

The Village Link

Great Thurlow – Little Thurlow – Great Wratting

March

2017



The Thurlows WW1 Battlefield Tour Summer 2018

Presentation in the Village Hall at 8.00pm

On Tuesday 7th March

by

Brigadier Johnny Walker OBE

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Great and Little
Thurlow Joint
Litter Pick

Saturday
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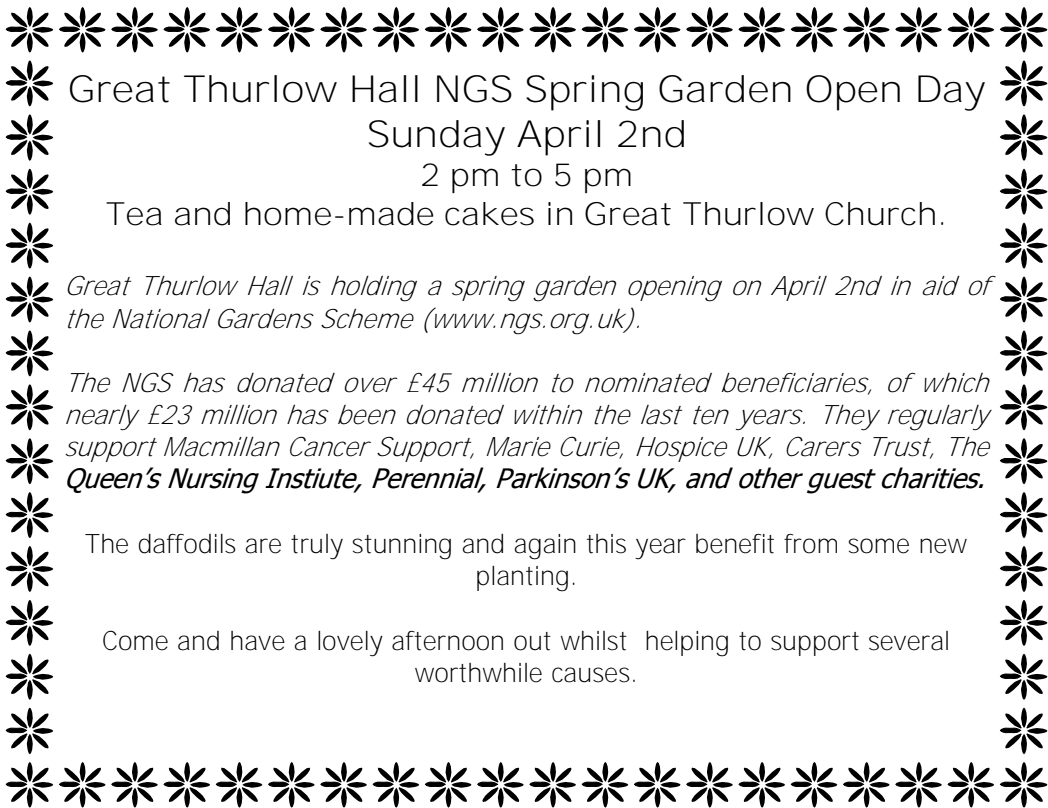
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60th Anniversary Great Thurlow Hall Spring Garden Open Day

Sunday April 2nd, 2 - 5 pm

Home-made cakes and teas in the church

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Great Thurlow Hall NGS Spring Garden Open Day

Sunday April 2nd

2 pm to 5 pm

Tea and home-made cakes in Great Thurlow Church.

Great Thurlow Hall is holding a spring garden opening on April 2nd in aid of the National Gardens Scheme (www.ngs.org.uk).

The NGS has donated over £45 million to nominated beneficiaries, of which nearly £23 million has been donated within the last ten years. They regularly support Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK, Carers Trust, The Queen's Nursing Institute, Perennial, Parkinson's UK, and other guest charities.

The daffodils are truly stunning and again this year benefit from some new planting.

Come and have a lovely afternoon out whilst helping to support several worthwhile causes.

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Copy Deadline 15th Of Each Month

WW1 Battlefield Tour 2018



On Tuesday 7th March there will be a presentation in the village hall by Brigadier Johnny Walker OBE to talk about the possibility of a Battlefield Tour in the summer of 2018 to commemorate the end of the First World War. Johnny is a registered battlefield tour guide and he is able to arrange a tour focussing on the Suffolk Regiment, which is the Regiment that most of the village men joined.

This will be a never to be repeated opportunity for the villages to remember the men who gave their lives on the battlefields of Belgium and France.

This will be a fascinating evening and we are aiming for 25 or more interested people to make this trip possible. We would particularly like to hear from anyone who had relatives who joined the Suffolks so that we may be able to visit where they fought and if necessary, their graves.

Please do come along to this presentation. The evening will start at 8.00pm sharp.

For more information please call Chris Field on 07748 029489.

Don't forget to check out the Thurlow website.

Keep looking as the site is updated regularly.

WWW.THETHURLOWS.ORG.UK

LITTLE THURLOW PARISH COUNCIL

With the help of a grant from CC Mary Evans' Locality Budget, an order is to be placed for provision of Wi-Fi to Thurlow Village. Both Parish Councils and the Village Hall Committee will also help with the funding of the project.

The next Joint Village Litter Pick is planned for the weekend of 18th/19th March 2017.

It is hoped that a Tour of the Battlefields to commemorate the end of WW1 might take place in 2018. A presentation will take place on 8th March 2017 in Thurlow Village Hall at 8pm to which everyone is welcome.

It was noted that an Outline Planning Application for one dwelling and overnight guest chalets at The Cock had been withdrawn. Also withdrawn was the felling three yew trees at The Grange.

A Temporary Traffic Order for road closure at The Green from 6th to 10th March 2017 was noted.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 21st March 2017.

Molly Hawkins

Great and Little Thurlow Joint Litter Pick

Saturday 18th / Sunday 19th March 2017

Please contact Molly Hawkins (01440 783259) for more details
Help keep our villages tidy!

Thurlow Life - Past and Present Facebook page
follow the link...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/thurlow/>

WHY WE SHOULD USE OUR VILLAGE HALL

Our Village Hall offers a medium sized main hall, meeting room, kitchen, bar room and car parking. **It is ideal for meetings, classes, functions, children's parties and much more.** Present use includes a Toddler Group, Bingo sessions, some Dance Classes, meetings, weddings and parties.

Now much warmer

Over the past two years our Village Hall has undergone many improvements the most significant (and expensive) of which is a new heating system. This together with roof and cavity wall insulation means that it now provides a warm and pleasant meeting place.

Re-decoration

Our entrance hall and toilets have benefitted from new floor covering and re-decoration.

Now safer.

We have had many health and safety checks and improvements including electricity and asbestos.

Now more environmentally friendly.

Our insulation and new heating mean we are using electricity more efficiently and the soon to be installed LED lighting will continue these efficiencies.

Ongoing improvements

Our future plans include installing LED lighting, re-decorating the Main Hall and Meeting Room and replacing the curtains, raising funding for a new kitchen and installing Wifi.

Good value.

To hire our Village Hall costs just £10 per hour or £9 if you are a local hirer or regular user. It is less if you only require the Meeting Room.

Bookings

To make a booking please email thurlowvillagehall@gmail.com

Thanks

We wish to thank the following organisations for the grants and donations that have enabled the above improvements: Thurlow Fayre, Green Suffolk Grant, Greener Business Grant, District Council Locality Budget, County Council Locality Budget, Great Thurlow Parish Council, Little Thurlow Parish Council, Navigator Land LLP, our own committee for fundraising and the inhabitants of the Thurlows for their support. Also, thanks to Robert Hunt and Peter Thomas who gave up their time to decorate the entrance hall and toilets.

Having your say.

We have worked hard to improve this village facility for you and will continue to do so. We hope that you enjoy using our Village Hall and will support us in any way you can. Our AGM is to take place on Tuesday 25th April at 7.30pm so please come along if you have any suggestions, want to find out more about our plans or would like to join the committee.

Ros Bunting, Chair Thurlow Village Hall Committee

THURLLOW WI

On February 14th in the Village Hall, a presentation on Shingle Street was given by Jeremy Mynott. It was amazing how many different species of flora and fauna had been found on this small area of land by the sea. We were shown flowers, butterflies, moths, animals and last of all birds which are his passion. Jeremy had received a grant and had organised groups of people to record everything and results were much higher than he had expected.

Karen Canterford thanked Jeremy for a really informative and interesting talk and then invited everyone for refreshments which were served by WI members.

The raffle took place and after all guests left, the WI held a short business meeting conducted by Karen. Karen asked for unwanted jewellery to be handed to the Federation and said that next month when we will learn of Circle Dancing, we **will hold a competition entitled "Dance, and anything related to it"**.

Helen Bennett, the secretary, listed all coming events and names were taken of those wishing to play Chickenfoot at Wickhambrook and those joining the Federation outing to Thursford.

Next month we meet on Tuesday 14th March at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Do pay us a visit, should be fun.

Iris Eley



Anyone for Tennis?

Come and play tennis at Thurlow Tennis Club. Membership is now available for the 2017 season at

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/thurlowtennisclub/join>

Family (including guests) £59.50; Adult £28.50; Junior £18.50

For further info contact: thurlowtennis@gmail.com

Being an Only Child

Recently I've heard a lot about how bad it is to be an only child. Having first-hand experience on the matter, being an only child myself, I want to share how it isn't a bad thing at all. It's pretty fab in my opinion. I was watching a TV programme not long ago, in which it was stated that 'having one child does not make a proper family'. Excuse me? Are you saying that I'm not an adequate human on my own? That I have to have one, two, three or even four extra humans alongside myself just to prove to society that I am an adequate member of the family? Right... way to boost self-confidence to the only-children of the world.

Having more than one child suits some people, for others, just one suits them great. Sometimes, they're not able to have any more kids and so just the one is the only option. However many kids people have doesn't particularly bother me in any way, shape or form - what bothers me is when people start to create a negative bubble around the concept of an 'only child'. Personally, it is alienating and I'm sure can make kids feel bad for not having siblings.

It isn't always a bad thing! For one, we are unique. There's only one of us, so we, amongst the sibling-filled world, are rare and individual. There's no sharing of toys or the family computer growing up, and on Christmas Day, there's no other brothers or sisters to buy for, so more often than not, we usually get a great amount of presents. Only children generally have really close relationships with their parents which I love. Having grown up surrounded by adults, I don't feel isolated around them but one of them, which has blessed me good life-skills, I feel.

One of the things people ask me most is 'Isn't it boring being an only child?'

Have you not heard of having an imagination? My imagination ran insanely wild as a kid growing up, I'd make up so many games and could spend hours upon hours drawing and creating. Creativity is in my blood, I could draw before I could write. Now I'm an Art student so I was obviously prepping myself for the workload!

Along with imagination, I've grown up with a family of animals, which is tremendous fun. Technically I wouldn't say I'm an only child because I see my pets as brothers and sisters! Looking after animals can be a job in itself, and a lot of my time growing up and still now, is being out with the dogs and walking them for miles. Some of my best memories have been with the dogs, I never feel alone as I know they're always there. I love them so much.

I also get asked if I get lonely, and I really don't. Like I said, being around animals all the time can never make me feel lonely, but I think being only children allows us to become very independent individuals; I very much like to be on my own, and I know other only-children who feel the same way. I travel on my own, I make my own meals and am pretty self-sufficient. It's not 'boasting' or anything of the sort, it's literally just how I am. I like being in my own **company and I'm proud of that.**

I'm sure I can speak for many, many only-children out there, and I felt something needed to be said because it's pretty annoying to hear repeated negative comments about only-children. Sure, there are downsides, as there are to anything, and being an only-child isn't for everyone. But my point is to prove how good it can be to be a single kid, I'm sure many could agree with me. So, before you think how absolutely terrible and life-ruining it must be to be an only child *my eyes are rolling*, please think about how great it could be too.

Thank you.

Ellen Williams

17 years old

101 The Hill

Nature Note

Our wild flowers provide a cheering succession of signposts on the way to spring every year. **I think of aconites as January's flower, the first to peep through the leaf litter from the old year, revealing in a gleam of old gold a promissory note from the depths of winter that the sun really will return. Then the snowdrops are very much February's flower, their hardened blunt leaf tips forcing their way up, even through ground hardened by frost, to ease out those fragile, nodding blooms. Snowdrops often seem to flower just when winter gives its final icy blast, their defiant white purity seemingly a hopeful message of milder and longer days to come. But March's flower has to be the daffodil. Indeed, the first of March is officially the first day of spring, whatever the weather, and the early daffodils will already be sporting their yellow glory. This is also St David's Day and the daffodil is the national flower of Wales. I gather the Welsh name for a daffodil translates as 'Peter's Leek' and both are supposed to be worn that day by Welsh people (though one imagines the daffodil might be prove the more fragrant and decorative buttonhole, as well as more convenient to lodge in the lapel?).**

The earliest daffodils in Britain traditionally came from the Isles of Scilly because of the **warmer climate there. And you can still buy their highly scented soleil d'ors or the delicate paper-white narcissi at competitive prices, despite all the increased competition from home and abroad. Daffodil production remains a major industry in Scilly and explains why the landscape there is such an attractive mosaic of tiny hedged fields. It also explains one peculiar form of local taxation, whereby the Scilly Wildlife Trust pays a rent of one daffodil annually to the Prince of Wales for the untenanted lands in Scilly.**

There are wild as well as cultivated daffodils in Britain, though these are sadly now limited to relatively few sites. The wild ones are smaller and daintier than the cultivars and they used to flourish in damp meadows and old woodlands, many of which have now been **destroyed for 'development'.** **But you can still see them on various Wildlife Trust reserves in SW England, for example at Dunsford in Devon and in the 'golden triangle' in NW Gloucestershire where there are several good locations. The most famous wild daffodils, however, must be those in the Lake District, which were celebrated in William Wordsworth's lyric poem, 'I wandered lonely as a cloud'. The poem was inspired by a walk Wordsworth took with his sister Dorothy in 1802 at Ullswater, where they wondered at the glorious profusion of a belt of daffodils along the lake shore:**

Ten thousand saw I at a glance
Tossing their heads in stately dance

Well, nearly everyone can recite a few lines from this national favourite, but what may be **less well known is that Wordsworth cribbed some of the best lines from his sister's diary notes. Poetic licence, I suppose (or typical male behaviour).**

Jeremy Mynott
Lavender Cottage
20 February 2017

Paradise Lost?

Having moved to Great Wrating just over three years ago, I became aware of the **fact that locals, both in Great Wrating and Withersfield referred to "Paradise" as being on Withersfield Road, Great Wrating.** On further investigation I found that **indeed there are three references to "paradise":**

Paradise Cottage located in Great Wrating along Withersfield Road is a Grade II listed pair of cottages (now one) dating from the 18th or 19th century. The first reference I have found is in the biography of Oliver Carter killed in the First World War. He was born in 1878 to Reuben and Ellen Carter of Paradise, Withersfield Road. Where the **name "Paradise" came from is unknown.**

However, sometime between 1850 and 1881, a second pair of cottages was built on **Withersfield Road with the name "Paradise" but this time Paradise Farm Cottages.** Today these buildings are also one house known as Paradise Farmhouse. Interestingly this building is just within the Parish of Withersfield. However there was obviously confusion at the time as the Census of Great Wrating in 1881 included Paradise on Withersfield Road. By 1891 the cottages on Wrating Road (as Withersfield Road is known in Withersfield just to add confusion) were included in the Withersfield Census. By 1901 both cottages were referred to as Paradise.

The third building carrying the Paradise name is across the road from Paradise Farmhouse – Paradise Farm Barn. This consists of two barns joined at right angles with a third barn now demolished. Whether it was built before W H Smith bought the Thurlow Estate in 1877 is not known. However the Barns, although across the road from the Farmhouse, are in the Parish of Great Wrating as the parish boundary runs up the road at this point.

I also found on the internet a story of a girl who spent her holidays in a rented a **cottage on Thurlow Road, Great Wrating: 'A Mrs Cornell came to clean and she lived "up Paradise"!**

I have been told by locals that Withersfield Road used to be called Paradise Lane but I can find no evidence of this. Does anyone know more of the history behind our little bit of paradise?

KeithTurner

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Thurlow Estate Shoot

Now that the pheasant shooting season has finished for another year the Keeper starts on the process of tidying up and preparing for next year. This involves the breaking down and bringing in of all the feeding and watering apparatus which needs to be sterilised and, if necessary, repaired before being stored away until June.

The Keeper is also making decisions about the placements of any new pens deemed necessary for the wellbeing of the birds – they cannot sit on the same ground for too long. Any pens that are considered redundant will be taken down over the next few months and tidied away at the same time as the new pens are being erected. Great care needs to be taken when constructing a pen to ensure that it is vermin proof.

Last year's game covers are being flailed down and broken up so that any remaining seed can be consumed before the stalks and husks are ploughed in and a seed bed is created in preparation for drilling of next year's cover crops in May time.

A key component of successful shoot management is providing an attractive habitat for game birds. They need food and shelter. While the natural features of the land and those which are nurtured by man – the woodland and hedgerows – form the basis of a shoot there is one other vital ingredient within the Thurlow Estate – cover crops. Cover crops provide natural food and shelter. They are usually planted along the margin of woodland, in corners of fields or to provide covers from which birds may be flushed over the guns.

Typically these are small areas of less than an acre and they will be dotted around the shoot often trying to link up areas of woodland so that the game birds have safe passage between woods or other areas of cover.

Among the most common cover crops are maize, sunflowers, canary grass, kale, and quinoa, and cover strips often contain a mixture of these species. They also provide rich feeding for songbirds and particular mixes of plants are now produced specifically to benefit farmland birds. On the Estate we typically plant maize as our cover crop because it stands up well to the East Anglian winters and can be a rich source of food too throughout the latter half of the season. We do also have a number of wild bird seed mixes that we plant into our cover crops and these provide a wealth of food throughout the winter for both reared and wild birds. To this end the Estate maintains approximately 50 acres of cover crops across the whole shooting area.

Research by the Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust has shown that songbirds are 100 times more likely to be found in game crops than nearby arable land and 340 times more likely to be found in game crops than nearby grassland. A recent survey of 1,227 Estates in the UK suggests that the provision of game cover was responsible for supporting an extra 17,000 farmland birds. Hopefully, the weather will be kind to us, and we will be able to drill into good seedbeds in the early summer, with a little warm wet weather to follow.



Bury St Edmunds Needs You

Are you a Bury St Edmunds resident, town centre worker, shopper or visitor? If so then for the next eight weeks, we need you.

The Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Masterplan is a project to shape the future of the town centre so that it works for people. It is not just about ensuring that it continues to attract shoppers and visitors for decades to come, but also that it is accessible, and a place where people can live and work happily. That includes looking at how the town continues to cope with growth and other future pressures such as technological changes, and responds sensitively to a larger number of people and cars.

A huge part of the town centre masterplan will be to look at those elements of the town centre **that don't really work, are perhaps a bit grotty or disconnected - and that is where the public** can play a big part.

Over the next eight weeks until 21 April, we will be running a public engagement campaign to get your views on what the issues and options are for Bury St Edmunds Town Centre. Once we have fully understood the issues and options that are most important to everyone who uses the town centre, we can then move forward and draw up a masterplan that can address them. That will form the next stage of the project and further consultation.

We will be holding events in and around the town centre, where you can have your say, and we will also be providing information about the consultation to residents associations, business organisations, groups representing people with disabilities and additional needs, schools, colleges, faith groups, interest groups and more – all encouraging them to spread the word and invite everyone to have their say.

Cllr Alaric Pugh said: "Bury St Edmunds town centre is one of the best retail, leisure and cultural centres in the region but it is not without its faults. This is about shaping the future of the town centre and what better way to do so than by asking the people who live, work, shop or visit there. Bury St Edmunds needs you."

Events confirmed so far are:

- 8th March, 8am to 3pm at Bury St Edmunds market
- 8th March, 6pm to 8pm at The Apex
- 9th March, 10am to 5pm at Tesco St Saviours Interchange, Bury St Edmunds
- 7th April, 10am to 5pm at Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre
- 8th April, 8am to 3pm at Bury St Edmunds market

Other events are in the pipeline – more information will be posted throughout the consultation at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bsemasterplan on Twitter @StEdsBC and on the Facebook page / StEdmundsburynews.

Twitter users – can also Tweet a selfie when they have had their say using the hashtag #bsemasterplan

The documents will be available online at www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bsemasterplan

Hard copies will also be available at:

- West Suffolk House
- The Apex
- Bury St Edmunds Library
- West Suffolk College
- Bury St Edmunds Leisure Centre

Information leaflets will be available at:

- The Athenaeum
- **The Citizen's Advice Bureau in Risbygate Street**
- Skyliner Leisure Centre
- **Moyse's Hall Museum**
- St Edmundsbury Cathedral tourist information point

The Bury St Edmunds Town Centre Masterplan is supported by a working group comprising representatives of Our Bury St Edmunds Business Improvement District, the Suffolk Chamber in Bury St Edmunds, Bury St Edmunds market traders, The Bury Society, the Bury St Edmunds Town Trust, Bury St Edmunds Town Council, St Edmundsbury Borough Council and Suffolk County Council, working alongside urban design and town planning specialists David Lock Associates and Peter Brett Associates.

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Thurlow Fayre 2017

Sunday September 3rd

What would you come to see at your Fayre?

What attractions would you like to see?

All ideas and comments very welcome

Help us create a fun-filled afternoon for all the family

Next meeting Wednesday 1st March 7pm, at The Cock.



March - April 2017 Church Services

Monthly Church Service Rota

Date	Day	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
5th March	Sun	09:30 HC Kedington	11:00 HC Great Thurlow		
12th March	Sun	09:30 HC Little Bradley	09:30 SOTW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley	
19th March	Sun	10:00 Benefice HC Barnardiston			
26th March	Sun	09:30 HC Little Thurlow	09:30 SOTW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Wratting	18:00 ES Kedington
2nd April	Sun	09:30 HC Kedington	11:00 HC Great Thurlow		
9th April	Sun	09:30 HC Barnardiston	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!

Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
Mar	1st	Wed	11:45 to 12:10	Mobile library	109 Bury Road Great Thurlow	01473 263838
Mar	1st	Wed	12.45 to 13:05	Mobile library	Thurlow Sports Club Little Thurlow	01473 263838
Mar	1st	Wed	14:00 to 14:20	Mobile library	Coronation Cottages GW	01473 263838
Mar	1st	Wed	19:00	Thurlow Fayre Meeting	The Cock Little Thurlow	01440783478
Mar	7th	Tue	20:00	Battlefield Tour Talk	Thurlow Village Hall	07748 029489
Mar	10th	Fri	18:30	Thurlow Gardening Club		01440 783478
Mar	14th	Tue	19:00	WI meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	
Mar	18th & 19th	Sat & Sun		Great and Little Thurlow village litter pick		Molly Hawkins 01440 783259
Mar	21st	Tue	19:30	LTPC meeting	Thurlow Village Hall	
Apr	2nd	Sun	14:00	Great Thurlow Hall Garden Opening	Great Thurlow Hall	01440 783478

Dates For Your Diary!

The Rector writes

I am sure that we have all, at some time or another, said "I wouldn't want to be in his (or her) shoes". In fact there are quite a lot of people whose shoes have no attraction for me whatsoever, and in preference to whose shoes I would far rather be in my own. There is apparently a prayer of the American Indians which says "Grant that I may not criticise my neighbour until I have walked a mile in his moccasins". To understand someone completely, the prayer seems to imply, we need to have been in that person's shoes, to have walked a substantial distance in them and felt the discomfort. Whatever faces us in life we can usually find someone whose plight is worse than ours, and conclude that we would rather not be in their shoes.

I would not have wanted to be in the shoes of Moses and Aaron. You may recall the story of the dramatic escape of God's people from Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea. Moses stretched out his hand over the Red Sea and the waters were parted to right and to left so that the people could cross on dry ground. Then the waters returned and drowned the Egyptians. You might think that the people of God having thus been freed from slavery in Egypt would be only too happy, but it is not long before the complaints start. There had been plenty of fish to eat in Egypt, and fruit and vegetables too, and no shortage of water. In the desert, though, the people of God soon become hungry and thirsty and mutinous. In chapter sixteen of Exodus we read "And the whole congregation of the people of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them 'Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the Land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate bread to the full; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'" Even before that dramatic rescue out of Egypt the people had not trusted Moses or had not trusted that God would deliver them. Before they crossed the Red Sea they saw the Egyptians marching after them and were fearful for their lives, and they said to Moses "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness. What have you done to us, in bringing us out of Egypt? Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians. For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." So the people were not content. Their discontent continues then after the Exodus. The book of Numbers might well have been named "The grumbings of a nation". Moses and Aaron did not have an easy time as leaders of God's people. Nor did the Prophets we read of in the Old Testament. The job of the prophet was to warn and to admonish the people without fear or favour.

Turning our attention to the New Testament, Saint Paul in his letter to the Christians of Corinth tells them "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall". Saint Paul tells his readers in no uncertain terms what he considers is – or is not – behaviour appropriate to them as Christians. He tells them not to lust after evil things, not to be idolaters, not to commit fornication, not to tempt Christ, and then he tells them "Neither murmur ye" – don't complain. Then, as if he can almost hear them checking that list and declaring themselves to be good and righteous and upright people, guilty of none of these things, he points out the need to be wary and guard against falling victim to temptation. His warning for those who feel that they are blameless with regard to his list of iniquities is "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall."

In the letter to another of the New Testament churches, in Ephesus, we read "Guard against foul talk. Let your words be for the improvement of others as occasion offers, and **do good to your listeners.**" Another translation renders the same verse as "Do not use harmful words but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed so that what you say will do good to those who hear you."

John Morley, in his "Life of Gladstone" quotes some words attributed to Benjamin Disraeli, "never complain, never explain". These words were said specifically in the context of attacks in Parliament. Benjamin Jowett, who was Master of Balliol College in 1870 was said to have given the advice to young men to "Never regret, never explain, never apologise". Next time we are tempted to complain about our leaders, maybe we should give thought to whether we would like to be in their shoes. Maybe too we should give careful thought to the words of Saint James in his letter. He wrote of the power of the tongue to do evil, and wrote "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God".

Derek Hollis

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.

For all pastoral matters please contact Rev. Derek Hollis on 01440 763066.



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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 – Diana Allin Email: thurlovillagehall@gmail.com	01440 783560
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 Egluff	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
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Hospital – West Suffolk Accident and Emergency	01284 713333
Hospital – Addenbrookes (Cambridge)	01223 245151
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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 Wrating Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Chair - Keith Turner	01440 783460
Vice-Chair – Gavin Acheson	01440 783515
Councillor – Anthony Lundrigan	01440 783817
Councillor – Dawn Fisk	01440 783993
Councillor – Steven Robinson	01440 783131
Councillor—Diana Curtis	01440 783898
Parish Clerk – Richard Bowler - gtwrattingpc@yahoo.co.uk	01638 731300
If you would like information about joining Great Wrating Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk. www.parish-council.com/greatwrattingparishcouncil	

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
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