



The Friends of  
Thringstone

# THRINGSTONE BAUBLE



## 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 final 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.**

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**Thank you** to everybody who contributed something towards the collection we made to help the gent who lost his possessions after a fire to his flat on Shrewsbury Walk left him homeless and hospitalised in October.

Special thanks to Kay at Thringstone Stores who raised £93.57, St Andrew's for raising £59, The Black Horse in Whitwick who did a fund raiser and bought a brand new electric cooker, Woodstock in Whitwick who contributed money, Craig at Castle Garage, Churches Together for everything they contributed, Paul and Sarah Watson for cleaning the 3 piece suite, and all those people from Thringstone, Whitwick and beyond, who gave furniture and other things towards the collection of goods, clothing and accessories which we organised. We would also like to thank the housing department at NWLDC for their help. Much of what was achieved came through our use of social media and our own facebook page, and it showed a true community spirit and wish to help someone in need. Thank you.

**COMMUNITY CENTRE TABLE TOP SALE – Gift and crafts for Christmas at Thringstone House Community Centre, Saturday 6 December from 10am until 1pm.**

Come along and pick up all your bargains and support local businesses, charities and groups. Also join in Santa's tea party. Refreshments will be available in the centre's bar/lounge. 50p admission. A warm welcome guaranteed.

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### **CAROLS ROUND THE TREE** Friday

12 December. The procession will leave St Andrew's church at 6.30pm, and get up to Thringstone House Community Centre for 7pm. After the carol singing, a collection will be made for Christian Aid, and there will be entertainment and hot and cold drinks and food inside. This annual Christmas singalong is a partnership between St Andrew's Church, Friends of Thringstone and Thringstone House Community Centre. All welcome.

### **Grace Dieu Priory Christmas Concert**

will take place on Sunday 14 December from 3pm-4pm in the priory grounds. Parking is at the Bull's Head. Mulled wine and mince pies will be on sale. Come and sing some good old fashioned Christmas carols. All welcome.

**Parking on grass verges** We received an unsigned letter in October regarding cars parked on grass verges. This is not a new problem. The police are well aware of the issues, as are local councillors and the county council whose job it is to mow the verges. We would request that people think twice about parking on verges, especially if this means mounting the kerb and driving along the grass and/or the pavement where people may be walking.

**New Publication** – We have a new publication called Memories of Durham Miners which tells the story of people who came from the North East in the 1960s to live in our village. This is a limited edition publication and is on sale for £2.50.

**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.

**Women's contribution to the first world war effort** – we are looking to acknowledge the work done by women from Thringstone during the first world war. Was anybody in your family a nurse, or help in any other way during that war like work in a munitions factory? If so, please contact us.

- **Want to join our group?** Membership continues, for the 5<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. See our details above regarding discount prices on the purchase of sets of our publications.**

**Friends of Thringstone publications include:**

- Thinksun 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)
- 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.
- Thringstone Around WW2 – the stories of 4 men. £2.50.
- **NEW** – Memories of Durham Miners – the story of miners who came to Thringstone in the 1960s. £2.50

Most publications are available at Thringstone Members Club, 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 223434.

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

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