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The Editor

Dear Readers,

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to Kevin for all he has done for The Village Link and for a very smooth handover of editorial duties. I am very pleased to report that Kevin and Tim are continuing to be involved with The Village Link along with the rest of the regular volunteers.

Welcome to my first issue as Editorial Co-ordinator! Summer is threatening to appear at long last, fingers crossed this means nice weather for all of the local events that are planned over the coming months including the Horseheath Country Fair, Great Bradley Fete and....the Thurlow Fayre which will be upon us before we know it. The categories for the Thurlow Fayre Produce & Craft Show are on page 5 of this issue — please look and start planning your entries! Please also consider if you can help support the Fayre by volunteering on the day, even for an hour or two, all help is greatly appreciated!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who grew plants, baked cakes, donated books, made teas and manned stalls for the Thurlow Hall Open Garden Day in aid of Great Thurlow Church. The weather was glorious and the afternoon was greatly enjoyed **by all. It was a very successful fundraiser and will become an annual event in the Thurlows'** calendar from now on. Thank you!

*Alison — Editor*

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# Thurlow Fayre September 1st 2013 Produce Show

Each year the overall winner of the Thurlow Fayre Produce Show is presented with a commemorative shield which is then passed on to **the next years' winner.**

**This year a new shield will be presented called the 'Archer Shield' in memory of Jane Archer and her father John Archer, both of whom were huge supporters of the Thurlow Fayre and the Produce Show.**

Who will be the lucky winner this year?

TKHeat is once again sponsoring the Produce Show and this year there are new gifts for the children category winners.

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

Good luck everyone!

## Help Please!

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.

## 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

We are still waiting for the start of summer here, along with the rest of the country! Every now and then we get a glimpse of fine weather but then it closes over again and is very cold. None of this is encouraging the crops to grow and the general consensus now is that harvest is probably going to start a week or so later than usual. We have, however, managed to get some of our hay crop cut, dried and baled over the last week and we look to get the main hay crop finished in the next 10 days.

One major task being undertaken at the moment is the track maintenance around the farm in preparation for the harvest. This is particularly important now that the farm uses, where possible, lorries to haul the grain from the field to the store rather than tractors and trailers. This is a much quicker operation but it does mean that the tracks have to be made suitable for road vehicles.

Otherwise general maintenance and preparations continue for the harvest.

Hunt

The terrier racing at Lark Hall was very well attended with over two hundred people through the gate.

The annual Puppy Show at The Kennels was very successful with the judges deciding that Fathom, walked by Mr and Mrs Burton, was the best dog and Favour was not only the best bitch but also won the outright title of Best Hound.

The Huntsman will be taking the Thurlow Hounds to the Festival of Hunting at Peterborough on the 17<sup>th</sup> July and they are also going to be parading at the Horseheath Country Fair on the 7<sup>th</sup> July, which is a new event at Horseheath Racecourse.

Property

Both the external redecorations programme and the larger renovations projects throughout the Estate are progressing well, with all contractors looking to keep to their projected completion dates.

This means that there will be three newly renovated 3 or 4 bedroom properties within Great Thurlow that will be available for rent in the next few months. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to call the Estate Office on 01440 783 661.

## Shoot

The relocation of three of the release pens is reaching its conclusion, Ted and his helpers have built these pens in new locations which are better suited in terms of access and also the welfare of the birds. Repair works are also taking place on the existing pens to make them vermin proof. The water drinker systems have been cleaned down and are now being placed back into the pens. All of this work is in preparation for the arrival of the pheasant poults at the end of July.

## Woods

Thinning operations are currently underway in three woods on the Estate. The aim of this work is to take some of the trees out therefore breaking up the canopy and allowing light through onto the floor of the wood. This in turn encourages seeds that have lain dormant, sometimes for many years, to germinate and grow, eventually forming a thick ground cover, an ideal location for the resident wildlife.

We are now taking orders for when we recommence deliveries in mid July so please call the Estate Office on 01440 783 661 to order your delivery of hard or soft wood.

## Other

The annual Countryside Foundation for Education day, which was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> June was a resounding success and hopefully the children who visited the Estate found the day interesting and informative. What they actually really liked was watching the foresters fell a large tree or clambering all over the combine harvesters!

## And Finally ...

A young boy enters the barber shop and Bill the barber whispers to his customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you."

The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?"

The boy takes the quarters and leaves. "What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns! He's got to be the dumbest kid in the world".

Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store. "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?"

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*Vicky Hogg, Thurlow CE VCP School*

## REVISED BUS SERVICES IN SUFFOLK

We have been advised that there are changes to some of the bus services in Suffolk. These services will change / commence by the end of June and early July 2013.

Downloadable PDF timetables for the affected services can be found on the Suffolk county website by clicking on the appropriate month at <http://www.suffolkonboard.com/timetables-and-leaflets/passenger-transport-service-changesor> by telephoning 0845 606 6171. Please note that these pages are frequently being updated to include new timetables and service change summaries so it is advised that you check this page regularly.

## 1st Burrough Green Brownies

**Last month we spent an evening at the Jarman Centre as part of the Jarman Centres' 25<sup>th</sup>** Birthday badge. For another part of this challenge badge we had to raise money for the Jarman Centre. The Brownies were each given a tube of Smarties (which they could eat!). The Brownies then had several weeks to fill the Smartie tubes up with coins that they had been given by doing good turns around the home. They managed to raise the amazing amount of £60.92!

We have also started work on the Anglia 13 challenge badge. As part of this, our local vicar, Reverend Pauline, very kindly came to visit the unit to talk about Fairtrade. The Brownies enjoyed tasting the Fair Trade products.

Eleven of the Brownies recently went on a day out, organised by the county, at Scotsdales Garden Centre, the event was called Sunflower Safari. There were lots of other Brownies **there from all over the county and everybody achieved their gardener's badge. It was** greatly enjoyed by all.

As you know the Brownies have been working hard to learn some new songs for the district campfire. It paid off! They all sang beautifully and enjoyed it immensely.

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

*Amanda Davies 01440 783803*

## 1st Brinkley Rainbows

Rainbows also meet weekly in Brinkley during the school term. Rainbows is for girls aged 5 to 7. If you would like more information please contact

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Thurlow WI met on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. Ann Tipper welcomed 12 members and one visitor who we hope will join us. Ann gave out notices of events but there were no takers. She then welcomed our speaker Amanda Sutherland.

Amanda told of her life in fashion, an interest which began at school. She studied at the London College of Fashion and won student of the year. Jobs followed at the Royal Opera House, London and in West End Shows mixing with the stars. She then started making jewellery and now has her own business and she had lots of her items on show. Members had fun trying on hats, another of her own designs, and the necklaces and tiaras - a very successful evening and a speaker to be recommended!

**Winners in the draw were Janice Klimcke and our guest Karen. Next month's meeting is the Garden Meeting at Willow Hall, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm start.**

*Iris Eley—Little Thurlow Reporter*

Almost the final newsletter of our school year. In fact the Year 6 pupils will have left by the time the next is due!

The Year 6, as I write this, are sat on a coach coming back from a week at an activity centre in Norfolk- Kingswood .Great energy-burning fun - caving, aeroball, abseiling, karting, Laser zone and a really well used sweet shop!

Year 5 have spent 2 days at the Samuel Ward Academy with other schools, working on D.T and sporting activities, whilst Class 3 have been to Dalham stud and Class 2 to Linton Zoo.

As a whole school we had special activities to help us learn about the Holy Trinity. We aim to have some more focussed activity days next year.

Our pool is now open but it is a bit burrrrrrr! See you at the School Fete on July 13th, where our maypole dancers will give their first performance!



## July – August 2013 Church Services

		Date	Day	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
Monthly Church Service Rota	7th July	Sun	9:30 HC Kedington	10:00 SotW Great Wrattling	11:00 HC Little Thurlow		
	14th July	Sun	9:30 HC Barnardiston	9:30 SotW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley		
	21st July	Sun	10:00 HC Great Wrattling				
	28th July	Sun	8:00 HC Kedington	9:30 HC Little Bradley	11:00 HC Great Thurlow	18:00 ES Kedington	
	4th August	Sun	9:30 HC Kedington	10:00 SotW Great Wrattling	11:00 HC Little Thurlow		
	11th August	Sun	9:30 SotW Barnardiston	10:00 SotW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley		

## What's On!

		Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
Dates For Your Diary!	July	7th	Sun	10:00	Horseheath Country Fair	Horseheath Racecourse	www.thurlowhunt.co.uk	
	July	7th	Sun	14:00	Great Bradley Fete	Great Bradley Hall		
	July	9th	Tue	19:00	WI Garden Meeting	Willow Hall Great Thurlow		
	July	10th	Wed	19:30	Great Thurlow Parish Council Meeting	Thurlow Village Hall		
	July	13th	Sat	TBA	School Fete	Thurlow School		
	July	16th	Tue	19:30	Little Thurlow Parish Council Meeting	Thurlow Village Hall		

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The library is a great place for the community to come together to share information and even if **you can't get to your nearest library easily, it can come to you!**

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You can also access and browse the full library catalogue from [www.suffolklibraries.co.uk](http://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk) and **we even offer access to a range of free eBooks and eAudio books. It's free and easy to sign up** to be a library user and if you have any queries about any of our services or activities you can find plenty of information on our website or call Suffolk Libraries Direct on 01473 584563.

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## THE RECTOR WRITES

It all depends how you look at things. The story is told of a clergyman who, having just arrived at a Christian conference centre, returned to the reception desk looking somewhat concerned, and told the receptionist that there was a problem. "Sir," she replied "we do not have problems, only opportunities." "Call it what you like," he said, "but there's a woman in my room!" Many a true word is spoken in jest, and I can recall one occasion some years ago when something similar happened at the clergy conference, as two conferences had booked in, and overbooking meant that several male clergy found themselves unwittingly sharing rooms with members of the Mothers' Union. The 'problem' could only be solved by those clergy who lived near enough to the conference centre going home at night instead of staying there.

Many hands are supposed to "make light work", but on the other hand "too many cooks spoil the broth". Popular wisdom suggests that it is good policy to "look before you leap", but then some would say that "he who hesitates is lost". Which policy we follow probably depends upon the type of person we are, and how we look at life. Optimists see the best in everything and look upon a glass as half-full, whilst pessimists see only a glass which is half-empty and expect the worst. Some people may find it easier than others to make the most of what happens in life. I seem to recall a song from a film about always looking "on the bright side of life".

Our lives are shaped by the kind of person we are, and the choices we made, whether for right or wrong, for better or for worse, earlier in our lives. Sometimes we may wish we had made other choices and speculate as to how our lives might then have turned out. We may glimpse another kind of life and dream of doing something different. Of course it's easier with hindsight to say "I wish now that I'd done things differently". For some life may be an apparently endless search for fulfilment, whilst others may feel that they have achieved a level of contentment and the degree of happiness which they had sought.

One day, a father and his rich family took his young son on a trip to the country, with the firm purpose of showing him how poor people can be. They spent a day and a night at the farm of a very poor family. When they got back from their trip, the father asked the son "How was the trip?" "Very good, dad." "Did you see how poor people can be?" the father asked. "Yeah", said the son. "And what did you learn?" asked the father. The son answered "I saw that we have a dog at home and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden, but they have a river that seems unending. We have imported lamps in the garden, and they have the stars. We have a patio that reaches into the front garden, while they have the whole horizon." When the little boy had finished, his father was speechless. His son added "Thanks, dad, for showing me how poor we are". If we have love, good friends, family, health, good humour and a positive attitude we have everything. Some would want to add faith to the list. We can't buy any of these things. It is possible to have all the material possessions we can imagine, provision for the future and so on, but still not to be truly happy.

We cannot have everything our own way in life, and for many, life will be marked by disappointment, by dreams shattered and hopes dashed. We probably all have at least a few regrets in life, and few will be able to say in the words of that song made popular by Edith Piaf that they regret nothing. Some things that happen in life take a long time to come to terms with. We each have an individual cross to bear. Sometimes as we look back at events in our lives we may have to accept that in our earlier expectations we were being naive or stupid or simply immature. Fanciful maybe, but not realistic. Accepting reality may be a painful and drawn-out process.

I remember coming across the story somewhere of a man who, I think it was in a dream, was met by an angel, who took the cross off his back, pointed to a door and told him that if he went through that door he could choose his own cross to carry. The man went through the door and looked around the room at the crosses which lined the walls. Some were big, some were very big, and some were enormous. Suddenly he spotted a smaller one just propped up against the wall by the entrance door. "Can I take that one?" he asked. "That," said the angel "is the one you've just brought in." Jesus made it clear that following him would not be easy. Christians are called to take up their cross as they follow him. And someone once wrote "Carry your cross; don't drag it along behind you."

Knowing what to do for the best is often difficult at the time and is made no easier by the thought that whatever we decide we shall have to live with the consequences of our actions. Sometimes it may help us if we reflect upon what insights the Bible might have to offer, what guidance might be available. Here too, though we must be careful. For whilst at one point Jesus tells his audience not **be anxious about tomorrow (Matthew chapter 6), he also asks the crowds (in Luke chapter 14) "Which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost...?"** He goes on to ask **"What king, going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?"**

As in our lifetime we have to face up to the cost of our lifestyle choices, so too in eternity we shall be expected to face the consequences of our spiritual and moral choices. Look at the parable of the rich man Dives and the poor man Lazarus in Luke chapter 16, or at the account Jesus gives of the Last Judgment in Matthew 25. They leave us in no doubt about actions and attitudes we may later regret.

*Derek Hollis.*

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...

### *Schooldays*

We had to walk to school from Little Thurlow to Great Thurlow. The two teachers were the daughters of Sam Webb who was a Master Bricklayer. They lived in the house with Sam Webb. Sam worked for my father and was quite a character. In later years, after I had started work at Bury St. Edmunds, I **used to meet Sam in The Queen's Head for a drink and he used to talk to me about brick work and he gave me a lot of tips.** I remember him as a brilliant tradesman.

Things started to buzz when Mr Carter the school master came. He was a very strict disciplinarian and he used to walk from Haverhill to Thurlow every day. He had a beard and wore Norfolk breeches – knickerbockers. He used to take the children on the meadow just opposite the school which is now a recreation ground. Mr Carter sent us out to the meadow to get some samples of buttercups and we were rather attracted to the orchard over the brook where there were lovely red apples. We took much longer than we should have done. When we got back he was at the door and we were **punished, although I can't remember what he hit us with.** I think he put the school on a firm footing – he ought to have come much earlier! The boys thought a lot of him because, although we did not have much in the way of equipment, he would put a few sticks up on the meadow and give us coaching about how to hold a bat. Mr Carter was only there for a few years and was replaced by Miss Linacre.

The main things about my school days were the good friends I had – **one was the policeman's son Billy Hart.** Billy and I used to get into all sorts of scrapes. One memory took place in the summer time – we were both pretty good with a catapult. The game we were playing involved taking an egg out of **Sam Webb's meadow where he kept bees and poultry. We took turns to put an egg in the brook** and as they floated along we used to let fly with the catapult. The game was to see who could smash the most eggs. We were there one Saturday morning and very intent on what we were doing. Suddenly there was a shadow at the back of us and there stood Sam Webb and the policeman. **Poor old Billy, his father thrashed him and I was shut up in the chicken shed so that I couldn't get out.** He didn't thrash me, but when I got home my father got that privilege. It always puzzled me as to how he got to know about it so quickly in the absence of telephones. I remember the two politicians who were fighting for election in those days, Colonel Burton (Conservative) and in opposition Loveseed (Liberal). **The Conservative's colour was blue and Loveseed's was yellow.** While I was still going to school Mrs Pemberton Barnes paid us sixpence each to decorate our bicycles with yellow flowers and ride them through the village which we dutifully did, **although we didn't understand the political aspect.**

*To be continued...*

## MINUTES from LITTLE THURLOW ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 21ST MAY 2013

Apologies for Absence were received from K. Bunting, J. Tipper and T. Barling. Vice Chairman of the Parish Council C. Field took the Chair and welcomed County Councillor Mary Evans, one member of the public, representatives of eight local organisations and four fellow Parish Councillors.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th May 2012 were approved (these having been published in the Village Link and on the village website). There were no Matters Arising.

**Parish Council Chairman's Report, see website. Reports from County Councillor Midwood,** Police and village organisations as follows: WI, Village Link, Thurlow School, Gardening Club, Houghton Charity, Age UK, Thurlow Fayre and Thurlow Sports Club, see website.

There were no contributions from Parishioners.

## LITTLE THURLOW ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 21ST MAY 2013

Keith Bunting will continue as Chairman and Chris Field as Vice Chairman. Other members are Mary Hilton, Jill Steele, Heather Hunt, Chris Lowe and John Tipper.

Matters discussed included pavement repairs, covert speed checks and a broken Rights of Way sign.

It was noted that the Precept for 2013/14 would be £6680. C. Field and the Clerk agreed to attend a Briefing Session on St Edmundsbury BC Rural Vision 2031 and C. Lowe to attend the St Edmundsbury BC Parish Conference.

Full Minutes are available on the joint village website, [www.thethurlows.org.uk](http://www.thethurlows.org.uk).

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 18TH JUNE 2013

Six members attended the meeting and were joined by two members of the public.

Councillors continue to address the matter of speeding traffic through the village and have agreed to investigate the possibility of resurrecting the Community Speed Watch scheme.

The condition of some pavements in the village has caused some concern to parishioners; this to be taken up with SCC.

An increase in HGVs travelling through the village is also causing concern.

It was decided to shelve the proposed installation of Wi-Fi at the Village Hall, due to insufficient interest.

Thurlow Estate has agreed to arrange for the hedge alongside the churchyard extension to be trimmed and in due course will also trim the hedge on the bend on Broad Road to help improve visibility.

## Little Thurlow Parish Council

It was agreed to support the Sports Club by sharing the cost of replacing the bark surrounding the play equipment with Great Thurlow PC. Councillors also reaffirmed their commitment to pay, jointly with Great Thurlow PC, reasonable costs of repair to the play equipment.

The Parish Council will be considering St Edmundsbury BC Rural Vision 2031 with a view to responding to the consultation which ends in August.

Dog fouling - the Parish Council has received complaints about dog fouling in the village, dog bins have been provided around the village - PLEASE USE THEM.

Full Minutes of this meeting will appear on the joint village website and on the Parish Notice Board at the Village Hall.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 16th July 2013 at 7.30 pm.

## Great Thurlow Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of Great Thurlow Parish Council was held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013 having been rescheduled from May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Six councillors were joined by 2 members of the public. Peter Thomas was re-elected as Chairman and Stan Cook as Vice Chair.

The accounts were discussed and approved for submission to the auditors. Reports were received from various organisations within the village, including Thurlow Fayre and Thurlow Sports Committee. The chairman reported on a good year with successful celebrations of the Jubilee, although the continuing problems with speeding remain unsolved. The Chairman thanked Kevin for his work with the Village Link, Allan Loveday for his work throughout the Village and Cllr Jane Midwood for her support of our villages, he wished her well in her retirement.

The meeting was followed by an ordinary meeting of the council. Naomi reported that Thurlow Preschool was urgently seeking a Chairperson. The Council agreed to support the Thurlow Fayre with hire of the toilet facilities.

Conrad and Peter had attended the latest Rural Vision 2013 meeting and reported that Goldings Farm had been re –included in the plan. Tim Barling was able to confirm that although this was the case, The Estate was not applying for any planning permissions to develop this site at the present time.

It was agreed that Great Thurlow Parish Council will now meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of alternate months, commencing on July 10<sup>th</sup>, with further meetings on September 11<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup> 2013.

*Diana Allin— Great Thurlow Parish Clerk*

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Services and Societies in Thurlow	Telephone
Thurlow Village Stores and Post Office – Naomi Sharrod	01440 783214
Thurlow News – Naomi Sharrod	01440 783923
Thurlow Garage – Ray Sharrod	01440 783248
The Cock Inn – Lucy Huelin	01440 783224
Plumbing Services – TKHeat – Kevin Crowson	07966 208794 01440 783654
Parish Clerk – Little Thurlow – Molly Hawkins	01440 783259
Parish Clerk – Great Thurlow – Diana Allin	01440 783560
Thurlow CEVC School – Head Teacher	01440 783281
Thurlow Pre-School – Helen Frost (thurlowpreschool@hotmail.co.uk.)	01440 783688
Thurlow Mother and Toddlers – Claire Yallop and Helen Morley	01440 783975
Thurlow Fayre – Janice Klimcke and Diana Allin	01440 783626 01440 783560
Thurlow Gardening Club – Dawn Abbey	01440 783646
Thurlow Sports Club Secretary – Allan Loveday	01440 707416
Thurlow Village Hall Committee – Janice Klimcke	01440 783626
Thurlow Village Hall Bookings – Diana Allin	01440 783560
Thurlow Womens Institute – President Ann Tipper	01440 783090
Thurlow Tennis Club—Andy Quick	01440 783070

Services and Societies in Great Wratting	Telephone
Neighbourhood Watch – Linda Reading	01440 783376
Red Lion, Great Wratting – George and Linda Sykes	01440 783237
The Great Wratting Book Group – Jean Newlands	01440 783111
The mobile library service stops at Coronation Cottages at 2pm on alternate Monday afternoons.	01440 702638

Emergency	Telephone
Police Response – any officer, non emergency	101
Police Response – Emergency	999
Suffolk Fire Service	01284 558888
UK Network (Electricity) 24 hour Emergency helpline	0800 7838838
Anglian Water 24 hour Emergency Helpline (water/sewage)	08457 145145
British Telecom 24 hour fault reporting	0800 800151
Floodline 24 hour with recorded update	0845 9881188
In case of disaster or village is cut off, go to Thurlow Village Hall. Key Holder is Diana Allin – 89a Hill House, Great Thurlow	01440 783560

Copy deadline, as always is the 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
A mobile library visits the villages on alternate Mondays stopping at Sowley Green 11.30-11.40am, 109 Bury Road, Great Thurlow 11.45-12.10pm and Little Thurlow Green, 1 Coronation Villas 12.45-1.00pm.	
Suffolk Radio – BBC FM 103.9 or 104.6	01473 250000
Refuse Collection	01284 757320
Every Friday early morning – Black bin on week one, blue and brown bin week two alternating	
Environmental Health and Pest Control	01284 757084

Health and Wellbeing	Telephone
Doctors – The Christmas Matings and Clements Practice	08444 773543
Doctors – Selby Practice	01440 702010
Doctors – Stourhead Medical Practice	01440 761177
Chemist – Boots, Haverhill	01440 702058
Chemist – Sainsburys Pharmacy	01440 708043
Chemist – The Co-operative Pharmacy	01440 702079
Hospital – West Suffolk (Bury St Edmunds)	01284 713000
Hospital – West Suffolk Accident and Emergency	01284 713333
Hospital – Addenbrookes (Cambridge)	01223 245151
Vets – Swayne and Partners (Haverhill)	01440 702007
Vets – Lida Vets (Newmarket)	01638 560000
Vets – Hawkedon Veterinary Surgery	01284 789428

Church Wardens	Telephone
St Mary's Church, Great Wratting—Simon Corbett	01440 783698
St Mary's Church, Great Wratting—Ben Stanton	01440 783103
St Peter's Church, Little Thurlow—Robin Vestey	T.B.A.
St Peter's Church, Little Thurlow—Iris Eley	01440 783534
All Saint's Church, Great Thulow—George Vestey	01440 783240
All Saint's Church, Great Thulow—Tim Knappett	01440 783654

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