



The newsletter of The Friends of Thringstone

Winner of The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2011

Winner of the Partnership and Community Group Awards Footprint Challenge 2009

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

Winners of the Big Tidy Award in the Keep Britain Tidy Jubilee Awards 2015

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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2015, 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.

Keep Britain Tidy Awards 2015

We are very proud to say that Friends of Thringstone won the Big Tidy Award at the Keep Britain Tidy Jubilee Awards 2015 in Liverpool on 12 February. Two of us went up to Liverpool for the awards, not thinking we would stand a chance of winning anything, and to come away with a top award was very emotional.

This is a national accolade and a big achievement for our village group. It recognises the work we do in the village throughout the year to keep litter levels low and the village looking good and welcoming.

We would like to thank everybody who has ever helped us with our litter picking and we are therefore pleased to say that

With better weather coming, we are intending to do a **community litter pick** on Saturday 7 March starting at 10am from The Green. Anybody can come and give us a hand. We have litter pick sticks, bags, gloves, tabards etc. and look forward to seeing you.

Do you think there should be more things on in the village for **children and young people**, and if so, what sort of things, when and where? We are keen to hear from people with ideas and suggestions.

Thringstone Community Centre needs your help.

Since the 1950s, the centre has been in the trusteeship of the County Council. The centre caters for everybody and every age from pre-school to retirement and also covers the land on which Thringstone scout hut is sited, plus the neighbouring allotments. Due to funding issues and the necessity for cuts to be made, the money being given to the centre by County Hall is being slashed year on year, and will finish altogether within the next couple of years.

This centre does not currently run at a profit, and needs to do so in order to survive into the future. You might not be aware, but the centre is not only the home to Thringstone Panto and Drama Society, which is a village run group, but also to other various local groups and classes, and is certainly now facing a challenging future. If you feel you can help by volunteering at the centre doing bar work, grounds and property maintenance, secretarial work, or anything else, or can come up with some fund raising ideas, please contact them direct.

We have been really busy over the last few months trying to research and record more of the history of the village. **Women in World War 1** – Did any of your family work in the munitions factory in Whitwick where Hermitage Leisure Centre and grounds now stand or work for Stableford's helping with making and assembling war equipment? We are keen to try to record details of the contribution made by women from Thringstone during WW1. We already have details of Mary Wardle and Annie Freeman who enlisted into the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, but know other women in the village must have worked locally doing other war related work. If you think you might be able to help with information and/or photographs, please let us know.

Do you know any of the people or families of people who used to live in the police houses on St Andrew's Close? We are trying to piece together information on the police who lived in the village. We have been able to speak to a couple of people who actually lived there some years back, but any further information, or pictures, would be welcome.

Do you have any pictures taken around the old Rose and Crown public house, which may also show the house next door, known as Forest View? If you do, please get in touch. The only



photographs we have relate to the early 1900s. There must be other photos around from 1930 onwards.

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

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.

New publications – a book on the **pubs and beerhouses of Thringstone** is currently at the printers and will be available shortly. We will also shortly have available a book on the **businesses**

of the village in the past. If you are interested in either of these books, please contact us, as we are currently taking orders.

Current Friends of Thringstone publications are:

- 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 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

What's On

Thringstone House Community Centre.

- The last Friday of every month from 8pm, **Plug and Play**. Free admission, everybody welcome. For more information, contact Nigel on 454945.
- 21 March – **Dragonhead** – Brian Langtry and Graham with compere Dave Fry present country music meets folk. Tickets £7.50, concessions £7. 7.30pm start. For more information contact the centre on 222337.
- 12-16 May - Thringstone Panto and Drama Society present **Me and My Girl**. Evening performances start at 7.30pm. Matinee on 16th at 2.15pm. For tickets please contact 834575. Tickets cost £8 for an adult, and £7 for a child.



