



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 second 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.

Thringstone Music Festival –

Coming to the Community Centre – Keep 1st August free in your diaries for Thringstone's very own Music Festival.

Starting at 12 noon and going on until 11pm, this event will be family friendly, with stalls, things for the children to include bouncy castle and face painters, food, drink and a good mix of music with bands and artists from a wide area. This will be a free event, but collections will be taken during the proceedings. All profits will be donated to the Community Centre to help with their increasing running costs.

Grace Dieu Woodland – as you will know, this woodland is freely accessible to all, but in private ownership. Concern over increasing damage to parts of the woodland is ongoing. Please respect the woodland and keep it nice for future generations.

Dog Fouling - As you are aware, members of our group go out regularly clearing up litter in the village. For some time we have been aware of an increasing number of people who clear up after their dog, but then dump the bags in various places in the village rather than putting them in a bin or taking them home.

There is an area just off the football pitch by the woodlands where over 200 bags of dog fouling were cleared by one of our volunteers in April. The Council is increasingly concerned about dog fouling, and is looking for volunteer dog watch wardens who can work with them to try to reduce this problem.

If you are interested in helping the council on this issue, please contact Jackie Sykes on 454545.

BOWLS - The Sport for All

Make new friends and learn new skills at THRINGSTONE BOWLING CLUB (situated behind the Thringstone Members Club), Loughborough Road, Thringstone.

Bowls can be played by all ages, abilities and both sexes – making it the perfect sport for you and for all members of your family to enjoy.

The club is seeking new members from complete beginners to experienced bowlers. Open evenings, including coaching, are on Wednesdays from 6.15 pm onwards from April to September. The Club has great facilities including an excellent bowls playing surface.

If interested in having a go, please contact David Bamford, Club Development Officer, on 222475 or just turn up on a Wednesday evening.

Grace Dieu Cricket Club

The cricket season has come around again and our local club, Grace Dieu Park, is keen to grow their junior section further. They run junior teams in all age groups from kwik cricket (ages 6 to 10) right up to under 17s, and train on Saturday mornings from 9.30 - 11.00. Matches are played regularly throughout the summer. There is a big emphasis on enjoyment and anybody interested in giving cricket a try should contact Nigel Freeman-Langford on 0789 562851 or by email on nigelcricket@ntlworld.co.uk.

Thringstone House Community Centre

The last Friday of every month from 8pm sees **Plug and Play in the bar lounge**. Free admission, and everybody welcome. For more information, contact Nigel on 454945.

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.

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. We are also interested in copying the deeds to any of the older houses in the village. Again, these can be scanned and returned within days.

We are also interested in hearing from anybody whose female relative worked in munitions or any other service during WW1, as we want to acknowledge the work of women during this conflict.

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.

Current Friends of Thringstone publications are:

- Thringstone Born an' Bred Parts 1 & 2 by Joan Brotherhood Blackey (£3 each)

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- 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.
- Memories of Durham Miners – the story of miners who came to Thringstone in the 1960s. £2.50
- Memories 4 - The memories of a group of people talking about the war years and just afterwards. £2.50

Discounts are available to people who wish to purchase a full set of any particular title e.g. Memories booklets. Please ask us if this is of interest to you.

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

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