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Great and Little Thurlow are adjacent villages situated in the south-west corner of Suffolk within a few miles of both Cambridgehire and Eton. The villages have a rich documented history which can be found in the Publications section of this website. Each village has retained a separate identity with its own Parish Council and church. The villages each have populations of just over 200 and are served by a school, pub, shop and garage and share a village hall and sports field. The dominant natural feature is the River Doue which sustains within it many kinds of fish and attracts a wide range of birds and animals.

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Thurlow Website

The new joint Great and Little Thurlow website is now live:
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All the content of the previous Little Thurlow website is accessible, including village walks, nature notes, Village Links and a directory of village contacts. In addition there is a calendar to keep up to date with village events. You are encouraged to register as a user of the website, after which you will be able to use the message board to initiate and contribute to any discussion topics.

Please forward any suggestions for additional content to the website administrators at admin@thethurlows.org.uk

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The Editor

Welcome to a New Year of The Village Link. Following my appeal for help with the administration of this publication I am very pleased to welcome Carol Warden to the Editorial team.

The email address doesn't change - 'TheVillageLink@TKHeat.co.uk'. We will shortly be updating the automatic response return email to include copy deadline dates, advertising rates & sizes and formats. From the 1st February 2013 Carol will be responsible for answering all emails received and taking on the general administration, including invoicing advertisers and collating new adverts and articles. Going forward any emails, articles or advertising requested each month must be received on or before the 15th of the month for inclusion in the next issue, this includes all regular advertisers and established article contributors.

I would also like to say thank you to everyone that has offered help with The Village Link following my appeal.



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Monthly Church Service Rota	Date	Day	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
	3rd Feb	Sun	9:30 HC Kedington	10:00 SotW Great Wrattling	11:00 HC Little Bradley	
	10th Feb	Sun	9:30 HC Barnardiston	9:30 SotW Kedington	11:00 HC Great Bradley	
	17th Feb	Sun	10:00 HC Little Thurlow			
	24th Feb	Sun	8:00 HC Kedington	9:30 HC Great Thurlow	11:00 HC Great Wrattling	18:00 ES Kedington
	3rd Mar	Sun	9:30 HC Kedington	10:00 SotW Great Wrattling	11:00 HC Little Bradley	
	10th Mar	Sun	9:30 HC Barnardiston	9:30 SotW Kedington	11 HC Great Thurlow	

What's On!

Dates For Your Diary!	Month	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
	Feb	8th	Fri	18:30	Thurlow Gardening Club	Dawn Abbey Little Thurlow Green	Dawn Abbey 01440 783646
	Feb	16th	Sat	19:30	Pre-School Charity Night	The Tavern Birdbrook	Naomi Sharrod 01440 783923
	Feb	23rd	Sat	10:00 – 12:00	Church Community Cleaning Event	All Saints Church, Great Thurlow	Tim Knappett 01440 783654
	March	21st	Thu	19:30	Great Wrattling Parish Council Meeting	Wheel Cottage, The Street	Parish Clerk gtwrattlingpc@yahoo.co.uk

Farm

There is still a portion of the farm that we have been unable to plough or drill and we will now have to try and establish a Spring crop instead, assuming conditions improve enough to get on to the fields.

This has been the wettest and most difficult drilling season in living memory and even those crops that we have drilled, if you could see them under the snow, are struggling to establish. The principal reasons are water logging and slug damage.

This cold snap has actually been beneficial in one respect – which is that the slug population, which was at epidemic levels, will now be seriously reduced. It does also mean, unfortunately, that the pigeons will start to flock up and descend on the Oil Seed Rape fields – this will require constant monitoring.

Other winter activities on the farm include hedge cutting and ditching works, these operations are usually restricted to the winter months so we ensure that the resident wildlife are not disturbed during nesting season.

Finally, the farm is preparing Horseheath Racecourse for the upcoming Point to Points, see below for details.

Hunt

The Hunt had an excellent, if somewhat muddy, few days over the Christmas period and the Boxing Day meet was particularly well attended at Great Thurlow Hall.

With the fast approaching start to the Point to Point season there are various dates to put **in you're diary**

1. Sunday 3rd February – Cambridge with Enfield Chace
2. Saturday 2nd March – Thurlow Hunt Point to Point.
3. Saturday 23rd March - Puckeridge Hunt Point to Point

As always there will be various trade stands as well as hot and cold snacks and the beer tent and we very much hope that you will come and enjoy the racing.

Property

Properties to let

1). 70 The Street, Great Wratting – a semi detached three bedroom property which is undergoing partial refurbishment. The property has oil fired central heating and an open fire, there are three bedrooms upstairs and there is a kitchen/diner and separate living room on the ground floor. The house has a secluded and secure garden which is currently to grass and outbuildings. Price - £825 pcm.

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With the end of the shooting season now in site the Keeper is working hard to keep the birds in the right locations as they have a tendency to wander off in January. This becomes harder when the snow arrives, as it flattens many of the game covers.

Although this cold snap helps, many of the woods are still saturated which, in order to minimise damage to soil structure, has forced the Woodlands team to pull out of the larger, more mature woods, where they have been undertaking coppicing work. Instead they have concentrated on the **younger woods where we are carrying out tube removal and crown lifting. This work doesn't require heavy machinery and therefore working within these woods is not so .**

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AND FINALLY.....

I went to the cinema the other day and in the front row was an old man and with him was his dog. It was a sad funny kind of film, you know the type. In the sad part, the dog cried his eyes out, and in the funny part, the dog laughed its head off. This happened all the way through the film. After the film had ended, I decided to go and speak to the man.

"That's the most amazing thing I've seen," I said. "That dog really seemed to enjoy the film."

The man turned to me and said, "Yeah, it is. He hated the book."

The Christmas party seems so long ago now – and what a brilliant night it was. We managed to raise enough money after paying out all of our costs, that the churches received £324 each. This could not have been done without everyone who attended and brought tickets to support, so thank you.

Thank you to everyone who helped Ray and I on the night and running up to the night, the panic that I would be in an empty barn was horrible! Also a big thank you to the Vestey family and Thurlow Estate for allowing us to hold the event in the Barn.

There will be at least one more event similar to be held in the year – more details to follow. The Pre-school are holding a charity night on 16th February at The Tavern in Birdbrook (formerly Taste of China/Birdbrook Tavern) tickets for this event will be £5.00 each and fancy dress is optional!!!

We ended 2012 in the shop with calendar sales doing exceptionally well – we have ten or so left so if you would still like one please pop in. I also should apologise for the error on the front cover with the apostrophe – **a general error and as I'm only human it's a good job we are now in January and it can't be seen!!!!**

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The programme will be designed to meet the needs of the participants, but it is likely to include, word processing, using spreadsheets, safely navigating the INTERNET (including for shopping), transferring photos to your computer, using PowerPoint for presentations, setting up & using an email account etc.

If there is sufficient interest the Parish Council will consider subsidizing the course so that participants will pay no more than £10 in total for the six sessions. To register an interest please contact Keith Bunting giving your name & contact details by either phoning 783 528 (leave a message) or emailing keithbunting34@yahoo.com. Registering an interest does not commit you to attending or paying.

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We are now in negotiation with Greene King over the purchase of the freehold ; this article is being written on 19th January so as to be able to meet the deadline for inclusion in this edition of The Link; we are hopeful of an agreement over the next couple of weeks and will make an announcement early in February which will outline future plans and proposed management changes.

EVENTS TO NOTE PLEASE

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I've just received my copy of the final report from the Suffolk Hedgerow Survey. These are the results from a massive coordinated effort to survey all the **hedgerows of the county in a kind of 'green' Domesday Book** to guide conservation efforts in years to come. The statistics alone are quite impressive. The project started in 1998 and was finally completed in February 2012. 317 Suffolk parishes contributed and between them they surveyed some 40,000 hedgerows, in each case counting the number of different tree species occurring in measured lengths and analyzing the principal landscape features. Overall, it was discovered that over 20,000 hedges had eight or more species and more than 30,000 had five or more species in them, which probably means that over 80% of our Suffolk hedgerows are between three and twenty centuries old!

Great and Little Thurlow each took an active part in this survey. The Great Thurlow team consisted of Conrad Hawkins, Rod Pass, John and Christina Lusty, and Justine Reed and they surveyed a total of 104 hedgerows, while the Little Thurlow team (which hunted in pairs) consisted of myself and Mary Hilton, Kevin and Sue Beal, John Tipper and Jessica Hale, Robert Sanderson and Margaret Levin, and Steve and Sue Burgen and we surveyed a total of 176 hedgerows. It was quite hard work for the dedicated field-workers (many were called but few **stayed the course ...**), **but we enjoyed many surprising discoveries of rarer and charismatic species** like buckthorn, black poplar and wayfaring tree and the interest of walking through private land we would never get to explore normally (we did ask permission, of course!).

The bare figures don't really tell the story though. The countryside of Britain went through a devastating period in the 1960's and 1970s when farmers were encouraged to grub out hedges and drain ditches to enlarge fields to make use of **larger and more 'efficient' machinery; at the same time they were drenching the fields with pesticides to improve yields and increase 'productivity'**. The results of all this was a dramatic decline in the whole chain of our national wildlife – the flowers, the insects, the animals and the birds. There is at last some sort of realization of what damage we have done to our world and we are seeing some measures of restitution, though it may all be too little and too late. The hedgerows are crucial in all this. They act as shelters, corridors, larders and homes to a huge variety of creatures large and small. They also represent a show-case of our greatest national heritage, the British landscape. There are centuries of history in a hedge with eight or more species, going back in some cases to the original Domesday Book of 1086. We are lucky in Suffolk, which is one of the most rural counties in Britain (and the only one to have completed a comprehensive survey of this kind) and we are particularly lucky in the Thurlows, where the principal landowners have maintained relatively enlightened **conservation policies. Let's cherish this tradition and preserve it.**

Jeremy Mynott

Thurlow Royal Exchange which is the Saturday adult football team have made an excellent start to the season and currently sit top of their division in the Cambs League having played ten games winning nine and drawing one.

They have already scored nearly one hundred goals in league and cup games this season having strengthened the team during the summer after finishing runners up in their division last season and getting promoted.

They are also unbeaten in cup competitions and have reached the 5th Round of the Suffolk Primary Cup following victories over teams from Ipswich, Felixstowe and Needham Market but have been given a tough draw away to a team from Stowmarket in the quarter finals who are the current cup holders.

A.F.C. Thurlow who is the Sunday adult football team where a number of the players have been together since its formation a number of years ago with several over the age of thirty continue to enjoy their Sunday morning kick-about and are towards the bottom of their league table.

Most of their fixtures have been away from home so far this season and have been losing games narrowly by the odd goal and hopefully their fortunes will change once they start playing their home fixtures.

Thurlow Youth F.C. run six teams from under 8's to under 16's. The under 8's and two under 9's teams play on a Saturday morning in the Cambs Mini League whilst the under 13's, under 14's and under 16's play in the Cambs Colts League on a Sunday.

The under 16's are enjoying a good season and are currently lying in fourth place in their division.

The under 14's have struggled on occasions and are second from bottom in their division.

The under 13's have a new manager this season and are mid table in their division as they come to grips with playing on a full size pitch.

The two under 9 teams one of which is managed by Dave Smith of Little Thurlow have had to regroup after the loss of some boys and with the new ones still learning the game.

The under 8's although they play in a league, their results are not published as per F.A. Rules as they look to develop their skills without the pressure of winning.

There is also a Saturday Soccer School for under 6 and 7 years old which is held on the former Bowls Green and any parents who are interested in their sons and daughters joining this are asked to contact Mr Tony Williamson who is qualified coach on 07809550420 for further details.

The Christmas Carol Concert was held in Great Thurlow Church on Friday 21st December. It was lovely to see a full church.

With ticket sales and donations we were able to send All Saints Church, Great Thurlow £330.00, East Anglia Children's Hospice £330.00 and The Thurlow Hunt Supporters Club £330.00.

After the Concert we all went to Hall Barn for mulled wine, sausage rolls and mince pies.

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

Jane Sheppard

By the time you read this it will be a bit late - but Happy New Year to you all nonetheless.

As promised in our first News from the Bridge in November's Village Link, you will find a short report on our last Parish Council meeting in this edition. A bit dusty now, given that we met in November, but hopefully of some use all the same.

We thought you might also like to hear a bit about our plans for the year ahead.

We will obviously be getting on with all the things we have talked about before - website, Facebook, roads, broadband speeds, email trees and so on and you will hear more about these as the year goes by.

But running with our theme of Community and Communication, we think there are some great opportunities for the village to come together at various times during the year - in ways we did with so much fun last year at events like the Jubilee Picnic and, dare I say it, the Autumn Village Clean Up!

More about these in future News and reports. For now, here are a few Save the Date notices, which we would love you to put in your diaries:

Annual Village Meeting - 8 pm on Thursday, 9 May at the Church Parish Room. Refreshments from 7.30 pm.

We have deliberately fixed this for a different evening to the Council's AGM this year, so we can host it a bit later in the hope that many more of you will be able to make it. We're going to revamp the agenda as well, to make it EVEN MORE interesting and there will be refreshments - fermented, edible and otherwise - to make for a social as well as a parish business occasion.

Village Fete (of course) – 1 pm on Saturday 1 June, at Rook Tree Farm.

Be we hearty Anglicans or no, there is much of religious, secular and parochial value to our Village Church and it is very worthy of our continued support. As I am sure you all know, every penny raised at the fete goes directly towards the ongoing management and upkeep of the Church - an ever increasing burden for our PCC. The better the crowd, the better the fun, the better the Church - and the fewer the bottles I have to take home from the bottle stall!

Autumn Village Clean Up - Yes! The Autumn Village Clean Up - 11 am on Saturday 7 September.

Jolly good fun and full of good deed doing! Thirty odd people, young and not so young, turned out last year, and a fine old knees up - funded in part by your friendly neighbourhood Parish Council - was had thereafter in the Red Lion garden in the sunshine. We are planning a spot of blackmail for this year's effort - an informal pocket-money-type treasure hunt for the kids. And you know what you get with Lots of Kids . . . Lots of Parents !!!

Village Carol Service - not quite sure yet but probably either Friday 13 or Friday 20 December.

Huge efforts are put in to this every year to make it a wonderfully festive Village occasion of the sing, give thanks, eat, drink and be merry variety. Again, more anon, but do please try to come. It's going to be a cracker!

Other ideas are in the brew at the moment but need more mashing before announcement from the Bridge. Watch out for exciting further News in upcoming editions of The Village Link!

We gave a hearty welcome to three new members of your Parish Council last year and to a brave new Parish Clerk. This was because we had to bid a sad but fond farewell to three stalwart Councillors and a stalwarter Parish Clerk. Jackie Edwards, Steve Robinson and Anthony Lundrigan are your new representatives, and Emma White your new and already stalwart Parish Clerk - to a man and woman,

already busily at work on your behalf.

The dearly departed (in the nicest possible way) are Jayne Whittaker, Sue Davies Scourfield, Linda Reading and King Stalwart of the Stalwart People, Phil Stainer. We owe them much and they will be much missed.

I suspect that's enough News for one Link. On behalf of all your Parish Councillors and Clerk, we wish you a hale and hearty 2013 - and village roads clear of potholes. I know I know - we're on the case!

Gavin Acheson—Chair, Great Wrating Parish Council

Better Broadband

The use of technology and the information, people and services it connects becomes more and more important to each of our lives as time marches on. One of the initiatives that the Great Wrating Parish Council has been considering is improving the limited broadband service supplied to the village. Whether it is the ability to run a business from home, access to new initiatives in healthcare, keeping up with our friends, family and community through social media, accessing government, social and council services or just better entertainment at home, there are many reasons why better broadband for the parish makes sense now and for the future.

There are both public and private initiatives to assist in providing better broadband and internet services to rural communities; Rural Community Broadband Fund, Better Broadband for Suffolk, Rural Broadband Partnership, all start by understanding the need within the community to improve broadband services.

Both Phil Stainer and Steve Robinson (GWPC) have completed some investigations on the topic and now we would like to build on this foundation. For everyone in the community that is interested, I suggest that you register this interest to the two following, and then copy the Great Wrating Parish Clerk so that we can gauge this interest.

For the Suffolk County Council initiative; www.public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSCCTS/subscriber/new or Better Broadband for Suffolk, c/o Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road Ipswich Suffolk IP1 2BX

To ensure that BT are aware that their customers in Great Wrating who are interested (we understand that they may be connecting Thurlow); www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/expression-gen.aspx

I am more than happy to discuss any ideas, other initiatives past or present, comments or suggestions. I will keep everyone posted with progress.

Anthony Lundrigan—Great Wrating Parish Council

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One of the few memories I have of my school days is being set the task of listing as many weather-related sayings as possible. The reason I remember it is because I managed, with a little help from my parents, to find more sayings than anyone else. Whatever the prize was, I won it, with, as I recall, **around forty sayings on the list. "Red sky at night, shepherds' delight", we say, and "mackerel sky, mackerel sky, not too wet and not too dry". "A west wind is a wet wind", and so on. And of course "the north wind doth blow and we shall have snow" as the nursery rhyme says, and asks "what will poor robin do then, poor thing?" My late mother, who was very knowledgeable about such things, would often refer to this month as "February fill dyke, black or white". The Oxford Dictionary of Proverbs suggests that this saying may go back as far as the sixteenth Century, and then later the seventeenth Century version says "February fill dike, Be it black or white; But if it be white, it's the better to like". The saying suggests that February is likely to be a month either of heavy rain or of snow. At the same time the Oxford Dictionary also includes a quote which states that statistically the month is actually one of the driest.**

As I write this, snow is forecast across large parts of England and Scotland. The people of the media seem to be falling over themselves to warn us. Once again as they did in early December, the **reporters are referring to the "Beast from the East". It's not unknown for them to refer to Britain as being "in the grip of Arctic conditions". Something of an exaggeration and a little over the top, perhaps, but the snow which makes everywhere look so pretty also makes being out and about very difficult. As a nation we are poorly equipped to cope with heavy snow, and more than just a couple of inches seems to bring us to a grinding halt and leave our country all but paralysed. Bulletins bring news of blocked roads, burst pipes and power failures, events cancelled and transport in chaos. This once great nation is ill-prepared and so easily defeated by a little extreme weather. With more investment in infrastructure and equipment we would cope better in the event of such crises. Interestingly as I write this, the TV show "Dancing on Ice" is apparently being sponsored by 'Continental Winter Tyres'. I wonder how many people bother to put winter tyres on their cars.**

Some years ago I remember I was spending a few days with my parents just after Christmas and got up to find that four or five inches of snow had fallen during the night. Suddenly it seemed that the whole country had ground to a halt, as police and motoring organisations were at pains to point out that roads were treacherous, and that only those whose journeys were absolutely vital should even set out. What, I wonder, do our fellow Europeans on mainland Europe make of this?

One of my acquaintances on Facebook said that her children were more excited about snow this morning than they were about Christmas. Of course they are, because Christmas is guaranteed – it happens every year. Snow is not guaranteed! If it happened more frequently, of course, people might argue, we might be prepared for it and take it all in our stride.

Life is a bit like that too. There will, I imagine, always be times when we are caught out by events **which we haven't anticipated. Sadly from time to time our lives are marred by traumas and tragedies we haven't anticipated and prepared ourselves for. We know all too well, don't we, what someone means when they say "You should prepare yourself for the worst." As Christians we have resources at our disposal to help us be prepared for all that life throws at us. The options are there to make ourselves better equipped, if we so choose. Christianity offers us purpose and hope in a mixed-up world, the presence and peace of God in our daily lives, and the comfort and help of our fellow Christians. We can see life here as a kind of journey through this world to life in the world beyond death. If we stay in close contact with God then we shall be able to find Him much easier when we need him most.**

The Bible urges its readers to be prepared. Saint Peter told his readers to be ready always to give account for their hope as Christians. Jesus promised to return to earth again one day. Not this time as a helpless little baby in a stable, but as a triumphant conqueror. He told people to take care to be ready for his return in power and triumph to judge the world. Now, two thousand years later, we **can't say we weren't given adequate time to prepare....**

Derek Hollis.

Little Thurlow Parish Council Meeting 15th January 2013

Five Councillors were joined by CC Midwood and DC Clifton-Brown at the January meeting of Little Thurlow Parish Council. The Precept figure for the year 2013/2014 will be £4996.00. It was noted that a replacement Jubilee oak tree had been planted on Pound Green as the first one had not survived and SCC Highways Department had responded promptly and repaired a reported pothole on Pound Green A broken Rights of Way sign at the entrance to the Water Treatment Works is to be reported. The new joint Great and Little Thurlow website www.thethurlows.org.uk is now live and has received favourable comments. A Planning Application for the removal of render etc at Manor Farm has been approved by St Edmundsbury BC. The Vice Chairman is to attend the next Priority Setting Meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team when he will ask that the slowing of traffic through the village is given priority once again.

There will be a Joint Great and Little Thurlow Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 29th January 2013 and the next Little Thurlow Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th February 2013; both meetings commencing at 7.30pm.

M. Hawkins—Parish Clerk

Thurlow WI met on the 8th of January. President Ann Tipper opened the meeting and read out all forthcoming events which included the Soup and Natter Lunches, a Festive Lunch and the Quiz at Culford. It was noted that there is to be a change of our advisor, we will now have Sue Beavan back again.

The Federation Annual Meeting on the 22nd of April will be attended by six members.

Three members will join with Suffolk West on the visit to the law courts in London and one member is going to the Quilting Workshop at Park Farm.

The Collection instead of exchanging Christmas Cards amounted to £90 which has been sent to Dr Cornish for his work in Africa.

Twenty seven gifts were delivered to our over eighties and Olive Jeffrey was thanked for providing all the cards given with them. Dawn Abbey was thanked for making the programmes for 2013.

Our Presidents Husband John gave us a talk with slides on their recent visit to Pompeii which was enjoyed by all.

Winners in the draw were Margaret Ince, Anne Roberts and Janice Klimcke.

Next meeting Feb 12th On the edge of Britain with Jeremy Mlynott, Village Hall 7:30pm. All Welcome to this event, no charge.

Dorothy Cook who died in December came to Thurlow with her parents Mr and Mrs Meekings in the sixties when they took over the Red Lion. She married John and settled in at Home Cottage. She leaves two children Linda and Moris.

Iris Eley—Little Thurlow Reporter

Update from Great Wrating Parish Council

The following is a brief summary of the meeting held on 29 November 2012. Minutes are available from the Parish Clerk. Due to his imminent move away from the village, longstanding Parish Councillor Phil Stainer, resigned from the council. Phil has made an enormous contribution to the village over many years and will be greatly missed. The Parish Council wish Phil and Flavia a long and happy retirement in Dorset.

Councillors welcomed Anthony Lundrigan who was co-opted to the council at the meeting. **Anthony and his family moved to the village earlier this year. Due to Phil Stainer's** departure, we still have one councillor vacancy. If anyone wishes to join Great Wrating Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk.

County Councillor, Jane Midwood, brought to our attention plans to make repairs to the road bridge next to the ford and the possibility that the repair may include strengthening of the bridge and a reduction in the current weight restriction. Immediate concerns were raised about the possible increase in the number of lorries and other large vehicles using The Street. The Parish Clerk will investigate plans and villagers will be kept informed.

St Edmundsbury Councillor, Robert Clifton Brown, advised us that the latest Vision for Haverhill documentation is now available to see either at the Borough Council Offices or online. Improvements to the village website were discussed at some length. The Chairman confirmed that our key aim is to improve communication across the village. Anthony Lundrigan has offered his IT skills to oversee this project. The village email trees are currently also being reviewed. Anyone in the village who is not currently on the email tree and who wishes to join should contact the Parish Clerk.

Caroline Togher agreed to provide a brief, informal account of each meeting for publication in The Village Link. Formal minutes remain available from the Parish Clerk. Petra Stephenson and Jackie Edmonds will step in as our village neighbourhood watch co-ordinators in due course, taking over from Linda Reading, until a new permanent co-ordinator can be found. Councillors discussed budgets and the precept for 2013 and agreed that there would be no increase on 2012 spending.

Steve Robinson reported that following investigation, the possibility of better broadband for the village seems, at this stage, unlikely. The council agreed to register an interest in faster broadband with BT and to make villagers aware that they too can register an interest with BT.

Gavin Acheson confirmed that he had met with a representative from Suffolk County Council at the flooding site on Withersfield Road. The County Council has recommended an increase in the number of kerb offlets to reduce future flooding. The Parish Council will continue to put pressure on the County Council until improvements are made.

Three planning applications were discussed and no objections were raised: felling and reduction of trees in a conservation area (Paradise Cottage), 4 dwellings on land adjacent to Boyton Hall, erection of part single storey/part two storey extension (6 Coronation Cottages).

Caroline Togher—Great Wrating Parish Council

Quiz Night

In aid of
Little Bradley Church
with
Fish & Chip Supper
at
The Garden Barn, Little Bradley
on
Friday 22nd February 2013
at 7.00pm

All tickets to be
purchased from
Mirjam Gault 01440 783756
Or roywgault@talktalk.net

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Services and Societies in Thurlow	Telephone
Thurlow Village Stores and Post Office – Naomi Sharrod	01440 783214
Thurlow News – Naomi Sharrod	01440 783923
Thurlow Garage – Ray Sharrod	01440 783248
The Cock Inn – Lucy Huelin	01440 783224
Plumbing Services – TKHeat – Kevin Crowson	07966 208794 01440 783654
Parish Clerk – Little Thurlow – Molly Hawkins	01440 783259
Parish Clerk – Great Thurlow – Diana Allin	01440 783560
Thurlow CEVC School – Head Teacher	01440 783281
Thurlow Pre-School – Helen Frost (thurlowpreschool@hotmail.co.uk.)	01440 783688
Thurlow Mother and Toddlers – Claire Yallop and Helen Morley	01440 783975
Thurlow Fayre – Janice Klimcke and Diana Allin	01440 783626 01440 783560
Thurlow Gardening Club – Dawn Abbey	01440 783646
Thurlow Sports Club Secretary – Allan Loveday	01440 707416
Thurlow Village Hall Committee – Janice Klimcke	01440 783626
Thurlow Village Hall Bookings – Diana Allin	01440 783560
Thurlow Womens Institute – President Ann Tipper	01440 783090
Thurlow Tennis Club—Andy Quick	01440 783040

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

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

Copy deadline, as always is the 15th of the month.
View The Village Link online at www.littlethurlow.org

Community Contacts	Telephone
Churches – Stourhead Benefice – Rev. Derek Hollis	01440 763066
Haverhill Social Services	01440 764949
Haverhill Citizens Advice Bureau	01440 704012
St Edmundsbury Borough Council Planning	01284 763233
District Councillor – Robert Clifton-Brown	01440 783562
St Edmundsbury Borough Council	01284 763233
St Edmundsbury Borough Council (Haverhill office)	01440 702271
County Councillor – Jane Midwood	01440 821428
Suffolk County Council General Enquiries	08456 066067
Age Concern – Mary Hilton	01440 783649
Thurlow Estate – Tim Barling, Agent	01440 783661
Thurlow Estate – Tom Duffin, Assistant to Agent	
Libraries – Haverhill	01440 702638
Libraries – Bury St Edmunds	01284 352545
A mobile library visits the villages on alternate Mondays stopping at Sowley Green 11.30-11.40am, 109 Bury Road, Great Thurlow 11.45-12.10pm and Little Thurlow Green, 1 Coronation Villas 12.45-1.00pm.	
Suffolk Radio – BBC FM 103.9 or 104.6	01473 250000
Refuse Collection	01284 757320
Every Friday early morning – Black bin on week one, blue and brown bin week two alternating	
Environmental Health and Pest Control	01284 757084

Health and Wellbeing	Telephone
Doctors – The Christmas Maltings and Clements Practice	08444 773543
Doctors – Selby Practice	01440 702010
Doctors – Stourhead Medical Practice	01440 761177
Chemist – Boots, Haverhill	01440 702058
Chemist – Sainsburys Pharmacy	01440 708043
Chemist – The Co-operative Pharmacy	01440 702079
Hospital – West Suffolk (Bury St Edmunds)	01284 713000
Hospital – West Suffolk Accident and Emergency	01284 713333
Hospital – Addenbrookes (Cambridge)	01223 245151
Vets – Swayne and Partners (Haverhill)	01440 702007
Vets – Lida Vets (Newmarket)	01638 560000
Vets – Hawkedon Veterinary Surgery	01284 789428

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 Saint's Church, Great Thurlow—George Vestey	01440 783240
All Saint's Church, Great Thulow—Tim Knappett	01440 783654

Great Wrattling Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Chair – Gavin Acheson	01440 783515
Councillor – Anthony Lundrigan	01440 783817
Councillor – Vacancy	
Councillor – Petra Stephenson	01440 783384
Councillor – Jackie Edmonds	01440 783322
Councillor – Steven Robinson	01440 783131
Councillor – Caroline Togher	01440 783876
Parish Clerk – Emma White—gtwrattlingpc@yahoo.co.uk	07792455030
If you would like information about joining Great Wrattling Parish Council, please contact the Parish Clerk. www.parish-council.com/greatwrattlingparishcouncil	

Little Thurlow Parish Council Contacts	Telephone
Keith Bunting—Chairman	01440 783528
Chris Field—Vice Chairman	01440 783697
Mary Hilton	01440 783649
Heather Hunt	01440 783573
Jill Steel	01440 783310
Chris Lowe	01440 783891
John Tipper	01440 783090
Molly Hawkins—Parish Clerk	01440 783259

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George Vestey	01440 783240
Conrad Hawkins	01440 783259
Naomi Sharrod	01440 783923
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Diana Allin—Parish Clerk	01440 783560

Parish Council Notice Board



Diamond Jubilee Commemorative Oak Trees

Both Great and Little Thurlow Parish Councils took up St Edmundsbury Borough Council's offer of oak trees to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee.

Kind permission having been given by the landowners, Great Thurlow Parish Council's tree was planted by Chairman Peter Thomas and Councillor George Vestey opposite Hall Barn on Bury Road, see picture.

Little Thurlow Parish Council's initial tree on Pound Green did not survive but a replacement was provided by St Edmundsbury BC and this was planted by Councillor Chris Lowe and Clerk Molly Hawkins, see picture.

Commemorative plaques will be put in place in due course.

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