



## 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 final 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.**

**CAROLS ROUND THE TREE** – We will be working with St Andrew's church and the community centre to put on the annual Carols Round The Tree event on 11 December. Meet at St Andrew's church at 6.30pm and take a walk up to the centre singing carols as we go. Once at the centre we will gather round the tree and sing various other well known Christmas carols. There will be a collection for Christian Aid, and after the singing, everybody is welcome to come inside the centre where there will be entertainment from a Ukulele Band, plus hot and cold drinks. Please support this annual village event if you can. \_

**2000 SPRING BULBS** – We put in an application to NWLDC, on a matched funding basis, for a load of spring bulbs to be planted around the village, and were successful in our bid. As a result, 2000 bulbs have been planted around the village, which we hope will brighten everything up come Spring 2016.

**NEW PUBLICATION** - We have another new publication called Businesses in Thringstone. This is another substantial bound book which seeks to detail many of the businesses in Thringstone in the past. It is on sale for £6, but if you fancy buying a copy of the Pubs in Thringstone book at the same time, you can get both for £10. Please contact us if you have an interest in these books.

**Century of Stories art project** – Local children joined an art project group from September for 8 weeks to put together a comic strip art project telling the stories of 3 people from the village during WW1. This art work

has been forwarded for an Arts Award, and it is hoped that we will also see some banners on The Green showing this work for the whole village to see. Well done to the local youngsters who joined in with this project.

### **Thringstone Panto and Drama Society**

Thringstone Panto and Drama Society's New Year Panto will be Red Riding Hood. This runs from 15 January through to 23 January at Thringstone House Community Centre. Tickets are £8 with various concessions. For further details and to purchase a ticket, ring 834575.

### **News from the CommunityCentre**

**Thringstone House** now has wifi. This is a big boost to the centre's facilities.

From 2 November, every Monday night, is a **county music and dance** evening. This runs from 7pm-11pm and costs £4. All welcome for a good night of great music and fun. Bar open.

From 12 November and every 2nd Thursday of the month is **Folk On The Green** – a folk music night starting at 8.30pm. All welcome. Bar open.

**Plug and Play** continues on 4th Friday of every month starting at 8pm. All welcome.

**New Year's Eve Family Party. 7.30pm.** Bring food to share and come along and have a fun time with the party disco. All ages welcome. Tickets £2, on sale shortly. Contact the centre on 222337 for more details.

**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 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, including house deeds, please let us know. 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 history of the area and a map (£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 trail** detailing the lives of some interesting people (£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
- **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 in 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.
- **Businesses in Thringstone – NEW** – a book recording the stories of people who owned businesses in the village. Only £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, 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)

## **Thringstone Bowling Club**



The club had a very successful season and has also been coaching Year 6 pupils in local schools. Several children have subsequently been down to the Club for coaching and fun games. Though the outdoor bowl season has now finished until April, the club will be continuing to visit more schools over the winter months. Facilities at the club are continuing to be upgraded. Over the last five years these upgrades have included a newly laid bowls green, new clubhouse, changing rooms and floodlights. If the club is successful with their application to BIFFA for funding, it is hoped to install a new toilet block including a disability toilet unit ready for use next season. A junior section within the club will also start next season for children aged 10 and over.

**Carol Concert at Grace Dieu Priory** this year will take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. All are welcome to come along and sing carols in this atmospheric setting.

## **Message from Dr Hepplewhite and Dr Virmani's Surgery, Whitwick Health Centre**

We would like to remind patients of the need to keep warm this coming winter. Dr Hepplewhite suggests hats and gloves, keeping at least one room in the house heated and wearing waterproof shoes, as getting your feet wet can lead to chilblains. Flu jabs are also available. Please contact reception.



You can now sign up for online access where you can book appointments and request repeat medication on line. Please ask at reception for further details.

