



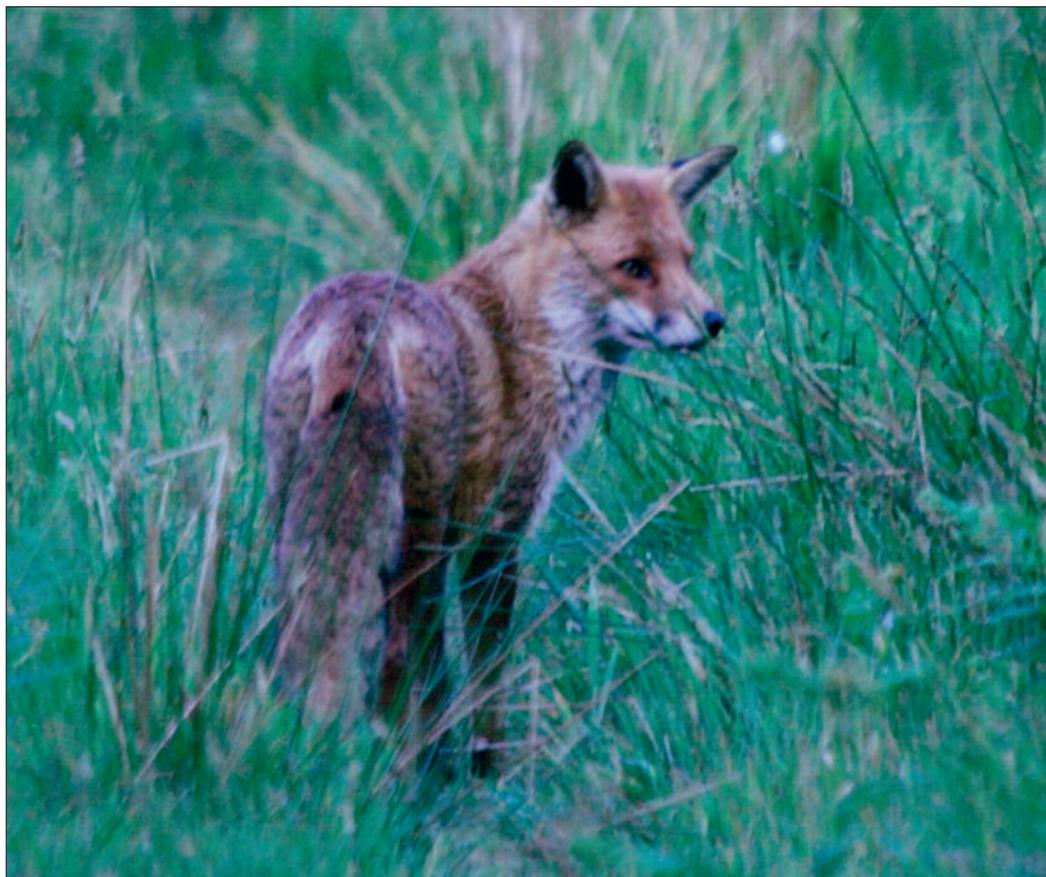
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FROM THE RECTOR. Despite the chill in the air there has been a lot of activity going on. The birds in my garden have been as demanding as ever. The dominant character among them is the resident robin which seems fearless in seeing off even some of the largest birds that dare to tread into his kingdom! Even as I write a magnificent jay has just appeared outside of the window seeking to eat crumbs from "king robin's table." There is always at this time of year a great deal of activity in our PCCs and events are being planned for spring and summer. Full lists of those will appear in due course. Like all things the work is being spread on the shoulders of a small and willing band and the support of the community who come along and enjoy the events. Soon we will be in the season of our Annual General Meetings. Our Parochial Church Councils hold great responsibility and do sterling work in caring for the church both as a community and as a building. As the years progress, their work does not become any easier and let's be honest, there seems to be fewer and fewer people who wish to become involved, or if we look at it another way, who KNOW THEY CAN BECOME INVOLVED. If you have been baptised then you can certainly continue your involvement with others on your Christian Pilgrimage by establishing contact and being involved in the working community of your local church. It takes a little time but the more people we have taking a little time the greater the sharing of the responsibilities.

John the Baptist came along before Jesus, preparing the way. He knew he was not "the one" he realised that someone else was to come and when Jesus did come along John seems to fade into the background. We do need to encourage new and younger people in the fellowship of our well established Christian communities. We also need to realise that we have to find "Fresh Expressions" of being Church to fulfil our Christian Vocation to share the "Good News". It means our focus on Christ needs to be sharpened by the disciplines of Christian Living in a Christian Community, the Church. Strengthening and Supporting one another in the Sacrifices we make in time and energy to live a Christian Life and keep ourselves up to the mark within the Church, the Body of Christ. How can we do this? Well our LENT COURSE detailed below is one way. It will be led by Steve Diddams our Lay Reader and his wife Kathy who is one of the Lay Elders. They are offering us the comfort of their home and hospitality, all we need is our commitment to share in one of the sets of meetings that are available to us during Lent. We will all benefit from this Lent Course and details are laid out below.

The Stourhead Benefice Lent Course. We will be starting a Lent Course at the end of February led by Steve & Kathy Diddams. The course is the 2010 York Course entitled 'When I Survey ... Christ's cross and ours'. Like all of the York Courses it has been designed for those of us who want to:

- learn more about our Christian faith
- tackle the biggest questions facing humanity
- examine our Christians beliefs, **in fellowship with others**

As the title suggests, the subject of this course is the Cross and in each of the five sessions we will look at key themes in the light of the crucifixion, including: the place of silence in our noisy world; despair and hope; a suffering world; the challenge of living as disciples when Christianity is no longer mainstream

The course will run over five weeks beginning on Tuesday 23rd February. The venue will be 10, Risbridge Drive, Kedington and we plan to have a morning session from 10-11.30am each Tuesday and an evening session on Thursdays from 7.30-9pm. The course is free, but we need to know numbers as soon as possible, particularly as we will need to order sufficient course booklets. To book a place or for further information please contact Kathy or Steve Diddams on 710225 or by email. sandkdidd@talktalk.net

WE need to encourage more people to share in Reading the Lessons and leading the Prayers in our services. I am always ready to help people in practicing for these opportunities ESPECIALLY where we have Microphone Systems. Training needs to be given and we need to take these opportunities after all although God may hear what we have to say it is important that congregations do as well. There are also more people in our churches with hearing impediments and so the microphone becomes their lifeline for involvement in worship. Where possible they have loop systems but these also require the proper use of the microphone. Whether reading the lesson or leading prayers, if there is a microphone we need to learn how to use it. I am willing to help people with this so PLEASE CONTACT THE RECTOR and I will help you to confidently use the systems we have. 01440 710216.

READING LESSONS IN CHURCH. We need to set up a list of Lesson Readers for the services. If you are interested or can encourage others, please let the Rector have your name and telephone number. Training will be given both with and without the microphone options. **John Eley. 01440 710216**

PAPERS – Early morning delivery of daily and Sunday newspapers. Also magazines, comics etc. Tel. Mary 01440 783585

NATURE NOTE. Well we've had some real winter now. It may come back, but for the time being the snow has melted, the frosts have gone and people are coming out of their homes again like creatures emerging from hibernation. The severe weather will have taken its toll of birds, however. You may have noticed birds of the countryside like redwings and fieldfares coming right into your garden, desperate for food. Just imagine how difficult it is for the thrush and blackbird family when there is snow on the ground for days on end. The early bird is more likely to catch frostbite than a worm! And the smaller the bird the worse the problem, since a bird as tiny as a blue tit or wren can only store very limited supplies of energy in its body and the combination of short days and bitterly cold nights is, literally, a killer. If a blue tit doesn't feed within half an hour of getting up and about it will probably not survive. Wrens are even smaller. They live by foraging, constantly moving to pick up the tiniest of insects and invertebrates hidden in dense undergrowth or ivy. They also try to conserve heat by all piling into communal nests overnight, sometimes ten to a bed. There are over seven million pairs of wrens in Britain, which make them one of our commonest birds, but I fear there will nonetheless be a great population crash this year, with up to half the population dying, as they did in the terrible winter of 1962/3. But they have large and multiple broods, so the numbers should recover again quite fast in a few years, just in time for global warming.

The Americans have the same species, which they actually call the 'winter wren', to distinguish it from their other wrens. The only difference is that theirs is monogamous, while ours is polygamous and is likely to have several mates simultaneously. I once entered a competition in the USA for a poem about birds in the form of a clerihew. Now a clerihew is a short satirical poem with ridiculous rhymes, as in:

Edgar Allen Poe
Was passionately fond of roe
He always liked to chew some
When writing anything gruesome

So I came up with the following patriotic verse:

The bold British wren
Is a man among men
He can service a dozen
Unlike his Yankee cousin

I didn't win!

Jeremy Mynott

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS. Following **Little Thurlow's** January meeting Councillors are to consider their response to SCC's Proposed Catchment Area Changes to Colleges in Haverhill. The Local Authority would like to consult with all interested parties in relation to these changes which can be viewed on the County Council's website www.suffolk.gov.uk. Parishioners are asked to pass on their views to any of the Parish Councillors to enable them to respond to SCC accordingly. The Clerk is to report pot holes in Temple End Road and on the road out of Little Thurlow Green towards Stradishall as well as the thick mud which has accumulated on the concrete road to the Sewage Works, as this is a public right of way. A representative of the Parish Council will attend a meeting being organised by SCC to discuss Passenger Transport Services in and around the village. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 16th February 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall for which an Agenda will be placed on the Parish Council Notice Board nearer the time. All meetings are open to members of the public to attend. A **Joint Great and Little Thurlow Parish Council Meeting** was held on 20th January when Councillors were given an update on various items of interest to both villages. Improvements are to be made on Crown Hill by the addition of footpaths and road markings and to the footpath in front of the old chapel cemetery. There was no representation from the Police therefore they are to be sent a copy of the Minutes which will include continued concerns regarding parking on the double yellow lines in front of Thurlow School. It is hoped that work on improving the parking area on the Sports Field might be commenced in 2010. Both Parish Councils will help with funding of this project as well as some new play equipment. A joint Village Litter Pick is planned for the weekend of 17th/18th April. The next joint meeting will be held on 23rd June 2010.

THE LITTLE BRADLEY COLUMN. At last the weather has broken and we can see the green of the crops reappearing. The frost has taken its toll on the green growth and much of it is looking weathered and a bit yellow in some cases. It will recover with some warm weather.

During this cold spell the wild birds will undoubtedly have suffered, especially species which rely on insects or grubbing for food in the soil or wet areas. However as an experiment this year we put in some millet and quinoa (a type of fathen) into one of our game covers. It has been covered with small birds over recent weeks and has been a very important source of food for otherwise hungry birds. We will be extending this idea next season.

One other piece of news, hot off the press, is that we are currently looking into putting some of the overhead wires underground as part of providing a new supply to the new house. It will involve losing several poles and most of the wiring to numbers 1-3 New Cottages, Lark & Plover Bungalows.

Finally the Red Telephone box is on the way out! BT no longer wish to subsidise it. It is very rarely used. We have been given the option to buy it for £1 but then it would have to be maintained. This could be expensive and since it would no longer work, it doesn't seem worth it.

Colin Clifton-Brown

Thurlow Estate Farms

All the Sugar Beet has now been lifted at Rectory Farm, Balsham. The results are in for the first 39 acres harvested (half of the total area). Yields have generally been good with higher sugar levels than average in the roots – due to the sunny late summer and autumn we had – hard to remember now!

We were pleased to record 28.5 tonnes to the acre of clean sugar beet (3.5 tonnes higher than target) which yielded 5.25 tonnes of sugar per acre. All the sugar beet is transported to the factory on the side of the A14 at Bury St Edmunds to have the sugar extracted. This is done by slicing up the roots and boiling them so that the sugar dissolves in water. The factory processes up to 14,000 tonnes of sugar beet every day during the lifting season and has so far had over 50,000 lorry loads of Sugar Beet delivered. There's a thought as you stir a spoonful into your tea!

Calving started on our due date of 27th December. Owing to the lack of grass growth in the summer and autumn, calves are small, but vigorous, which is good news for ease of calving. The heifers and younger cows are in calf to our Aberdeen Angus bull, the calves are finer boned and smaller than our other Simmental cross calves. The downside of the Angus calves is that they are bit wilder than the placid Simmentals (having been bred over centuries to survive on Scottish hillsides, rather than the verdant Swiss valleys where Simmentals originated).

Some of the other work aside from machinery repairs/ fencing repairs and ditching that we have been undertaking, is hedge cutting. Under EU regulations all hedge cutting must stop by 28 February, and so we are trying to get on top of this work at the moment. There are however special exemptions to go beyond this date where roadside hedges need cutting from a public safety point of view, and so please bear with us if you see us hedge trimming on the roads beyond this date – it is hopefully in all of our interests.

Thurlow Woodlands

The schedule of woodland operations over the next five years has been drafted as part of the Woodland Management Plan. The operations are predominantly coppicing and thinning works, with small compartments down for clear felling and replanting. The replanted compartments of predominately oak, ash, birch and hornbeam will develop into native broadleaf woodland.

As part of this Plan, felling has commenced in Norney Wood, a plantation on an Ancient Woodland Site (PAWS). The work is predominantly coppicing the ash stands providing space for the more favoured stems and to allow light to reach the woodland floor encouraging flora growth.

Felling will shortly commence in the Site of Special Scientific Interest woodland near Great Bradley. Similarly, this thinning operation is to ensure light reaches the ground and allows the finer oak and ash specimens to get away.

Whilst the majority of the timber extracted from the woods is processed for firewood sales (please do ring 01440 783661 if you need some), negotiations have just commenced to sell some willow stands near Great Wrattling to produce cricket bats!

Thurlow Estate Management Limited

Despite the sub-zero conditions over the Christmas break, we were pleased that there were only two emergency call outs for the Maintenance Team.

The snow did however play havoc with the roads, with one motorist losing control coming into Gt Thurlow from Withersfield. The hole in the wall by the junction will testify! Actually, if anybody know who it was, please could you ask them to contact us on 01440 783661

Refurbishment to houses continue in Great and Little Thurlow, and following the appointment of an approved contractor, the sails on Great Thurlow Windmill will be removed during the course of the month when weather conditions improve.

Properties to let

91 School Terrace, Gt Thurlow (Semi Detached, 2 Bed, OFCH, Garden, Off-road Parking)

Manor Farm Office, Horseheath (653 sq.ft, OFCH, Off-road Parking, Broadband)

We also have a number of sheds/garages available for rent, and units for storage.

For more information please contact the Estate Office (01440 783661).

Thurlow Hunt

The Cambridgeshire Hunt Point-to-Point is on Saturday 27th February at Horseheath Racecourse. For those wishing to attend, the first race is at 1.00pm. There will be clothes trade stands (incl. Joules), a fully licensed bar, hot and cold refreshments and a fairground making it a great day out for the family. For further information please contact the Estate Office (01440 783661).

Thurlow Shoot

Our busy season is starting to draw to a close, with only a few shoot days left before the 1st February.

We are pleased to have noticed a wide range of songbirds using the feed hoppers and game strips in this spell of colder weather – mirroring the songbird activity that has been more formally recorded in the Allerton Project, conducted by the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust.

Essex and Suffolk Water Pipeline – Archaeological Surveys

Birmingham Archaeology have completed the archeologically surveys on the Estate. Sadly, they found nothing of particular interest, or value, and therefore we now await confirmation of the date for the commencement of the pipeline laying.

APIARY DIARY. As a teenage boy, I watched with wide-eyed wonder and no small amount of fear, whilst my father worked with his hives on the farm where we lived near Duxford. His skill and passion for the hobby was brilliant to watch and admire, and the individuality of keeping bees at the bottom of the vegetable garden has been an ambition of mine from that young age. Things have changed for the hobbyist beekeeper now, with the arrival of the Varroa mite and the ailments associated with it, progress of farming techniques and the decline of the honey bee in our current day and age. No longer is it a skill and an art alone, but a science also. The plight of the honeybee is well publicised and it is right to ensure that every effort is made to help protect and nurture them, particularly in the deep countryside typical where bees should be kept and where they bring maximum benefit to the yield of our crops.

Proudly, I now introduce myself as a beekeeper at last! Characteristically impatient and undeterred, I took the plunge last spring and invested in two hives, all the equipment and necessary literature to see me through in the short term. I joined Cambridge Beekeepers Association and early in the summer of 2009 saw the arrival of two colonies of bees at the bottom of my own vegetable garden right here in Thurlow. I started with two hives, so that I could easily compare hive condition, the health of and productivity of the bees and their queens, and I watched with pride whilst they went from a small 'nucleus' of bees to fully working hives in a period of five or so months before going into the winter with adequate supplies of honey and in seemingly good condition.

Many people are just as fascinated about honey bees as I am, and to describe the apparent order of the hives and its total co-ordination to the greater good of the hive itself, keeps many people entertained over a pint in the pub. So over the coming months, I thought I would let you all know about what happens in a typical year. February is a quiet time of year for the beekeeper though. The queens in my hives, surrounded by thousands of her workers are clustered in a tight rugby shaped ball, and although they do not hibernate, they are quite inactive and sedate in order to preserve energy to keep warm. Despite the freezing temperatures the temperature at the centre of the hives is kept at a balmy 34 degrees, and around the time of Christmas, the queens will begin to lay a few eggs each day in preparation for the colony to have adequate numbers of workers when the time comes to start cleaning and preparing the frames and hives early into the season. I keep a close eye on hives each day to make sure there is no damage due to the weather and only on warmer days, may you see at this time of year, the odd bee taking a short flight to nip to the loo! I am due to start a course of weekly night classes organised by volunteers of CBA in mid-January, and I will be busy building hives, frames and preparing equipment ready for a frantic spring as my bees come out of winter and begin to forage on the fields and gardens in and the village as the weather warms and nectar begins to flow.

I am really looking forward to 2010 and harvesting my first crop of honey. I am delighted to share the experience of keeping bees with the Village Link readers, and anyone who may be brave enough to venture into the hives with me (with protection) is more than welcome to come and join me over the spring and summer.

Tim Knappett 783654

W.I. President Jill Steele welcomed members and one visitor to the January Meeting of Thurlow WI and wished all present a Happy New Year. She thanked all members who had filled shoe boxes for the children's charity and for the many gifts collected for the forces overseas. Thank you letters had been received from these organisations and from the over eighties in the village for their Christmas gifts which had been well received. The votes for this year's resolutions were collected to be sent to head office. Notice was given of future events organised by the Federation, one of them a Quiz in which Thurlow will take part. Our speakers were Marian and David Rowlinson who had come to show the Video of their walk on the Great Wall of China. They had prepared for this by walking up to eight miles at a time and by many visits to the gym, but this was nothing to compare with this long trek over all sorts of terrain. The scenery was outstanding but the narrow pathways looked treacherous at times, with lots of very steep steps to climb. This was done to raise money for the Hospice, a charity they have supported throughout their time as landlady and landlord of The Plough at Hundon for many years. All agreed this show was well worth turning out for on such a wintry night.

Raffle winners were Rosie Winner, Ann Tipper and Molly Hawkins

Next month it's More Birds with Jeremy, Tuesday 9th February, 7.30 pm, Village Hall all welcome.

Iris Eley

ST. EDMUNDSBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

FRAMEWORK. Following a public consultation between August and October 2009 and approval by the Council in December 2009, we submitted our **Core Strategy** and supporting documents to the government on 8 January 2010. The Core Strategy sets out the planning vision for the entire borough, with a set of strategic policies, to guide the sustainable distribution of new development. We anticipate that a public hearing will be conducted by an independent Planning Inspector in April 2010. Further details can be found on the Core Strategy Examination web page at:

www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/sebc/live/CorestrategyexaminationInPublic.cfm

If, following examination, the Planning Inspector decides that the Core Strategy is acceptable, it is anticipated that it will be adopted by the Council in September 2010.

Two consultations on the **Site Allocations** document were undertaken, between November 08 – January 09 and August – October 09. These documents consulted on around 200 sites which were proposed to the council for housing, employment and community development. The comments received during both consultations have been analysed and our responses to them will be published in March 2010 on our website.

We are currently preparing a new document which will include the councils preferred sites in rural locations. Sites in Bury St Edmunds and Haverhill are to be dealt with in separate Town Masterplans.

GREAT BRADLEY ART CLASS – There are still a few places for anyone interested in joining us. We meet every Tuesday from 2pm to 4pm in Great Bradley Village Hall. For more details contact Anne Pigden on 01440 783175

POLICE REPORT. I thought I would start this month's newsletter with some New Year resolutions as I am writing this article in the early evening on New Years Eve in the "quiet before the storm".

My New Years Resolution this year is to keep the spare room tidy. This is exactly the same as the resolution I made last year and it was only tidy for two weeks! This year I am determined to last longer. Perhaps the reason resolutions are rarely kept is complacency. It's hard to be motivated about certain things.

Burglars and thieves rely on our complacency to commit crime. It is easy to put off marking our property or making a note of serial numbers for expensive items, as we don't really expect to become a victim. Perhaps a good New Years resolution for everyone would be to mark valuable items if a serial number isn't available. You can use either an ultra violet pen or if suitable you could etch the item. You need to put your postcode and house number or name to ensure that if your property turns up in the back of someone's van or when a house is searched we can return it to you. Valuable jewellery or ornaments are best photographed, digitally if possible. All these steps help to keep valuables with their rightful owners and ensure we can prosecute the offenders.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team is down by one at the moment as PCSO Alex Foster is unfortunately going to be absent for a few months. The rest of the team will be covering for her so please contact us with any issues.

Speeding continues to be one of our priorities for this month and we continue to conduct checks at Stoke by Clare A1092, Clare A1092, Withersfield, Wickhambrook B1063, Gt Wrattling B1061. The Community Speedwatch Scheme is now up and running in Great and Little Thurlow, Great Wrattling, and Withersfield.

Burglary Other Building (Outbuildings) is our second priority for this month. We will be continuing to patrol identified areas, offering crime prevention advice and exploring the feasibility of setting up a Business Watch scheme in Clare.

We want to hear your views on local crime and policing. To help with this, we hold regular meetings where you can tell us your concerns and set our priorities. The next SNT tasking meeting is on Wednesday 3 February 2:00 pm at Ixworth Police Station, High Street Ixworth, IP31 2HN. This is open to the public. Alternatively you can complete a public survey online at www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SaferSuffolk/GetInvolved

If you cannot access the Internet, survey forms have been left in various village shops and Post Offices. Your help in completing these is appreciated as it helps us to decide on priorities that are relevant to our area.

Our Pledge. We aim to provide you with a top quality policing service and are committed to the Police Pledge. The Pledge sets out 10 standards of service that local people can expect from their local Police. For more information please visit our website. The following are crimes of note for this month (01/12 to 07/01):

One male arrested and charged with Drink /Drive in Depden

A man was arrested for assault and possession of a firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, in Thurlow.

You can find more detail about crime in your area, and results of local court cases on our website www.onesuffolk.co.uk/SaferSuffolk/StEdmundsburyRuralSouth

You can get involved with the work of your local Safer Neighbourhood Team by:

- Giving up some of your free time to become a Police Support Volunteer. Speed Watch is a good example of this.
- Becoming a Special Constable.
- Joining a local Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
- Registering with Police Direct on www.suffolk.police.uk which will enable you to receive relevant information about crime and policing issues in your area.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team is:

Sgt Kevin Horton 566

PC Trish Sinclair 18

PCSO Kayla Packman 3219

PC Ruth Horton 704

PCSO Alex Foster 3140

PCSO David Matchett 3218

Please consider registering with Police Direct on www.suffolk.police.uk which will enable you to receive relevant information about crime and policing issues in your area.

The Police non emergency number is 01284 774100, or you can e-mail us at stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Please dial 999 if immediate response needed.

If you wish to report criminal activity in your area anonymously please ring the Crime Stoppers number 0800 555111

SUFFOLK POLICE WARNING. We have received a report regarding a scam email from HM Revenue & Customs stating that the recipient is eligible for a tax rebate. The email address is securemail@hmrc.gov.uk, once in the email you are asked to click on a link and a list of banks will appear. After selecting your bank you are then asked to input your bank details. HM Revenue & Customs have been contacted and have confirmed that the email HAS NOT been sent by them. If you receive one of these emails please delete it, do not enter any of your personal details. If you are unsure whether the email is authentic please contact HM Revenue & Customs.

NHS SUFFOLK. Now Open - Crown Health Centre, Withersfield Road, Haverhill (behind the Rose & Crown). NHS GP surgery and walk in health centre. Open 8am – 8pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Walk in service for minor illnesses and injuries – no need to book an appointment, just drop in. Experienced clinical team of GPs and nurses. Registered and non-registered patient appointments. For a full range of services please feel free to register, however you can use the walk in centre as many times as you need without registering.

For further information email crownhealthcentre@thepracticeplc.com or call 01440 282000

PETER AND RUTH LLOYD TRUST –This trust was set up to aid young people going to University for the first time. Students from the parishes of Carlton, Great and Little Thurlow, West Wickham, West Wrating, Weston Colville and Withersfield are eligible to apply for consideration. One award amounting to approximately £800 will be made each year towards a degree course from one of the following: Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Medicine, Science and Veterinary Medicine.

Would be applicants are reminded that further information and application form is available by contacting peterandruthlloydtrust@fsmail.net. Applicants are also reminded that the closing date for receipt of applications is the 31st March 2010.

NEWS FROM FRANCE. Christmas to me means carols sung in church on cold evenings and all the magic of the service. So you will understand my dismay on not finding any events going on here. To my delight this year we discovered Nine Lessons and Carols half in French and half in English not too far away. As usual it was freezing in the ancient church but it was full of excited people so it soon warmed up. I was pleasantly surprised to find it relatively easy to sing in French, they had divided the verses up and readings were also in both languages and simple to follow. It was absolute heaven and afterwards we warmed up with hot wine supplied of course by the French and mince pies by the local English ladies.

This all brings to mind an occasion when I was twelve and my sister six. She had been off school with a heavy cold and a girlfriend and I had been left in charge as my parents had popped out to visit friends. My friend Irene and I had looked forward to going Carol Singing (not I'll admit for charity but to buy gifts!). My naughty sister was off the couch like a flash and into outdoor clothing. No persuasion needed, we put candles into jars and off we went. We had only been to four or five doors when we smelt an awful singeing smell and saw my sister's plait hanging in the jar. We put the hair out and made for home, found the scissors, trimmed the damaged plait and got her into bed. I can still feel my stinging legs from the spanking to this day! But nevertheless carols still mean Christmas.

Len & Sylvia Robinson

<p>DEDHAM VALE WALKS – “Hop” around the Pentlow Trale! Sunday 21st February 10am to 12.30pm. Join us for a short walk around Pentlow with an intriguing behind-the-scenes tour of the Nethergate Brewery. Tasting session included before concluding the walk. Tel 01473 254263, www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org.</p>
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GENUINE EXAM QUESTIONS FROM YESTERYEAR.

ELEVEN-PLUS:

Re-write the following sentences, using only the correct word from each bracket:

- Each of you (shouts, shout) loudly but neither of you (speak, speaks) clearly.
- (Does, do) Tom and his brother know that Mary and her mother (were, was) kept waiting?
- Either the cat or the dog (is, are) sleeping, for neither the mouse nor the rat (run, runs) away.
- We do not care to (who, whom) you give the presents so long as you do not give them to Bob and (she, her).
- Tell (me, I) the answer and I shall tell (she, her).
- After the mill-worker had (wove, woven) the cloth, she found it had (shrunk, shrank).

O LEVEL:

A machine which cost £35,000 is operated 8 hours a day in a 5-day week but one hour each day is used for test purposes. For use of the machine there are three scales of charges, the first at the rate of £5 an hour for private use, the second at £15 an hour for research work and the third at £40 an hour for commercial work. It is estimated that the numbers of hours charged at the first, second and third rates are in the ratios 4:2:1. Express the receipts from commercial work as a percentage of the total receipts. If the machine cost £30 a week to maintain, how many complete weeks must elapse before one quarter of the original cost of the machine can be recovered?

Answers on page 19

LACKFORD LAKES EVENTS IN FEBRUARY.

- Tues 2nd WORLD WETLANDS DAY GUIDED WALK. 10.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30-3.30pm. Take a walk around the reserve with a knowledgeable guide and identify wetland birds £3 Bring or borrow binoculars. Pre book!
- Sat 13th FAMILY BIRD BOX BUILDING - £5/box 10.30am-12.30pm. Make your own wooden nest box and lard cake to take home and go on a bird walk. All children must be supervised. Please bring a yoghurt pot. Pre-book!
- Fri 19th YOUNG WARDENS - Practical conservation skills for 10-15 year olds. 10am-2pm. £6. Wear outdoor clothes and bring a packed lunch. Pre-book!
- Sun 28th RESIDENT BIRDSONG – Listen to and learn to recognise different bird species by their songs and calls. 9am-1pm. Beginners/less experienced. £10 (£8).

Tel. 01473 890089. www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org. The visitor centre is open 10am to 4pm from Wednesday to Sunday until 31st March and from 10am to 5pm from 1st April to 31st October and the reserve is open every day from dawn until dusk.

WICKEN FEN – What's on – World Wetland Day. Tuesday 2nd February 10am-4.30pm. Kick off International Year of Biodiversity by joining us for a celebration of this important wetland. Free entry day and a variety of activities to find out why Wicken Fen and all wetlands are special. 01353 720274.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY BC RURAL NEWS.

The East of England Development Agency (EEDA) is urging residents across East Anglia to register their demand for **fasterbroadband** in the hope that it will encourage commercial suppliers to invest in next-generation broadband infrastructure. People need to register their interest in the technology under the [Eastern Region Broadband Uplift Scheme](#). Next-generation broadband supports video-rich, bandwidthhungry services increasingly used by businesses, schools, homes and hospitals. The technology is so far largely confined to larger towns and cities, rather than market towns and rural areas. Rural residents risk being left behind by fibre-based connections seen as vital by businesses and policy-makers. To register your demand for faster broadband please go to www.erebusonline.org.uk.

Trade in your old boiler Free DIY materials to make homes more efficient

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COLD WEATHER ADVICE FROM AGE CONCERN – Frailer and less mobile older people are being urged to take extra precautions to stay warm. Our friendly staff will be happy to chat about concerns and help resolve problems The Bury St. Edmunds helpline number is 01284 757750 (Monday to Friday 9.30am to 1pm). Also people should check they are receiving all the benefits to which they are entitled – Benefits Helpline 01449 674222 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm). What older and vulnerable people absolutely **must not do** is turn their heating down or off when they most need to keep warm.

Answers to Exam questions on page 13:

11-PLUS

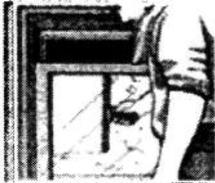
- a) Each of you shouts loudly but neither of you speaks clearly.
- b) Do Tom and his brother know that Mary and her mother were kept waiting?
- c) Either the cat or the dog is sleeping, for neither the mouse nor the rat runs away.
- d) We do not care to whom you give the presents so long as you do not give them to Bob and her.
- e) Tell me the answer and I shall tell her.
- f) After the mill-worker had woven the cloth, she found it had shrunk.

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Emergency

Emergency telephone 999

Police Response (any officer, non-emergency) 01284 774100,
stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Police Direct messaging service (information only) 01473 613997,
police.direct@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Local Refuge in case of major disaster or if village cut off: Thurlow Village Hall; key-holder Diana Allin, 89a Hill House, Gt. Thurlow, 01440 783560

Suffolk Fire Service 01284 558888

Hospitals

West Suffolk (Bury) 01284 713000,
A/E Department 01284 713333
Addenbrookes (Cambridge) 01223 245151

Doctors

The Christmas Maltings & Clements Practice (Cornish), Camps Road, Haverhill
08444 773543

Selby Practice 01440 702010
Stourview Medical Centre, Crown Passage,
Haverhill 01440 761177

Haverhill Social Services 01440 764949
Citizens Advice Bureau 01440 704012

St. Edmundsbury BC Emergency Planning
01284 763233
Floodline: 24 hour with recorded update 0845 9881188
EDF electricity main cabling (24 hour) power cut and emergency, Helpline 0800 783883
Anglia Water water/sewerage (24 hour)
08457 145145
British Telecom faults (24 hour) 0800 800151
Suffolk Radio (BBC FM 103.9 or 104.6)
01473 250000

Other useful contacts

Parish Clerks:
Little Thurlow, Molly Hawkins 01440 783259, mollyhawkins10@aol.com
Great Thurlow, Diana Allin 01440 783560.
nilla.home@tiscali.co.uk See Parish Council Notice Board in front of the Village Hall for further information and dates of meetings etc.

St. Edmundsbury Borough Council:
General enquiries 01284 763233

Website www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk

Haverhill offices 01440 702271

District Councillor: Robert Clifton-Brown,
01440 783562, robert.clifton-brown@stedsbcc.gov.uk

Waste Management 01284 757320 – bin collection is every Wednesday morning alternating black bins one week and brown and blue bins the next. Environmental Health (pest control) 01284 757054

Suffolk County Council:
General enquiries 08456 066067
Website www.suffolkcc.gov.uk
County Councillor: Jane Midwood
01440 821428,
jane.midwood@councillors.suffolkcc.gov.uk

Thurlow Estate Office -
Agent: Tim Barling 01440 783661
Assistant to Agent: John Frank
01440 783661

Chemists:
Boots Chemists 01440 702058
Co-op Pharmacy 01440 702079
Sainsbury's Superstore Pharmacy
01440 708043

Useful contacts cont...

Vets:

Swayne and Partners, 84 Hamlet Road,
Haverhill -01440 702007

Lida Vets, 162 High Street, Newmarket
01638 560000

Hawkedon Veterinary Surgery
01284 789428

Age Concern: Mary Hilton 01440 783649

Libraries:

Haverhill 01440 702638

Bury St. Edmunds 01284 352545

A mobile Library visits the village on
alternate Mondays, stopping at Sowley
Green, 150 Bury Road 11.30-11.40am,
Great Thurlow, 109 Bury Road 11.45-
12.10am and Little Thurlow Green,
1 Coronation Villas 12.45-1.00pm.

Transport

Local Bus Service:

Current timetables are on display at
Thurlow Stores

Dial-a-ride 01440 712028

Taxis: several operate from Haverhill – see
Yellow Pages

Local facilities

Thurlow Stores & Post Office, Mrs.

Patricia Banks 01440 783214

Opening hours: 8.30am to 5.30pm each
day, except Wednesdays and Saturdays
8.30am – 12.30pm. Closed Sundays and
Bank Holidays.

Newspaper delivery: Mary Atherton
01440 783585

Plumbing Services: TK Heat
01440 783654, 07966 208794

Thurlow Village Hall bookings: Diana
Allin 01440 783560

Churches: Great Thurlow (All Saints),
Little Thurlow (St. Peter's). Part of the
Stourhead Benefice which includes the
Bradleys, the Wrattings, Barnardiston and
Kedington. Rev. John Eley 01440 710216

CEVC School, Little Thurlow, Head
teacher Ros Bunting 01440 783281
Thurlow Pre-School. Secretary Mat Cowell
mathew.cowell@sky.com
Thurlow Mother & Toddler Group: Rosie
Winner 01440 702182 and Helen Smith
01440 783272

Thurlow Sports Club, secretary Allan
Loveday 01440 707416

Thurlow Fayre: Janice Klimcke 01440
783626 and Diana Allin 01440 783560

Thurlow Garage (Great Thurlow)
01440 783248

The Cock (Little Thurlow) Janie &
Giles Reardon-Smith 01440 783224

Local Societies

Women's Institute: President Jill Steele
01440 783310

Village Hall Committee: Chairman Janice
Klimcke 01440 783626

Carpet bowls: Ella Ainsworth
01440 783349

Outdoor bowls: Peter Thomas
01440 783700

Woodcraft Folk (children's activity for
ages 5-13): Diana Allin 01440 783560

Stourhead Benefice Monthly Service Rota, February 2010

Rev. John Eley 01440 710216

Steve Diddams 01440 710225

7 th February		9.30 Kedington FC	11.00 Gt Bradley FC	11.00 Lt Thurlow S of the W		
14 th February		9.30 Barnardiston HC	9.30 Kedington S of the W	11.00 Gt Thurlow HC	11.00 Gt Wrating S of the W	
17 th February ASH WEDNESDAY			10.00 Kedington HC			
21 st February First of Lent			10.00 Barnardiston Benefice HC			
28 th February Second of Lent	8.00 Kedington HC	9.30 Lt Bradley HC	11.00 Gt Wrating HC	11.00 Gt Thurlow S of the W		18.00 Kedington ES

Dates for your Diary: Little Thurlow Parish Council meeting 16th February 2010,
7.30pm at Thurlow Village Hall

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Thought for the month – When I eventually met Mr. Right I had no idea that his first name was Always.
Rita Rudner

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