

The Village Link

Great Thurlow – Little Thurlow – Great Wratting

February

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WW1 Battlefield
Tour 15-18th
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WW1 Battlefield Tour 15-18th June 2018

2018 is the centenary of the end of the First World War, and as such, we have a tour arranged to visit the battlefields of both Belgium and France. Our guide is Brigadier Johnny Walker OBE. The Tour will visit Passchendaele and in particular, the Tyne Cot Cemetery as well as the Menin Gate (see front page).

There are currently five places available at the time of writing. Costs, including travel and hotels c£550.00 + £169.00 if single room required. Funding towards the cost of the coach will be made available by both Parish Councils and we may be able to source another grant.

THIS IS THE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO RESERVE A PLACE.

After FEBRUARY 4TH we will advertise elsewhere for people to fill the remaining places. It would, however, be ideal if all the places were occupied by people with a link to the Thurlows.

This will be a unique opportunity to remember the men of our villages who fought on the battlefields of Belgium and France. Please contact me for more information about the tour or to book a place.

Chris Field 01440 783697 or chris@fieldcompost.co.uk

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2017

Thanks to the generosity of so many in the Thurlows and Bradleys, I have been able to send £1,417 to the Appeal Administrator. This is slightly down on the 2016 figure, but still an admirable total.

House-to-house collections were kindly carried out by Heather Hunt, Steve George, Mary Hilton, Jill Roswell, Hazel Preston, Annette Sugg and Jane Sheppard. Static collection points were at The Cock Inn and the Thurlow School. Additional funds came from wreaths and the collection at the Remembrance Day service at All Saints, Great Thurlow.

To all those who collected and to those who gave to the Appeal, a heartfelt thanks from the organisers.

VACANCY FOR VOLUNTEER POPPY APPEAL ORGANISER—THE THURLOWS AND BRADLEYS

Having been the local organiser for the Thurlows and Bradleys for many years, I wish to hand **over the role to someone else. By volunteering for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal, you** play an important part in our iconic street collections etc and help to support the Armed Forces community.

If you wish to volunteer, please email the Suffolk Community Fundraiser: mcox-osborne@britishlegion.org.uk or call 07823 416748

Sam Sheppard

LITTLE THURLOW PARISH COUNCIL

LITTLE THURLOW PARISH COUNCIL met on 16th January 2018.

Blocked drains near The Olde House are to be reported to SCC Highways and a request is to be made for a recently installed warning sign opposite Church Farm to be re-sited before the bend.

There were no objections to a Planning Application for Construction of a bridge over the South canal at Little Thurlow Hall.

The results of monitoring of traffic on Broad Road and speed data from the VAS were noted.

A representative will attend the St Edmundsbury Parish & Town Forum at Kedington on 22nd January 2018.

Full Minutes of the Meeting will be displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board and on the village website www.thethurlows.org.uk in due course.

The next meeting will be held on 20th February 2018, 7.30pm at Thurlow Village Hall.

Molly Hawkins, Parish Clerk

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Concert was held in Great Thurlow church on Saturday 16th December. It was lovely to see a full church.

With ticket sales and donations we were able to send All Saints Church, Great Thurlow £350.00, East Anglia Children's Hospice at Milton £350.00, and the Thurlow Hunt Supporters Club who generously helped in the organisation and provided all the 'eats' and two dozen bottles for the mulled wine, £350!

Thanks goes to all those who helped and supported the Concert.

Jane Sheppard

Great Wratting Book Group

The Great Wratting Book Group has been running for almost 10 years and over this time we have enjoyed lively discussion over the many books that we have read. We meet on the second Wednesday of every month and take it in turns to host the gatherings in our homes. There is no obligation to turn up at every meeting and we only ask that anyone attending has either read the book or has at least made a very good attempt to do so! You can see our reading list for 2018 below to give you an idea of the type of books we generally read although we are always open to suggestions from new members. If you are interested in coming along or would like to find out more about our meetings then please call Jean on 01440 783111 or email molehill@tiscali.co.uk.

Date	Book Title	Author	Genre
10 th January	-	-	-
14 th February	<i>The Sport of Kings</i>	C. E. Morgan	Modern Fiction
14 th March	<i>From Doon with Death</i>	Ruth Rendall	Crime Fiction
11 th April	<i>The Essex Serpent</i>	Sarah Parry	Fiction
9 th May	<i>Moon Tiger</i>	Penelope Lively	Modern Classic
13 th June	<i>The Keeper of Lost Things</i>	Ruth Hogan	Modern Fiction
11 th July	<i>Birdcage Walk</i>	Helen Dunmore	Historical Fiction
8 th August	<i>Cartes Postales from Greece</i>	Victoria Hislop	Short Stories
12 th September	<i>Eleanor Oliphant is Fine</i>	Gail Honeyman	Modern Fiction
10 th October	<i>In the Days of Rain</i>	Rebecca Stott	Biography
14 th November	<i>The End of The Affair</i>	Graham Greene	Classic
12 th December	<i>The Invention of Wings</i>	Sue Monk-Kidd	Fiction

GREAT WRATTING VILLAGE FETE

This year's Village Fete is due to be held on Saturday 2nd June, and we will shortly be starting the planning process for this annual event. In order to give all villagers the chance to support this important village occasion, an open meeting will be held at the Red Lion in Great Wratting at 8.00 pm on Friday 23rd February. Whether you are an existing supporter or stallholder or would like the chance to join the Fete Committee, please do come along to the meeting; your support will be greatly appreciated.

Great Wratting Village Fete Committee

Home School Travel

Suffolk County Council is running a major public consultation in to find a long-term solution to providing affordable home to school transport. Please do have your say!

People who give their views as part of a consultation on the future of school travel in Suffolk will be listened to carefully and have the opportunity to influence the final outcome, the council has said.

The consultation, which closes on 28 February, invites people to help the council shape the future of school and post-16 travel policies.

In Suffolk, £21 million of taxpayers' money is spent per year getting children to and from school. Suffolk County Council has already introduced a number of efficiency changes to the service saving around £2.6 million. Now, like many other councils across the country, the authority needs to consider making more significant changes and the proposal is to limit free school travel to a child's nearest available school.

Currently, the council's school and post-16 travel policies go above legal requirements, which means around 2400 children and young people receive free/subsidised school or post-16 travel that Suffolk County Council is not legally required to provide and that they wouldn't get in many other parts of the country.

Option 1: In September 2019, change the school travel policy so that it is in line with the legal requirements. This would mean implementing all the changes in one go, including ceasing free travel to the transport priority area schools where it is not the **pupils' nearest.**

Option 2: From September 2019, introduce the changes year by year as a child joins or moves school so that it is in line with legal requirements. This means that we would introduce the changes on a phased basis, which would cost an estimated £8.8 million to implement.

Option 3: Make no changes to home-school travel and make savings from other SCC services.

Further details can be found on the consultation website:
www.suffolk.gov.uk/schooltravel

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Nature Note

Staverton Thicks is a relict fragment of ancient forest near Butley on the Suffolk coast. **It's like a child's idea of a haunted wood, straight out of one of Grimm's** fairy stories as illustrated by Arthur Rackham, full of mysteries and surprises – with a hint of menace too. There are huge gnarled oaks there and some of the tallest hollies in Britain, all tangled together in a wonderful profusion of trunks and branches. **It's quite dark in places, but there are also sunny glades where** some forest giant has crashed to the ground and torn a rent in the dense canopy. Trees lie where they fall, decaying undisturbed, and you have to pick your way **over and round them. It's easy to lose one's sense of direction, but there is also** a sense of glorious seclusion and tranquillity, even though you are never more than half a mile from the surrounding tracks. You can imagine yourself deep in one of the great oak-wood forests that once graced this country and are so much a part of our folklore and history – **Sherwood, Arden, Epping. It's all totally** unmanaged, untidied and unspoiled – so of course a haven for wildlife of all kinds.

Insects abound in the rotting timber, and these in turn attract woodpeckers, tits and tree creepers. Redstarts and flycatchers breed here, so do tawny owls, and on one memorable spring day I even heard the fugitive, bell-like song of a golden oriole from somewhere in the upper branches. I never saw or heard it again, alas, so it must have been a passing migrant, but it seemed very much in place in **this secret wilderness. I also found some hawfinch in the Thicks recently and it's** worth looking for those in the woods round Thurlow too, since there has been an invasion of these large finches from central Europe into southern England this year. Hawfinches are built rather like little parrots, bull-headed and with massive bills capable of cracking open the hardest kernels of stone-**fruits. They've been** described as 'flying nutcrackers'. **They are quite colourful too –** with buffy breasts and blackis-blue wings broken by a bold white wing bar; but they are very shy and wary birds and are most likely to be seen suddenly flying up from the forest floor, emitting a volley of explosive and metallic *tick* calls.

The history of the Staverton Thicks is something of a mystery, but I like to believe the story that the land was once farmed by the monks of Boyton Priory, who at the time of the dissolution of the monasteries in 1538 were told that they could **take just one last crop from the land. So ... they planted acorns. Now, that's real** forward thinking for you. **Don't believe governments who say they will replace** the old woods they are clearing to build motorways and high-speed rail links with **new trees. You can't create old trees any more than you can make old friends.**

Jeremy Mynott
Lavender Cottage

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The Suffolk Walking Festival

The 11th Suffolk Walking Festival launches on Saturday 12th May and is going to be the largest festival to date with over 120 events spread across three weeks. The Suffolk Walking Festival has come a long way in its 11 years. From small beginnings the event has grown and grown to encompass all of the county with a wide variety of imaginative and creative walks. This year also sees the introduction of the first ever Fringe Festival, a series of activities that are designed to get you close to nature in the very heart of Suffolk's countryside.

The Walking Festival explores every corner of Suffolk, revealing hidden secrets and special gems from the impressive estate of Helmingham Park, to scenes that inspired Constable, to a dragon on a hillside! This year you can experience the Dawn Chorus with bird watching experts, identify wild flowers at Sizewell Belts, and listen out for the earlie churring of a **Nightjar**. **Learn all about England's Silk Capital, visit the Home of Horseracing, and get to grips** with the Horrible History of Ipswich! We have Nordic Walking, Health Walks and Mindfulness Walks. The Lions Charity even have a Mutt Strutt around Alton Water for two and four legged walkers – there really is something for everyone!

The Festival launches in the impressive surroundings of St Peter's Hall, home to the world famous St Peter's Brewery. Tickets to attend the launch and all of the 125 events are available from March. More information can be found at www.suffolkwalkingfestival.co.uk with copies of the Festival brochure available from March in your local library and Tourist Information Centre.

A message from Matt Hancock...

I am writing this surrounded by packing boxes and pictures waiting to be hung, thinking about how lucky we were, as family to live in Little Thurlow since I first **became MP for West Suffolk back in 2010. The decision to live in Little Thurlow wasn't** a difficult one all those years ago.

We have had such a wonderful time in the village, and most of all, we have made some true friends. I **can't believe that Hope was only three when we arrived, Ferdie was barely walking and Humphrey was not even a twinkle in his father's eye.** The memories that we have made in this fantastic village will stay with us forever. We will really miss all of you, but we will hopefully be able to catch up with many of you regularly on our visits to The Cock, at the Thurlow Fayre in the summer or on my duties. Thank you for being so welcoming to all of us, and please do keep in touch.



Matt Hancock

Member of Parliament for West Suffolk & Minister for Digital

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The Rector Writes

Once upon a time (because that's how good stories begin), there lived near the shrine of Saint Beuno in Wales a community of monks. It came to their attention that the inhabitants of a place called Nant Gwrtheyrn were pagans. Three of the monks were sent to the village to preach the gospel, but the residents there refused to listen to their Christian message, and hounded them out of the valley, cursing them and throwing stones. As they left the valley, the monks turned and looked back at the village. They, in turn, pronounced their own curses on the village for failing to accept Christianity. The first monk said that in punishment for their hardness of heart none or those born in the village would ever be buried in consecrated ground after death. The second said that no two people born in the village would be able to marry each other. The third monk predicted that in time the population would die out, the village would be deserted and fall into decay. The course of the generations saw the monks' curses come true. The lives of men from the village were claimed by the sea, as they drowned in their fishing boats or fell from the cliff. Their bodies were never recovered, and thus their bones never came to rest in holy ground. The deaths of the women in the village took place in circumstances which prevented their burial in sacred ground.

Despite the eventual conversion of the inhabitants to Christianity, the curses of the monks still continued to have their effect on the village. Those who were born in the village always took care to find someone outside the village to marry, at least until the middle of the seventeenth century. By this time the memory of the original curses was becoming eroded. A man and a woman both born in the village became lovers and decided to marry, and all the arrangements were made. On the morning of the wedding the bride and groom exchanged presents, as was the custom at the time. The groom received a little puppy from his bride. Another custom of the time said that the bride should hide herself away and wait for the friends of the groom to find her and bring her to the church. The groom's friends searched in vain for hours, and well into the following night, but she was not to be found. The whole village went out the next day to look for the bride, in a search which was to continue throughout the whole area and over many days. The bridegroom walked up and down the beach, grieving for the fate of his intended. As he walked he clutched the little puppy dog which she had given him. The dog was later found to have died in his arms and was taken from him and its tiny body cast into the sea. This tragic series of events was remembered in the village for many years.

A few generations passed, until one night there was a violent storm, with thunder and lightning over the cliffs and the village which nestled between them. After the storm, the locals ventured out to assess the damage it had caused, and discovered in close proximity to the houses a huge old oak tree which had been hollow, and which had split in two as the lightning had struck. Trapped inside the tree they saw a skeleton, dressed in a pure white wedding dress and with long flowing golden hair. They were determined to provide a Christian funeral for the unfortunate victim. They carefully placed the skeleton in a coffin, and a horse was brought to drag it up the steep and rocky road to the church of St. Beuno, where it would be buried. Unfortunately, so the legend goes, the horse, as it reached the top of the cliffs, stumbled and fell over the edge, taking with it the coffin, which, together with the bones inside, was smashed into thousands of pieces on the rocks below, and could not be retrieved and laid to rest in consecrated ground. Years later, the area found new prosperity as quarrying for stone began, and new roads were built. A quarry opened in Nant Gwrtheyrn, and a new village was built to house the miners, consisting of cottages with gardens, together with a chapel and a school. Little thought was given to the ancient legends and curses surrounding the place, but the curse of the third monk was still to be fulfilled. Eventually the quarry had to close, the miners moved out, and the village died, the buildings left to decay. Only recently has life returned to Nant Gwrtheyrn, with the former miners' cottages now occupied, I believe, by a Welsh language centre.

The legend of the monks' curses does not leave us with a very good impression of them, as men of God, for bringing so much misfortune and unhappiness upon the history of that small village community. It is, of course, only a legend. Legends can sometimes have elements of truth in them, but are often much-embroidered and altered over the course of the years. The problem, as always, is distinguishing what is true, and what is invented. The legend is told, together with more of the history of the area, in one of two books of "Walks on the Llyn Peninsula", by N. Burras and J. Stifl published by GWASGCARREG GWALCH, ISBN 0 86381365 8.

Derek Hollis

Thurlow Estate - Development of a New Office at Rook Tree Farm

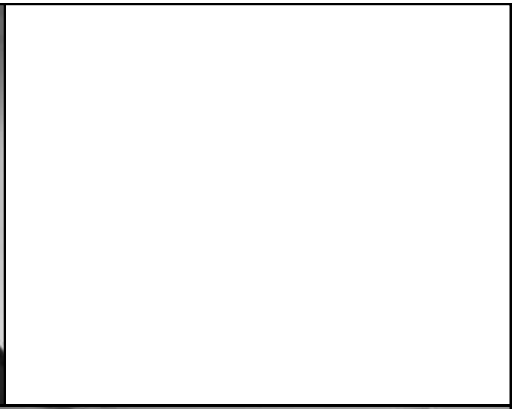
We have very recently completed the construction of a new office building at Rook Tree Farm in Great Wrating. This new building is an addition to two other buildings at the farm which are currently used as offices for a local business.

An area of ground was cleared at the north east corner of the car park and work began on construction of the new office in July 2017. The building is traditionally built with masonry cavity walls which have been clad in timber boards. We have tried to replicate the appearance of other old farm buildings on the site which have soft red brick plinths with black timber cladding to higher level walls and slate roof coverings. There are high levels of insulation within the floor, cavity walls and in the roof construction of the new office to meet current building regulations and the building has been very well constructed which has been reflected in the low air leakage test results.

As with the barn and the other office building on the site, the heating for the new office is provided by a centrally located biomass boiler which is fuelled by wood pellets. A highly insulated water supply pipe runs under the car park and connects to an underfloor heating system in the office which also heats a buffer tank for hot water outlets.

We were very pleased to have the opportunity to construct the new office to provide accommodation for a local business currently located in Haverhill. The space provided includes a large open plan office, open to ridge level, four private office rooms and a meeting room as well as welfare facilities and storage space. The construction of the office was completed in January 2018 and the new tenants are gearing up to move in.

Opposite - upper picture: main open plan office; lower picture: meeting room.



WI Afternoon Tea!

A great afternoon was had by senior residents of Thurlow and Bradley as they attended an afternoon tea hosted by Thurlow Women's Institute on Friday 12th January in Thurlow village hall (see pictures on back page).

It was wonderful to see everyone catching up with friends, some of whom they hadn't seen in years. Who would have thought that Dennis Atherton would not have recognised one of his most regular customers from his days running the pub.

Thank you to Iris Eley, Helen Bennet, Molly Hawkins, Janice Klimcke of the WI committee for their support on the day and to members for contributing cakes and savouries for the guests to enjoy.

Most of all a big thank you to the lovely guests themselves: Dennis Atherton, Mark and Ivy Woolmar, Mick Taylor, Mary and Derek Goodwin, John Bidwell, Reg Revell, Jill Dunn and Pam Boreham.

The local WI are always looking for ways to support and develop friendship and learning in the community and this was a new idea for us that we hope to repeat in the springtime, so watch this space. Any ladies interested in joining us, please do get in touch.

Dawn Abbey

The Peter & Ruth Lloyd Trust Award

We are pleased to advise that this year the Trust presented two awards. The successful applicants were: Isabelle Passmore of West Wrating, who has gone to read History at Exeter University, and Simon Beale from West Wrating, who is studying Computer Science at Warwick University.



Congratulations to them both and we wish them every success in the future. They are both pictured receiving their cheques for £800 in front of the War Memorial stone at RAF Wrating Common, from trustees Colin McCall, Simon Keen & Jonathan Drury. Ten young people from our villages have now been helped by the Trust. Many have now achieved their degrees and have embarked on successful careers. It is always very pleasing to hear how they are progressing and how they value the help the Peter & Ruth Lloyd trust provided.

We are now inviting applications for pupils starting university in September 2018. Normally one scholarship is awarded each year and the amount is approximately £800. Broadly speaking the degree course should be from one of the following: Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Sciences, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.

The applicant should be living in one of the parishes bordering the old RAF Wrating Common airfield - Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow, West Wickham, Carlton cum Willingham, West Wrating, Weston Colville or Withersfield.

The award is intended to be of assistance in the purchase of books, materials, equipment etc. The final decision and award will be made immediately after 'A' Level/Baccalaureate results and University offers are known.

For further information about the trust and award please contact:

Jonathan Drury: 01223 290968

For an application form please apply via email to:

peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com

The application form and supporting documents must be received by 31st March 2018 at the latest.

First priorities following masterplan adoption are announced

The first two priorities to be delivered, following the adoption of the Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Masterplan, have been announced.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council formally adopted a final version of the masterplan on Tuesday night. The masterplan sets the vision for how the town will adapt to accommodate growth and many of the individual projects such as enhancing The Cornhill/ Buttermarket for pedestrians, will be subject to research and further consultation.

But two of the projects both relating to St Andrews Street have been announced as a priority with St Edmundsbury looking to progress them in the New Year.

Cllr Alaric Pugh said: "While much of the masterplan is about attracting and influencing investment and shaping what others do, there are actions that are both pressing and within our power.

"We have known for a while that the town centre is going to need more car parking.

Our car parks are very popular which reflects the success of the town – and that success must be allowed to continue. The masterplan – a process shaped by the people for the people – identified St Andrews Street North as the preferred site for a new car park. At the same time we heard concern from bus passengers who thought that we would no longer be catering for their needs. Realistically, we will now be looking at a scheme that caters for both the car driver and the bus passenger. It is no secret that we also envisage this being a more attractive and vibrant area for all.

"Equally St Andrews Street South between Risbygate Street and Woolhall Street

currently divides the arc from The Cornhill and Buttermarket. Our strategic purchase of the former Post Office building can act as a catalyst for change in this area. A new shop front onto St Andrews Street South for instance will open the eyes of other landowners and investors and encourage real improvements to the area, while I anticipate that we will be able to deliver visual improvements to Market Thoroughfare, which is just one of the walkways between the arc and the traditional town centre.

"Obviously this is just the start and there will be more work and more consultation as we move forward on delivering these key elements of the Bury St Edmunds town centre masterplan."

Mark Beaumont

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February - March 2018 Church Services

Monthly Church Service Rota

Date	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
Sun 4th Feb	09:30 HC Kedington	11:00 HC Great Thurlow		
Sun 11th Feb	09:30 HC Barnardiston	09:30 SOTW Kedington	11:00 HC Little Bradley	
Sun 18th Feb	10:00 HC Benefice Great Bradley			
Sun 25th Feb	08:00 HC Kedington	09:30 HC Little Thurlow	11:00 HC Great Wrattling	18:00 ES Kedington
Sun 4th March	09:30 HC Kedington	11:00 HC Great Thurlow		
Sun 11th March	09:30 Mattins Little Thurlow	09:30 SOTW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley	

The Benefice service rota is also provided online at http://stourheadbenefice.org/Stourhead_Benefice/Service_Rota.html

What's On!

Dates For Your Diary!

Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
Feb	7th	Wed	20:00	Thurlow Fayre Committee Meeting	The Cock Inn	01440 783478
Feb	20th	Tue	19:30	LTPC Meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	01440 783259
Feb	23rd	Fri	20:00	Great Wratting Fayre Committee Open Evening	The Red Lion, Great Wratting	
Feb	28th	Wed	11:45 to 12:00	Mobile library	109 Bury Road Great Thurlow	01473 263838
Feb	28th	Wed	12.45 to 13:05	Mobile library	Thurlow Sports Club Great and Little Thurlow	01473 263838
Feb	28th	Wed	14:00 to 14:20	Mobile library	Coronation Cottages GW	01473 263838

Prayer needs and home Communion

If you are in need of prayer, or are aware of someone who needs to be included in prayer, please contact the Rector.

There is no need to go into detail and no-one will be mentioned by name in intercessions unless they give their permission but you can be assured that you or the person you bring forward will **be prayed for. The same applies if you, or someone you know, hasn't been able to come to Communion because of illness and would like to receive.** In these cases you can still be included by the Rector or a member of the ministry team bringing Communion to you in your home.

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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 Garage – Ray Sharrod	01440 783248
The Cock Inn	01440 783224
Parish Clerk – Little Thurlow – Molly Hawkins	01440 783259
Parish Clerk – Great Thurlow – Diana Allin	01440 783560
Thurlow CEVC School – Head Teacher	01440 783281
Tiddly Tots – Zoe Hunt Wednesdays 10 am - 12 noon during term time	078911 46931
Thurlow Fayre – Alison Coffey	01440 783478
Thurlow Gardening Club – Dawn Abbey	01440 783646
Thurlow Sports Club Secretary – Allan Loveday	01440 707416
Thurlow Village Hall Committee – Ros Bunting	01440 783528
Thurlow Village Hall Bookings – Robert Hunt Email: thurlovillagehall@gmail.com	07976 548205
Thurlow Womens Institute – President Dawn Abbey	01440 783646
Thurlow Tennis Club—Andy Quick	01440 783070

Services and Societies in Great Wratting	Telephone
Neighbourhood Watch — Clare Egloff - claretturner2003@hotmail.com	07780724798
Red Lion, Great Wratting – George and Linda Sykes	01440 783237
The Great Wratting Book Group – Jean Newlands	01440 783111
Great Wratting Email Tree — Dawn Fisk— dawn.fisk@btinternet.com	01440 783993
The mobile library service stops at Coronation Cottages from 2.00 to 2.20 pm every 4 weeks, on Wednesday afternoons	01440 702638

Emergency	Telephone
Police Response – any officer, non emergency	101
Police Response – Emergency	999
Suffolk Fire Service	01284 558888
UK Network (Electricity) 24 hour Emergency helpline	0800 7838838
UK Power Networks - in case of power cuts	105
Anglian Water 24 hour Emergency Helpline (water/sewage)	08457 145145
British Telecom 24 hour fault reporting	0800 800151
Floodline 24 hour with recorded update	0845 9881188
In case of disaster or village is cut off, go to Thurlow Village Hall. Key Holder is Diana Allin – 89a Hill House, Great Thurlow	01440 783560

Community Contacts	Telephone
Churches – Stourhead Benefice – Rev. Derek Hollis	01440 763066
Haverhill Social Services	01440 764949
Haverhill Citizens Advice Bureau	01440 704012
St Edmundsbury Borough Council Planning	01284 763233
St Edmundsbury Borough Council	01284 763233
St Edmundsbury Borough Council (Haverhill office)	01440 702271
County Councillor – Mary Evans	01284 789478
Suffolk County Council General Enquiries	08456 066067
District Councillor - Jane Midwood	01440 820360
Age UK - Mary Hilton	01440 783649
Thurlow Estate – Tim Barling, Agent	01440 783661
Thurlow Estate – Tom Duffin, Assistant to Agent	
Libraries – Haverhill	01440 702638
Libraries – Bury St Edmunds	01284 352545
A mobile library visits the villages every 4 weeks on a Wednesday stopping at Sowley Green, 150 Bury Road from 11:30-11:40 am; Great Thurlow, 109 Bury Road from 11:45-12:10 pm; Little Thurlow, Thurlow Sports Club from 12:45-13:05 pm and Great Wratting, Coronation cottages from 14:00 –14:20 pm.	01473 263838
Suffolk Radio – BBC FM 103.9 or 104.6	01473 250000
Refuse Collection Bin collection is every Friday morning alternating between black and brown bins one week and blue bins on their own the next.	01284 757320
Environmental Health and Pest Control	01284 757084
Health and Wellbeing	Telephone
Doctors – The Christmas Maltings and Clements Practice	01440 269366
Doctors – Selby Practice	01440 702010
Doctors – Haverhill Family Practice	01440 702010
	01440 703667
Chemist – Boots, Haverhill	01440 702058
Chemist – Sainsburys Pharmacy	01440 708043
Chemist – The Co—operative Pharmacy	01440 702079
Hospital – West Suffolk (Bury St Edmunds)	01284 713000
Hospital – West Suffolk Accident and Emergency	01284 713333
Hospital – Addenbrookes (Cambridge)	01223 245151
Vets – Swayne and Partners (Haverhill)	01440 702007
Vets – Lida Vets (Newmarket)	01638 560000
Vets – Hawkedon Veterinary Surgery	01284 789428
Vets - Homefield Vets	01440 712021
Church Wardens	Telephone
St Mary's Church, Great Wratting—Simon Corbett	01440 783698
St Mary's Church, Great Wratting—Ben Stanton	01440 783103
St Peter's Church, Little Thurlow—Robin Vestey	T.B.A.
St Peter's Church, Little Thurlow—Iris Eley	01440 783534
All Saints Church, Great Thurlow—George Vestey	01440 783240

Great Wratting Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Chair	
Vice-Chair – Gavin Acheson - gavin.acheson@icloud.com	01440 783515
Councillor – Tim Hayes - timandlornahayes@gmail.com	01440 783242
Councillor – Dawn Fisk - dawn.fisk@btinternet.com	01440 783993
Councillor – Steven Robinson - stevenrobinson150@gmail.com	01440 783131
Councillor—Diana Curtis	01440 783898
Parish Clerk – Richard Bowler - gtwrattingpc@yahoo.co.uk	01638 731300
VACANCY	
If you would like information about joining Great Wratting Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk. http://www.greatwratting.onesuffolk.net/	

Little Thurlow Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Chris Field – Chairman	01440 783697
Jessica Hale –Vice Chairman	01440 783190
Will Griffiths	01440 783496
Chris Lowe	01440 783891
Andrew Dickson	01440 783385
Sue Acey	01440 783545
Geoff Patient	01440 783693
Molly Hawkins—Parish Clerk	01440 783259

Great Thurlow Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Peter Thomas—Chairman	01440 783700
Conrad Hawkins —Vice Chairman	01440 783259
George Vestey	01440 783240
Stan Cook	01440 783532
Rod Pass	01440 783610
Naomi Watts	To follow
Jane Sheppard	01440 783209
Diana Allin - Parish Clerk	01440 762299 (office hours)



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