



Thurlow School's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 1st July 1pm - 4pm

*You are invited to help celebrate 50 years of
Thurlow school.*

*We are holding a music concert from 1pm - 2pm
followed by our Summer Fayre*

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Welcome to the July edition of the Village Link.

Firstly, congratulations to Thurlow School celebrating their 50th anniversary this year! We are all looking forward to the celebrations on July 1st.

We have repeated the categories for the Produce Show for Thurlow Fayre in this issue. I hope you are all growing your entries and planning those baking sessions!

The Outspoken Theatre are once again coming to Great Thurlow Hall for what is always a splendid performance and quite magical evening of Shakespeare in the garden. If you have been on previous years you know you are in for a treat. If you **haven't been before I can promise you a great evening!**

Hope that you all enjoy the many local events this month and that the weather is kind to them all!

Alison

Website

Don't forget to check out the Thurlow website.
Keep looking as the site is updated regularly.
WWW.THETHURLOWS.ORG.UK

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TheVillageLink @TheThurlows.org.uk
View The Village Link Online at www.TheThurlows.org.uk
Copy Deadline 15th Of Each Month

The Outspoken Theatre
present

All's Well That Ends Well

Great Thurlow Hall Gardens
Friday 28th July 2017, 7:00 pm

Adults £12.50, Under 16s free
Bring your own picnic

Tickets available in advance from Alison Coffey 01440 783478
alison.coffey26@gmail.com



Boot Camp

Great Thurlow Recreation Ground

Wednesdays from 12th July

6.30pm - 7.15pm

Contact Terri Starling - 07787395673

£4 pay as you go

Potential for more classes on other days if there is interest

LITTLE THURLOW PARISH COUNCIL

At June's meeting members were joined by the Chairman of Great Thurlow Parish Council and a representative from the Village Hall Committee to receive a presentation from Haverhill, Kedington & Hundon Community First Responders (CFR) on the possible installation of a defibrillator at the Village Hall. Half the cost of this would be met by the CFR. This will be discussed fully at the next Parish Council meetings (*for more details see page 6*).

There was no further progress on the installation of Wi-Fi at the Village Hall, the repair of the loose rail on the foot bridge on Pound Green or the broken Rights of Way sign at The Drift and these matters will be followed up. SCC Highways have agreed to carry out monitoring of traffic on Broad Road. There were no objections to a Planning Application for the felling of a spruce tree at Driftside.

There are still a few places available for the Tour of the Battlefields next June and anyone interested should contact Chris Field.

The date of the next meeting is 18th July 2017.

All Minutes are available on the village website www.thethurlows.org.

Molly Hawkins

Great Bradley Fete

Great Bradley Hall

2 - 4 pm Sunday 2nd July

Hadstock Silver Band - Tower tours

Cream Teas - Barbecue (£3) - Pony Rides - Stalls and Games

Farm Hamper Draw

Fun for all the Family

Entrance by Lucky Programme £1

GREAT WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL

At the Parish Council meeting on 17th May Tim Hayes was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

The Chairman reported BT has agreed to refurbish the telephone box next to the Red Lion later this year. It is currently looking somewhat faded with damaged glazing.

A resident living on the B1061 has written to the Parish Council concerned about the speed of traffic through the village particularly on the north-west side. The Parish Council agreed to ask the County Council to investigate the possibility of whether we can extend the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) to include the hill up Thurlow Road.

Thanks to those residents who came along to the Great Wrattling Annual Parish Meeting on May 24th. Although the turnout has been better, the Meeting received reports from Mary Evans, our County Councillor, Jane Midwood our Borough **Councillor, St Mary's Church, the Village Fete Committee, Suffolk Police, Speed Watch** and the village E-mail Tree. The Vice –Chairman also presented a report **covering the Parish Council's work over the last year.**

Discussion took place regarding the improvement of broadband in the main part of the village but that mobile phone coverage was still patchy around the village dependant on the network provider.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on 19th July 2017 at Rook Tree Barn at 7.45pm.

Keith Turner
Chairman
Great Wrattling Parish Council
gtwrattlingpc@yahoo.co.uk

Thurlow Life - Past and Present Facebook page

follow the link...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/thurlow/>

Haverhill, Kedington & Hundon Community First Responders (CFR)

cPADs

(These explanatory notes on the values of installing a cPAD in Thurlow are edited from a presentation given to Little Thurlow Parish Council, Ed).

The East of England Ambulance Service attend around 7,500 Sudden Cardiac Arrests (SCA) each year. Their target is to reach 75% of patients experiencing SCA within eight minutes of receiving the 999 call. At the moment approximately 15% of these calls take more than eight minutes because of the location of the patient (in a rural area) and other factors. However, many victims of SCA can survive if bystanders act immediately.

The Haverhill, Kedington and Hundon Community First Responders are a group of 15 people who live in Haverhill and the surrounding villages. They are all volunteers and do not receive any payment or expenses.

Their objective is to reach the patient within those first few vital minutes before the ambulance arrives, in order to stabilise the patient and in so doing keep them alive until the more highly skilled ambulance crew arrive. Every minute delay in starting CPR reduces the chance of survival by 10%.

The First Responders were set up in October 2001 to attend cardiac arrests where every second counts. They now also attend many other types of life threatening emergencies. They are trained by, and competencies assessed annually by, the East of England Ambulance service free of charge. The group have to raise funds to purchase the kit carried on a call and to maintain and replace time sensitive equipment.

The fantastic support received from the Haverhill and Kedington council and the general public have allowed the group to maintain equipment and start a project to supply cPADs in Haverhill and Kedington. To date they have raised funds to install four cPADs in Haverhill and one in Kedington. Each cPAD costs about £2,500 to procure and install.

What is a cPAD? A cPAD consists of a special cabinet which is connected to mains electricity and mounted on the outside wall of a building. It contains a defibrillator. Because it is on the outside wall of a building it is available to everyone 24/7. When a person dials 999 and the ambulance controller requests that the cPAD be accessed, the person will be given the key code for the cabinet. During the 999 call the ambulance and First Responder will be sent to the call address.

During a cardiac arrest, the heart stops beating normally and starts twitching abnormally and therefore is unable to pump blood around the body. This is called VF (ventricular fibrillation). Using a defibrillator stops the heart which will then start beating normally after the shock. This is the only way the heart can be made to beat properly after VF so quick use of the defibrillator is important.

When defibrillation is provided within eight minutes of an arrest, the chance of survival increases to 20%. If there is defibrillation within four minutes the chance of survival increases to 40%. cPADs really can save lives.

cPADs are installed by the Haverhill, Kedington and Hundon Community First Responders and are purchased as a managed package from the Heartbeat Trust which is VAT free. Along with the cPAD comes governance software and a single Community Defibrillator seminar. This is for up to 50 people who live in the area of the cPAD. Governance of the cPAD is by the Haverhill, Kedington and Hundon Community First Responders who check and record the status of the cPAD regularly and maintain the cPAD. The cPAD will be registered on the Ambulance Service database.

The defibrillator has a life in excess of 10 years with replacement costs of about £900. The battery in the defibrillator has a life of four years and replacement cost of about £250. The one-use pads have a life of two years with replacement cost of £40. These costs are usually covered by community fund raising events.

The installation and funding of a cPAD is currently under consideration.



Great Wratting Village Fete: Thank you!

On behalf of St Mary's PCC, I write to thank everyone who helped pull off yet another very successful fete. We were blessed with glorious weather (long may it continue) and tremendous community spirit. Many thanks to Patricia and Simon for hosting the event in their wonderful garden and grounds.



The Haverhill Silver Band, once again provided the perfect musical backdrop as cream teas were enjoyed, thirst was quenched with fine ales (thanks to George at the Red Lion) and over 380 visitors browsed the variety of stalls and took part in the activities. New for 2017 was **The Teddy Bears' picnic** which was very well attended by the children.

Many thanks to all volunteers for your hard work and dedication. It is greatly appreciated! As the saying goes, every little helps, so please do consider volunteering for next year. In addition thank you so much to everyone who came, to the fete committee, the generosity of our sponsors and to those who contributed in so many other ways. You know who you are! It is the time of the year when everyone comes together and the fete provides a great community event for one and all to enjoy. We can judge the fete a success on this alone. However, we also raised over £4500, a tremendous sum for such a small village.

You will have seen that the roof has been completed and the next major task to deal with in St Mary's is the interior. **Please do consider attending a service at St Mary's.**

Enjoy the summer and please consider supporting the other fetes and events in the area. They are all for very good causes!

Date for the diary for 2018, Saturday 3rd June. We hope to see you there!

Alan Newlands, Chair, Fete Committee

THURLOW
FAYRE

SUNDAY
3RD

SEPTEMBER

12 - 4pm

Family Fun Day

Admission - Adults £3.00 - Under 16 free

CAR BOOT
from 8 am

**HADSTOCK
SILVER BAND**

CRAFT & FOOD FAIR

PRODUCE SHOW

TEA TENT

BEER FESTIVAL
Saturday & Sunday

CLASSIC CARS

MAIN RING ATTRACTIONS



Belchamp Morris Men



Gemma's Farm
Sheep Racing



'Out on a Wing'
Falconry Display



Fire and Ice
Majorettes

ALSO **LISA MASON**



SCHOOL OF DANCE

Skipathon
Hula Hoop Challenge
Guess the Weight of Logs



OTHER ATTRACTIONS

Gemma's Petting Farm * Reptile Tent

Static Bird Display * Fun Dog Show

Obstacle Course * Giant Slide * Bungee Trampoline

Swing Boats, * Zorb Balls * Pony Rides * Bottle Stall

Thurlow History Display

www.thurlowfayre.org.uk

Nature note: changing names

I was walking past one of the big rape fields that dominate much of our countryside now when I heard a familiar song coming from the middle of the crop. A familiar song but in an unfamiliar place. A bird with a jet-black head and a dazzling white collar was intoning a rather tuneless jingle from the top of a tall stem. It was a reed bunting (a very handsome bird, but a strong candidate for Britain's worst songster). You do still get reed buntings in reedy areas, but as our wetlands have been drained and contracted in size they have spread out to drier habitats as well. It's an example of how birds adapt to the changing environment. They ought really to be called 'field buntings' now, especially as we've largely lost the corn buntings that used to thrive in cereal crops. Marsh harriers too often nest in arable crops these days, while marsh tits have become birds of woodland.

It got me thinking about other cases where a bird has somehow outlived its name. We lost the corncrake as a breeding bird around here over 100 years ago and they are now largely confined to the Outer Hebrides. You won't find any garden warblers in your garden either, that is, unless you're lucky enough to have gardens with an extensive shrubbery. Nor do linnets any longer need a crop of linseed to keep them going. Meanwhile, the poor old sparrow-hawks can't any longer survive on a diet of house sparrows, which have gone into a steep decline, despite the massive expansion of house-building programmes. Nor could herring gulls still manage on the depleted herring stocks off the East coast (our so-called 'seagulls' have become city scavengers). The barn owls have become very short of old barns to nest in and they should probably be re-named box owls, since they now tend to occupy the splendid five-star owl-boxes local communities have thoughtfully installed.

In some other cases, it's an expansion not a decline that has rendered an old name misleading. Chaffinches don't just scabble around for grains in the chaff of a threshing floor any more. And thanks to the current regime of winter sowings on which they can gorge, the population of wood pigeons has exploded way beyond woodlands and they now occupy every copse, hedgerow and even garden tree they can commandeer.

Some names never made sense to start with, however. Mute swans are far from silent, as you'll know if you get close enough to provoke their threatening hisses and growls. The common gull isn't at all common most of the year in England. And the oystercatcher doesn't enjoy such an exclusively gourmet menu. The meanings of other names are buried deep in their etymology. 'Pheasant', for example, literally means 'the bird of Phasis', a river near the Black Sea, from where they were supposed to have come into Europe.

It all reminds one of Humpty Dumpty's dictum in *Alice in Wonderland*: 'When I use a word it means just what I choose it to mean.'

Jeremy Mynott
Lavender Cottage
10 June 2016



Celebrate the heroes in your community!

Nominations are now open for the Community Action Suffolk Awards 2017 (supported by Birketts Solicitors), which recognise the volunteers, communities and young people making an impact on the lives of people in Suffolk. Eight awards will be presented to individuals and organisations in Suffolk, from Village Hall or Community Building of the Year to the Outstanding Contribution to Volunteering award. If you know of someone, or an organisation making a real difference, you have until Friday 21 July 2017 to make your nomination via the CAS website: www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/awards.

Freckenham Village Hall, near Mildenhall, won the 2016 Village Hall or Community Building of the Year award. **Jane Leitch, Secretary to the Trustees at the Hall, said: "It is so lovely to be recognised** for the hard work and occasional sleepless nights! The Hall will be 20 years old in 2017 and we have come a long way from just having a Mother & Toddler group or the occasional bingo session, lunch or **outing to the seaside!" The Hall Committee consists of a dedicated group of enthusiastic volunteers** who ensure an inclusive, active programme of events including farmers markets, film nights, exercise classes and live entertainment. They work hard to make the building more sustainable, having installed solar panels and upgraded the lighting system to save energy, and with plans to install a more energy efficient heating system.

Judith Gunion won an award in 2016 for her volunteering achievements, giving her time to many **local, national and international events. Judith said: "I can't believe I'm stood here inspiring others,** when only a few years ago I was just one of 270,000 people who applied to be a London 2012 Gamesmaker. Volunteering is a fantastic way of learning that you can push your boundaries. You will learn from it, grow from it and in time you will pass on those skills to others. So take the first step. **Start small and then let the world be your oyster".**

The eight CAS Awards are:

The Anne Dunford OBE award for Youth Participation

The Roddy Macleod award for Youth Club of the Year

The Andrew Towers award for Young Person of the Year

The Colonel Probert award for Community Initiative

The Ian Campbell MBE award for Individual Initiative

The Village Hall / Community Building award (supported by CAS Insurance Services)

Outstanding Contribution to Volunteering (supported by My CharityGuard)

Event Organiser of the Year (supported by Larking Gowen)

Awards will be presented at CAS's Annual Celebration event on 26 September 2017 at the Museum of East Anglian Life. Visit www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/awards for more information and to make your nominations.

Ben Matthews

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THURLOW WI

We arrived for our June meeting to find three models dressed in Tudor costume on show. Our speaker, Jacqueline Norman, gave a brief history of these costumes all made by her and then proceeded to dress member Karen Canterford up in the many layers of clothing worn in those times, explaining all the time what each item was made of and how your clothing displayed your wealth.

Members have been out and about since the last meeting. Two members attended the Spring Concert organised by the Music and Drama Committee; five members had attended the Group meeting in Clare. Helen Bennett reported on the meeting in Clare and Iris Eley reported on the WI AGM held in Liverpool.

Four members will go to the flower arranging demonstration at Woolpit in July where **Molly Hawkins will create the Thurlows' entry in the competition.**

Winners in the monthly draw were Jill Kodwell, Molly, Kate Griffiths and Iris.

We meet next month on the 11th July at 7:30 pm in the village hall.

Iris Eley

The Peter & Ruth Lloyd Trust Award

Although later than previously, we are now inviting applications for pupils starting university in September 2017. A scholarship is awarded each year and the amount is approximately £800. Broadly speaking the degree course should be from one of the following: Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Sciences, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.

The applicant must be living in one of the following parishes, Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow, West Wickham, Carlton cum Willingham, West Wrating, Weston Colville and Withersfield. The award is intended to be of assistance in the purchase of books, materials, equipment etc. Final decision and award will be made immediately after 'A' Level/Baccalaureate results and University offer are known.

**For an application form please apply via email to:
jonathan.drury@sky.com**

The application form and supporting documents must be returned by 2nd July 2017. Candidate interviews will then follow on 19th August.

*For further information about the trust and award please contact:
Jonathan Drury 01223 290968.*



Burrough Green Playgroup

Burrough Green Playgroup is now enrolling for September 2017. We provide an outstanding pre-school education for children between two and a half years old to five years old. Burrough Green Playgroup is set in the beautifully restored 17th Century schoolhouse in the grounds of Burrough Green Primary School.

There is a warm, friendly atmosphere with very experienced staff. With strong links to Burrough Green school, playgroup provides the children with a wonderful start to their education.

We are open Monday - Friday 08:45-15:15, providing morning, afternoon and full day sessions.

Please feel free to join us for our open morning on Wednesday 5th July 9:30 - 11:00

To enrol your child for September 2017 please contact us.

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<http://burroughgreenplaygroup.weebly.com>

Prayer needs and home Communion

If you are in need of prayer, or are aware of someone who needs to be included in prayer, please contact the Rector.

There is no need to go into detail and no-one will be mentioned by name in intercessions unless they give their permission but you can be assured that you or the person you bring forward will be prayed for. The same applies if you, or someone you **know, hasn't been able to come to Communion because of illness and would like to** receive. In these cases you can still be included by the Rector or a member of the ministry team bringing Communion to you in your home.

For all pastoral matters please contact Rev. Derek Hollis on 01440 763066.

Burrough Green Brownies

Eagle Owl will be jetting off to Romania in July where she will lead an international trip for members of the Girlguiding Senior Section. Whilst in Romania the girls will help at a summer school for local children.

To inspire our girls and highlight what they can achieve in their Girlguiding journey we have completed lots of Romanian based activities so far this term including making a Romanian flag bead brooch; decorating a rooster plate; playing a Romanian true or false game and have yet to complete an activity on Romanian dress. The girls have also been collecting donations of toys, toiletries, clothing and more for Eagle Owl to give to the local Romanian children.

We are hoping the weather will be kind to us during the second half of summer term as we are planning to complete our Out and About badge. Within the District we will also be taking part in the annual Strawberry Evening, all section campfire at the Jarman Centre in Newmarket and a Rainbow and Brownie Fun Day. Rain or shine, it promises to be a busy and exciting term.

If you have a daughter or know of someone who would like to join us, we meet on a Thursday evening during term time and take girls from the ages of 7 to 10. To find out more, please contact Amanda Davies on 07712 761983.



Anyone for Tennis?

Come and play tennis at Thurlow Tennis Club. Membership is now available for the 2017 season at

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/thurlowtennisclub/join>

Family (including guests) £59.50; Adult £28.50; Junior £18.50

For further info contact: thurlowtennis@gmail.com

Great Thurlow Hall Summer Open Day

This year marked the 60th year of the opening of the gardens at Great Thurlow Hall on behalf of the National Garden Scheme (NGS), itself in its 90th year.

The 260 visitors to the opening on the June 4th were rewarded with warm sunshine and beautiful displays in the borders of the glorious gardens. Welcome refreshments in the form of tea and home-made cakes were available in the church and enjoyed outside at the front of the house.

All had a great afternoon out and raised over £1000 for the NGS from the gate and over £500 from the teas for Great Thurlow Church.



George Plumtre, Chief Executive of the NGS presented a beautiful Ginkgo Biloba tree and commemorative plaque to George Vestey to express the gratitude of the NGS to the Vestey family for their support and funds raised over the years.

Countryside Learning Day

Since 2004 we have hosted an annual open day, in conjunction with a charitable organisation called Countryside Learning, where we open up the Estate so that groups of local school children can come and see what we do and hopefully learn a bit about rural life and agriculture.

The mission of the Countryside Learning is a simple one. It is to educate, inform and inspire children, parents and teachers, so that they can enjoy and appreciate the countryside while having a greater understanding of the wide range of issues surrounding it.

Recently these open days have developed into quite large events with 150 – 200 school children from 3 or 4 different schools descending en masse onto the Estate – this takes quite a bit of managing to ensure that everyone is in the right place at the right time and I am delighted to say we haven't lost any children yet!



Countryside Learning acts as a link to a national infrastructure whereby teachers and their pupils can visit and study skilled workers in their workplace, using the knowledge gained and extra resource facilities available through Countryside Learning to take back to the classroom to enhance the school curriculum.

We try to show them some of the different elements of Estate life. They will go and visit the farmers where they are taught about the life cycle of crops and how we cultivate and harvest them and then importantly, what those crops go on to be made into, they will also learn about livestock husbandry and are shown both cows and sheep.

Additionally the children also get to see how the gamekeepers and pest controllers work and how they are preserving the local natural habitats of birds and animals alike. They also get to experience a unique insight into the Thurlow Hunt and how the Kennels operate. This part of the day offers the children a chance to look at lots of lovely hound puppies and pheasant chicks but might also give them some insight into the slightly harsher world of pest control and species management.



Finally the children get to come into the woods and learn about the life cycle of trees, biodiversity within woodlands and what our trees can be made into once they are felled. They also get to watch a tree being chopped down which they think is amazing.

Thurlow Fayre Produce Show FREE ENTRY

The Produce & Craft Show is open to everyone visiting the fayre and we are particularly **looking to encourage those of you who haven't entered before!**

Points are awarded for first, second and third place and the overall show winner will be **presented with the 'Archer Shield 2016'.**

Here are the categories, further details on how to enter on the day will follow in next **month's Village Link.**

Entries for all categories are for both adults and children except where stated. Unless **otherwise stated children's entries will be judged in the following age groups: up to 7yrs, 8 - 12 years, 13 - 16 years**

Categories for entries:

Vegetables:

- 4 runner beans
- Longest runner bean
- 4 potatoes
- 4 onions
- 4 carrots
- Longest carrot
- 4 beetroots
- Heaviest marrow
- 2 courgettes
- 4 tomatoes
- 4 peppers or chillies of mixed or same colour
- 2 cucumbers
- Most exotic fruit or vegetable

Fruit:

- 4 soft fruit (can be mixed or same fruit) (for example, raspberries, strawberries, blackberries, gooseberries etc)
- 4 apples
- 4 pears
- 4 mixed fruit

Flowers:

- Bunch of tied herbs, minimum of 3 different varieties
- 4 roses
- Vase of mixed flowers
- Posy of flowers - for children 12 and under only

Home Produce:

- Jar of marmalade
- Jar of stoned fruit jam or jelly
- Jar of soft fruit jam or jelly
- Jar of chutney or pickle
- Jar of pickled vegetables
- 4 bread rolls
- 4 eggs
- 4 scones, plain or fruit - women only
- Lemon drizzle cake - men only
- 4 decorated cupcakes - for children 12 and under only

Handicrafts:

- A hand-knitted item
- An item of hand-made jewellery
- An piece of needlework ie cross-stitch / embroidery / tapestry
- Work of art, any medium
- Photograph taken of local area
- Picture of any animal - for children 12 and under only
- A hand-written decorated poem, maximum eight lines (can be original or copied) - to be judged on handwriting and decoration - for children 12 and under only

In addition we will have a children's craft category to be completed during the Produce Show, details to follow!

Any questions please contact Alison Coffey (01440 783478) or Joanna Field (01440 783697)

Good luck to all!

Here's what you had to say about Bury St Edmunds town centre

More than 5000 individual comments, made in response to public engagement on the future of Bury St Edmunds town centre, have now been published online. Earlier this year, residents, town centre workers, shoppers, students and visitors were all asked to give their views on the issues that face Bury St Edmunds town centre both now and in the future, and how they may be addressed. This was the first stage of developing a masterplan for the town centre.

The aims of the masterplan are to ensure that the town centre is equipped to accommodate and coordinate the future growth not just of Bury St Edmunds but of the wider local area that it serves, so that it continues to be successful at meeting the needs of residents and visitors by providing a strong mix of retail, culture, leisure and social activity. The masterplan will also set the guidelines and framework for future development in the town centre so it is accomplished in a joined up approach that is based on what the town wants and needs.

A mass public engagement exercise was held to encourage people to give their views which could then be considered when the draft town centre masterplan is shaped. The outcome saw 1143 people and community-based groups and organisations take part in a Bury St Edmunds survey. Those surveys have now been collated and the suggestions recorded.

The top three issues highlighted by those who took part in the survey were the need to:

- Preserve the unique local identity and character of the town centre (76%)
- Preserve and enhance the historic buildings and spaces (68%)
- Improve the links between the arc shopping centre and the old town centre (55%)

People were also asked what they would like to see more of in the town centre and the following ranked as the most popular:

- Independent shops (80%)
- Cultural events and facilities (54%)
- Independent cafes and restaurants (45%)

When it came to housing, the majority (58%) said they would like to see housing that is affordable – although 15% said they would prefer to see no more town centre housing at all. Less than half (47%) want more car parking but 60 percent did call for more attractive pedestrian and cycle routes in and around the town centre and just under three quarters (71%) said they would like improved access to green and open spaces.

The questionnaire included white boxes which offered a chance for people to write in more detail. In total 5857 suggestions for improvements across the town centre were made. The top ten reoccurring suggestions called for:

- More seating and social meeting areas
- Pedestrianisation of parts of the town centre
- Better routes for cyclists and pedestrians into and around the town
- Better pavements
- More planters, trees and floral displays
- Park and ride or similar facility
- More toilets
- More bins
- A better bus service
- Improved pedestrian safety

Last week members of the working group joined people with a range of disabilities for a tour of the town centre. The aim of the tour was to listen to and understand better the accessibility issues that they face as they move around the town centre. The feedback from that tour, alongside the comments received in the issues and options questionnaire are now being used to shape the draft masterplan that comes forward.

Cllr Alaric Pugh, chairman of the Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Masterplan Working Group **said: "The future of the town centre is being co-produced by all that have taken part in this engagement so far, and who take part in the next stage.**

"The masterplan is about recognising change, population growth, new demands, new technologies and understanding how we keep our town successful amid all these things while at the same time looking at what we must keep, what we value, the town's identity and what we need to take forward with us and do our best to preserve as we deal with the challenges ahead.

"I would like to say a big thank you to all who have taken part so far by filling in the issues and options questionnaire. Work is now underway on the draft masterplan which will incorporate the comments and views that we have received. There will be more news on how you can have your say on the draft masterplan in the coming weeks so watch this space."

A report to next Tuesday's Cabinet meeting including an appendix with all comments made can be found here:

<https://democracy.westsuffolk.gov.uk/documents/g3594/Public%20reports%20pack%20Tuesday%2027-Jun-2017%2017.00%20St%20Edmundsbury%20Cabinet.pdf?T=10>

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July - August 2017 Church Services

Date	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
Sun 2nd July	09:30 HC Little Bradley	09:30 SOTW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Thurlow		
Sun 9th July	09:30 SOTW Barnardiston	09:30 SOTW Kedington	11:00 SOTW Great Bradley		
Sun 16th July	10:00 HC Benefice Great Bradley				
Sun 23rd July	08:00 HC Kedington	09:30 HC Little Thurlow	11:00 HC Great Wrating	18:00 ES Kedington	
Sun 30th July	10:00 HC Benefice Little Wrating				
Sun 6th Aug	09:30 HC Kedington	11:00 HC Great Thurlow			
Sun 13th Aug	09:30 HC Barnardiston	09:30 SOTW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley		

Monthly Church Service Rota

The Benefice service rota is also provided online at http://stourheadbenefice.org/Stourhead_Benefice/Service_Rota.html

What's On!

Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
July	1st	Sat	16:00 to 02:00	Wild Wood Disco	Horseheath Racecourse	
July	1st	Sat	13:00 to 16:00	Thurlow School 50th Anniversary Celebration	Thurlow School	
July	2nd	Sun	14:00 to 16:00	Great Bradley Fete	Great Bradley Hall	
July	11th	Tue	19:30	WI meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	
July	13th	Thur	19:00	Thurlow Fayre Meeting	The Cock Little Thurlow	01440783478
July	18th	Tue	19:30	LTPC Meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	
July	19th	Wed	11:45 to 12:10	Mobile library	109 Bury Road Great Thurlow	01473 263838
July	19th	Wed	12.45 to 13:05	Mobile library	Thurlow Sports Club Little Thurlow	01473 263838
July	19th	Wed	14:00 to 14:20	Mobile library	Coronation Cottages GW	01473 263838
July	19th	Wed	19:45	GW Parish Council meeting	Rook Tree Barn	
July	28th	Fri	19:00	Outspoken Theatre Shakespeare in the Garden	Great Thurlow Hall	01440 783478

Dates For Your Diary!

The Rector Writes

On the top of the upright piano in the sitting-room of my parents' house in Leicester there used to be a photograph of my mother standing outside the White House in Washington D.C. It used to be the custom whenever the building appeared on T.V. for one or other of **my parents to point to the screen and say "Been there!" This was the case not just for the White House** but any other place they recognised from their (somewhat limited) travels. I have been known on occasions to point to the screen when the door of 10 Downing Street has appeared, and to say, just like them "Been there!" Many years ago I was invited to London for interview by the Ecclesiastical Office of the Lord Chancellor. He is patron of hundreds of benefices up and down the land, and his Ecclesiastical Office was at that time situated in 10 Downing Street. I think the office has moved now. Number ten itself was a bit of a disappointment when I arrived as all the carpets were covered up with druggets, and the artworks had been removed from the walls as the building was having new anti-terrorist windows put in. So, the gentleman at the door pointed out, I was not seeing it at its best! In fact, after walking through that famous black door, I recall being led by my interviewer through a maze of corridors and security doors and eventually being told "We're now in Whitehall", where the interview took place in one of the Cabinet committee rooms.

The words "Been there" are nowadays almost invariably followed in common parlance by the words "done that, got the tee-shirt", meaning that the speaker can identify with the experience, because he or she too has visited that place or, metaphorically, has experienced the same feelings.



The picture shows mum and dad not at the White House but at Balmoral Castle. I think I was about 11 at the time and we were in Scotland on holiday. I took this photo with my **first ever camera! Scanned from a negative, this picture was showing its age, but I've cloned out the worst of the damage!**

July for many brings the excitement of summer holidays. My favourite destination has long been Austria, and there are some hotels there I've been back to on three or more occasions. I particularly love the Austrian Tirol. I've stayed several times in Pfunds, coming back to find I am no longer in funds! I know that on the second occasion I went there, there was a degree of surprise expressed by some of my fellow travellers on the coach when they discovered that I had been there before, on the same tour in the previous year. In fact I went back to the same hotel in Kirchberg for three years running. And some people go to Blackpool every year for thirty years or more, so what's so very strange about going back to the same hotel in Austria?

The hotel in Pfunds in which I have stayed in three times is a very welcoming hotel. On the night of our arrival we were greeted by the Austrian owner of the hotel, and again on the evening before we left he came around to each of our tables at dinner and shook us each firmly by the hand. "If you've enjoyed it," he said, in perfect English, "tell your friends. If you haven't, keep it to yourself!"

The buffet breakfast at the hotel had to be seen to be believed. There was a choice of cereals, varieties of bread, and different jams and cold meats, and for those who want them, boiled eggs, sausage and bacon. The evening meal was a four course meal, with a starter followed by soup, a main course accompanied by a buffet side salad, a sweet and tea or coffee. There was as much as I could eat. When my fellow travellers saw the food on offer they began to say that they knew why I had wanted to come back!

For us as Christians, our faith is something we should want to share. If we believe that in our faith we have found something valuable and something which gives purpose and hope in a mixed up world, then we should be eager to tell others about it and not just keep it to ourselves. Just as the tour operators rely on recommendation and word-of-mouth to help to sell their holidays, so Christianity needs the recommendation and example of Christians in order to propagate and spread through society. The incarnation, when God became human for our sakes, means that God knew what it was to be human. Jesus, fully God and fully man, in his short life, experienced the entire range of human. Wherever we are, spiritually, we have the assurance of knowledge that Jesus has been there first. Even in death we have the knowledge that Jesus died and was miraculously raised from the dead to new life on Easter Day. We believe that through him, we too have the offer of new life, life with God in heaven. When Bishop Warren Chandler faced death he was asked "Do you dread to cross the river of death?" He replied "My Father owns the land on both sides of the river: why should I fear?"

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Services and Societies in Thurlow	Telephone
Thurlow Garage – Ray Sharrod	01440 783248
The Cock Inn	01440 783224
Parish Clerk – Little Thurlow – Molly Hawkins	01440 783259
Parish Clerk – Great Thurlow – Diana Allin	01440 783560
Thurlow CEVC School – Head Teacher	01440 783281
Tiddly Tots – Zoe Hunt Wednesdays 10 am - 12 noon during term time	078911 46931
Thurlow Fayre – Alison Coffey	01440 783478
Thurlow Gardening Club – Dawn Abbey	01440 783646
Thurlow Sports Club Secretary – Allan Loveday	01440 707416
Thurlow Village Hall Committee – Ros Bunting	01440 783528
Thurlow Village Hall Bookings – Diana Allin Email: thurlovillagehall@gmail.com	01440 783560
Thurlow Womens Institute – President Dawn Abbey	01440 783646
Thurlow Tennis Club—Andy Quick	01440 783070

Services and Societies in Great Wrattling	Telephone
Neighbourhood Watch — Clare Egluff	07780724798
Red Lion, Great Wrattling – George and Linda Sykes	01440 783237
The Great Wrattling Book Group – Jean Newlands	01440 783111
Great Wrattling Email Tree — Dawn Fisk— dawn.fisk@btinternet.com	01440 783993
The mobile library service stops at Coronation Cottages from 2.00 to 2.20 pm every 4 weeks, on Wednesday afternoons	01440 702638

Emergency	Telephone
Police Response – any officer, non emergency	101
Police Response – Emergency	999
Suffolk Fire Service	01284 558888
UK Network (Electricity) 24 hour Emergency helpline	0800 7838838
UK Power Networks - in case of power cuts	105
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

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
St Edmundsbury Borough Council	01284 763233
St Edmundsbury Borough Council (Haverhill office)	01440 702271
County Councillor – Mary Evans	01284 789478
Suffolk County Council General Enquiries	08456 066067
District Councillor - Jane Midwood	01440 820360
Age UK - 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 every 4 weeks on a Wednesday stopping at Sowley Green, 150 Bury Road from 11:30-11:40 am; Great Thurlow, 109 Bury Road from 11:45-12:10 pm; Little Thurlow, Thurlow Sports Club from 12:45-13:05 pm and Great Wratting, Coronation cottages from 14:00 –14:20 pm.	01473 263838
Suffolk Radio – BBC FM 103.9 or 104.6	01473 250000
Refuse Collection Bin collection is every Friday morning alternating between black and brown bins one week and blue bins on their own the next.	01284 757320
Environmental Health and Pest Control	01284 757084
Health and Wellbeing	Telephone
Doctors – The Christmas Maltings and Clements Practice	01440 269366
Doctors – Selby Practice	01440 702010
Doctors – Haverhill Family Practice	01440 702010
	01440 703667
Chemist – Boots, Haverhill	01440 702058
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Vets – Hawkedon Veterinary Surgery	01284 789428
Vets - Homefield Vets	01440 712021
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St Mary's Church, Great Wratting—Simon Corbett	01440 783698
St Mary's Church, Great Wratting—Ben Stanton	01440 783103
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St Peter's Church, Little Thurlow—Iris Eley	01440 783534
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Great Wrattling Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Chair - Keith Turner	01440 783460
Vice-Chair – Gavin Acheson	01440 783515
Councillor – Anthony Lundrigan	01440 783817
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Councillor – Steven Robinson	01440 783131
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Parish Clerk – Richard Bowler - gtwrattlingpc@yahoo.co.uk	01638 731300
If you would like information about joining Great Wrattling Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk. www.parish-council.com/greatwrattlingparishcouncil	

Little Thurlow Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
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Jessica Hale –Vice Chairman	01440 783190
Will Griffiths	01440 783496
Chris Lowe	01440 783891
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Great Thurlow Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
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