

# The Village Link

Little Thurlow – Great Thurlow

February  
2012

**Thurlow Boxing Day Hunt**

**Hounds At The Ready!**



The traditional 11am Boxing Day Hunt from Great Thurlow Hall took place once again with a super turn out and showing of horses, hounds, riders and spectators.

The hounds were keen for the off. Once the horn sounded it was like flicking a switch, the pack ready with tails and ears held high, and then the hunt was off across the open fields with riders of all ages vanishing from view leaving the spectators to navigate the mud to return to their cars. Isn't this what living in the Thurlows' is all about? Lovely!

## The Village Link

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## The Village Link Statement of Account January 20th 2012

Accounts for period 1.12.11 to 1.1.12

Opening Balance on Hand at Bank	153.74
Opening Balance on Hand Petty Cash	22.94
<b>Total Balance on Hand to Open</b>	<b>176.68</b>

### Income

Donations	2330.00
Advertising Revenue	680.00
Subscriptions	30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3040.00</b>

### Expenditure

Printing costs	-1751.00
Postage	-42.33
Stationary	-67.01
Miscellaneous	
(Prizes and Christmas Gift for distributors)	-27.00
Drawings for diesel fuel	-50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>-1937.34</b>

Closing Balance on Hand at Bank	1243.40
Closing Balance on Hand Petty Cash	35.94
<b>Total Balance on Hand to close</b>	<b>1279.34</b>

Invoiced amount for advertising outstanding at the time of reporting and not included in the income advertising revenue stated above. £490.00

Outstanding payments to be made at time of reporting is nil. £0.00

The bank account operating for The Village Link is held with Co-operative Bank (Community Dividendplus Account). Accounts and bank details available to view upon request to the Editor.

I am pleased to report that since taking over the editorship of The Village Link and with a number of generous donations and continued advertising support the current finances of The Village Link are in good shape.

Providing this level of support is maintained I see no financial issues for the coming year.

*Kevin Crowson - Editor*

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## A Thank You....

From Frances and Jack Marlow;  
Many, Many thanks to all the kind W.I members for the lovely box of biscuits given to us for Christmas. We both wish you all a very happy and healthy 2012.

Would be applicants are reminded that further information and application form is available by contacting: peterandruthlloydtrust@fsmail.net

Applicants are also reminded that the closing date for receipt of applications is the 31st March 2012.

*David McSorley*

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## Womens Institute Report

Thurlow WI President Ann Tipper welcomed Geoff Evans to the first meeting of 2012. On his third visit Geoff did not disappoint, with his pictures of Scottish Islands and the tales of his holidays in this area. Since our last meeting members had delivered twenty eight Christmas gifts to our over eighties, which had been much appreciated according to the many thank you letters and cards received. Sixty pounds had been sent to Cancer Research in lieu of exchanging Cards.

Ann then gave out notice of future events organised by the Federation. including [Everyone can Sing] Ask the Gardeners, Teas at Park Farm, Stained Glass Workshop Day and some members hope to attend these events.

Outings to see Warhorse and Grimethorpe are also on offer.

The first voting took place on this year's six proposed Resolutions which will be slimmed down to one or two before the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall.

Winners in the draw were Rosemary Allcock, Olive Jeffrey and Arline Vollam. Next month we have our local speaker Jeremy Mynott on 'Russia and the Wild West' to which all are

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## Peter and Ruth Lloyd Trust

On behalf of the Trustees, may I request that the information shown below and also included in the attachment be included in the next edition of the various Parish Publications. (Please note that despite the increase in University Fees, enquiries for the current academic year have been very light)

Please accept our sincere thanks for your assistance. Peter and Ruth Lloyd Trust.

invited including our male friends. Come along and enjoy a cuppa with your friendly WI ladies. Feb 14th Village Hall 730pm.

*Iris Eley – Little Thurlow Reporter*

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## Thurlow Fayre 2012 – First Meeting

The first meeting of the year has been arranged for Tuesday 7th February at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

The Fayre will take place on Sunday 2nd September 2012.

The Fayre Committee welcomes new and different people with fresh ideas to join the committee to drive fresh ideas for the format/theme, i.e. events for the Main Ring or help to organise a Craft Market/Farmers Market.

*Thank you – Allan Loveday*

## A farewell Tribute from Monte and Patricia

As a farewell tribute, Monte and Patricia wish to thank you all, so much, for the splendid array of cards and gifts. It is really so kind of you. We were very happy to have been of some small service and enjoyed our sojourn with you.

A special thank you to our so loyal customers and we wish to convey our kindest regards to you all. We enjoyed developing the Olde Worlde Village Shoppe. We hope you will have abiding memories of it.

The newly erected 251 MG Squadron Hanger here in Lakenheath will be adorned with all the tins and clocks and the bell will sound the “fall in” and “the secure” at the end of the day, when the flag will be lowered from its usual pole at sunset. Sadly the sunset call will have to be a recording!

By the bye, speaking of records of service, Patricia was WRNR and Monte was Royal Marine. Their son Hugo was christened aboard HMS Eaglet in Liverpool. His name is engraved on the Ships Bell which doubles as the Font for the ceremony. So will you all “splice the main brace” for Queen and Country with us, upon Remembrance of all who serve and for those upon an onward journey.... ‘Fortuna fortes iuvat’.

*Monte and Patricia Banks*

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## A short history of Great Thurlow Mill

A small, black smock mill with white sails and fantail, she stands, outside the village of Great Thurlow, on Dowsetts Hill. At one time it was supposed to be possible to see thirteen mills from her top – three post mills at Hundon, a post and tower mill in Kedington, Ridgewell post mill, one post and two tower mills at Haverhill, Great Bradley tower mill, West Wrattling smock mill, Cowlinge smock mill and Little Thurlow smock mill. Of all these only the preserved smock mill at West Wrattling and the base of the smock mill in Little Thurlow remain.

The exact date Great Thurlow Mill was built is unknown for she is not indicated on Joseph Hodkinson's map of Suffolk of 1783, but one report states that she originally stood at Slough, Buckinghamshire and the date of 1807, which was carved on the old door frame, could have been the date of her removal or construction. If she was moved it was certainly rebuilt in the local tradition with vertical boarding similar to the mill at West Wrattling before this was restored. Two interesting features in the mill are the very short windshaft and the great spur wheel which is planked in solid oak.

According to the Tithe map of 1841, the mill, the mill cottage and outbuildings were owned and occupied by Thomas Gardner, who also rented another 364 acres owned by Sir Robert Harland. In White's 1844 directory of Suffolk, Gardner is described as miller and maltster but, in fact, did not operate the mill himself, but employed, during the 1840's, James Talbot. When Joseph Dearsley took over the mill in about 1845, on the death of Thomas Gardner, James Talbot continued to be employed but later when Elijah Dearsley became miller, around 1850, Talbot left the mill to take up the trade of baker. Elijah Dearsley continued at the mill for over twenty five years when he was

succeeded by his son, Archibald Robinson. After a few years Gabriel Savage took over, operating there until the turn of the century, and in latter years supplemented his living as a miler with that of farming also.

Joseph Collis followed Gabriel Savage as Miller. He operated Great Thurlow Mill together with the one at Little Thurlow, which had been worked by his father, John, for some years. Great Thurlow Mill continued to work by wind, supplemented by a portable steam engine from 1908, until 1924 when the sails were removed. The mill continued to grind animal feeds by steam power until 1937, although, as trade declined, Collis too turned his attention to farming.

The mill stood derelict until shortly after the death of Joseph Collis in 1959 at the age of eighty five, when Ronald A. Vestey of Great Thurlow Hall, on whose estate and mill stands, decided to restore her.

By 1962 the scheme was completed, with new sails and fantail fitted, the mill completely re-weather boarded and the cap rebuilt. In 1974 further restoration work was undertaken and the mill repainted.

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This message is being sent by Police Direct on behalf of Suffolk County Council - Suffolk County Council and its partners have successfully secured £265,000 to support vulnerable people in the county through the remaining winter months. The one off grant from the Department of Health's 'warm homes healthy people' fund will help support a number of initiatives designed to tackle fuel poverty in the county.

Anyone who has a vulnerable relative or neighbour is urged to help them find out more

about what support and assistance might be available to them.

Further information is available [www.suffolk.gov.uk/warmhomes](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/warmhomes) or people can email [winterwellbeing@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:winterwellbeing@suffolk.gov.uk). Alternatively, people can call a central telephone number for information, advice and support. Tel: 08456 037 686

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## **Bobble Along To Change A Life**

Local charity, Age UK Suffolk, is asking people to join in a fun campaign to help prevent a deadly serious problem for vulnerable older people. Bobble Day on Friday 10th February is the highlight of its winter Spread The Warmth campaign to prevent older people suffering through cold and isolation.

Bobble Day is an easy way for anyone to have some fun and raise some money so that Age UK Suffolk can go on helping vulnerable older people throughout the year. The charity is challenging local people, businesses, schools, sports clubs to 'get bobbling' on 10 February. Age UK Suffolk's Maggie James said, "You can wear a bobble, make a bobble, bake a bobble cake or just wear something bright, warm and orange to symbolise the warmth that many older people lack in their lives. Or why not have a Wear a Woolly day at work and bring out all those wild sweaters that never see the light of day!"

Local author, entertainer and raconteur, Charlie Haylock, bobbed along to an Age UK day centre in Woodbridge (see photo) on 12th January to help launch Bobble Day 2012. Charlie supports the Spread the Warmth Appeal as he knows only too well how hard it can be for older people especially during the winter. He entertained day centre members at the New Horizons Day Centre, causing much

laughter as he turned up in an orange wig to promote Bobble Day.

Charlie said, "Years ago, as a boy, I remember staying with my grandparents. The only source of heat was the kitchen range and an open fire in the front room. I remember making patterns on the frosted windows in my bedroom when I woke up in the morning. My grandparents were an active healthy couple and I used to help granddad chop the wood and get the coal in. We did the same for the lady next door as she was old and frail, and the old couple down the lane. Today, sadly, we don't have so much of that community spirit, although there are signs it's making a comeback. We need people like Age UK Suffolk to make us more aware of the difficulties some older people have keeping warm in winter. I hope Suffolk people will have some fun supporting Bobble Day and make some money to help local people and a local charity."

Charlie also had a message for older people, "If you are struggling to keep warm this winter, Age UK Suffolk are there to help. They are great people, so just contact them, whether you are concerned about your fuel bills, need advice about insulation, are struggling a bit at home, whatever it is - they are there to help."

If you want to get involved and do something funny, warm or orange and crazy on Bobble Day get in touch with Maggie James at Age UK Suffolk on 01473 298 688 or email: [maggie.james@ageuksuffolk.org](mailto:maggie.james@ageuksuffolk.org).



## The Christmas Concert

The Christmas concert, on Saturday the 17th of December, was a great success. The concert was held at All Saints Church, Great Thurlow - 6:30pm. So many people came along to enjoy the night, that the 50 extra chairs set up in the church, nearly wasn't sufficient. The bell ringers rung the bells to signal the start of the event and it all got underway. Lots of people performed on the night doing different acts. There was singing, instrument playing, poems and readings. All the acts were fantastic and thank you to everybody who took part. Mostly everybody came back to Hall Barn for mulled wine and homemade mince pies. The funds raised from the event have gone to East Anglian Children's Hospice, Great Thurlow Church and Hunt Supporter's Club, which each received the amazing total of £435. Thank you to everybody who came and supported this wonderful event, and a big thank you to Jane Sheppard for organising the event and to Rev. Derek Hollis for introducing and hosting it.

Also...on the 8th of Jan, our local MP, Matthew Hancock, did a live TV interview for Sky news at 1:20...in the Village Hall car park. The man that did the filming showed us around his van that held all of the equipment that he needed to film Matthew, he even had a Satellite dish on the roof. It was very interesting.

They have just finished restoring the windmill on the top of the hill, near Withersfield, in Great Thurlow. It looks very nice and I can see it from my bedroom window.

*Sacha Davis – Junior Reporter*

## 1st Burough Green Brownies

1st Burough Green Brownies meet weekly in Brinkley during the school term. For girls aged seven to ten.

The girls have been working very hard and have been having great fun with rehearsals for their pantomime Sleeping Beauty that they are putting on for family and friends on Saturday 4th February. The girls are putting on two performances to make sure that everyone can see the wonderful pantomime that they have produced.

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Typically grants are given to help with social cohesion, build communities, and support a range of activities and projects that strengthen the voluntary sector in Suffolk. Some funds support core costs.

Further information and all application forms, guidelines and closing dates are published on The Suffolk Foundation's website [www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk](http://www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk) If you wish to discuss your idea or potential application request, please do not hesitate to telephone Sue Wright on 01473 734127 who is also happy to help with form filling and advice as to which fund would suit your organisation's needs best.

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## Parish Council News

Two new members have been co-opted onto Little Thurlow Parish Council following the resignation of Andrew Mace and John Lusty, namely Chris Lowe and John Tipper. The Parish Council have agreed to take part in an Oak Tree Planting Scheme which is being arranged by St. Edmundsbury BC to mark the Diamond Jubilee; more details later. The Precept for 2012/2013 will be £6737.

Councillors were concerned to learn that the only bus service available in the near future would be the DRT service. It is felt that this is inadequate for the village and Suffolk County Council is to be advised of this.

The Clerk is to ask the Police to attend the February meeting to discuss speeding traffic. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st February at 7.30pm.

A Joint Great and Little Thurlow Parish Council meeting was held on 17th January. Items on the agenda included the management of the play area on the Sports Field and the Community Speedwatch Scheme which has a new local co-ordinator, i.e. John Barnett of Great Bradley.

A joint Village Litter Pick is to take place over the weekend of 31st March/1st April. Volunteers to help would be much appreciated and all necessary equipment will be available from Mungo Lodge.

The next Joint meeting will be held on 26th June 2012.

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## Diary Dates

	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
February	7 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	19:30	Thurlow Fayre 2012 First Meeting Of The Year	Thurlow Village Hall	Allan Loveday
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	-	Bobble Day Spread The Warmth Campaign		Age UK Suffolk See Article
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	18:30	Thurlow Gardeners Club New Event!	The Meadows, Broad Road, Little Thurlow	Dawn 783646 or just turn up on the day!
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	19:30	Thurlow W.I. Guest speaker Jeremy Mynott	Thurlow Village Hall	All welcome include male friends.
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	-	X Valentine's Day X		

## Thurlow Gardening Club

Starts Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
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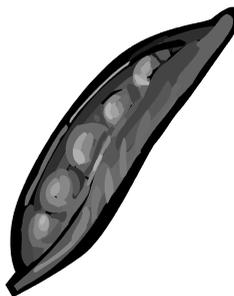
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Thurlow Fayre 2012 – First Meeting Of The Year – All Welcome  
Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February - 7:30pm, at the Village Hall

## Monthly Church Service Rota

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time/Event</b>	<b>Time/Event</b>	<b>Time/Event</b>	<b>Time/Event</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sun	<b>9:30</b> <b>Kedington</b> Family Holy Communion	<b>11:00</b> <b>Great</b> <b>Bradley</b> Holy Communion		
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sun	<b>9:30</b> <b>Barnardiston</b> Holy Communion	<b>9:30</b> <b>Kedington</b> Service of the Word	<b>11:00</b> <b>Great</b> <b>Thurlow</b> Holy Communion	<b>11:00</b> <b>Great</b> <b>Wrattling</b> Service of the Word
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sun	<b>10:00</b> <b>Little Thurlow</b> Benefice Family Communion			
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Ash Wed	<b>10:00</b> <b>Kedington</b> Holy Communion with Ashes	<b>19:00</b> <b>Great</b> <b>Bradley</b> Holy Communion with Ashes		
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Fri	<b>Lent Hunger Lunch</b> Please contact Kathy and Steve on 01440710225			
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sun Lent 1	<b>8:00</b> <b>Kedington</b> Holy Communion (said)	<b>9:30</b> <b>Little</b> <b>Thurlow</b> Holy Communion	<b>11:00</b> <b>Great</b> <b>Wrattling</b> Holy Communion	<b>18:00</b> <b>Kedington</b> Evensong
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Fri	<b>Lent Hunger Lunch</b> Please contact Kathy and Steve on 01440710225			
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Sun Lent 2	<b>9:30</b> <b>Kedington</b> Family Holy Communion	<b>11:00</b> <b>Great Bradley</b> Holy Communion		
9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Fri	<b>Lent Hunger Lunch</b> Please contact Kathy and Steve on 01440710225			

## **LENT – It's sooner than you think!**

Lent begins on Wednesday 22nd February with the traditional Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Services at Kedington (10am) and Great Bradley (7pm), so we need to start thinking about the Lent Course and Lent Lunches now (OK, as soon as Christmas is over).

### **Lent Hunger Lunches**

After much demand, we will go back to holding Lunches on Fridays this Lent, which means we have room for SIX this year. Available dates are 24th February, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March. We very much hope that lunches can be held throughout the Benefice again this year.

For those new to Lent Lunches, the idea is to provide a simple meal of bread, soup and water and in return receive donations for a charity (as a guide, Christian and overseas) of your choice. If you think you could host a Lent Lunch, please contact Kathy and Steve (see below) before the Benefice News deadline in January so your lunch can be advertised.

### **The Lent Course**

As in previous years we will be following the latest 'York Course' this Lent, entitled 'Handing on the Torch - sacred words for a secular world' Christianity is the largest movement our world has ever seen. It continues to grow at an immense pace – especially in Asia (including China), Africa and Latin America. At the same time, Christianity in the West struggles to grow and – perhaps – even to survive. In this course we consider some of the reasons for this and what it might mean for individual Christians, for churches and for Western culture, in a world where alternative beliefs are increasingly on offer.

The course comprises five sessions and it is intended to hold an afternoon and an evening session on successive Thursdays beginning 1st March:

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- Session 2 – A Secular Society?
- Session 3 – A Beleaguered Church?
- Session 4 – Competing Creeds?
- Session 5 – Handing on the Torch

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## Diamond Jubilee Celebrations In The Thurlow's

Plans are taking shape for the Jubilee Weekend which will commence on Saturday 2nd June with a Treasure Hunt/Party for the children. This will be organised by parents and supported by the Jubilee Committee.

There will be a special Church Service at 11am on Sunday 3rd June at Little Thurlow Church, followed by refreshments in the garden of The Old Vicarage (by kind permission of Mrs Biddy Bigland).

On the Sunday evening there will be a Dance at Hall Barn, Great Thurlow with a live band. On Monday 4th June there will be a Party in the grounds of Great Thurlow Hall (by kind permission of Mr & Mrs George Vestey). This will be an evening event and will include a Hog Roast and musical entertainment and will terminate with a Grand Firework Display.

All events will be free to residents of the Thurlows. There will be a limited number of tickets available at cost for some of the events for family and friends who live elsewhere, but these will be on a first come, first served basis.

Information on how to book tickets etc will appear in a future edition of The Village Link.

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## Nature Note

I made a visit to the Yare valley the other day on a wild goose chase. Every winter on the boggy fields either side of the River Yare between Norwich and Yarmouth thousands of wildfowl gather to graze the grasslands and rough pasture. They evidently feel secure there in these wide, open spaces where you can see for miles in every direction, and they make one of the great winter spectacles in East Anglia. It

was a bright frosty day when I visited and the air was crystal clear. As I leant over a handy gate, I could see vast gatherings of ducks stretching away to the horizon – teal, wigeon and mallard mostly, but also a few pintail, gadwall and shoveler – and no fewer than eight different species of goose. Many of these were the familiar greylags and Canada geese we often see in Thurlow. I scarcely think of these as wild birds at all since most of them are ultimately descended from feral flocks that were once introduced into the ornamental lakes of the grander kinds of country houses as part of the landscaping. They were thought stylish and exotic additions in their day, but in some urban parks they are now becoming so common (and messy!) that they are on the verge of becoming pests. That's an interesting example of how a bird can change from being admired to being despised, as they become commoner and so more obvious. It may be that the reverse will happen to house sparrows: these were once so common everywhere as to be considered vulgar but they have now declined dramatically in numbers nationally and may soon start to seem attractive again. Is that a sort of wildlife snobbery?

Anyway, three other species of geese in Norfolk were also probably of feral origin: a herd of barnacle geese, a pair of Egyptian geese and a single snow goose and no one was looking much at these either. But there were also huge numbers of white-fronted geese from Siberia and a very special flock of bean geese from the same area. These were as wild and shy as can be and you needed a telescope to watch them properly since they never came closer than about half a mile away. The bean geese come to these same fields from Russia every year and it is one of the few places in Britain where you can be reasonably sure of seeing them. And they harboured among them one even rarer goose – a lesser white-fronted goose,

which is regarded as a real prize for birdwatchers as their breeding numbers in Russia continue to decline and they cross over here less and less often. This bird was also very difficult to pick out in the huge herd of the ordinary white-fronts, but eventually we spotted it and everyone duly exclaimed how beautiful it was. Beautiful, or just rare and desirable? Not at all the same thing, is it? Is any goose as beautiful as a jay or a magpie?

*Jeremy Mynott*

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## **Thurlow Estate Farms Limited**

The unusually mild weather that we have been experiencing over the Christmas period has meant that the crops are well advanced for the time of year. The small amount of rain has also been of huge benefit to the crops while still allowing the machinery to work the fields. Fertilizer has started to be applied in readiness for Spring growth.

Spring sowing of beans will be taking place as the soil warms up and the surface dries. We have sprayed off the weeds in the fields in preparation for this and eventually our beans, depending on variety, will be sold as chicken feed or for human consumption in Egypt.

The farms have started to notice the pigeons flocking up in their continual search for food. They will, if allowed, take advantage of the oil seed rape crops emergence to feed heavily and so the farms team are working hard to keep the pigeon off the crop with scarers, kites and bangers. It does however feel like fighting a losing battle sometimes!

The farms have also had fifteen new arrivals since just before Christmas in the form of calves to our resident Beef Suckler herd. There are still a further 10 cows awaiting their calves. The annual fencing checks around the

meadows is ongoing ready for the Spring when the cows will once again go out to pasture around the village.

## **Thurlow Woodlands**

The lack of any significant rain fall has allowed the Woodlands team to continue thinning operations in Wadgell's right over the Christmas period and also to extract this timber from the wood up to the firewood processing unit. Usually, at this time of year, we have to take great care in the woods not to cause too much damage.

They will also be undertaking operations called "First Thinning" which take place in some of the most recently planted woods. This involves removing the weaker trees in order for the better trees to expand. This ensures that woods are in best health possible and results in a better end crop.

The long awaited cold snap seems to have finally arrived as I write and so we are expecting a flurry of calls to order firewood. Please do call the Estate Office if you would like to order a load of firewood on 01440 783 661. Also, please be aware, that we usually stop delivering firewood around the beginning on March and will not recommence until mid July.

## **Thurlow Estate Management Limited**

After a quiet Christmas period, with only had one emergency call, the Thurlow Estate office team have all returned with a renewed vigour for the year ahead.

Plans are being formed for various property refurbishments throughout the Estate over the coming months in an effort to continually improve our housing stock. Further details will

be released regarding these properties as they reach completion.

## **Properties to let**

84 Thurlow Road, Great Wrating (Semi-Detached, 2 Bed, OFCH, Garden)

For more information, please contact the Estate Office (01440 783661)

## **Thurlow Hunt**

The Hunt had a very well attended Boxing Day meet at Great Thurlow Hall and have been enjoying good hunting around the area.

The Cambridge and Enfield Chace Point to Point - is on Saturday 5th February at Horseheath Racecourse. For those wishing to attend, the first race is at midday. There will be clothes trade stands, a fully licensed bar, hot and cold refreshments and a fairground making it a great day out for the family. For further information please contact the Estate Office (01440 783661).

Other notable dates for your racing calendar are as follows:

Saturday 3rd March – Thurlow Hunt Point to Point.

Saturday 31st March – Puckeridge Hunt Point to Point.

## **Thurlow Shoot**

The game shooting season on the Estate is now drawing to a close after a successful season but, as with all livestock, the keepers work doesn't finish here. While the gamekeeper will be collecting some of the feed hoppers and drinkers, which will be cleaned and stored until

the summer, selective feeding will continue to provide sufficient food for the birds (game and others), and the game crops will be topped before ploughing in.

The condition of the release pens will be inspected and any repairs or routine maintenance scheduled for later in the year.

## **AND FINALLY.....**

A young man, who was also an avid golfer, found himself with a few hours to spare one afternoon. He figured if he hurried and played very fast, he could get in 9 holes before he had to head home.

Just as he was about to tee off an old gentleman shuffled onto the tee and asked if he could accompany the young man as he was golfing alone. Not being able to say no, he allowed the old gent to join him.

To his surprise the old man played fairly quickly. He didn't hit the ball far but plodded along consistently and didn't waste much time. They reached the ninth fairway, and the young man found himself with a tough shot. There was a large pine tree right in front of his ball, directly between his ball and the green.

After several minutes of debating how to hit the shot the old man finally said, "You know, when I was your age I'd hit the ball right over that tree." With that challenge placed before him, the youngster swung hard and hit the ball right smack into the top of the tree trunk, where it thudded back on the ground not a foot from where it had originally been. The old man offered one more comment, "Of course, when I was your age that pine tree was only 3 feet tall."

## **Safer Neighbourhood Team**

We hope you all had a happy and crime free Christmas. New year resolutions are notoriously difficult to keep but if you could include one that relates to crime prevention it could stop you becoming a victim in 2012. Perhaps you could affix a bell to your purse or wallet; only last week a lady who had done just that, prevented the loss of her purse containing all her cards and cash, as a thief dipped into her handbag during a concert and she heard the ring. Remembering to always check the house is locked at night is another obvious one, or you could ensure all your valuable items are photographed and marked. Do contact us if you would like further information about safeguarding yourself and your property.

There has been an increase in illegal deer shooting across the Bury rural area. If you have seen anything suspicious or have any information please ring 101 and ask to speak to your local team.

Many of us rely on heating oil to keep warm and it is becoming an increasingly expensive commodity. We need to ensure we have taken steps to secure our tanks. Do check the level regularly and consider screens, lights and locking garden gates.

Most importantly, if you believe a crime is being committed or someone is in danger then dial 999. For non-urgent matters you can use the new 101 number to speak to your local team

The next Priority Setting Meeting will be in March 2012. The venue will be advertised on the website [www.safersuffolk.org.uk](http://www.safersuffolk.org.uk)

To contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team at Clare you can write to:

Clare Police Station, Eastfield Barn, Cavendish Road, Clare, Sudbury CO10 8PH  
Telephone 01473 613500 or 101  
email [stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.uk](mailto:stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.uk)



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

<b>Services and Societies in our Parishes</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
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 – Giles and Janie Reardon-Smith	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 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

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

**[View The Village Link online at www.littlethurlow.org](http://www.littlethurlow.org)**

<b>Community Contacts</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
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, Estate Agent	01440 783661
Thurlow Estate – Tom Duffin, Assistant to Estate 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

<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
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

# HAVERHILL & WITHERSFIELD BENEFICE

## FAREWELL to JANICE & DAVE Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012

The Rector and PCC at St. Mary's Haverhill invite you to come and say "Farewell and Godspeed" to Rev. Janice and Dave Ward, (and family) as they follow God's call to the Diocese of Sodor and Man, to Janice's new appointment as Priest in Charge of the parishes of Marown, Baldwin & Foxdale.

Janice's final service will be at 9.30am on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2012, when she will preach for the last time in St. Mary's Haverhill.

You are invited to a Farewell Tea Party, which will be held in the afternoon in the Church Community Hall (at the back of St. Mary's Church) at 3.00pm.

Janice would like all her friends and the contacts she has made over her three years training as Curate in Haverhill to attend.



Please could you let me know (via email, letter or telephone) if you are able to join us, this will help us to prepare refreshments.

If you would like to make a donation towards a farewell gift for Janice and Dave, please send to me (cheques payable to St. Mary's Haverhill PCC), give to one of the Church Wardens, or bring to Church on a date before the tea party in an envelope clearly marked.

I do hope you can make the Tea Party to say goodbye to Janice and Dave and look forward to meeting you then.

Best wishes, Ian

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