

The Village Link

Great Thurlow – Little Thurlow – Great Wratting

June

2017

*Great Wratting
Village
Fete*

Saturday 3rd June 2017 1pm
at Hall Farm

*For a traditional
fun, family day out!*

**HAVERHILL SILVER
BAND**

- TRADITIONAL STALLS
- WHITE ELEPHANT
- BOTTLE STALL
- RAFFLES
- AFTERNOON TEAS
- BARBECUE
- BEER & SUMMER COCKTAILS
- CHILDRENS' AREA
- BUNNY CASTLE

Bring your teddy to 'the picnic'

Free Parking . Admission £2 . Children under 16 Free!
NO DOGS ADMITTED

60th Anniversary
GREAT THURLOW HALL
SUMMER GARDEN OPEN
DAY



Sunday 4th June

2 to 5 pm

Home-made cakes and teas

Great Bradley Fete

Great Bradley Hall

2 - 4 pm Sunday 2nd July

Hadstock Silver Band - Tower tours

Cream Teas - Barbecue - Pony Rides - Stalls and Games

Farm Hamper Draw

Fun for all the Family

Entrance by Lucky Programme £1

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Welcome to the June edition of the Village Link.

Plenty of fun days out coming up now that summer is almost here with the Great Wrattling fete, garden open days, Great Bradley fete and South Cambs Country Fayre **to name few.....**

The categories for the Thurlow Produce Show are announced in this issue. There is a huge variety of classes to enter and this year it is all free entry! Take a look and have a go!

We are also very pleased to announce that The Putspoken Theatre company will be returning to Thurlow again this year for Shakespeare in the garden at Great Thurlow Hall. This really is a very special event, book your tickets early and plan that picnic!

Finally, good luck to all those facing their exams this month, just think of those long **summer months to come.....**

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THURLOW
FAYRE

SUNDAY
3RD
SEPTEMBER

Family Fun Day

12 -4pm

Admission - Adults £3.00 - Under 16 free

BEER FESTIVAL
Saturday & Sunday

TEA TENT

CAR BOOT
from 8 am

HADSTOCK SILVER
BAND

PRODUCE SHOW

CLASSIC CARS

CRAFT & FOOD FAIR

MAIN RING ATTRACTIONS



Belchamp Morris Men



Gemma's Farm
Sheep racing



'Out on a Wing'
Falconry display



Fire and Ice
Majorettes

ALSO



SCHOOL OF DANCE DISPLAY

LISA MASON

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

LITTLE THURLOW PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Council Meeting was held on 16th May 2017.

Officers elected for the coming year are:

Chris Field - Chairman and Jessica Hale - Vice Chairman. Other members are Andrew Dickson, Sue Acey, Will Griffiths, Chris Lowe and Geoff Patient.

Other matters discussed included the loose rail on the foot bridge on Pound Green which had been reported to Suffolk County Council and monitoring of traffic speeds on Broad Road.

The Financial Annual Return for year ending March 2017 was approved.

The date of the next meeting is 20th June 2017.

Full Minutes will be published on the website in due course.

Molly Hawkins

Thurlow Life - Past and Present Facebook page

follow the link...

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

THURLLOW WI

At the AGM of the Thurlow WI Dawn Abbey was unanimously re-elected to be President for the coming year. Kate Griffiths is joining the committee.

Events organised by the Federation included a "Wander around Woolpit", a singing workshop and a visit to the Chelsea Pensioners Home.

Two representatives from Waitrose then told us how they are tackling the problem of food waste by carefully reducing their orders and sending surplus to food banks. They also said that coffee grains used in the shop are made available for customers to use as compost. They had brought along three cheeses and three bottles of wine for us to sample.

Tea was served and the raffle was drawn. Waitrose had supplied three of the prizes which were won by Dawn, Anne Smith, Janice Klimcke, Helen Bennett, Helen Esterhuizen and Rosie Winner.

Next month we meet on the 13th June at the Village Hall 7:30 pm. Visitors always welcome.

Iris Eley



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

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.

Background - Peter Lloyd, who was born in North Wales, served as a Wireless Operator with No. 105 Squadron at RAF Wrating Common during 1944 and 1945. He flew 25 missions over Germany and was with the first crew that dropped food to the starving Dutch who were still controlled by the German military forces.

Ruth Lloyd, who was born in Broughty Ferry near Dundee, joined the ATS and eventually ended up at RAF Wrating Common as a Radar Plotter for the anti aircraft guns as well as Bombing Trials at the end of World War 2.

Peter and Ruth met at RAF Wrating Common and were married in 1946. After being demobbed from the armed services they lived in Hull and London until retirement upon which they moved to Peter's home town of Ruabon, near Wrexham.

They both had fond memories of the Wrating area and returned many times over the years. During these return visits they made many friends among the locals and regarded the area as their second home. They were both involved with the reunions and twice yearly services which are held at the airfield memorial.

Unfortunately, Ruth passed away in 2001 and Peter passed away in July 2008. Due to their love of the area, their surviving children decided to set up an Educational Trust in their name with the aim of helping deserving young people to start University life.



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.

Burrough Green Playgroup
Bradley Road,
Burrough Green
Nr Newmarket
Cambridgeshire
CB8 9NH

Tel: 01638 506003

email: burroughgreenplaygroup@gmail.com

<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.

Nature note: pop goes the weasel

A small mammal dashed across the path in front of me the other day and instantly **disappeared into the ditch**. Well, 'dashed' isn't quite right. It sort of *flowed* over the ground in a ripple of movement that was something between a bound and a slither. Too large for a mouse, more elongated and sinuous than a rat. Something brown and furry, but thin as a rake. Something lightning fast, with energy to spare and more than a hint of danger about it. I stood stock still and after a minute or two a small triangular head with black button eyes and little rounded ears popped up from the long grass and inspected me curiously. I was clearly neither a threat nor a potential meal, so with a flick of its tail it vanished as quickly as it had appeared. A weasel.

Weasels are the smallest member of the large family of mustelids – carnivorous mammals **like polecats, otters and stoats**. In fact, weasels are the world's smallest carnivorous mammals, feeding mainly on mice and voles, which they pursue relentlessly down the narrowest of tunnels. Their slender, flexible bodies are well suited to hunting **underground, hence their nickname 'tunnel hunters'**. In nature, of course, hunters can quickly become the hunted and weasels are themselves preyed on by cats, foxes, owls and birds of prey. **It's a ladder of power and dependence, negotiated in violence**. The word 'vermin' comes from the Latin word for 'worm', which is at the bottom of this chain, but its emotive force expresses the point of view of the top predator in the chain, which is us.

Weasels are often confused with stoats, but are much smaller and lack the stoat's trademark black tip to the tail. They weigh in at just 6 ounces (about the weight of a small banana) and have to eat voraciously just to survive, consuming about a third of their own body weight each day. They have quite large territories, but no permanent homes, preferring to lodge in the burrow of whoever they have most recently eaten. They only **live two or three years anyway and it's a life of constant hunger, stress and striving**.

Most children in towns have never seen a weasel, but they may know of it from the old nursery rhyme, which begins:

Half a pound of tuppenny rice
 Half a pound of treacle
That's the way the money goes
 Pop! Goes the weasel

Great fun to sing, but what on earth does it mean? Is it to do with the habit weasels have of popping up in front of you, like mine did? No, something much more obscure. It seems to date back centuries to a form of Cockney rhyming slang, in which 'weasel and stoat' meant 'coat' and 'pop' meant 'pawn'. Poor people would pawn their coats on a Monday to get the cash to see them through the week, then buy them back at the weekend to have their Sunday best available. A different cycle of need and replenishment.

Jeremy Mynott, Lavender Cottage
 6 May 2017

The Suffolk Walking Festival

13 May – 4 June 2017

This year, the Suffolk Walking Festival is celebrating its 10th anniversary and it promises to be bigger and better than ever before.

There really is something for everybody this year. Whether you're a novice or expert, young or old, walking with your family or walking alone, you are bound to find a walk that tickles your fancy.

There are a range of short walks that are between one and four miles. There are a range of walks between five and ten miles. There are also walks that are over fifty miles long for those who really want to challenge themselves.

You can take part in any of these walks at your own pace, with a group or against the clock.

This year's festival also offers a variety of themed walks for you to get stuck into. There's Duelling Dragons in Sudbury, where you will visit the oldest part of Sudbury and learn the answers to quirky questions such as 'which dragon won the fight on Ballingdon bridge?'

If you're looking for something a bit more subdued, you can watch for birds as you stroll around Westleton Heath. There's also a speed dating walk, where you could meet new friends or a partner.

If you're hoping to take your little ones on a stroll, there are a selection of walks during the half term period from golden mile walks between parks and museums in Lowestoft to activity routes in Ipswich and Sudbury. There's even a trail even a trail or two at Jimmy's Farm for those of you who'd like to meet the animals and see behind the scenes.

The Suffolk Walking Festival is the perfect way for people of all ages and abilities to get out and enjoy the Suffolk Coast and countryside. Walking is also great for our physical, mental and emotional wellbeing. So come on, let's go for a walk!

The end of this year's Suffolk Walking Festival is coinciding with the end of Suffolk's Year of Walking. Suffolk's Year of Walking is a campaign that celebrates walking, as well as encourages those who don't walk too often become at least a little bit more active.

Please visit www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk for further details.

Horseheath Racecourse

Horseheath Racecourse has long been a fixture on the Point to Point calendar and in recent times we have held three meetings a year. Eighteen months ago we decided that we would like to try and make greater use of this area.

To this end we approached the British Eventing team, the same organisation who arrange the Badminton Horse Trials which were recently being shown on television, and agreed to stage one event in 2016 and then two events a year from 2017 onwards but to start with at the entry level of BE – with the height of the jumps ranging from 80cm to 100cm.

After a mad scramble to get the 2016 event organised with a “To Do” list which included items such minor items (!) as designing a course, constructing a course, building water splashes and reservoirs, course irrigation, publicising the event and trying to arrange sponsors, a multitude of helpers and support staff we thought that this year’s first event might be a bit less demanding! Our thoughts had been that as we were holding the first event in April, there would still be a good deal of moisture in ground and therefore we wouldn’t have to irrigate the course prior to the event. How wrong we were, with such a dry spring we had no choice but to spend the 84 hours prior to the event putting on the equivalent of 27mm rainfall onto almost the entire course and the outlying dressage and show jumping arenas – no small task.



Thankfully the event was a huge success, with some really good publicity both locally and nationally and a total of approximately 550 entrants over the three classes which meant we were almost to capacity.

Please do have a look at our Facebook page for further comments, pictures and videos of the day - www.facebook.com/HorseheathHT/

We were, once again, very grateful indeed for the tireless support of the committee, the advice and guidance of the BE area and technical team and most of all indebted to all those volunteers who helped to make the weekend such a success. Our sponsors too play a huge part in the success of the event – **without them this event wouldn't work** they are as follows: Andrew Hodge Contracting, Anthill, Carter Jonas, Duck Plumbing, Global Herbs, Jefford Carpets, Saffrey Champness, Savills, Squash Catering and Taylor Vinters.

Special thanks also goes to: Ben Burgess, Binders Ltd, British Eventing, Ernest Doe, Farrant Electrical Ltd, Fred Hartley, Fred Simpson and Newmarket Equine Hospital for their provision of services or equipment.

We are already looking towards our next BE event on the 12th and 13th August which, we hope, will build on the success of the previous two events, again all information on this can be found on Facebook or our own website - <http://www.thurlowestate.co.uk/index.php/horseheath/british-eventing>

SOUTH CAMBS COUNTRY FAIR
Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 June
Horseheath Racecourse Linton Cambridgeshire CB21 4QP

oakleighfairs.co.uk 01206 263088

Running alongside the ongoing development of Horseheath as an equestrian events centre we are developing the site for other events. The first of which is the Country Fair which returns this year with an excellent line up of activities and displays. For further information please visit - <http://www.oakleighfairs.co.uk/south-cambridgeshire-country-fair-at-horseheath-racecourse/>.

We have also, for the first time, open up Horseheath Racecourse for a music event. This event is called The Wild Wood Disco and we are hoping that it will be a huge success. It is being billed in the local press as **Cambridge's coolest new festival and offers a "magical night of dancing and revelry under a canopy of the trees."**

Again further information on this can be found at - <http://mylittlefestival.uk/event/the-wild-wood-disco/> and we hope that this will be the first of many such events.

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!

Never Forgetting My Cat Maisie

I still can't quite believe it,
That my pretty girl is gone,
But on that day you passed away,
Boy, how the sun shone!
I knew you lit up the world that day,
To show me it's all going to be okay.
But as you slipped into that infinite sleep,
The pain in my heart tore so deep.

Fifteen years together,
When you were born I was only three,
Oh such a privilege to grow up with you,
The best thing that happened to me.

Orange, black, white and brown,
Not forgetting your beautiful crown,
Butterfly markings, I said,
Upon that dainty little head.

Your tiny pink nose was fading into blue,
That furry little smile never again would say mew.
Just one last hug, pretty, pretty please,
I don't want to let you fly into the breeze.
It does sound amazing up there,
I have to say I envy you,
But it'll take time to accept this,
To try and work it through.

All those many memories,
Never failing to make me smile,
And now I know as I walk through life,
You're with me each and every mile.

Thank you, my girl, for everything,
My pet, my cat, my best friend.
Now you've even made heaven sing,
I'm proud of you to no end.

Soul sisters from cradle to grave,
Your paw-prints on my heart,
I know for you I'm going to be brave,
Through all these many parts.
I miss you, my girl,
I'll never stop doing so,
But I love you way more,
Of that I will always know.

Rest in Peace Maisie 01.07.2002 - 15.03.2017

Ellen Williams

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 from Alison Coffey 01440 783478
alison.coffey26@gmail.com





June- July 2017 Church Services

Date	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
Sun 4th June	09:30 HC Kedington	11:00 HC Great Thurlow			
Sun 11th June	09:30 HC Barnardiston	09:30 SOTW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley	11:00 Celebration service Great Wrattling	18:00 Meadow Praise Kedington
Sun 18th June	10:00 HC Benefice Little Thurlow				
Sun 25th June	08:00 HC Kedington	09:30 HC Little Bradley	11:00 HC Great Wrattling		
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		

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
June	1st	Thur	19:00	Thurlow Fayre Meeting	The Cock Little Thurlow	01440783478
June	3rd	Sat	13:00 to 16:00	Great Wrattling Village Fete	The Hall Great Wrattling	
June	4th	Sun	14:00	Great Thurlow Hall Garden Opening	Great Thurlow Hall	01440 783478
June	13th	Tue	19:30	WI meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	
June	18th	Sun	11:00 to 17:00	Hidden Gardens of Bury		
June	20th	Tue	19:30	LTPC Meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	
June	21	Wed	11:45 to 12:10	Mobile library	109 Bury Road Great Thurlow	01473 263838
June	21	Wed	12.45 to 13:05	Mobile library	Thurlow Sports Club Little Thurlow	01473 263838
June	21	Wed	14:00 to 14:20	Mobile library	Coronation Cottages GW	01473 263838
June	24th and 24th	Sat and Sun	10:00 to 17:00	South Cambs Country Fayre	Horseheath Racecourse	
July	1st	Sat	16:00 to 02:00	Wild Wood Disco	Horseheath Racecourse	
July	2nd	Sun	14:00 to 16:00	Great Bradley Fete	Great Bradley Hall	

Dates For Your Diary!

The Rector Writes

It is said of the Reverend Gustavus Frederick Hopton-Scott that he used to watch from the study window of his rectory as his parishioners arrived for church in his north Nottinghamshire parish, and once they had all arrived, he would follow them in, and lock the door, putting the key in his cassock pocket. They were not going home until he was **through!** **"Captive audience," for him, was no mere expression. He was the last person to be buried inside that church, and, as if to stop him going anywhere, it was decided that his coffin be encased in concrete!**

The end of June marks the thirtieth anniversary of my ordination to the Priesthood. On **Saint Peter's day I shall have been a priest for thirty years. Priestly orders are conferred for life, so even when I retire from employment I shall still be a priest.** Over the years I have served in two suburban parishes, and three groups of rural parishes, as well as being **the Bishop's Adviser on Rural Affairs. I served in Hopton-Scott's parish, many years after him.** I followed a priest who had been Vicar there for thirty-two years, and whose predecessor had also served there for thirty-two years. In sixty-four years the place had only known two vicars. In another parish my immediate predecessor had been rector for twenty-seven years. **"I've known twelve vicars here," said one elderly lady there, "you're the thirteenth."** Unlucky for some!

Such long-serving predecessors become legends in the parishes, loved and respected, and **talked about long after they've moved on or died. In fact people delight in talking to us as clergy about our predecessors and what they "used to do".** Whenever I've been involved in making new appointments to parishes I have discouraged people from talking about the previous incumbent. It gets a little tiresome after a while for the newcomer. Clergy are all different, with different skills and interests, and different kinds of spirituality. **"Beware the legacy of the predecessor,"** said a bishop to me one day. Sometimes it's **"Beware the cult of the predecessor"** too! A priest I trained with in Leicester reckoned after he'd been there for five years that the parish was running about fifty per cent how he wanted it to run, and fifty per cent how his predecessor had run it.



"The past is a foreign country: they do things different there," wrote the novelist L P Hartley, born at Whittlesey in Cambridgeshire at the beginning of 'The Go-Between'. **Some people harbour nostalgic images of what life used to be like and seem to long to want to inhabit past ages. I've sometimes had people talk to me about the "good old days" and asked them if they want to go back to having a dolly tub instead of an automatic washing machine. Of course they don't!**

Things were done differently in the past. The picture is from Felbrigg Hall, a National Trust property in Norfolk. **We wouldn't put much trust nowadays in the old fire engine we see in the picture. We rely on the modern fire fighter to use the most up to date equipment in fighting our fires. We wouldn't expect our doctors and surgeons to go about their work in the same way that their predecessors did: we wouldn't want them to! Nor would we want to have our dental problems looked after in the way they were previously. We expect professionals in all the various walks of life to use modern approaches, tools and techniques in their work.**

It's interesting to see how the clergy of previous ages and generations lived and worked.

The Revd Francis Kilvert was one clergyman who in the late nineteenth century wrote in his diaries about rural life. Had he lived today he would probably have written a blog. Some clergymen in the past took a keen interest, as I do, in the world of nature, and some were recognised and respected naturalists. We have to remember though that what was possible for clergy hundreds of years ago, or even a few decades ago, is no longer possible for the clergy of our modern multi-parish benefices. Life and work in the twenty-first century makes different demands upon us and we must endeavour to make sure that our methods and our ministry are appropriate to the age in which we live.

Whilst our message is the same as it ever was, and the truth of the love of God for people is the unchanging message people need to hear, our methods and our media and our ministries need to continue to change and evolve in order to relate to the twenty-first century society in which we live. It is a society which presents us with new opportunities but also with new challenges and problems. Clergy and lay ministers alike today face issues on a daily basis which were unknown to clergy and ministers a few decades ago. We cannot continue to work as clergy as our predecessors in former decades and former centuries did – and – importantly – nor should we be expected to.

The Church is a living, moving and growing organism. At school we used to have a school song, and the chorus (in English translation) was **"It lives, it grows and in eternity it flourishes"**. **The phrase loses something in translation, because in the Latin it rhymes, but what a lovely picture of what the church should be, living, growing and in eternity flourishing.** I was looking recently at sermon notes from nearly thirty years ago, and I came across words about growing, upwards towards God, together, towards each other in fellowship, outwards into the community and then growing numerically. I remembered **today that the parish where I served in Leicester thirty years ago had a "growth committee"**. Today the Church is still talking and thinking about growth.

The fact that the Church lives, and to live must adapt, means that it must change. One writer, some years ago (and if I knew who it was I would gladly attribute it) suggested that the words which Church members sing and say may sound more splendid than the deeds **and attitudes they actually show. He wrote "they like singing lustily that no goblin nor foul fiend shall daunt their spirit, yet can get remarkably anxious when a new order of service or a new hymn tune is introduced. Claims to be 'Christian soldiers, marching as to war' look a little lame when members of the Parochial Church Council reveal a greater interest in looking to the past than in marching to the future with courage and boldness."**

There's a story about a Bishop who was visiting a country church and spoke to a man who had been church warden forty years "You must have seen some changes in the church during your forty years," said the Bishop. "Aye," replied the church warden, "and I have opposed every single one of them!"

Derek Hollis

The Hidden Gardens of Bury

Sunday 18 June 2017

is now in its 31st year and in that time has raised over £300,000 for St Nicholas Hospice Care. It is a fantastic event for the town, bringing in over 2,000 visitors to see the lovely gardens on show in the medieval centre of Bury St Edmunds. Lots of garden owners offer teas and cakes and sell plants.



**New
Gardens
for 2017**

Hidden Gardens of Bury

Gardens in the historic town centre
Sunday 18 June 2017
11am to 5pm

Admission by programme available in advance from The Tourist Information Point at The Cathedral Shop, Angel Hill and on the day from 10:30am at the Hospice Pergola on The Angel Hill

Suggested donation of **£5** to support St Nicholas Hospice
Are you a UK tax payer? Ask to GIFT AID your donation to add 25%

event supported by  



**together
we can help**
**St Nicholas
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This is a notice that Haverhill Cycling Club, your local cycling club, will be hosting its first ever cycling road race on Sunday 18th June 2017.

The race will be taking on a loop from Great Thurlow, along Withersfield Road, turning left at the top of Rose Hill, continuing along Withersfield Road to Great Wratting then turning left onto the B1061 Thurlow Road back to Great Thurlow, where it turns left again.

The start time is 9.00am, with an approximate finish time of 12-12.30pm and will complete approximately 10 laps of the circuit, with the finish line up the hill on Withersfield Road and the Race HQ for the morning will be Great Thurlow Village Hall.

This race is run in accordance with the Eastern Road Race League and British Cycling regulations and Suffolk Constabulary. The race will include up to 60 riders, convoy cars and motorcycle outriders.

<https://www.britishcycling.org.uk//events/details/154845/Haverhill-CC-Road-Race>

On the day, the race will be marshalled by British Cycling Accredited Marshalls who have authority to stop and hold traffic while the race passes by; this is for the safety of the public and riders. Traffic is typically held up for no longer than a minute or two. The Marshalls will be situated at the junctions at Great Thurlow, Withersfield Road and Great Wratting.

We aim to keep disruption to a minimum and, once the race has passed by, there should be ample time for anyone to drive through the area.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank people in anticipation of their support and patience on the day.

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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
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
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Vets - Homefield Vets	01440 712021
Church Wardens	Telephone
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
All Saints Church, Great Thurlow—George Vestey	01440 783240

Great Wratting Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Chair - Keith Turner	01440 783460
Vice-Chair – Gavin Acheson	01440 783515
Councillor – Anthony Lundrigan	01440 783817
Councillor – Dawn Fisk	01440 783993
Councillor – Steven Robinson	01440 783131
Councillor—Diana Curtis	01440 783898
Parish Clerk – Richard Bowler - gtwrattingpc@yahoo.co.uk	01638 731300
If you would like information about joining Great Wratting Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk. www.parish-council.com/greatwrattingparishcouncil	

Little Thurlow Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Chris Field – Chairman	01440 783697
Jessica Hale –Vice Chairman	01440 783190
Will Griffiths	01440 783496
Chris Lowe	01440 783891
Andrew Dickson	01440 783385
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Geoff Patient	01440 783693
Molly Hawkins—Parish Clerk	01440 783259

Great Thurlow Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Peter Thomas—Chairman	01440 783700
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