

The Village Link

June

Great Thurlow – Little Thurlow – Great Wratting

2018

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presents

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Great Thurlow Hall Gardens

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Memorial Tribute

The late Aubrey Varnham's daughter Zeta is holding a memorial tribute event for all of her father's friends at Thurlow Village Hall on June 30th from 10.30 am.

Aubrey really loved Suffolk where he lived in School Terrace, Thurlow for over forty years. Aubrey moved to the Isle of Wight to be near his family following health issues where he sadly passed away on his 92nd birthday, March 20th.

Aubrey had many friends who have been sharing their memories through Facebook. This memorial is a chance for everyone to meet in person and pay tribute to a lovely man, much missed by all.

There will be raffle at the memorial tribute with proceeds to go to the Thurlow Village Hall. Refreshments and snacks will be available.

Please confirm with Zeta on 01983875739 if you would like to attend.

Website

Don't forget to check out the Thurlow website.

Keep looking as the site is updated regularly.

WWW.THETHURLOWS.ORG.UK

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Copy Deadline 15th Of Each Month

THURLOW SUNDAY
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- * Fun Dog Show
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- * Giant Slide
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- * Swing Boats
- * Zorb Balls
- * Pony Rides
- * Bottle Stall
- * Thurlow History Display

LITTLE THURLOW PARISH COUNCIL

LITTLE THURLOW ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 15th May 2018.

Chris Field was elected as Chairman and Jessica Hale as Vice Chairman. Other Councillors remain the same - Chris Lowe, Andrew Dickson, Will Griffiths, Geoff Patient and Sue Acey.

The Parish Council is continuing to make arrangements to comply with the forthcoming GDPR, has approved the Annual Governance & Accountability Return 2017/2018 Part 2 and the Certificate of Exemption from a limited assurance review.

Two new Planning Applications were discussed, namely the felling of one Pine tree at Honeysuckle Cottage for which there were no objections and the other for crown lift on four Chestnut trees and the felling of two Chestnut trees on Pound Green - Councillors objected to one of the trees being felled because current growth seemed to indicate no risk.

A site meeting had been held with County Councillor Evans to discuss outstanding highways matters and SCC will be asked to investigate a problem with flooding of gardens at The Green. The question of ownership of the verge opposite Church Farm is to be looked into with a view to a footpath being resurrected. Arrangements for the cutting of the Rights of Way in the village are to be handled by the Parish Council from now on.

Full draft Minutes will be posted on the village website and on the PC Notice Board in due course.

The date of the next meeting is 19th June 2018.

Molly Hawkins, Parish Clerk

MINUTES OF LITTLE AND GREAT THURLOW ANNUAL
PARISH MEETING
2ND MAY 2018

There were 16 people in attendance, including CC M. Evans and BC J. Midwood and refreshments were served.

- Peter Thomas, Chairman of Great Thurlow Parish Council, opened the Meeting by welcoming everyone.
- The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 3rd May 2017, having been previously posted on the village website, were approved. A Matter Arising from these was the possible footway near Church Farm, Little Thurlow and the Parish Council was asked to investigate this further.
- Reports were presented as follows and these will be posted on the village website in due course:
 - Little Thurlow Parish Council Chris Field, Chairman
 - Great Thurlow Parish Council Peter Thomas, Chairman
 - Suffolk County Council CC Mary Evans
 - Ward Councillor BC Jane Midwood
 - Thurlow Fayre Committee Allan Loveday
 - Village Hall Committee Anne Patient on behalf of Ros Bunting
 - Thurlow Sports Club Allan Loveday
 - **St Peter's Church** Edward Perrott
 - **All Saints' Church** Conrad Hawkins
 - Written reports from Tiddly Tots, Houghton Charity and Police were read out by the Chairmen.
 - There were no reports **from Thurlow Womens' Institute, The Village Link** or Thurlow School.

Mark Hardy announced a proposed Festival of Music, Poetry and Drama to commemorate the Quadricentenary of the death of Sir Stephen Soame on 23rd May 1619. It is hoped that this will prove to be a successful community event with people from both villages and children from Thurlow School getting involved. The date of the first meeting to discuss this was noted as 24th May 2018, 7.30pm at The Cock.

Chris Field, Chairman of Little Thurlow Parish Council, closed the Meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

Nature note: in praise of lions' teeth

If spring has a colour it must be yellow. The first butterfly on the wing is the brimstone, **which may have given the 'butter-fly' its name from the lovely butter-yellow colours** on those broad floaty wings. And the first flowers of the year are nearly all yellow, if you think about it, starting with the old gold of the aconite and followed by the fresher, brighter colours of the yellow crocus, the daffodil, and celandine, and then the milky yellow of the primrose and cowslip and the bold brilliance of the dandelion. Dandelion a flower? **Isn't that a weed? No, not at all** – have you seen the swathes of roadside dandelions in the grass verges at present? They look like a million little suns. A million, million if you go to a country like Estonia at this time of year, where they sensibly spend much less on herbicides to sanitise their countryside than we do. Every road there is bordered with thickly clustered gold medallions, a glorious sight, far outshining the neatly cultivated borders of any municipal park. These wild dandelions are not a bit like the cramped little flat rosettes that press down tightly to the ground in your lawn to avoid the mower. **These are fancy free, nodding their heads like Wordsworth's daffodils, with fine upstanding jagged green leaves.**

The leaves give them their name of course: *dent de lion* or 'lion's tooth' and they have long been valued in their own right for both medicinal and culinary purposes. They were important ingredients in ancient Chinese herbal remedies and were sent over to America in the Mayflower with the first pilgrims. In the nineteenth century dandelions were often grown in greenhouses as a winter substitute for lettuce in salads and ladies used to serve them in sandwiches at their tea parties between thin slices of brown bread. Worth a try, WI? As health foods, they were especially valued for flushing out toxins in the kidneys and helping to prevent gout in the port-drinking classes. Worth a try, gentlemen?

And a little later in the year, when the golden flower heads give way to those perfect balls of feather-down seeds (about 180 per head on average) **they become children's toy clocks.** The number of puffs you need to blow away all the seeds and send them off down the breeze is supposed to give you the hour of the day – if you believe in it enough, that is, **and don't suffer from hyperventilation.**

But everything in moderation. The long white dandelion roots are said to make very good de-cafeinated coffee if you roast them until brittle and then grind them; but they also have a reputation as diuretics, hence the other French name of *pissenlit*.

Jeremy Mynott
5 May 2018

THURLLOW WI

At the AGM it was decided that the committee for this year will stay the same with Dawn Abbey as President and Karen Canterford re-joining.

Secretary Helen Bennett read out all the forthcoming events and a letter from **Jimmy's in Cambridge thanking all for their gifts and inviting members to visit and meet some of their guests.** It is hoped to arrange a visit in June. Karen and Caroline Greatbatch had taken part in the walk at Clare and Iris Eley had represented Thurlow at the annual meeting at the Apex. We were pleased to welcome Valerie Austin to our group.

We were all speakers this month each one giving a talk on their working life.

Winners this month were Jill Rodwell, Arline Vollam, Helen and Iris.

Next month we hear about the life and work of a lady Town Crier June 12th 7:30pm, Thurlow Village Hall. Visitors welcome.

Iris Eley

Thurlow WI

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Thurlow Cycle Event

Cycling Club Hackney were welcomed back to Thurlow for the second year running on Sunday 22nd April when the Village Hall and Sports Club hosted Round 2 of the 2018 **British Cycling Junior Women's Road Series with accredited marshals and motor bike** outriders to ensure smooth traffic control throughout the race.

With over 40 of the top 16 to 18 year old female riders competing over a two day period, Stage 1 and 2, the time trial and circuit race, were held at Redbridge Cycling Centre in Essex on the Saturday before the riders descended on Thurlow for Stage 3, the road race, around the same circuit as last year. The course started and finished up Withersfield Road on the hill just past the Old Forge, then turned left at Rose Hill Withersfield, back down Moor Pasture Way to Great Wratting, then turned left onto the B1061 up and down the hill back to Great Thurlow crossroads.

After ten tough laps of the eight kilometre circuit in the hot midday sun, the winner of the Essex Junior Giro race was April Tacey of Team 22 from Leicester coming home in a solo finish an impressive three minutes ahead of the chasing pack (see below).

April was also crowned overall winner of Round 2 on general classification much to the disappointment of Corrine Side who had lead after day one at Redbridge. Unfortunately there had been drama as Corrine suffered a puncture before the halfway point when officials pulled her out of the race at the start of the last lap in her vain attempt to catch up with the peleton.

Susan Loveday, Heather Hunt, Kate Mangin-Griffiths and Alison Coffey raised £112 from refreshments which has been donated to Oncology Unit at Addenbrookes.

Cycling Club Hackney will be returning to Thurlow on Sunday 23rd September when they will be staging a men's race on the same circuit.

Allan Loveday



Great Wratting Book Group

You can see our reading list for 2018 below to give you an idea of the type of books we generally read although we are always open to suggestions from new members. If you are interested in coming along or would like to find out more about our meetings then please call Jean on 01440 783111 or email molehill@tiscali.co.uk.

Date	Book Title	Author	Genre
10 th January	-	-	-
14 th February	<i>The Sport of Kings</i>	C. E. Morgan	Modern Fiction
14 th March	<i>From Doon with Death</i>	Ruth Rendall	Crime Fiction
11 th April	<i>The Essex Serpent</i>	Sarah Parry	Fiction
9 th May	<i>Moon Tiger</i>	Penelope Lively	Modern Classic
13 th June	<i>The Keeper of Lost Things</i>	Ruth Hogan	Modern Fiction
11 th July	<i>Birdcage Walk</i>	Helen Dunmore	Historical Fiction
8 th August	<i>Cartes Postales from Greece</i>	Victoria Hislop	Short Stories
12 th September	<i>Eleanor Oliphant is Fine</i>	Gail Honeyman	Modern Fiction
10 th October	<i>In the Days of Rain</i>	Rebecca Stott	Biography
14 th November	<i>The End of The Affair</i>	Graham Greene	Classic
12 th December	<i>The Invention of Wings</i>	Sue Monk-Kidd	Fiction

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What's On!

Dates For Your Diary!

Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
June	6th	Wed	19:30	Thurlow Fayre Committee Meeting	The Cock Inn	01440 783478
June	12th	Tue	19:30	Thurlow WI	Thurlow Village Hall	
June	13th	Wed		Great Wratting Book Club		01440 783111
June	19th	Tue	19:30	LTPC Meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	01440 783259
June	20th	Wed	11:45 to 12:00	Mobile library	109 Bury Road Great Thurlow	01473 263838
June	20th	Wed	12.45 to 13:05	Mobile library	Thurlow Sports Club Great and Little Thurlow	01473 263838
June	20th	Wed	14:00 to 14:20	Mobile library	Coronation Cottages GW	01473 263838

Quadricentenary

Save the date – Thursday 23rd May 2019

Same time, same day, same place but 400 years later

Sir Stephen Soame
(Lord Mayor of London)

A small committee is being formed to coordinate celebrations to commemorate his legacy of School and Almshouses after his death on 23rd May 1619.

Ask to see the restored spectacular alabaster and marble **Memorial in St Peter's Church, Little Thurlow**
More details as the months progress - contact: info@soame400.uk



Thurlow Woodlands Ride Widening Project – an Update

In September last year I wrote an article regarding the new Countryside Stewardship scheme that the Estate had entered into under the guidance of Natural England. As part of the criteria for entry into this new scheme, there is a requirement for 10% of the total woodland area entered into the scheme to be open space by 2022. The open space within woodlands can be made up of glades, clearings or rides and we have approval to seek to achieve this predominantly by widening the rides.

I also displayed some “before, during and after” pictures, (reproduced below) giving the readers an idea of the enormity of the task at hand over the next couple of years where, in total, we hope to widen, and therefore open up circa 10 Ha of existing ride.



I am pleased to say that last year, bearing in mind it was our first year trialling this scheme with new machinery and new techniques, we widened over 10,000 m². Natural England are pleased with the work undertaken and although the initial visual impact of the scheme is rather harsh, as can be seen from the photographs above, the benefits are starting to be seen six months later.

As the weather warms and the ground flora has started to flourish and regenerate the rides look completely different – see next page.



We would hope that some of the less shade tolerant species of flora, which for some time have not been able to grow properly on these dark woodland rides will come forward over the next few months and, in time, we will see a diverse and plentiful amount of cover providing an excellent habitat for native species thus enhancing the biodiversity of the woodland.

This year our forestry contractors arrive in the second week in May and will hopefully be with us for the summer and into the autumn until the weather conditions deteriorate again. They have such a busy program of works this year that we are actually employing two tracked harvesters (see left) who will work in conjunction with each other. One machine has a roller head attachment, more suited for softwood and hardwood thinning and the other a stroke feed head attachment which can deal with the more difficult bent timber found when coppicing and ride widening. With this increased harvesting capacity we hope to run through all the non SSSI thinning work in short order before concentrating on the ride widening work which will take up the majority of their time on the Estate this year.

Whilst ride widening is an expensive and time consuming operation, and only partially funded by the new grant system we have entered, it is an absolute necessity in terms of the future of the woodlands around Thurlow – hopefully allowing us to work the woods in a more productive and less impacting manner and will provide long term environmental and silvicultural benefits for generations to come.

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The Rector Writes

A few of my favourite things...?

I don't know whether it's the storyline, the music and memorable lyrics of the songs, or the fact that its set in Austria, but I always enjoy watching "The Sound of Music". Maria is a young woman failing in her attempt to become a nun, who is released from the convent where she clearly doesn't fit in to become governess to the seven children of Captain von Trapp. Will Maria succeed, we wonder, where numerous other governesses have previously failed? Maria introduces the children to music and teaches them to notice and to take pleasure in the smallest things, the raindrops which rest on the roses and the whiskers on the kittens.

At one point Maria leaves and goes back to the convent, and the children are sad to lose what they had gained through her teaching. She returns then to find that Captain von Trapp is engaged to be married. Eventually of course he marries Maria, and the family escapes from Austria to Switzerland to avoid his having to go to Germany and fight in the German navy.

One of those memorable songs is "I have confidence". As she approaches the von Trapp residence for the first time, Maria wonders what the day will be like, wonders what her future will be. She cannot understand why, if she has longed for adventure, she is so scared. What, she asks, is so fearsome about a Captain with seven children? She knows that she needs to stop her doubts and worries, or else she will turn back. She needs to dream of the things she is looking for, and search for the courage she needs. She sings of serving with reliance, of facing her mistakes without defiance, of showing her worthiness to them and to herself. So she resolves to face all their problems, doing better than her best. Confident that she will be tested she intends to demonstrate that she has confidence in herself.

Some years ago I came across this poem, which is "anonymous":

If you think you are beaten, you are.

If you think you dare not, you don't.

If you'd like to win but you think you can't,
it's almost certain you won't.

If you think you'll lose, you've lost.

For out of the world we find
success begins with a fellow's will –
it's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are,
you've got to think high to rise
you've got to be sure of yourself before
you can ever win a prize.

Life's battles don't always go
to the stronger or faster man,
but sooner or later the man who wins
is the one who thinks he can.

As we face the future, whatever that future might hold, we have cause for confidence. As Christians we would want to say not confidence in ourselves alone, but confidence in God, who, we believe directs and guides our lives through his Holy Spirit. One of my favourite bible texts is from St. Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome where he tells them "Do not be conformed to this world." One of the tensions for the modern Church is that of remaining faithful to the Bible, to history and tradition whilst adapting to the requirements of modern society. The New Testament encourages Christians to be "in the world, but not of the world".

Saint Paul, writing in his letter to his letter to the Christians in Philippi, writes "I can do all things in Him who strengthens me". There then is a key to facing the future with boldness, to do it in the strength of God. Another of my favourite verses is from St. Paul writing to the Corinthian church: "What we preach is not ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake". This is the verse I chose twenty-five years ago when I was ordained as my ordination verse. The Christian minister should never rejoice to be the centre of attention but to be the vehicle through whom God can be seen. Self-confidence is good, to a degree, but self-importance is misguided! A few verses earlier St. Paul wrote "Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God".

In his writing to the Christians at Philippi he turns his back on whatever claims he has had to righteousness and what he calls "confidence in the flesh", and says "forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus".

The message of confidence is there too in the Old Testament scriptures too. The author of psalm 14 tells us "In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have a place of refuge". And in psalm 118 we read "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man". And in the book of Job one of Job's friends asks him "Is not your fear of God your confidence, and the integrity of your ways your hope?"

For those with the confidence the hills really are alive....so climb those mountains!

Derek Hollis

Prayer needs and home Communion

If you are in need of prayer, or are aware of someone who needs to be included in prayer, please contact the Rector.

There is no need to go into detail and no-one will be mentioned by name in intercessions unless they give their permission but you can be assured that you or the person you bring forward will be prayed for. The same applies if you, or someone you know, hasn't been able to come to Communion because of illness and would like to receive. In these cases you can still be included by the Rector or a member of the ministry team bringing Communion to you in your home.

For all pastoral matters please contact Rev. Derek Hollis on 01440 763066.



June to July 2018 Church Services

Monthly Church Service Rota

Date	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
Sun 3rd June	09:30 HC Kedington	11:00 HC Great Thurlow		
Sun 10th June	09:30 HC Barnardiston	09:30 SOTW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley	
Sun 17th June	10:00 HC Benefice Little Thurlow			
Sun 24th June	08:00 HC Kedington	09:30 HC Little Bradley	11:00 HC Great Wrattling	18:00 ES Kedington
Sun 1st July	09:30 HC Kedington	11:00 HC Great Thurlow		
Sun 8th July	09:30 HC Barnardiston	09:30 SOTW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley	

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INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS. This is a brief guide, intended especially for newcomers to the villages, with information about the facilities and services available locally and some useful telephone numbers and addresses.

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 Wratting	Telephone
Neighbourhood Watch — Clare Egloff - claretturner2003@hotmail.com	07780724798
Red Lion, Great Wratting – George and Linda Sykes	01440 783237
The Great Wratting Book Group – Jean Newlands	01440 783111
Great Wratting 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	01440 783661
Thurlow Estate – Tom Duffin, Assistant to Agent	
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
Chemist – Sainsburys Pharmacy	01440 708043
Chemist – The Co—operative Pharmacy	01440 702079
Hospital – West Suffolk (Bury St Edmunds)	01284 713000
Hospital – West Suffolk Accident and Emergency	01284 713333
Hospital – Addenbrookes (Cambridge)	01223 245151
Vets – Swayne and Partners (Haverhill)	01440 702007
Vets – Lida Vets (Newmarket)	01638 560000
Vets – Hawkedon Veterinary Surgery	01284 789428
Vets - Homefield Vets	01440 712021
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
Vice-Chair – Gavin Acheson - gavin.acheson@icloud.com	01440 783515
Councillor – Tim Hayes - timandlornahayes@gmail.com	01440 783242
Councillor – Dawn Fisk - dawn.fisk@btinternet.com	01440 783993
Councillor – Neil Curtis	01440 783898
Councillor- Beverley Griffin	07703 199248
Parish Clerk – Richard Bowler - gtwrattingpc@yahoo.co.uk	01638 731300
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
Jessica Hale –Vice Chairman	01440 783190
Will Griffiths	01440 783496
Chris Lowe	01440 783891
Andrew Dickson	01440 783385
Sue Acey	01440 783545
Geoff Patient	01440 783693
Molly Hawkins—Parish Clerk	01440 783259

Great Thurlow Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Peter Thomas—Chairman	01440 783700
Conrad Hawkins —Vice Chairman	01440 783259
George Vestey	01440 783240
Stan Cook	01440 783532
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Diana Allin - Parish Clerk	01440 762299 (office hours)

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