



The Friends of Thringstone

Chairman: Nita Pearson
20 Springfield, Thringstone, Leicestershire, LE67 8LT.
Telephone: 01530 223434
<mailto:nita.pearson@ntlworld.com>

Visit our website at: www.friends-of-thringstone.org.uk

Minutes of meeting held at Thringstone Community Centre on Thursday 24th April 2008 at 6.45pm

Present: Nita Pearson, Ray Woodward, Lorraine Whitehurst, Geoff Walker, Ann Petty, Ray Neal, Jan Cufflin, Maggie Smith, Sandie Newton, Tony Newton

Apologies: Pam Porter, Janet Stevenson, Geoff Wilson, Pam Clayfield

Previous minutes agreed but included discussion. Whitwick Methodist Church Event 25 year Anniversary – Ann has a stand at the event for the Whitwick Historical Society and she has kindly agreed to take some FOT books for her stall.

Tony will liaise with Ann about when to take some books to her for her to place for us.

Grace Dieu Event

This event is to be held on 21st June, the time to be confirmed. It will be held at the Priory. Grace Dieu will agree details at their May meeting.

They will confirm if they will hire our tent and if they will pay in advance for their stall at our event. Nita will receive an email with details after their meeting. Our rota for the day is Bernard, Sandie, Pam P, Maggie S, Ray Neal in no particular order, as Sandie is there all day. Jan Cufflin will contact people to sort the rota. Tony to confirm float.

Picnic in the Park

Pauline B has very kindly bought some plants from Morrison's, and has them in her greenhouse for us. Bernard will reimburse her.

Ann is providing plants and shrubs.

Maggie and Lorraine also have plants for the event, and Jan is also donating some of her plants, and if there are any left from the Church plant event, we can have those as well. Chris who lives near Nita will donate some plants to the event. We also hopefully have two more contacts who might give. It was felt that we now should have enough plants.

Lorraine offered to give the group a plant stand. This was welcomed.

Ray Woodward will organise the pick up and delivery of the plants and extras to a central point.

This was decided to be Sandie's home address, as Tony and Sandie are part of the set up team. It was decided that we would need these in place at least a week before, so as to cut down on any last minute problems. It was decided that we would need at least three cars to get the tables which Lorraine has kindly lent, and the plants, people, bric a brac or extras to the event. Tony is one car, Bernard usually is another car, but has yet to be asked, so we need one more car. Ray W is on the case.

Heritage Event Update

Sandie was asked to explain about the stands we have. Some old favourites are back – Soap Essentials, Anji's Roses, Head and Hanz, plus 'our Pauline' has agreed to do another super craft stall. Jo Bainbridge cards are also back, to name but a few. We also have a lot of new stalls, and this year, we have extra space, thanks to the Scout hut being available. We have Children-related stalls and a Magician (Silisosige) who was such a success last time, so it should be fun for all. We still have meats and wine for the 'older children' and inside, we have twenty stalls if everybody confirms. Sandie will chase this up in June if we have not completed by post. WE ALSO HAVE A LOT GOING ON OUTSIDE! – Pony rides, Bouncy castle, Old Fire engine, Ice Cream bike, Brass Band, Fairground Organ, Animal Sanctuary.

Sandie asked about the space required for the radio show, as planning needed to be spot on, as the car park will be full with children's entertainment and attractions. Ray will find out the size, and report back. Lorraine raised a valid point about disabled parking space. It needs to be allocated. This was discussed at length, and a number of suggestions were talked about. Nita will email Dwight about using the hammer head. Lorraine suggested some ideas. Sandie will work out a plan that will give access close to the door for disabled parking.

Sandie spoke about the need for car park attendants, as we will need to stop non-disabled drivers parking on the car park, as it will be full of children's entertainment.

Sandie will head up the team, as she had some experience of it at the Xmas Event, and she knows who should be there, as she did the plan.

Nita has given the overlay sizes to Sandie regarding altering the banners from last summer, to give to Ella whose husband has kindly offered to make them for us. This means that we can use the old banner.

Nita has spoken to the Scouts and agreed a price of £50 for the hire of the hut.

Ray W will do a risk assessment form for the event and wants another form sending to him to complete.

Ray spoke about trying to contact the N.U.M. about lending their banner because of the Heritage event being linking with the mining industry's past, it was felt we would like to borrow their banner. He said he won't give up and will try again on Thursday as they are having a meeting.

Ray W will also speak to Mike about the publicity boards. Jan kindly said we could borrow her sandwich board.

Nita brought along some event signage that will be very well used and Lorraine offered to also do some signage. This was gratefully accepted.

It was decided that signs for The Green need to be available and in place two weeks prior to the event.

Jan Cufflin is going to find out if St Andrew's want to come to the event, and report back, but there may be a problem with finding someone to man their stand.

Ray agreed to chase his contact to find out if the monastery is coming or not.

Ray also agreed to talk to the householders near the community centre to ensure that they knew about the event in advance, and were aware that this year there are things taking place outside, and the noise level could be greater than in the past.

Nita agreed to contact Burbage Silver Band about their preferences if there is a rainy day.

Calendars

John Smith has taken on calendars. It was decided to let the committee chose a selection of scenes to go into the calendar.

The pictures received have been of the highest quality, so it will be very hard to choose. Ray W will liaise with Charnwood Publishing about details.

School Event: 28th June 2pm til 4pm

Ella will be informed that we will attend.

Nita asked if anyone would man the stand. Geoff Walker volunteered himself and Pauline.

A.G.M

Nita discussed the A.G.M and explained that the meeting is to be held at Swannington Mill, where we will get a personal tour of the mill by Denis Baker. The date is the 5th June, and the time is 6.45pm. We will then hold a quick meeting, and vote in the committee. After this, we will go to the George and Dragon, where a buffet awaits us. The cost of the buffet is £3.50 per head. Please let Sandie know if you are coming, and could everyone please pay in advance, so that we can give nos. to the George and Dragon. Sandie's no. is 01530 222064. can everybody pleaselet us know by the 22nd of May.

Geoff has a letter to send out to all past members, hoping they will rejoin.

Nita is sending email letters to members, and delivering to those not on email.

Nita expressed her wish that everyone would still continue to support the group going forward. It was decided to invite Denis to the buffet as a thank you for showing us around the mill.

A.O.B

- 1) Nita has put together a portfolio about F.O.T. It shows what we have done so far, before and after photos of Drury Lane, Bob's Closs, Brook Lane, Planting in Thringstone, and The Blue Plaques. Much more is included. Hopefully this will enable Nita to put us forward for the new council Green Footprint scheme, which is mainly for business, but community groups can also get involved, and we might win our first Green Oscar and show what a village can do.
- 2) Nita was concerned about the missing dogwood bushes at Brook Lane. A quest was formed to locate said bushes.
- 3) Geoff Walker agreed to take before and after pictures for the portfolio of the Church wall before we begin planting.
- 4) Mentioned in dispatches - Ray told everybody that the David Taylor column in the Coalville Times gives well deserved praise to Nita, and he talked about the group's achievements.
- 5) Friends of Holly Hayes have a photo competition. If you take a photo of the Holly Hayes wood, you can have it developed at Mason's Chemist, and there will be no charge to yourself. Two competitions are available. For more details contact F.H.H.
- 6) Ray N has been talking to Pete at the G&D about hiring the tent. Ours might not be big enough. Grace Dieu have a marquee, so Ann will find out if they can help.
- 7) Nita asked if everyone has their tickets for the music event on Saturday and the film on Monday at the Community Centre. She asked for everybody to support the centre.

Nita thanked everybody for their attendance.

Meeting closed 20 past 8.

Date of Next Meeting : Next meeting May 22nd at 6.45pm. Venue Thringstone Community Centre.