

The Village Link

Great Thurlow – Little Thurlow – Great Wratting

March

2018



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Thurlow Fayre Committee

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Welcome to the March Issue of the Village Link.

Apologies for the late arrival of the Link this month due to a combination of computer issues and other confounding factors!

Preparations are well underway for this years' Fayre on September 2nd but we still need your help. Please come along to one of the meetings or get in touch with one of the committee. Your help would be very much appreciated even for an hour on the day!

Alison

Website

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

Contact

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR THE VILLAGE LINK

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

Great Thurlow has just lost its oldest resident following the death of Freddie Webb. He had lived at 90 School Terrace all of his 89 years, having moved in with his family after it was built, in fact his Grandfather helped with the building of the house. Freddie was a keen sportsman playing cricket, football and bowls for the Village. He also helped to start the first badminton club at the Village Hall.

He worked for the Ryder family, then the Vestey family until 1957, before moving to **Sainsbury's at Little Wrattling until his retirement.**

Freddie took great pride in keeping his garden neat and tidy.

I remember the many happy times spent between our two families, my Grandparents and then my Mum and Dad living at 93 School Terrace.

He will be sadly missed. R.I.P. Freddie.

Peter Thomas

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE JOINT GREAT AND
LITTLE THURLOW

VILLAGE LITTER PICK

WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE OVER THE WEEKEND OF 24TH/25TH
MARCH 2018

All necessary equipment will be provided
For more information, please contact Molly Hawkins on
ltpcclerk@thethurlows.org.uk

LITTLE THURLOW PARISH COUNCIL

Little Thurlow Parish Council met on 20th February with five Councillors and one member of the public in attendance.

There were no objections to a Planning Application to fell two Elm trees at Town House or to an Application to fell one fir tree at 13 Pound Green. Matters of concern included the damage to the roadway at the ford on Pound Green which has been reported to SCC Highways Department and the erosion of the verges on Pound Green. When the next set of data from the Vehicle Activated Sign is sent to the Police they are to be urged to visit Little Thurlow with the speed camera which is often used in Great Bradley.

Councillors approved payments for a share of the cost of cutting the grass on Thurlow Green and the Recreation Ground during 2017 (as budgeted for) and quotations were accepted for the hire of a marquee for the 2018 Thurlow Fayre and the 2018 grass cutting on the Recreation Ground. Donations under S137 were approved for five charities in response to requests for financial support.

Representatives of the PC had attended the CC Rights of Way meeting for parishes which was held at Clare, and two had attended the St Edmundsbury BC Parish Forum. Two members will attend the next Haverhill Area Forum on 19th March 2018 at Linton.

Draft Minutes of the Meeting will be displayed on the village website and on the Parish Council Notice Board at the Village Hall.

The date of the next meeting is 20th March 2018.

Molly Hawkins, Parish Clerk

Thurlow Life - Past and Present Facebook page

follow the link...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/thurlow/>

Great Wratting Book Group

The Great Wratting Book Group has been running for almost 10 years and over this time we have enjoyed lively discussion over the many books that we have read. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month and take it in turns to host the gatherings in our homes. There is no obligation to turn up at every meeting and we only ask that anyone attending has either read the book or has at least made a very good attempt to do so! 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

Bishops Pilgrimage.

Bishop Martin Seeley (Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) and Bishop Mike Harrison (Suffragan Bishop of Dunwich) will be making a pilgrimage walking through Suffolk villages in March.

They will be in Little Thurlow on Thursday 22nd March where they will say Evening Prayer in **St. Peter's Church Little Thurlow at 5pm.**

After supper they will walk to The Cock and enjoy an evening meeting parishioners from 7.30 pm.

The following morning they will say Morning Prayer at 9.00 am in the church before leaving.

All are welcome to join them at any of these events.

Judith Hardy

THURLOW WI

Thurlow WI President Dawn Abbey welcomed nine members and one visitor to the February Meeting. She gave notice of future events which included a Photography Workshop, a Health and Wellbeing Day at Mildenhall, and a Music Hall to be held in May.

There will be a country-wide walk on Sunday to raise awareness of the work of ACWW, an organisation which supports the poorer countries. Some members hope to take part in this. Member Helen Esterhuizen had brought in a painting of Mousehole which had been done by her partner, who wished to donate it to our WI.

Our speaker Malcolm Busby then told us three old tales related to East Anglia.

The winners in the monthly draw were Helen, Iris and Dawn.

Next month we meet Parsley, a guide dog, and hear about his work on Tuesday 13th March at Thurlow Village Hall, 7:30 pm.

Anyone interested is more than welcome.

Iris Eley

Thurlow WI

On behalf of the Patient Group at Wickhambrook Surgery

We would like to draw your attention to the surgery website:
www.wickhambrooksurgery.nhs.uk

On the home page of the website you will see the Surgery Newsletter and the Patient Group Newsletter.

The email address of the Patient Group is: fowsrgy@gmail.com

We would be pleased to receive any comments that patients would like us to take up on their behalf with the practice, and we would be delighted if anyone would like to volunteer to join the Group.

Thanks,

Patricia Lewis

Nature Note

To-wit To-what?

There is a madrigal by the seventeenth-century composer, Thomas Vautor, called 'Sweet Suffolk Owl', which begins:

Sweet Suffolk owl, so trimly dight
With feathers, like a lady bright;
Thou sing'st alone, sitting by night,
'To whit! To whool'

The one I heard the other night along the Temple End Road, sounded more like a quavering *oooooooo*, but never mind. In truth, we all see and hear what we want to with owls. With the possible exception of penguins, they are the most easily humanised of all birds. The combination of the upright stance on two legs, the soft tubby body-shape, large heads, flat faces, big round eyes and the steady gaze make them perfect material for the soft toys department. Add their magical ability to see in the dark, the extraordinarily acute hearing, their other-worldly cries and silent flight, and you can see how perfectly adapted they are as a receptacle into which we project a whole range of human affections and fears. They have accordingly featured in fables from the time of Aesop onwards and provide such favourite characters in children's stories as Old Brown in Beatrix Potter, the (dyslexic) Wol in A.A. Milne, Wise Owl in Alison Uttley, and most recently the snowy owl, Hedwig, in J.K. Rowling. But they also play darker symbolic roles in many of the world's myths and legends: 'an abomination' according to the Bible, Shakespeare's 'fatal bellman', and 'birds of omen dark and foul' for Sir Walter Scott. But how can they be the stuff both of innocent fancies and of nightmares? How can the proverbial 'wise owl' also serve as the dread portent of death and disaster?

It's all down to some very special biological adaptations that have accidentally given rise to these cultural perceptions. Owls are neither wise nor ominous by constitution, but are superbly equipped predators. Those 'flat faces' are really large facial discs shaped to funnel to their super-sensitive ears the faintest sounds made by invisible scurrying rodents. A tawny owl also has an exceptional spatial memory to enable it to navigate through familiar woodlands in almost pitch darkness; and in order to help with night vision their eyes are so large that they occupy all the space in the eye-sockets – they can't therefore swivel their eyes but can compensate by rotating their heads by up to 270 degrees. Their flight feathers have special baffles at the forward edge to muffle the sound of their wings and give them the advantage of surprise. And so on, every detail serving a purpose. The precision and efficacy of these adaptations is astonishing – and quite reason enough to prompt a sense of wonder... or even inspire a madrigal.

Jeremy Mynott
Lavender Cottage
9 February 2018

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Quiz Night

In aid of Little Bradley Church

with

Fish & Chip

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at



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on

Friday 2nd March 2018

at 7.00pm

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The Rector Writes

What is the link between the inventor of dynamite, an Albanian Nun, and a South African Cleric? What then is the link between the last of these and a Franco-German organist? You may think these questions resemble the kind of **convoluted ones set by the compilers of Radio 4's "Round Britain Quiz"**. You may guess that the South African cleric is Desmond Tutu. From there you may be able **to work out the rest. If not, then read on...**

Desmond Tutu, then General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches, was enthroned as Archbishop of Cape Town in September 1986, becoming the leader of two million South African Anglicans. It was in 1984 that he was **awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace, for his opposition to South Africa's racist apartheid regime**, followed by the Albert Schweitzer Prize for Humanitarianism in 1986 and the Gandhi Peace Prize in 2005. The more astute amongst you will by now have guessed that Schweitzer was the organist. Albert Schweitzer was in fact Alsatian, and as well as playing the organ was a noted physician, philosopher and theologian.

What then of the Albanian Nun? Have you realised by now that this is Mother Teresa of Calcutta? Mother Teresa (who died in September 1997 at the age of 87) spent her life caring for the poor and the dispossessed. Best known for her work in India, and particularly in Calcutta, she established an Order known as the Missionaries of Charity in 1948. She also worked in East Pakistan, caring for refugees. In 1971 she visited the United States of America and set up a mission in the Bronx area of New York. Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1979.

So now we have the link between the nun and the cleric. The inventor of dynamite, of course, and the missing link in our initial question, was the Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel. It was way back in 1901 that the five prizes which Nobel established were first awarded in Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature and... Peace.

A quick look at the prizes awarded over the last thirty-five years for Peace show Mother Teresa and Desmond Tutu placed in a list featuring Sakharov and Gorbachev, Walesa, Sadat and Begin, Arafat and Peres and Rabin. Further South African names appear: Mandela and De Klerk. Kofi Annan, and the Americans Carter and Obama are there too, and closer to home are Trimble and Hume.

It was the poet Longfellow who wrote in his poem on Christmas in war-time about the belfries of all Christendom rolling along the unbroken song of peace on earth, good-will to men.

In despair in the poem he says "There is no peace on earth... for hate is strong and mocks the song of peace on earth, good-will to men".

Few will see their names appear alongside the famous ones above, and the **nearest I shall get is the Governors' Prize for Public Spirit awarded to me by my secondary school in 1979.** We can all do our bit, though, to make our little bit of the world a more peaceful place by living in peace and harmony with those around us and those with whom we come into contact day by day and week by week.

When I was at Sunday School we used to sing "Jesus bids us shine with a small clear light, like a little candle burning in the night, in this world of darkness we must shine, you in your small corner, and I in mine". At each and every Christening we present the newly-baptised child with a little candle in a little corner-shaped holder. As we do so we remind them that Jesus said he was the Light of the world and that we as Christians should shine out with that same influence for good in this world around us. At the end of our service in church the words of the dismissal are "Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord", to which the congregation replies "In the name of Christ, Amen." Are you doing your bit to promote peace and good-will amongst those around you?

Derek Hollis

Prayer needs and home Communions

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.

Shooting and Conservation

To the great relief of the Keeper and his various helpers the Pheasant shooting season has finished for another year, the 31st January normally being the last day. His work **however doesn't finish here, as the Keeper starts on the process of tidying up and** preparing for next year. This involves the breaking down and bringing in of all the feeding and watering apparatus which needs to be sterilised and, if necessary, repaired before being stored away until June.

Last year's game covers, when the weather permits, will be flailed down and broken up so that any remaining seed can be consumed by the wildlife before the stalks and husks are ploughed in by the farm team and a seed bed is created in preparation for **drilling of next year's cover crops in May time.**

A key component of successful shoot management is providing an attractive habitat for game birds. They need food and shelter. While the natural features of the land and those which are nurtured by man – the woodland and hedgerows – form the basis of a shoot there is one other vital ingredient within the Thurlow Estate – cover crops. Cover crops provide natural food and shelter. They are usually planted along the margin of woodland, in corners of fields or to provide covers from which birds may be flown.



Left - picture of a typical game cover sown planted next to a wood to provide additional cover and a source of food for the game birds.

Typically these are small areas of less than an acre and they will be dotted around the shoot often trying to link up areas of woodland so that the game birds have safe passage between woods or other areas of cover.

Among the most common cover crops are maize, sunflowers, canary grass, kale, and quinoa, and cover strips often contain a mixture of these species. They also provide rich feeding for songbirds and particular mixes of plants are now produced specifically to benefit farmland birds. On the Estate we typically plant maize as our cover crop because it stands up well to the East Anglian winters and can be a rich source of food too throughout the latter half of the season. We do also have a number of wild bird seed mixes that we plant into our cover crops and these provide a wealth of food throughout the winter for both reared and wild birds. To this end the Estate maintains approximately 50 acres of cover crops across the whole shooting area.



Left – picture of a wildflower mix cover crop. Cover crops such as these also provide an excellent habitat for native bird species and invertebrates, and we hope to establish similar crops at Thurlow.

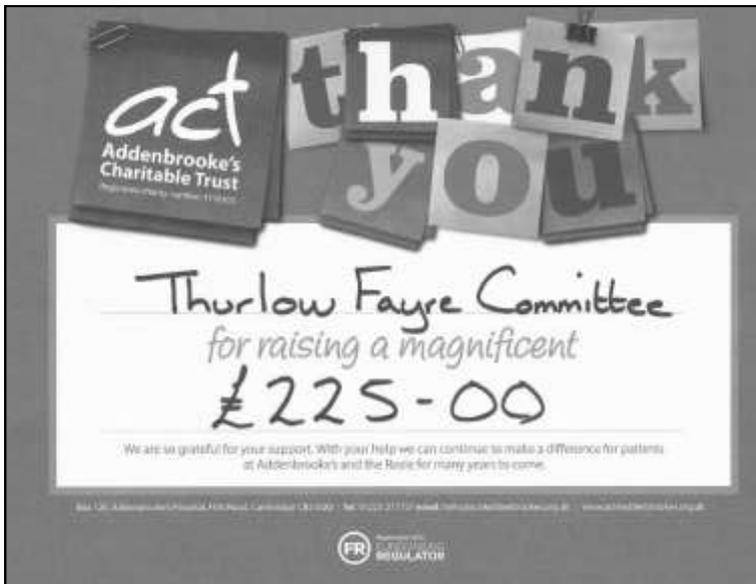
Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us, and we will be able to drill into good seedbeds in the early summer, with a little warm wet weather to follow.

We have spent a lot of time over the last two years planting new hedgerows on the Estate and we hope, by 2020, to have planted a total length of 15,500m (almost 10 miles!) of new hedgerow. This will be of immense benefit to not only the shoot but the local wildlife in general as they use hedgerows as corridors that provide safe passage between woodlands and other cover.



This planting is a major undertaking by the Estate, both financially and in terms of ongoing maintenance of the hedges once they mature, but we hope that these new hedges will add to the habitat available to invertebrates, mammals and birds alike.

Thank You! To Thurlow Fayre From Local Charities for Donations Received from the Fayre Proceeds



These two thank you notes, along with those on the front cover and others received from Thurlow Village Hall and Great Wratting PCC, are amongst those from local charities and organisations supported by Thurlow Fayre each year.

The Fayre is a vital source of income to many of our local organisations as well as those who are part of our wider community.

Please support the Fayre however you can, either by helping with the organisation, volunteering on the day, donating prizes for the Grand Draw or bottles for the Bottle Stall, buying tickets for the Grand Draw, and bringing friends and family for a great afternoon out! We look forward to your support.

Thank you!
Thurlow Fayre Committee

Thank you so much for the extremely generous donation of **£150** that you sent in on behalf of the Thurlow Fayre Committee.

We are so grateful for the wonderful continued support you give to St Nicholas Hospice Care and The Haverhill Hub and I would be ever so grateful if you could pass on our many thanks to all the committee members for this very kind donation.

As you may already know we have made some changes to the Haverhill Hub with a number of new additions; this has led to an increase in usage and a number of new groups being created, helping those within the local area.

If you would ever like any more information about the work of St Nicholas Hospice Care or if you'd like to visit the Haverhill Hub so that you can see how much of a difference your wonderful continued support has made then please just let us know.

Once again thank you so much for all your support.

Best wishes

George Chilvers

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Cycling Club Hackney



Notice of Cycling Event taking place on Sunday 22nd April 2018

The following cycle race will be taking place on a loop from Great Thurlow along Withersfield road, turning left at the top of Rose Hill, continuing along Withersfield Road to Great Wratting then turning left onto the B1061 Thurlow Road back to Great Thurlow where it turns left. The loop finishes up the hill on Withersfield Road. The race HQ for the day will be Great Thurlow village hall.

Junior Women's Giro – 10 laps of the circuit

Start time 11 am - finish 1.30 pm. This is a national race and part of the British **cycling National Junior Women's Series** run in accordance with **British Cycling** regulations and the local Police constabulary. The race will include up to sixty riders, six convoy cars and three motor cycle out riders:

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/167952/Junior-Women-s-Giro-2018>

The race will be marshalled by Accredited Marshals who have authority to stop and hold traffic whilst the races pass by, this is for the safety of the public as well as the riders, and traffic is typically held up for no longer than one to two minutes. The marshals will be situated at the junctions at Great Thurlow, Withersfield and Great Wratting. We aim to keep the disruption to a minimum – once the race has past by there should be ample time for anyone to drive through the area. We will be leafletting everyone on the course about the event and hope they can come out and enjoy the spectacle. If you have any queries please get in touch.



Neil Irons
Race Organiser
neil@cyclingclubhackney.co.uk
07751 495853



March - April 2018 Church Services

Monthly Church Service Rota

Date	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
Sun 4th March	09:30 HC Kedington	11:00 HC Great Thurlow		
Sun 11th March	09:30 Mattins Little Thurlow	09:30 SOTW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley	
Sun 18th March	10:00 HC Benefice Barnardiston			
Sun 25th March	08:00 HC Kedington	09:30 HC Little Bradley	11:00 HC Great Wrattling	18:00 ES Kedington
Fri 30th March	14:00 Devotional Kedington			
Sun 1st April	09:30 HC Kedington	11:00 HC Great Thurlow		
Sun 8th April	09:30 HC Barnardiston	09:30 SOTW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley	

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

What's On!

Dates For Your Diary!

Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
March	2nd	Fri	19:00	Quiz Night	The Garden Barn Little Bradley	01440 783756
March	7th	Wed	20:00	Thurlow Fayre Committee Meeting	The Cock Inn	01440 783478
March	20th	Tue	19:30	LTPC Meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	01440 783259
March	22nd	Thur		Bishops' Pilgrimage	Thurlow	Judith Hardy thejude@ ymail.com
March	25th and 26th	Sat and Sun		Thurlow Litter Pick	Thurlow	Molly Hawkins ltpcclerk@ thethurlows.org.uk
March	28th	Wed	11:45 to 12:00	Mobile library	109 Bury Road Great Thurlow	01473 263838
March	28th	Wed	12.45 to 13:05	Mobile library	Thurlow Sports Club Great and Little Thurlow	01473 263838
March	28th	Wed	14:00 to 14:20	Mobile library	Coronation Cottages GW	01473 263838
April	8th	Sun	14:00 to 17:00	Great Thurlow Hall Spring Garden Open Day	Great Thurlow Hall	01440 783478

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Services and Societies in Thurlow	Telephone
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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 — Dawn Fisk— dawn.fisk@btinternet.com	01440 783993
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	
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 – Steven Robinson - stevenrobinson150@gmail.com	01440 783131
Councillor—Diana Curtis	01440 783898
Parish Clerk – Richard Bowler - gtwrattingpc@yahoo.co.uk	01638 731300
VACANCY	
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
Rod Pass	01440 783610
Naomi Watts	To follow
Jane Sheppard	01440 783209
Diana Allin - Parish Clerk	01440 762299 (office hours)

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