



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 second 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. We are**

also on facebook under Friends of Thringstone.

What is happening?

- **The Great War Remembered**

44 men from this village went to fight in The Great War of 1914-18. 27 of these men lost their lives. This impacted dreadfully on families in Thringstone at that time, and their lives often seem to be forgotten.

We are therefore working with Thringstone House Community Centre to put on an event at the centre on Friday 4, Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 July to commemorate the lives of the men from the village and surrounding area who went to war. This is not a celebration, but a chance to remember and reflect and will be a full family event to include information on what the village was like at this time. The event will be open on 4 July from 6pm til late, on 5 July from 10am until 10pm and on 6 July from 2pm-5pm. At 6.30pm on 4 July there will be a 30 minute presentation by Jeremy Prescott on the sacrifices made during this period, and there will be extensive exhibition displays and authentic material to see throughout the weekend, including trench art and things from the Leicestershire Regiment. Various groups including the local WI, Whitwick Historical Group and the Royal British Legion are working with us on this event, to provide an interesting time, which will include poppy making on the Saturday, as well as music and films, and refreshments will be available. A full programme will be produced nearer the date. We have already sown hundreds of poppy seeds in the village which should

come up later in the year and are planting more poppies. If you have photos or memorabilia associated with the Great War, and are willing to share this with us, please get in touch. We would like to have photos of anybody whose family lived in the village during the war period. Any information is welcome, and photos can be scanned and returned within a day or two.

- We will be having a bric a brac stall at Coalville's **Picnic in the Parks** on 29 June. Please come along and see us on the day.
- Litter - Records kept by the group show that in the 12 months to the end of February 2014, we removed **1,958 bags of litter** from this village and surrounding woodland. That is a staggering amount, and goes to show how hard our volunteers work to keep the village looking nice for everybody. Remember that it isn't just up to the Council to keep our village clear of litter. We can all do something to help, even if it is just to use the litter bins provided.
- **PUBLICATIONS – Summer sale** - We have revised our pricing structure and can now offer a full set of the Village Trail booklets for £5, a saving on individual purchase of £2.50. A full set of Born and Bred booklets is on offer for £6, a saving of £2.50 on individual purchases, and a full set of the Memories booklets is now available for £7, a saving of £2.50 on individual purchases. If you would like to purchase a copy of our new hardbound book called Thringstone and Its People for £6, you will be able to buy a copy of Scottish in Thringstone for £1, a saving of £1.50. Copies of **Thringstone and Its People** are available by contacting us direct on the number above or from Ashby Museum. Our



other outlets do not have copies to sell, just a display copy, and so will only take your order.

- **We still need 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, as we still have gaps in our knowledge. **Did you, or do you, run a business in Thringstone?** Any information would be very welcome, so please contact us on the number above.
- **We are still looking for village and family photos we can 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.
- **Want to join our group?** Membership continues, for the 5th 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. See our details above regarding discount prices on the purchase of sets of our publications.

Friends of Thringstone publications include:

- Thrinksun Born an' Bred Parts 1 & 2 by Joan Brotherhood Blackey (£3 each)
- 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)
- Memories 3 (£2.50 each).
- St Andrew's Graveyard Booklet detailing the lives of some interesting people buried there (donations suggested of £1.50)
- 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 history of the village from 1800 to about 1955 and the families who lived here. £6 – available by contacting us direct on 223434.

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 223434. Scottish in Thringstone is also available from Thringstone Members Club.

For information on our meetings, publications, work in the village or if you are interested in becoming a member, call us on 223434. You can also tweet us by using @Thringstone2, go to our facebook page, or you can email us via the website webmaster.thringstone@ntlworld.com

What's On

George and Dragon

2 August – Thringstone Live for Charity. A music event packed full of good bands and singers. Starting around 12 noon and going on til late.

Thringstone Members Club

Regular weekend karaoke takes place in the lounge. The bar is left for pool and sport on TV. All welcome. More details from the club.

Thringstone House Community Centre

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 the bar. For more information, contact Nigel on 454945.

Thringstone Summer Playscheme – for children 5-12 years. 4th – 8th August 10am-1pm. £4.25 per session. Book early for places.

Summer Art Exhibition – 16-25 August.

Dr Hepplewhite & Dr Virmani's Surgery – Whitwick

Health Centre - New Patient Call In System – A TV screen has been installed in the waiting room displaying various health promotional media as well as notifying which patient is due to go through for their appointment. This has been well received by patients and staff alike, as the previous system did occasionally lead to confusion as to who was next due to go through. Some key relevant media will appear on the screen, including a number of cancer awareness videos to complement the new display that we have up in our waiting room. Further ideas welcome.