

The Village Link

Great Thurlow – Little Thurlow – Great Wratting

April
2013



CHARITY CAR WASH IN AID OF MALAWI CHILDREN

Every summer Culford School takes a group of Sixth Form pupils to Malawi to continue the building of an Orphanage and a School. Each participant has to raise funds to pay for their flight and accommodation.

This year it is my turn to embark on this experience. Therefore, I am holding a Car Wash on Saturday 13th April, from 11:00am until 4pm at Thurlow Village Hall

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Marissa Preston (Corner Cottage, Little Thurlow)

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The Editor

I must start by saying thank you for all the great messages of well done and sorry you are giving up The Village Link.

With that said, to my knowledge, nobody has to-date come forward to express an interest in taking over as editorship.

Next month will see my last issue as Editor. I will over the next few weeks contact the Thurlow Parish Council's to discuss what happens after I step down if no new editor is found.

March is a busy administration month for The Village Link as the majority of advertisers invoices become due for re-issue. With this job out of the way the new editor will only need to collect in the money!

Kevin Crowson – Editor

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Farm

As I write there are still flurries of snow outside the Estate Office window and it is now mid March! This is obviously affecting the amount of land work taking place on the farm. We have however managed to finish the first application of Nitrogen on the crops, so when the weather finally breaks the crops will be able to make full use of this fertiliser. We have also managed to get some of the Spring drilling work done, with about half of the bean crop now in the ground but we still need to start drilling Spring Rape so there is plenty of work ahead of us.

Other farm operations include ditching works and machinery maintenance and obviously the pigeon control which is very important this year.

Hunt

Again the hard frosts have been playing havoc with the Hunting dates and some of the meets have had to be postponed. That being said the end of the season is in sight and by the time you read this all involved will be having a well earned rest!

The Thurlow Hunt Point to Point went very well with almost 110 entries coming from as far a field as Worcestershire with, much to our delight, reasonably good. Repairs are now almost complete and the course ready again for the final fixture for the year.

The date is as follows:

1. Saturday 23rd March - Puckeridge Hunt Point to Point

As always there will be various trade stands as well as hot and cold snacks and the beer tent and we very much hope that you will come and enjoy the racing.

Property

The tenders for the external redecoration programs have been received and John Cutmore Builds and John W. Younger Ltd have been appointed to undertake the works this year.

In addition to these rolling programs of external redecoration there are several larger renovations projects that will be starting in April on the Bury Road.

We currently have no properties immediately available to rent but if you are interested in being notified of any other properties that are coming up in the future please call the Estate Office on 01440 783661.

The control of magpies, crows and grey squirrels continues ahead of the songbird nesting season. The aforementioned are renowned for destroying localised populations of nesting birds by taking their eggs from the nests.

In addition, rabbit control has stepped up a gear now the ground is firmer and before the crops grow too high.

This is also the time of year that the gamekeeper starts thinking about his pens for next year, do they stay in the same place or should they be moved? He will also assess their condition to see if there are any repairs needed.

Planting season is now upon us and the forestry team are busy in a number of woods planting both hard woods and softwoods, where appropriate. We have also just completed re-planting an area that was clear felled in Ashdon in the Autumn.

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AND FINALLY.....

In the run up to Easter I thought that I would continue with a little more Biblical humor:

SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother.

"I don't need to," the boy replied.

"Of course, you do." his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"



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Red Nose Day at Thurlow CEVCP School

This year at Thurlow School we will be participating in Comic Relief, which is on Friday the 15th of March, by having an all red dressing up day. We will also be selling cakes, which have red icing, for a small donation. Class three will be making the cakes ready to sell later in the day. All the money raised will go to Comic Relief so we can help all the children. Everybody will be allowed to wear their red noses so we get in the mood! In our next article we will tell you about, our Easter Service, maths day, book day and science week. And that was all just in two weeks!!

By Abigail, Lillie, Elle and Holly.

1st Burrough Green Brownies

Eighteen Brownies enjoyed a brilliant weekend at the Jarman centre in Newmarket. They completed the craft, Brownie holiday and World Guiding interest badges and a special challenge badge for the Love in Action charity. The girls raised an amazing £165.50 for the charity by holding a 'bring & buy' sale. The theme of the Brownie holiday was Africa and we had a fantastic party on the first night. The Brownies enjoyed other activities such as campfire cooking, singing and crafts. They also learnt about fair trade from Reverend Susan, who kindly came to visit us bringing with her lots of information and fun activities for the girls to enjoy.

We recently had a visit from the founders of Love in Action, who ran a wonderful evening with lots of fun activities for the Brownies to enjoy. They even wrote letters to the students in the school, in Uganda, that the charity built. They are going to use the money from the 'bring and buy' sale to buy books for the library in their newly built secondary school which opened early this year.

Girlguiding has been celebrating Thinking day with a big events held all over the world. It is a time to think about other Guides, Brownies and Rainbows in different countries and continents. It is always enjoyed with lots of fun activities and crafts.

The Brownies have also completed the friend to animal's interest badge in the unit.

We meet weekly in Brinkley during the school term. Brownies is for girls aged 7 to 10 if anyone would like more information please contact

Margaret Whalley 01638 716939

In 1866 an American naturalist encountered an amazing sight. For fourteen hours he watched an immense number of birds passing by in flight overhead, in a column that he estimated was one mile wide and some 300 miles long. The flock was so dense that they darkened the skies and it has been calculated that it may have contained over 3,000 million birds. They were passenger pigeons, then the most numerous bird in the world. Yet less than forty years later, on 22 March 1900 in Pike County, Ohio to be precise, the last wild passenger pigeon died. The species became officially extinct a few years later when the last tame specimen, nicknamed Martha, died in captivity in Cincinnati Zoo. The reasons were probably a combination of deforestation, loss of habitat, agricultural changes and large-scale hunting. Things can go wrong very quickly in nature when they get into a tail-spin, especially for colonial species that depend on safety in numbers.

We have been witnessing a rapid decline in some of our most familiar species too, not quite on the same scale, it's true but still dramatic. Take sparrows and starlings, for example, once among our commonest garden birds, bullying off the bird tables other species we would perhaps have preferred to attract. Yet in the last forty years the population of starlings in the UK has declined by about 80% and house sparrows by about 65%. You may not have noticed this decline of house sparrows so much because in the Thurlows we do still have reasonable numbers. There are little colonies of them hanging on in clusters at Little Thurlow Green, Temple End, Larkspur Cottage and Church Farm, Great Thurlow, and one or two other places, but most of us don't see them in the garden at all now. In London their demise really is dramatic. They used to be the common cheeky chappies everywhere, the cockney sparrows that were the iconic urban bird of the capital – noisy, brash, vulgar, almost a pest. Not now. You could spend a year in Hyde Park now and not see a single one. Is it possible that in 20 years time, say, the last one will die in captivity in London Zoo, probably nicknamed Charlie Spadger?

Things really are changing. You won't see the house sparrow's cousin, the tree sparrow, in Thurlow now, though there were three or four colonies of them here a few decades back. We've lost the corn bunting, the nightingale and the willow tit, probably for good. We are about to lose the spotted flycatcher on current trends and you'll be very lucky to hear the cuckoo or the turtle dove again here, except the odd bird passing through in early spring. And talking of spring, the winter seems to have been so long, so grey and so raw that I can hardly wait. We just need to make sure that we do always get a real spring, and not the 'Silent Spring' that Rachel Carson warned us about in 1962.

Jeremy Mynott

Gardening Club

Well it's really starting to happen for all at the Gardening Club now.

We had a great meeting in March and were excited to be discussing our planting plans and how to warm up the soil ready for planting.

The weather is still paying tricks on us though. My greenhouse in the same week had a temperature range of 30 to 3 degrees.

We refreshed the Thurlow Fayre produce categories so look out for those in the coming months and we have our first Ground Force task in the village:

Next month, we will be helping Iris Eley with emptying her compost bins and then digging over and planting a new perennial bed for me.

Thank you so much to Iris who generously shared her lovely forget me not plants. My garden will be very glad of them as will I.

We have also been asked to support the Open Garden at Great Thurlow Hall on 2nd June so please do come along and buy some of our plants, it should be a fabulous day.

It's lovely to have the evenings starting to get lighter so if you fancy coming along to a lovely spring meeting, you are very welcome.

Next one is on Friday 12th April. Happy Spring everyone.

What terrible weather!!! I don't know what is happening to our weather, but it ain't good!!! Snow, cold, rain, wind, cold, snow, cold, rain...did I mention cold? Do you think it knows it's supposed to be spring? All this bad weather means I can't go out cycling for my Duke of Edinburgh award; I am cycling around the village and other nearby villages, exploring bridal paths and other off road tracks. I hope the weather warms up soon so I can get back out there on my bike!!!

Something I have noticed whilst I have been cycling around the village is the amount of dog mess on the pavements. It is disgusting. My sister, Megan, had to come home from walking down to her lift to school one morning to have her shoes cleaned after she accidently stepped in dog mess. Yuck. Please clear it up, it's not hard.

I hope you have all been doing some fundraising or donated some money to comic relief. We had a non-uniform day at school and along with other fundraising activities (including a teacher bake-off and teachers dressing up) we managed to raise over a thousand pounds for comic relief. I hope you did something funny for money!!!

Sacha Davies (14) - Junior Reporter

THE COCK INN LITTLE THURLOW

Terms after several weeks of negotiation have now been agreed with Greene King to purchase The Freehold which we need to finalise by the end of April. This is excellent news with all its financial advantages including becoming a FREE HOUSE. More details in the next issue including future plans
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	14th Apr	Sun	9:30 HC Barnardiston	9:30 SotW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley	
	21st Apr	Sun	10:00 HC Great Thurlow			
	28th Apr	Sun	8:00 HC Kedington	9:30 HC Little Thurlow	11:00 HC Great Wrattling	18:00 ES Kedington
	5th May	Sun	9:30 HC Kedington	10:00 SotW Great Wrattling	11:00 HC Little Bradley	
	9th May	Thur	7:00 Kedington Ascension Day			
	12th May	Sun	9:30 HC Great Thurlow	9:30 SotW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley	

What's On!

Dates For Your Diary!	Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
	May	2nd	Thur	19:30	Great Wrattling Parish Council Annual Meeting	Wheel Cottage, The Street	Parish Clerk gtwrattlingpc@yahoo.co.uk
	May	9th	Thur	19:30	Great Wrattling Village Meeting <i>(more information next month)</i>	The Parish Room, St Mary's Church	Parish Clerk gtwrattlingpc@yahoo.co.uk

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Vegetables and Fruit

- 4 Tomatoes
- 2 Courgettes
- 3 Peppers or Chillies (any variety or colour)
- 3 Onions
- 4 Potatoes
- 4 Runner Beans
- 3 Beetroot
- Largest Garlic Bulb
- Straightest Cucumber
- Heaviest Marrow
- The Longest Carrot
- 3 Dessert Apples
- 4 Plums
- A basket of fruit & vegetables (min of 6 varieties)

Flowers

- A hand tied arrangement of herbs (min of 3 varieties)
- Vase of mixed Garden Flowers(min of 5 varieties)
- 4 Roses (different varieties or colour)
- Vase of mixed Dahlias
- Biggest Sunflower Head

Kevin Crowson—Thurlow Fayre Produce Show Organiser

Some time ago I read in a publication called "Eurobulletin" an article written by a father-to-be. Himself British, he was married to a wife who had Belgian citizenship. Whilst his mother was German, his mother-in-law was Spanish. He reported that he and his wife had been on the receiving end of baby clothes from four different countries and cultural traditions. Apparently the English baby clothes bore pictures of Winnie the Pooh, or French writing such as "mon petit bébé". By contrast the clothes from Belgium had the English words "My little baby" printed on them! The German baby clothes came without any wording on them, apart from the instructions, and were described as "practical but a little boring". The clothes from Spain were covered with pink ribbons and fake pearls, and would look very nice on the baby if only baby could wear them. The author went on in his article to compare and contrast the different kinds of active and cultural wisdom he and his wife had been given from their families and friends of different nationalities and cultural backgrounds. The conflicting advice was even evident in the different selling practices of the various shops in the separate countries.

I remember many years ago returning from a period living and working in Germany, and writing to a well-known manufacturer of breakfast cereals to enquire why their cornflake packets in this country were apparently fortified with more vitamins than the supposedly-identical product in Germany. I had noticed that whilst almost identical, the German packets bore a flash advertising a certain number of vitamins, and the British packets advertised a greater number of vitamins and iron. Were the British in greater need of vitamins, I wondered?

The different cultures and practices of our neighbours on the mainland of Europe interest me, and I like to compare the different expressions which we use. Where for instance the British often talk of it "raining cats and dogs", the corresponding German expression is "bits of string". Makes sense, that one. Whilst the British counsel against counting chickens before they are hatched, the French would advise us not to "sell the bearskin before killing the bear." Not quite so P.C. now, that one, perhaps!

No doubt the first day of April will bring its usual crop of hoax stories and "April Fool" jokes. Such jokes continue a long tradition. Way back in 1957 a BBC cameraman dreamed up a famous report to be broadcast on April 1st by the BBC current affairs programme 'Panorama'. It told of a family in southern Switzerland harvesting spaghetti from the fictitious spaghetti tree, broadcast at a time when the dish was not widely eaten in the UK and some Britons were unaware that spaghetti is made from wheat flour and water. Hundreds of viewers phoned into the BBC, either to say the story was not true, or wondering about it, with some even asking how to grow their own spaghetti trees.

April Fools' Day is celebrated in many countries on April 1st every year. Sometimes referred to as All Fools' Day, April 1st is widely recognized and celebrated as a day when people play practical jokes and hoaxes on each other. The earliest recorded association between the first day of April and foolishness can be found in Chaucer's Canterbury Tales in the fourteenth Century.

Precursors of April Fools' Day include the Medieval Feast of Fools, held on December 28th - still a day on which pranks are played in Spanish-speaking countries, and the Roman festival of Hilaria, held on March 25th. All kinds of games and amusements were allowed on this day; masquerades were the most prominent among them, and everyone might, in his disguise, imitate whomsoever he liked, and even magistrates.

In France, it seems, April 1st is marked by the appearance of the "poisson d'avril", the April fish. Fish cut out of paper or silver foil appear in all sorts of unlikely places. One lady wrote of how she had found one in her packed lunch, one on her bed, and another hooked onto her coat when she came back from shopping. There are several explanations given by French people for this tradition. Some say that it heralds the new fishing season. Astrologers and those who follow such things point out that it has something to do with the sun leaving Pisces on March 21st. Yet others see a connection with Easter and the fish sign which was used as a secret mark by the Christians of the early Church as they faced persecution.

This year, March 31st is Easter Day. On that day begins the great triumphal season of Easter, lasting right through April to the Ascension and Whitsun, or to give it its more ancient title, Pentecost, in May. According to the Oxford Dictionary, the word "Easter" comes from an old English word, itself derived from the name of an ancient goddess associated with spring. Strange that at Christians we should find ourselves using for a Christian festival a name based on that of a pagan goddess. But then even the days of our week are named after the sun and the moon, and various gods, goddesses and planets. It's all part of the rich variety of traditions which have influenced the development of our culture over thousands of years.

The French word for Easter is "Pâques", and from it we derive the word "Paschal". We can trace the word back through Middle English, Old French and Ecclesiastical Latin to the Greek "Paskha", the Aramaic "pasha" and the Hebrew "pesah" - the word for the Passover. This is the Jewish festival which commemorates the liberation of the Old Testament people of God from slavery in Egypt. The paschal lamb was a lamb which was offered in sacrifice at the time of the celebration of the Passover.

As the Jewish community looks back at Passover to that liberation, so too as Christians at Easter we too look back to the event which won liberation for us, the death of Jesus, our Paschal Lamb on Good Friday. It may have seemed like defeat at the time, as the disciples saw their leader and teacher and healer die the death reserved only for criminals. But that defeat was in fact the ultimate victory, the triumph of good over evil, of life over death, as God brought Jesus to life again on Easter Day. The most horrific instrument of death, the cross, has been transformed for ever into the most powerful symbol of life, the great Christian symbol. That Jesus was alive again after such a public death may have seemed unlikely at the time, but it was no April Fool joke. Two thousand years later, more people have been affected by his life and death than by the life and death of any other individual. The story continues....

Derek Hollis

Usher in the summer with the first village fete

Don't forget June 1st is the annual celebration of all things country and all things British – the Great Wratting village fete.

Come along and listen to the celebrated Haverhill Silver Band as you relax in the beauty of a traditional English country garden with something from the barbecue, a cocktail or high tea. There's fun for all the family from traditional stalls to a free bouncy castle and children's games. So stock up on a cake for the weekend, browse our feted White Elephant stall and pick up numerous bargains from diverse stands.

The time is 1pm-5pm and the place is Rook Tree Farm, Great Wratting on Saturday 1st June. Entry £1; children under 12 free.

MEMORIES OF RALPH SARGENT, son of local builder Ebenezer James and Eliza Sargent and brother to Bob, Bert, Len, Fred, Dick and June. As recorded by his daughter in law Jane Sargent.

Grandparents and early days.

My grandparents played a very important part in my life. My grandfather Tom Smith was the village blacksmith. He always had the time to show me how to do things as a blacksmith and I even had my own forge in the shop which he used to light for me – mostly on Saturday mornings. He had the tongs and I used to shape the hot metal around the anvil to make a horseshoe. His assistant was my Uncle Gerry.

One very interesting thing about that particular time was another character of the village – Tom Chapman. He was a wheelwright and made the cart wheels. In my grandfather's workshop was a big circular metal platform - like a dish with a hole in the middle. When Tom had made the wheel, the metal part (on the outside of the wheel) had a fire all around which heated the wheel so that it was red hot. Then the metal part was lowered in over the wooden wheel and had a perfect fit to the wood. As soon as it was fitted, cold water was put on to take the heat out of it. It was quite an art. I remember Tom had a loud voice and he always had a red handkerchief with white spots. He had a big beard and was strong as an ox but gentle as a lamb.

A lot of my early life was around my grandfather and his friends. One friend was Alf Rowling – the Cobbler. It was said that you could tell the time by them – they always used to meet at midday outside the blacksmith's shop ready to go down to 'The Cock Inn'.

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Services and Societies in Thurlow	Telephone
Thurlow Village Stores and Post Office – Naomi Sharrod	01440 783214
Thurlow News – Naomi Sharrod	01440 783923
Thurlow Garage – Ray Sharrod	01440 783248
The Cock Inn – Lucy Huelin	01440 783224
Plumbing Services – TKHeat – Kevin Crowson	07966 208794 01440 783654
Parish Clerk – Little Thurlow – Molly Hawkins	01440 783259
Parish Clerk – Great Thurlow – Diana Allin	01440 783560
Thurlow CEVC School – Head Teacher	01440 783281
Thurlow Pre-School – Helen Frost (thurlowpreschool@hotmail.co.uk.)	01440 783688
Thurlow Mother and Toddlers – Claire Yallop and Helen Morley	01440 783975
Thurlow Fayre – Janice Klimcke and Diana Allin	01440 783626 01440 783560
Thurlow Gardening Club – Dawn Abbey	01440 783646
Thurlow Sports Club Secretary – Allan Loveday	01440 707416
Thurlow Village Hall Committee – Janice Klimcke	01440 783626
Thurlow Village Hall Bookings – Diana Allin	01440 783560
Thurlow Womens Institute – President Ann Tipper	01440 783090
Thurlow Tennis Club—Andy Quick	01440 783040

Services and Societies in Great Wratting	Telephone
Neighbourhood Watch – Linda Reading	01440 783376
Red Lion, Great Wratting – George and Linda Sykes	01440 783237
The Great Wratting Book Group – Jean Newlands	01440 783111
The mobile library service stops at Coronation Cottages at 2pm on alternate Monday 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
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

Copy deadline, as always is the 15th of the month.
[View The Village Link online at www.TheThurlows.org.uk](http://www.TheThurlows.org.uk)

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
District Councillor – Robert Clifton-Brown	01440 783562
St Edmundsbury Borough Council	01284 763233
St Edmundsbury Borough Council (Haverhill office)	01440 702271
County Councillor – Jane Midwood	01440 821428
Suffolk County Council General Enquiries	08456 066067
Age Concern – 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 on alternate Mondays stopping at Sowley Green 11.30-11.40am, 109 Bury Road, Great Thurlow 11.45-12.10pm and Little Thurlow Green, 1 Coronation Villas 12.45-1.00pm.	
Suffolk Radio – BBC FM 103.9 or 104.6	01473 250000
Refuse Collection	01284 757320
Every Friday early morning – Black bin on week one, blue and brown bin week two alternating	
Environmental Health and Pest Control	01284 757084

Health and Wellbeing	Telephone
Doctors – The Christmas Matings and Clements Practice	08444 773543
Doctors – Selby Practice	01440 702010
Doctors – Stourhead Medical Practice	01440 761177
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

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 Saint's Church, Great Thurlow—George Vestey	01440 783240
All Saint's Church, Great Thulow—Tim Knappett	01440 783654

Great Wrattling Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Chair – Gavin Acheson	01440 783515
Councillor – Anthony Lundrigan	01440 783817
Councillor – Vacancy	
Councillor – Petra Stephenson	01440 783384
Councillor – Jackie Edmonds	01440 783322
Councillor – Steven Robinson	01440 783131
Councillor – Caroline Togher	01440 783876
Parish Clerk – Emma White—gtwrattlingpc@yahoo.co.uk	07792455030
If you would like information about joining Great Wrattling Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk. www.parish-council.com/greatwrattlingparishcouncil	

Little Thurlow Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Keith Bunting—Chairman	01440 783528
Chris Field—Vice Chairman	01440 783697
Mary Hilton	01440 783649
Heather Hunt	01440 783573
Jill Steel	01440 783310
Chris Lowe	01440 783891
John Tipper	01440 783090
Molly Hawkins—Parish Clerk	01440 783259

Great Thurlow Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Peter Thomas—Chairman	01440 783700
Stan Cook—Vice Chairman	T.B.A.
George Vestey	01440 783240
Conrad Hawkins	01440 783259
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