



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 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 third 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 –

Thank you to everybody who supported Thringstone Music Festival, the fundraiser for Thringstone House. Over 1,500 people came along to the event, which was brilliant. Thanks go to Big Rock Promotions for their wonderful staging, audio work and help. Thanks also to the bands, busker, volunteers and all those who worked behind the scenes to get the festival off the ground, and to Thringstone's Pete Gough for his work on the day, and for bringing the idea to the centre. There were lots of local business sponsors, and thanks also to them and people who came to listen. A total of £4,200 was raised for Thringstone House charity which is terrific.

Century of Stories – An event held at the community centre on 29 August saw dozens of people coming along to find out more about their family's links to WW1. This was part of a joint project we have with Leics. County Council.

Fortnam Close – This is the name for the new road into the former Fox Inn site. The name was submitted to the builders by Friends of Thringstone to honour the memory of Able Seaman John Thomas Fortnam who was killed in 1918 aged 19. He lived at Fox Terrace, 4 doors down from the former Fox Inn and there are still Fortnam relatives in the village.

Grace Dieu Woodland – following a meeting with the owners of the woodland, Natural England and the police, we understand that various signage is to be put in place reminding people that the woodland is in private ownership, and motorbikes are not allowed, in order to protect the woodland going forward.

Dog fouling – There is an increasing amount of dog fouling around The Green. Can dog owners

please try to be responsible where they can and clear up after their pet? Thanks.

NEW PUBLICATION

We have a new publication called Pubs of Thringstone available at a cost of £6. This 148 bound book details the lives of the landlords and landladies involved in looking after the public houses and beer houses of Thringstone in the past. Having taken 3 years to research, we hope the book will be of interest to people. If you would like a copy, please contact us or go to our usual sales outlets.

Grace Dieu Cricket Club

Grace Dieu Cricket Club is presently fundraising for a new dedicated score box system. If anybody is interested in helping them, please contact the club direct.

Thringstone Panto and Drama Society

Thringstone Panto and Drama Society is looking for volunteers to consider taking a backstage role with the group, especially front of house staff, props and set design and management, and other duties. If you are interested, please contact chair@tpads.org.uk or ring the centre on 222337 and leave a message for the group.

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 are still looking for village and family photos

we can scan. 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. 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:

- 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).
- Memories 4 (£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
- **Pubs of Thringstone – NEW** – a book telling the life stories of the landlords and landladies who worked and lived in Thringstone from 1840 onwards. A snip at £6.

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

Notice from Dr Hepplewhite and Virmani's Surgery

Whitwick Health Centre - 838866

www.whitwickhealthcentre.co.uk

Our patient participation group is looking to recruit new members. We meet 4 times a year and discuss developments at the practice and the broader health service. If you are registered at this practice and want further details, please contact the surgery direct.

Patients between the ages of 40 and 74 who haven't been diagnosed with certain long term conditions are eligible for a free NHS health check. It is worth having the health check even if you feel well. Contact the surgery for more details.

The surgery is committed to reducing medication wastage and is a keen advocate of Intercare – a company who send medication that would otherwise be destroyed direct to Africa. There are some restrictions including the length of the expiry date. If you have unwanted medication, please contact the practice for more details.

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