

The Village Link

Great Thurlow – Little Thurlow – Great Wratting

August
2012

Thurlow Fayre 2012

Car Boot from 9am Fayre from 12pm

Main Ring Attractions

Sheepdog Display

Dangerous Unicycle
Juggler

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New Layout
More to see!

Side Shows & Stalls

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Fairground

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Massive Children's Play Area

Ice Creams

Produce & Craft Show

Thurlow History

Classic Cars

And more!

Grand Prize Draw

Sunday 2nd September

Entry: £2 Adults (over 16's), 50p
Children & under 5's FREE!

Parish Council Chairman Heather Hunt's Report:

Two new councillors were welcomed during the year namely Chris Lowe and John Tipper, following the resignation of Andrew Mace and John Lusty. Meetings continue to be held monthly, often with County Councillor Midwood and the Police in attendance. In addition, Joint Meetings are held three times a year giving the opportunity for joint support for local causes. A comprehensive Review of General Standing Orders was carried out.

The Parish Council was represented at various SALC and St. Edmundsbury BC meetings and matters taken up on behalf of parishioners included St. Edmundsbury BC Local Development Framework, speeding traffic and changes to Library Services. Councillors attended Training organised by Suffolk Association of Local Councils. There were three Planning Issues during the year.

Donations were made to Age UK Suffolk, West Suffolk Association for the Blind, Suffolk Accident and Rescue Service and the Royal British Legion. Once again joint financial support with Great Thurlow PC was given to Thurlow Fayre and the Village Link and an allowance was made in the Budget for the **Diamond Jubilee celebrations. End of year bank account balances showed £5019 in the Treasurer's Account**, this includes a donation in memory of the late Pauline Crooks with which it is hoped to purchase a projector and screen for use by village organisations. The Instant Access Account balance was £412, Thurlows 2010 Book Account £578 and the new Diamond Jubilee Account £528.

County Councillor's Report:

SCC had frozen Council Tax for the second year in a row and was well on track to make budget savings of £42.5 million thanks to strong financial management and leadership. Many of the additional savings have come from Adult and Community Services. The number of staff directly employed by SCC in Adult and Community Services will reduce from 3557 to 895 due to a radical reorganisation. SCC has decided that Care UK will run care homes in the County. 1116 current staff will transfer to Care UK. Nearly 500 library staff will cease to be employed by SCC and transfer to the employment of **the new Industrial & Provident Society which will be running the County's library services.** With regard to Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service, significant savings have been made thanks to the new joint control centre with Cambridgeshire. There is still some concern regarding bus services even though the DRT is providing a good service generally. The Locality Budget has supported the Thurlows by granting £450 towards the purchase of commemorative Diamond Jubilee mugs. A Home Security Information evening was held at Wickhambrook.

The Thurlows 2010 Book Project:

Based on sales of 500 of the original Little Thurlow 2000 Book, it was decided to order 800 copies of the new Thurlows 2010 book to cover both villages. Unfortunately, this turned out to be an over optimistic number. To date 190 copies have been donated to villagers and a further 139 have been sold. This leaves a balance of 571 in stock. Private loans had to be sought to help fund the project and some of these monies have been repaid. The £578 in the Bank Account will enable more repayments to be made.

W.I.

Rosemary Allcock reported a membership of 14. Although one of the smallest WIs, support is given to most events organised by the Federation, in particular a cruise and lunch on the Thames and a trip to Grimthorpe Castle. A delegate was sent to the National AGM in Liverpool. 23 Christmas gifts were distributed to the over-eighties in the Thurlows and boxes were made up for Operation Christmas Child. Once again cakes were baked and refreshments served at the Thurlow Fayre.

Other Organisations Reports:

St. Peter's Church, Community Speedwatch, Thurlow Woodcraft, Village Hall, Thurlow Fayre (Report from Allan Loveday), Houghton Charity, Age UK, Thurlow Steam Rally (Report by Allan Loveday), Thurlow Sports Club (Report by Allan Loveday), The Village Link magazine and Thurlow School all made reports on the night. These can be viewed/read in full at www.LittleThurlow.org.

M. Hawkins, Parish Clerk



2011/2012 has been a very busy, eventful and productive year.

First and foremost we would like to thank all of the staff for their relentless hard work throughout the year to keep the pre-school a happy, warm and safe environment for our children to learn and play in. **This year they have successfully delivered the 'Early Years Foundation Stage' (EYFS) and have implemented 'Every Child a Talker' (ECAT) which is a national project that aims to support children's early speech, language and communication skills.**

We have had an excellent year of fundraising, which has included a children's moonlight stroll, an adult's 12 mile walk and an open day in conjunction with the Primary School summer fete. The Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers were gratefully received, and have been put to good use with the purchase of some IT equipment.

At the end of the term we say goodbye to 11 children who are moving on up to big school. We wish **them the best of luck! They will be missed....**

In September 2012 we will be open from 8am - 3.30pm and will be offering longer sessions. We have undergone a pre-school rebranding; we now have a new logo and optional uniform, so keep an eye out for the children in their new red polo shirts, as they take part in welly walks around the village. They look very cute!

If anyone would like to come and have a look around the preschool, order a prospectus or meet the team please contact us on 01440 783688 or email us thurlowpreschool@hotmail.co.uk

Wishing you all a very happy summer holidays; fingers crossed we see some sunshine.

*Claire Addison
On behalf of the Thurlow Preschool Committee*

Well at last the sun is out and it's dry! Next month will see my editorship of the Village Link enter it's third year, how quickly have the past two years gone? Here we are, now reading the August 2012 edition, next will be the Thurlow Fayre at the start of September followed swiftly by a fund raising event for the church. November 5th will be upon us before we know it and it will be the BBQ and firework night, followed very quickly by the many Christmas Concerts around the villages. Why is 2012 going so fast? It can't just be me that thinks life in the glorious Suffolk countryside is beginning to step up a pace?

The Village Link is once again delighted to support and promote the Thurlow Fayre and details of winners from the many activities will be published in the October edition.

Kevin Crowson—Editor

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Thurlow Calendar 2013 Competition—Entries So Far

Below are the entries for the Thurlow Calendar 2013 competition and it's not too late to still enter. Send your photos taken around the Thurlows with a brief description and contact details to TheVillageLink@TKHeat.co.uk. Judging will take place in the Produce Tent at the Thurlow Fayre.



Closing date for email entries is the 15th August 2012.

July is traditionally a quiet month for birds and birdwatchers often turn their attention to butterflies then, since this is the time when most of Britain's 59 butterfly species are on the wing. But after the wettest April and June on record, and July shaping up the same way, it's been an even more disastrous year for butterflies than it has for ice-cream sellers and beach chair attendants. It's just been too cold, wet and grey. I've seen hardly any peacocks, red admirals or tortoiseshells in the garden this year and not one painted lady yet. Anyway, I had planned months ago to go with some expert friends to visit some famous butterfly sites in Hampshire and Wiltshire, and we set off in hope of at least a glimpse of some of our more charismatic species of butterfly. We first went to a secret wood where our quarry was the very rare purple emperor, which is hard to find on the best of days as it glides around the tops of the canopy of great oaks and is almost impossible in rainy weather. The clouds parted magically for a few minutes, the sun came out and we all stared upwards expectantly until we got purple emperor neck – but the prize never appeared. In those precious few minutes of sun, however, we did see some silver-washed fritillaries, which are as gorgeous as their names suggest – they are one of our largest butterflies, with beautifully scalloped wings of the brightest orange, boldly marked with black on the uppersides and a delicate silver 'wash' on the undersides. But then the rain came down hard again and we had to give up.

Next stop was an even more secret place, the government research establishment at Porton Down, where we had to get high level security clearance even to enter but were then allowed to be escorted through one of the most extraordinary landscapes in Britain. The germ warfare research takes place in heavily guarded laboratories in the centre, but they are surrounded by some 3,000 acres of pristine downland, never touched by agricultural development or any kind of human interference and enclosed by high security fences. It was like a kind of lost world, probably much like the original Wessex of Thomas Hardy. It proved to be a wildlife paradise for flowers, insects, butterflies, animals and birds, all superintended by just one harassed but very fortunate conservation officer, who has it all to himself most of the time. The rain continued to sheet down, but even so we got a very strong sense of the abundance and diversity of life there, ironically protecting these laboratories of death. And we even glimpsed one more special butterfly, the marbled white, which used to be a classic species of 'unimproved' flowery grassland. Please spare us more 'improvements!' My butterfly book says 'it thrives in dry, hot summers', so I guess we were extraordinarily lucky in the circumstances. Perhaps this is the year to study ducks ...

Jeremy Mynott



Rural Vision update

Rural Vision 2031 establishes the council's corporate priorities and a long term vision for the delivery of services up to 2031 and will set out the council's policies which will apply to development outside the towns. The Rural Vision 2031 consultation closed on 30 April 2012.

All of the responses will be available to view on the council's website: www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/vision2031 by mid June and will be formally reported to a meeting of the council's Sustainable Development Working Party in early summer.

The responses will be analysed and the next and final version of the Rural Vision document will be drafted over the summer months ready for a final consultation in the autumn.

For more information or if you would like to be notified when this consultation will start please contact Planning Policy by email at: LDF@stedsb.gov.uk or by phone on: 01284 757368.

Farm

Again the weather is the main talking point around the farm this month. A brief spell of sunshine about two weeks ago meant that we were able to make some hay at Horseheath but subsequently it has been far too wet to cut the remaining grass at Temple End which has now gone to seed.

While the crops are looking very close to being ready (in fact some of the Barley would be combinable now) we are unable to get any sort of machinery onto the fields. This means that it is just a waiting game now and we are really hoping that the weather breaks first!

The farm staff are in the process of preparing the last of the new machinery for the start of harvest.

Hunt

The Thurlow Hunt Puppy show was once again a great success with Handy winning the best bitch and Samuel taking both the best dog hound and also the best overall hound.

The Hunt has also recently attended the Peterborough Festival of Hunting, where there were 100 packs represented. **Dean Smith's dogs took second and fourth in the terrier section.**

The Huntsman and First Whip have now started to exercise the hounds on horseback again which is probably a relief as cycling along the tracks at the moment is proving hard work!

Property

All except one of the six major renovations undertaken this year are now complete and the contractors involved, John Younger, John Cutmore and Kingfisher, have all done an excellent job, working to a very tight timescale and finishing the projects to a very high standard.

The external redecorations programme is progressing well despite the inclement weather conditions.

Properties to let:- 2 Goldings Cottage, Great Thurlow. 2 bed newly renovated property with OFCH.

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.

Shoot

Both the hand reared chicks and bought in poults are now being transferred from their rearing pens out into larger release pens in the woods around the Estate. While this rainy weather is still a danger to the younger birds Andy, the keeper, is ensuring that they have plenty of straw in the pens and dry areas where they can shelter.

The keeper will also be starting the process of breaking down the rearing pens, washing them down and putting them back into storage ready for next season.

Woods

The Thurlow Woodlands team programme of first thinnings work is drawing to a close for this year, with various of the younger woods throughout the Estate now benefiting from the thinnings work.

The forestry team are now looking ahead to the coppicing season on the Estate which is where the majority of the timber for the firewood business is sourced. Unfortunately this coppice work may have to be delayed slightly to allow the larger woods further time to dry out.

Firewood deliveries have now resumed from the start of July. We are taking log orders now so you can book a load of logs to be delivered. Please call the Estate Office on 01440 783 661 to order your delivery of hard or soft wood.

A man's car stalled on a country road one morning. When the man got out to fix it, a cow came along and stopped beside him. "Your trouble is probably in the carburetor," said the cow.

Startled, the man jumped back and ran down the road until he met a farmer. The amazed man told the farmer his story.

"Was it a large red cow with a brown spot over the right eye?" asked the farmer. "Yes, yes," the man replied.

"Oh! I wouldn't listen to Bessie," said the farmer. "She doesn't know a thing about cars."

The Olympic Torch

We were very lucky to have the Olympic flame come through Haverhill on Saturday 7th July. Thousands of people lined the roads as it came up the high street carried by eleven different people. One of these people was Issy Gower who is in Yr 8 at my school (Linton Village College). She was chosen to carry the torch because of her charity work for bone cancer research. She started raising money after her sister died from bone cancer just last year. It was amazing for a pupil from our school to be one of just eight thousand torch bearers in the country. Lots of teachers, staff and other pupils came to watch and cheer her on. Others torch bearers included: Paralympian Caroline Mclean and two scout leaders Keith Church and Kevin Larnar. It was a great atmosphere. Everybody was very excited to see the torch, it was brilliant!

The Jubilee Mugs

I would like to thank the Parish Councils for the wonderful Jubilee mugs that every child in the village received for the Diamond Jubilee. It was an amazing gift to receive, it must have taken ages to work out how many children are hidden in our villages. I think it is a great way to remember the Diamond Jubilee.

Sacha Davies—Junior Reporter

Children's Society—Collection Boxes

The boxes are due to be emptied in August. Please let me have them by the middle of the month or ring me on 782021 and I will collect them.

Rosemary Allcock

Kate (Hearn) & family would like to thank everyone for their messages and offers of support during my recent illness.

Thank you so much.

Kate

The Suffolk County Council funded 'Fit Villages' initiative is currently looking to engage with more rural communities across the county to enable residents to participate in more sport and physical activity. Fit Villages is now in its second year and has engaged over 40 villages across the county. The project aims to remove the barriers to physical participation that exist in rural areas by delivering quality, local and affordable activities with an emphasis on convenience.

To date we have delivered a huge number of sessions including Zumba, Pilates, Nordic Walking, Yoga, Tai Chi, Tennis and many more. For further information please visit: www.suffolksport.com/fitvillages. This project can bring a huge number of benefits to your community and I hope it will gain your full support, not just in the British Olympic year but particularly since the launch of the Council's Most Active County Campaign.



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Date	Day	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
5th Aug	Sun	9:30 Kedington Holy Communion	11:00 Great Wrattling Holy Communion		
12th Aug	Sun	9:30 Barnardiston Holy Communion	9:30 Kedington Service of the Word	10:00 Great Wrattling Service of the Word	11:00 Great Thurlow Holy Communion
19th Aug	Sun	10:00 Great Bradley Holy Communion			
26th Aug	Sun	8:00 Kedington Holy Communion	9:30 Little Bradley Holy Communion	11:00 Little Thurlow Holy Communion	18:00 Kedington Evensong
2nd Sept	Sun	9:30 Kedington Holy Communion	11:00 Great Bradley Holy Communion		
9th Sept	Sun	9:30 Barnardiston Holy Communion	9:30 Kedington Service of the Word	10:00 Great Wrattling Service of the Word	11:00 Great Thurlow Holy Communion

Stacks of Sax

I am delighted to confirm that the planning of the Stacks of Sax event, taking place at 7.30pm on Saturday September 8th 2012 in All Saints Church Great Thurlow, is drawing to a swift and exciting conclusion, with only the matter of selling more tickets to tackle!

Adrian (who heads up the team of saxophonists) and I have put together a fantastic evening which will follow a Shakesperian theme. He has arranged for he and his colleagues to play nine different titles in the first part followed by ten in the second including numbers by Cole Porter, Gershwin, Verdi and Ronnie Hazelhurst, to name just a few. It is a really diverse schedule and will have something to **stir everyone's emotions and memories, I am sure! Kevin and I will be laying on a light supper during the interval with wine and soft drinks. I am pretty sure that if you ask kindly (and I don't mind taking these in advance) requests could be accommodated also if you have any!**

In the meantime, I do need to plan for numbers so that we know how many to cater for! Tickets are for sale from me directly by telephoning 01440 783654 in the evenings, or by emailing me using the following address—Tim.Knappett@Co-operative.coop. I will be forwarding tickets to you by post, and we will have a very limited number of these for sale on the night. Please do bring friends and family for what will be a really unique and memorable evening.

Tickets are priced at £15.00 each, and funds raised net of the cost of the supper and of course, Adrian and his teams commuting costs from Ipswich, will go directly to All Saints Church. If you have any specific dietary requirements, please do let me know when you give me a call for your reservation. Payment for tickets can be made by cheque payable to All Saints Church PCC or by cash. I will give you details of where to send you payment when you call....

Your support would be really appreciated and we look forward to seeing you all on the night.

Tim Knappett
Churchwarden, All Saints PCC

Thurlow Fayre Produce & Craft Show Schedule 2012

Here are the categories for the Thurlow Fayre Produce & Craft Show 2012.

Home Produce

1. Jar of stoned fruit jam
2. Jar of soft fruit jam
3. Jar of lemon curd (new)
4. Jar of chutney
5. Jar of marmalade (new)
6. 3 fresh eggs
7. Short bread biscuits – Men Only (new)
8. Cherry cake – Ladies Only (new)
9. Cake – Any recipe (new)
10. Cottage Loaf (new)

Vegetables and Fruit

11. 2 Sweet corn cobs (new)
12. The longest carrot (new)
13. 4 Tomatoes
14. 2 Courgettes (new)
15. 3 Peppers or chillies (any variety or colour)
16. 3 Onions
17. 4 Plums
18. 3 Dessert apples
19. 3 Beetroots (new)
20. 4 Runner beans
21. A basket of fruit & vegetables (min 6 varieties) (new)
22. The funniest fruit or vegetable (new)

Flowers

23. A hand tied arrangement of herbs (min. 3 varieties) (new)
24. Vase of mixed garden flowers (min. 5 varieties)
25. Pot Plant (any variety)
26. 4 Roses (different varieties or colour)
27. Specimen Delphinium (single stem) (new)

Home Brew

28. White bottle of wine (new)
29. Red bottle of wine (new)
30. Bottle of beer (bitter or lager) (new)
31. Bottle of cider (new)

All produce to be home-made or home-grown.

Handicraft/Art

32. Lavender filled bag or cushion decorated to your own design & size (new)
33. Water colour painting—any subject but painted in the last 6 months (new)
34. Bookmark decorated with pressed flowers on one side and contact details on the other.

Children's Section (see age categories)

35. Ginger Bread Man (new)
36. Handwriting—Your own short story or rhyme, no more than 200 words (new)

Age categories:

- Age 7 or under.
- Aged 8 to 10 years.
- Aged 11 to 16 years.

For more information please contact Kevin Crowson (783654), Produce Show Co-ordinator.

Entries need to be brought to the Produce Show tent between 9:30am-11:00am on the morning of the Fayre.

Cost per entry, 50 pence.

Judging will take place between 11:00am-12:30pm, during which time the Produce tent will be closed to the public.

This year we have two independent judges from outside the Thurlows, one from a gardening background and the other home-made produce.

Viewing of the entries and awards between 12:30pm-4:00pm. Each winning entry will receive a 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize certificate.

At 4:00pm entries may be collected; any remaining will be sold for Fayre funds.

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Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
Aug	15th	Wed	19:30	Thurlow Fayre Meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	Allan Loveday 707416
Aug	29th	Wed	19:30	Thurlow Fayre Meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	Allan Loveday 707416
Sept	2nd	Sun		Thurlow Fayre & Car Boot	Great Thurlow Sports Ground	Allan Loveday 707416
Sept	8th	Sat	19:30	Stacks of Sax All Saints' PCC Event	All Saints' Church Great Thurlow	Tim Knappett 783654
Dec	8th	Sat	9:00	Christmas Fair & Farmers Market	Thurlow Village Hall	Tim Knappett Kevin Crowson 783654
Dec	21st	Fri	TBC	Christmas Concert	All Saints' Church Great Thurlow	Jane Sheppard 783209

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2012 Calendar of Events

Date	Book Title	Author	Genre
8 th August	There But For The	Ali Smith	Modern Fiction
12 th September	Empty Cradles	Margaret Humphrey	Non-fiction
10 th October	Care of Wooden Floors	Will Wiles	Comic Fiction
14 th November	Knowledge of Angels	Jill Paton Walsh	Fiction
12 th December	Silas Marner	George Eliot	Classic Fiction

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Horse manure is said to be good for roses, and within living memory any which fell on the road would quickly be collected by local residents with buckets and shovels. Feeding roses, though, is not the only use for it. One scorching hot Friday afternoon in August some years ago I had a couple of hours to spend in the Austrian city of Innsbruck. I had planned to visit a prize-winning museum. It took me half an hour to walk from the centre of the city to the museum, but it was well worth the effort. I had passed the Grassmayr bell foundry many times on coach trips to the city, and had long wanted the chance to visit the museum. Inside I found an exhibition which illustrated the entire bell-making process, its history and development, with all the exhibits labelled in German, English and Italian. In one room visitors can use mallets to experiment with sound by striking numerous bells. The Grassmayr family has cast bells since 1599. At that time bells were cast on site by the church tower where they were to be put. Only in the nineteenth century did permanent bell foundries become possible, aided by the advent of better roads. As well as bronze, an alloy of copper and tin, the range of materials used in the making of bells is surprisingly varied, and includes clay and ash, wire and charcoal, brick dust and graphite, calf's hair, chopped barley, hemp, wax, quartz sand, sweet molasses, brewer's yeast, beef suet and... horse manure!

'SOLI DEO GLORIA' and 'Everything depends on God's blessing' were the final words in the travelling diary of Bartlme Grassmayr. To this day before a bell is cast a prayer is said and a moment of silence is kept in a pious tradition. It used to be thought that bells could ward off thunderstorms, especially lightning and hail. To increase effectiveness, relics and palms were mixed into the bell metal. Emperor Josef II and Napoleon were amongst those who tried to prohibit this tradition of ringing to ward off storms. Bells often have messages cast or inscribed on their surface. An old Latin inscription says "Awake by day and by night, I dedicate to Christ my great song." Other inscriptions include "Vivos voco, mortuos plango, fulgura frango" – I call the living, mourn the dead, and break the lightning. Bells produced after the Protestant reformation on the other hand often bear the words "Fulgura non frango" – I break no lightning.

War has long been the enemy of the bell, as bells have often been melted down to make cannons in wartime. Indeed the Grassmayr family survived during the years of the world wars by casting cannons. One of the oldest bell inscriptions reads "May peace be your first chime". Another asks the King of glory to come with peace. The bell is said to be the primary symbol and expression of peace. Every day at 5.00 p.m. in Telfs, one of the most beautiful spots in the Tirol, one of the largest bells "The Peace Bell" tolls for good neighbourly relations in the alpine countries. The bell, weighing 10,180 kilos (22,442 lbs.) is 2.51 metres high, 2.54 metres in diameter and was cast in 1997 in Innsbruck. As news bulletins each week seem to bring us accounts of ongoing loss of life in Afghanistan, wouldn't it be good if the bells of Christendom could ward off war and political unrest just as once they supposedly prevented thunderstorms?

Bells have long been used to announce news of one sort or another. In the past a bell, known as the 'passing bell' would announce to the community that one of its members had died. From the pattern of the chiming of the bell local people would be able to work out whether the person who had died was a man or a woman, and how old they were. In small communities that would often be enough to enable people to know exactly who had died. John Donne encouraged his readers never to send to ask "for whom the bell tolls", itself a reference to that 'passing bell'.

Our bells ring out in joy too as they announce a wedding. And on 16th June a quarter peal was rung on the bells at Great Thurlow to mark John Archer's 100th birthday. So we ring our bells in celebration, at times of the greatest joy, as well as ringing more solemnly at moments of the most profound sadness.

John Betjeman wrote of the bells of "waiting Advent". He went on in his poem to ask if it was true, the tale he referred to ask "this most tremendous tale of all", the tale of a baby in an ox's stall, the tale of the Maker of the stars and sea having become on earth a child "for me".

He concludes that if it is true, then nothing else in our experience can compare with this simple truth, "that God was Man in Palestine, and lives today in bread and wine." Betjeman speaks in his poem of Christmas morning bells saying "Come" – even to "the shining ones who dwell safe in the Dorchester Hotel".

There, in Betjeman's words, is the main purpose of the bells in our churches, to call the faithful to prayer. When you hear the bells say "Come" we shall be very pleased to see you at your local parish church.

Rev. Derek Hollis

At the June meeting Little Thurlow Parish Council formerly adopted the Suffolk Local Code of Conduct for Members.

It was noted that the Diamond Jubilee commemorative oak tree had not survived but that St. Edmundsbury BC had agreed to replace this in due course. It was also noted that Thurlow Estate had responded to a request for a hedge to be trimmed in front of The Firs to make the 30mph repeater sign more visible. Councillors approved the purchase of a plaque to mark the planting of a tree to **commemorate John Archer's 100th birthday** and also discussed possible ways of supporting The Village Link magazine.

M. Hawkins, Parish Clerk

At a well attended Joint Great and Little Thurlow Parish Council meeting held on 26th June 2012 it was noted that the shortfall on the car park scheme was just £406.50, this to be jointly funded by the **two Parish Council's, Thurlow Sports Club and Thurlow Estate.**

Councillors expressed concern about the dangers caused by poor parking at the time of the Youth Football Tournament and agreed that this matter should be considered at a future meeting.

Ongoing matters to be given consideration include risk management of the play equipment, future support for the Village Link magazine and a possible joint village website.

The dates for the next Village Litter Picks were agreed i.e. the weekend of 8th/9th September 2012 and the weekend of the 16th/17th March 2013.

The next Joint PC M meeting will be held on 25th September 2012.

D. Allin and M. Hawkins, Parish Clerks

At **Little Thurlow Parish Council's July meeting** Councillors returned their Declaration of **Members' Interests forms for submission to St. Edmundsbury Bury Council and received a copy of the Suffolk Local Code of Conduct for their files.**

A planning application for the felling of four trees at Amberley Grange was noted. The Parish Council had been given the opportunity to give its views on the proposal for the site at Goldings Farm, Great **Thurlow to be included in St. Edmundsbury BC's Rural Vision 2031 document; this to be discussed with Great Thurlow Parish Council.**

Ownership of lime trees in front of The Grange is to be investigated.

Suffolk County Council Highways Department had confirmed that the village had adequate 30mph repeater signs.

In an effort to support the Editor of the Village Link, two Councillors volunteered to join a proposed sub-committee of the three villages involved.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should renew the village website for another year and to pursue the improvement of the site. If there is anyone locally who has experience of setting up a website and who would like to help the Parish Council with this project, it would be appreciated if they could contact the Clerk.

An order is to be placed for the purchase of a projector and screen in memory of Pauline Crooks, this to be made available for use by other organisations in the village as well as the Parish Council.

There will be no meeting in August, the date of the next meeting being 18th September 2012.

M. Hawkins, Parish Clerk

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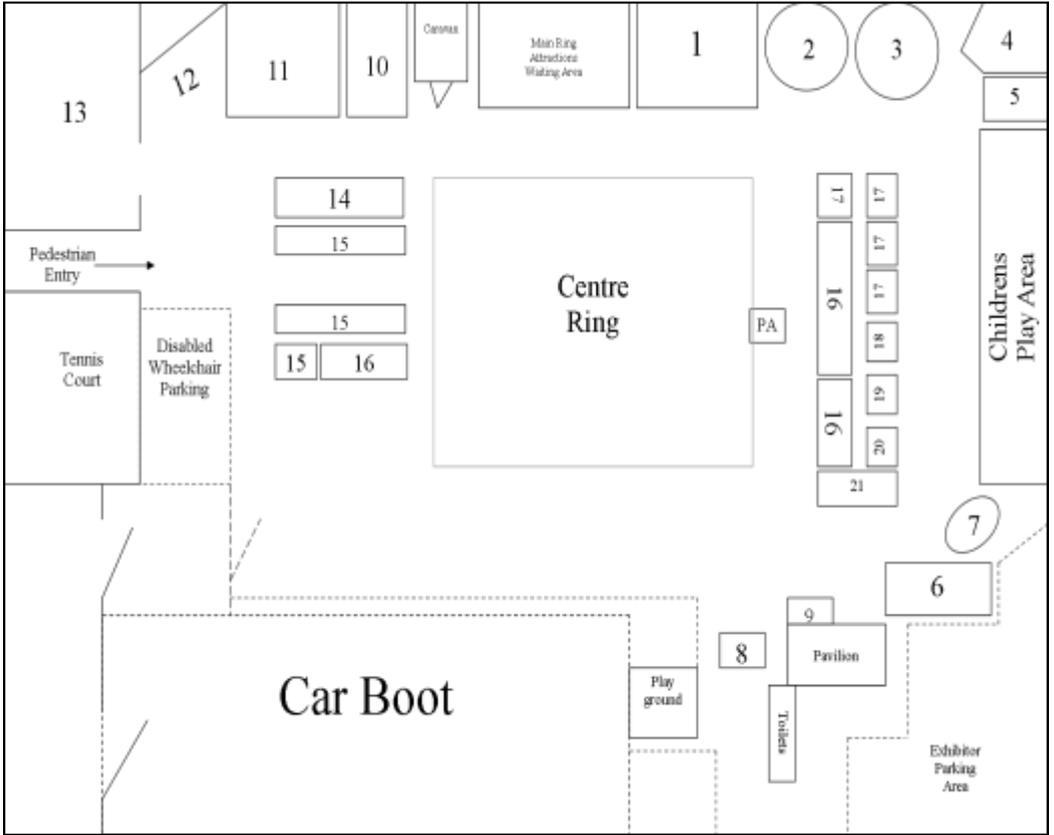
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| 2. | Hooplar & Darts | 13. | Zorbballs |
| 3. | Fair Ground | 14. | Charity Stalls |
| 4. | Crockery Smashing | 15. | Classic Cars & Thurlow Garage |
| 5. | Coconut Shy | 16. | Craft Fair |
| 6. | Tea Tent, including Thurlow History | 17. | Trade Stalls |
| 7. | Silver Band | 18. | Reptile Tent |
| 8. | BBQ | 19. | Raffle & Cake Stall |
| 9. | Nice Manor Band | 20. | Bottle Stall |
| 10. | Fun Dog Show | 21. | Produce & Craft Show |
| 11. | Train Ride | | |

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 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 – Roz Bunting, 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
Woodcraft Folk – Activities for ages 5-13 – Diana Allin	01440 783560
Thurlow Womens Institute – President Ann Tipper	01440 783090

Emergency	Telephone
Police Response – any officer, non emergency	101
Police Response – Emergency	999
Suffolk Fire Service	01284 558888
EDF (Electricity) 24 hour Emergency helpline	0800 783883
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.littlethurlow.org

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 Maltings 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

Great Wrating Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Chair – Gavin Acheson	01440 783515
Vice-chair – Phil Stainer	01440 786462
Councillor – Vacancy	01440 783376
Councillor – Petra Stephenson	01440 783384
Councillor – Jackie Edmonds	01440 783322
Councillor – Steven Robinson	01440 783131
Councillor – Caroline Togher	01440 783876
Parish Clerk – Jayne Whittaker gtwrattingpc@btinternet.com	07795007523
If you would like information about joining Great Wrating Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk. www.parish-council.com/greatwrattingparishcouncil	

St Mary's Church Great Wrating Church Wardens	Telephone
Simon Corbett	01440 783698
Ben Stanton	01440 783103

Services and Societies in Great Wrating	Telephone
Neighbourhood Watch – Linda Reading	01440 783376
Red Lion, Great Wrating – George and Linda Sykes	01440 783237
The Great Wrating Book Group – Jean Newlands	01440 783111

Community Contacts	Time
Mobile Library — Great Wrating Location: Coronation Cottages	12:45 — 1:00pm

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Thurlow Fayre 2012

Bottle Stall

This year's Bottle Stall collection will take place between the 18th & 31st August.

If you could donate a bottle of wine, water or fizzy drink it would be gratefully received for the Bottle Stall at the Fayre.

If we miss you, you can donate your bottle at the Thurlow Post Office.

Thank you

Craft Fair Stalls Available

This year Thurlow Fayre is introducing a Craft Fair tent.

Pitches for the Craft Fair are booked in advance of the Fayre, see contact details below.

Pitches are available inside the Craft tent with/without table and outside (table/tent not supplied).

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