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FROM THE RECTOR. HAPPY NEW YEAR! I was tempted to have a look at what I wrote last year but time does not allow and New Year does remind us so much of the passing of time. Perhaps time is merely a human invention to help us cope with living our lives, neat little segments that we can use as measures and it fits neatly into our world and life style. When talking of the promises of God through Jesus Christ we talk about eternity and eternal life and having that life in all its fullness. A concept that is difficult to get our minds around. There would be, I guess, no beginning and no end just now, eternity. It's a thought that often passes through my mind as we seek to be and live the Christian life, what we have now is a little bit of God's eternity. As we speak about time and it's passing we also must consider motion and there have been those who in art have tried to link this idea of motion and eternity, in one of the galleries in London at the moment, there is a spiral staircase exhibit but it's a spiral staircase with a difference, it's as if one end of a spiral staircase has been bent round to join the other end of a spiral staircase so it is a large circle of a never ending or eternal spiral staircase! It's quite impressive. In the end of course it still would take a human effort to climb or should I say way round it, it is after all a staircase. I don't think they will be selling models of it next Christmas!

Ever popular as a Christmas gift for children is the first bicycle. I believe mine was a "Triang" with three small wheels and a lot of metal. It was quicker to push the machine along with your feet on the ground rather than use the pedals. At school we looked enviously at those sixth formers who had smart sports bicycles with "duradio gears" even the old "Sturmey Archer" gears were better than our single geared machines. One of those would make life so much easier. The time came and so did the updated bicycle and the gears changed but you soon learnt that you had to put in the effort to take advantage of them. Yes a "low" gear was useful for a hill but the legs had to go around so much more countering the advantage made on the straight and level when the top gear could be used. I am sure there is a complex mathematical equation there using distance, time travelled and effort, but I am the last person to ask about that. In the end the effort has to be put in.

Our own spiritual movement towards an understanding of God and our place in His eternity, that is unless we believe we are in it now, does mean we have to make an effort. We can change gear from time to time and do a little soft peddling and as human beings we are all too good at that, hoping to put in a sprint finish when we are worn out and not in peak condition to make the push. In understanding Christ and the Christian life we need to work at it all the time not just swooping down for a sip of "holy religion", like swallows drink from a pond before going off in flights of fancy, or

freewheeling down a steep hill. We don't want any crash landings. I hope in 2010 we can all think and work at understanding what God is calling us to and will take a paced look at what we believe and how we can be "the Church of Christ" in the twenty first century.

A word of thanks to the team of helpers **from Churches across the Benefice** who helped with the clean up in Great Thurlow Church organised by Tim Knappett. A beneficial effort from the Benefice. Thank you also to all those have helped prepare our churches of the Festive Season. We look forward to seeing you at some of the Epiphany events as shown on the Service Rota. **John Eley, Rector**

CHURCH CLEANING. Organised by Tim and Kevin, on Saturday 12th December, an enthusiastic team set to and cleaned All Saint's, Great Thurlow. A team of eight parishioners from Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow, Great Wrating and Kedington did a wonderful job from cobwebs to brasses, which was instantly noticeable to those attending the Holy Communion service the next day. **Sam**

Sheppard

All Saints spring clean was great fun on 12th December, eight people arrived from both Thurlows, and from Kedington (a huge thank you to everyone who came from other villages) and in three hours we managed to completely overhaul the Vestry, we polished everything that stood still, swept and washed the floors, hoovered dust and cobwebs from high and low and every piece of brass and silver was buffed to perfection! Even the bell tower was not missed (thanks Paul!). Heart felt gratitude to all who came on the day and a mention must go to The Co-operative food store in Haverhill for kindly donating all the cleaning equipment to the Church, and to Giles and Janie at the Cock, who supplied cake.... **Tim**

Knappett and Kevin Crowson

The **W.I.** broke with tradition this year for their Christmas Celebration dinner by visiting a Chinese restaurant. They were joined by Sylvia Robinson who had been their President for many years before moving to live in France. Gifts were exchanged and a collection was made for the Seamen's Mission which amounted to £52.50, this was instead of exchanging Christmas Cards.

The first meeting of the New Year will be on Tuesday 12th January when we will hear Marian and David Rowlinson speak of their experiences of walking the Great Wall of China. Anyone interested is welcome to come along, Village Hall 7.30 pm. **Iris Eley**

THURLOW, BRADLEY AND DISTRICT PRE-SCHOOL. The children were very excited in the run up to Christmas, the grown ups are excited about the opening of the new building. Floors are being laid, final coats of paint going on and the staff have been to Ikea, so it must be close! We have welcomed George Salmon and Finlay Watts who have joined us this term. **Mat Cowell**

NATURE NOTE.

By the time you read this we'll be past the shortest day and no matter what wintry spells we might have in the New Year the daylight hours will begin to lengthen and there will be an unstoppable momentum towards spring. Most of us look out for little signs of this along the way, whether it's the first aconites showing early in January in the beautifully managed wilderness of the spinney by the Olde School, or the song thrush singing at dawn outside your bedroom window. But there's another bird sound too, which you might not normally think of as a spring song – the drumming of the great spotted woodpeckers, which actually starts in late December and goes on to early summer. Everyone knows that woodpeckers excavate holes in trees with that dagger bill, but when they are doing that the sound is more like a series of disconnected exploratory stabblings as they search for the most rotten wood to drill and chip out the fragments of bark and pulp. When they are drumming to attract mates and discourage rivals (the function of all bird song) the strike-rate is speeded up to as many as sixteen separate blows a second, more like a burst from a pneumatic drill than hacking about with a pick-axe. They find a nicely resonant branch or hollow trunk and use that as a sounding-board to project the sound as far as possible. Most of the birds have two or three favourite song-posts in their territory – the ones which produce the best musical effects and which they keep returning to in a sort of circuit. In the first part of the season the females drum as well as the males but by February the males are the ones dominating the airwaves. It's the males that mostly make the nest-holes too and it takes them about five days hard work to excavate a decent hole, first to roost in and then, if they attract a female to their des. res., to breed in. We also get green woodpeckers in the village, of course, but they rarely drum just for effect, so if you hear that spring drum-roll it's almost certainly a great spotted.

Some other species of birds also use mechanical sounds in place of song. The snipe 'drums' by flying up then going into a rapid dive, extending some of its tail feathers stiffly to vibrate in the down-rush of air. Storks will clatter their bills in mounting excitement in their courtship displays. And some birds like nightjars even clap their wings with a smart crack in their display flights and you can sometimes get them going by clapping your hands in imitation (but be ready to duck quickly when they zoom in). So even if you are not a great, romantic songster in the choral tradition – like the thrush, the nightingale and the lark – you can still make music with the percussion section and get the same results.

Jeremy Mynott

POLICE NEWS.

We want to hear your views on local crime and policing.

To help with this, we hold regular meetings where you can tell us your concerns and set our priorities.

The next SNT tasking meeting is on Wednesday 6 January 2:30 pm at Whepstead Village Hall. This is open to the public.

The following arrests have been made this month (07/11 – 01/12):

One male arrested and cautioned for assault in Cavendish

One male arrested and charged with Drink /Drive in Thurlow

One female arrested and cautioned for harassment and also on bail for further harassment and fraud. Clare

Two males arrested and cautioned for assault in Thurlow

One male on police bail for 2 assaults in Clare

One male arrested and charged with assault in Little Wratting

One male on Police Bail for Burglary Dwelling – Hundon

One male arrested and charged for failing to stop for Police officer – Cavendish.

One female is on bail for assault in Wickhambrook.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team is:

Sgt Kevin Horton 566

PC Ruth Horton 704

PC Trish Sinclair 18

PCSO Alex Foster 3140

PCSO Kayla Packman 3141

PCSO David Matchett 3218

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

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

Please dial 999 if immediate response needed.

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

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL, Mobile Library 2010-2011. From January 2010 the Mobile Library will stop at 150 Bury Road between 11.30am and 11.40am, 109 Bury Road between 11.45am and 12.10pm and at 1Coronation Villas between 12.45pm to 1.00pm.

Thurlow Estate Farms

The 220ft deep borehole at Weston Woods Farm which extracts approximately 1,300m³ of water per annum was refitted with a new pump and plastic sleeve. The existing 3inch metal sleeve had deteriorated over time and the pump was becoming inefficient. The water abstracted is used for spraying, but heavy rain during the end of November temporarily put a stop to spraying blackgrasses on the cereals and oilseed rape. The recent frosts have allowed some spraying to continue until the ground softens, usually by mid morning. The pigeons and rabbits continue to aggravate the farm managers and pigeon patrols are in full swing.

The sugarbeet harvested at Balsham has been collected and yielded an impressive 33 tonnes per acre. British Sugar has not yet confirmed the sugar content but the farm is hopeful it exceeds 16%.

Thurlow Woodlands

All the woodlands, copses, belts and miscellaneous spinney's have been inspected and a management plan drafted. In total, there are approximately 187 wooded areas covering over 616ha (1,522acres). The management plan identifies work required over the next five years and also categorises work which is likely to be due between years 6 – 10, 11 – 15 and 16 – 20. The works range from removing tree guards and maintaining new plantations, to clear felling sub compartments and replanting with a mixture of native broadleaf species.

The survey of woodlands also identified a substantial volume of cricket bat willows and discussions have commenced to trade this timber.

The initial inspection as part of certifying the woodlands under the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) was recently undertaken. All aspects of Thurlow Woodlands were assessed and inspected during the visit, and the follow up GAP Report, as the same suggests, identifies any gaps between current practices and management policies and the requirements of UKWAS.

Thurlow Woodlands have planted over 800 tree plants on the bund as part of landscaping the new grainstore. The mixture includes ash, oak, hawthorn, hazel, field maple, dogwood and apple.

Felling Licence applications have been submitted on woods at Horseheath Racecourse and Great Bradley. In addition, a Woodland Improvement Grant application has been submitted to the Forestry Commission which seeks to recover part of the cost of installing deer and rabbit fencing on a recent thinning operation in a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Thurlow Estate Management Limited

Refurbishments are continuing in Great and Little Thurlow. Following the survey at 135 Pound Green the Application for Listed Building Consent will shortly be submitted.

Strong winds during the night of 24 November caused part of the sail on the Great Thurlow Smock Windmill to sheer off. The Conservation Officer had recently approved the removal of the sails and fantail and the contractor has been appointed for their removal.

The Annual Estate Party proved successful yet again with over 100 people congregating at Hall Barn for supper and a sing-along.

Properties to let

Place Farm Cottage, Ashdon (Detached, 3 Bed, OFCH, Garden, Double Garage)

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

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

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

Thurlow Hunt

You may have seen the erection of the Savills-sponsored boards advertising the first point-to-point being held at Horseheath Racecourse on Saturday 30th January. For those wishing to attend, the first race is at 1.00pm.

Over 100 people attended the annual Thurlow Hunt Supporters Christmas Party on 5th December at Hall Barn.

Bookcase, one of the bitch hounds is due to whelp in January – the resultant puppies will be on show at the Countryside Foundation for Education School Visit on 9 June 2010.

Thurlow Shoot

With only a month of the shooting season remaining, the gamekeepers are working to keep the pheasants in the woods and game covers for the remaining days. With the pheasants now more aware of dogs and the sound of the beating line they are keen to find new and undisturbed homes.

With the first back-to-back frost, the rats and mice which have been sheltering in hedgerows and ditches will search for warmer climates in the form of the farm buildings. The gamekeepers are regularly checking bait boxes and traps around the farms to remove the unwelcome visitors.

Essex and Suffolk Water Pipeline – Archaeological Surveys

Birmingham Archaeology are making good progress and if the weather allows them to do so, they should have completed their archeologically surveys on the Estate. The County Archaeologist has visited the trenches and has not reported any significant artefacts.

AND FINALLY.....

Question: What's the most popular Christmas wine...?

Answer: "I don't like Brussels sprouts!"

ALL SAINTS' CHRISTMAS CONCERT. The Church was full for this annual event which resulted in £420 being given to each of the following: East Anglian Children's Hospice, Thurlow Hunt Supporters' Club and All Saints' Church. Thanks go to everyone who helped with the organisation and to all those who braved the weather to come along on the night, the mulled wine and refreshments served afterwards in Hall Barn were well deserved!

Jane Sheppard

RAF Stradishall WWII cont....Stradishall was one of the first stations to be built under the Hall Belisha Plan for the “Just in Case” scenario. Intelligence reports on the Q.T. net were clearly indicating that by 1935 Hitler’s answer to their unemployment problems was to engage them in the commissariat of arms production. This was a harbinger of things to come as a precursor to his notion and idealism of an arian Europe by conquest. He was training pilots in state sponsored gliding clubs and recruitment into the armed services was another means to the end of unemployment. The Condor Legion was established to go to the aid of General Franco in his Coup d’Etat in Spain.

It was an amazing coincidence that on conclusion of hostilities Spain acquired the serviceable remains of Luftwaffe aircraft, types that as part of the aid to the Coup were the same aeroplanes! Albeit they were much improved models as a result of battle experience. Bomber Command has wreaked such havoc amongst the factories, especially those manufacturing Junkers Jumo engines that Spain resorted to Rolls Royce Merlin engines for their fleet of Messerschmitt 109 fighters.

The Spanish experience blooded the Luftwaffe aircrews giving an initial advantage to them in conflicts in the air in the early stages of the Battle of Britain in the Summer of 1940. An example of this was their flight structure of four fighters flying in a figure 4 formation, giving good all round observation with 30 to 40 metres spacing. The RAF were slow to learn, applying close formations in Vics of 3 and Flights of 6 and Squadrons of 12. Pilots had to concentrate on flying in close formations instead of looking further afield for the enemy. They were seriously outnumbered and losses of aircraft and pilots posed a considerable problem. Lord Beaverbrook as minister for aircraft production was an inspiration to all concerned in the manufacture of replacements. To effect delivery to the squadrons in both Bomber and Fighter command and to avoid RAF pilots being taken from O.T.U.s: they were needed to replace losses of pilots the same as aircraft. He had seen the girls filling the “manpower” needs in the factories and emergency services. Why not train some for them to become pilots to deliver the replacements? Advertisements were put in papers and magazines calling for volunteers. Those selected were sent for training. The first 8 selected were sent to Marshals of Cambridge where there had been a thriving flying club and still is to this day some 90 years on! They not only proved to be quick learners and following Amy Johnson became very proficient. No longer was it an all-male preserve. Their numbers grew rapidly, so much so that additional training venues had to be provided. By the end of 1940 they were so good at the job it was decided they should receive formal recognition as a separate service. It was designated the Air Transport Auxilliary. They were uniformed in a slightly darker hue of RAF blue. There were wings presentations

by senior officers. The full wings were smaller than the RAF equivalent with King's crown and ATA in the centre. A story went round that a Flight Sergeant of a team of squadron ground crew expecting the arrival of a replacement spitfire at Biggin Hill went out to meet the aircraft as it taxied in. He congratulated the pilot on a particularly excellent touch down, better than some of the Squadron pilots. The ferry pilot jumping down from the wing in immaculately tailored flying overalls, smiled a thank you and removing the flying helmet released long and shining brunette locks. Completely gobsmacked he didn't know whether to salute or what. There were no ranks in the ATA. In seconds the whole ground staff assembled for a shufti. This was their first experience of our lady ferry pilots. They did a wonderful job for which they got scant recognition. Some of them mastered the intricacies of the big 4-engined variants. Amazing.

By 1941 the fate of Bomber Command was in some doubt. The Royal Navy Admirals and Army Generals were always making demands for aircraft for sorties. Despite the dictum from WWI that the bomber would always get through. The notion of a bombing offensive that might reduce Germany and Nazism to nought was not seen as a means to an end. It was not until Air Marshall Arthur Harris was appointed to be Commander in Chief of Bomber Command that the tide began to turn. Despite political and interservice disparities, it was the leadership and determination of this man that with foresight, ingenuity and his vast experience that resulted in Bomber Command being a major influence in the defeat of Germany. Of course there were interservice conflicts and political interference with Churchill to the envy of more Senior Officers in the Air Ministry and the Chiefs of Staff. Harris was for area bombing of towns and cities to demoralise the population. He had not allowed for the more serious threat to life and limb preceded by Himmler's Gestapo. Despite direct orders to prioritise industrial targets like Krupps in the Rhur and the synthetic oil plants to which he loyally gave precedence against his better judgement. It was Harris's initiative to take out the railway networks in France and Germany which played a major role in the eventual success of the second front. It became a logistic nightmare for Speer (Minister of Supply & Production) to keep their troops supplied with food munitions and above all fuel. In fact he failed and the Wehrmacht were forced to withdraw to within the German borders. To be continued....

Monty Banks

LITTLE THURLOW PARISH COUNCIL'S December meeting was held on the 15th with all Parish Councillors in attendance as well as PC Trish Sinclair, County Councillor Jane Midwood and three members of the Public. During the Public Forum concern was raised regarding the damage being caused at school times by vehicles parking on verges in front of properties on Pound Green. It is hoped that this problem will be alleviated once Thurlow School's Travel Plan is in operation as parents will then be encouraged to park at the Village Hall and walk their children to the School. Concern was also raised about the high speed of traffic entering the village past the Almshouses.

PC Sinclair warned of further incidents of thefts of copper piping from empty properties in the area. The Clerk had received a letter from Suffolk County Council Highways Department advising of improvements which they intend to carry out in 2010, i.e.

(1) raising the existing kerb outside Manor Farm House to the same level as the pavement level and (2) extending the kerbing on the east side of the carriageway on both approaches to the bridge.

The Parish Council noted the result of the Boundary Committee Judicial Review as well as St. Edmundsbury BC's proposed car parking charges for 2010/2011.

This being Jeremy Mynott's last meeting, thanks were expressed for his dedicated service over some 15 years, eight of those Chairman. There is now a vacancy in the Office of Councillor for the Parish Council. If anyone is interested in the post they should contact the Parish Clerk.

The first meeting of the New Year will be on Wednesday 20th January 2010 at approximately 8.30pm; this being preceded by a Joint Meeting with Great Thurlow Parish Council commencing at 7.30pm. **M. Hawkins, Parish Clerk**

DEDHAM VALE WINTER WALKS – Sunday 24th January 10am – 1pm - Stomp Around the Bumpsteads. March into the New Year and burn off the excesses of the festive season with a refreshing but challenging longer walk around the Bumpsteads. Tel 01473 264263, www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org.

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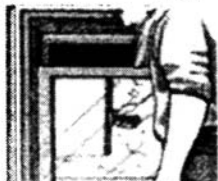
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Police Response (any officer, non-emergency) 01284 774100,
stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

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

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

Suffolk Fire Service 01284 558888

Hospitals

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

Doctors

The Christmas Maltings & Clements Practice (Cornish), Camps Road, Haverhill 08444 773543
Selby Practice 01440 702010
Stourview Medical Centre, Crown Passage, Haverhill 01440 761177

Haverhill Social Services 01440 764949
Citizens Advice Bureau 01440 704012

St. Edmundsbury BC Emergency Planning 01284 763233

Floodline: 24 hour with recorded update 0845 9881188

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Anglia Water water/sewerage (24 hour) 08457 145145

British Telecom faults (24 hour) 0800 800151
Suffolk Radio (BBC FM 103.9 or 104.6) 01473 250000

Other useful contacts

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

St. Edmundsbury Borough Council:
General enquiries 01284 763233

Website www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk

Haverhill offices 01440 702271

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

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

Suffolk County Council:
General enquiries 08456 066067
Website www.suffolkcc.gov.uk

County Councillor: Jane Midwood 01440 821428,
jane.midwood@councillors.suffolkcc.gov.uk

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

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

Useful contacts cont...

Vets:

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

Lida Vets, 162 High Street, Newmarket
01638 560000

Hawkedon Veterinary Surgery
01284 789428

Age Concern: Mary Hilton 01440 783649

Libraries:

Haverhill 01440 702638

Bury St. Edmunds 01284 352545

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

Transport

Local Bus Service:

Current timetables are on display at
Thurlow Stores

Dial-a-ride 01440 712028

Taxis: several operate from Haverhill – see
Yellow Pages

Local facilities

Thurlow Stores & Post Office, Mrs.

Patricia Banks 01440 783214

Opening hours: 8.30am to 5.30pm each
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Little Thurlow (St. Peter's). Part of the
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Loveday 01440 707416

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

Thurlow Garage (Great Thurlow)
01440 783248

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

Local Societies

Women's Institute: President Jill Steele
01440 783310

Village Hall Committee: Chairman Janice
Klimcke 01440 783626

Carpet bowls: Ella Ainsworth
01440 783349

Outdoor bowls: Peter Thomas
01440 783700

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

Stourhead Benefice Monthly Service Rota, January 2010**Rev. John Eley 01440 710216****Steve Diddams 01440 710225**

3 rd January		9.30 Kedington HC	11.00 Lt. Thurlow S of the W	11.00 Gt. Bradley HC	
6 th January		10.00 Ephiny Kedington HC			6.00 Epiphany Service Kedington
10 th January		9.30 Barnardiston HC	9.30 Kedington S of the W	11.00 Lt. Thurlow HC	
17 th January			10.00 Kedington Benefice Family Communion		
24 th January	8.00 Kedington HC	9.30 Lt. Bradley HC	11.00 Gt. Wrating HC	11.00 Gt. Thurlow S of the W	6.00 Kedington Evensong
31 st January			10.00 Lt. Thurlow Benefice Family Communion		

Dates for your Diary: Joint Great and Little Thurlow Parish Council meeting
 Wednesday 20th January 2010 7.30pm.
 Little Thurlow Parish Council meeting Wednesday 20th
 January 2010 at approximately 8.30pm.

GREAT THURLOW PCC DRAW CLUB December winner – M. Banks

Thought for the month – We make our world significant by the courage of our questions and by the depth of our answers.

Carl Sagan

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