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Thurlow Fayre Product Show 2011



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Thurlow Fayre Produce Show 2011

Congratulations to Jane Archer, overall winner of the 2011 Thurlow Fayre Produce Show, for the second year running!

Once again the Produce Show was very well supported across all age groups. Thank you to the students of Thurlow School for their handwriting and pencil drawings of the Reading Room. Judging was near on impossible with such talent in the mix!

In total there were 247 entries to judge, taking more time than the hour that was allocated. In addition to all of the entrants, the Produce Tent was very busy with the general public viewing the winners. Hopefully this will encourage even more entries next time.

If you have any comments or suggestions to help improve the produce show, or perhaps ideas for new categories, then please email [The Village Link](mailto:TheVillageLink).

One category that was fiercely fought was the 'Men Only Victoria Sandwich', with Matthew Hancock MP taking first prize. Always good to have a second career to fall back on!

Full results over page.

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Product Show 2011 Results

Home Produce

Jar of stone fruit jam – 1st D Abbey, 2nd S Finlinson & 3rd L Thomas.

Jar of soft fruit jam – 1st A Clifton-Brown, 2nd T Knappett & 3rd J Archer.

Jar of chutney – 1st J Archer, 2nd T Knappett & 3rd J Archer.

Three fresh eggs – 1st S Finlinson, 2nd A Clifton-Brown & 3rd S Finlinson.

Victoria Sandwich filled with Strawberry Jam – MEN ONLY – 1st M Hancock, 2nd A Clifton-Brown & 3rd C Field.

Cherry Scones – 1st L Thomas, 2nd J Archer & 3rd No entry.

Swiss Roll – 1st T Knappett, 2nd J Archer & 3rd No entry.

Vegetables and Fruit

4 Runner Beans – 1st S Loveday, 2nd P Thomas & 3rd D De Winton.

The Longest Runner Bean – 1st S Loveday, 2nd M Hancock & 3rd P Thomas.

4 Tomatoes – 1st S Loveday, 2nd J Archer & 3rd P Thomas.

5 Potatoes – 1st S Loveday, 2nd J Archer & 3rd C Field.

The heaviest Marrow – 1st S Loveday, 2nd M Hancock & 3rd No entry.

3 Peppers, any colour or type – No entries.

3 Onions – 1st E Field, 2nd S Loveday & 3rd C Field.

3 Carrots – 1st C Field, 2nd J Archer & 3rd No entry.

4 Plums – 1st J Archer, 2nd T Harrison & 3rd No entry.

3 Dessert Apples – 1st J Archer, 2nd J Steel & 3rd H Hunt.

Flowers

Living, potted herb arrangement – 1st J Archer, 2nd No entry & 3rd No entry.

Vase of mixed garden flowers – 1st J Archer, 2nd H Hunt & 3rd No entry.

Pot Plant, any variety – 1st J Archer, 2nd H Hunt & 3rd L Thomas

3 Roses – 1st M Hancock, 2nd T Knappett & 3rd H Hunt.

Handicraft/Art

Handmade Birthday Card – No entries.

Computer Made Birthday Card – No entries.

Photograph taken in or around the Thurlow's – 1st O Field, 2nd M Hancock & 3rd J Archer.

Abstract photograph taken in or around the Thurlow's – 1st O Field, 2nd No entry & 3rd No entry.

Overall Produce Show 2011 Winners

First Place – Jane Archer

Second Place – Susan Loveday

Joint Third Place – Tim Knappett & Matthew Hancock.

Children's Section

Pencil drawing of the Reading Room and Clock – 4 & Under 1st H Hancock

Model Playground – 4 & Under 1st H Hancock, 11-16 Years 1st G Allin.

House made from LEGO – 11-16 Years 1st T Harrison & 2nd G Allin.

3 Iced Fairy Cakes – 4 & Under 1st H Hancock, 11-16 Years 1st G Allin.

Handwriting

Age 7 years and Under – 1st T C Parsons & 2nd D Piper.

Age 8 – 10 years – 1st F Barling & 2nd R McDonald.

Age 10 – 16 years – 1st E Field & 2nd H Winner.

A Year As Editor Of The Village Link

I now see how Conrad clocked up over 11 years service to The Village Link; I cannot believe that it's over a year since I took over the editorship and I know that over the months I have made some changes to the format, but I hope you all still find the monthly newsletter informative, lively and a fun read.

Looking back over the past 12 months, The Village Link has covered a number of stories and on the back page of this issue you will find each of the past twelve months front pages. Which month was your favourite? We had the launch of the Thurlow Book, Mr John Archer's 99th birthday, April Fools and more recently the recruitment of our new Vicar.

The Village Link continues because of the financial support of local businesses through advertising, donations from Little & Great Thurlow Parish Councils and the Thurlow Steam Rally & Fayre. The Village Link is a voluntary publication and as Editor I must thank everyone that contribute articles, information and the team of distributors who deliver your copy every month. Thank You.

May I remind everyone that there will be no January edition as a Christmas Special is being planned and will include both December and January issues. The copy deadline for the Christmas Special issue is the 15th November. Do not leave it until the 15th to send in your articles or information for the diary dates, please send as soon as you have the information, it would be appreciated.

Kevin Crowson - Editor

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The Peter and Ruth Lloyd Trust

Background - Peter Lloyd, who was born in North Wales, served as a Wireless Operator with No.195 Squadron at RAF Wrattling Common during 1944 and 1945. He flew 25 missions over Germany and was with the first crew that dropped food to the starving Dutch who were still controlled by the German military forces.

Ruth Lloyd, who was born in Broughty Ferry near Dundee, joined the ATS and eventually ended up at RAF Wrattling as a Radar Plotter for the anti-aircraft guns as well as Bombing Trials at the end of World War 2. Peter and Ruth met at RAF Wrattling Common and were married in 1946. After being demobbed from the armed services, they lived in Hull and London until retirement, upon which they moved to Peter's home town of Ruabon, near Wrexham.

They both had fond memories of the Wrattling area and returned many times over the years. During these return visits, they made many friends among the locals and regarded the area as their second home. They were both involved with the reunions and twice yearly services which are held at the airfield memorial.

Unfortunately Ruth passed away in 2001 and Peter in 2008. Due to their love of the area, their surviving children set up an Educational Trust in their name with the aim of helping deserving young people to start University life. The Trust was established in 2008 and made its first award in 2009.

Award - One award amounting to £800 approximately will be made each year to a deserving student from the nearby parishes of Carlton cum Willingham, Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow, West Wickham, West Wrattling, Weston Colville and Withersfield. The award is intended to be of assistance in the purchase of books, materials, equipment etc.

Final decision and award will be made immediately after 'A' Level/Baccalaureate results and University offer are known.

Degree Stipulation - The degree course must be from one of the following: Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Medicine, Science and Veterinary Medicine.

If in any doubt about eligibility, the student is advised to make application and permit the Trustees to make the pertinent decision.

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The application form and supporting documents will have to be received by the Trustees by 31st March of each year.

Selection - Selection of a short list will be made from the written applications and those Students on that short list will be invited to an interview. Interviews will be carried out during May 2012.

The Cock Inn What's on...

5 October - Over 60s lunch club. 3 course set menu for £12.95. Call 01440 7783224.

14 October - Live music - 'Psiatica' covers band.

20 October - Supper Club. Sociable dining for up to 16 people. 3 courses for £15.95. Booking essential.

29 October - Halloween Party. Join in the fun and festivities with a ghoulish theme!

11 November - Live music Friday: Nine Lives.

The Thurlow 10 Mile Run

You may have heard there is a race through Thurlow, called the Thurlow 10, on the 23rd of October 2011 at 10am. The race is 10 miles long and was organised by Trevor Bunch who is part of the Haverhill running club, but the race is also open to others as well. "When we decided to start a new race to replace the Kedington 5K, I knew straight away that I wanted to hold it in Thurlow. I go for runs around the village whenever I can, the Stour valley path is one of the most scenic runs you could hope to find in this area.," says Trevor.

The race will start at 10am outside The Cock and finishes at the village hall. The Hall will also be the headquarters and parking will be in the field behind it. There will be prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd male and female and mementos for all finishers. There will also be a prize for the first man and woman from Thurlow or the surrounding area. The cost to enter is £10 for affiliated to England Athletics, or £12 for unaffiliated runners (not in a running club). You can download entry for from the running club website, www.haverhillrunningclub.org.uk or picked up from Haverhill Leisure centre. For further information email: Thurlow10@gmail.com. All the money raised will go to the Haverhill running club to provide better coaching and facilities. The Haverhill running club is a non profitable organisation, like a charity. Even if you are not entering the race, please come along to cheer on the runners because some encouragement from supporters goes a very long way when you are tired at the end of a race. I asked Trevor how he got into running, and he said, "I used to work for the Animal Health Trust and they offered a place in the London Marathon so I took it. After that, I started running more for leisure but also for charity as well." Trevor says that he is very grateful for the permission for the race to go through some private areas of land in Thurlow.

At home, our ducklings are now 8 weeks old and are nearly as big as the adult ducks! We still haven't worked out whether they are male or female yet, because it is very hard to tell with ducks. On the last weekend of the summer holidays my family and I had a weekend away in London. We went to see the play version of War Horse by Micheal Morpurgo and it was amazing. We also went on a duck tour in the old duck trucks from WW2. We all got very wet as you go on the water in them. To finish the weekend off we went for a tour around the Houses of Parliament. It was very interesting and I learned a lot about the history of the palace, about the objects that are inside and about the way parliament works. Unfortunately this weekend away clashed with Thurlow Fayre so we weren't able to go, but I hope everybody had a good time and that it raised lots of money for the village. Sadly we had to say goodbye to our sunflowers at the front of our home, because the wind blew them down.

Sacha Davies – Junior Reporter

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Nature Note

Well, that seems to be the end of the summer that never was. We may talk hopefully about the possibility of a late 'Indian summer', but as I write this note the skies are still grey and the evenings are getting dark ominously early. I think we've had it. Time to take stock, anyway, of the successes and failures among our summer visitors, now heading rapidly and very sensibly back to Africa and all parts south. I've been looking back at my records for the year and the spring started quite promisingly after that long, hard winter. The chiffchaff arrived in Thurlow bang on time on 18 March, quickly followed by the blackcap on 31 March, a single willow warbler (down the Drift) on 3 April and the first swallows (round Great Thurlow Church) on 6 April. We had a gloriously warm April, if you remember, and the common and lesser whitethroats arrived on their due dates too, though the house martins were a little late. And finally, the first swifts of the season were scything the skies over our house on the 7th of May, an event I await keenly every year and always take to be the start of real summer. I've got diaries of all these arrivals going back 30 years now, and they are extraordinarily regular, though there is a clear trend for some species to arrive a few days earlier than they once did, no doubt because of the trend to global warming.

But there are some gaps and changes in this list too, and some bad news. That first willow warbler was the only one I heard singing all summer, though we usually have one or two pairs breeding here. Then, what about the cuckoo – the traditional herald of spring? Well, I finally heard one or two calling, as did one or two dog-walkers who reported it back to me (we have an active cuckoo-alert force out every spring!); but this wasn't until 30 April and I think the birds were only passing through. I never

heard the female cuckoo's call at all this year (quite different from the male's cuckoo – a sort of bubbling cry, rather like gargling beer), so I don't know if any eggs were deposited anywhere. Cuckoos have been getting scarcer every year and I do fear we shall soon have a year when I don't hear one at all. Indeed that happened with two other species this year, once quite common summer visitors: the turtle dove, whose lovely purring song is the sound-track of summer itself (remember that 'voice of the turtle' quotation in the Bible?); and the spotted flycatcher, a more nondescript bird, but again one that was once a characteristic marker of the season with its little fluttering forays from perches to catch flying insects, just as it says on the tin (they did have some at Honeysuckle Cottage, though, I was glad to hear). Nor did I record in Thurlow this summer any garden warblers, grasshopper warblers or sedge warblers, all somewhat less common visitors but once regular too; let alone a nightingale, which did once grace us with its extraordinary vocal presence – until someone chopped down its little plantation!

That's rather a sad inventory, I fear. Grey thoughts for a grey season.

Jeremy Mynott

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Parish Council News

Queen's Diamond Jubilee. At a recent Joint Meeting between Great and Little Thurlow Parish Councils, it was felt that the two villages should join together to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 and a sub-committee was set up to discuss this further. The Parish Councils would like to hear from parishioners with their views and anyone who would like to be involved in this project should contact their Parish Clerk.

Little Thurlow Parish Council met on 20th September. There were no objections from Parish Councillors to a planning application for the erection of a single storey extension at The Almshouse, although some Councillors felt the proposal was not in keeping with the style of the present building. A questionnaire on the future of Mobile Libraries is to be completed on behalf of those residents who use the service. Parishioners continue to use the ABC bus service as well as the DRT service, but it was noted that elderly residents from Little Thurlow Green were still having to use the Dial-a-Ride service for which they have to pay. Two broken Rights of Way signs at Little Thurlow Green are to be reported to SCC. It was agreed that financial support should be given to any celebrations organised for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. The date of the next meeting is 18th October 2011.

M. Hawkins, Parish Clerk

1st Burrough Green Brownies

1st Burrough Green Brownies meet weekly in Brinkley during school term. For Girls aged seven to ten years.

This term we are welcoming 8 new girls to our unit. 3 coming up from Brinkley Rainbows, 1

transferring from another unit and 4 girls new to guiding.

We have lots planned for the unit to enjoy. We are working on 2 interest badges, Science and Culture.

As part of the Culture badge we going to visit Mildenhall & District Museum to see the treasures it holds.

Feeding and weeding the plant pots at Brinkley Memorial Hall is a task we will be undertaking during one of our meetings this autumn to ensure that the bulbs treat everyone that passes to a nice display of flowers in the spring.

We are really pleased that this term our unit is full, we do have a waiting list, so if anyone would like to register a girl who is not yet 7 or would like more information the please contact

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Halloween is always a time of increased calls to police. Children in fancy dress calling on friends in company with their parents is one thing, but groups of unsupervised young people armed with eggs and flour can be alarming, particularly to the elderly living alone.

-Parents...if it wasn't Halloween would you let your children knock on strangers doors.

-Children should always be accompanied by an adult.

-Respect the older generation think how you would feel if it were your Gran or Grandad on the other side of the door.

-Please only go to houses where there are people you know.

-If a poster is displayed asking you not to call, please respect this. If you or anyone you know want a poster asking "trick or treaters" not to call please contact us and we will get one to you.

The Priority Setting Meeting was held on Thursday 8th September 2011 Please see the website for the date of the next meeting and the new priorities www.safersuffolk.org.uk

To contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team at Clare you can write to
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- ❖ Tuesday Curry Night every other week
- ❖ Wednesday over 60s Lunch Club monthly
- ❖ Thursday Supper Club monthly, booking essential
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Diary Dates

	Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Information
Oct	4 th	Tue	19:30	Licensing Rev. Derek Hollis Stourhead Benefice	Kedington Church	
	29 th	Sat	19:00	Quiz Night In aid of Village Hall Funds	Thurlow Village Hall	Teams of 8. Includes light supper.
Nov	5 th	Sat	18:30	Thurlow Bonfire Night	Recreation Ground	
Dec	17 th	Sat	TBC	Christmas Concert	Great Thurlow Church	Jane Sheppard

Monthly Church Service Rota

Date	Day	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event	Time/Event
2 nd Oct	Sun	11:00 Kedington Benefice Harvest Songs of Praise			
4 th Oct	Tue	19:30 Kedington Installation of new Rector			
9 th Oct	Sun	9:30 Barnardiston Holy Communion	9:30 Kedington Service of the Word	11:00 Great Thurlow Holy Communion	11:00 Great Wratting Service of the Word
16 th Oct	Sun	10:00 Little Wratting Benefice Holy Communion			
23 rd Oct	Sun	8:00 Kedington Holy Communion (said)	9:30 Little Thurlow Holy Communion	11:00 Great Bradley Holy Communion	18:00 Kedington Evensong
30 th Oct	Sun	10:00 Little Bradley Benefice Holy Communion			

Thurlow Estate Farms Limited

To the great relief of all concerned the harvest is in for another year! The farms all finished together on the 3rd September with the combining of the beans. Unsurprisingly, and as predicted, the yields of all the crops were down on last year, this is directly caused by the dry conditions in the Spring of this year.

Long hours are now being spent in cultivating and drilling the land with next year's crop. Again, we are desperate for rain as these current, almost drought conditions, are not making a good seed bed for the new crop. If it is too dry the seed will not chit quickly enough and therefore be more susceptible to the frosts of Winter.

Thurlow Woodlands

The Thurlow Woodlands team have now completed the thinning operation in Trundley and are making the most of the good weather to coppice two coupes in Balsham Wood.

Coppicing is a very specific type of forestry operation, which enables you to take a "crop" from an area of woodland every 30 years or so, while still maintaining the integrity of the wood itself. Coppicing areas of forestry for firewood is usually classed as the most sustainable form of heating fuel production currently available.

Processing of firewood continues apace in order for the Woodlands team to fulfil the demand for firewood. We are currently adding more dates into the log order book to keep up with the demand. We would be grateful if you would book your firewood delivery now, even if it is for later in the winter, to ensure that your order is not missed – 01440 783 661.

Thurlow Estate Management Limited

John Cutmore Builds are continuing the external redecoration programmes to various houses on the Estate and works are progressing well; the continued good weather makes good progress possible.

The first stage of the work to the Recreation Ground car park is now finished, with DJ Sears completing the revised vehicular entrance just in time for the Thurlow Fayre. Those people who attended the Fayre will have seen what a huge difference the new car park layout makes to the general community.

The Thurlow Smock Mill renovation is nearing completion, at the time of writing about 75% of the dome has been sheeted. The roof work will be finished by early next week and the new aluminium sheeting is very bright and shiny. Not perhaps quite our choice, but it was stipulated as necessary by the Listed Buildings Officers. The surface of the aluminium will, overtime, oxidise changing the appearance to soft grey- similar to the appearance of a lead roof. I have been told that this oxidising and toning down of colour will be gradual, taking 5 years or more to reach its long term appearance.

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Thurlow Hunt

Autumn Hunting is now in full swing with The Thurlow Hunt currently hunting two days a week. The Hounds are fit and ready for the season ahead.

The Hunt Kennels open day went very well and again the weather was kind to us. It was also the venue for the annual Terrier/Lurcher and family dog show which attracted a lot of attention and many entrants.

Thanks must again be given to all those who spared their time and helped with this event.

Thurlow Shoot

Andy and Tom are fighting a seasonal battle to keep the birds in the right locations (called dogging in), close to food, water and shelter. These operations are in full swing and thanks must be given to various members of the community for their help in this, in particular Kevin Crowson and Tim Knappet.

The game crops, which were planted around 3 months ago, are now well established and providing warm shelter for the released pheasants.

And Finally.....

A man is driving down a country road, when he spots a farmer standing in the middle of a huge field of grass. He pulls the car over to the side of the road and notices that the farmer is just

standing there, doing nothing, looking at nothing.

The man gets out of the car, walks all the way out to the farmer and asks him, "Ah excuse me mister, but what are you doing?"

The farmer replies, "I'm trying to win a Nobel Prize."

"How?" asks the man, puzzled.

"Well, I heard they give the Nobel Prize . . . to people who are out standing in their field."

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The Reverend Derek Hollis writes:

Born fifty years ago in Leicester, I have lived for much of that time in the East Midlands. My only claim to fame is that I was in the same class at grammar school as Gary Lineker. I left Leicester to read French, German and Politics at Loughborough University. I had long thought that God might be calling me to ordained ministry, and while at university I began to investigate this possibility more deeply. I spent an interesting year gaining pastoral experience as a Student Assistant working for the then Missions to Seamen with the Deutsche Seemannsmission in Bremerhaven. This gave me the opportunity to exercise my language skills and to meet seafaring people from all over the world. I met seafarers from over thirty different nations in the course of visits to over three hundred different ships as they came into port. Returning to England I began three years of theological training at St. John's College in Durham.

Having completed my training I was given the unusual opportunity of returning to serve my first curacy in the parish in which I grew up in the suburbs of Leicester. My second curacy, of three and a half years, was spent in Arnold on the edge of the city of Nottingham. During 1992 I participated in the "Southwell Diocesan School for Rural Ministry", a lengthy in-service training course giving me some insight into the issues facing the Church and its ministers in the countryside. This stood me in good stead for my first appointment as Vicar, and I spent twelve years in North Nottinghamshire, initially having the pastoral care of two and then later three parishes. During my incumbency in those villages I was invited by the Bishop of Southwell to become his Adviser on Rural Affairs. Shortly after this I moved to a group of eight parishes about six miles from Newark, to be Priest-in-Charge there whilst retaining the part-time role

of Rural Adviser. I have become something of a specialist in rural ministry.

Sally and I were married in 2006, and we have a son, Richard, who works for Siemens in Lincoln, and a daughter Jenny, who is in her second year studying physiotherapy at university in Nottingham. Living with us at the Rectory will be Poppy, a ten-year-old Yorkshire Terrier, and Oscar, who is just over eighteen months old and is a Bichon Frise.

My interests include gardening and ornithology. My father came from a family of keen amateur gardeners and I learned much from helping him with his two allotments. I have been keen on bird-watching since my childhood, and have recently taken up digiscoping, which is photographing birds by means of a digital camera attached to a spotting telescope. The scope becomes in effect a telephoto lens for the camera.

I look forward very much to the new challenge and to taking on new responsibilities as your parish priest. It is my hope and prayer that my ministry in your communities will be as fulfilling as my ministry in previous parishes has been, and that God will be able to use me in His service to the building up of the Christian family and the extension of His kingdom. As Saint Paul wrote "It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake." (2 Cor. 4:4)

Sally and I look forward to meeting you all soon. Those of you who have embraced modern electronic communication can reach me by email to RectorofKedington@hotmail.co.uk. If you have access to social networking sites I am also to be found on Facebook, Twitter (@StourheadRector) and Google+.

'Alpheton Hall, Diary of a Suffolk Countryman' - by James Mott

A new book of farming memories is on sale in the St Nicholas Hospice Care shops in Haverhill and Bury St Edmunds. Jim Mott's memoir, 'Alpheton Hall, Diary of a Suffolk Countryman', was launched at the Classic and Sports Cars day on September 11, and is on sale in all the charity's shops priced £7.99.

Jim remembers a self-sufficient and idyllic childhood growing up in Bridge Street. Then, in a gentle walk around the seasons, Jim conjures up a lost world of haysel and harvest at Alpheton Hall and Lavenham Lodge, showing how farm boys were turned into men – and then drafted into the army during the 1940s. By the end of the war, the construction of Lavenham airfield and the arrival of an American airbase had changed the way of life of a sleepy Suffolk village, its elders and its farm boys forever.

It's a piece of farming history, as fields 'never farmed, left to the wild and the wind' gave way to a huge wartime effort to achieve efficient food production.

Thanks to generous donations, all production costs of the 214 page book (with eight pages of illustrations) have been covered, so the maximum amount can be raised from this limited edition.

The book can also be ordered by post. Send a cheque for £10.

The book that has just come out in aid of St Nicholas Hospice Care. It might be a handy gift choice for the 'hard to buy for' person in the lead up to Christmas.

Have Your Say

Suffolk County Council are launching a consultation on The Budget Challenge for the coming two financial years and are asking the people of Suffolk to complete a questionnaire on line at www.suffolk.gov.uk/WeAreListening or by telephone 0845 603 1842.



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Services and Societies in our Parishes	Telephone
Thurlow Village Stores and Post Office – Patricia Banks	01440 783214
Thurlow News – Naomi Sharrod	01440 783923
Thurlow Garage – Ray Sharrod	01440 783248
The Cock Inn – Giles and Janie Reardon-Smith	01440 783224
Plumbing Services – TKHeat – Kevin Crowson	07966 208794 01440 783654
Parish Clerk – Little Thurlow – Molly Hawkins	01440 783259
Parish Clerk – Great Thurlow – Diana Allin	01440 783560
Thurlow CEVC School – Roz Bunting, Head Teacher	01440 783281
Thurlow Pre-School – Helen Frost (thurlowpreschool@hotmail.co.uk.)	01440 783688
Thurlow Mother and Toddlers – Claire Yallop and Helen Morley	01440 783975
Thurlow Fayre – Janice Klimcke and Diana Allin	01440 783626 01440 783560
Thurlow Sports Club Secretary – Allan Loveday	01440 707416
Thurlow Village Hall Committee – Janice Klimcke	01440 783626
Thurlow Village Hall Bookings – Diana Allin	01440 783560
Woodcraft Folk – Activities for ages 5-13 – Diana Allin	01440 783560
Thurlow Womens Institute – President Jill Steele	01440 783310

Emergency	Telephone
Police Response – any officer, non emergency	01284 774100
Police Response – Emergency	999
Suffolk Fire Service	01284 558888
EDF (Electricity) 24 hour Emergency helpline	0800 783883
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	
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, Estate Agent	01440 783661
Thurlow Estate – Tom Duffin, Assistant to Estate 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

