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Front Cover Quiz... ‘Spot the Local Landmark’

How many of you can spot the landmark from our surrounding area featured on this month’s issue front cover? If you think you know the answer please send your entry to The Community Voice, c/o 57 High Street, Ibstock, or email us at: info@yourcommunityvoice.net

The winner (drawn first out of the hat of all correct entries) will receive a £10 One4All voucher. Good Luck!

Last month’s quiz answer... and winner!

Many of you were able to correctly identify last month’s local landmark as the gates to Whitwick Cemetery on Church Lane. The cemetery contains the grave of Thomas Elsdon Ashford, a recipient of the Second Afghan War Victoria Cross. After the war, Ashford worked as a postman in Whitwick for over twenty years. He died of bronchitis in 1913 at the age of 54.

This month’s prize has been won by James Gray and our picture shows the prize draw being performed by Richard Hill of ME Sports (see their article on page 7).

Let’s see how well you do with our next landmark!

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LOOK OUT FOR WHITTI!

Whitie ‘spotters’ were busy again last month! He was spotted by many, hiding behind the advert for ‘Fitsteps’ on page 11. The first correct answer drawn out of the ‘Community Voice hat’ was sent in by Issy Mutolo (aged 8 years) who will receive a £10 GIFT VOUCHER!

But where is he this month? If you spot him, send us your details, and which advert he is hiding behind, using the contact details listed below

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Leicestershire based stairlift company Candor Care have announced their recent partnership with Devi Stairlifts, a leading manufacturer based in the Netherlands. Candor will become the first distributor and installer of the ‘UP’ stairlift in the UK.

The Devi UP was created by the company’s owner, Dennis Vroegindewey. Dennis has extensive industry experience and product knowledge, and was recognised for his previous success in designing the Van Gogh stairlift during his time at Freelfit B.V.

Following the development of modular curved rail systems over the last 20 years, Devi have focused on designing patented technology requiring only a handful of components that are simply bolted together to form the desired rail layout. The rail parts are manufactured from castings and aluminium extrusions similar to straight stairlift tracks. The parts can be easily stocked, which means lead times can compete with those offered with simpler straight stairlifts.

Candor Care are confident that for customers who are looking for an immediate solution, it will be possible to provide a next day installation service of the Devi UP. Further benefits of the ‘UP’ stairlift include the rail system being manufactured from aluminium as opposed to steel, meaning that it is made from a light and sustainable material, along with the patented curved sections having the ability to be easily connected and form every conceivable curvature. Alan Ferguson, Managing Director at Candor Care said – “I was delighted to travel to meet Dennis and formalise our new partnership. We are thrilled to have the privilege of bringing the Devi UP stairlift to the UK and we can’t wait to start introducing it to customers along with installing a working Devi UP in our stairlift assessment centre.”

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FRAMEWORK KNITTING – A COTTAGE INDUSTRY

Researching family history is a constant and fascinating activity at Whitwick Historical Group and using census returns is a primary source of information. With families who have a heritage based in the East Midlands, the occupation of “Framework Knitter” is often given on the census records. This is not surprising since, in Leicestershire alone, as well as the city of Leicester, 150 towns and villages had framework knitters in the first half of the nineteenth century. One of these villages was Whitwick. Before the local collieries and later factories provided employment, framework knitting was a dominant industry.

What is framework knitting? The knitting frame was invented by William Lee in 1589 and was hardly changed over the decades. It enabled knitted goods, particularly stockings or hose, to be knitted many times faster than by hand. The balance was paid in goods from the master hosier for whom they worked, often in a woman’s homes or in a small “frame shop”.

Significantly, framework knitting took place not all were men. A flat piece of fabric was needed. Most framework knitters but considerable physical effort and good eyesight were needed. Most framework knitters all family members including young children. In 1844, a Commission of Enquiry was set up to investigate working and living conditions. Thirteen knitters from Whitwick gave evidence along with three master hosiers, shopkeepers and the Anglican curate. One shocking disclosure was that in some cases wages were paid not in cash but in goods. Joseph Sheffield, a framework knitter of Leicestershire, stated that one of his rented frames was worked by a woman who earned seven shillings a dozen for stockings but only received one shilling in cash. The balance was paid in goods from the master hosier’s shop.

Whitwick Historical Group holds a copy of all the evidence collected by the Commission in Whitwick, Thringstone and Osgathorpe at the Old Station. It gives a poignant insight into how so many of our ancestors lived. It may be that one of your forebears was interviewed by the Commissioners. The report is particularly valuable since little other evidence of this once vital industry remains. If you would like to learn more or have your own family history research to share, the volunteers at WHG will be pleased to see you.

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In May 2010, Leicester City Legend Matt Elliott and long-time friend and local football man Richard Hill were ‘between occupations’ and set-up a summer holiday football camp for children at Newbold Verdon Primary School under their then newly formed Matt Elliott Football Development Scheme. The summer programme was a roaring success, which prompted Matt and Richard to open some further small clubs and football centres in the local area.

Fast forward almost ten years and something pretty special has been built! Now ME Training & Development Ltd, incorporating ME Sports and ME Education as well as the original football brand Matt Elliott Football Development Scheme, the business has recently moved into their brand new headquarters and education centre in Field Head, Markfield and are working all over the county in a number of capacities.

ME Sports are providing the very best quality sports coaching and instruction to schools, colleges, clubs and independent organisations throughout the Midlands. In schools, they are consistently delivering an excellent standard of PE sessions as part of PPA cover as well as breakfast clubs, lunchtime clubs and after-school activities in a wide range of sports from football and rugby right through to gymnastics and dance. Their teacher training programmes are also a popular way for schools to develop PE alongside staff within the school. They are also working with pre-schools, nurseries, colleges, clubs, and other government funded or independent organisations where their highly qualified and vastly experienced coaches deliver sport specific or multi-sports sessions, whether it be a regular contract or one-off event. Their own regular independent multi-sports, dance, gymnastics and football clubs are held in various venues throughout Leicestershire as well as a host of holiday clubs all-year-round.

ME Sports also have a sector of the business that supplies their customers with sports equipment, trophies and awards… making them the complete one-stop sports coaching company. Why not visit their stunning new shop and show room at Innovation House, 232 Leicester Road, Field Head, Markfield, LE67 9RG where they also stock a huge array of sporting memorabilia that can be viewed and purchased but can also be supplied for charity events, event stalls and auctions.

The football sector is the Matt Elliott Football Development Scheme, where Matt himself oversees the academies, development centres, sports clubs and casual clubs with the children benefiting from his vast experience as an ex-professional and international footballer. All the coaches and instructors in all sectors are insured, CRB/DBS checked, first aid trained along with safe guarding children… as well as an extensive and wide range of sporting qualifications. Matt Elliott Soccer International is the football tours sector where they organise and host tours for schools, football clubs and groups from the UK and all over the globe. The tour packages are all inclusive and cater for all needs but can also be developed bespoke to suit particular groups. Tours are hosted by Matt himself and always include great appearances from Ian Marshall and/or Alan Barnhill as well as training sessions with Steve Guppy and/or Garry Taggart. Details of all of this and the above can be found on their sports website www.mesports.co.uk and extensive social media.

In summary, a fantastic business and community enterprise has developed here which creates enormous opportunity for children and adults of all ages and from all walks of life! We at the Community Voice joined the guys for their recent open day and as you will see from the photographs a great time was had by all!

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In addition there will be a guest speaker. This month we welcome Matthew Eames with the very topical subject “Love Food Hate Waste”. Matthew is from Leicestershire County Council’s Waste Initiative Team. His talk will include facts about the scale and impact of food waste as well as tips on how to reduce your own food waste. He will offer advice on portion size and storage, meal planning and using up leftovers.

To listen to Matthew and find out more about Whitwick and District U3A, come along to St. David’s Church Hall, Broom Leys, Coalville LE67 4RL at 1.45 for a 2.00pm start. The U3A is a non-religious and non-political organisation; everyone is welcome. Meanwhile comprehensive information about our thriving and friendly U3A is available on our website; search online for www.whitwicku3a.org.uk

LITTERPICKING WITH GRACE DIEU MANOR SCHOOL

3 members of Friends of Thringstone joined with students aged between 5 years and 11 years, plus teachers from Grace Dieu Manor School on 3 May for a litter pick within the local woodland.

A staggering 21 bags of rubbish were removed from the woodland, and we were all delighted that the rain held off whilst we were out.

Nita Pearson BEM, Chair of Friends of Thringstone said ‘We seldom get groups contacting us asking if they can come litter picking with us, but when a member of staff from the school contacted us about the prospect of a litter pick with their eco group , we were only too pleased say yes. Despite regular litter picking ourselves, to include the woodland, we can’t always cover as great an area as we would like, so the extra help was much appreciated.’

WEDDING SHOWCASE AT RENAISSANCE BOUTIQUE

Saturday 9th June from 11.00am until 3.00pm

Following the success of previous showcase open days at Renaissance Boutique this Coalville based shop will be holding another event on Sunday 9th June.

Renaissance showcase events provide a wonderful opportunity to choose your perfect wedding outfit, from their wide array of top brands, in a relaxed atmosphere. Renaissance caters for the Mother of the Bride, Bridesmaids, Flower Girls and the Groom and Groom’s party.

Shoes and handbags can be dyed to match any outfit and Dawn offers a FREE HAT OR FASCINATOR HIRE with matching handbag for every wedding outfit chosen. A 10% reduction also applies when four or more bridesmaid dresses are purchased.

Dawn’s expertise in being able to ‘dress’ a lady means that you can be confident in finding an outfit that ensures you stand out from the crowd. From head to toe, Dawn provides expert advice for ladies of all ages and all sizes and helps you find the perfect outfit for your special occasion.

Dawn comments, “We cater for all types of needs. Some ladies know exactly what they are looking for and we simply help them find it, whilst others need more guidance and advice, and we are more than happy to help. Our knowledge of the dresses, how they fit, how colours work together and what style suits what shape, means many customers leave feeling confident in their outfit and look forward to their event knowing they look great.”

With brands including True Brides, Emma Bridal and Cameron Ross Maria’s Formal hire the boutique has a great selection to browse. Renaissance also has an exciting new ‘Teen’ range of dresses coming into the boutique for girls aged 10-16 years old. This new range caters for the slightly older girl who is perhaps too old for a Flower Girl dress and so ensures a great fit. Have a chat with Dawn at the showcase to found out more.

Described as Coalville’s best kept secret, come and have a browse for your next special occasion, and have a chat with Dawn about your special day!
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The Parish Council pay tribute to five past councillors (who served between 2015 – 2019) for all their dedicated work: Ron Adams, Sue Colledge, Dave Everitt, Derek Howe & Tim Pulford.

FANCY PUTTING YOUR BRAIN TO THE TEST?
Here’s a bit of fun to get you thinking.
(Answers on inside back cover – no cheating!)
Love Your Clothes
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The next Thringsone WI. Meeting will be on June 18th at 7.30pm at Thringsone Methodist Church Hall.

Want to sort out your wardrobe dilemmas? Join us with Rose Playe from County Hall who will be giving us ideas on how to recycle our clothes. We’re having a “Swishing Party” where we’ll be bringing our unwanted scarves and handbags to give them the opportunity of a new life in a new wardrobe, anything leftover will be donated to charity.

If you want to share our evening as a visitor where you will be made very welcome, cost is £5 for refreshments and a raffle ticket.

Thringsone WI
Love your clothes (swishing party for bags and scarves)
Speaker - Rose Playe
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Tuesday 18th June at 7.30pm
Visitors welcome

40 well-wishers, including local MP Andrew Bridgen, gathered at The Charles Booth Centre last month for a surprise party given in honour of Nita Pearson.

Nita has recently received the British Empire Medal for her outstanding services to the community.

Nita was delighted to receive numerous bouquets of flowers, and a beautiful Tutbury Glass cut-glass bowl and expresses her gratitude to all who organised the occasion.

A very popular evening of Ballroom, Latin, and Sequence. Great atmosphere! Doors/bar open at 7.00pm, eyes down: 8.00pm. Licensed bar and refreshments.

Saturday 22nd June – PELENNA VALLEY WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR in concert – makes a welcome return to The Palace to present an evening of song and music. Doors/bar open at 7.30pm. Concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets: £12.00. Advanced booking is highly recommended to avoid disappointment.

Friday 21st June – FILM NIGHT – ‘A star is born’ (R) – A musician helps a young singer find fame as age and alcoholism send his own career into a downward spiral. Starring Lady Gaga. Doors/bar open at 7.00pm. Film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets: £3.00/£4.00.

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Another cycle ride has now been organised for Saturday, 29th June. The starting point and base will be The George and Dragon in Thringstone. The team of 15 plus riders will start at 7.00 am and head out towards Burton football ground, then Derby football ground and back to George and Dragon. The route then goes from the George and Dragon to Notts. county, Notts. Forest and Trent Bridge. Then back to George and Dragon, from there onto Leicester City football ground (The King Power Stadium) to the finish at The George and Dragon, with the team of young riders, aged 10 -14, which will include Preston’s family and friends. The idea on this route is to encourage people to join in and drop out of each leg or to do as much, or a little, as they want, although most will be cycling the full 120 miles.

If anyone would like to support the ride on the day it will be greatly want, although most will be cycling the full 120 miles.

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“Jam tomorrow and jam yesterday - but never jam today”.  
Lewis Carroll

He is Risen Indeed!
An Easter garden was built at Hall Lane Methodist Church in Whitwick in the week leading to the Easter weekend. It contained a green hill, three crosses and a cave with a stone that could be rolled over the opening. On Good Friday a crown of thorns and some nails were added to the cross and the stone was rolled over the front of the cave. This represented the day that Jesus was crucified on a cross and made to wear on his head a crown made with vicious thorns. His body was laid to rest inside the tomb.

On Easter Sunday the stone was rolled back to reveal an empty tomb, just as it had been three days after the crucifixion many years ago. In church that morning we celebrated Jesus being raised from the dead: He is risen, He is risen indeed, alleluia!
Let’s talk about Domestic Abuse. As it is often not talked about. It is categorised by any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass but is not limited to the following types of abuse:

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For more information about Ruffle’s storybooks visit www.ruffletheraildog.co.uk

Ruffle’s Walks – Ruffle tries agility!

Ruffle was playing in the station garden with his favourite red ball. Eric’s granddaughter, Jill, was on holiday from school, so had come along to the little station to help Eric. She decided to take a break from the gardening and sat down to watch Ruffle as he tossed his head to make the ball fly into the air then pounced on it when it landed, just like a playful puppy.

Ruffle noticed Jill watching him so trotted over and dropped the ball next to her, hoping she would throw it for him to chase after. Jill knew exactly what Ruffle wanted so picked up the ball and threw it over the side of the grass, next to the vegetable patch. The ball bounced twice on the grass then disappeared over the little fence that separated the vegetable patch from the lawn. Ruffle was after the ball like a shot. Undeterred that the ball was nesting in the middle of Eric’s cabbages, he took a flying leap and cleared the little fence with ease. He grabbed the ball then returned over the fence with an equally impressive jump.

‘Ruffie! What a good jumper you are!’ exclaimed Jill as Ruffle returned to her. ‘I wonder – let’s see if Grandad has some canes in the station shed that we could use to make some jumps. We could have our own agility course!’

Ruffle followed Jill over to the shed, still holding the prized red ball firmly in his mouth. They found Eric in the shed and so explained her idea to him.

‘How could we make some proper jumps?’ asked Eric, who loved making things and was already thinking about the best colour to paint the jump poles. ‘I have some hollow plastic tubes that will make ideal poles – they are very light so won’t hurt if Ruffle’s legs catch them. I can make the supports either side of the jumps quite easily. And how about that material play tunnel? Ruffle’s legs catch the poles. ‘I wonder – let’s see if Grandad has some canes in the station shed that we could use to make some jumps. We could have our own agility course!’

Jill laughed as she saw that in his mind, Eric had already planned out an agility course in the station garden. They spent the rest of the afternoon making a couple of jumps and finding out the play tunnel. Once finished, Ruffle was eager to try out the obstacles and had great fun as Jill gently threw the ball over the jumps and through the tunnel for Ruffle to run through…”

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SHEPSSHED CARERS’ CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF CARING

by Sarah Pollard

Just over 25 years ago my friend Pauline and I were made redundant from our respective jobs and were seeking avenues to use our skills. We were both active in the St John Ambulance and as a result we knew quite a few medical staff and it was a local district nurse, who was also a St Johns nursing officer, who suggested that Pauline and I apply our knowledge and experience to providing homecare service to people to live with dignity and independence in their own homes. This would be as alternative to being confined to hospitals or care homes, thereby helping to maintain mental and physical wellbeing being by being in familiar surroundings. This was a radical departure from accepted methods of care at that time and we were intrigued by the possibilities.

After much consideration and many meetings with Dorothy, our adviser at CASE, Shepshed Carers Ltd was born in February 1994. Our original office was Pauline’s home and I still recall the delight when we attached the brass registered office plaque next to her front door! We established the company as a co-operative as we believed that, this inclusive and democratic ownership structure would enable the business through allowing all carers to become members, decision makers and joint owners of the company. Staff and members know that the success of Shepshed Carers is intrinsically bound into their effort and contribution and this input is rewarded in better than average working conditions and a share in the profit of the company.

It has been a rollercoaster ride at times over the past 25 years and Shepshed Carers has experienced some challenging times which have been overcome through staff putting their shoulders to the wheel. And it is probably a given that we will face challenging times again, the care sector in general is experiencing trying times as profit margins are squeezed, contracts reworked and competition for staff intensifies. The county wide shortage of available care staff is a problematic for Shepshed Carers as we compete for staff from an ever-decreasing pool but we are developing strategies to address this.

One of the issues with recruiting staff is the perception of caring. It would seem that people either see the job as a ‘tea, toast and sympathy’ or believe that it is about ‘wiping bottoms’. Some elements of both of these are involved but in the main it is much more than either of those hackneyed descriptions. Caring offers opportunities in so many areas and it is a wide and varied job. The care sector has developed greatly over the past 25 years and has established professional standards which carers are striving to degree level and beyond. If they wish. Shepshed Carers has been proud to be at the forefront of these developments as we instituted mandatory training for all staff long before the Care Standards became official and other agencies demanded such levels of training; we fully embrace all quality standards and training initiatives thus ensuring that Shepshed Carers staff are some of the best trained in the industry.

Working at Shepshed Carers brings other benefits too in that members know that their job truly makes a difference. How many people can say they own and control their work? That they share the profits of the business? Probably not many outside of the co-operative sector and rarely those in the care sector but we can! This is the Shepshed Carers difference. We are fine care workers who are invested in our work and we can be justly proud of the job that we do.

So, I would like to wish our company a happy 25th birthday and thank all the members for their total dedication to the job and their commitment to the company. The fact that we are celebrating a quarter century of providing top quality care is down to you. Thank you.
The Bosworth Medieval Festival is one of the highlights of the summer calendar. It’s a great event for families, as there is so much on offer, including the re-enactment of two battles from the Wars of the Roses, with the Battle of Bosworth as the grand finale. The Battle of Bosworth was a pivotal moment in English history, which saw King Richard III lose his life and his crown to Henry Tudor – bringing the Tudor dynasty to the throne. The re-enactment aims to help visitors to learn more about this crucial point in English history, as well as honouring those who fought and died on both sides. As well as the battle re-enactments, there are large living history encampments to explore, puppetry, archery, cannon fire demonstrations, guided tours, author talks, a medieval craft market and loads of exciting fun, hands-on games and competitions for children, as well as entry to the award-winning exhibition and free car parking.

New events and entertainment for this year include period falconry displays – both flying and static – medieval cooking demonstrations and food tasting, a roving jester, the King’s Executioner and a medieval puppet show. There will be events taking place in both arenas for most of the two days and a new, mounted stall at arm display which puts the horses and armoured riders through their paces. Leicestershire County Council Museums & Heritage Manager, Jane Betti, said: “We are really excited that we are able to offer an even bigger and better Bosworth Medieval Festival this year, with lots of new events, activities, displays and stalls to keep the whole family entertained. Bosworth Medieval Festival 2019 is a new event, with tickets being valid for both days at the same price as last year. If you’ve visited the Festival before, you will see so much more this year. And if you’ve never visited, please come and join us on August 17 & 18 for a great medieval experience.”

Tickets can be booked online at www.bosworthbattlefield.org.uk or by calling 08455 290429 between 10am and 5pm. They can also be bought in person at Bosworth Battlefield – and there are no booking fees. Family tickets and special group rates are also available.

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Anna has been in the profession for 20 years now and over the years has prepared and delivered many sets of accounts and tax returns. She offers quality business advice and planning that can help a range of businesses whether they be in start up mode or well established and needing a fresh pair of eyes!

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Trade and craft stalls, a beer tent, children’s entertainment, including funfair also awaits. The farm is also home to Charnwood Forest Alpacas who offer a range of taster experiences over the weekend to get up close to the resident alpacas and other animals. It’s a great value day out for the whole family!

Originally known as the Ashby & Willesley Vintage Festival the event was held at Moira Furnace for four years before moving to its new venue in 2018. Organised by a committee of just five volunteers, the steam rally was a finalist for two Leicestershire Promotions 2018 Tourism and Hospitality Awards for Best Festival or Event (Paid) and Best Team.

This year’s Ashby Steam takes place on 22 and 23 June 2019. Plus, shortly after 5pm on Saturday 22 June the public line the streets for a parade of vintage vehicles into Ashby town centre and back – a chance to see some of these magnificent vehicles on the move!

Money raised at the event goes to help putting on future events and to local charities. Last year, donations were made to local Rotary clubs and Hospice Hope.

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What was it like when you were young?

‘What was it like when you were young?’ is a question many children ask their parents and grandparents, and recent research into life in Thringstone and Whitwick in the late 1800s has shown that this has probably always been the same with Friends of Thringstone’s research unearthing several stories, originally captured in the 1950s, of people talking about their childhood.

Times were hard. People didn’t have the things we now take for granted, and many people remembered as children taking bread to John Biddle’s bakery on Gracceieu Road for him to bake in his ovens at a charge of half a penny a loaf. There being no electricity, the shop at that time was lit solely by candles. Washing machines were yet to be invented, and few homes had their own mangles to take the water out of washing, so a large mangle was used by the villagers on Saturday (washing day) and they were charged 2 pence for its use.

It should be remembered that school children in the late 1800s and early 1900s were often required to work in addition to schooling, and often missed class so they could earn money for their parents. One Thringstone lady said as a child that she had to get up early in the morning to walk to Worthington to collect watercress to sell, and remembered running with other children down to Gracceieu brook on the chance of getting halfpennies thrown to them by people attending Belton horse fair.

She remembered the frequent journeys she had to make to Shepshed for the collection and return of gloves, which was a welcome addition to the family income and remembered when she, and a group of other children, ran all the way from Thringstone to Whitby station to get a glimpse of Irish lads who were being taken to the reformatory at Mt St Bernard. They were in the charge of Mr Maloney and Michael McCarthy. There was an official welcome for these lads who were preceded by a local band with many local children bringing up the rear. Newspaper records confirm this having taken place on 19 July 1884, with the train arriving at 7.15pm. Large crowds are recorded as having gathered on the railway bridge and at Whitwick Market Place to see the boys arrive. Mr McCarthy having given the 200 boys a welcome tea at his Railway Hotel in Whitwick, they then marched, with brass band under the command of Captain Hudson and staff of officers, to the reformatory. At the time, locals thought that the children had come direct from Ireland. They had in fact been on the reformatory ship, Clarence, which had been set afloat by its inmates in July 1884, and were then taken to a hospital in Newferry, Birkenhead as a temporary measure. Due to an outbreak of smallpox there, they had then needed to move again and ended up coming to Mt St Bernard. Just over a year later, records show that in August 1885, the 200 boys were treated to a day’s outing and were marched from the reformatory with their leader Captain Hudson and their brass band, down Leicester Road, through the Market Place in Whitwick to the Railway Hotel and then on a field on Hall Lane where they played games and had refreshments at 4pm provided by Michael and Mrs McCarthy.

The boys remained at Mt St Bernard until November 1885 when they were returned to the Clarence’s replacement vessel, the Royal William.

Nita Pearson BEM (Chairman), Friends of Thringstone
Swannington Open Gardens charity fundraising day

Swannington Open Gardens wishes to begin by expressing a huge thank you for the support given to us on Saturday May 11th. Also, to give you a flavour of what a fantastic event Swannington Open Gardens fundraising day for charity.

So just as a moment referring to May 11th, imagine our small team of dedicated growers arriving at the village hall with several carloads of candidly tendered quality plants grown with purpose and commitment rating making money for our chosen charities. These are: Rainbow Hospice, Local Air Ambulance, Nottingham NHS MRI Scanner Appeal for Children and Swannington Village Projects. We had nearly a thousand plants to sell. Recycled pots contained annuals, bedding plants, shrubs & perennials, climbers, houseplants, in all shapes and sizes, good value for money was maintained on several occasions. The atmosphere was buzzing and lively. Visitors could sit down, share village news and delights of their planting spread over, coffee, teas, cakes or blooms, an opportunity to catch up with old acquaintances and make new ones. In addition to the above we also began selling our own raffle tickets, first prize £50.00 cash with a further eight prizes to be won and all for the above good causes. These tickets will continue to be sold up to and on Sunday June 30th. The draw taking place on July 6th. See our Facebook page for more details, or if you know one of the Swannington Open Gardens organisers please ask.

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Sunday 23rd and 30th June - 6pm .......... Services
Saturday 8th June - 10am to noon .......... Coffee morning
Sunday 7th July - 10.30am .............. All Age service
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