and participants, and for those who aren't aware, the winners were The Old School House Care Home. Lesley Mansfield, their manager, said that the residents were over the moon to get a trophy and vouchers as winners, and it created a real buzz with the residents. 2<sup>nd</sup> were The Muppets, and 3<sup>rd</sup> were Crowville Times.
- Thank you to all the brave people who came out on a shocking day to the **Coalville twenty 13 event** in June at Coalville Park. We had a stall there, and were very pleased with the amount of items people purchased from us. As usual, we will also be at Snibston Miners' Gala event this year.
- **In June alone, we collected and removed 208 bags of rubbish from this village,** which is a shocking

amount to have cleared. We recycle plastics and glass where we can, and all drinks cans are given to someone in the village who collects these for fundraising purposes for a hospice. It would be so nice to have more people helping us with the litter issue, and our next large litter pick is **Saturday 19 October at 10am from The Green.** As usual, bags, sticks etc. will be provided and all are welcome. This event will tie in with the Community Service Volunteers' Make A Difference Campaign.

- Well done to Mick and John of Booth Road for all the hard the work they have put into cutting back the hedging that lines the **walkway from Booth Road to St Andrew's churchyard.** You have done a wonderful job and made it so much easier to walk up that jitty. It will be easier when/if we have snow in the months to come, as the bushes won't be bent over with the weight of it all making access even more narrow.
- Thanks from Patrick Kilday, Angela and Rhys Clarke and those involved with the charity **football match and disco at Miners Welfare FC** on 27 July to all who supported these events. Over £400 was raised for Children's Brain Tumour Research.
- We have recently bought a supply of poppy seeds, which will be sown around the village to mark the **centenary of the outbreak of the First World War in 2014.** These are to be scattered in random places so that next year, when they flower, we will all be looking a



poppies in remembrance of those who fell during the 1914-18 war.

- **Did you used to run a business in the village? Did you come to the village for work from other parts of the country? Would you share your photos of your time at Thringstone Primary?** 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.
- We need photos of anybody whose family were in the village and served in the **First World War**. All photographs can be scanned and returned to you. Please let us know if you can help.
- **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 in with our projects if you wish. Please contact us on 223434 if you are interested. We have social events throughout the year which include, for example, a bowls challenge and quiz, and have a lot of fun.

### Thringstone Bowls Club

Thringstone Bowling Club is actively seeking to encourage youngsters from the local community to have a go at lawn bowls on the Club's green. The club boasts 4 fully qualified coaches who are able and willing to coach youngsters at the Club. Recently, the Club was awarded Clubmark status, a rare achievement for a bowls club. This indicates that the Thringstone Bowling Club is a quality club with high standards of management. It gives parents the confidence that their children in the care of the Club will be able to play bowls in a safe and secure environment.

It is hoped that at the start of next season, in April 2014, the Club will be able to introduce a Junior Section for 10 to 18 year olds. For the remainder of this season until end of

September any youngsters interested in trying out bowls are invited to the Club on Wednesday evenings, start time 6.15pm onwards, where at least one Club Coach will be in attendance. Please call the Club Development Officer, David Bamford, on 01530 222475 for further information or just turn up on a Wednesday evening.

### 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 (£3 each) and Thringstone Born and Bred 3 by local poets (£2.50).
- Thringstone Village Trails 1, 2 & 3 giving the history of the area and a map to show you the routes (£2.50 each)
- Memories of Thringstone, Parts 1 & 2 (£3.50 each)
- St Andrew's Graveyard Booklet detailing the lives of some interesting people buried there (donations suggested of £1.50)

**The price of all the Born and Bred publications has recently been reduced.**

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 [webmaster.thringstone@ntlworld.com](mailto:webmaster.thringstone@ntlworld.com)

