



All Saints, Great Thurlow

THE Village Link



St Peter's, Little Thurlow

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FROM THE RECTOR. A school newsletter has just arrived, eco friendly by mail and the dates of the new term have been announced as 1st September 2010! A significant event for me as that will be the first day of my new life, but more of that at another time. Our schools are also taking on board a "new look". Suffolk, along with others, is going back or, depending on where you are coming from, going forward to a "two tier" system of education. That's just what we had in Suffolk when I was a child! In our system we also only had two class rooms one for the tiny tots, yes I was one and one for the older children. There were two teachers, Miss Betson (actually Mrs.) and definitely Mrs. Wilde, a Welsh lady with an iconic approach to how children should be educated. Once a week we had a visit from the Rector and that was the sum total of our religious education. There was never any word of any other systems of belief, it was Christian and definitely Anglican Christian and to tell you the truth I cannot recall any focus on any other religion until the 60s when the "anything goes culture" crept in and on reflection I can understand why.

A few words echo in my mind from the past, "Christianity is caught not taught". Where that came from I do not know. The parable of the Sower and the story of the Fishermen catching a huge number of fish come to mind. There has to be labourers in the field to spread the word and there has to be fishermen on the waters to cast the nets and reap the harvest of the seas. Who are they? Ah that word has come to the fore "they". We, to quote or misquote a well known phrase or saying, live in a "they" society!! There is always someone else whose responsibility it is to take responsibility or to do this or that. Generally speaking as long as "someone" is doing "something" then that's sufficient for society, at least there is someone other than ourselves in the firing line to take the blame, they can do it not us.

If we are caught by Christianity and something has touched us, then we need to continually refresh ourselves and learn more of what we are and what we may be able to offer to sustain and continue on our pilgrimage. We also have a responsibility to share what we know with others. Not always by speaking or talking but by the way we lead our lives and have contact with others. To help sustain us we need the family of the Church in which we can both find nurture and strength to grow in faith and to share and learn. It's NOT just the Rector's job, it is the job of everyone who lays claim to the Kingdom of Heaven as a Christian. Labourers need to be in the field for the harvest and not all wearing clerical collars.

I popped into one of the schools after half term. What was once an "open plan" environment has dramatically changed. Now each classroom has a door. Instead of a feeling of openness and unity, the closed doors emphasise to me the divisions that exist in our world. No doubt the educationalists have agreed this is now the best way to learn. Each class it's own little world behind closed doors, after all that's how I was taught. The church, the body of Christ cannot be like that. I doubt there will be closed doors and separate like-minded groups in the Kingdom of Heaven! We may have to live in a world of closed doors but let us not have a closed mind as we seek to be the Body of Christ in the world.

John Eley

NATURE NOTE

I've been watching avocets on the Suffolk coast, surely one of our most charismatic national species. They are those tall, graceful wading birds, a picture of elegance with that pied black-and-white plumage – both bold and delicate at the same time, like fine porcelain. They have an unusual upturned bill which they swish from side to side, sifting the saline pools for small crustaceans and invertebrates, and they have those lovely long legs which are an extraordinary pale blue in colour. They are quite unmistakable and impossible to miss if you are near a colony, since they also keep up a chorus of soft fluting calls if you approach too close. In fact if they think their chicks are threatened they can become quite aggressive and the avocets turn into exocets, dive-bombing the intruder. So, avocets bring more than a touch of the exotic to our coastal marshes. Even the name sounds attractive, derived from an Italian equivalent.

Even if you have never seen a real avocet you must have seen an image of one, since for over 50 years they have been the official logo of the RSPB and appear everywhere on their badges, signs and products. This was a very shrewd commercial choice by the RSPB, since not only are avocets beautiful to look at but they are also the perfect symbol of a great conservation success story. Avocets disappeared from Britain as a breeding species in the nineteenth century, as a consequence both of human persecution and wetland drainage, but they miraculously reappeared in 1947 just after the end of the war, ironically returning to a habitat of flooded farmland and marshland which had been deliberately created as part of our coastal defences. They found their own way back to the Suffolk coast at two places: Minsmere, which is now the premier RSPB reserve in the country, and Havergate Island in the Ore estuary, where they bred successfully under conditions of high security (the RSPB even had a secret code name for the place – Zebra Island!). Since then they have spread all along the East Anglian coast in suitable habitats and have become quite a common bird again; but to begin with they were a happy symbol of national recovery and regeneration – the return of a native. **Jeremy Mynott**

THURLOW STEAM AND COUNTRY SHOW. 7TH AND 8TH AUGUST AT HORSEHEATH RACECOURSE. Steam engines, organs and bygones. Working demonstrations, models, stationary engines, vintage vehicles and tractors, trade and craft stalls. Entertainment, beer tent and refreshments. Adults £6, OAPs £5, children £2. On site camping £20. Car park free. Gates open 10am

Thurlow Estate Farms Limited

The final spray application to protect the beans against black bean aphids and bruchid beetles has been completed. The latter lay their eggs inside the bean allowing the larvae to eat their way to freedom leaving a hollow bean. The oilseed rape harvest should commence on or around the 19 July. The new combine harvesters have been delivered and the new tractors should be on-farm during July and August in time for the post-harvest cultivations.

Thurlow Estate Woodlands

Firewood deliveries have now commenced and the felling and processing operations continue in accordance with the approved felling licences. Following the United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS) visit in June, Thurlow Estate Woodlands hope to have UKWAS certification by the end of August.

Following a recent publication by the Forestry Commission highlighting the spread of Acute Oak Decline (AOD) the team have been keeping an eye out for symptoms of the disease. So far (and thankfully!) no trees have been confirmed as having the disease.

Thurlow Estate Management Limited

Following Listed Building approval for the works at 135 Pound Green, quotations have been received and a building contractor has been instructed to undertake the work. The extent of the work is remedying a damp problem together with the installation of a French drain.

You may have seen the scaffold erected around the clock tower on the Reading Room. The necessary pre-paint repairs and decoration work is now complete. Quotations have been sought to re-surface several residential driveways and parking areas. One of the areas, due to be resurfaced, is the car park in front of the Reading Room.

The cottage refurbishment in Great Wratting continues, however following the removal of some floor boards, it was discovered that the wall plate was partly decayed and required a new section splicing in. We are hopeful that the property will be available to let early in August.

Pre-paint repairs continue and the external painting contractors are making the most of the dry weather.

The weather was fine for the Countryside Foundation for Education School Visit. Over 250 children attended the day, and feedback from the schools indicates that the highlight for the girls was the working dogs and hounds, with the boys enjoying a seat in the new combine and the tractors.

Properties to let

Rook Tree Barn, Great Wrattling (1,830 sq.ft), a fabulous open plan air conditioned converted barn with first floor conference room, OFCH, car park, broadband)

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

Thurlow Hunt

Approximately 80 people attended the annual Puppy Show which was held at the Hunt Kennels on 12 June. The event even made Page 3 of the Haverhill Echo.

Who said Puppy Judging wasn't glamorous....?

The Thurlow Hounds will be showing at the Festival of Hunting in Peterborough.

Below are the results from the South of England Hound Show at Ardingly:

Entered Couple	Dog	Blazer and Blenheim – 4 th
	Bitch	Mildred and Magic – 2 nd
		Mable and Molly – 2 nd
Unentered Couple	Dog	Boatman and Bosun – Unplaced
	Bitch	Bonnet and Boniface – Unplaced
Brood Bitch		Ripple walked by Mr and Mrs R J H Vestey – Unwell so not shown

Thurlow Shoot

Maintenance of the release pens is now complete and the pheasants from the rearing field will be transferred to their new homes in July. The seven week old pheasant chicks will also be delivered in July and go direct into the release pens. The outside of each pen is guarded with low voltage electric fencing to ensure Mr Fox keeps his paws to himself! You often hear stories how a fox has got into a release pen killing every bird, and eating none. The release pens are checked several times a day and night to ensure the electric fencing is working and the chicks have sufficient, food and water.

The game crops are slowly establishing and would be most grateful for some rain.

AND FINALLY.....

Q. What do you call someone who *used* to be really keen on tractors?

A. An extractor fan!

PAPERS - Early morning delivery of daily and Sunday newspapers, also magazines, comics etc	Tel. Mary 783585
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APIARY DIARY. Well, what can I say? For all my best intentions, careful planning and forethought about swarm control and prevention with my hives, the last month has been disastrous! I seem to be eating my words from the opening paragraph of June's edition, where I said.... *'(Swarming) is inevitable and even if the most experienced beekeeper may not want to admit it, it is something that will happen to everyone with bees at some stage!'* It happened! I admit it! The bees did totally the opposite of what I had planned, and I have had to take drastic measures to maintain the integrity of the hives... I have had sleepless nights over this, let me tell you, and all is still not that well to be honest. I will try to explain!

If you remember, there are two hives in the garden. Hive one has entered the year weak, but has grown in strength and is fantastically productive and healthy, for the moment. The other, hive two, was brilliant at the beginning of the season, and has maintained its strength throughout, until I came along and fiddled with it! I described last month, how this hive showed signs of intending to swarm and that I performed a 'shook swarm' on this colony (just at the time of writing) in an attempt to prevent/control it, in order not to lose the stock of bees. I did not want to expand the apiary by creating a new colony which is what happens when you use other methods of swarm control, but suffice to say that I will not use the 'shook' method again, without first finding the queen. I had opened the hives on a day off from work, and discovered nothing of note in hive 1 – all well there. I found several queen cells in hive 2, which I removed and destroyed (well, the chickens destroyed them for me!) which in itself is not a method of control (*Point one to note Tim... don't remove queen cells without first considering and then re-considering the plan!*) The queen was present, as usual and laying well, but clearly the colony was revving up and fast. I planned my approach and 'Shook' was the method chosen. But, I left it to the following weekend to execute. Fatal. Two reasons... I destroyed any chance of rearing a new queen in the event that it did not work, and I waited too long to intervene. The following weekend, with every best intention and plenty of confidence, I opened the hive. I ran through each frame one by one, there were further queen cells formed and sealed, so the queen had to be there somewhere, but on the third sweep of the frames, where was she? She was marked and easily identifiable... it was the first time this year that I had not been able to find her... I was certain that she was in there somewhere, there were still the same quantity of bees in the colony as five days ago, so she had not already swarmed without anyone noticing. How wrong was I... Never mind, thinks Timmy the Beekeeper... crack on then! So I did. I proceeded to dump a queenless colony into a new box of frames, removed every chance they had to producing a new queen from the

existing brood and promptly destroyed these, and then panicked a week later when I still could not find the queen. The bees over a period of about 3 weeks were fractious and aggravated, clearly there was no queen there, either new or old. I was in trouble and that was without doubt. I believe at this point that something dramatic happened to the queen alone during the five days that I waited and perhaps she died or was injured in some way... I will never know. All I did know is that I had a colony of bees without a queen, who were getting busy doing nothing but filling a box of frames with honey in the absence of eggs and larvae to care for, who were very angry and doomed.

I took action. Over a two week period, I stole a frame of eggs and brood from hive 1 each week, and placed this into hive 2, hoping that the bees would see a chance to rear a new emergency queen cell. This is called supersedure, and again with best intention, nothing happened until late the second week... A queen cell, but in the wrong place! Could I be that lucky! I closed the hive carefully and waited another week... and yes. There she was, all shiny and new and strolling around the hive quite happily. I was deeply relieved that Sunday, all was not lost. I was reckless and needed to plan more carefully next time, learning quickly from my mistakes. But, we were back on an even keel once more.

The following Thursday, very early, I rose and showered ready to catch a plane to Glasgow for work. If you remember me saying that bees tend to swarm either mid morning or mid afternoon when it is cool, but also are reliably predictable to do so when you least expect it or when it is impossible to do anything about... at 6.15am, Pete, my neighbour tapped on the back door and announced with excitement that there was a swarm of bees high up in a holly tree in amongst our vegetable gardens! I could not believe it... I was amazed, even thinking that maybe these bees were not mine. I stood there in my dressing gown with a cup of tea and wet hair, with my plane ticket and a meeting waiting for me some 600 miles away, and thought 'help, what do I do'! Kevin came to the rescue from a distance as I telephoned him with instructions whilst driving down the M11 to Stansted. I pondered my options and decided to try to lure the swarm into a nice new hive on the ground to no avail during the day. The bees had found another place to go by the time I arrived back home that evening. I suppose I have to accept that anything artificially happening to a colony of bees is not really all that much fun for them, and certainly does not over-ride what nature intends. I also had to accept that hive two was doomed once more, and have now combined this colony with hive one to take best advantage of a bad situation.

That said, hive one has, at the time of writing, also been artificially swarmed. Just as it was all calming down, the other colony revved up too! There was a

queen, queen cells and a very strong colony! What to do? Without delay, and absolutely without destroying any brood or queen cells, I have split the newly combined colony after making absolutely sure that the queen was present. I have used a method called ‘Adrian Waring’ where you separate the colony into nurse bees and brood without a queen but with queen cells... all well there! We will now call this hive one! Hive two now consists of a colony of older flying bees, a queen and new foundation to build upon, again replicating the ‘natural’ swarming conditions for her. I know that I will eat my words by saying that all appears as I would expect at the moment, so I am not going to... In the August edition, I will update you and admit then that the process was successful, but only when I find two queens laying well in each hive, with eggs, brood and larvae, and I am taking capped honey from them for extraction... we will have to wait and see!

I was going to speak about disease and parasites of bees and the hives this month, but too much has happened to not share with you, so we will have to wait until next month for a bit of science. In the meantime, and with a little luck and patience, this beginner beekeeper may well have remedied a disastrous and precarious situation, far more by luck than judgement, and learned the hard way that you cannot control nature. I ask myself if there is little point really, and may ponder whether to just let it all happen next year, just as intended... a question every beekeeper must have asked themselves at some point. After all, the bees probably know best!

Tim Knappett

WI. Sadly only eight members attended the June meeting to witness an excellent speaker - Gerald Watts - from the AHT in Newmarket enlighten us on the work carried out on horses, dogs and cats at the Trust hospital. Having been established in 1942 the hospital was added in 1994, it is now a world class clinical centre treating cancer, cataracts, glaucoma and genetic diseases. It receives no Government funding, relying solely on charity, full details can be obtained from www.aht.org.uk.

Three members will attend the Federation 90th Garden Party in July and we would now like members to think about how we could increase the £5 issued to each Institute for the “fun with a fiver” challenge. Meg Ward from Cowlinge WI had acted as our Link Delegate at the NFWI Annual Meeting in Cardiff and had sent a report on the event. The resolution requesting that the country of origin be sated on food and other items was unanimously carried 6,272 for/55 against - this subject is now to be debated by the EU. Lucky raffle winners were Anne Roberts, Rosemary Allcock and Cherry Rising. Our Garden Meeting next meeting will; be held at Willow Hall and will commence at 7.00pm.

Margaret Ince

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

A well attended recent **joint meeting of Great and Little Thurlow Parish Councils** covered matters of concern to both villages which included the proposed changes to bus services by Suffolk County Council. It was agreed that both Parish Councils should write expressing their serious concerns about the proposals which would mean the loss of the current bus service to Haverhill, this being replaced by a “demand-responsive transport facility” on a first come first served basis. It was noted that The Cock was planning to hold a Beer Festival on 11th September to celebrate their first anniversary with proceeds going to local causes. The Thurlows 2010 book committee had received a disappointing response to their application to St. Edmundsbury BC for match funding, with this being turned down. However, an application to the same grant scheme was looking promising for the resurfacing of the car parking area on the Sports Field. It was noted that a volunteer had come forward to take over as Editor of the Village Link but more volunteers are still needed for the Great Thurlow Hedgerow Survey which has to be carried out this summer.

Councillors at **Little Thurlow Parish Council’s June meeting** were pleased to co-opt Chris Field as a new member. SCC are carrying out a Local Flooding Survey and parishioners are asked to contact the Clerk on 783259 if they are aware of any flooding events in Little Thurlow which may have been caused by surface water/drainage, with details of suspected causes of the flooding events with dates where possible, e.g. blocked drain/ditch or solid surface runoff.

AGE CONCERN SUFFOLK launches free, basic legal advice service in West Suffolk. Older People in West Suffolk can now take advantage of free basic legal advice due to a new partnership between Age Concern Suffolk and four local Solicitors practices. Helen Taylor, Information Manager from Age Concern Suffolk said “This partnership allows older people to obtain 15 minutes of basic legal advice free of charge through one of the participating solicitor’s practices. Telephoned or face-to-face advice is available and this is booked by prior appointment.”

Penny Brice from Solicitors Rudlings-Wakelam of, Bury St Edmunds, who have assisted Age Concern to launch this new service, commented “We are very pleased to be supporting Age Concern Suffolk and look forward to being of assistance to older people in West Suffolk. It can be so helpful to have a free preliminary chat with a Solicitor before deciding what to do to take a problem or issue further.”

Miss Taylor continued “To take advantage of this service older people simply need to contact Age Concern Suffolk’s West Suffolk Help Centre at The Risbygate Centre, Risbygate Street and they will be given or sent a referral form to take to the participating Solicitor of their choice. The Help Centre is open from 9.30 am to 1 pm, Monday to Friday mornings and their telephone number is 01284 757750.

WARTIME MEMORIES cont...The concentrated devastation of our towns and cities of Coventry, Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool and our Southern ports of Southampton, Portsmouth and Plymouth was the result. It wasn't until late in 1943 that our Pathfinder Sqns were formed from the top navigators and crews who laid down coloured marker incendiary bombs and flares that we started to get results. Even then the accuracy was only about 20%. Cameras were fitted to photograph the results. Oftentimes the effect was limited and a spread could cover a 10mile circumference. Cloud and weather were major problems and forecasting was not the exact science that it is today. I recall one night as I was i/c ops, a thick fog developed over the whole of England. There wasn't a single airfield that offered a safe landing. Two hours before the aircraft were due to return diversions to airfields in Scotland were signalled but there was insufficient fuel for them to get there. I shall never forget hearing the 'm'aidez' calls knowing that nothing could be done to help them. There were terrible losses, a/c ditched at sea, others crash landed, usually catching fire and others left to the fate of not knowing where their aeroplane might come to rest as they all chose to take to the silk and hope for the best. At least they would find terra firma and could walk to find some civilisation. It so happened that on this night our erstwhile Station Commander, a distinguished pilot in his day, had chosen to go out with one of his crews. He was of a particularly stout build. In the emergency the skipper ordered abandon ship. Encumbered in the thick Irving flying suit, the officer could not conveniently exit through the escape hatch. Two members of the crew had to stand back and front on his shoulders to push him through. They all landed safely except the Group Captain who sustained a broken ankle. Having come down close to a GPO telephone kiosk, they were able to telephone for help but were advised to walk the two miles to a farmstead as there was no chance of transport until the morning should the fog have cleared.

As a Wellington was fading out the Short Bros Sterling bomber, a four engined heavy, entered service. Sadly the full Air ministry Specification had to be altered in the length of the wings which had to be shortened by 10ft so as to enable them to be hangared for overhaul, repair and maintenance. Because all the airfields were pre-war, the hangers had been designed to cater for smaller a/c and the door openings were all at 100ft width. The Stirlings wing design width was 106ft. The upshot of this cart before horse arrangement was that the ceiling of the Stirling was reduced at best to 16000ft and only 12000ft with a full load. They were easy meat for Luftwaffe fighters, flak and radar controlled searchlights. The losses exceeded 10% and were unsustainable. To be cont...

Sqd Ldr A.N. Banks (father of Monty)

FROM THE EDITOR. Village Link Report for 2009/2010. Another year has passed with twelve issues of the Link having been compiled, printed and distributed to every household in the three parishes. We have seen the introduction of the colour front page and, as always our thanks are due to the regular contributors, the advertisers and those who distribute the magazine voluntarily. The current editor is now giving up after eleven years and he is pleased to have news that Kevin Crowson will be taking over with immediate effect, although the next two issues will be a joint effort. My grateful thanks go to my wife Molly for all her hard work on the secretarial side. A credit balance is being carried forward although it is not as substantial as in previous years due to the extra cost of the colour printing. However, by general consensus the new cover is much appreciated.

Village Link Financial Report 1st June 2009 - 31st May 2010:

Income		Expenditure	
Brought forward	1168.83	Stationery 22.6.09	100.00
Donations from:		Printwise 12 issues	1598.95
Lt. Thurlow Parish Council	225.00	Church flyers	59.00
Gt. Thurlow Parish Council	225.00	Stationery 28.5.10	110.20
Thurlow Fayre	100.00		
Lt. Bradley	50.00		
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Advertisements	737.00		
Charge for church flyers(at cost)	59.00		
Sales	23.00		
Interest	-		
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		2587.68	1868.15
Balance carried forward		£719.68	

RECONCILIATION:

Bank at 3.6.10	713.74	
Petty Cash	5.94	
	<hr/>	£719.68

Note: no credits or cheques uncleared

Should anyone wish to inspect the accounts and/or books, this can be done by appointment. Finally, may I remind readers that contributions to the content are always welcome, even criticism.

Conrad Hawkins

POLICE REPORT. Priorities: Burglaries of buildings (other than dwellings) – Over the last few weeks, there has been a steady rise in incidents of this type of burglary, particularly relating to theft of garden machinery and tools (CB8 postcode area). More information regarding these priorities and details of how we intend to police these problems, see your local Neighbourhood Policing website on www.onesuffolk.co.uk/safersuffolk/stedmundsburyruralsouth To view this months public events please visit our website via www.onesuffolk.co.uk/safersuffolk/stedmundsburyruralsouth

The area has been experiencing shed, garage and out building breaks with garden equipment being stolen. Several trailers have also been stolen. Please be vigilant, property mark and secure your property as best you can. If anyone would like advice on crime prevention please contact the Team.

Burglary of outbuildings is our priority for June and we will be looking at several areas to address this issue. Also, are you a member of Horse or Farm Watch yet? This has been mentioned in previous monthly letters but it really is a fantastic service and best of all its FREE! Contact PCSO Kayla Packman as soon as possible on the number below and she will come to you and take all the necessary details and then all you have to do is sign up to police direct and receive a text alert, e mail, or phone call with details of crimes and incidents relevant to the area. During June, Suffolk Constabulary has launched a crackdown on people who drive while under the influence of drink or drugs. Roadside checks will increase and anyone involved in a collision will undergo a breath test.

PCSO Alex Foster has returned to us after her long-term sickness so you will see her out and about along with the rest of the team.

A man from Bury St Edmunds has just been jailed for four and a half years for breaking into two homes in Kedington and admitting to a further 60 offences. Our next monthly Tasking meeting is being held at The Community Centre Whepstead on Wednesday 7 July 2.30pm. This is open to the public and is your opportunity to discuss issues that affect your community with The Police and Partner agencies and decide on local priorities.

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team is:

Sgt 566 Kevin Horton

PC 18 Trish Sinclair

PCSO 3219 Kayla Packman

PC 704 Ruth Horton

PCSO 3140 Alex Foster

PCSO 3218 David Matchett

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.

SUFFOLK ACCIDENT RESCUE SERVICE. The Suffolk Accident Rescue Service is a charitable organisation that provides medical care at the scene of emergencies, providing assistance to the East of England Ambulance Service in Suffolk and neighbouring counties. The service trains and equips participating doctors and paramedics to help achieve this. SARS doctors and paramedics are unpaid and respond to emergencies on a voluntary basis. Our members are trained to provide the highest standard of emergency medical care to victims of accidents and other medical emergencies. SARS is registered as a charity. SARS was established in 1972 and is an affiliated group member of the British Association for Immediate Care (BASICS).

Local Doctor Fiona Andrews (Withersfield) and paramedic Mark Milsom (Withersfield) provide voluntary cover in your local area. We attend traffic accidents, major trauma and medical emergencies, often providing a rapid local response prior to the arrival of an emergency ambulance. This can often be life saving when you live in a rural area where an ambulance may take longer to reach you.

Although the doctors and paramedics in SARS are unpaid their equipment is funded by the charity. Fund raising and donations are always welcome to enable the charity to continue providing this local life saving service.

Further information can be obtained from Dr Fiona Andrews and Mark Milsom at the Old Bakery, Thurlow Road Withersfield.

Emergency first aid course in aid of Suffolk Accident Rescue Service.

Could you save a life? Would you know what to do? The first few minutes after a collapse or accident are vital and could mean the difference between life and death.

Haverhill First Aid Training Services will be running another 3 hour emergency first aid course in **aid of Suffolk Accident Rescue Service (SARS)**. This type of course normally costs around £25-£30 per person but is being provided **free of charge** although a **donation** to SARS would be appreciated.

All money raised through the course will go SARS to enable them to provide vital life saving equipment for your local scheme.

Course date Sunday 18th July 09:45 – 13:00 At Withersfield village Hall

Places are limited, for further information and to book your free place please contact Mark on 07762756510 or email hfats@btinternet.com

NEWS FROM FRANCE. I believe I've mentioned several times the very decorative roundabouts we have here in the Charantais Region: the wonderful group of pilgrims at Pon, the hands holding an oyster near Marennnes and many more. Miranbeau, our nearest small town, has always been a huge disappointment; everyone felt junction 37 of the A10 should have had something more important than the pile of earth with a few clumps of lavender, as has been its lot for some years. So it was with great excitement we watched with bated breath as work started in March on the said site. The bulldozer arrived and the ground was flattened, a small hut was erected - what could be going on? Next a huge amount of black cobbles and a large quantity of vines arrived which were planted with seashore wild plants. The whole effect is now a shrimping hut on stilts (peculiar to the region) on a seashore, with behind it a vineyard with a stone arch and the name Miranbeau in wrought iron over the stone arch. We now have a magnificent rond point to compete with the rest of the region. As this is a gateway to Bordeaux, an important wine area, it is a credit to the designers and planners. Apart from the cows at Milton Keynes I can't think of any more in England. Oh yes, of course, the pile at Haverhill and the lovely horse at Newmarket. England needs more.

Sylvia & Len Robinson

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Emergency

Emergency telephone 999

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
EDF electricity main cabling (24 hour) power cut and emergency, Helpline 0800 783883
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

A mobile Library visits the village on
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
day, except Wednesdays and Saturdays
8.30am – 12.30pm. Closed Sundays and
Bank Holidays.

Newspaper delivery: Mary Atherton
01440 783585

Plumbing Services: TK Heat
01440 783654, 07966 208794

Thurlow Village Hall bookings: Diana
Allin 01440 783560

Churches: Great Thurlow (All Saints),
Little Thurlow (St. Peter's). Part of the
Stourhead Benefice which includes the
Bradleys, the Wrattings, Barnardiston and
Kedington. Rev. John Eley 01440 710216

CEVC School, Little Thurlow, Head
teacher Ros Bunting 01440 783281
Thurlow Pre-School. Secretary Mat Cowell
mathew.cowell@sky.com

Thurlow Mother & Toddler Group: Rosie
Winner 01440 702182 and Helen Smith
01440 783272

Thurlow Sports Club, secretary Allan
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

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Steve Diddams 01440 710225

4 th July		9.30 Kedington FC	11.00 Lt. Thurlow SW	11.00 Gt. Bradley FC		
11 th July		9.30 Kedington SW	9.30 Barnardiston FC	11.00 Lt. Thurlow FC	11.00 Gt. Thurlow SW	
18 th July			10.00 Gt. Thurlow Benefice Service			
25 th July	8.00 Kedington HC	9.30 Lt. Bradley HC	11.00 Gt. Wrattling HC	11.00 Gt. Thurlow SW		6.00 Kedington Evensong

john.eley@btopenworld.com

Dates for your Diary: Lt. Thurlow Parish Council meeting 20th July, 7.30pm
 Steam Rally 7th and 8th August
 Thurlow Fayre 5th September

Thought for the month: We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.
Sir Winston Churchill

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