



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 1st newsletter of 2017, 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 in the community groups section.**

Village defibrillator

We are really pleased to announce, that, thanks to Bellway Homes working with us and providing the necessary funding, a mobile defibrillator is now in place at The Meadows Care Home.

This mobile unit will be available to other medical professionals and residents to use if needed, and as such will be available to help everybody in the village, and could potentially save your life. We are very much indebted to Bellway Homes for their generosity.

New Fitness Equipment for adults

Work started in January to install five items of adult fitness equipment adjacent to the Melrose Play Area. Similar to the equipment installed in Whitwick Park, these items have come about as a result of a funding application made to the district council. The equipment is sited facing the play area, so that parents who wish to use it can still keep an eye on their children whilst getting fitter.

Thringstone House Community Centre

Giocoso String Quartet is giving a special, one off performance of works by Haydn and Debussy at the community centre on 25 February with the show starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/thringstone or direct from the centre office, open Monday-Friday 9am-12 noon.

Tim Kliphuis Trio Goes Grappelli – 17 March 2017 starting at 7.30pm. A classical violinist and his friends perform the music of Stephane Grappelli. Tickets £9 from www.ticketsource.co.uk/thringstone or direct from the centre office, open Monday-Friday 9am-12noon.

Please keep an eye on the centre's website which is www.thringstonecommunitycentre.org.uk for details of new events as they come up.

Justice Beach and Friends in concert – 1 April 2017. Starting at 7.30pm, this charity event will see Leicestershire vocalist Justice Beach perform a variety of genres of music ranging from vintage to jazz and

blues to more current music. This eye-catching and memorable young lady was recently talent scouted by people involved with ITV's The Voice. Tickets are £5 available from the centre or on line from www.ticketsource.co.uk/thringstone.

Thringstone Members Club

Every 2nd Friday of the month is **Thringstone Soul Club night** with DJs Steve Storer, Tony Hipwell and Colin Douglas playing soul and motown classics to dance the night away. The evenings start at 8pm and go on until late. Admission is only £3. What a bargain for a night of dancing!

Meadows Care Home

The GEMS award is Amore's way to reward the hard work that the staff do within all their homes. It is an objective of the award to ensure that residents receive outstanding care and customer service. If one of our team members goes the extra mile, why not help us to reward them by filling in a card to nominate that member? They are then entered into the monthly draw and given an opportunity to win £1000 in vouchers. Thringstone's Kerri-Anne O'Reilly (care assistant) was awarded the vouchers for the December 2016 draw. Ten other of staff had also been nominated by family members and residents such as the handy man and kitchen and domestic staff. The Meadows Care home is blessed with lovely residents but also a committed, passionate and caring team that always go that extra mile not only for the residents but for any visitors that call in. If people within the community want to call in to have a coffee at the coffee shop, they would be most welcome.

Tina Timson, Manager

Thringstone Bowling Club

The Club started a Junior Section last season for young people aged 9 to 18. They hope to be able to attract even more youngsters to the Junior Section next season. Free coaching during evenings will be available through the coming season which starts during the second week of April. In the meantime the Club Coaches have been working closely with North West Leicestershire Schools Partnerships bringing coaching



to Year 5/6 pupils in 4 local schools, culminating in an inter-schools gala to be held in June on the Thringstone Bowling Club green.

Facilities at the club are continuing to be upgraded.

Over the last 6 years these upgrades have included a newly laid bowls green, changing rooms and floodlights and last year, a new toilet block including disabled facilities.

The Club welcomes new members aged 9 to 90!

Membership is free for beginners in the first year. For further information call David Bamford (Coach & Development Officer) on 01530 222475 or check the Club Website: www.thringstonebowlingclub.org.uk

Free T'ai Chi

A free T'ai Chi taster class will be taking place at Thringstone Methodist Hall on Monday 20th February, 6.45pm -7.45pm. Participants will be treated to a short talk and demonstration, before having the opportunity to try it out for them-selves. T'ai Chi is a gentle, slow-motion, exercise and relaxation system that is suitable for **all** ages and abilities, and is particularly beneficial for maintaining balance and co-ordination as people get older.

A new, one hour ongoing class for beginners, will start the following week, Monday 27th February at 6.50pm. For more details please telephone Stephanie Padbury on 01509 218043.

Are you from a Thringstone family? - We are still able to help people with searches from the 1939 register, the banns lists from St Andrew's, and with some of the burial records from St Andrew's. Copies of anything supplied will cost £1. Please contact us if you need our help.

Photos of Thringstone folk – We are still receiving copies of people's photos from days gone by, but are not only interested in photos of people from years back, but also photos of things that happened in the village in the 1980s and 1990s. Do you have any family or other photos you would be willing to share with us?

These can be sent to us via facebook message or email, or we can collect them, scan them and return them to you.

If you have house deeds for your home and don't mind us scanning those, please let us know, especially if you live in one of the older houses in the village.

Want to join our group? - Membership continues, for the 6th 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.

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:

- **Thrinksun 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** – 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** – 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 and for those who want to buy a pubs book and a businesses book together, there is a £2 discount, so 2 books for £10. Please ask us if this is of interest to you. Most publications are available at Thringstone Members Club and at Thringstone House Community Centre. You can also contact us via 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

