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**The Editor**

Summer has well and truly arrived and looks like continuing for the foreseeable future! This weather divides people into those who bask in the uncharacteristic heat and sunshine and those (like me) who would really rather prefer the temperature to be at least five degrees or so lower with a cooling breeze. We are in the grip of a heatwave which can pose a health risk to vulnerable groups. There is some very good advice on coping with the heat on the NHS website: [www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Summerhealth/Page/Heatwave.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Summerhealth/Page/Heatwave.aspx).

So far this been, and promises to continue to be, another glorious summer of sport with Andy Murray winning Wimbledon, Colin Froome winning the Tour de France and England leading in the Ashes, long may it continue.....

Only one month to go to the Thurlow Fayre. As you can see from the front cover it promises to be a fun day for the whole family. Help is always needed— please see pages 4 and 5 for details.

Please get in touch if you have any comments or features you would like to see in the Village Link, articles and suggestions are all very welcome. One of the features that has been requested is a recipe slot. I am going to start this off this month with my recipe for carrot cake, just in time for the Produce Show.... Please send me your favourite recipes for inclusion and this could become a regular feature.

*Alison — Editor*

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# Thurlow Fayre NEEDS YOUR HELP

Thurlow Fayre only takes place once a year and is only successful because of the voluntary help it receives from people living in and around the Thurlows. Can you help this year? We are just asking for an hour or two of your time to help man one of the stalls, help on the gate or maybe serve behind the bar. Contact Allan Loveday on 707416 to pledge your time and support.



## Bottle Stall Collection



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*

## Recipe of the Month — Carrot Cake

*This is based on a recipe from The Cranks Recipe Book and is a variation of a traditional Swiss recipe. You will need:*

For the cake:

Carrots 175 g  
Free-range eggs 2  
Raw brown sugar 100 g  
Vegetable oil 75 ml  
Self-raising flour 100 g  
Ground cinnamon 1 tsp  
Ground nutmeg 1/2 tsp  
Desiccated coconut 50 g  
Raisins 50 g

For the cream cheese topping:

Butter 125 g  
Cream cheese (full fat) 225 g  
Icing sugar 450 g  
Vanilla extract 1 tsp

**Grease and baseline a 7" square cake tin. Finely grate the carrots. Whisk the eggs and sugar together until thick and creamy. Whisk the oil in slowly and then add the remaining ingredients. Mix together to combine evenly. Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin. Level the surface and bake in the oven at 190°C (375°F/Mark 5) for 20-25 minutes until firm to the touch and golden brown. Cool on a wire tray. In the meantime, to make the topping, beat the butter and cream cheese together until light and fluffy. Add the icing sugar and vanilla essence and mix well. Use to cover the top and sides of the cake when cold.**

## Thurlow Fayre Produce & Craft Show Schedule 2013

Here are the categories for the Thurlow Fayre Produce & Craft Show 2013.

### 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. 4 Tomatoes
12. 2 Courgettes
13. 3 Peppers or Chillies (any variety or colour)
14. 3 Onions
15. 4 Potatoes
16. 4 Runner Beans
17. 3 Beetroot
18. Largest Garlic Bulb
19. Straightest Cucumber
20. Heaviest Marrow
21. The Longest Carrot
22. 3 Dessert Apples
23. 4 Plums
24. A basket of fruit & vegetables (min of 6 varieties)

### Flowers

25. A hand tied arrangement of herbs (min of 3 varieties)
26. Vase of mixed Garden Flowers(min of 5 varieties)
27. 4 Roses (different varieties or colour)
28. Vase of mixed Dahlias
29. Biggest Sunflower Head

### Home Brew

30. White bottle of wine
31. Red bottle of wine
32. Bottle of beer (bitter or lager)
33. Bottle of cider

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

### Handicraft/Art

34. Lavender filled bag or cushion decorated to your own design & size
35. Water colour painting—any subject but painted in the last 6 months
36. Decorated bookmark (any design)

### Children's Section (see age categories)

Children can enter all categories in the Produce Show!

37. Ginger Bread Man
38. Handwriting—Your own short story or rhyme, no more than 200 words. Please remember this is a handwriting competition.

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.

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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Farm

Last month I was talking about waiting for the summer to start – **well it's** definitely here now. I know that it is a British tradition to comment/complain about the weather and so here we go! Having been cool and overcast for the last six months, meaning the crops have struggled to grow, we now have too much sun and not enough rain. Driving around **the area you will see patches of cereal crops that are now "browning off"** very quickly and becoming stressed due to the lack of moisture in the soil. This means that we will have to start the harvest sooner than anticipated. So by the time that this edition of the Village Link goes to print no doubt there will be combines in the fields once again.

The harvest staff have arrived on site and are undergoing their induction process. The final checks are being carried out on the machinery, all in preparation for the start of harvest.

Hunt

The Thurlow Hunt attended the Horseheath Country Fair and took several first places in the Hound Show.

Mounted exercising of the hounds has now begun in preparation for the start of the Autumn Hunting season. The Huntsman and the First Whip are currently exercising the hounds for up to two hours a day. They try to go out early in the morning to avoid the heat of the day.

Other upcoming events include the Thurlow Hunt Open Day on the 15<sup>th</sup> September and the hounds will also be attending Parades at both Quy and the Animal Health Trust in Kentford.

Finally, I have been told by the Huntsman that we now have three litters of hound puppies which is great news.

Property

The external redecoration works around the Estate are continuing apace and are projected to finish ahead of schedule and the three major renovation projects in Great Thurlow are also well on target, the first of these on the Withersfield Road is due to complete by the end of July.

We have several properties on the market to rent at the moment, all of which are in Great Thurlow, for information on any of them please contact the Estate Office on 01440 783661.

**The busiest time in a Game Keepers' year is almost upon us. Ted has now completed his release pens and ensured that food and water is available for the pheasant poults which are due to arrive the first week in August. From then on it will be a question of monitoring the poults on a regular basis to ensure that they are fed and watered and protected from attack by vermin – this is almost a 24 hour operation.**

**This season's planned thinnings operations are now being wrapped up, with nine compartments having been worked across the Estate. Hopefully they will have been completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> August which means that we can move straight onto the coppicing works within the SSSI woodlands without delay and while the weather is still holding good.**

We have now recommenced log deliveries so please call the Estate Office on 01440 783661 or email [firewood@thurlowestate.co.uk](mailto:firewood@thurlowestate.co.uk) to order your load of seasoned hard or soft wood. The order book is filling up rapidly, and while 30°C temperatures are not conducive to stacking logs, we still recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

The inaugural Country Fair at Horseheath was a great success with over 1800 people through the gate despite the ferocious heat and the fact that it clashed with Andrew Murray winning the Wimbledon final. There were some great stalls of local produce and plenty of entertainment for the whole family, with Cyril the Squirrel and his racing terriers being a firm favorite. Hopefully this will become an annual event.

## Notice

If you have a local community event coming up, such as a fun day, festival, or cycle race, The Rural News magazine will help you advertise it for free. Just email Jane Chance (contact details below) with some text (no more than 200 words) along with a photo or logo if you wish (preferably in a high resolution) and Jane will form it into an article. The Rural News magazine goes out on the 2nd week of every other month. The next one is out in August 2013. Information is needed at least three weeks prior to this publication date.

Details to include: what the event is, when it is taking place, where the event is being held, who is organising the event whether the event is raising money to benefit a local community group/s or a particular charity, your contact details.

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

### *Farming*

**I used to have a little spare time job with the Tillbrooks' farm when I was at school. The jobs were various – chopping sticks, cleaning boots – that was a Saturday morning job. Dick Tillbrook had two hunter horses. One had belonged to Basil Jarvis a well-known race horse trainer. I sometimes accompanied Dick riding one of his horses on exercise. I remember on a narrow road there was a red flag where they had been carrying out repairs. The wind flapped the flag and the horse went up on its hind legs. I got it into the field and we were going at full gallop. All I got from Dick was 'Dig your knees in' – he kept shouting that! He gradually came alongside and quietened things down. I also had odd jobs with Dick Tillbrook's poultry farm. I sometimes had to shut them up. I went up there once and when I went to lift the trap to let them out – none came out – the fox had killed them all – about 50 pullets. Another job was with the horses and Harry Eley – he was head horseman at Tillbrooks' farm. I had to clean the brasses of the horses and they were Suffolk Punches – beautiful horses. Harry used to take a full load of corn from Thurlow in a wagon with these horses to the corn market at Haverhill. I can still remember seeing those horses so beautifully groomed. He was always dressed up with a pair of buskins (leggings) shining. He carried a whip but he never ever used it on the horses. He used to talk to them. The leading horse used to understand and react. There were four horses and they would go right through the village completely loaded up and go up the steep hill – Dowsett's Hill on the way to Haverhill where they had a market.**

At Harvest time they used to have a settlement in the pub to work out what they would get paid for the harvest. I was asked to attend as well – I forget how much I got – I was probably around ten. It started with leading the horses in the harvest field. The wagon would collect the sheaves and they would be loaded on. I progressed from there and it **wasn't long before I got other jobs** – driving away with the whole load of corn from the fields to the farm. There were umpteen jobs on the farm at harvest time. The men would go round the field of corn with the scythe and people would collect it and make sheaves with it. It could be tough, with thistles and tough stalks of barley.

My height was such that I could walk underneath the belly of the horse without bending my neck! On one occasion one horse got in a bit of a trot and down the bottom of the field there was a fairly tight bend. I kept with the horse and when we got to Temple End farmyard one of the other people saw what was happening and ran out to try and stop it, **but the whole lot tipped over in the farmyard. But it didn't put me off helping. When I was leading the horses we would stop to have a meal, we called it a dockey. Before we stopped there would be a little gathering of women coming across the field complete with suet pudding, half a loaf of bread and cheese and to drink – a bottle of cold tea – no sugar and no milk because in the hot weather it would have gone sour**

*To be continued...*

### *Children's Society*

The Children's Society boxes are due to be emptied during August. Please let me have your box by the middle of August or ring 783 021 if you would like me to collect it. Thank you.

*Rosemary Allcock*

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Introduction to smallholding	Sept 7
<b>Willow panels</b> Learn to make a traditional hurdle/fence	Sept 11
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Thurlow WI held their Garden Meeting at Willow Hall and were at last able to enjoy a fine summer evening. Anne Roberts welcomed all with a glass of wine. President Ann Tipper gave notice of future events including a Grab-a-Bag Tea Party at Park Farm and a walk at Wickhambrook. Plans for the Thurlow Fayre Tea Tent were debated and all were urged to help as it is our main source of income.

Three members, Jean, Anne R and Dawn had attended a Crochet Workshop which they had enjoyed. This was followed by a Strawberry and Cream Supper and a good deal of chat. Winners in the Draw were Anne R, Olive, Arline, Molly, Janice and Ann T.

Next month we meet at the Village Hall, when Trevor Burlingham will take us on a walk with a camera through Thetford Forest, August 13th at 7:30 pm.

*Iris Eley*

A really busy few weeks:

In the football league we played eleven different teams and fought through difficult challenges to succeed. Teamwork was our main strategy as well as skill and determination. We have won the league!

Our interfaith explorer topic caught the attention of Year 5 and 6, with visitors who asked us questions and helped us improve our presentations for the governors. The whole school sports day involved all classes and their house **teams, blue won. We were lucky that we weren't hit by rain like last year.**

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of July, **Key Stage 2 put on a fantastic production of "Sam and Sammy's shammy double whammy". The show impressed the audience with the singing solos and great acting.** Class 3 had a fun African drumming morning with Chris. They got taught how to play happy birthday in African. The Year 1s and 2s had a fun seaside day as they came in non-uniform and played active games with their teacher Mrs Bottomly. Year 6 chose to have a fantastic camping night as a reward for all their hard work. They also prepared an assembly for the parents **sharing their best memories and achievements. Lately Class 4's teacher Miss Illingworth has been teaching some of the pupils how to maypole dance.** They performed in sweltering heat at the school fete and can be seen again at the Thurlow Fete.

On 15<sup>th</sup> July there was a Lego day everyone worked together to build a huge Lego city!

Have a great summer!

*Lillie White and Jasmine Burge*



## August—September 2013 Church Services

		Date	Day	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
Monthly Church Service Rota	4th August	Sun	9:30 HC Kedington	10:00 SotW Great Wrating	11:00 HC Little Thurlow		
	11th August	Sun	9:30 SotW Barnardiston	9:30 SotW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley		
	18th August	Sun	10:00 HC Great Thurlow				
	25th August	Sun	8:00 HC Kedington	9:30 HC Little Bradley	11:00 HC Great Wrating	18:00 ES Kedington	
	1st Sept	Sun	9:30 HC Kedington	10:00 SotW Great Wrating	11:00 HC Great Thurlow		
	8th Sept	Sun	9:30 HC Barnardiston	9:30 SotW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley		

## What's On!

		Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
Dates For Your Diary!	August	13th	Tue	19:30	WI Meeting	Thurlow Village Hall		
	August	28th	Wed	14:00— 14:20	Mobile Library	Coronation Cottages, Great Wrating	01473 584563	
	Sept	1st	Sun	12:00	Thurlow Fayre	Thurlow Sportsground	<a href="http://www.thurlowfayre.org.uk/">www.thurlowfayre.org.uk/</a>	
	Sept	28th	Sat	TBC	Granta Chorale Concert	<b>St Mary's</b> Church Saffron Walden		

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So summer arrived at last, and with it a heatwave, but the season will inevitably be contracted by its slow start. When we had those bitter winds from the north-east in June it almost felt as though summer was already over. On one particularly cold, wet and windy day I was at the coast at Shingle Street and noticed a stream of swifts passing over and heading **south all afternoon and evening. I'm sure they were failed breeders and** were migrating back to southern Europe and Africa to escape the English 'summer'. **They depend on high-flying insects for food – a sort of aerial plankton which they Hoover up – and there just weren't any to be had, so** they had to leave or starve. The disturbed weather did produce a couple of very remarkable swift records, though. First, a pacific swift was spotted on the Suffolk coast and stayed a couple of days at a nature reserve near Felixstowe. It drew crowds of twitchers from all over the country, since it has rarely been recorded in Britain and really belongs, as the name suggests, in Asia. I went to have a look when I thought the crowds would have thinned out a bit and got there just ten minutes after it disappeared high in the skies, never to be seen again. And no sooner had that excitement subsided than an even rarer swift, a white-throated needle-tail, somehow lost its way from Asia to Australia and zoomed into view in the Outer Hebrides. A truly charismatic bird, which hit the national headlines before zooming off again. This species is the fastest bird in the world in level flight so it might even have found its way home had it not collided with the vanes of one of those giant new windmills and met a sad and sudden end on the isle of Harris. It was actually a friend of mine that originally found it, but this year I had chosen to go elsewhere for my **summer wildlife trip, alas, and missed that one too. Moral of story, don't go chasing rare birds, enjoy what is closer to hand.**

**And I've been doing just that in these warmer days. I've been going to a local heath in the lingering twilight to listen not to the dawn chorus but the evening one. When the robin and the blackbird have finally sung their last songs of the day and 'all the air a solemn stillness holds', as the poet Thomas Gray put it in his 'Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard', one very special bird comes to life and starts singing. Or perhaps I should say 'churring', since it's a weird sound that sounds almost mechanical, a long drawn-out purring that alternates disconcertingly between different pitches. A bird generally heard and not seen – in short, a nightjar. These too are summer visitors, observing what may be a short season, as Lord Byron once described, 'The English winter, ending in July – only to recommence in August.'**

*Jeremy Mynott*

## THE RECTOR WRITES

When I was a child I used to have a couple of rabbits in a hutch in the garden. One of my uncles was a butcher and he and his brother kept dozens of the things. Pet rabbits are one thing, but wild ones are another. In a previous parish, in my first incumbency, my house was just one field away from a railway line, along which there were hundreds of rabbits. Sometimes they ventured into my garden and would sit in the vegetable patch, or – defiantly – in the middle of the lawn. I would dash out of the back door banging a wooden spoon on a metal baking tray and back they would go to the railway line. One year I had an ongoing battle to try to stop them digging up the vegetable patch. They **would insist on digging up the bits which I'd already dug** – not the bits that needed digging. Eventually, thanks to one of my parishioners, I learned of a brand of some smelly stuff (which I think has now been banned by the EU) which I could use to deter the **creatures. The rabbits wouldn't like it as it smelt (apparently) of foxes. At times my back lawn resembled "Watership Down", but at least I kept the animals off my vegetable plot.** Rabbits are destructive in gardens. They leave holes too for unsuspecting and inattentive **people to catch a foot in and twist an ankle. We've had a badger in the garden at Kedington** (which seems not to have bothered returning – as they can be really destructive), and at the moment we have moles tunnelling just under the surface of the grass at the front of the house, but – as yet anyway – no rabbits!

It was into a rabbit hole that Alice went in that well-known story by Lewis Carroll (a pen name used by the Revd. Charles Luttwidge Dodgson). **It wasn't required reading on the** theology course at Durham, but it amuses me. Amongst other things, Alice discovers a large rose tree with white roses growing on it. She notices that three gardeners are busy painting them red. As she approaches them she finds they are having an argument. Alice is in Wonderland. The gardeners are a pack of playing cards. Wonderland it may be, a land of make-believe. There are white roses and red roses – shades there of Yorkshire and Lancashire – the Wars of the Roses. We read of guilty, or at least slipshod, gardeners trying to cover up what they have done, trying to hide the evidence. As they do so they are in fear for their very lives: in fear of being beheaded (at the whim of the Queen of Hearts). Number five spills paint on number two, and tries to put the blame on number seven for jogging his elbow. Seven had already been threatened with beheading, and when two wants to know why, is told that it is not his business to know. Five disagrees and tells two about the tulip roots given to cook in place of onions, and is promptly accused by seven of injustice. Then the Queen appears on the scene. She is clearly power-mad and orders people killed at the slightest whim. Alice begins to feel uneasy with the Queen: frightened of her as she seems to like beheading people. Does not this all have a familiar ring to it? Not so much make-believe as sad reality: cover-ups, arguments, accusations and condemnation. Alice manages to keep her head, but only because she **answers back to the Queen, and shouts back "Nonsense"** – which it clearly is! **We live not in Wonderland, but in a world which sometimes doesn't seem that far removed.**

**Today's world is a world of fear. The insurance sector trades upon our fear, as we get** packages through the post offering us insurance against falling ill and dying or having a horrific accident. We have people living in fear of terrorism, violence and crime. We have the uncertainty of the economic situation of the nation and of the world to add to our fears. People in some parts of the world live under the continual threat of war or indeed experience it as a daily reality. War affects so many ordinary people who want nothing more than to be allowed to get on with their lives. Terrorist attacks too tend to target ordinary folk just going about their everyday lives.



So from the friction in the fiction our thoughts move to the conflict which we encounter in **our lives. Sadly there's all too much of it. I hate to be involved in dissensions and quarrels, arguments and disagreements.** I dislike any unpleasantness. I wish that everybody would agree to live in harmony together, practising humility and being charitable in their dealings with one another. One of my predecessors at Walkeringham in Nottinghamshire, the Vicar between 1923 and 1926, was one William Humbly. What a **lovely name for a Vicar, isn't it: Humbly, humbly carrying out his duties.**

**"Behold how good and how lovely it is when brothers live together in unity"** wrote the author of Psalm 133. Saint Paul told his readers at the church in Rome to live in harmony **with one another: "If possible so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all."** He appealed to the Christians at Corinth **"that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and judgement."** In his letter to Timothy, Saint Paul urges that prayers be said that we may lead a quiet and **peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way."** He wants **prayers to be offered without anger or quarrelling.** And it was a wise man who in the Book of Proverbs advised his readers to **"quit before the quarrel breaks out".**

*Derek Hollis.*

## Notices

The Endeavour Card is a new initiative from Suffolk County Council aimed that will benefit all young people in the 16-19 age bracket. The aim is to agree a unified minimum discount of 25% off the standard single adult fare for all young people up to and including the age of 19 who hold a card. The smart travel card will be designed to enable cashless payment on specified public transport services. The card will act like an Oyster Card, in that it will have stored value and online top-up ability. Further information the scheme is available at:

<http://www.suffolkonboard.com/endeavour-card>.

Any questions please email [Passenger.Transport@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:Passenger.Transport@suffolk.gov.uk) or phone 0845606171.

Applications are invited from local charities and community groups operating throughout Suffolk for various grants programmes managed by the Suffolk Community Foundation (SCF). In particular, funding is now available for groups working in the Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury districts with grants up to £2,000 available from the Suffolk Fund. The Foundation supports local charities and community groups who are tackling disadvantage in whatever form it takes and targets its grants to where the needs are greatest, making a positive local impact. The deadline for applications is the 12th August. To discuss a potential **project please contact Julie Rose, SCF's Grants Officer, on 01473 786912.** Further information, application forms, guidelines and closing dates can be found at [www.suffolkcf.org.uk](http://www.suffolkcf.org.uk).

## Little Thurlow Parish Council

At the July meeting councillors agreed on their response to the St Edmundsbury BC Rural Vision 2031 consultation, which will be to reiterate the concerns about possible increased traffic through the village when the proposed new houses are built in and around Haverhill. The Parish Council will also repeat concerns about the lack of provision of low cost housing in the village for those with local connections.

Two members are in the process of joining Community Speed Watch; footway repairs are being considered by SCC and concerns about the increase in HGVs through the village will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councillors were grateful that the hedge beside the churchyard extension had been trimmed by Thurlow Estate and were pleased to note that a free barn owl box would be erected in the churchyard by Suffolk Wildlife Trust in time for the next breeding season.

Full Minutes of the meeting will be displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board at the Village Hall and also on the village website. There will not be a meeting in August, the date of the next one being Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013.

*Molly Hawkins, Little Thurlow Parish Clerk*

## Great Thurlow Parish Council

Great Thurlow Parish Council met on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013 . Five councillors were joined by 1 member of the public and County Councillor Evans.

Rural Vision 2031 was discussed and it was agreed that some small staged growth is needed but common sense needs to prevail to ensure affordable housing is part of the expansion. Clerk to submit answer.

The Council agreed to support the WiFi in the Village Hall only if and when all parties were interested and sufficient benefit can be shown.

It was agreed to support the replacement bark needed at the playground.

It was noted that Anglia Water were to commence water main replacement between Withersfield and Great Thurlow, resulting in road closures between the two villages for up to 12 weeks from the end of July. The Clerk was asked to chase the identification plaque for the Jubilee tree

Date of next meeting: September 11<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm.

*Diana Allin— Great Thurlow Parish Clerk*

*POLICE NEED HELP FROM THE PUBLIC*

Cavendish and Withersfield suffered 12 outbuilding burglaries over a few days in late June. This echoes similar surges in Wickhambrook, Hundon, Lidgate and Cowlinge in recent times. There is a continuing trickle of outbuilding thefts in the Bury Rural South area. In spite of extra patrols, it is difficult to see what the police can do to prevent them without more reporting of suspicious activity by the public. Many rural village burglaries are carried out by people from outside the village concerned and they seem to target their activity based on daytime reconnaissance. Spotting and interrupting daytime reconnaissance is one of the very few ways that these burglaries may be discouraged.

Daytime reconnaissance is probably being carried out by people in vehicles cruising around the lanes or walking around the villages (their vehicle parked just out of sight) with ready excuses if seen out of place. Scrap removal, drive-gravelling and roof maintenance are all excuses or propositions used if people are found on private land or want to have a look in **your open garage or shed or through your front window** ('Do you want to sell your chicken house?' or 'I'm looking for somewhere to park my caravan' have come up, but are less common).

If you see any vehicle cruising or lurking around your village or receive any unsolicited callers, please call 101 and ask for the Control Room. You will not be wasting police time as they will only respond after they have assessed your information in the context of other activity and calls being received in the area. This is NOT the same as 999, but 101 is how **the police gather current information**. **Without your call, the police don't even have the option of responding.**

Do you know your Neighbourhood Watch coordinator? If your house is not currently in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme you could get the cover extended by emailing [diane.townsend@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:diane.townsend@suffolk.pnn.police.uk).

*STOLEN STATUES SPOTTED*

In early June two lots of garden statuary / ornaments were stolen in our area. Surprisingly, they had not travelled far and one was spotted by an acquaintance of one of the victims in an architectural reclamation yard just 15 miles away. The first victim alerted the second victim, who went and claimed their goods back as well.

The police are now following the matter up robustly with the full help of the reclamation yard owners. More victims are now being contacted by the police and asked to check at the yard for their stolen items. Two more victims have already retrieved their lost items. If you, or anyone you know, has had any statuary or garden ornaments stolen in the last few months, you should telephone the Clare Safer Neighbourhood Police Team via 101 or, probably better, email: [stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk).

Lesson for the future: such stolen items do not always go a long way before they are sold on, so it may well be worth checking local yards a few days after the theft takes place.

*Bob Steel – Area co-ordinator for NW in Bury Rural South (southern villages)*

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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 – Paul Gregory	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 783070

Services and Societies in Great Wratting	Telephone
Neighbourhood Watch – Jacquie Edmonds	01440 783322
Red Lion, Great Wratting – George and Linda Sykes	01440 786237
The Great Wratting Book Group – Jean Newlands	01440 783111
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
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 15<sup>th</sup> 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
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Refuse Collection	01284 757320
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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 Wratting Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Chair – Gavin Acheson	01440 783515
Councillor – Anthony Lundrigan	01440 783817
Councillor – Vacancy	
Councillor – Petra Stephenson	01440 783384
Councillor – Jacquie Edmonds	01440 783322
Councillor – Steven Robinson	01440 783131
Vice Chair – Caroline Togher	01440 783876
Parish Clerk – Emma White—gtwrattingpc@yahoo.co.uk	07792455030
If you would like information about joining Great Wratting Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk. <a href="http://www.parish-council.com/greatwrattingparishcouncil">www.parish-council.com/greatwrattingparishcouncil</a>	

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
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