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Great Thurlow – Little Thurlow – Great Wrattling

February 2019

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Wanted - Editorial Team for the Village Link

After a combined 16 years of putting together and distributing the Village Link, Tim and I are stepping down and on the look out for a new editorial team to take over.

The editorial team is currently separated into two roles - Tim looks after the finances and advertisers while I put the copy together and answer email requests.

The Village Link is an important communication from the Parish Councils as well as great articles of local interest.

Interested?

Please get in touch and we can discuss in more detail what is involved.

We have both very much enjoyed our term and would encourage you to come forward!

Look forward to hearing from you,

Alison
01440 783478

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE VILLAGE LINK

To contact The Village Link Team please email

TheVillageLink @TheThurlows.org.uk

View The Village Link Online at **www.TheThurlows.org.uk**

Copy Deadline 15th Of Each Month

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 9th MARCH 2019

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7.00pm for 7.30pm prompt start

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LITTLE THURLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Little Thurlow Parish Council met on 15th January 2019 and were joined by County Councillor Mary Evans.

Councillors agreed to continue investigating the possibility of installing a footpath opposite Church Farm and to chase the repairs to potholes at the ford on Pound Green. The Precept for 2019/2020 was approved and the Effectiveness of Internal Controls and Risk Assessment is to be reviewed.

There were no objections to a Planning Application for the felling of two silver birch trees at Pound Green House.

The date of the next meeting is 19th February 2019.

Thurlow WI

THURLOW WI

At the January meeting members heard of the work of the Associated Country Women of the World. Val Simpson who is representative of this organisation told the history and some of the projects undertaken in the past to help the women in poorer countries. She then told of some of the ways her WI raises money throughout the year.

This year's resolutions were discussed and voted on, the one on the Decline of Local Bus Services received the most support.

Our WI delivered Christmas gifts to sixteen over eighties in the village and invited them to a Tea Party on the 8th of February in Thurlow Village Hall. Any of our retired or lonely people are also urged to come, please contact Iris Eley if you are interested.

Next month it is "The Life of a Race Horse" by Geoff Evans 12th February, Thurlow Village Hall, 7:30 pm. Visitors welcome.

Iris Eley

GREAT WRATTLING PARISH COUNCIL

Great Wrattling Parish Council held their bi-monthly meeting on Wednesday 16th January. The Council received updates from Councillors Jane Midwood (St Edmundsbury Borough Council) and Mary Evans (Suffolk County Council); we are grateful for their attendance and for keeping us updated on the Council news.

The Clerk provided details of pending planning applications, both within the Parishes of Great Wrattling and Little Wrattling, It was agreed that future planning notifications would also be circulated on the village email tree in order to provide an opportunity for wider comments from parishioners.

The Council are keen to get the vehicle activated sign (VAS) up and running in the village again and are seeking any willing volunteers to help with the task. You will notice its efficiency in neighbouring villages and we are keen that Great Wrattling benefits from it too. If you feel you can help, do please contact Diana Curtis for further information.

The Council are considering the installation of a defibrillator at a central point for the village and are currently considering, through liaison with BT, the possibility for using the telephone box. The Council will be canvassing the village to hear their views before making a decision.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th March at Little Acorns Fostering, Rook Tree Barn; do please join us. Full minutes of Parish Council meetings can be found on the village website - www.greatwrattling.onesuffolk.net.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Carol Concert was held in Great Thurlow church on Saturday 22nd December. It was wonderful to see a full church. With ticket sales and donations we were able to send All Saints Church, Great Thurlow £415.00, East Anglia Children's Hospice £415.00 and the Thurlow Hunt Supporters Club £415.00. After the concert we all went to the Thurlow Barn for mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies.

During the past fifteen years people have been very supportive of the concert, giving their time, playing the organ, the trumpet, singing and church decorating, and the Thurlow Hunt Supporters Club donating the mulled wine and refreshments.

However, the time has come to have a new format, either a Carol Service or Concert. If anyone would like to take it on, please let me know.

Thank you,
Jane Sheppard
email: s.j.sheppard@hotmail.co.uk
Tel: 01440 783209

Great Wrattling Book Group

Reading List 2019

The figures in brackets denote the number of pages
All meetings begin at 8 pm

Date	Book Title	Author	Genre
12 th February	<i>The Kashmir Shawl (512)</i>	Rosie Thomas	Fiction
13 th March	<i>Agent Zigzag (384)</i>	Ben MacIntyre	Biography
10 th April	<i>The Ministry of Utmost Happiness (464)</i>	Arundhati Roy	Fiction
8 th May	<i>The Night Circus (512)</i>	Erin Morgenstern	Fiction
12 th June	<i>Bad Science (382)</i>	Ben Goldacre	Science and Nature
10 th July	<i>A Gentleman in Moscow (480)</i>	Amor Towles	Historical Fiction
14 th August	<i>I am I am I am (304)</i>	Maggie O'Farrell	Biography
11 th September	<i>Resistance (150)</i>	Julian Fuks	Fiction
9 th October	<i>Becoming (448)</i>	Michelle Obama	Biography
13 th November	<i>Go Set a Watchman (288)</i>	Harper Lee	Fiction
4 th December	<i>I Capture the Castle (432)</i>	Dodie Smith	Fiction

Website

**Don't forget to check out the Thurlow website.
Keep looking as the site is updated regularly.
WWW.THETHURLOWS.ORG.UK**

Nature Note: berried alive

I've never seen the hawthorn bushes so laden with berries as this year. If you walk along the lanes you'll see the lines of ancient hawthorns stippled in scarlet like a pointilliste painting. The haw of the hawthorn is the red oval cup, technically called a pome (not to be confused with the acronym P.O.M.E. 'Prisoner of Mother England', originally used of inmates deported to Australia – just in case you're doing any pub quizzes). The hawthorn belongs, somewhat surprisingly, to the large rose family, which also includes rowan, blackthorn, damson, apple and cherry, as well of course the rose itself, all of which have similar pomes encasing their seeds. The word 'haw' comes from the old-English *haga-berige*, meaning hedge-berry, and the trees are an ancient part of our landscapes. There are more references to hawthorns in the Anglo-Saxon charters than to any other tree and hawthorns are also the trees most often encoded in English place-names, like Hawstead. But it wasn't until the parliamentary Enclosures of the 18th and 19th centuries, when some 200,000 miles of these 'quick-thorns' were planted, that they marked the rectilinear geometry of our field boundaries in such abundance.

In spring, of course, this is the May tree (the only tree that shares its name with a month), and last spring was notable for the billowing clouds of white blossom that graced our hedgerows everywhere. I met a lady on a walk in Thurlow recently who asked me if I believed the old country saying that a heavy berry crop presages a hard winter. In fact, I fancy that the causation works the other way around, and that the foaming bridal display in spring is now being realised in this wonderful, winter fruitfulness. I doubt the hawthorn can make long-range weather forecasts any better than the BBC can ...

Any tree as ancient and charismatic as the hawthorn is bound to present itself today not just as a biological species but also as a cultural icon, trailing a comet's tail of myth, fable and folklore. The hawthorn's red berries, like those of the holly, speak of dark rites involving blood and sacrifice. But they can be positive omens, too: Joseph of Arimathea, leaving Jerusalem after the crucifixion, is supposed to have travelled to Britain and struck his staff into the ground at Glastonbury, whence it burst into a sacred thorn tree that has for centuries flowered in the nativity season; and every Christmas a sprig from its descendants is still sent to the Queen as a symbol of renewal. And these same berries are providing a rich larder for all the winter thrushes – redwings, fieldfares and blackbirds – that have migrated here from northern Europe to escape the hard weather. Let's hope these little beasties from the East don't bring it with them this year.

Jeremy Mynott
Lavender Cottage

The Peter & Ruth Lloyd Trust Award

We are pleased to report that this year the Trust presented its eleventh annual award to Ben Newey. Ben is from West Wickham and after successfully obtaining A levels at Hills Rd, Cambridge has gone on to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Warwick University. Very well done!



We are now inviting applications for pupils starting university in September 2018. Normally one scholarship is awarded each year and the amount is approximately £800. Broadly speaking the degree course should be from one of the following: Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Sciences, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.

The applicant should be living in one of the parishes bordering the old RAF Wrattling Common airfield - Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow, West Wickham, Carlton cum Willingham, West Wrattling, Weston Colville and Withersfield.

The award is intended to be of assistance in the purchase of books, materials, equipment etc.

Final decision and award will be made immediately after 'A' Level/Baccalaureate results and University offer are known.

For further information about the trust and award please contact: Jonathan Drury 01223 290968

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Re-register now for housing waiting list

From today, people in Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury who are on the housing list, can re-register to carry on bidding on properties after 1 April.

Councils across the Cambridge Sub-Region including Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury are changing IT provider for the database it uses for its choice based letting scheme, Home-Link. This is because a contract with another IT supplier is coming to an end. The new register comes into effect from 1 April 2019.

West Suffolk councils has already emailed all 2500 people on its housing register to tell them about changes that are coming into effect. People have to give an email address when they register, and where those emails show as undelivered, letters have been sent to the postal address they registered with instead. The Council is also highlighting the changes via the media and social media.

As this is a new provider the Council can't simply transfer the data held from one provider to another. The change of system will also ensure that the information we hold is up-to-date and reflects their housing needs and priority.

Cllr Sara Mildmay-White, Cabinet Member for Housing at West Suffolk councils said: "If people want to ensure that they are able to continue viewing and bidding on properties from 1 April without any delay or disruption, then they need to act now. If they re-register in February, we can process their application in time ready for the 1 April switchover. Of course they can still register after the end of this month but we won't be able to guarantee that their application will have been dealt with in time for 1 April meaning they may experience a gap in being able to view and bid on properties."

Anyone who hasn't re-registered and their application hasn't been verified by 1 April 2019 may lose their place on the housing register and may not be able to bid for properties.

The change in IT supplier does not alter how priority banding is decided because the Home-link scheme itself remains the same. People will still be assessed in line with the existing housing policy. It is only if there has been a change in their circumstances that their banding may change up or down.

People can re-register from today 1 February 2019 at www.home-link.org.uk
More information can be found on the Council's website at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/housingregister

What's On!

Dates For Your Diary!

Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
Feb Mar Apr	27th 27th 22nd	Wed	11:45 to 12:00	Mobile library	109 Bury Road Great Thurlow	01473 263838
Feb Mar Apr	27th 27th 22nd	Wed	12.45 to 13:05	Mobile library	Thurlow Sports Club Great and Little Thurlow	01473 263838
Feb Mar Apr	27th 27th 22nd	Wed	14:00 to 14:20	Mobile library	Coronation Cottages GW	01473 263838
Feb	19th	Tue	19:30	LTPC Meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	01440 783259
Feb	12th	Tue	19:30	WI	Thurlow Village Hall	
Mar	9th	Sat	19:00	Quiz Night	Thurlow Village Hall	01440 783573

Haverhill to West Suffolk Hospital Bus service. Use it or lose it!!

The number of passengers using the service has been much lower than anticipated and to make the six month trial a long term viable option we need more passengers to start using the service. The service is available for staff, patients and visitors to the hospital and must be booked in advance on **01638 664304**.

Residents who would like to use the service from Haverhill, Wickhambrook and/or Chedburgh also have the choice to book online via the online community service 'RIDE' www.bookyourride.co.uk.

Residents living in other villages along the A143 can use the service by calling **01638 664304**.

The service, which is provided by the Voluntary Network – Suffolk County Council's Connecting Communities operator in West Suffolk, runs Monday to Friday, between 7am and 7pm and passengers are charged fares in line with the local bus service. A full trip, Haverhill to West Suffolk Hospital return will cost £8.



February—March 2019 Church Services

Date	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
Sun 10th Feb	10:00 HC Benefice Service Great Bradley			
Sun 17th Feb	10:00 HC Benefice Service Little Wrattin			
Sun 24th Feb	10:00 HC Benefice Service Great Wrattin	18:00 ES tbd		
Sun 3rd March	10:00 HC Benefice Service Great Thurlow			
Sun 10th March	10:00 HC Benefice Service Barnadiston			

Monthly Church Service Rota

The Benefice service rota is also provided online at http://stourheadbenefice.org/Stourhead_Benefice/Service_Rota.html

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Services and Societies in Thurlow	Telephone
Thurlow Garage – Ray Sharrod	01440 783248
The Cock Inn	01440 783224
Parish Clerk – Little Thurlow – Molly Hawkins	01440 783259
Parish Clerk – Great Thurlow – Diana Allin	01440 783560
Thurlow CEVC School – Head Teacher	01440 783281
Tiddly Tots – Zoe Hunt Wednesdays 10 am - 12 noon during term time	078911 46931
Thurlow Fayre – Alison Coffey	01440 783478
Thurlow Gardening Club – Dawn Abbey	01440 783646
Thurlow Sports Club Secretary – Allan Loveday	01440 707416
Thurlow Village Hall Committee – Ros Bunting	01440 783528
Thurlow Village Hall Bookings – Robert Hunt Email: thurlovillagehall@gmail.com	07976 548205
Thurlow Womens Institute – President Dawn Abbey	01440 783646
Thurlow Tennis Club—Andy Quick	01440 783070

Services and Societies in Great Wrattling	Telephone
Neighbourhood Watch — Clare Egloff - claretturner2003@hotmail.com	07780724798
Red Lion, Great Wrattling – Gavin Evans	01440 783237
The Great Wrattling Book Group – Jean Newlands	01440 783111
Great Wrattling email Tree — gwemailtree@gmail.com	
The mobile library service stops at Coronation Cottages from 2.00 to 2.20 pm every 4 weeks, on Wednesday afternoons	01440 702638

Emergency	Telephone
Police Response – any officer, non emergency	101
Police Response – Emergency	999
Suffolk Fire Service	01284 558888
UK Network (Electricity) 24 hour Emergency helpline	0800 7838838
UK Power Networks - in case of power cuts	105
Anglian Water 24 hour Emergency Helpline (water/sewage)	08457 145145
British Telecom 24 hour fault reporting	0800 800151
Floodline 24 hour with recorded update	0845 9881188
In case of disaster or village is cut off, go to Thurlow Village Hall. Key Holder is Diana Allin – 89a Hill House, Great Thurlow	01440 783560

Community Contacts	Telephone
Churches – Stourhead Benefice – Rev. Derek Hollis	01440 763066
Haverhill Social Services	01440 764949
Haverhill Citizens Advice Bureau	01440 704012
St Edmundsbury Borough Council Planning	01284 763233
St Edmundsbury Borough Council	01284 763233
St Edmundsbury Borough Council (Haverhill office)	01440 702271
County Councillor – Mary Evans	01284 789478
Suffolk County Council General Enquiries	08456 066067
District Councillor - Jane Midwood	01440 820360
Age UK - Mary Hilton	01440 783649
Thurlow Estate – Tim Barling, Agent Thurlow Estate – Tom Duffin, Assistant to Agent	01440 783661
Libraries – Haverhill	01440 702638
Libraries – Bury St Edmunds	01284 352545
A mobile library visits the villages every 4 weeks on a Wednesday stopping at Sowley Green, 150 Bury Road from 11:30-11:40 am; Great Thurlow, 109 Bury Road from 11:45-12:10 pm; Little Thurlow, Thurlow Sports Club from 12:45-13:05 pm and Great Wratting, Coronation cottages from 14:00 –14:20 pm.	01473 263838
Suffolk Radio – BBC FM 103.9 or 104.6	01473 250000
Refuse Collection Bin collection is every Friday morning alternating between black and brown bins one week and blue bins on their own the next.	01284 757320
Environmental Health and Pest Control	01284 757084
Health and Wellbeing	Telephone
Doctors – The Christmas Maltings and Clements Practice	01440 269366
Doctors – Selby Practice	01440 702010
Doctors – Haverhill Family Practice	01440 702010
	01440 703667
Chemist – Boots, Haverhill	01440 702058
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Chemist – The Co—operative Pharmacy	01440 702079
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Hospital – West Suffolk Accident and Emergency	01284 713333
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Church Wardens	Telephone
St Mary's Church, Great Wratting—Simon Corbett	01440 783698
St Mary's Church, Great Wratting—Ben Stanton	01440 783103
St Peter's Church, Little Thurlow—Robin Vestey	T.B.A.
St Peter's Church, Little Thurlow—Iris Eley	01440 783534
All Saints Church, Great Thurlow—George Vestey	01440 783240

Great Wratting Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Chair - Diana Curtis	01440 783898
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If you would like information about joining Great Wratting Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk. http://www.greatwratting.onesuffolk.net/	

Little Thurlow Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Chris Field – Chairman	01440 783697
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Great Thurlow Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Peter Thomas—Chairman	01440 783700
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George Vestey	01440 783240
Stan Cook	01440 783532
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