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The Editor

Dear Readers,

Following a successful campaign to appoint a new editor for The Village Link, I am very pleased to announce that Alison Coffey will be taking over the role starting with next months issue. Both Great and Little Thurlow Parish Councils have approved her appointment and will continue to support The Village Link in the future.

Tim and I will still be involved with The Village Link, looking after the invoicing of advertisers and the accounts. Plans are in progress to introduce a third member to the team to handle the collection from the printers and delivery to the many voluntary distributors each month—the Link continues with great collaboration indeed!

So this really is my last issue..... Thank you everyone!

*Kevin—Editor*

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Farm

The predominantly dry, sunny weather interspersed with a few showers has had a huge impact on the crops around the Estate. The Farm have also just finished the Spring application of nitrogen, hopefully the combination of all of the above will mean that everything now starts growing with alacrity. The Spring Beans, despite their very late start, look encouraging.

All of the stored OSR, Barley and Bean crops have now been delivered and we only have the Wheat crop remaining which will be gone within the next two months – giving the Grainstore Manager, Tom Fenner, just enough time to clean out and prepare the stores again for the upcoming harvest.

Otherwise general maintenance and preparations continue for the harvest.

Hunt

The final Point to Point of the season, The Puckeridge Hunt, which was postponed, ran on Saturday 27th April and, despite a brisk wind, was well attended by both entrants and visitors alike.

The Lark Hall Ride, a 15 mile fun ride, took place last weekend and had over 100 riders participating – a great success.

Further dates for your calendar include another trip to Lark Hall on the 1st June for the Terrier and Dog Racing, tickets are on the gate and there are trophies and prizes in all the categories. There will, as always, be a licensed bar and BBQ.

The Huntsman and First Whip will also be representing The Thurlow Hunt at The South of England Hound Show on the 6th June and then dashing back up for the Thurlow Hunt Puppy Show on the 8th June – a busy week!

Property

Both the external redecoration program 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 then please do not hesitate to call the Estate Office on 01440 783 661.

## Shoot

Ted Goldsmith has been hard at work relocating and improving several of the release pens on the Estate – this is in order to maximise the welfare of the poults within the pen when they are released to include protecting them from predators and the worst of the weather while also allowing Ted access day or night to check on them.

## Woods

The forestry team are making the most of this warmer/dryer period to attend to the maintenance of the main rides within the woods. This involves, harrowing rolling and then finally mowing specific areas of the rides, understandably this is quite a lengthy process as there are circa 22 kilometres of “main rides” on the Estate.

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## Other

The annual Countryside Foundation for Education day, being held on the 5th June, is fast approaching. We are expecting a 100+ children and their teachers on the day and we will hopefully give them all a bit of an insight into the various activities that take place on an Estate.

## And Finally ...

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Annoyed, the man answers: 'No! We don't have any corn.'

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Greetings readers. Well, what a fabulous couple of sunny weeks we had early in May. Those dormant seeds started to germinate good and proper! However, I do write this as it is pouring with rain outside now.

We had a brilliant gardening club meeting this month. Ground force were out in action and this time it was in my garden. We dug over a new perennial bed which is now planted and I am eagerly awaiting the wonderful colour and surprises it will bring.

We are all mucking in to help with the Thurlow Hall Open Garden and bringing lots of our home grown plants so do please come and take a look and buy something to take home.

Each month we learn something new about plants, our gardens and each other so do please come and join us as it is a really friendly club and open to all.

Oh, I must tell you that I have 3 new hens and they have started laying. Mr Fox, you just stay away!

*Until next time. Dawn and all at the Thurlow Gardening club.*

### **1st Burrough Green Brownies**

The Brownies have had a full on half term so far and have enjoyed a great number of activities.

At the beginning of May we had a fantastic evening at the Jarman centre in Newmarket. We could not use our normal meeting place as it was being used for the local elections. We started to work on a challenge badge to celebrate the Jarman centres 25th birthday. Some of the activities enjoyed were tracking, trampolining, Giant Jenga, collages made out of natural objects and how many Brownies can you fit in a tent! The weather allowed us to do all the activities outside without getting soaked through!

We have been practising our singing for the District campfire coming up soon. There will be Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section coming from all over the district as well as their leaders.

We have also started working on a badge from Sri Lanka which shows the Brownies all aspects of life in the country. So far they have tried Ceylon tea, grown in Sri Lanka, sung some songs, dressed up in Saris and have learnt about all the different types of rice and how it is grown.

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

*Margaret Whalley 01638 716939*

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# Thurlow Fayre

## Sunday 1st September 2013

**Just a reminder that the next Thurlow Fayre meeting is on Wednesday 5th June, 7:30pm in the Thurlow Village Hall.**

Thurlow WI Met on May 14th for the Resolution meeting. All voted to support the changes to the constitution. Ann Tipper gave notice of all events a Music Evening which two members are attending, a Crochet Work Shop which two members are attending, Unfinished Projects which interests one member, a Trip to Sandringham which three members are going, and a Fencing and Whisky event which was declined. The Taste of Denman advertised would be supported if the Federation laid on transport. Three members supported the WI Bulb scheme which benefits the Federation Funds.

Lucky winners were Dawn Abbey, Margaret Ince and Arline Vollam.

Next month we meet on the 11th of June we hear Amanda Sutherland speak on Costume Design at the Village Hall 730pm.

*Iris Eley—Little Thurlow Reporter*

Thurlow School has been very busy this month:

Following our recent visit by Ofsted, we are delighted to announce we received 'good' in all areas inspected and the school was therefore judged as a good school (<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/schools/for-parents-and-carers/find-school-inspection-report>)

Some children from Class 4 visited Castle Manor Upper School for a High 5 Netball tournament; they performed outstandingly and managed to reach the final but unfortunately lost 4-3 to Westfield.

A group of children from Key Stage 2 attended a swimming competition at Haverhill Leisure Centre; they all enjoyed the competition and came back exhausted!

Class 2 have enjoyed an educational trip to Linton Zoo this month and were blessed with good weather and a fun time for all.

Maypole dancing has started—look out for us at the Thurlow Fayre in September.

Good luck to all the children who have their SAT's coming up.

*Abigail - Year 6*



## *June–July 2013 Church Services*

Monthly Church Service Rota	Date	Day	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
	2nd June	Sun	9:30 HC Kedington	10:00 SotW Great Wrattling	11:00 HC Great Thurlow	
	9th June	Sun	9:30 HC Barnardiston	9:30 SotW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley	
	16th June	Sun	10:00 HC Little Wrattling	18:00 Meadow Praise Kedington		
	23rd June	Sun	8:00 HC Kedington	9:30 HC Little Thurlow	11:00 HC Great Wrattling	18:00 ES Kedington
	30th June	Sun	10:00 HC Little Bradley			
	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	

## *What's On!*

Dates For Your Diary!	Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
	June	1st	Sat	13:00	Great Wrattling Village Fete	Rook Tree Farm	
	June	2nd	Sun	14:00	Great Thurlow Open Gardens	Great Thurlow Hall	
	June	9th	Sun	14:00	British Red Cross Open Gardens	Little Thurlow Hall	
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It's been a topsy-turvy spring, with a raw, grey March, bitter north-east winds through much of April, then a few days of real warmth early in May, followed by more chilly winds and some late frosts at night. I think the whole country will go heliotropic when summer finally comes (if it does – remember last year ...). Hedges and trees are still quite bare as I write, and the migration of birds has been very disturbed. The early arrivals really suffered in the cold and wet and many will have lost their first broods. Lots of them sensibly arrived much later than usual, however, and as I write they are still coming over in dribs and drabs. There will be a great rush when they finally feel confident enough to commit themselves, and by then the whole season will have been contracted. I've experienced this phenomenon sometimes in my trips to the far north of Europe and the Outer Hebrides. The summer there is so short that everything moves at a great pace. You get all the flowers out at the same time rather than the orderly succession of aconite, snowdrop, primrose, cowslip and so on which we are used to down here. And among the birds you get odd combinations of winter visitors still leaving while summer visitors are just arriving, like a busy airport which has passengers travelling in all directions. I've seen some examples of that here just recently. My usual spring herald, the chiffchaff, came in early April rather than mid-March, and crossed with flocks of fieldfares, preparing to depart for Norway, Finland, Estonia, Poland and all stations north-east. I also had an unusual combination of wagtails at our water treatment plant, a favourite haunt of theirs because of the guaranteed supplies of insects there. Pied wagtails breed there and you can see them skipping, trotting and ducking in and out of the sprinklers all year round. The Italian name for these is *Ballerina Bianca*, which sums them up perfectly, I think. Grey wagtails are a bit scarcer in Thurlow but they too are regular visitors, especially in winter. You can pick them out by their elegant bobbing tails, even longer and waggier than those of the pied wagtails, and also by their lemon yellow underparts, which show up better than the slaty-grey backs that give them their name. But on this day in April these two wagtail species were joined by a third – a male yellow wagtail, sporting his brilliant canary yellow plumage. The yellow wagtails are summer visitors, once common but rare breeders now, and the loveliest of all the wagtail tribe. I don't think I've ever seen all three species together on the same day here before.

Whatever happened to global warming, you might ask. Well, the scientists never actually said it would get a bit warmer every year in succession. There are always going to be more variations than that. But what they did warn us to expect is more disturbed weather, more extremes and more surprises. And that's what we seem to be getting.

*Jeremy Mynott*

## THE RECTOR WRITES

Can you complete the following "If only everything in life were as reliable as a ..."? It's a slogan from a T.V. advertisement for a small car. It can be annoying to have an interesting programme broken up by continual interruptions, but the commercial break provides a welcome opportunity to leave the room for while without missing anything of the programme itself. Just to confound us, the breaks are not of a standard length, and if I am in the kitchen making a cup of tea, the programme invariably seems to begin again before the kettle has boiled. On those occasions when I stay put, the commercials seem to go on for ages!

When I do choose to sit and watch the adverts, if I'm not tempted to 'zap' to the other channels to see what is on there, I am often impressed with the quality of the commercials themselves. By means of the skilful use of words, music and pictures, they have only a few seconds to make their point. T.V. advertising needs to be striking. Many products have been marketed using a particular piece of music. Every time I hear the largo from the New World Symphony by Dvořák, I can't help but think of the boy with the bicycle climbing Gold Hill in Shaftesbury with his loaf of bread, and his comment that "We had real butter for tea".

There are no prizes but you might like to see how many of the products – or companies you can recall which were advertised using these pieces of music:

Orff	Carmina Burana "O fortuna"
Britten	Simple Symphony "Playful Pizzicato"
Delibes Lakmé	"Flower Duet"
Prokofiev	Romeo & Juliet "Dance of the Knights"
Bach	Suite No.3 "Air on a G String" (surely everyone will know this one..?) Clue – "happiness is a ...."
Verdi	Requiem "Dies Irae"
Bach	Cantata 140 "Sleepers Awake"
Ponchielli	La Gioconda "Dance of the hours"
Elgar	Cello Concerto First Movement
Verdi	Il Trovatore "Anvil Chorus"
Smetana	Má Vlast "Die Moldau"
Tchaikovsky	Swan Lake "Dance of the Little Swans"
Puccini	Madame Butterfly "One Fine Day"
Delibes Coppélia	"Mazurka"
Dvořák	Symphony No.9 First Movement
Rossini Barber of Seville	"Largo al Factotum"
Mahler	Symphony No.7 Second Movement
Puccini	Tosca "Mario! Mario! Mario!"
Holst	The Planets "Jupiter"

If you manage to name all these products or companies correctly then you might just get a mention in dispatches – well the next edition of Benefice News anyway. And I'll assume you've got the same CD as I have!

If a particular piece of music is for ever associated in our minds with a specific product or service, the advertisers have done their work well. Sometimes a particular celebrity may remind us of a company. You may recall Bob Hoskins telling us back in 1996 that "It's good to talk". Or perhaps you remember Maureen Lipman in the adverts she did for BT. As 'Beattie', she was continually commenting about her son that "He never visits, he never writes, he never 'phones." I wonder what God thinks of those who never communicate with Him, who never visit His house and who never pray to Him...

One thing is clear: God loves us, all of us, however little we may think of Him, however little attention we may pay to Him, and however wayward we have been. God still loves us. The Bible shows us that God continued to love human beings despite their sinfulness and disobedience. Amidst the evil and wickedness of the society around us the message is as valid now as it ever was: that God loves us and longs to welcome us back into fellowship and communion with Him. We look forward to welcoming you in Church. Our Church Wardens would love to have a seating problem on Sundays!

*Derek Hollis.*

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

Grandparents and early days.

Coming from a big family, five brothers and a sister, I used to spend a lot of time with my grandparents. I used to walk miles with my grandfather – I don't think there is an inch of the countryside that he didn't know. He was a great lover of nature. He told me about the cuckoo and took me to the hedge and showed me a cuckoo on another birds nest.

Another lovely memory is when he promised me he was going to show me something and we walked through Little Thurlow Hall meadows where there was a stream running at the lower end with banks either side. It was a long time before I found out what the surprise was. First, he got his pipe going and then I was told to keep quiet and look at the hole in the bank. Suddenly he nudged me and out of the hole came two little fox cubs. They were playing and jumping with each other. Eventually the vixen came out, but we couldn't move until he said so. We left when the vixen moved off with the cubs. We went in the opposite direction so as not to disturb them. He was always described as someone who loved fox hunting but I think I knew him as well as anybody, he loved to see the horses and the red coats but I'm pretty certain that he never witnessed a kill.

He knew all about where the wild fruits, nuts and wildflowers were. We used to go up to Hart Wood. Nearby there were lots of wild things growing including sloe trees. They were a particular sloe, big ones, and when my grandmother Jessie saw them she decided to make sloe wine. She was very strict and I was given a basket and told to go and collect them. Another walk a good half hour away was Wadgells Wood. My grandmother got to know there were a lot of walnuts up there. I had to help and we had to pick them when they were green. Unfortunately, the colour would not come out of your hands and I got into trouble at school for not washing. We would also go into the woods and fill a bag with filbert nuts to store for Christmas, or collect chestnuts for roasting.

Grandfather had a wonderful voice when he was younger. He was always singing in the workshop. A lady who had heard him singing had suggested he had training but he did not want to leave the village. He often used to sing in the pub. A shout would go up "Come on Tom Smith give us a song". Sometimes Sam Webb would quip "I'll give you a pound if you don't!"

*To be continued...*

### **Update from Great Wrating Parish Council**

The following is a brief summary of the meeting held on 2 May 2013. Minutes are available from the Parish Clerk.

**Public forum:** A number of residents of The Street attended the public forum to discuss continued concerns regarding SCC's planned repairs/strengthening of the road bridge and the lengthy road closure required to complete the works. Gavin Acheson will continue to discuss local concerns with the Highways Dept and other bodies. The Parish Council will keep the village informed.

**Reports:** Police Community Support Officer, Claire Fuller, attended the meeting and brought us up to date with recent crime reported in the area. District Councillor Robert Clifton Brown also attended the meeting and advised us of the forthcoming briefing session to be held for parish councils ahead of the St Edmundsbury Vision 2031 consultation process.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** Jackie Edmonds will take over the management of the NHW scheme from Linda Reading from 13 May. We are very grateful to Linda for her hard work to date.

**Finance:** The 2012/2013 accounts were approved. The current asset register was reviewed. The 2013/2014 budget, including subscriptions and donations was also approved. The annual audit is currently underway.

**Other matters:** Gavin Acheson was elected Chair and Caroline Togher Vice Chair. Final preparations for the Annual Village Meeting were agreed. The planning application at Paradise Farm Barns was discussed and no objections raised. Standing orders will be finalised at the next meeting.

*Caroline Togher—Great Wrating Parish Council*

### **Great Wrating Annual Village Meeting**

There was a very good turnout for the Annual Great Wrating Village Meeting held on 9 May. A number of topics were discussed including the planned replacement of the road bridge by the ford, future fundraising for essential and urgent church roof repairs, the village fete, the book club, potential for better broadband, plans to launch a village email tree and improved village website, the Village Link magazine, last Friday of the month get together at the Red Lion, changes to the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, dog fouling and fly tipping. Thank you to everyone who came along, for the many contributions and lively debate.

*Gavin Acheson—Great Wrating Parish Council*

### **Fly Tipping**

Fly tipping is a continuing problem in Great Wrating and the surrounding area. If you see any fly tipped rubbish, please report it to St Edmundsbury Borough Council either by email to [waste.management@stedsbcc.gov.uk](mailto:waste.management@stedsbcc.gov.uk) or phone 01284 757320. The Waste Management team will arrange to collect it. If you witness anyone fly tipping, please call the Police on 101 with a description, including the vehicle registration number if you can get it. Remember to let your Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator know too, so we can all keep a look out for suspicious activity in the village.

*Emma White—Great Wrating Parish Clerk*

### **The Great Wrating Broadband Survey**

Those who came along to the Annual Village Meeting will have learned about the survey we are conducting across the village to gauge views on broadband services, as part of our commitment to investigate potential improvements to internet provision for the village. We will be delivering a copy of the survey to every household in the village and hope that you are able to find the time to complete and return it. I am more than happy to discuss any ideas, other initiatives past or present comments or suggestions. I will keep everyone posted with progress.

*Anthony Lundrigan—Great Wrating Parish Council*

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

<b>Services and Societies in Thurlow</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
Thurlow Village Stores and Post Office – Naomi Sharrod	01440 783214
Thurlow News – Naomi Sharrod	01440 783923
Thurlow Garage – Ray Sharrod	01440 783248
The Cock Inn – 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

<b>Services and Societies in Great Wratting</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
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

<b>Emergency</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
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)

<b>Community Contacts</b>	<b>Telephone</b>
Churches – Stourhead Benefice – Rev. Derek Hollis	01440 763066
Haverhill Social Services	01440 764949
Haverhill Citizens Advice Bureau	01440 704012
St Edmundsbury Borough Council Planning	01284 763233
District Councillor – Robert Clifton-Brown	01440 783562
St Edmundsbury Borough Council	01284 763233
St Edmundsbury Borough Council (Haverhill office)	01440 702271
County Councillor – Jane Midwood	01440 821428
Suffolk County Council General Enquiries	08456 066067
Age Concern – Mary Hilton	01440 783649
Thurlow Estate – Tim Barling, 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

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

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

Great 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
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George Vestey	01440 783240
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