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The Editor

Welcome to the November issue of The Village Link. Next month will see a joint December and January issue, just like last year. If you would like to contribute to next months issue (Christmas/New Year Special) then please send your copy in by the 15th November. This applies to new and regular article contributors.

With every issue of The Village Link being compiled and distributed, behind the scenes a number of activities take place, from responding to the many emails received, producing and chasing advertising invoices, banking, artwork designing of adverts, compiling and formatting the document ready for the printer, collection and delivery out to the many distributors.

The resources and time commitment each month is around 15 hours. As Editor this level of time commitment is sometimes difficult to balance alongside personal commitments, running your own business, other village activities and giving yourself some free time, therefore in the new year I will be looking to attract an administrator to The Village Link to handle the email traffic, co-ordinate the generation of advertising invoices and the collating of articles ready for me to format and produce The Village Link. I foresee this voluntary administrator role requiring a commitment of 5-6 hours a month. If anyone would like to know more then please do not hesitate to contact me directly. Computer skills are required.

*Kevin Crowson—Editor*

The Thurlows 2010

Many villagers will now have this latest volume of the history of The Thurlows, many others will not be so fortunate in as much as they did not qualify for the residents' free copy. There are still some books left, so how about a copy for friends and relations for a Christmas gift this year?

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*Conrad Hawkins*

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Farm

This time last year I was writing about the long dry period that had enabled the farm to drill all the winter crops, the same cannot be said for this year unfortunately. The changeable weather we are currently experiencing means that we just have to take every opportunity we can to get on to the land. The mild damp conditions also means that there has been an explosion in the slug population which is wreaking havoc with the newly emerging crops. Control of slugs is a time consuming and costly operation.

The farms are also using the wet weather days to clean down and put all the harvest machinery away for the winter.

Hunt

The Thurlow Hunt Ride took place on Saturday 22nd September and it was very successful with nearly 200 riders of all ages and experience levels taking part. Events like these are very important fundraisers to any Hunt and peoples support is always greatly appreciated. Thanks must also be given to all those who volunteered their time and helped to organise and run the day.

Autumn Hunting is drawing to a close with the Hunt Breakfast taking place at Weston Woods on Saturday 27th with the main season starting with the Opening Meet on Monday 29th.

Property

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157 Sowley Green, Great Thurlow – 3 bed detached cottage with large garden, recently refurbished - £1400 pcm

If you are interested in being notified of any other properties that are coming up in the future please call the Estate Office on 01440 783661.

Shoot

The gamekeeper has been very busy pegging out the drives and preparing the gun and beaters trailers for the season with the first day falling on Friday 26th this year. Again the rain is not helping **the birds and the gamekeeper has had to "straw up" the release pens. Strawing up provides the pheasants with an area to keep themselves dry and out of any standing water in the pens.**

Woods

The woodlands team are continuing to cut coppice woodland, they have now moved to Langley Wood and are currently widening an existing woodland ride to enable the team to gain access to the coppice block that is going to be worked. Ride widening is the process of cutting trees and shrubs back from the edge of a ride so that sunlight can reach the ride and dry it out to allow access, it also increases the biodiversity of the woodland.

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Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson were going camping. They pitched their tent under the stars and went to sleep.

Sometime in the middle of the night Holmes woke Watson up and said: "Watson, look up at the stars, and tell me what you see."

Watson replied: "I see millions and millions of stars."

Holmes said: "and what do you deduce from that?"

Watson replied: "Well, if there are millions of stars, and if even a few of those have planets, it's quite likely there are some planets like earth out there. And if there are a few planets like earth out there, there might also be life."

And Holmes said: "Watson, you idiot, it means that somebody stole our tent."

Following another successful Thurlow Fayre the Fayre Committee have been able to support a number of local organisations with a financial donation. Our thanks also go to The Village Link for supporting and advertising the Fayre and a donation of funds was allocated but this offer has been returned to the Fayre as The Village Link is in good financial health and therefore the money should be used elsewhere for the benefit of the villagers.

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 Thurlow Preschool £400  
 Thurlow Tennis Club £350  
 Thurlow Youth Football Club £350

Other donations were made to  
 Suffolk Constabulary Ben. fund £150  
 Haverhill ATC £170  
 Nice Manors Band £100  
 Chesterford Scouts £120

There will be a Fayre meeting on Tuesday 6th November 7.30pm at the village hall to hand out cheques to the recipients and to decide on whether the Fayre will go ahead in 2013 and if so date and format.

It is important that anyone who wishes to see the Fayre continue, makes the effort to attend the meeting.

*Allan Loveday*

To the Editor of The Village Link

May we through your magazine be permitted to express our heartfelt gratitude to our friends and neighbours, who supported us through our recent traumatic time and for their continued support.

A special thanks to our near neighbours; Tim & Kevin and Pete & Jean without whose unstinting help and understanding, given so freely we could not possibly have managed.

God Bless you all....

*Jack & Frances Marlow*



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The October meeting of Thurlow WI proved to be a lively and fun one. President Ann Tipper gave notice of forthcoming events organised by the Federation including a Soup and Natter Lunch which two members hope to attend and the Annual Carol Service at Bury St Edmunds. Two events planned for the year 2013 are a festive lunch at Lavenham and a Quiz at Culford School.

Ann then introduced Bryan Thurlow who gave a history of the Music Hall. His performance of songs, monologues and tales of all the old Music Hall stars all caused great amusement, and Jill Steele thanked him for giving us such a lively and interesting evening.

Margaret Ince thanked the eight members who had shown their craft work at the recent exhibition to promote the WI at the Haverhill Library.

Bryan Thurlow then judged the entries for the Crown Competition to go forward to the Group Meeting and declared the entry from Olive Jeffrey to be the winner.

The winners in the draw were Janice Klimcke, Jessica Abbey and Anne Roberts

Next month its the return of William Tyler, this time to tell of a Tangled Romance. Nov 13th Village Hall 730pm Visitors most welcome.

*Iris Eley—Little Thurlow Reporter*

To start with I would like to tell you about our poorly duck. Now, if anyone has tried to give a duck antibiotics, you will know how hard it is. Our duck, Puddle, has had an infection in her abdomen (the vet thinks) so her stomach is very low down and she struggles to get around. After taking her to the vets, we had to give her antibiotics through her beak using **a syringe twice a day. I know what you're thinking: how hard can this be? But let me tell you, I don't think ducks like antibiotics much. Nor do they much like having a towel over their head or being picked up.** But now Puddle is looking better and is happier. So it is a happy end to the hard ten day struggle!

I also want to thank everyone for the fantastic fayre that was put on in September. It was great fun and the activities were great. I also had a great time with my sister, Megan, getting all our competition entries ready and I managed to beat her in the Lavender filled cushion section!

*Sacha Davies—Junior Reporter*

## RAF Wrattling Common – Remembrance Sunday 11th November

There will be a short Service at the Memorial on Sunday 11th November 2012 at 12 noon.

The Memorial is situated at Weston Woods Farm. A few of the Veterans will be attending and Cadets from 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron of the Air Training Corps will be on parade.

Wreaths will be laid in memory of all those who served here and throughout the world, especially those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

All are welcome to attend.

An article was omitted from last months issue not because of space or that it was too far past the **copy deadline date but because The Village Link email account didn't receive the article. All articles** should be sent to TheVillageLink@tkheat.co.uk email address.

Upon receipt an automatic response email is sent back to the sender within a few minutes. If you do not receive this automatic email then The Village Link has not received your email for some reason. In this case an article and advertisement from The Cock Inn failed and it was only after a few days did the sender receive a failure notice from his email provider by which time The Village Link was at the printers.

As a gesture of good will please find below an extract from that article and printed free of charge.

I endeavour to respond to emails quickly and sometimes use my iPhone email account when I have signal, which uses a different email address but please in the first instance send your email to TheVillageLink@tkheat.co.uk address. Thank you.

*Editor*

It has been well documented that rural pubs have been hit very hard by the current recession and the appalling weather we had in June and July which has resulted in many closures; we have not been immune. We have therefore as from the end of July renegotiated our arrangement with Greene King which has resulted in a substantial helpful rent reduction but we remain a tied entity.

Greene King have recently indicated it would consider selling the freehold and we waiting to be given an asking price. Yes we are interested as it would make us a Free House and therefore free of tie which would add considerably to the profit margins on beers and ciders. Interests rates on loans at present remain reasonable and banks strongly encouraged to help small businesses such as ours. All this should result in lower annual costs and a chance to offer a wider range of beers and ciders than at present permitted under the tied system. So an exciting prospect if we can agree terms with Greene King . More next month.

The Thurlows are unique in this day and age having a shop with post office facilities a garage a village hall two churches and a pub; the importance of all these entities to the local community cannot be over emphasised; the loss of any would be very sad. We are so lucky to be able to live in a really unspoilt beautiful part of West Suffolk Now we have a government minister in our midst; many congratulations Matt Hancock on your recent promotion.

The Cock has played its part over the last few months in village life - in particular assisting at the Jubilee events and hosting the special birthday lunch to celebrate John Archer's 100th birthday - and will continue to do so.

We are still waiting to hear further from Greene King regarding the sale of the freehold but we are assured progress will be made before the end of this month so more later when we should have something positive to report.

The Live Music Act came into effect on 1st October 2012 and enables live music to be played in The Cock with fewer than 200 people without the need for a licence daily between the hours of 8am & 11pm and without any limit on the number in a calendar year. This is excellent news and opens further an avenue we have used very successfully in recent months; we will therefore be increasing the number of live music evenings events over and above the already planned evenings on Friday 26th October (The Hot Dogs) Saturday 17th November (The Bad Monkey Driver Band) Saturday 1st December (Band to be announced) and Saturday 15th December (The Delta Pilots);more details in due course "We endeavour to provide good fresh traditional pub grub with access to quality wines at affordable prices in pleasant rural surroundings with a fully licensed bar within easy reach of Haverhill & Newmarket"

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TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

THURLOW HUNT QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

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THURSDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

CURRY NIGHT

SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER

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## 2012 Calendar of Events

Date	Book Title	Author	Genre
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Knowledge of Angels	Jill Paton Walsh	Fiction
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Silas Marner	George Eliot	Classic Fiction

All meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month and begin at 8pm.

Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
Nov	3rd	Sat	18:30 Gates Open	Thurlow Fireworks and BBQ	Thurlow Sports Ground	Allan Loveday
Nov	29th	Thu	19:30	Great Wratting Parish Council Meeting	Wheels Cot- tage, The Street	Parish Clerk gtwrattingpc@ btinternet.com
Dec	1st	Sat	19:30	Christmas Party Night	Hall Barn Great Thurlow	Naomi Sharrod Thurlow Stores
Dec	8th	Sat	10:00- 15:00	Christmas Fair & Farmers' Market	Thurlow Village Hall	Tim Knappett Kevin Crowson 783654
Dec	21st	Fri	18:30	Christmas Concert	<b>All Saints'</b> Church Great Thurlow	Jane Sheppard 783209

### Its never too early to volunteer for the Poppy Appeal

We all know that Remembrance Sunday is in November and that poppies are available in stores, schools **and shops for the two weeks leading up to Remembrance Day, what we don't see is the work that goes on behind the scenes during the year though.**

For the past 12 years, the Poppy Appeal in Thurlow has been very successfully organised by Mr Sam Sheppard. All the money given to the Poppy Appeal is used to support our serving and ex-service men and women that request our help and with the recent conflicts particularly in Iraq and Afghanistan, the need has never been greater. If you would like to be involved with this years collection, please do contact Sam on 783209.

In the meantime, collection boxes for the Appeal for this year are in The Cock Inn, Thurlow Garage and The Village Shop, The Estate Office and Thurlow School. A volunteer will come to your door in the run up to Remembrance Day for your donation to this very worthy cause.

*Sam Sheppard 783209*



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sunday 2nd december  
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saturday 8th december  
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*eat learn grow*

Did October go fast or was it just me? At the preschool we have had a lot of enjoyment over the past month, and accomplished a lot too, and it's certainly true that time flies when you're having fun....

We recently celebrated 'International Talk Like A Pirate Day'. The children threw themselves into the celebrations and greeted their friends not with "Hello," but with " Ahoy, me hearties!", and dressed as pirates for the day. The children paraded their costumes for the rest of the preschool to see, while staff joined them in outfits that would have had Captain Jack Sparrow envious!

The children have also spent a lot of time working on their exciting Design a Christmas Card project. The **project aims to encourage our pupils' creativity and design skills, whilst also raising essential funds for our preschool.**

This week we are all enjoying our holiday club which is running throughout half term. We have lots of fun activities on offer, including a hands on cookery day; we are passionate about getting children excited about cooking and healthy food. Also, a Messy Play day; allowing learning through the exploration of a variety of different messy play activities, and a Halloween party – we have lots of cute little pumpkins and witches raring to move and groove to music, enjoy party food and have lots of fun!

Date for your diary – Christmas Gift and Craft Event. 17<sup>th</sup> November, 12noon to 4pm at the Preschool. With a wide variety of stalls and gifts, come along and pick up some lovely items **that can't be found on the High Street. It would be great of as many villagers as possible were able to come along, and support our wonderful preschool.**

*Claire Addison - Preschool Committee Secretary*



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The human memory is a powerful thing. At times it seems like a very loyal servant, impressive in its efficiency, and able to recall for us all manner of bits of information with startling rapidity. On other occasions it may temporarily let us down and leave us struggling to remember something quite straightforward. At yet other times it can be a terrible master, reminding us of things we would rather forget. The harder I try to forget something, the more difficult it becomes, because in the very act of trying to forget it, I've reminded myself of it. Our memories are sometimes prompted by our senses, by things we hear, or see, or smell: and we say "Oh, that reminds me of..." Other people too may bring to mind things from the recent, or more distant, past. Again these may be happy memories or sad ones: things we are pleased to remember or things which fill us with sorrow.

Some of us may find ourselves struggling with our emotions as we come to terms with the events of our lives. We look back across the weeks, or months, or years, and reflect on what has happened, what has been achieved... or what might have been. Life often seems to be a bit of an emotional roller-coaster. We live in an era in which we are encouraged at every event we attend to complete an evaluation form, and when there is pressure for everything to be measured and calculated, assessed and appraised. For many of us as we look back across our lives there will have been some successes, probably, and a measure of failure too. There are things which will linger long in the memory and **things which, to be honest, we'd probably rather forget...but can't seem to. And of course there are** always those who will be critical of what the Rector does - or doesn't do. I would simply suggest that they think about the prayer of the American Indians which says "Grant that I may not criticise my neighbour, until I have walked a mile in his moccasins".

November is a month for remembering : it starts with All Saints' Day, followed closely by All Souls' Day, when it has been customary in more high-church parishes to remember our loved ones now departed into the nearer keeping of God. Then of course we are encouraged to "Remember, remember, the fifth of November, gunpowder, treason and plot". But a few days pass, and the nation holds its annual Festival of Remembrance. We are encouraged either to observe a two minute silence on the 11th day at the eleventh hour, or to attend a ceremony on the Sunday following. This year the 11th day actually falls on a Sunday. Remembering is important to us - as it reminds us who we are and of important events in the history of our nation which caused people to give their lives. My thoughts are equally with those who survive and for whom the memories are too painful to bear. My grandfather died over thirty years ago now, but I remember how desperately, unbearably, painful were his memories of fighting in the First World War, in which he was 'mentioned in dispatches'.

So memories can be painful, or, thankfully, sometimes pleasant too. Hard to live with at times, as our memories remind us of events which have shaped our lives. The kind of person we are, and the choices we made, whether for right or wrong, for better or worse, during our lives have influenced who we are now. Sometimes we may wish we had made other choices, and speculate as to how our lives might then have turned out. We may glimpse another kind of life and dream of doing something different. Of course it's easier with hindsight to say "I wish now that I'd done things differently." We cannot have everything our own way in life, and for many of us life will be marked by disappointment, by dreams shattered and hopes dashed. We probably all have at least a few regrets in life, and few will be able to say in the words of that song made famous by Edith Piaf that they regret nothing. Some things happen in our lives which take a long time to come to terms with.

Remembering is important in our religion as Christians, and important too in the Jewish tradition out of which Christianity grew. The Jews look back to the Exodus, when they were freed in spectacular fashion from slavery in Egypt. As Christians we look back with just as much gratitude to the event which represents our deliverance - the death of Jesus of Nazareth on the Cross, the one we call Christ - as we believe him to be the Messiah, the Son of God. I'm going to conclude this month with a couple of prayers that have come to mean something to me over the years and also a "message from God" which I found in another church magazine. Perhaps you'll find them useful too.

*Rev. Derek Hollis*



God of joy, may we have the honesty of the realist, the humility of the saint, the passion of the lover, and the simplicity of a child. Grant that we may so love life that hours may seem like minutes, and day's ending come too soon, Amen.

(heard on Radio 4 "Prayer for the Day")

O God our protector, by whose mercy the world turns safely into darkness, and returns again to light, we give into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, for you alone are our sure defence, and bring us lasting peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen. (from Common Worship Daily Prayer, copyright The Archbishops' Council 2002)

"Message from God"

Good Morning,

I am God, and today I will be handling all your problems.

Please remember that I do not need your help.

If life happens to deliver a situation you cannot handle,  
do not attempt to resolve it.

Kindly place it in the 'something for God to do' box.

All situations will be handled in my time, not yours.

Once the matter is placed into my box,

do not hold onto it, worrying about it.

Instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present  
in your life now.

If it is a situation you think you are capable of handling,  
please consult me first to make sure it is the proper solution.

Remember I neither slumber nor sleep - so there is no need for you  
to lose any. Rest in peace and remember I am only a prayer away.

(From Time Travelling Volunteers' News Summer 2004  
with acknowledgement to Arnold 'Compass').

Date	Day	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
4th Nov	Sun	9:30 HC Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley		
11th Nov	Sun	9:30 HC Barnardiston	10:50 Great Thurlow Remembrance Service	10:50 Kedington Remembrance Service	
18th Nov	Sun	10:00 HC Little Thurlow			
25th Nov	Sun	8:00 HC Kedington	9:30 HC Little Bradley	11:00 HC Great Wratting	
2nd Dec	Sun	9:30 HC Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley	6pm Carols Kedington	
9th Dec	Sun	9:30 Christinge Kedington	9:30 HC Barnardiston	10:00 SotW Great Wratting	11:00 HC Great Thurlow

At the latest meeting Councillors had no objections to two Planning Applications for the felling of trees at Corner Cottage and The Old Rectory. It was noted that an order had been placed for the new Great and Little Thurlow village website which it is hoped will be operational early in the New Year.

The possibility of Wi-Fi being installed at the Village Hall was discussed as a grant from St Edmundsbury BC would cover the majority of costs for the first year. This is something which is being encouraged for all village halls by St. Edmundsbury BC, would be useful at Parish Council meetings and could be available to other local organisations using the Hall. This matter will be investigated further.

Preliminary discussion took place on the Budget for 2013/2014. Members agreed to support the Thurlow Fayre once again by hiring a marquee and also to continue financial support of the Village Link magazine. It was also agreed to continue to help with the cost of cutting the grass on the Sports Field and at Little Thurlow Green. It was noted that the Sports Club would probably need help with funding the installation of new showers etc at the pavilion. A donation of £40 is to be made to the Royal British Legion this year.

Full Minutes of all meetings are displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board in front of the Village Hall. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 20th November 2012 at 7.30pm.

*M. Hawkins, Parish Clerk*

## NEWS FROM THE BRIDGE

Greetings from your friendly neighbourhood Parish Council – Working for a Great Wrattling !

**We've been part of the Village Link for some eight months now and your responses to our recent survey about it have all been very positive. We're hoping you will therefore be pleased to hear that we are continuing our link with this excellent publication indefinitely.**

And we are always trying to improve our contributions to it. So if you have any ideas at all or fancy **contributing yourselves, we'd very much like to hear from you. Please get in touch with our great new Parish Clerk, Emma White, who can be reached at [gtwrattlingpc@btinternet.com](mailto:gtwrattlingpc@btinternet.com) or on 07792 455030.**

**Joining the Link was part of your Council's mission to nurture a greater sense of community and communication within the village – to which end, our watch words are just that – Community and Communication. Not very sexy maybe, but then, we are not a supermodel.**

**And from time to time, we'd like to let you know what nurturing we've been up to and what you can do to help us along the way. We want you to tell us what you think and how we could do things better or differently.**

**So here's the first in a regular column for the Link: News from the Bridge – or What Your Parish Council Is Doing For You.**

### **Autumn "Spring" Clean**

**After last year's turnout to our annual village clean up (head count: 3 !), your Parish Council came to this year's outing in some trepidation. But it needn't have worried. A shunt to later in the year, a fine sunny day and the draw of a Red Lion pint or two on the Council slate, had the village out in droves !**

Many thanks to everyone who turned up for their enthusiastic support and, as ever, to George Sykes, **who let us take over his car park and plied us with booze afterwards. You'll be glad to know that Alan Newlands happily added to his burgeoning collection of vintage hub caps.**

**Next year's clean up is going to be *EVEN MORE* exciting ! We're going to add a bit of a treasure hunt, as a siren song to all our kids, sure in the knowledge that where every kid goes, a Mum and Dad is sure to follow !**

## Super Fast Broadband

The eagle-eyed amongst you have already spotted that BT OpenReach have been putting super fast broadband cabling up and down the Thurlow Road. Not one to miss a trick, your parish councillors were on to this (almost) immediately and one of our number is busily on the case, with a view to **getting cabling installed up and down the Street and the Withersfield Road. We don't want to raise hopes at this stage, so - more anon.**

## Website

Granted - efforts to revamp our village web site (Facebook page, Twitter account and so on) have not **exactly moved at lightning speed. Frankly, we've seen slumbering snails move at greater pace. All the same, we are dogged, dogged I tell you, in our determination to get there in the end. Indeed, we're** hoping to welcome a new councillor to our next meeting in November, who will, fingers crossed, form a dedicated one man expert IT sub-committee and who will lead us at pace to the online sunlit uplands !

## Village E Mail Tree

Phil Stainer has been manfully running our village e mail tree these many years and we think all his **efforts could be better rewarded. So we're looking to reupholster our service in the hope that many** more of you will want to join in. The tree really could be a more useful communication tool around **the village and it is definitely part of your Council's wider communications policy !**

We know there will be concerns about publicly available information when it comes to private e mail addresses and we will always be alive to that. So, over a period of time - **your Council doesn't like to** be too hasty - we will be asking everyone in the village about your preferences.

## Village Information Sheet & Local Emergency Plan

**How many of you know we have a village information sheet and local emergency plan? Now don't all** shout at once !

**There's been a general information sheet about the village and local services for some time, which has** ever been distributed on something of an ad hoc basis. The sheet has now been redesigned and is currently being brought up to date. It will be delivered to every household with the next edition of the Link and it will of course be posted on our new web site – eventually !

We have also had a local emergency plan for a while now, with lots of useful information about the **village's ability to respond to emergency situations. Because it holds lots of personal information** about how people can help in emergencies, we are not making the plan publicly available. All parish councillors and our clerk obviously have access to it and contact details for all of us are in every issue of the Link and are posted on all three village notice boards.

## And Finally

And finally – we have had to say goodbye recently to several stalwart local public servants, who have long worked away quietly in the better interests of the village. Sue Davies-Scourfield and Linda Reading have retired as parish councillors after many years of dedicated service – not, it must be said, out of choice but out of leaving the village. Sue is already sadly missed, having moved to Calford Green earlier this year but Linda is still here, working hard on our neighbourhood watch scheme (of which more anon), until she and Graham move to Norfolk to be closer to their family.

And we have also had to say goodbye to our wonderful clerk, Jayne Whittaker, who ever kept a wayward councillor in something approaching good order and who ran our affairs with assurance, diligence and good humour. We are very sorry to see her go but very lucky indeed to have Emma to take her place. Emma is quickly proving to be cut from just the same cloth.

We wish Sue, Linda and Jayne all the very best. They will be missed.

*Gavin Acheson, Chairman*



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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.

Services and Societies in Thurlow	Telephone
Thurlow Village Stores and Post Office – Naomi Sharrod	01440 783214
Thurlow News – Naomi Sharrod	01440 783923
Thurlow Garage – Ray Sharrod	01440 783248
The Cock Inn – Lucy Huelin	01440 783224
Plumbing Services – TKHeat – Kevin Crowson	07966 208794 01440 783654
Parish Clerk – Little Thurlow – Molly Hawkins	01440 783259
Parish Clerk – Great Thurlow – Diana Allin	01440 783560
Thurlow CEVC School – Head Teacher	01440 783281
Thurlow Pre-School – Helen Frost (thurlowpreschool@hotmail.co.uk.)	01440 783688
Thurlow Mother and Toddlers – Claire Yallop and Helen Morley	01440 783975
Thurlow Fayre – Janice Klimcke and Diana Allin	01440 783626 01440 783560
Thurlow Gardening Club – Dawn Abbey	01440 783646
Thurlow Sports Club Secretary – Allan Loveday	01440 707416
Thurlow Village Hall Committee – Janice Klimcke	01440 783626
Thurlow Village Hall Bookings – Diana Allin	01440 783560
Thurlow Womens Institute – President Ann Tipper	01440 783090
Thurlow Tennis Club—Andy Quick	01440 783040

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

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

Copy deadline, as always is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.  
View The Village Link online at [www.littlethurlow.org](http://www.littlethurlow.org)

Community Contacts	Telephone
Churches – Stourhead Benefice – Rev. Derek Hollis	01440 763066
Haverhill Social Services	01440 764949
Haverhill Citizens Advice Bureau	01440 704012
St Edmundsbury Borough Council Planning	01284 763233
District Councillor – Robert Clifton-Brown	01440 783562
St Edmundsbury Borough Council	01284 763233
St Edmundsbury Borough Council (Haverhill office)	01440 702271
County Councillor – Jane Midwood	01440 821428
Suffolk County Council General Enquiries	08456 066067
Age Concern – Mary Hilton	01440 783649
Thurlow Estate – Tim Barling, Agent	01440 783661
Thurlow Estate – Tom Duffin, Assistant to Agent	
Libraries – Haverhill	01440 702638
Libraries – Bury St Edmunds	01284 352545
A mobile library visits the villages on alternate Mondays stopping at Sowley Green 11.30-11.40am, 109 Bury Road, Great Thurlow 11.45-12.10pm and Little Thurlow Green, 1 Coronation Villas 12.45-1.00pm.	
Suffolk Radio – BBC FM 103.9 or 104.6	01473 250000
Refuse Collection	01284 757320
Every Friday early morning – Black bin on week one, blue and brown bin week two alternating	
Environmental Health and Pest Control	01284 757084

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

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

Great Wrattling Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Chair – Gavin Acheson	01440 783515
Vice-chair – Phil Stainer	01440 786462
Councillor – Vacancy	
Councillor – Petra Stephenson	01440 783384
Councillor – Jackie Edmonds	01440 783322
Councillor – Steven Robinson	01440 783131
Councillor – Caroline Togher	01440 783876
Parish Clerk – Emma White—gtwrattlingpc@btinternet.com	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

Great Thurlow Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
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