

The Village Link

Great Thurlow – Little Thurlow – Great Wratting

October
2012

Thurlow Calendar 2013—Competition Winner



Above Overall Winner 2013, James Woricker, (Calendar Front Page)



1st—Andy Quick
37 Votes



2nd—Justin Lee Smith
34 Votes



3rd—Kevin Crowson
24 Votes

There were 164 voting slips to be counted following the Thurlow Fayre and my thanks go to Tim & Kevin for their help.

People were asked to vote for their favourite picture overall and for an additional three runners up. The favourite picture with the most votes was taken by James Woricker and is on the front page of this issue of The Village Link—this will also be on the front cover of the calendar. The twelve pictures receiving the most votes will now make up the twelve months of the Thurlow Calendar 2013.

The favourite picture overall winner will receive a bottle of champagne and a framed picture of their entry. The top three with the most votes after the overall winner will also receive a smaller framed picture of their entry (see bottom of front page).

The Thurlow Calendar 2013 will be on sale as soon as we can get them printed but more details on that in next months issue of The Village Link. All profits from the sale of the calendars will be divided equally between the two Thurlow churches, they will be perfect stocking fillers for Christmas and also for every pantry door in the villages! Watch this space for details of where you can buy them in Novembers issue!

Naomi Sharrod

A great September meeting was had by all and we welcomed new members Steve and Jeanie Huggins to the group. Sue Banbridge kept us well informed on all things tomatoes related and helped diagnose my blossom end rot (not as painful as it sounds!)

The Lovedays filled us in on their visit to Highgrove gardens which sounded amazing, and we all agreed that if we each had 14 members of staff as HRH the Prince of Wales does, we also may have a weed free garden! Sue gave us a great recipe for cooking up some pasta sauce with a glut of tommys so please e mail me if you would like a copy.

Well it is nice to be enjoying the sun and I hope your flowers and veg are flourishing. Next meeting is on Friday 12th October and will be hosted by our new members so if you would like to join us for some fun or even just a nosey around someone elses garden, please phone or email me for the address.

We are planning on helping each other on our plots next year a bit like Groundforce so if you would like some help, come and join us. Oh and don't forget to bag up the leaves as they start to fall for great mulch after a year and compost after 2/3 years.

Happy Autumn

Dawn (dawn.abbey@btinternet.com 783646).

An unbelievable turnout for Stacks of Sax made the evening truly unique and memorable. With a total of 48 people in Great Thurlow Church, I can genuinely say that there has probably never been such a fabulously different evening held in the church to date! Adrian and his team did a sterling job of entertaining us all with three hours of fun and music. With such talent roaming the county, we were very lucky indeed to have found and welcomed Stacks of Sax to the Thurlows for such an event.

Thanks also have to go to John Tipper, who's rendition of Shakespeare's Hamlet was faultless and the talk of the evening, but genuine praise goes to Kevin who so bravely stood before the audience and read three passages from Shakespeare, which was no mean feat, he was genuinely fearful of 'messing it up!' Well done both for being brave!

A total of £600 was raised on the evening through ticket sales and a net total of £210 raised for the PCC—heartfelt thanks to all who supported us on the night.

Tim Knappett—Churchwarden, All Saints PCC

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Farm

Once again the harvest has drawn to a close for another year – but for us it was a difficult season, finally finishing the last of the beans on Wednesday 12th September.

The very wet July and August made actually getting onto the fields to take in the harvest near impossible at times and the lack of sun while the crops were ripening on our heavy land meant that the wheat yields were dramatically down. I think that we can probably still count ourselves luckier than our more Northern colleagues who, by all accounts, still have some way to go before finishing. The Farm staff are now putting in long hours drawing down, preparing and then drilling the fields for next year – the cycle continues.

Hunt

Autumn Hunting commenced on Monday 10th September. This was considerably later than last year due to the delayed harvest and therefore being unable to hunt until the crop was off.

The hounds are fit and well, which is more than can be said for some of the riders who found it a bit of a shock getting back into the saddle after the summer months.

The Hunt Kennels open day on the 16th September went very well and again the weather was kind to us. It was also the venue for the annual Terrier/Lurcher and family dog show which attracted a lot of attention and many entrants.

Thanks must again be given to all those who spared their time and helped with this event.

The Thurlow Hunt Ride is taking place on Saturday 22nd September and I will report further on this next month.

Property

Properties to let

Ashdon Place, Ashdon – 5 bed detached house, recently refurbished - £3,250 pcm.

Mill Cottage, Withersfield Road – 3 bed detached cottage, fully refurbished, short term winter let.

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

“Dogging in” continues apace, this is the seasonal struggle to keep the birds in the right location, close to water, food and shelter and away from predators. Thanks must be given to Tom, Dave and Rob for their tireless efforts on this front.

All final preparations are now underway for the first days shooting on the 26th October and then it is straight through until the end of January.

Woods

The woodlands team are continuing to cut coppiced woodland, the current block being in Plunder Wood. **This timber will then be transported to the processing unit where it will be turned into 8” and 12” timber for sale through Thurlow Woodlands. The sooner the timber is split the quicker it dries out,** the idea moisture content for firewood being somewhere around 19 - 20%

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A DEFRA officer stopped at a farm in Suffolk and talked with a dairy farmer. He told the dairy farmer, "I need to inspect your farm for illegally grown drugs."

The dairy farmer said, "Okay, but don't go in that field over there.....," as he pointed out the location.

The DEFRA officer verbally exploded saying, " Sir, I have the authority of the British Government behind me!"

Reaching into his rear trouser pocket, the arrogant officer removed his badge and proudly displayed it to the dairy farmer.

"See this badge?! This badge means I am allowed to go wherever I wish.... On any land !! No questions asked or answers given!! Have I made myself clear.....do you understand ?!!"

The dairy farmer nodded politely, apologized, and went about his chores.

A short time later, the old dairy farmer heard loud screams, looked up, and saw the DEFRA officer running for his life, being chased by the dairy farmers big Jersey bull..... With every step the bull was gaining ground on the officer, and it seemed likely that he'd get gored before he reached safety. The officer was clearly terrified. The old dairy farmer threw down his tools, ran to the fence and yelled at the top of his lungs.....

"Your badge, show him your BADGE..... ! !"

Summer passed quickly and the autumn term is already looking fun packed and busy. We extend a big warm welcome to the new children who have joined us this term.

During the summer holidays we all very much enjoyed playing our part in yet another successful Thurlow Fayre. Our four stalls were busy throughout the afternoon, and enjoyed by all those that either took part in our ceramics painting, nail art, wine or water or toddler ride on toys.

We are extremely pleased to have recently been awarded the 'Inclusive Environment Award', we are 1 of only 4 settings in Suffolk to achieve this award! We take great pride in our ability to meet every child's needs, regardless of language barriers, different cultures, physical disabilities or learning difficulties.

During the October 2012 half term we will be running our first Holiday Club! This will be open to **2-7 year olds, from 8am until 3.30pm. You don't have to be currently registered at Thurlow pre-school, or the primary school to join our holiday club, and anyone interested can contact us on 01440 783688 for further details.** The days are priced very competitively and we hope to see lots of children there.

As we are a charity we rely heavily on offers of help, and if any readers have either an interesting job, or hobby that you would be willing to come and tell the children about, we would be delighted to hear from you. But we could also do with some help at any time of the day, reading stories to the children, playing, helping them to have their lunch, **accompanying them on walks. Don't worry, a member of staff will be with you at all times** but it can be a lot of fun. If you could give us an hour of your time (or more :0) or have some services you can offer, please give Helen and her team a call on 01440 783 688 or email thurlowpreschool@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you very much in advance.

*Claire Addison
Committee Secretary*



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A sunny morning brought out visitors to the Fayre with 1,700 approx attending, although Car Boot numbers were down on past years, this may have been due to other Car Boot events going on in the local area.

The committee made a few changes to the site layout which seemed to be well received including a smaller Main Ring. This enabled the crowd to be closer to the action and entertained with a full programme of events, including Dangerous Steve a Unicycle Fire Juggler, Tom Longton Sheepdog Display herding geese and Glenmoriston Pipe Band.

As a result of providing these acts costs were somewhat higher and although income was up the overall net profit is lower than last year at £3,600 approx.

The mix of music also saw the return of both Hadstock Silver Band by the Tea Tent and Nice Manors Band outside the Sports Pavilion

Children well catered for with Thurlow Pre-school manning the toddlers area, Circus Skills were provided by Doc Spinoff and there was also Reptiles, Bouncy Castle and Giant Slide, Face Painting, Train Rides, Zorb Balls, Archery, Crockery Smashing and Coconut Shy and Fun Dog Show along with other Side Stalls

Both the Bottle Stall and Grand Draw were well supported and thanks to everyone from the village who donated bottles and bought draw tickets the lucky winner of the £100 Cash Prize being new committee member Will Griffiths who had also taken on the responsibility of running the Craft Fair which was a new feature along with a Classic Car Display organised by Ray Sharrod from Thurlow Garage.

This year's Produce & Craft Show had fewer entries than last year, mainly due to the poor growing conditions this summer. Tim Knappett manned the tent on the day and helped organise the voting for the Thurlow Calendar 2013 competition with over 160 visitors to the Produce Show choosing to cast their votes.

Judging of the Produce & Craft Show took place between 11:30am—1:00pm by Dave and Maggie Gould from Orwell - thank you to them for their time and deliberation! The overall winner for 2012 was Kevin Crowson (68 points), second Molly Hawkins (32 points) and in third place Martha Hancock (23 points). Well done to everyone that took part and thank you.

This years Children's categories were sponsored by TKHeat of Great Thurlow and awards for first, second and third places are awarded to:-

7 & Under:-	1st—Sorrel Mason, 2nd—Henry Shipp & 3rd—Tia Parsons.
8 to 10 Years:-	1st—Camilla Riley, 2nd—Nicole Dye & 3rd—Maya Huyler.
11 to 16 Years:-	No entries.

TKHeat will be contacting the winners shortly with their gift vouchers.

The hard working committee would like to thank everyone from the village who helped at the Fayre to make the day a success and special thanks to Naomi Sharrod from Thurlow Stores for all her support, Thurlow Estate for their co-operation and assistance prior to the day and The Village Link.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday 3rd October to decide on the distribution of profits from the Fayre to village organisations and other charitable causes as well as making plans for the Village Bonfire Night. All are welcome to this meeting to help decide the breakdown of the profit distribution, including all of the organisations that helped on the day and representatives of the two Thurlow churches.

*Allan Loveday
On behalf the Thurlow Fayre Committee.*

2012 Calendar of Events

Date	Book Title	Author	Genre
10 th October	Care of Wooden Floors	Will Wiles	Comic Fiction
14 th November	Knowledge of Angels	Jill Paton Walsh	Fiction
12 th December	Silas Marner	George Eliot	Classic Fiction

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

Children's Society

Thank you to all the Box Holders for once again supporting the Children's Society. This year we have raised £187.42.

Rosemary Allcock

A big thank you to the many volunteers who turned out on Saturday, 1st September to help with the annual village clean. The new Autumn date proved popular, the turnout was excellent and the weather was kind.

Many hands certainly made light work—Great Wrattling was litter free by lunchtime. A number of the hard-**working team rounded off the day's** assignment with a get together in the garden of The Red Lion for some well deserved refreshments and a chance to catch up with friends and neighbours.

*Gavin Acheson
Great Wrattling Parish Council*

The Thurlow 10—Sunday 21st October, 10am

Missed out on tickets to the 2012 Olympics? Sad that the great sporting Summer is now drawing to a close?

Well, just when you thought it was all over....

Sunday, 21st October sees the second annual Thurlow 10 race around the village and surrounding countryside. Organised by Haverhill Running Club and made possible by kind permission of Thurlow Estates, this exciting 10 mile figure of eight starts at the Village Hall and takes in Temple End and Hunts Park Farm before ascending through Little Thurlow, across estate land to Sowley Green and finishing at the Recreation Ground.

On the morning of the race please drive carefully along these routes as there may be runners and marshals on the road and if you are so inclined then please feel free to cheer the runners along as they pass by your house! Some 60 runners took part last year and so impressed were they by the delights of Thurlow that this year we are expecting many more.

Mo Farah has yet to confirm his attendance but you never know.

Jean Newlands—Erstwhile Runner and Would-be Sports Journalist.

Dates For Your Diary!	Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
	Oct	1st	Mon	19:30	Great Wrattling Parish Council Meeting	Wheel Cottage, The Street	Parish Clerk gtwrattlingpc@btinternet.com
	Oct	3rd	Wed	19:30	Thurlow Fayre Committee Meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	Finance Awards
	Nov	3rd	Sat	18:30 Gates Open	Thurlow Fireworks and BBQ	Thurlow Sports Ground	Allan Loveday
	Nov	29th	Thu	19:30	Great Wrattling Parish Council Meeting	Wheels Cottage, The Street	Parish Clerk gtwrattlingpc@btinternet.com
	Dec	8th	Sat	9:00	Christmas Fair & Farmers Market	Thurlow Village Hall	Tim Knappett Kevin Crowson 783654
	Dec	21st	Fri	18:30	Christmas Concert	All Saints' Church Great Thurlow	Jane Sheppard 783209

Monthly Church Service Rota	Date	Day	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
	7th Oct	Sun	9:30 Kedington Holy Communion	10:00 Great Wrattling Service of the Word	11:00 Great Bradley Holy Communion	
	14th Oct	Sun	9:30 Barnardiston Holy Communion	9:30 Kedington Service of the Word	11:00 Great Thurlow Holy Communion	
	21st Oct	Sun	10:00 Little Bradley Holy Communion			
	28th Oct	Sun	8:00 Kedington Holy Communion	9:30 Little Thurlow Holy Communion	11:00 Great Wrattling Holy Communion	18:00 Kedington Evensong
	4th Nov	Sun	9:30 Kedington Holy Communion	11:00 Great Bradley Holy Communion		
11th Nov	Sun	9:30 Barnardiston Holy Communion Said	10:50 Great Thurlow Remembrance Service	10:50 Kedington Remembrance Service		

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Do any of you listen, I wonder, to David Mellor's classical music show on Classic FM entitled 'If you liked that you'll like this?' My approach to this month's piece for the newsletter is in similar vein to the one I gave you in July "It may sound like a question from the "Round Britain Quiz" (a BBC Radio 4 programme, for those who may not know it)", so "If you liked that you'll like this". To begin with, a puzzle: find me the link between a bishop and missionary from around the turn of the eighth century, a nineteenth-century prison reformer, and a twentieth century nurse. No prizes, sadly, but see if you can find the link. Email me and I'll tell you if you're correct....!

If that seems too hard a task, perhaps a few clues: the bishop was a Northumbrian nobleman who entered into a religious life at Lindisfarne and later become the abbot of a newly-founded monastery at Ripon. The prison reformer was a Quaker, a Christian philanthropist, born in Norwich. She lived as a child at Earlham Hall, now part of the University of East Anglia. Her father was a partner in a bank, and her mother came from another well-known banking family. She herself has also featured on the Bank of England £5 note! If you need to take one out of your pocket or wallet or purse to look, you may!

What then of the twentieth-century nurse? The first time I heard her name it was when my great auntie, Nellie Capendale, was admitted to a hospital ward bearing her name. This lady is remembered in numerous places around the world. There is a memorial to her adjacent to Trafalgar Square in London, and a memorial in Peterborough Cathedral. She is commemorated too in Manchester, and abroad in Australia and Belgium. Her name is found on streets in many countries and in numerous health-care institutions.

Each October a graveside service is held by the place at the east of Norwich Cathedral where the nurse is buried. Some of you may have guessed by now that the nurse was Edith Louisa Cavell. Edith Cavell was born in Swardeston, a village near Norwich. Her father was the priest there for 45 years. She entered the nursing profession and became matron of a nursing school in Brussels. There she launched a professional journal for nurses.

It was whilst Edith was visiting her widowed mother in Norfolk that the First World War broke out. She returned to Brussels, where the Red Cross took over her clinic and nursing school. Brussels was later occupied by Germany, and nurse Edith Cavell began sheltering British soldiers and helping them find their way out of occupied Belgium into the neutral country of Holland. She helped over 200 Allied soldiers to safety, but thereby placed herself in violation of German military law. She was arrested, imprisoned, and court-martialled. She died at the hands of a firing squad at the age of 49.

It later transpired that Edith Cavell had been working for the British Secret Intelligence Service, although it was for treason that she was executed, not for espionage. Propaganda at the time and subsequent representations varied in their portrayal of her.

On the night before her death, an Anglican chaplain was allowed to give her Holy Communion. She told him "Patriotism is not enough, I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone". These words are on her statue near Trafalgar Square. Her dying words were "Ask Father Gahan (the chaplain) to tell my loved ones later on that my soul, as I believe, is safe, and that I am glad to die for my country."

The German army chaplain at the time of her execution, Pastor Le Seur, said of her "I do not believe that Miss Cavell wanted to be a martyr... but that she was ready to die for her country... Miss Cavell was a very brave woman and a faithful Christian."

What wisdom lies in her words "I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone"! She was a brave woman and a faithful Christian indeed.

Derek Hollis

Well, there was a taste of the summer we never had in the brief 'Indian summer' in early September, but we shall remember this year as having some of the most disturbed weather conditions most of us can remember. This may become a more familiar pattern in the future, however. The climate scientists still find it difficult to make definite predictions about the precise rate of climate change and about all its implications, but they do seem agreed about one thing – we must be more prepared in future for surprises and extreme events, whether floods, gales, droughts or alternating very hot and very cold spells. Something really is changing in the world, though many people are still finding it difficult to accept this.

But to keep it local and particular, just ask yourself. How many different species of butterfly did you see this year? I saw only a handful of red admirals, tortoiseshells and peacocks and not a single painted lady, speckled wood or comma. How often did you hear the cuckoo? Or the turtle dove? Did you notice how few swifts there were in the skies and what small numbers of house martins were nesting under our roofs? How would you feel about a spring where you never heard a skylark singing, or a summer where you never saw a swallow? These are not wild impossibilities. Just in my lifetime we have already lost from the village our breeding willow warblers, corn buntings, tree sparrows, turtle doves and nearly all our spotted flycatchers; and this is the first year of my adult life when I didn't once hear a nightingale sing an English wood.

If you go to Britain's coasts the story is much the same. Where there were once teeming populations of seabirds there are now only scattered, remnant groups. The guillemots, puffins, razorbills, terns and kittiwakes that used to nest in huge, raucous colonies on the Welsh and Scottish coastlines can no longer find sufficient food to feed their young, since the little sand eels they used to depend on have migrated further north with the warming of the seas round Britain. So they have failed to breed.

It's now almost exactly 50 years since Rachel Carson published her book, Silent Spring (the actual day of publication was 27 September 1962). That book was a dramatic warning call about the effect that pesticides and pollution were having on the natural environment and in particular on birds. The first reactions were, predictably, apathy and denial from the political authorities and violent, abusive hostility from the agro-chemical industries; but an idea had been planted and the book led to the banning of DDT and went on to become one of the most influential books of the twentieth century, credited with launching the worldwide environmental movement. The title was taken from some lines by John Keats:

'The sedge is wither'd from the lake, And no birds sing.' We need another Rachel Carson to make us more aware of the new and far greater threats the whole world now faces and to keep the birds singing.

Jeremy Mynott

It seems so long ago now, but the Brownies enjoyed a really busy summer term

Burrough Green Fete on Sunday 17th June – 8 Brownies and 4 leaders from our unit helped with the **'human fruit machine' and served tea & coffee to stall holders, along with clearing tea cups and plates** from tables.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed helping, the fete committee & stall holders really appreciated all the help given from the 6 units from Girlguiding and Scouting.

We were delighted to receive a donation from the Burrough Green PCC as thank you for our help. We made the most of any good weather evenings and headed outside.

The girls once again this year requested what is becoming a favourite summer term outside activity, **'MESSY NIGHT'**. **This year we added an 'Olympic' twist to the evening there was a lot of mess & laughter!**

We said goodbye to 5 of our brownies who are all moved on to Guides.

We 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

Hello, I would just like to make everyone aware of the village Facebook group - 'Thurlow Life - Past & Present'.

Although started by former Thurlow 'Exiles' ,the group now provides up to date village news and information,as well as reminiscences of the past in both personal memories and pictures. It also publicizes and promotes village events and activities such as the Thurlow Fayre. We would welcome closer involvement with the Village Link,and would be grateful for a mention in future issues, if granted, and of course would welcome new members with any connection to the Thurlows.

Sincere Regards,
Dennis Boreham (Joint Group Administrator)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/20605405837/>

Thurlow WI Vice-President Jill Steele opened the September meeting and thanked all who helped at the Fayre, with a small gift to be given to Bill Jeffrey for his hard work on the day.

Eight members will display items made by them at the Haverhill Library on the 22nd of September. Jill gave notice of a Ramble at Clare, an outing to London an Italian Christmas art Whepstead and a Sing-a-long also, at Whepstead.

Our member Molly Hawkins then took over and producing a Flower Arrangement made by her earlier challenged us to make one using this as a guide. We all then had a go and were generally praised for our efforts from our tutor. Molly had also devised a Flower Quiz which was won by Anne Roberts and Arline Vollam.

Winners in the draw were Anne Roberts, Janice Klimcke and Jean Lansdell.
Next Month [Music Hall Memories] October 9th 7 30pm Village Hall.

On October 2nd Clive Paine is bringing a group to St Peters Lt Thurlow to tell of its History. Anyone wishing to join the group is welcome 10am to 12.

Iris Eley—Little Thurlow Reporter



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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

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 15th of the month.
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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 Maltings 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

Great Wratting 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—gtwrattingpc@btinternet.com	07792455030
If you would like information about joining Great Wratting Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk. www.parish-council.com/greatwrattingparishcouncil	

St Mary's Church Great Wratting Church Wardens	Telephone
Simon Corbett	01440 783698
Ben Stanton	01440 783103

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

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