



## 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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**W**elcome to our first newsletter of 2014, 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?

- Thank you to all who came out on a very windy night to support **Carols Round The Tree** at the Community Centre. It was a lovely evening. £107 in total was collected by the church and sent to Christian Aid.
- **Litter continues to be a problem in our village.** In two weeks in December, we removed 50 bags of litter each week from our village. Records kept by us show that from 1 February 2013 to 31 December 2013, our group removed 1,678 bags of litter from this village and surrounding woodland. Government statistics suggest that the majority of people who drop litter are in the 21-40 age range, so we are not just talking children here. If you would like to help us keep the village clean and tidy, please get in touch, or come on one of our community litter pick mornings. Conversely, if you see litter in the street, you can help by picking it up as you pass and putting it in a bin. There are plenty of bins around the village. Our next community litter pick is on 8 March, meeting at 10am from The Green. All are welcome.
- Things slow down from a gardening angle over this period, but we are looking forward to better weather and the opportunity to replace dead shrubs and planting so that the village looks bright as the season progresses.
- **NEW PUBLICATION** – We are pleased to announce another new publication which is a 150 page bound book called

Thringstone and Its People. It details life in the village from the early 1800s through to the late 1950s and has taken 18 months to research and write. It is available from 1<sup>st</sup> March at a cost of £6. Please contact us if you would like to have a copy. We do intend to give a free copy to the Primary School for their library.

- **We are still looking for information from people who ran or worked at a business from the village, including village shops and factories.** Photos would be good, but information is vital. We have a gap in our knowledge in particular with regard to a boat builder who worked out of The Old School House in the 1960s, and the hosiery factories that were at the Wesleyan Chapel prior Carol Whitehead taking it over as a fitness centre in the 1990s. We especially would like to know who had the property after Terry Farmer left there. Any information would be very welcome, so please contact us on the number above.
- **Do you have photos we could scan?** Did you go to school in Thringstone and still have a copy of your class photograph, or were you in a panto or nativity play? Do you have photos of the village celebrating the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977 or Charles and Diana's wedding in 1981? We are looking for photographs to put in our archives, to include village events, families and weddings, right up to the 1990s. If you have anything you are willing to share,



please let us know. The main thing is it has to be specific to Thringstone.

- We still also need photos of anybody whose family lived 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, parties and attendance at the village quiz, and we have a lot of fun.

## Publications

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 1953

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
- **NEW** - Thringstone Born and Bred 3 by local poets (£2.50 each).
- 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)
- **NEW** – Thringstone and Its people – full of information on the village and its families. (£6 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

Saturday March 8 - **Danny Fisher**, bringing his Elvis versus Roy Orbison Show.

Monday March 17 - **St Patricks Day** Celebration.

Saturday March 22 - **Mojo Hand**, back for the 6th time at the Dragon. Superb band.

Saturday March 29 - **Sam Southall**, a brilliant young singer.

Sunday March 30- **Mothers' Day** - Booking essential.

### Thringstone House Community Centre

29 March – **Annie Duggan Band**. More details from the centre on 222337.

**Plug and play** every last Friday in the month from 7pm. All local musicians welcome. Come and listen to music and have a drink in our bar. For more information, contact Nigel on 454945.

12-17 May – **The Sound of Music**. Tickets available by calling 834575.

### Thringstone Bowling Club

The new outdoor bowls season starts in mid-April and continues until late-September. The club wish to invite new members to join in at the recently upgraded facilities. Anyone is welcome to apply to join, whether you are an experienced bowler or have never bowled before. Furthermore, the club will be pursuing their aim of setting up a Junior Section within the Club this coming season for young persons, aged 10 to 18 years of age. They are proud to have four qualified Club Coaches. They are also a Clubmark Accredited Club, which gives parents the confidence that youngsters will be able to play, both casually and competitively, in a safe, protected and secure environment.

If you are interested in discussing what the club can offer, please contact the Club Development Officer, David Bamford, on 222475

### Others



5 May – **Bank Holiday train rides at Snibston.** Ride along the line on the Hunslet Diesel locomotive. Booking on 278444.

