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FROM THE RECTOR. Ascension Day saw a happy gathering of people from across the Benefice at the base of Kedington church tower with Ascension hymns and readings. The traditions "Ascension Sausage Breakfast" was held at the Rectory and some twenty people were fed. It was a joyous event and caused many bemused looks from passers by. It may have been the singing or the bird song, I don't know which, but since then the weather seems to have improved and we are at this moment looking forward to Bishop Nigel's visit for the Confirmation. Tim Knappett, Tony Farr, Gregory Bush, Tom and Ben Eames are our five candidates and we will have welcomed people from across the deanery. At the service we will all have renewed our Baptismal Vows which remind us of our expected commitment. I am not a "seerer" in the Old Testament sense so we will have to wait until another time to be reminded of what the Bishop said. However there is always time to talk about our faith and no doubt we will all benefit from doing a little studying. Those of you with children and are godparents as well as the rest may well think about looking at a little book called **"What am I doing here?" by Hilary Brand and Published by Church House Publishing at £4.99.** It's not just for Children and aims it's answers to some posed questions in a thoughtful and positive way. When was the last time you read a book about your faith? The holidays are coming up if you are lucky so why not take a little book like this with you? I have some copies if you would like to purchase one.

All our Annual General Meetings have been held and we have been able to increase our number of Churchwardens across the Benefice. Robin Vestey has been elected Churchwarden at Little Thurlow to join Iris Eley. Ben Stanton has joined the team at Great Wrattling and Les Jobson has joined the team at Barnardistion. They are probably not fully aware of all they have taken on just yet but after some reading they soon will be. These are positive signs of growth in the Christian Community of the Benefice. It's a cliché to say there are challenging times ahead but it also depends on which challenges we see as the most important for people's growth in the faith. Those who recall the life of Jesus and the other disciples soon have a sense of how little store they placed on earthly possessions. They also found how difficult it was to walk away from great wealth to take on a greater responsibility of living a sacrificial Christian Life. There are demands made on us to be Christians. Finding a truthful balance in our lives of work, rest, play and PRAY or worship we all need to examine. We are quite good at the first three but probably compromise a little on the fourth! Our Benefice Services are opportunities for all of us to come together. We are a Benefice of EIGHT congregations

all Christians and have been brought together to work together. We do need to work harder together at seeing how we can share our responsibilities in both practical matters and spiritual matters so we can witness with confidence to our faith. It does seem odd to me that on some Sundays we meet in four different places with four small congregations when we would all benefit from being together. The singings and the spirit would surely enrich us all. These things we need to face as a community. There is an enormous amount of paperwork we all share in common and some of you will have seen in documents sent from the Diocese a term which mention a "Benefice Administrator", one person who coordinates the paperwork with the officers of the Benefice, thus setting the ministers free to get on with other aspects of ministry. Perhaps we ought to ask from another Benefice how this works.

How we pray, what we say and do are all part of our sharing Christ's Ministry through the Church. We have much to offer what one politician has called "this broken society", as the Church we can help bring Christ's healing to broken lives and we must equip ourselves and our congregations for the task Christ has called us to. Go on take a risk, read that little book.

John Eley. Rector.

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY AT GREAT THURLOW HALL

**SUNDAY 27TH JUNE 2010 FROM
NOON**

**JAZZ BAND, BARBECUE, RAFFLE
ETC**

All the family welcome

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In aid of the Thurlow Churches

NATURE NOTE. Well, it's summer at last. The temperature has soared in the last week, the evenings are still lengthening, and the trees and bushes are now thickly clad in green. Summer proper starts for me when the swifts first arrive, on about the 6th or 7th of May. I usually see the first vanguard passing high up in the sky, in a separate corridor of airspace from the martins and swallows, but then as the main body arrives they start chasing round our houses in those daredevil screaming parties. The poet Ted Hughes always took their safe arrival each summer as a sign that all was still well with the world:

They've made it again
Which means the globe is still working
The Creation's still waking refreshed,
Our summer's still all to come

But all is not well with other species. I've yet to hear the crooning of the turtle dove in Thurlow this year – that most soporific of summer sounds, nor the lovely cadences of the willow warbler; nor have I heard a cuckoo here or seen a spotted flycatcher. But perhaps the saddest decline is of one of our iconic residents whose songs usually thrill the air in this season: the skylark. There are some still around but there have been over a million birds lost in the last generation, a terrible loss to the countryside and our pleasure in it. An 'exaltation of larks' is the collective name and it captures the sense of physical and spiritual well-being we associate with this bird. Another poet, Percy Shelley:

Hail to thee, blithe spirit
Bird thou never wert –
That from heaven or near it
Pourest thy full heart
In profuse strains of unpremeditated art

Skylarks were once so common that they formed part of many place-names: for example, Laverock Hall in Yorkshire, Caerlaverock in Dumfries ('Lark's Castle'), Larkfield in Kent and Larkton in Cheshire (not to mention the fictional 'Lark Rise to Candleford'). And they were once regular items on the English table. It was estimated that in the mid-nineteenth century 4,000 dozen (48,000) were sent to the London market each year from the grasslands round Dunstable in Bedfordshire alone, and local inns in Dunstable like the Old Sugar Loaf were famous for their lark pie. We may shudder at this now, but it indicates their abundance.

Sadly, we have found our own, more insidious ways of reducing their numbers – through intensive farming, over-use of herbicides, the removal of bare patches or uncultivated borders in fields and the absence of stubble fields in autumn and winter. The species is declining fast and in many parts of England it is a silent summer, at least as far as the larks are concerned.

Jeremy Mynott

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:

At **LITTLE THURLOW PARISH COUNCIL'S ANNUAL MEETING** Heather Hunt was elected as Acting Chairman with Mary Hilton as Vice Chairman. Other councillors remain the same, i.e. Andrew Mace, Kevin Beal, Keith Bunting and Jill Steele with one vacancy which will be filled by co-option at the next meeting. Councillors agreed that Little Thurlow Green was looking well tended following the cutting of the grass by Thurlow Estate. It was noted that St. Edmundsbury BC had approved a planning application for alterations to The Cock as well as damp proofing work at 135 Pound Green. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd June at 8.30pm and this will be preceded by a Joint Meeting with Great Thurlow Parish Council at 7.30pm.

M. Hawkins, Parish Clerk

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF LITTLE THURLOW was held on 18th May. The Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed District Councillor Robert Clifton Brown and parishioners, some of whom were representing the WI, St. Peter's Church, the Village Link and Community Speedwatch, as well as Allan Loveday who was representing the Sports Club, Thurlow Fayre and Steam Rally. Written reports had been received from Thurlow School, Thurlow Pre-School, the Village Hall committee, Woodcraft Folk, Age Concern the Houghton Charity, County Councillor Jane Midwood and the Police. The Parish Council Chairman's annual report was handed to those present and relevant points from this and all other reports will appear on the village website in due course. Matters of concern raised by parishioners included parking and subsequent damage to the grass areas around Pound Green and the rumoured changes to the bus service to Haverhill; these matters will be taken up by the Parish Council.

M. Hawkins

GREAT THURLOW PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held in the Village Hall on 19th May. The following officers were elected: Chairman - Peter Thomas, Vice Chairman - Stan Cook, Councillors - Margaret Ince, Rod Pass, George Vestey, Conrad Hawkins and Monty Banks. The Chairman gave his annual report outlining the activities of the Council during the year. He also thanked Mrs. Diana Allin for all her work as Clerk and for her guidance and support. Other reports were received from the County Councillor, Mrs. Jane Midwood and District Councillor Mr. Robert Clifton-Brown as well as from representatives of the Sports Club, the Thurlow Fayre, the Steam Rally, the Community Speedwatch and the Village Link. There was no report from the Police. The accounts were circulated, discussed and approved. The next AGM will be 18th May 2011 and the next meeting will be jointly with Little Thurlow Parish Council on 23rd June 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

APIARY DIARY. Without doubt, the single biggest concern over summer (more than the amount of honey harvest we hope to get) for the average beekeeper is swarming. It is inevitable and even if the most experienced beekeeper may not want to admit it, is something that will happen to everyone with bees at some stage. The trick is to understand and appreciate the reasons why bees swarm and how to prepare yourself to prevent it, or deal with it when it happens.

So, why do bees swarm then? Swarming is a perfectly normal phenomenon, a hive of bees is just that, a queen, workers, drones and brood, and the ebb and flow of bees of these kinds maintains the one colony throughout its existence. Evolution expects every species to pro-create, and in order to do this, bees have a fantastically strong instinct to swarm at a very precise time (which generally is when you are about to sit and eat lunch!) By swarming, one colony has the potential to become two colonies, each with a chance to overcome disease, fire, starvation or attack. Of course the original colony is weakened and may not survive, but there are now two chances of survival where there was only one before. Swarming is a highly organised process though, which generally happens sometime between May and July, these are the principal months for nectar flow and this ensures that the newly swarmed colony has ample opportunity to build stores and ward off starvation.

The worker bees in amongst the comb, build queen 'cups' which are about 10mm wide and equally as deep. The queen will lay a normal worker egg into this cup, and the workers produce 'royal jelly' from their hypopharyngeal gland to feed the larve, which is only ever fed to a prospective queen. As this happens, they build the cell around the grub, which results in a 'queen cell' about 25mm long, shaped like and looking exactly like a monkey nut still in its shell. There may be only one in the hive, or there could be many, but either way, it is an absolutely sure sign that the bees are preparing to swarm when the beekeeper is inspecting the hive. We need to act quickly! Before the new queen or queens emerge, the old queen will normally have swarmed from the hive taking half the workers with her. A swarm is a throbbing, weaving mass of bees, which are at their most docile and in very high spirits, and it is very unlikely that they would sting when swarming. Given that they sound like a massive vacuum cleaner wizzing through the air, it is not un-natural of humans to run for cover though... Bees tend to swarm either mid morning or mid afternoon, all that activity can be very hot work, so using the coolest part of the day is generally best!

If the beekeeper were to visit his hive an hour before the swarm happened, he really would not know what was going on, given the activity on the outside of the hive. Inside is a very different matter, the workers which will vacate the hive with the old queen fill their honey sacs to the point of bursting with honey, and just wait around lethargically. All of a sudden, they pour out of the front of the hive, perhaps up to 20,000 of them and they take to the air. The noise is amazing and somewhere in the midst of all this noise and commotion, the queen will be looking for somewhere close by to settle down and wait for scout bees to search out the best place to set up their new home. The older worker bees spread out in all directions to find a suitable space, and when one has been located, they will do a 'waggle dance' on the back of the bees in the cluster around the queen to communicate where the new home is. They then all en masse, take to the wing again and head there, immediately beginning to build comb and within a couple of days, the queen will be laying again and the workers busily gathering in forage.

In the meantime, the old colony is now queen less, and the workers wait patiently for the new queen or queens to hatch. If there are only one or two queen cells, the first queen to hatch will, with the help of the workers, sting the unhatched queen to death through the cell wall. If two cells hatch simultaneously then the sisters will engage in mortal combat and the victor will take

over the hive, however, if there are more than two queen cells, this could lead to further swarms called 'caste' swarms, which weaken the original colony even further still. The new queen as she emerges from the cell some 16 days after being laid, will dry off in the hive and on a fine day, she will take to the wing on a mating flight or flights where she mates with several drones, kills them and returns to the hive. A few days later she begins to lay, and assumes the role of the old queen who has departed.

This then is the natural process of swarming, the reasons why and how this happens. It does not happen every year, in some colonies, it never happens, but the secret is as a beekeeper, to accept this normal process and to manage it actively in order not to weaken your colonies by waiting for it to happen. There are many methods of controlling swarming, some far more complex than others, but essentially they all replicate the old queen virtually moving house with nothing at all, and starting afresh elsewhere.

Onto the apiary then. The weaker hive in the vegetable garden continues to strengthen daily, and on the last inspection, I put a honey super on the hive to give the expanding colony more room. Things are looking excellent here, and there are no signs of queen cells in this hive. The stronger colony is busy gathering in rape nectar now and the supers are filling quickly. Given the amount of brood in the colony, the bees are beginning to run out of room to store honey and pollen, which is provoking them to create queen cells in preparation to swarm, which will provide more room in the brood. To manage this, I have performed the method of swarm control which also helps me to spring clean the hive and to replace all the brood frames with new foundation. This particular artificial swarm control is called a 'shook swarm' and aids disease control, good hive husbandry and parasite control, as well as replicating the 'swarming' conditions. When doing this, I moved the colony from its original site in the apiary, and took off the supers and queen excluder. I set up a new floor and brood box on the original site, and one by one, in huge clouds of annoyed bees, I gently brushed each frame of old brood clear of all bees into the new brood. I then filled the new brood with new frames and wax foundation, replaced the queen excluder and the supers, and sealed up the hive. I have left the hive alone for ten days to ensure that the queen is back in lay, but by having an entirely new home to set up for the queen, the workers settle quickly to the task of drawing out cells and gathering in the new forage, just as if they had swarmed naturally. The old brood, eggs, stores and un-hatched bees are then put into the freezer for 24 hours to cull them, along with all the disease and parasites they carry also. The chickens we keep do a great job of cleaning up the grubs out of the cells. When I have satisfied myself that the queen is laying well and that there is little chance of the colony preparing to swarm again, I could leave the hive well alone now except for monitoring for disease, for many weeks. So, in summary, one hive has been artificially swarmed, the varroa mite count is well within its acceptable limits for this time of year in both hives, the queens are laying well and the bees foraging strongly. Next month, I will talk about the plight of the honey bee and the reported reasons for colony collapse disorder, disease and parasite problems which the average beekeeper has to be acutely aware of in this day and age of the science of beekeeping. **Tim Knappett**

Some people ask the secret of our long marriage. We take time to go to a restaurant two or three times a week. A little candlelight dinner, soft music and dancing. She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays. **Henry Youngman**

Thurlow Estate Farms Limited

You may recall last year's article:

"Bright spells developing. Rain later. 16°C". (Source: Met Office).

"Heavy rain showers. 15°C". (Source: BBC Weather Centre).

"With the Farm Managers tentatively keeping an eye on the 5-day forecast, ever optimistic for rain, some comfort can be drawn from the above sources. And at the time of writing this article the heavens have finally given way. The combinable crops and meadows are desperately in need of rain, and with the winter barley now on ear, and the maize and sugarbeet recently emerged, the sight of rain provides a sigh of relief for all the farming community up and down the country".

Unfortunately at the time of writing, there is no such luck of rain forecast over the next five days. Time for a rain dance?

The oilseed rape has received its final fungicide application before harvest. The recent application is to protect the oilseed pods before being sprayed off in July.

The winter barley is now on ear and the beans in flower.

The grassland behind Little Thurlow has been cut and baled. The silage will be wrapped and used to feed the housed cattle during the winter.

The sugarbeet at Balsham has now emerged and the new grain store is almost empty.

The store will be thoroughly cleaned in preparation for the forthcoming harvest.

The game coverts have been drilled ahead of the shooting season. The coverts provide feed and shelter for the pheasants in addition they benefit songbirds and other small animals.

Thurlow Estate Woodlands

Felling continues near Withersfield. When felling during this time of the year, not only is extra care taken, but a detailed wildlife assessment is undertaken before any work commences to ensure that no birds nests are likely to be disturbed during the felling operations.

An external contractor has been instructed on a short term contract to help with the firewood operations. The Woodlands want to ensure that all firewood sold this season will be seasoned and of the highest quality. The extra labour is being used to process the firewood allowing maximum seasoning time. Firewood seasons much quicker when split into logs.

Some of the mature oaks which were at their prime in terms of condition have been sold to a local furniture maker. The oak will be used to produce tables and other household furniture.

Thurlow Estate Management Limited

You may recall seeing in January's article how Listed Building Consent had been sought to undertake various works to 135 Pound Green. Eventually our application has been approved and external contractors have been invited to tender for the works. Refurbishment of a cottage in Great Thurlow has commenced. The project involves the removal of a wall before new fittings and fixtures can be installed with decorating and

carpeting/tiling throughout. We are hopeful that this cottage will be available to let in July.

Pre-paint repairs are well underway and painting contractors have been instructed. The painting itself should be commencing in the next few weeks (weather permitting!!). We look forward to welcoming 300 schoolchildren to the Estate on the 9th June, a day we organise each year in conjunction with the Countryside Foundation for Education, to show them what sort of things we get up to on the Estate. It is a day we all look forward to...exhausting – but fun!

Properties to let

Manor Farm Office, Horseheath (653 sq.ft, OFCH, Off-road Parking, Broadband)
Rook Tree Barn, Great Wratting (1,830 sq.ft), a fabulous open plan air conditioned converted barn with first floor conference room, OFCH, car park, broadband)
1 Bartlow Road, Ashdon (Semi Detached, 3 Bedrooms, OFCH, Garden, Off-road Parking)

We also have a number of sheds/garages available for rent, and units for storage. For more information, please contact the Estate Office (01440 783661).

Thurlow Hunt

Hound selection is complete ahead of the South of England Hound Show at Ardingly. A selection are listed below (I always find hound names interesting!).

Entered Couple	Dog	Blazer and Blenheim
	Bitch	Mildred and Magic also entered in the two couple class with littered sisters Mabel and Molly
Unentered Couple	Dog	Boatman and Bosun
	Bitch	Bonnet and Boniface
Brood Bitch	Ripple walked by Mr and Mrs R J H Vestey	

Thurlow Shoot

The day-old chicks are being reared on Brickey Field. We are expecting the arrival of the six-week old poults any day now. Preparation of the release pens is well underway with most repairs being executed. Pheasants are very curious and always looking to explore. They can squeeze through the smallest of gaps and if any holes are not filled it's only a matter of time before their escape to freedom (or to the foxes) begins.

AND FINALLY.....

A young boy enters the barber shop and Bill the barber whispers to his customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you."

The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?"

The boy takes the quarters and leaves. "What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns! He's got to be the dumbest kid in the world".

Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store. "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?" The boy licked his cone and replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game's over!!!!"

WARTIME MEMORIES CONT....Only the senior officers were to take lunch with the King and Queen in the Mess dining room. The long Mess leaf table was laid out in grand style with Mess silver and candelabra. The Junior Officers had to have their lunch in the billiard room, the entrance of which was right opposite the cloak room reserved for Her Majesty and Lady in Waiting. By mistake they were ushered into the billiard room to be greeted by the junior officers all gnawing their chicken legs in their fingers as no cutlery had been provided. The Queen saw the funny side immediately and roared with laughter. She was utterly charming spending a few minutes chatting to us. Being very perceptive she had noticed the bare walls. A few days later some very nice pictures arrived as a present from her for the billiard room walls. It had not been an exactly successful visit and Group HQ issued rockets to the senior officers responsible for the balls up.

214 Sqn was an established bomber squadron. All the officers, air and ground crews were regulars. They were posted to Stradishall in 1939 and as it expanded into four flights there was some disquiet as they didn't take kindly to the influx of the new additions from the RAFVR "hostilities only" personnel, especially as the majority of them were New Zealanders. There was a gradual integration. The RNZAF chaps were by their very nature rather cordial and with their own sense of humour, which initially went against the rather straight laced and dyed in the wool approach of the original RAF Cranwell regulars, attitudes quickly changed and a new sense of camaraderie established itself. The pilots and aircrew were a very fine lot of young men. They were equipped with the Vickers Wellington Mk 1A, a twin engined a/c. It was a first class aeroplane. To keep its weight low so as to be able to increase its bomb load the fuselage was designed by Vickers Armstrong's deputy Chief Engineer, a Mr. Barnes Wallis! It was a geodetic structure using light aluminium strips into a form of basket weave. It was immensely strong and covered with linen canvas which was sealed by painting it with 'dope'. This was an early form of cellulose paint which was very quick drying. It could be over painted with black underside and green and brown camouflage on top. As a result it was amazing how much damage it could sustain and still return to base safely. During the phoney war October 39 to April/May 1940 the Squadron operations were leaflet drops over France, Germany and the occupied Low Countries. These were later to castigate the War Council, mostly politicians, as a complete waste of time and resources. Has anything changed! As the air offensive started in the Summer of 1940 bombing operations got underway to retaliate. The Germans were ahead of the game with experience from the Condor Legion to put General Franco in as the puppet dictator of the Spanish Nation. Day light bombing accrued heavy losses of a/c and crews on both sides so night operations followed. We saw the Blitz on London 1940-1941. Our problem was navigation at night. The varigies of weather, wind direction and the absence of ground landmarks made navigation difficult. The Germans had developed a system called Nicke bein. This projected two radio wavelengths, one dots, the other dashes from two widely spaced transmitters miles apart which could be made to accurately converge over the target town or city. At this point the receivers heard a continuous bleep which was the signal to drop their bombs. **Monty Banks**, to be cont...

SUFFOLK COPD SERVICES. Do you suffer from breathlessness? Struggling to do the things you enjoy? Do you have a lung condition and are reliant on inhalers? You could improve how you manage your breathing with a locally-held six-week pulmonary rehabilitation course. Courses held at a variety of locations across Suffolk. If you are interested and want to join in, contact your GP or Practice Nurse for a referral.

Service provided by West Suffolk Hospital NHS Trust

COULD YOU REPRESENT GAINSBOROUGH'S HOUSE? Gainsborough's House in Sudbury, the birthplace museum of Thomas Gainsborough RA (1727-88), has launched a campaign to recruit a team of Village Representatives to promote the House and to help publicise its temporary exhibitions and events throughout the County. They are seeking a volunteer who would distribute flyers and display posters on a regular basis to encourage wider attendance from the residents of Gt & Lt Thurlow. This could be in community venues in our local area, such as the village hall, shop or pub. The Village Representatives will be part of a team to support the promotion of the House and its many activities. As the scheme becomes more established, there may be further opportunities for Village Representatives to get involved, such as promoting fundraising events or special evenings.

As a thank you to all those involved, Gainsborough's House will offer free admission to active volunteers and invites to special events. If you feel you could spare an hour or two every few months please contact Nick Winch on 01787 372958 who will be co-ordinating the scheme.

DEDHAM VALE SUMMER WALKS - Higham Highlights, Thursday 17th June 2010, 6.30pm - 8.30pm. This walk will look at some of the work the Project undertakes in this picturesque area, as well as the opportunity to learn why watery bird scrapes were created in Higham. **01473 264263. www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org.**

EVENTS AT LACKFORD LAKES IN JUNE - Wednesday 16th, Guided Walk 7-90pm. Take an evening stroll around the reserve with Warden Kerry Vaughan.

Pre book Tel. 01473 890089

WHAT'S ON AT WICKEN FEN - Evening Boat Rides every Friday from 25th June, 6.30pm and 7.45pm. Summer Walk with the Warden Sunday 27th June, 10.30am.

Pre-book 01353 720274

PAPERS. Early morning delivery of daily and Sunday newspapers, also magazines, comics etc.

Tel. Mary 783585

POLICE NEWS.

From 19 April there have been some changes across Suffolk Constabulary. The SNT has a new Inspector. Inspector Chris Galley will be based at Haverhill and have responsibility for both Haverhill and St Edmundsbury Rural South SNT. Neighbourhood Response Officers will now be working from nine briefing bases across the county before being deployed to strategic locations. These bases include Bury St Edmunds, Sudbury and Haverhill. The plan to move from twenty three to nine is designed to make sure Officers are in the right place at the right time operating a borderless approach to response policing. With the use of Automatic Vehicle Location System technology the control room can identify the nearest available unit to dispatch when a response is required thereby improving response times.

There have also been other changes over recent months:

- Introduction of a Crime Investigation Bureau (CIB). The team conducts initial investigation of any previously occurred crime thereby allowing frontline Officers to spend more time out on the streets.
- Investigative Response Teams. Following the initial crime investigation by the CIB the dedicated investigators will visit people to take statements, seize exhibits and progress criminal investigations at times that is convenient to them.
- Community resolutions. This is a return to common sense policing used to resolve low level and minor crime.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team will continue to be based at Clare and work closely with partners and local communities to deal with problems highlighted by local people and providing a visible presence in the villages.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team Priorities for May are:

1. Farmwatch – to review the farmwatch scheme across the Bury Rural South Area (CO10/CB9/CB8/IP29) and ensure it is an actively running scheme.
2. Clare – Anti Social Behaviour in the area of the Country Park Car Park, The Nuttery and the High Street.
3. Wickhambrook – Graffiti at the skate park

To view this months SNT priorities and public events please visit our website via

www.onesuffolk.co.uk/safersuffolk/stedmundsburyruralsouth

We want to hear your views on local crime and policing. To help us with this we hold regular meetings where you can tell us your concerns and set our priorities. The next SNT tasking meeting is on Wednesday 2 June 2010 2.00pm in Great Barton Village Hall. This is open to the public. Alternatively you can complete a public survey online at **www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SaferSuffolk/GetInvolved**

If you cannot access the Internet survey forms have been left in the various village shops and post offices. Your help in completing these is appreciated as it helps us to decide on priorities that are relevant to our area.

Our pledge. We aim to provide you with a top quality policing service and are committed to the Police pledge. The pledge sets out 10 standards of service that local people can expect from their local police. For more information please visit our website.

You can find out more detail about crime in your area, and the results of local court cases on our website

www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SaferSuffolk/StEdmundsburyRuralSouth

You can get involved in the work of your local Safer Neighbourhood Team by:

- Giving up some of your free time to become a Police Support Volunteer. Speed Watch is a good example of this.
- Becoming a Special Constable.
- Joining a local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
- Registering with Police Direct on www.suffolk.police.uk, which will enable you to receive relevant information about crime and policing issues in your area.

Finally, if you wish to report criminal activity in your area anonymously please ring the Crime stoppers number 0800 555111

Your local SNT Officers are:

Sgt 566 Kevin Horton

Pc 18 Trish Sinclair

Pc 704 Ruth Horton

Pcso 3140 Alex Foster (currently on long term sick leave)

Pcso 3218 Dave Matchett

Pcso 3219 Kayla Packman

Tel: 01284 774100. Email stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Members of **THURLOW WI** have been enjoying the fun side of WI life in the month of May. On Tuesday 11th eleven members travelled to the Ten Pin Bowling Centre at Haverhill, a game in which not many strikes were made except for Janice Klimcke who was the star of the night, easily winning the highest score for her team. The other teams' highest scorer was Airline Vollam.

On 14th five members and three friends travelled to Bury St Edmunds Corn Exchange to hear the Band of the Royal Air Force Honington. This was part of the celebrations of Suffolk West Federation WI's ninetieth anniversary. The National Chairman Ruth Bond was there to cut the celebration cake which we all enjoyed in the interval.

Next month its back to the Village Hall to hear of the work of the Animal Health Trust, June 8th 7.30pm. Anyone interested in this subject is very welcome to attend, no cost involved.

Iris Eley

THURLOW TENNIS CLUB

New Members Welcome

2010 Subscriptions: No joining fee.

Families + occasional guests £45

Adults £20

Juniors (under 18) £10

Application forms available at Thurlow Village Stores

For more information telephone 01440 783161

OBITUARY. Lorna May Boxall - 1925 - 2010. Lorna was born on 3rd June 1925 in Hendon. On leaving school she worked at Boots the Chemist as a Window Dresser. She married Sedge in 1948 and they moved to Denham in Buckinghamshire. In the early fifties Sedge and Lorna plus their two young sons moved to Denston Hall, Denston to work for Harvey Leader, the Racehorse Trainer where Sedge was a gardener and Lorna worked in the house. They were there for a few years before taking over as Licensees of the Cherry Tree, Stradishall on 31st October 1956. RAF Stradishall was still an active aerodrome and great fun and entertainment was had all round both officers and men. The Cherry Tree was the first pub in the area to produce food; "hot dogs" at the suggestion of an RAF Officer.

They had many happy years there, 32 to be precise, and the "regulars" became part of their extended family! They moved to Little Thurlow Green 22 years ago and Lorna loved nothing better than pottering about in the garden and she also enjoyed sewing. Lorna and Sedge celebrated their Diamond Wedding two years ago with a party at Wickhambrook Village Hall. Lorna loved entertaining and being entertained and was a very accomplished cook.

She leaves her husband Sedge, sons Tony and Paul, daughter-in-laws Mary and Pat and grandchildren Mark and Vicky and, of course, her beloved springer spaniel Chloe.

Lorna passed away quite unexpectedly on 17th April at West Suffolk Hospital after a short illness. She was surrounded by her family and fittingly her ashes are to be scattered at The Cherry Tree in due course.

Heather Hunt

HOW ABOUT A NICE WALK ON PRIVATE LAND NOT NORMALLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC? The Great Thurlow Hedgerow Survey needs volunteers to walk the many miles of hedgerow and record the number of different species of trees and shrubs. Not arduous and training will be given but the project is too much for just one or two people. Please telephone 783259 if you would or could offer a little help and support with this National project.

Conrad Hawkins

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Emergency

Emergency telephone 999

Police Response (any officer, non-emergency) 01284 774100,
stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Police Direct messaging service (information only) 01473 613997,
police.direct@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Local Refuge in case of major disaster or if village cut off: Thurlow Village Hall; key-holder Diana Allin, 89a Hill House, Gt. Thurlow, 01440 783560

Suffolk Fire Service 01284 558888

Hospitals

West Suffolk (Bury) 01284 713000,
A/E Department 01284 713333
Addenbrookes (Cambridge) 01223 245151

Doctors

The Christmas Maltings & Clements Practice (Cornish), Camps Road, Haverhill
08444 773543

Selby Practice 01440 702010
Stourview Medical Centre, Crown Passage,
Haverhill 01440 761177

Haverhill Social Services 01440 764949
Citizens Advice Bureau 01440 704012

St. Edmundsbury BC Emergency Planning
01284 763233
Floodline: 24 hour with recorded update 0845 9881188
EDF electricity main cabling (24 hour) power cut and emergency, Helpline 0800 783883
Anglia Water water/sewerage (24 hour)
08457 145145
British Telecom faults (24 hour) 0800 800151
Suffolk Radio (BBC FM 103.9 or 104.6)
01473 250000

Other useful contacts

Parish Clerks:
Little Thurlow, Molly Hawkins 01440 783259, mollyhawkins10@aol.com
Great Thurlow, Diana Allin 01440 783560, nilla.home@tiscali.co.uk See Parish Council Notice Board in front of the Village Hall for further information and dates of meetings etc.

St. Edmundsbury Borough Council:
General enquiries 01284 763233

Website www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk

Haverhill offices 01440 702271

District Councillor: Robert Clifton-Brown,
01440 783562, robert.clifton-brown@stedsbcc.gov.uk

Waste Management 01284 757320 – bin collection is every Wednesday morning alternating black bins one week and brown and blue bins the next. Environmental Health (pest control) 01284 757054

Suffolk County Council:
General enquiries 08456 066067
Website www.suffolkcc.gov.uk
County Councillor: Jane Midwood
01440 821428,
jane.midwood@councillors.suffolkcc.gov.uk

Thurlow Estate Office -
Agent: Tim Barling 01440 783661
Assistant to Agent: John Frank
01440 783661

Chemists:
Boots Chemists 01440 702058
Co-op Pharmacy 01440 702079
Sainsbury's Superstore Pharmacy
01440 708043

Useful contacts cont...

Vets:

Swayne and Partners, 84 Hamlet Road,
Haverhill -01440 702007

Lida Vets, 162 High Street, Newmarket
01638 560000

Hawkedon Veterinary Surgery
01284 789428

Age Concern: Mary Hilton 01440 783649

Libraries:

Haverhill 01440 702638

Bury St. Edmunds 01284 352545

A mobile Library visits the village on
alternate Mondays, stopping at Sowley
Green, 150 Bury Road 11.30-11.40am,
Great Thurlow, 109 Bury Road 11.45-
12.10am and Little Thurlow Green,
1 Coronation Villas 12.45-1.00pm.

Transport

Local Bus Service:

Current timetables are on display at
Thurlow Stores

Dial-a-ride 01440 712028

Taxis: several operate from Haverhill – see
Yellow Pages

Local facilities

Thurlow Stores & Post Office, Mrs.

Patricia Banks 01440 783214

Opening hours: 8.30am to 5.30pm each
day, except Wednesdays and Saturdays
8.30am – 12.30pm. Closed Sundays and
Bank Holidays.

Newspaper delivery: Mary Atherton
01440 783585

Plumbing Services: TK Heat
01440 783654, 07966 208794

Thurlow Village Hall bookings: Diana
Allin 01440 783560

Churches: Great Thurlow (All Saints),
Little Thurlow (St. Peter's). Part of the
Stourhead Benefice which includes the
Bradleys, the Wrattings, Barnardiston and
Kedington. Rev. John Eley 01440 710216

CEVC School, Little Thurlow, Head
teacher Ros Bunting 01440 783281
Thurlow Pre-School. Secretary Mat Cowell
mathew.cowell@sky.com

Thurlow Mother & Toddler Group: Rosie
Winner 01440 702182 and Helen Smith
01440 783272

Thurlow Sports Club, secretary Allan
Loveday 01440 707416

Thurlow Fayre: Janice Klimcke 01440
783626 and Diana Allin 01440 783560

Thurlow Garage (Great Thurlow)
01440 783248

The Cock (Little Thurlow) Janie &
Giles Reardon-Smith 01440 783224

Local Societies

Women's Institute: President Jill Steele
01440 783310

Village Hall Committee: Chairman Janice
Klimcke 01440 783626

Carpet bowls: Ella Ainsworth
01440 783349

Outdoor bowls: Peter Thomas
01440 783700

Woodcraft Folk (children's activity for
ages 5-13): Diana Allin 01440 783560

Stourhead Benefice Monthly Service Rota, June 2010

Rev. John Eley 01440 710216

Steve Diddams 01440 710225

6 th June		9.30 Kedington FC	11.00 Lt. Thurlow S of W	11.00 Gt. Bradley FC		
13 th June		9.30 Kedington S of W	9.30 Barnardiston FC	11.00 Gt. Thurlow FC	11.00 Gt. Wrattling S of W	
20 th June			10.00 Lt. Thurlow Benefice HC			
27 th June	8.00 Kedington HC	9.30 Lt. Bradley HC	11.00 Gt. Wrattling HC	11.00 Gt. Thurlow S of W		18.00 Kedington Evensong

john.eley@btopenworld.com

Dates for your Diary: *Great and Little Thurlow Parish Council meeting*
 Wednesday 23rd June, 7.30pm.
Little Thurlow Parish Council meeting
 Wednesday 23rd June, 8.30pm.
Garden Party at Great Thurlow Hall in aid of All Saint's
 Church and St. Peter's Church, Sunday 27th June 2010
 from noon.

Thought for the month: Generosity is giving more than you can and pride is taking less than you need.

Kahlil Gibran

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