

# The Village Link

Great Thurlow – Little Thurlow – Great Wratting

September  
2012

## Thurlow Fayre 2012

Car Boot from 9am Fayre from 12pm

Sunday 2nd September

### All Saints' Church

Great Thurlow  
Musical Event  
Evening



Saturday  
8th September  
7:30pm

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### Stacks of Sax

Saturday, 8th September 2012

See inside for more details

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May I take this opportunity to thank Mirjam and her husband for organizing the event again this year under what must have been some difficult conditions. The weather leading up to the event on 22nd July was very wet which meant that loads of horses riding on grassy tracks would have resulted in a dreadful mess. From my own experience (I once **organized a pleasure ride in the Peak District and the cows ate the markers, but that's** another story) I know how hard it is to organize a successful ride and I heard a whisper that the ride would be cancelled.

However the 10 mile ride went ahead, and given the doubts leading up to the ride went surprisingly successfully. The initial road work soon gave way to some wonderful riding which coupled with the weather getting warmer made the ride good fun.

The photographer was on the route and took numerous photographs although he chose a spot which the horse flies liked too and the horses fidgeted to get out of the area.

The hard work that went on in the background so that so many of us could enjoy the ride is amazing. The start finish venue had to change so that horse lorries and trailers could park on hard standing and the route was so very well marked are just examples.

Thank you again and I look forward to next year.

*Beverley Griffin*

You may have noticed as you look in the window of your local Post Office here in Thurlow, some of the many entries for the Thurlow 2013 Calendar Competition.

In total there has been 40 entries for this photographic competition which is just outstanding, thank you to everyone who sent in entries.

The closing date for entries was the 15th August 2012, but all of the 40 entries will be on display within the Produce & Craft Show tent at the Thurlow Fayre on Sunday, 2nd September.

This will also give you a chance to vote for your favourite photograph and three runners up. The winner will be printed in the October issue of The Village Link and the eleven runners up can be seen in the Thurlow 2013 Calendar.... So you will need to buy one to see all of the winners!

Profit from the sales of this calendar will be divided between the two Thurlow churches.

*Naomi Sharrod*

The family of the late Rosemary Heyes, formerly of Mill Cottage, Great Thurlow, would like to thank everyone who sent kind messages and cards following the sad and sudden death of Rosemary after a short illness at Addenbrooks Hospital on the 25th July 2012.

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## Thurlow Fayre 2012

### Bottle Stall Collection

This year's Bottle Stall collection will take place between the 18th & 31st August.

If you could donate a bottle of wine, water or fizzy drink it would be gratefully received for the Bottle Stall at the Fayre.

If we miss you, you can donate your bottle at the Thurlow Post Office.

*Thank you*

### Craft Fair Stalls Available

This year Thurlow Fayre is introducing a Craft Fair tent.

Pitches for the Craft Fair are booked in advance of the Fayre, see contact details below.

Pitches are available inside the Craft tent with/without table and outside (table/tent not supplied).

Pitches are £10 each, payable on the day.

*Contact: Will 783496*

Farm

Since last month's edition the farm has made good progress with the harvest. All the oil seed rape and barley have been Combined and we are currently about ¼ of the way through the wheat.

While the yields for Barley and Oil Seed Rape are average across the board the quality of the grain has suffered due to the lack of sunlight this year. This seems to be the case across much of the heavier land in East Anglia.

In conjunction with the harvest there are always a myriad of other operations that need to be carried out such as hedge cutting and ditch maintenance as this is the only time of year that we are able to get onto the fields when there is no crop.

Cultivations have already begun, with the next crop of oil seed rape currently being drilled.

Hunt

August is normally one of the quietest months for the Thurlow Hunt, the calm before the storm that is Autumn Hunting!

The Hounds are parading at the Quy Game Fair over the August Bank Holiday.

The Hunt Kennels are being prepared for the annual open day on Sunday 16th September which will give people an opportunity to see the Hounds up close. The day also includes a Terrier/Lurcher and family dog show with refreshments and a barbeque. This is a fun day for all the family, and their dogs, with many different classes being judged. Please contact Dean Smith for further information on 01440 783 600 or 07765 073734.

The Thurlow Hunt Ride is taking place on Saturday 22nd September and The Thurlow Hunt has asked for participants and helpers. Any enquiries or entrants please contact the Thurlow Estate Office on 01440 783 661.

Property

The six major property refurbishments are completed and all the properties, bar one, have been re-let.

The external redecorations programme is progressing well with both John Younger and John Cutmore carrying out the works.

Properties to let, 2 Goldings Cottage, Great Thurlow. 2 Bed newly renovated property with OFCH.

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 last three weeks has seen the introduction of all the bought-in birds onto the Estate. With the full complement of birds to the season, the game keeper is working long days ensuring that they are fed, **strawed and watered where necessary**. **Constant care is needed at this point in a young bird's life** to provide it with the best chance of reaching adulthood.

**One of the main tasks for this time of year is called "dogging in", which involves flagging the hedges and the woods as well as the Estate in general on a regular basis trying to keep the birds in the appropriate areas for shooting or alternatively assisting them in finding the game crops.** Dogging in can take place 4 or 5 times a day.

Coppicing and thinning work on the Estate has begun again in the larger woods, providing us with the main source of timber for the firewood production. While this work has been slightly hampered by the unseasonably wet conditions in the woods we hope that this current dry spell will help.

We are taking log orders now so you can book a load of logs to be delivered. Please call the Estate Office on 01440 783 661 to order your delivery of hard or soft wood.

Jesus is watching you

A robber was shinning his torch around at some objects in a house that he was trying to steal from.

"Jesus is watching you," a voice said

"Huh? Oh well," the robber said and continued shinning his torch.

"Jesus is watching you," the voice continued.

The robber shined his torch to where the voice came from and found a parrot.

"Oh, it's you," the robber said.

"I'm just trying to warn you," the parrot said.

"Oh, that's nice," the robber said, pretending to be scared, "what's your name?"

"Moses."

"Moses? What kind of idiot would call a parrot Moses?"

"The same kind of idiot that would call a rottweiler Jesus!"

Once again this year All Saints Church, Great Thurlow will be taking part in the Church Cycle Ride Event on the 8th September, busy day for the church with Stack of Sax in the evening.

**I'm looking for sponsorship for manning the church as a check point for the ride between 9am and 5pm, also would anyone like to help with the manning of the church for an hour or two?**

For more details please contact Margaret Ince on 783117

On Saturday 12th August our Thurlow 100 year old, John Archer, took to the skies once again, this time in a glider, courtesy of the Essex Gliding Club. John in his customary manner strapped on a parachute & after a short period of instruction declared that should it become necessary he was sure that he could bale out; knowing John, we were sure that he could.

John's glider was towed up to its height & taken to West Wratting where the tow was released.

The glider pilot then steered a course over Thurlow so that John could see his house from the air & thence on to the gliding club field in Ashen near Ridgewell.

When John clambered out of the glider his face was wreathed in smiles & he did not stop talking about the experience for the rest of the afternoon. The pilot told us that John was one of the best passengers that he had ever had.

What next, wing walking, parachute jumping, paragliding, who knows?. One thing is certain & that is that John would be up for it!

*Jill & Barry Steele*



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Date	Day	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
2nd Sept	Sun	9:30 Kedington Holy Communion	11:00 Great Bradley Holy Communion		
9th Sept	Sun	9:30 Barnardiston Holy Communion	9:30 Kedington Service of the Word	10:00 Great Wratting Service of the Word	11:00 Great Thurlow Holy Communion
16th Sept	Sun	10:00 Great Wratting Holy Communion			
23rd Sept	Sun	9:30 Little Wratting Holy Communion	11:00 Little Thurlow Holy Communion	18:00 Kedington Evensong	
30th Sept	Sun	10:00 Little Wratting Holy Communion	18:00 Kedington Flower Festival		
7th Oct	Sun	9:30 Kedington Holy Communion	10:00 Great Wratting Service of the Word	11:00 Great Bradley Holy Communion	

Stacks of Sax

The Stacks of Sax event is truly taking shape now with around thirty five tickets sold. The concert is taking place at 7.30pm on Saturday September 8th 2012 in All Saints Church Great Thurlow, and would like to advise that tickets will only be on sale until Sunday 2nd September in order that we can plan for numbers for food!

Adrian (who heads up the team of saxophonists) has finalised the concert plans now with a fantastic Shakesperian theme. He has arranged for he and his colleagues to play a variety of different titles in in two parts including numbers by Cole Porter, Gershwin, Verdi and Ronnie Hazelhurst, to name just a few. **It is a really diverse schedule and will have something to stir everyone's emotions and memories.**

Tickets are for sale from me directly by telephoning 01440 783654 in the evenings, or by emailing me using the following address—Tim.Knappett@Co-operative.coop. I will be forwarding tickets to you by post or we can arrange for cash and tickets on the night as long as I know you are coming! Please do bring friends and family for what will be a really unique and memorable evening.

Tickets are priced at £15.00 each, and funds raised net of the cost of the supper and of course, Adrian and his teams commuting costs from Ipswich, will go directly to All Saints Church. If you have any specific dietary requirements, please do let me know when you give me a call for your reservation. Payment for tickets can be made by cheque payable to All Saints Church PCC or by cash. I will give you details of where to send you payment when you call....

Your support would be really appreciated and we look forward to seeing you all on the night.

*Tim Knappett*  
Churchwarden, All Saints PCC

## Thurlow Fayre Produce & Craft Show Schedule 2012

Here are the categories for the Thurlow Fayre Produce & Craft Show 2012.

### Home Produce

1. Jar of stoned fruit jam
2. Jar of soft fruit jam
3. Jar of lemon curd (new)
4. Jar of chutney
5. Jar of marmalade (new)
6. 3 fresh eggs
7. Short bread biscuits – Men Only (new)
8. Cherry cake – Ladies Only (new)
9. Cake – Any recipe (new)
10. Cottage Loaf (new)

### Vegetables and Fruit

11. 2 Sweet corn cobs (new)
12. The longest carrot (new)
13. 4 Tomatoes
14. 2 Courgettes (new)
15. 3 Peppers or chillies (any variety or colour)
16. 3 Onions
17. 4 Plums
18. 3 Dessert apples
19. 3 Beetroots (new)
20. 4 Runner beans
21. A basket of fruit & vegetables (min 6 varieties) (new)
22. The funniest fruit or vegetable (new)

### Flowers

23. A hand tied arrangement of herbs (min. 3 varieties) (new)
24. Vase of mixed garden flowers (min. 5 varieties)
25. Pot Plant (any variety)
26. 4 Roses (different varieties or colour)
27. Specimen Delphinium (single stem) (new)

### Home Brew

28. White bottle of wine (new)
29. Red bottle of wine (new)
30. Bottle of beer (bitter or lager) (new)
31. Bottle of cider (new)

All produce to be home-made or home-grown.

### Handicraft/Art

32. Lavender filled bag or cushion decorated to your own design & size (new)
33. Water colour painting—any subject but painted in the last 6 months (new)
34. Bookmark decorated with pressed flowers on one side and contact details on the other.

### Children's Section (see age categories)

35. Ginger Bread Man (new)
36. Handwriting—Your own short story or rhyme, no more than 200 words (new)

Age categories:

- Age 7 or under.
- Aged 8 to 10 years.
- Aged 11 to 16 years.

For more information please contact Kevin Crowson (783654), Produce Show Co-ordinator.

Entries need to be brought to the Produce Show tent between 9:30am-11:00am on the morning of the Fayre.

Cost per entry, 50 pence.

Judging will take place between 11:00am-12:30pm, during which time the Produce tent will be closed to the public.

This year we have two independent judges from outside the Thurlows, one from a gardening background and the other home-made produce.

Viewing of the entries and awards between 12:30pm-4:00pm. Each winning entry will receive a 1st, 2nd or 3rd prize certificate.

At 4:00pm entries may be collected; any remaining will be sold for Fayre funds.

Good luck everyone!

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Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
Sept	1st	Sat	10:30	Great Wrattling Annual Village Clean	Meet at The Red Lion	Parish Clerk gtwrattlingpc@btinternet.com
Sept	2nd	Sun		Thurlow Fayre & Car Boot	Great Thurlow Sports Ground	Allan Loveday 707416
Sept	8th	Sat	19:30	Stacks of Sax <b>All Saints' PCC Event</b>	<b>All Saints'</b> Church Great Thurlow	Tim Knappett 783654
Sept	8th / 9th	Sat / Sun		Great & Little Thurlow Litter Pick. Volunteers are needed to help keep the villages tidy. Equipment will be available from Mungo Lodge	Your Village!	01440 783259
Sept	18th	Tue	19:30	Little Thurlow Parish Council Meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	
Sept	25th	Tue	19:30	Joint Great and Little Thurlow Parish Council Meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	
Oct	1st	Mon	19:30	Great Wrattling Parish Council Meeting	Wheel 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	TBC	Christmas Concert	<b>All Saints'</b> Church Great Thurlow	Jane Sheppard 783209

## 2012 Calendar of Events

Date	Book Title	Author	Genre
12 <sup>th</sup> September	Empty Cradles	Margaret Humphrey	Non-fiction
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Care of Wooden Floors	Will Wiles	Comic Fiction
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Knowledge of Angels	Jill Paton Walsh	Fiction
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Silas Marner	George Eliot	Classic Fiction

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The Editor Writes

The Village Link, full of useful and important contact information, so on the day we had an 8 hour power cut the emergency number for UK Networks has a digit missing! Thank you to everyone who pointed this error out to me and I have made a brief check of some of the other numbers to ensure they are up to date. But if you know different then please let me know.

Next month will see the winners of the Thurlow Fayre 2012 Produce & Craft Show, so good luck to everyone taking part. I look forward to receiving your entries.

And finally, thank you to Naomi Sharrod for organising the Thurlow 2013 Calendar Competition.

*The Editor*

One of the things which I look forward to almost every day is the post lady arriving to deliver the mail. Amongst the items she brings will often be publicity for various events; paperwork from the Diocese; advertising for different items for home or for church; or circulars trying to sell me things for which I have neither a need nor a desire. Often it will be companies trying to sell me insurance. Sometimes the post may bring theological or pastoral journals. Then, of course there are the inevitable requests for money, appeals and bills.

**Very occasionally the day's post will contain something really special. I have a couple of envelopes which I have kept for many years and which I treasure. One is dated August 1973, and bears a small imprint in the bottom left corner which says EIIR. The postmark says "Official Paid Balmoral Castle". Inside is a typewritten letter from Her Majesty's Lady-in-Waiting the Hon. Mary Morrison, who begins "I am commanded by the Queen...". The reverse of the envelope bears the royal coat of arms. I was thrilled as a teenager to receive a letter from Balmoral Castle, written at the command of Her Majesty.**

The second envelope which I treasure is much more recent and is postmarked September 1992. **The postmark says only 'London SW1' but the envelope fell face down on the mat behind the door and the first thing I saw was the address on the rear flap in bold capitals "10 Downing Street". The letter inside came as a complete surprise to me and contained an invitation to go to Downing Street. Of course I went. Sadly I didn't get to see number 10 at its best as there were druggets over all the carpets, the works of art which normally adorn the walls had been removed and contractors were busy with building works. I think they were replacing the windows. Each time I see number 10 on the television I recall that visit "I've been there"!**

As I write this I have just heard of the death a few days ago of a church warden in one of my former parishes, who was one of the few people I have known to have attended a garden party at Buckingham Palace. I should imagine that the invitation to attend a garden party there is one that relatively few people turn down. Some may decline, but I suspect that few will want to turn down that invitation, even if they had previously made other plans. Most people when they receive that invitation probably endeavour to do everything in their power to ensure that they can go. There will be all the usual questions, of course, about how to get there and what to wear! Some may wonder what they will say, or what Her Majesty will have to say. I expect that those who attend find that their time with royalty is actually quite brief and that they speak a few words and then move on.

There is a much more important invitation, which is in one sense a royal invitation, and which brings with it a much more significant opportunity. It is the invitation from Jesus, our Lord and our King to follow him. To the first disciples, Simon, Andrew, James and John, **Jesus said "Follow me", and they left everything and followed him. That invitation to follow him echoes down to us through over two thousand years of Christian history. It comes with the promise of new life. Christianity offers us the chance of life after death, but also offers purpose and hope to a mixed-up world, the friendship and fellowship of other Christians and the presence and peace of God in our daily lives.**

*Rev. Derek Hollis*

Some of us are still suffering withdrawal symptoms from the Olympics after the **end of this remarkable fortnight, which featured the world's fastest runners, highest jumpers and strongest throwers and lifters, or as the Olympic motto has it citius, altius, fortius. And we've goggled at the most amazing physical specimens,** who have surely performed feats at the very limit of human possibilities. But hang on, those are just human possibilities, and there are other species on the planet too, namely birds, who can go even faster, higher and further and do so most days of the year.

Consider the comparative statistics. The fastest human runner – both at these games and of all time – was Usain Bolt and over 200 metres he covered the ground in 19.32 seconds, that is about 23 mph. But he would have come nowhere in a race with an ostrich, which can do 45 mph in short bursts like that and can run steadily at 30 mph. The fastest human on water was the swimmer Michael Phelps, the most decorated Olympian ever, and he travelled at about 4.3 mph over 200 metres. A gentoo penguin, however, would leave him splashing in its wake since they can hit 28 mph, churning through the sea like a miniature speedboat. Even the best rowers, assisted by oars and a boat, only go at just over 10 mph, and our gold medalist in the canoe sprint, Ed McKeever, who seemed to be made of solid muscle, could only power his way through the water with his whirling blades at just over 12 mph. And when you consider the feats of birds in flight – **well, it's no contest for citius. The fastest bird of all is the peregrine falcon,** which has been timed in its stoop, hurtling down on its prey from a great height, at between 180 and 200 mph. In this deadly dive it compresses its body into a perfectly aerodynamic tear-drop shape and just accelerates vertically downwards and kills its unfortunate (and probably unsuspecting) victim mid-air just by the force of the collision. As for altius, the bar-headed goose migrates right over the Himalayas to its winter quarters in Southern India and has been reported flying over Everest itself at some 29,000 feet, where the air is so thin that human beings can only survive with oxygen equipment. Talk about altitude training!

In their migrations too birds outperform all other species on earth. The longest of the long-distance travelers is the arctic tern, which flies literally from pole to pole, **spending our 'summer' in the arctic and our 'winter' in the Antarctic (where it is of course 'summer') and so sees more daylight than any other species but has to** travel some 11,000 miles each way to do so, that is 22,000 miles a year or nearly a quarter of a million miles in a lifetime of ten years (which is the approximate distance to the moon). That is quite remarkable in itself, but even more extraordinary in terms of Marathonic endurance is the feat of a wader called a bar-tailed godwit, which flies from Alaska to New Zealand over the Pacific without a single stop, a journey of some 7,000 miles completed by flying continuously for five days and nights. That surely takes the gold!

*Jeremy Mynott*

At the end of last year/early this year Suffolk ACRE asked parish and town councils with a population of less than 10,000 for their help by inviting them to complete a Rural Services Survey.

The responses have now been collated and the report is available at <http://www.suffolkacre.org.uk/main.php/publications/reports>.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank sincerely all of the Parish and Town Councillors and Clerks who took part for their overwhelming assistance with this information capture. A response rate of 84% was achieved, which was fantastic.

This is the latest addition to a number of different reviews that Suffolk ACRE has periodically undertaken, and is particularly useful in identifying what are services available and in understanding local perceptions about services. We will be using this information to inform our service development and delivery.

It would also be important information for groups and organisations in terms of evidencing need and for helping to attract resources into Suffolk. Although it is parish specific, at a strategic level, it gives you the opportunity to look at clusters and gaps in service provision.

We hope you find this information useful and if you have any feedback, either in terms of how it could be improved or how you have used it, please let us know.

This report can also be used by local organisations to support evidence of need in your own areas and with your own project developments. Suffolk ACRE is launching this report to over 2000 individuals and organisations across Suffolk.

The responses on broadband and mobile telephone coverage have already been used to influence the further development of Broadband in Suffolk.

Thank you once again for your assistance, and please feel free to browse the complete report on <http://www.suffolkacre.org.uk/main.php/publications/reports>

*Dr Wil Gibson, Chief Executive, Suffolk ACRE*

Caister men never turn back!

**Donald Hill came as speaker to tell us the history of the Caister lifeboat. Since it's launch in 1790 over 2000 lives have been saved.**

In the early days cargo ships carrying coal and timber often paid the price on the sand banks **surrounding the Norfolk coastline, but the 'beachmen' as they were called would row out in the yawls** in all weathers to rescue seamen.

1941 saw the arrival of the first motorized vessel and these have been replaced over the years with more advanced lightweight vessels, with thanks due to Bernard Matthews and Jim Davidson giving huge donations. Caister now operates two vessels (one inshore and one offshore) and were this year invited to take part in the Diamond Jubilee pageant on the River Thames.

Business: Members were asked to sign the petition organised by NFWI following the 2012 AGM.

Seven members will take part in the Centenary exhibition of craftwork at Haverhill Library in September, others are joining the Group meeting, the Poetry tea and visit to the Law Courts.

We are again manning the tea-tent at the Thurlow Fayre and will meet on site at 9:30am to prepare refreshments.

*Margaret Ince*



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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 – Roz Bunting, 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 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 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	01440 783376
Councillor – Petra Stephenson	01440 783384
Councillor – Jackie Edmonds	01440 783322
Councillor – Steven Robinson	01440 783131
Councillor – Caroline Togher	01440 783876
Parish Clerk – gtwrattingpc@btinternet.com *VACANCY*	
If you would like information about joining Great Wratting Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk. <a href="http://www.parish-council.com/greatwrattingparishcouncil">www.parish-council.com/greatwrattingparishcouncil</a>	

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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