



## 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 final 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?

- **As you may know, Friends of Thringstone has planted and also maintain 5 flowerbeds in the village.**

We plant these using our own funds which we raise by various events we attend and put on, and also occasionally from local sponsorship. The areas we look after are down Brook Lane, down by the side of the Co-op, down Millhouse, one of the flowerbeds on The Green and the planting down by the church wall. We also planted shrubs at the bottom of Loughborough Road just past Thringstone Members Club and trees in a nature area at the bottom end of Main Street not far from the Henson's Lane junction. During August, we started to cover over the grass by the footpath to the side of The Co-op, known to locals as Drury Lane. Many people have said that it is a shame the grass is now mostly gone (we have left some) and questioned why we did this. The main reason was dog fouling. The area became very difficult to mow with safety because of the huge amount of dog fouling there, and we decided that it was best to cover the grass over and plant more shrubs, in an attempt to deter dog owners from letting their animals foul the area. Tragically, some of the new shrubs have subsequently been damaged and will need replacing. We are sorry if people feel that the area isn't as pleasant as it was to walk down, but are sure you can appreciate the problems which this issue caused to us, our equipment and our gardening team.

At the end of the day, for those who remember before 2005 when we started working there, it was just a hugely overgrown and rubbish filled area with a tiny walkway, so is vastly better now.

- Thank you to people who have contacted us with photos of their days at **Thringstone Primary**. We are sure there are others of you out there who may have some photos you can let us scan and return to you. If so, please get in touch.
- **New publications – Scottish in Thringstone.** Based on the filming we did with various people in the village in 2011 and 2012, but including the stories of others we have spoken with subsequently, this new booklet tells the stories of people who came to the village (sometimes with their parents) in the 1960s. This booklet is £2.50 and is available from the number above, as well as at our usual outlets. A further booklet called **Memories 3** gives the memories of a group of people in the village both currently and in the past, and is now also available. The cost for this is also £2.50.
- **Thringstone Bowls Club** wishes to thank Mrs Cross for donating a trophy to be used for the anticipated inaugural competition for the junior section they are putting together.
- **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. 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 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. We have recently acquired several wills relating to men connected with the village who died in World War One. If a member of your family died in this conflict, and you think we might have a will you wish to copy, please contact us.
- **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, parties and attendance at the village quiz, and we have a lot of fun.

### Did you know?

It is the responsibility of all residents of properties to have a visible number on their house? Whilst house names can be popular, and form part of the address, the property will always be identified by its number. This is particularly necessary for emergency services.

### Publications currently available – buy now for Christmas presents

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 is available 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)
- **NEW** – Memories 3 (£2.50 each).
- St Andrew's Graveyard Booklet detailing the lives of some interesting people buried there (donations suggested of £1.50)
- **NEW** - Scottish in Thringstone – the story of people coming to the village in the 1960s. (£2.50 each)

**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)**

### What's On

#### George and Dragon

23 Nov – **Sam Southall**

30 Nov – **James Stevens (rock and roll)**

**Christmas Menus now available**

#### Thringstone House Community Centre

20 Dec – **Carols Round the Tree** from 6.30pm. Bar open, entertainment and nibbles

**Dick Whittington** – 17-24 Jan. Ring 834575 for more details

#### Thringstone Miner's Welfare Football Club

has now been operating from its new clubhouse at the end of Homestead Road for just over two years. The Club would like to extend a warm welcome to the local community to visit us in our brand new facility. Russell Hoults, the Club's President, will be running a Junior Football Academy on Saturday mornings from 11.15am -12.30pm and coaching will be available to all ages from 3 upwards.

The bar is open **every Tuesday evening** from 5.30pm so please feel free to pop in for a drink or two.

More formal events are planned for Friday evenings and we would like to include the local community in these events.

The facility itself is available for hire weekday afternoons and most evenings and has hosted a number of weddings, christenings and birthday parties over the last



18 months. Please feel free to visit on a Tuesday evening to view the facility should you be planning a party or call on 07864651884.

