

# The Village Link

Great Thurlow – Little Thurlow – Great Wratting

July  
2012

## Diamond Jubilee Special Edition



Photograph taken during the Hog Roast Fireworks



Thurlow  
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15th August



**What a delight it is to edit this month's The Village Link. 28 pages packed with articles and information and not just as a result of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. I'm not sure if this is the first time The Village Link has gone to 28 pages.**

I hope in return my amateur photographs have captured the sprit of the Jubilee Celebrations, nothing staged. I would also like to say thank you for the warm welcome I received at the various events around the villages with my camera in hand.

The pictures in the centre pages are for you to keep and remember this very special time and events in our community. Who knows in a few years time your copy maybe worth a bob or two!

Before we know it the Thurlow Fayre will be upon us and I have been asked to appeal to all of our readers to support this years Fayre and especially on the day. If you can spare an hour or two to help then please lodge your support by contacting The Village Link. Each year a army of volunteers help with the Fayre, but **in the past few years this army has become more like a regiment (my word I'm starting to talk like Monty Banks!)** but we need an Army to be successful, so please do not wait to be asked, please pledge your time and help now.

*The Editor*

Dear Editor,

Please can you pass on our sincere thanks to all the members of the Jubilee committee for the wonderful celebratory events they organised.

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves at the 50s Themed Skiffle Band Dance. It was brilliant to have a live band playing and lovely to get together with villagers that, with the hectic lives we all now lead, we rarely get a chance to talk to. The food was superb too!

The garden party at Great Thurlow Hall was another wonderful event. The setting was fantastic and we all enjoyed the Hog Roast. Again it was lovely to get a chance to talk to villagers and to see some faces who had left the village some years ago. The fireworks display was magnificent and it was lovely to be part of the Beacon lighting ceremony!

We really do appreciate all the hard work the committee put in to make the **Thurlow's Jubilee Celebrations so memorable!**

With many thanks,  
Sue, Kevin and Rhiannon (Beal)

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Thurlow Gardening Club

The vegetable gardening season is getting petty furious now along with the weeds of course.

Hanging baskets are going out and there are many red, white and blue displays around the village.

Thanks to Chris and Jo Field for being such great hosts of the June meeting.

Thanks to Sue Banbridge for some lovely Beetroot plants.

Asparagus and Broad beans are now at their best and it will soon be time to pull up those early spuds.

You just can't beat new potatoes with fresh mint and melted butter.

Why not try adding broad beans to tagliatelle with creme fraiche, lemon juice and parmesan, Delish!

Next month's meeting is at Dawn's on Friday 13th July maybe with some homemade Elderflower champagne in the garden!

Hope to see you there.

Jill Steele, Vice-president of Thurlow WI opened the meeting on the 8th of June. She gave notice of future events and three members were interested in a visit to the Roman Catholic Church in Bury St Edmunds. Iris Eley gave a report on the AGM held at the Royal Albert Hall.

Olive Jeffrey had joined other Suffolk West members for a holiday in Devon which was very enjoyable. Some members are visiting Norwich and Southwold in July with Suffolk West.

Our speakers were Janet and Christopher South who gave talks on such topics as A Naked Christmas, Fancy a Frog in your Throat, and Going to the Lavatory with a Maharajah, all very amusing. This well travelled couple give these talks to raise money to help clever but poor girls in Tangalle, Sri-Lanka get secondary education and to qualify for university. They have just heard that three of them have been successful and are to study medicine.

Winners in the draw were Anne Roberts and Olive Jeffrey. Next month its Garden Meeting at Larkspur meeting at 7o'clock 10th July.

I would like to say a sincere thanks to those who organised the Jubilee Celebrations Jo Field and Dawn Abbey for the Treasure Hunt and Chris Field, Molly and Conrad Hawkins, Mary Hilton, Heather Hunt, Rod Pass, Peter Thomas and George Vestey for the Dance and Hog Roast Party it was great, Thank you all IRIS.

Great Bradley WEA are running a course on the Friendly Invasion covering the impact the American Forces had on local communities. Taster start on the 19th of September in Great Bradley Village Hall at 10am which is free. Cost for full course £48.

*Iris Eley—Little Thurlow Reporter*

The Outer Hebrides are right on the edge of the British Isles, as far as you can go north and west before you are in the mighty Atlantic itself, with nothing between you and America. The weather is correspondingly extreme too. This low-lying string of islands takes the full force of the huge seas and gales that build up colossal momentum across the three thousand miles of the Atlantic and crash on to our furthest shores.

The weather was pretty bad down here in mid-May, if you remember, so I was somewhat apprehensive about how it would be on North Uist, one of the most exposed of this island chain. I was right to be. On the first day there we experienced rain, sleet and hail, all driven horizontally across a seething sea by force nine winds. All we could do by way of bird watching was crouch behind some protective boulders, dressed as if for North Norfolk in January plus some, and scan the beaches.

They were just beautiful, even in storm conditions, indeed perhaps especially so. They were (of course) deserted – no one lounging on striped beach towels up here – and the white sands stretched for miles in a kind of pristine purity that made one feel like an early explorer discovering a new world. And there were birds on them too, tossed around like spindrift when they flew, but most of the time scurrying along the tideline picking up tiny morsels or marine life cast up by the storms. Most of them were migrants, bound for even more challenging conditions in the arctic, where they breed on the tundra in the endless daylight of the arctic summer. There were dunlin, turnstones, sanderling, purple sandpipers and bar-tailed godwits, all resplendent in brilliant summer plumages that we rarely

see down south. For us they are usually drab winter visitors, hunched together on a muddy shore, but here they had all the energy of spring in them and one sensed their urgency to be off and away just as soon as the battering winds allowed them.

Inland there was an even more spectacular visitor, one which had actually come from the high arctic, driven south by these same storms. We first saw it as a distant white blob in the field – maybe a plastic bag or an old post stump? But as we got closer the white blob moved around a bit, assumed a definite shape and twisted its head around to see who or what was coming. And then an angry lapwing dive-bombed it, no doubt to drive it away from its nest site, and the white blob took to the air on huge soft wings and became a beautiful snowy owl. Snowy owls do occasionally visit the Outer Hebrides or the Northern Isles, and indeed they have bred in Britain, on the island of Fetlar in the Shetlands in the late 1960s. But this was a real privilege – an arctic bird in an arctic setting, and suddenly it all seemed entirely natural.

*Jeremy Mynott*

### 'The Hare with Amber Eyes' by Edmund De Waal

Bizarrely enough, it was another book with rabbit-like things in the title (see last report). Next time no rabbits or hares, I promise.

**E was somewhat reluctant to admit to having nominated this book for fear that it hadn't** gone down too well amongst the group. She need not have worried. A thought-provoking tale of a family history held together by the passing down through the generations of some 240 netsukes (small Japanese ornaments traditionally worn on a sash) gave us much to discuss on the evening and led to disclosure of some of our own family stories. Not everyone had managed to finish the book but those of us who had urged those who had not to do so as we were all in agreement that it was one of the best books we had read in a long time.

Some of us had brought along our own inherited objects with a story behind them. One such item was a spade with a broken handle. Not exactly worth a fortune but with a wealth of memories attached which G was willing to share.

It was lovely to welcome a new member in our midst. The success of our attempts to impress by sticking to the subject matter may only be determined when we find out if she **comes along in July. Perhaps next time we won't be quite as subdued.**

The book was declared a hit as were the small Japanese biscuits J had brought along.

## Great Bradley Church Fete

Sunday 8 July—2 – 4 pm

Teas , Barbecue, Stalls, Steel Band, Classic Cars, Giant Rabbits, Grand Hamper Draw

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It may sound like a question from the "Round Britain Quiz" (a BBC Radio 4 programme, for those who may not know it), but can you identify the link between a street in London, a crooked stick, some hedgehogs and some flamingos? The link is in a game, described in an old encyclopaedia as "an ideal game for the middle-aged". The game we know as croquet – from 'croc', an old French word meaning a crooked stick, is a development of an earlier game called "paille maille". Played at one time on a long alley near St James' Palace in London, 'paille' comes from 'palla' (a ball), and 'maille' from 'malleus' (a mallet). Mispronunciation led through 'pell mell' to Pall Mall. So there we are. Hedgehogs and flamingos come later.

Croquet may seem easy on the surface, but as with billiards, a skilful player can produce shots which only dedicated practice makes possible. I've only ever played croquet two or three times, but I think a more un-Christian or uncharitable game would be hard to find. It was said of croquet "it makes heavier demands than most upon the player's good temper", and that it "teaches lessons in self-control that cannot be learnt too soon".

Every game has its rules, and there are acceptable ways to play and unacceptable ones. Then there are the grey areas, where certain actions may be legal within the rules of play but thought to be "not the done thing". In billiards for example (a real gentleman's game) a dim view is taken of a player who deliberately pots his opponent's ball. To do so, although it may not be a gentlemanly shot, scores two points. I have not played billiards for a number of years now but I admit that when I used to play, I did quite regularly pot my opponent's ball – and then "double baulk" him too if I could. I would always play to win of course, and quite unashamedly! My opponents may on occasion have thought I was being cruel to them, but it was only in the game, and they knew I quite liked them really. I often used to play against a gentleman in his eighties, a Methodist local preacher, who had started playing billiards when he was seven. I had no chance of winning of course! He was pretty good at snooker too!

It was Alice who came across a curious croquet ground in Wonderland. It was all ridges and furrows. The balls were live hedgehogs, and the mallets live flamingos. The hoops were formed by the playing-card soldiers, and the whole was a "very difficult game indeed. Alice complained that "one can't hear oneself speak". She went on to say that they didn't seem to have any rules in particular "at least if there are, nobody attends to them".

A bit like life really. Civilised societies have rules and laws to govern behaviour, for the good of us all. As well as secular laws, the major world religions provide a set of moral dos and don'ts. But not everybody listens. Not everyone plays fairly or interprets the rules in quite the same way. Maybe we should make all children learn to play croquet. Perhaps we should add it to the National Curriculum – but definitely not played with hedgehogs.

Lots of puzzling things happened to Alice in that fictional world of Wonderland. One was a very strange kind of race, a "Caucus race". "There was no 'One, two, three, and away,' but they began running when they liked, and left off when they liked, so that it was not easy to know when the race was over...." Once the dodo declared the race over, the question was asked "But who has won?" Naturally this was not an easy question to answer, and the eventual conclusion was that "Everybody has won, and all must have prizes".

Over the next few weeks we shall – like it or not – hear much about games and races. Saint Paul wrote in the Bible about running races, and going to the local games was a **popular entertainment at the time. The Christian faith, like Lewis Carroll’s “Caucus Race” is a race in which all can win and all can have a prize.** Why not join us in church and learn more about the prize of eternal life which is promised to those who run with perseverance the race that is set before us?

*Rev. Derek Hollis*

### The Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

I hope that you all had a wonderful Jubilee weekend with lots of celebrations. I thought **that the village celebrations were fantastic, the 50’s dance on Sunday night was good fun,** especially when the adults had had a few beers!!! There was lots of dancing and singing and the band was great. On Monday the hog roast in the grounds of Great Thurlow Hall was very cold but enjoyable. Every body had two or three coats on and the woolly hats were back out!!! The hog roast was delicious and the firework display was amazing. We all watched the beacon being lit and it was massive!!! We all just wished that we could be a bit closer to it, then we would have been warmer!!! The treasure hunt was fun and the prize was brilliant thanks to Naomi donating a basket of goodies from the village shop. It was good how they had questions for both older and younger children. Unfortunately one of the clues was about our local MP, Matthew Hancock. You had to find photo of him **somewhere in the Village, but somebody had taken it down from the Parish council’s notice board outside the Village Hall!!!!** Of course we have some people to thank for organising the wonderful celebrations that we have all enjoyed.

### The Old Graveyard

**As we have had so much rain, we haven’t been able to clear and trim the old graveyard** between Chapel house and Hallside. As a result of all the rain the weeds and plants in the **graveyard have grown considerably and now you can’t even see it!!! Last year we managed to clear it completely and people who never even knew the graveyard was there were commenting on it.**

*Sacha Davies—Junior Reporter*

The Celebrations of the Jubilee in Great & Little Thurlow, Great Wrating were all so enjoyable. Thank you to all who organised the many events. It must have taken lots of hard work. Thanks to everyone who gave up their time to help. Well done.

*Anne Roberts—Great Thurlow*

Voter registration forms will soon be dropping through letterboxes across the borough and St Edmundsbury Borough Council urges you to confirm your details as soon as possible.

The Electoral Service team are updating the Electoral Register two months earlier than usual as there will be an election for a Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner on 15 November 2012.

*Electoral Services team*

Compared to this time last year, where we were preparing for an early harvest, the wet and colder weather means that we are likely to be delayed until the second week of July. Hay making has been deferred until we get a decent stretch of good weather – probably 2013!

The only land work left to do before harvest is the final protection spraying of the wheat crops which is well underway.

The main focus of works at the moment is the preparation of the grain dryers and our existing vehicles for harvest, and also checking over the newly arrived machinery such as the combines and quad tracks. We have gone down the route of using tracked vehicles in order to lessen the soil compaction to encourage better root development in the following crops.

Guidance systems are also going to be installed in the Quad track tractors and combine harvesters which will enable us to follow a much more scientific, and therefore cost effective, approach to crop inputs.

The hand reared chicks and the bought in poults are all doing well, despite the recent rain which can seriously affect the health of young pheasants if they are not under shelter.

These birds will shortly be going out from their rearing pens into the larger pens in the woods around Thurlow where they will continue to be fed and watered until they are fully grown and capable of looking after themselves.

Whilst writing this article The Thurlow Hunt are frantically busy painting//sweeping/grass cutting and generally preparing for one of their most important days of their year which is the Thurlow Hunt Puppy Show. By the time that you read this the Puppy Show will have taken place and I will post the results in next months article.

The Hunt achieved a 3<sup>rd</sup> and a 4<sup>th</sup> at the South of England Hound Show earlier this month and they will also be showing at the Festival of Hunting in July.

At the beginning of July the Huntsman will start exercising the hounds on horseback, getting them fit for the start of Autumn Hunting.

The contractors who are undertaking the larger renovations works on six of the Estate properties are reaching the point of practical completion. Four of these properties will shortly be advertised for rent. The external redecorations program is progressing well.

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The Thurlow Woodlands team, are continuing to thin areas of younger woodlands on the Estate, which includes three areas up on the airfield at Weston Woods. Access into the larger woods is still slightly restricted due to the wet ground conditions however we are all hoping for it to dry up before the beginning of August when they can start the coppicing works again.

Please be aware that Firewood deliveries will resume very shortly at the start of July. We are taking log orders now so you can book a load of logs now to be delivered anytime after the 1<sup>st</sup> July.

The annual Countryside Foundation for Education day( now rebranded as Countryside learning), which was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> June, was a resounding success. 155 children and their teachers from 4 local schools arrived on the Estate and were given a good introduction into some of the activities that take place on an Estate such as Thurlow. The whole Estate team were on parade, teaching the children about our current farming practices, animal husbandry and crop rotation. Other displays included our forestry operations including tree felling which is their favorite part, thankfully none of them got lost in the woods! Finally the children were shown the Hunt and Game keeping, with the ferrets being a particular attraction.

After all the children on the Estate this week I thought that this was rather a topical joke!

A father and son went fishing one day. While they were out on the water, the boy suddenly became curious about things in general and started asking all sorts of questions. He asked his father, "Why does the boat float? The father replied, "Don't rightly know son."

A little later, the boy looked at his father and asked, "How do fish breath underwater?" Once again the father replied, "Don't rightly know son." A little later the boy asked his father, "Why is the sky blue?" Again, the father replied. "Don't rightly know son."

Finally, the boy asked his father, "Dad, do you mind my asking you all of these questions?"

The father replied, "Of course not, if you don't ask questions, you never learn nothing'."

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8th July	Sun	9:30 Barnardiston Holy Communion	9:30 Kedington Service of the Word	10:00 Great Wrat- ting Service of the Word	11:00 Great Thurlow Holy Communion
15th July	Sun	10:00 Little Wratting Holy Communion			
22nd July	Sun	8:00 Kedington Holy Communion	9:30 Little Thurlow Holy Communion	11:00 Great Wrat- ting Holy Communion	18:00 Kedington Evensong
29th July	Sun	10:00 Little Bradley Holy Communion			
5th Aug	Sun	9:30 Kedington Holy Communion	11:00 Great Wrat- ting Holy Communion		

Past Times



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*Iris Eley—Little Thurlow Reporter*

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July	8th	Sun	14:00	Great Bradley Church Fete	Great Bradley	
July	11th	Wed	19:30	Thurlow Fayre Meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	Allan Love-day 707416
July	30th	Mon	19:30	Great Wratting Parish Council Meeting	Wheel Cottage, The Street (TBC)	Parish Clerk gtwratingpc@btinternet.com
Sept	2nd	Sun		Thurlow Fayre & Car Boot	Great Thurlow Sports Ground	Allan Love-day 707416
Sept	8th	Sat	19:30	Stacks of Sax <b>All Saints' PCC Event</b>	<b>All Saints' Church</b> Great Thurlow	Tim Knap-pett 783654
Dec	21st	Fri	TBC	Christmas Concert	<b>All Saints' Church</b> Great Thurlow	Jane Sheppard 783209

### 2012 Calendar of Events

Date	Book Title	Author	Genre
11 <sup>th</sup> July	The Great Gatsby	F. Scott Fitzgerald	Fiction
8 <sup>th</sup> August	*There But For The	Ali Smith	Modern Fiction
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Empty Cradles	Margaret Humphrey	Non-fiction
10 <sup>th</sup> October	#Care of Wooden Floors	Will Wiles	Comic Fiction
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Knowledge of Angels	Jill Paton Walsh	Fiction
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Silas Marner	George Eliot	Classic Fiction

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Thank you to all who helped to make the Thurlow Jubilee Treasure Hunt on Saturday 4th June a great success. There were over 20 entries from children and their parents and luckily the rain held off for us.

**Some of the explorers learnt some new things about the Thurlow's, as well as some new routes around the villages.** Matthew Hancock never returned though so we hope he is not lost out there somewhere!

Delicious home made Jubilee biscuits were made by Jo Field and as everyone as returned from their quest, they were offered these with hot cups of tea, coffee or juice and their prize of a Diamond Jubilee Chocolate bar.

Many thanks to Mary and Jo for making and serving refreshments.

A massive thank you to Naomi from the village stores for donating a wonderful hamper of Jubilee goodies and commemorative tea towel for the Grand Prize Draw.

Molly Hawkins drew the winner and it was Denè Lombaard. Well done!

*Dawn Abbey*

**Great Wratting celebrated Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee in fine style over the Jubilee Weekend,** with its annual village fete on the Saturday and a village Jubilee picnic in the grand old street party tradition on the Monday. Community spirit triumphed over the usual vagaries of the weather and a fine time was had by all.

Our fete was opened in regal style by our very own Queen for the Day – a special thank you to Debra Foote for playing her part to a tee – and we were very fortunate indeed to enjoy a superlative fly past by the World War II Lancaster bomber, on its way to the Jubilee celebrations proper. A stunning sight indeed. Further special thanks to Terry Holloway for his hand in that and for his excellent compering efforts throughout the day.

Many thanks as ever to everyone in the village involved in making the fete a continuing success - and to the fete committee in particular of course – and for raising much needed funds in support of our village church.

The post fete meeting this year will have been held by the time this goes to print. The committee is however keen to attract new members, so please do contact John Mayhew if you are interested in taking part (01440 766400 or 07973 324211).

Last but by no means least, many thanks to Mr and Mrs Simon Corbett for their continuing enthusiastic support of the fete and for hosting it again in their delightful garden.

*Until next year . . . !*

The Annual Village Meeting took place on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> May. Although the turnout was disappointingly low, for those who did attend, it was an opportunity to receive updates from the Parish Council and other interest groups.

John Mayhew provided details of the forthcoming Jubilee Fete; Jean Newlands provided an update on the Great Wrattling Book Club – which welcomes new members from Great **Wrattling and surrounding villages; Alan Newlands provided the St Mary's Church report.**

Police Constable Kayla Packman, part of the St Edmundsbury Rural South Team based at Clare Police Station also attended the meeting and presented a local crime report. **PC Packman confirmed the Safer Neighbourhood Team's commitment to providing support to our village and recommended that villagers ring 101 to report any non-emergency concerns.**

In addition to individual reports, the Parish Council Report was presented by the Chairman, Gavin Acheson:

Your Parish Council has been beavering away in its own quiet way these twelve months past, trying to pursue the better interests of our village – as can be seen from the no fewer **than ten reports we are presenting to this year's Annual Village Meeting.** We have our standing reports on all the vital but largely unsung work carried out on our behalf by Suffolk County Council, St Edmundsbury Borough Council and the Police. And we have our more local reports on all the efforts put in to our village fete, church and book club. But we do also want to let you know about some of the more specific initiatives we have been pursuing this year.

You will hopefully already know that the village has joined the Village Link, the local village newsletter which has been published in the Thurlows for a number of years. We hope it informs, educates and entertains – in much the same way as the BBC! Caroline Togher is responsible for Village Link matters on the Council and can I please underline the **importance Caroline's report puts on input from the local community? We would like the Village Link to thrive as part of our wider aim to promote improved communication within our village and between the villages.**

We have re-energised our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and we are particularly keen that everyone in the village buys into it. There is a lot of evidence to show that these schemes work best the more widely they are actively supported throughout communities. This is **Linda Reading's remit and I commend her report to you.**

We are very much looking forward to positively regal village celebrations over the Jubilee weekend – with the village fete on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and our Jubilee Picnic on the following Monday.

Huge thanks as ever to John Mayhew (with much support from Linda) for the continuing success of the fete. John will report back and look forward when we meet. And special thanks to our Jubilee Picnic committee (and Petra Stephenson in particular) for organising what I know will be a village day to remember. May the village come out in force to toast Her Majesty, break bread and make merry.

We reported last year on the anticipated refurbishment work to our village sign – to be supported by a generous contribution to costs from our Councillor, Jane Midwood, on Suffolk County Council. We hope you will all have been admiring the refurbished sign, which has been in place now for some months. I for one think it looks cracking.

It is fairly early days yet, but we are actively looking for ways to improve communication within the village and we would like to hear from all of you on this. We are hoping to modernise our village web site and to make it more user friendly. We are also looking at the possibilities of a village Facebook page. More anon on these fronts. Phil Stainer has recently been to a Better Broadband conference and we are looking at whether we can safely and sensibly increase broadband speeds within the village at reasonable cost. Phil is reporting on that.

We hope we have dealt sensitively but reasonably with the dog litter issue which had become the source of quite some concern part way through the year. We have ready access to an endless supply of litter bags, free samples of which we distributed to everyone with our recent campaign leaflet. We ask the village to support the cause!

We are doing what we can to try to alleviate the road flooding problems which have been a particular bane of Withersfield Road life – particularly during the recent drought/hosepipe ban conditions! This is no easy matter but rest assured we are on the case.

And lastly, the works to install the new water pipe on the outskirts of the village appear to have been completed without undue incident – somewhat intrusive though the works will necessarily have been for a while.

I should like to take this opportunity to give a special thank you to my fellow Councillors for all their hard work this year and to wish everyone in the village a hail, hearty, patriotic and sunny summer season.

Copies of all reports are available from the Parish Clerk.

### Great Wratting Parish Council Vacancy

After being a member of the Parish Council for six years, Linda Reading stood down at the AGM on 17 May. During her time on the Council, Linda has provided **endless support and practical advice based on years of experience. Linda's colleagues are truly grateful for the time and commitment she has given to the village as a Parish Councillor. Linda's hands-on village community involvement continues through her running of the re-vamped Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and to the many hours she gives as a member of the village fete organising committee.**

**Following Linda's resignation, the Parish Council now has one vacancy. If you would like information about joining Great Wratting Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk. [gtwrattingpc@btinternet.com](mailto:gtwrattingpc@btinternet.com)**

*Jayne Whittaker, Parish Clerk*

Great Wrating village celebrated the Diamond Jubilee with a picnic in the grounds of Great Wrating Hall. Many thanks to Simon and Patricia Corbett for letting us use their paddock and yard and to Barry for all of his help in setting up the site.

Our hearts sank as having set up all the tables and chairs, tablecloths and flowers, the heavens opened and we had to rapidly dismantle our good work into cars to dry out! However, we were blessed in the afternoon with sunshine, and 83 villagers and children gathered together to celebrate with good food and wine. The Queen was toasted by us all and we had a photo taken, with the Queen herself present to help us celebrate! The children of the village enjoyed games in the paddock and the highlight of the day had to be the family relay race that included people of all ages with various obstacles to negotiate.

Many thanks must go to all those that helped on the day and to the Jubilee committee, as well as Jane Midwood and Great Wrating Parish Council for their generosity. A great day for Great Wrating and one that will be remembered with very fond memories.

## Emergency Life Support Skills

**Would you know what to do if someone:-**

- has a heart attack?
- suffers a stroke?
- stops breathing?

*Another chance to*

**Come along to a free workshop at Great Bradley Village Hall to learn some emergency life support skills.**



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
7pm - 9pm**



**Refreshments will be served!**

**Sponsored by British Heart Foundation  
To book your place contact Wendy Mansfield on  
01440 783358.**

The brownies have recently enjoyed the Linton District campfire. An event where all the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in the district get together and sing campfire songs and eat hotdogs!!! Held at the Jarman Centre in Newmarket, it happens once a year and is quite a recent thing as it has only been going on for the last two years. We hope that it will carry on providing the entertainment and excitement that all our Brownies love.

If you would like to find out more about the Jarman centre which is owned by Girlguiding Cambridgeshire East visit [www.cambseastguides.org.uk](http://www.cambseastguides.org.uk)

We meet weekly in Brinkley during the school term. Brownies is for girls aged 7 to 10 if anyone would like more information please contact:- Margaret Whalley 01638 716939



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 – Symon Watts	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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.  
View The Village Link online at [www.littlethurlow.org](http://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 Wrattling 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 <a href="mailto:gtwrattlingpc@btinternet.com">gtwrattlingpc@btinternet.com</a>	07795007523
If you would like information about joining Great Wrattling Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk. <a href="http://www.parish-council.com/greatwrattlingparishcouncil">www.parish-council.com/greatwrattlingparishcouncil</a>	

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

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

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

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



# Thurlow Tennis Club

*Anyone for tennis?*

Thurlow Tennis Club are seeking new members for 2012-13  
Junior Membership only £10/year  
Family Membership (incl. guests) only £45/year.

For further information contact Andy Quick at  
andyquick01@gmail.com/783070  
or Richard Shipp 07852187734

## All Saints' Church Great Thurlow Musical Event Evening



### Stacks of Sax

Saturday, 8th September 2012  
Tickets now available 783654



### Little Bradley Church Ride



Sunday 22th July 2012

Starting From 8.30am – 12 noon

The Garden Barn, Little Bradley  
Haverhill, Suffolk, CB9 7JG

Approx 10 or 15 MILES countryside and woodland with some optional jumps  
and minimal roadwork

Adults: £18

Children under 16yrs accompanied by a responsible adult: £12

late entries - after 20th July –  
add £2 per rider

Refreshments will be available  
Photographer, first aider, vet and  
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Mirjam Gault, 1 New Cottages, Little Bradley, Haverhill,  
Suffolk, CB9 7JD T: 01440 783756,  
E: roywgault@talktalk.net

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