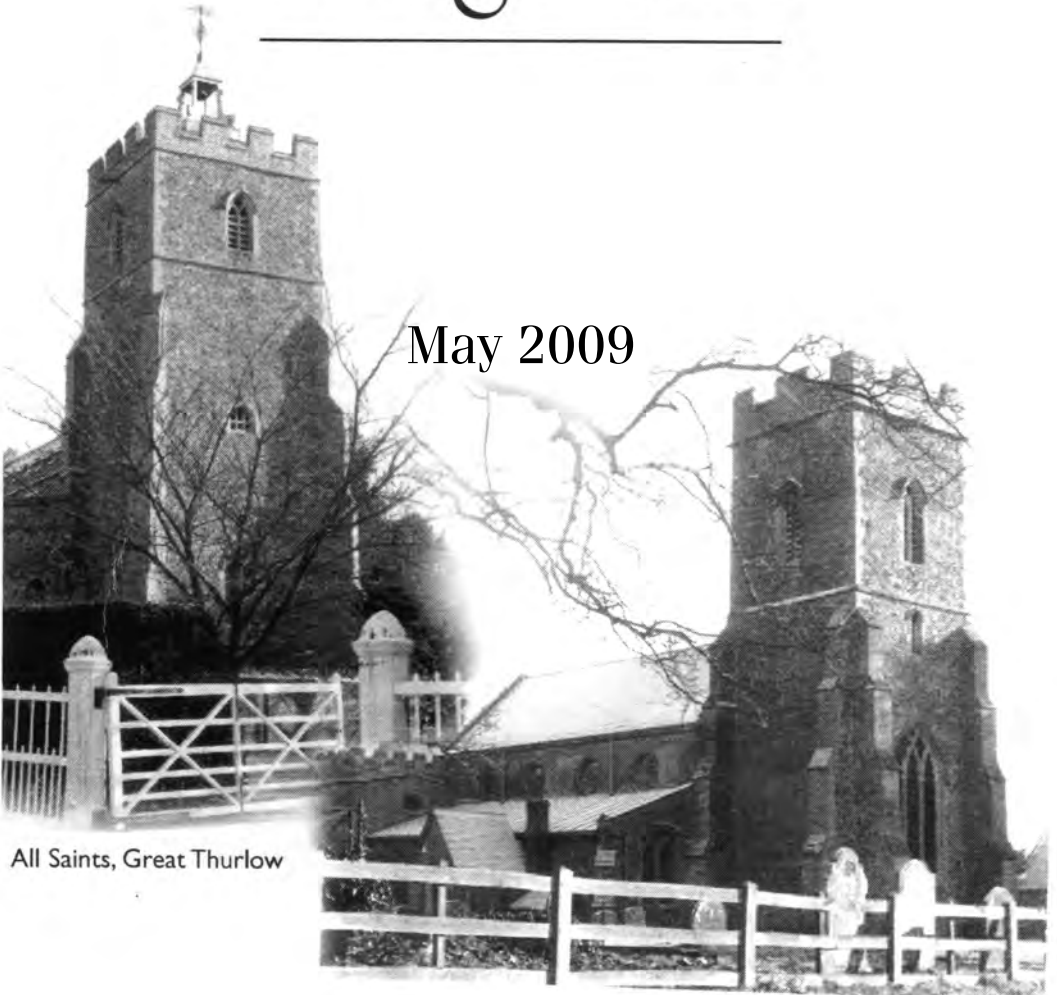


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# THE Village Link

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May 2009



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## **THE VILLAGE LINK**

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***From the Rector.*** Easter Sunday was a joy when we had our service at Little Thurlow. I am not quite sure where all the Easter Eggs went but satisfaction appeared on the faces of the children very quickly. It is good to come together for joint services as we are able to see how large the Christian Family is in the Benefice. Not everyone manages to see the overall picture and we have a great deal of support from members from communities who are not regular church goers but wish the church to be there. Having all these responsibilities in a church means we need people to do things. There are many jobs going begging and we need some help. Churchwardens, Treasurers are but two jobs. Not everyone can make the commitment that is made by those who hold these posts already, but we should be bringing others on to learn about the job. Cleaners and people to help welcome people to services and the like are all essential and you only have to ask “What can I do?.” There is bound to be something. However doing is not always possible and there are a large number of the congregation who support in quiet and different ways. Some do not find it quite so easy to attend Church but pray at home, all are part of our family and at this time of year when we are having our AGMs (Annual General Meetings) it’s time to say a big THANK YOU for all who help.

Elsewhere in the Link will be tributes to Derrick Eley and Roy Bumpstead, two Suffolk men who in so many ways contributed to the community. Our condolences go to their families, they will be well and truly missed and they have certainly left their mark on the history of our community. May they rest in Peace and Rise in Glory as is happening in the world around us on this glorious Spring day. Both loved their gardens and the empty tomb of Jesus was in a Garden when the Resurrection was discovered. A quiet thought for a glorious event.

***John Eley, Rector***

***HAVERHILL LOCALITY PLANNING NETWORK FOR ADULTS WITH PHYSICAL AND/OR SENSORY DISABILITIES*** – a group of disabled people and organisations, working together to address issues faced by people with disabilities. If you have difficulty in accessing any of your community facilities contact Karen Cattle at Suffolk Strategic Partnership, Room 12, Council Offices, Haverhill, telephone 01284 757623.

***PAPERS – Early morning delivery of daily and Sunday newspapers, also magazines, comics etc. Tel Mary 783585***

**NATURE NOTE** I saw my first swallow of the year on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. That's always an important event in the calendar of my year, a sort of annual reassurance, whatever the other problems in the world. But this year it was different. I was watching them not in the skies over Thurlow but coming in off the sea at Cape May in the state of New Jersey in the USA. Cape May is a famous birdwatching place, a peninsular that juts out into the sea on the east coast of America and offers the first landfall for tired migrants following the coastline after crossing the Gulf of Mexico on their way north. There were two interesting differences from the swallows that must have been arriving here at about the same time on their parallel migration north from Africa. First, though these swallows were the same species as ours – the official name both in America and here now is the 'barn swallow', signifying the close connections swallows have always had with human habitations and buildings – the American ones can be easily distinguished by the larger area of colour they have on the throat and chest, which is suffused with a deep glowing orange-red. That's just a regional variation, but a very striking one if you haven't seen it before. Everything else is the same – the cheerful twittering song, the looping flight and the lovely long tail streamers. The second difference was that these American birds were accompanied by two other members of the swallow family (or 'hirundines', to give them their scientific name), that you wouldn't ever see here: tree swallows, which are smaller and have metallic green backs that are iridescent in sunlight, and purple martins, which are much larger and are coloured bluish-black all over. The latter are the ones most Americans greet as 'the sign of summer' and they put up large communal nesting boxes for them in many towns and villages. The weather at Cape May was actually atrocious and all the swallows were battling ashore through driving winds and rain. As far as I could tell from reports the weather in Thurlow was a great deal better and more spring-like, but in both places the swallows carried the same message that the year had turned and that the world was still working. *Jeremy Mynott*

**LITTLE THURLOW PARISH COUNCIL** met on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2009. It was noted with deep regret that Councillor Derrick Eley had passed away and it was agreed that the Chairman should write to his widow on behalf of the Parish Council. Councillors approved a cheque for the deposit on the hire of a marquee for the Thurlow Fayre as well as the annual subscriptions to SALC and Suffolk ACRE. The 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009 was noted for the return of the Annual Audit Form to the External Auditors. It was agreed that the Boundary Committee should be advised that the Parish Council's original response should be taken into account in connection with their further draft proposals for the Structural Review of Suffolk. Planning matters showed that St. Edmundsbury BC had refused permission on an application for the provision of a wind turbine at Faraway, Little Thurlow Green and there were no objections by Parish Councillors to the felling of trees at 116a-116b The Square. Volunteers from Little Thurlow interested in helping with the Community Speedwatch Initiative were noted as Kevin Beal, Andrew Mace and Charles Rowe. The Clerk was asked to contact Thurlow Estate with regard to the grass cutting on Little Thurlow Green. The next meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting, will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.30pm. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.15pm when reports will be given by local organisations and to which parishioners are particularly invited to attend with any ideas on what they feel their Parish Council should be doing in the future.

*M. Hawkins, Parish Clerk*

**THURLOW ESTATE FARMS** The calling cuckoo and arrival of the first swallow brings hope that the persistent wet winter weather has made way for spring. Saturated ground conditions during the earlier part of the year delayed fertiliser applications and restricted spraying operations. We are however pleased to say that since the last update, the farming operations are more or less back on track, and as you will see when you cross the Estate, the oilseed rape is beginning to flower, which provides a welcome end to the constant pigeon patrols. The spring beans and barleys drilled in March are emerging, this keeps the rooks happy as they pull the shoots to extract the seed below. Fertiliser applications continue on the wheats which have come through the winter backward, but well, considering the wet autumn drilling conditions. Disease pressure is also rising so we will be pushing on with our fungicide program trying to keep one step ahead.

With temperatures rising, grass growing and silage stocks nearly exhausted, the suckler cows will be turned out this week. The younger cows and their calves will be running with our Angus bull in the meadows at Great Wrattling, whilst the bulk of the herd will be grazing meadows around the lake with the Simmental bull. The young calves charge round in groups when offered the freedom of open fields for the first time, with their mothers in anxious and noisy pursuit. The meadows behind the Village Hall, Manor Farm and the school have been rolled and fertilised in preparation for cutting for silage in late May providing winter feed for the herd.

Construction of the new grainstore at Weston Woods Farm, Weston Colville is nearing seventy five percent completion with an anticipated completion in early July in time for harvest.

**THURLOW WOODLANDS** The new one hectare plantation known as The Memorial Wood, to the west of the village and The Avenue at the village-end of Temple End Road, are both complete and the trees already budding. The wet ground conditions provided an ideal soil bed for all the new hedgerows and trees so we are expecting a high success rate compared to previous plantings.

When ground conditions are favourable, this year's firewood harvesting will commence, concentrating initially on woods near Balsham and Great Bradley. We currently have a stock of seasoned firewood and deliver on the third Wednesday of each month. For further information please call 01440 783591.

It is with great regret that the Estate will not be supplying Christmas Trees this year, we can however recommend Jaggard & Son (01638 507330). We will however be resuming in 2010.

**THURLOW ESTATE MANAGEMENT LTD** Thirty two Estate cottages are scheduled for external redecoration this year, and pre-paint repair work is underway between the rain showers.

The residential lettings market is slowly picking up and several properties have been let during April. We have, however, found that changing lifestyle patterns have weakened the rural housing market, as people are relocating in urban areas attracted by greater employment opportunities.

**THURLOW HUNT** Three hound bitches have whelped eight couple during the last ten weeks. The Thurlow Hounds will parade at the Newmarket Countryside Race Day and at the Suffolk Show in May.

**THURLOW SHOOT** The gamekeepers are already preparing for the 2009/10 shooting season. The birds caught up in January are laying 'under supervision' before sending approximately 8,000 pheasant eggs for incubation. The chicks will return as day-olds for hand rearing.

The Thurlow Shoot is focussing on a pheasant shoot on Thurlow this season and no partridges will be released over the land at Balsham.

**R. BUMPSTEAD ESQ**

The Estate would like to send their condolences to the family of the late Mr Roy Bumpstead. Mr Bumpstead lived at 112 Bury Road, Gt Thurlow and was the gardener at Great Thurlow Hall for Mr and Mrs R A Vestey.

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**DERRICK ELEY** who died on the 5th of April aged 78 lived all of his life in the village, having four different homes. He was born opposite the Queens Head [now the garage] and moved to Lt. Thurlow Post Office to live with his aunt and uncle when his mother died. While still at school he worked as a butcher's boy for L. Rising and he also delivered papers for him, he often said how good Cherry Rising was to him at this time. He was a great teller of tales and a favourite one was of the time he collided with Captain Frink [Chairman of the Parish Council] on the path by the cemetery when on his butcher's bike, both almost falling in the river. On leaving school he started work at Manor Farm for S. Tilbrook, a job which he loved, he stayed there for fifteen years, only leaving when his family arrived to go to work for F. Sainsbury which was not so good. Always a sportsman, he played football, cricket and later bowls. He loved ballroom dancing and every Saturday night would bike to Haverhill Town Hall, but sometimes venturing as far afield as Gt. Dunmow. This eventually got him into trouble as, arriving home late one Saturday he was locked out of the Post Office and had to spend the night around a brazier with a workman. Grandmother heard of this and she soon had him moved to live with her at The Square. Football was his first love, he captained Thurlow football team for many years winning several trophies and one of his proudest moments was when Thurlow won the Bury and District League in the 1953-4 season and he received the cup. This interest stayed with him and no game on television was ever missed. Derrick married Iris in 1952 and moved into 13 Pound Green where he tended his garden, providing for his growing family. Before going into hospital he had planted half of the vegetables and the potatoes were ready for when he returned. In the village he ran a boys' football team in the seventies, also a Youth Club; he served on the Village Hall Committee and ran the New Year's Dance, later a disco, for many years. He helped in the building of the school swimming pool and was a Parish Councillor for many years. Derrick retired when he was sixty two, soon taking on the job of caring for the bowls green and he had plans for this year.

Iris and family would like to thank all those villagers who sent cards and letters offering help in many ways and their sympathy, of whom there are too many to answer personally. Many thanks to those who came to the funeral and the reception to give Derrick a good send off, he would have been amazed at the support, as we all were. Last but not least my W.I. friends who made the all important cups of tea.

*Iris Eley*

**POLICE REPORT – Parking** - Parking in the larger villages is still an issue. We are out and about on increased foot patrol, particularly in Clare and Kedington to stop people from parking illegally, dangerously and without consideration for others. The bus stop and the High Street in Clare continue to be the places that keep us the busiest. The schools in Thurlow and Wickhambrook are also of concern as parents and guardians continue to park in a fashion that puts children at risk, despite clear signs. We even came across a parent who had completely blocked one of “caution” signs with her car! Please all be vigilant when using your vehicles and try not to break the law or put your children at risk by trying to save yourself walking a few extra yards. **Speeding** - Another continuing issue. We are currently monitoring Thurlow, Chilton Street and Hargrave on a regular basis and our presence does seem to be making a difference, especially to those that use the same roads on a daily basis. Sadly, we note that it is still mainly local people that are flouting the speed limit. Hopefully our continued efforts will help to cut the speeding down. We hope to get to all the villages with a problem in the fullness of time, so please be patient and ensure that you all take care when driving through the villages with a 30mph limit. **Security re Distraction Burglaries** - For those of you who are unaware, a distraction burglary is when someone knocks on your door either selling something, or in uniform saying they are from the gas board/electric company etc and tries to get in to your house or keeps you talking while an accomplice is generally getting in the back way, or following his/her friend in after you are in the house. The second person will then search around the house and take whatever they can find of value. Please, please ensure that you are vigilant about your security as there have been a few distraction burglaries in the nearby towns recently. So ensure that you don't let anyone in that has no appointment, use a door chain where possible when answering the door and lock your back doors as well as your front ones. For security in general, keep sheds, gates and garages locked and secure. Ensure there is sufficient lighting outside the property, especially sensor lights. Gravel is another good deterrent for a burglar, especially in rural areas, as it makes a noise. **Parish Councils – fetes etc** - It's coming up to that sunny (!) time of year again. Fetes, garden parties and barbecues abound. Please advise us if your village is having anything like this, as we would love to attend and meet some locals if possible. And Parish Councillors and Clerks – please note that meetings can only be attended if we have been notified of them! **Horse and Farm Watch** - Horse and Farm Watch are still free to join! There is little more to do other than notify us of any suspicious activity and you can have a sign warning people that the area is watched. You will also receive a pack with a lot of advice and details of the alert messaging network. The more people who join, the bigger and better the network so please join today! Call 01284 774100 and ask for Diane Townsend or PCSO Alex Foster 3140. Your team are happy to talk to you at any time on 01284 774100. They consist of  
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**If you wish to report criminal activity in your area anonymously please ring the Crime Stoppers number 0800 555111**

***VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The Suffolk Hedgerow Survey***, which started in 1998, is now spreading rapidly throughout Suffolk and already 117 parishes have completed their survey. We also have another 250 currently surveying the landscape hedgerows and 60 more at the enquiry stage. The objective is to build up a picture of all the landscape hedgerows present and to record details of different species of shrubs and trees, which go to make up each hedge. The results are a benchmark document for your parish records and the details also go to the Suffolk Biological Records Centre to create a scientific baseline for the benefit of your heritage and the inheritance for future generations. There are also practical benefits for the community, the Parish Council and for landowners and farmers. We are now most anxious to find some volunteers to get ***Great Thurlow*** added to the active list and this is written to invite anyone who would possibly be interested (or knows someone who might be) to get in contact with us. We know there are parishioners who are enthusiasts in the environment and you don't need special skills or previous experience, nor does it take up a lot of time and it does not cost you anything. Ideally we need volunteers who can get around the parish to survey the hedges and others who can do plotting work on maps, paperwork, computing and liaison work, all of which takes up little time. The survey is really good fun and teams of two or three find it very enjoyable, gentle exercise and interesting. We can provide all the information you need, including training and the minimum commitment we ask for is five half days per year, May to October from each surveyor. The survey would normally be completed in a year, so there is no stress or tight deadlines to be met. For more information, please contact the Editor on 783259.

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***DEDHAM VALE SPRING & SUMMER WALKS & EVENTS*** – The Wormingford Dig, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm-9pm. A fascinating opportunity to see the work of the Colchester Archaeology Group as they reveal a Tudor Hunting Lodge in Wormingford and also to enjoy an evening stroll around the area and take in the views across the Stour Valley. Approx. 3 ½ miles. Tel. 01473 264263 to book.

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***W.I.*** Since the last meeting two members Rosemary Allcock and Ann Tipper had attended the Italian Day organised by the Federation and Anne Roberts and Jean Lansdell had attended the Celebration Lunch at Haverhill W.I. Pauline Crooks and Olive Jeffrey, our two travellers, are going to the Federation organised weekend at Harrogate in September. Notice was given of a trip to visit a Mosque, a visit to Burghley and a Water Colour Day School for beginners. Our speaker Linda Scoles soon got us singing along with her as she told of her childhood in the USA, living in a remote area where they had to make their own entertainment and the whole family were singers from a very early age. Jill Steele our President thanked Linda for a cheering evening which was just what was needed. Draw winners were Anne Patient and Iris Eley. The meeting on the 12th May, which is our Resolution Night, will also be our yearly outing to be arranged by the committee.  
***Iris Eley***

***SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION Great British Fish and Chip Supper, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009.*** This is all about getting together, having fun and raising money for the Spinal Injuries Association. To obtain a fundraising pack call 0845 071 4350, email [fishandchips@spinal.co.uk](mailto:fishandchips@spinal.co.uk), [www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips](http://www.spinal.co.uk/fishandchips).

**LESLIE ROY BUMPSTEAD** or Roy, as you all knew him, was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 1919 in the village of Long Melford, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of four children of Robert and Lily Bumpstead. Many of the things that featured in his life were close at hand from that first day – family, gardening and sport. There were family living right next door, Lily’s parents Walter & Ada Boreham, and across the road from their family’s farmworker’s cottage, with its large garden and orchard, was an equally large allotment. He fondly recalled helping his father with gardening before being allowed to go off and play football on a nearby meadow, sometimes under the light of the ‘parish lantern’.

Roy had many happy memories of his childhood there, including playing marbles in the roadway family out of Suffolk in 400 years! He recalled sitting on the way to school, which he recalled during frequent visits in later years to the garden centre now alongside. Also, when aged 10, the day of the family’s first move, to neighbouring Foxearth, in Essex, which was made using a horse drawn farm wagon. The first recorded move by the alongside the family’s possessions & peering out from beneath the tarpaulin as the journey unfolded. He was soon ‘at home’ again, playing football with other lads in the village and joined the church choirs at both Foxearth & Liston.

He left school and started work at Berry’s, Bakers & Confectioners of Sudbury, and proudly recalled buying his trusty Rudge Whitworth bicycle then. Different transport would soon be needed though, as the family was on the move again. After finishing work he was picked up outside the shop by a lorry moving the family, this time to Hadleigh. Here he joined the local football & cricket teams and won his first of many sporting medals, the Chelsworth & District Boys Cup, when only 15. Later that year, his family moved once again but this time to Sowley Green, Great Thurlow, where he and his father worked for Bob Berry at Wadgells Farm. Although only a small hamlet there were enough lads there to make a football team but they also enjoyed a stroll down to the village & the ‘Queens Head’. Sport was still to the fore though and Roy joined Thurlow Cricket Club for the 1936 season, with the matches taking place on what is now the ‘big lawn’ at Great Thurlow Hall. The Captain, Alec Sadler, who’d noticed a new supporter, Brenda Barrett, said, whilst partnering him at the wicket, “Don’t you go and get out to see Brenda!”.

When his family moved again he was courting Brenda & decided to stay at Thurlow. He recalled asking permission for Brenda’s hand but didn’t pluck up courage to do so until her dad was just about to go up to bed! He also enjoyed football and was a member of the successful Great Thurlow side, which won the Kedington Charity Cup in 1939.

A few months later he enlisted in the Suffolk Regiment at Bury St. Edmunds. Then on special leave he & Brenda were married at Great Thurlow on 13<sup>th</sup> May 1940, having cycled to Cambridge for the rings. His duties took him to France; Belgium & Germany and he had risen to the rank of Sergeant before being demobbed in July 1946.

That summer he again helped Bob Berry with the harvest before hearing of a gardening job at Great Thurlow Hall. He was successful and was the first to be taken on by the new owners, Mr & Mrs Ronald Vestey. His mentor was Head Gardener, Bob Rowling, who passed on to him all he knew about gardening & cricket together with bygone tales, which he retold many times!

Brenda & Roy set up home in a small cottage along ‘The Street’ which is where their son Alan was born on a very good Good Friday with some assistance from the redoubtable nurse Buck!

Another new challenge came in 1951 when Mr Vestey decided upon a new & much larger garden. Under the eye of designer Major Daniels, he and Bob dedicated themselves, over many years, to the creation of the gardens that we know & love today. It wasn't all gardening though as Roy was also called upon to coach a young Mr Edmund Vestey at cricket!

A new 'home' had to be found for the Cricket team and so the 'first meadow' was made into a sports field with Roy preparing the new wicket and becoming its groundsman with his renowned enthusiasm & dedication, which he did for many years. He also continued playing cricket & football for the combined Thurlow teams over some 20 seasons, sharing in their many successes. He also played for Haverhill Rovers for two seasons just after the war.

In 1958 he was promoted to Head Gardener and with his experience became a Judge at various competitions, including the Flower & Vegetable shows at the Haverhill Gala, Linton & Wickhambrook as well as Haverhill's Best Kept Garden. He also loved to grow & exhibit Chrysanthemums at the West Suffolk Society's shows where there was much rivalry between the head gardeners from the large estates.

Roy, in turn, became mentor to several budding gardeners, including three, Billy Jeffery, Chris Grey & Melvyn Harris, who started straight from school making gardening their careers too and adding much to the camaraderie of working in the gardens. As well as the 6 man full time team another key member was part-timer Brenda, whose dedicated work, especially in the greenhouses, was much respected by all concerned, including the Vestey family.

Although settled in the village he and Brenda moved house 4 times, the last being to 'Tweeds' in 1967. Here they both shared in the pleasure of creating their new garden and still found time & energy to also have an allotment, across the road. Roy also took great pride in the village, contributing much towards it twice winning the Best Kept Small Village in Suffolk in 1980 and 1981.

Roy was a lifelong, dedicated, supporter of Ipswich Town Football Club and was at Wembley in 1978 to see them win the FA Cup. He also very much enjoyed playing with his grandchildren on his lawn where he could still produce his deceiving spin bowling and dribbling skills, even if he now had to use adult cunning to match their turn of speed!

He 'retired' as Head Gardener of Thurlow Hall, then home of Mr George Vestey, in 1986 but continued part time until 1995. He much enjoyed creating new gardens for Mark & Jane Bailey, then Robert & Elizabeth Clifton-Brown, before finally retiring from gardening in 2001, after 55 years loyal & dedicated service to the Vestey family.

He often said he'd had a wonderful life being married to his beloved Brenda for 66 years & was so proud of all his family. His wonderful grandchildren, Robert, Thomas & Suzannah who shared his love for family, football & gardening, and his amazing great grandchildren Lily & Morgan who'd been a great comfort to him since Brenda's passing. Then just short of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, as his old cricket Captain would have said, he got himself out so he could be with Brenda once again, this time, we pray, to tend God's Garden of Eden.

*Alan Bumpstead*

*LOOKING BACK ON 69 YEARS AS A LOCAL BOY*, continued – The road was quite a narrow country lane then, next time you go towards Wickhambrook look to your left just before the Cherry Tree, you will see a large tree trunk blocking the old road to travellers, I expect it is the last vestige of what I remember of the old road. Just past Whithead's Farm the airfield was about 300 yards from the road. I remember on autumn evenings watching the aircraft starting up and moving round, prior to evening take off at dusk. I would count them out and then in the early hours they would wake me up coming back. Finals came directly over the cottage, many, on a wing and a prayer, came very low struggling to make a landing on the airfield. By early 1944 it was the turn of the doodle bug, otherwise known as the pilot-less flying bomb. The accuracy of these was very hit or miss. One evidently aimed at the airfield, I recall it clearly, came over the barns and then cut out somewhere over Stradishall village. I believe it fetched up in a field. It was during the morning I was off on my bike to see if I could find a souvenir, Police and military in abundance by the time I got there so no luck, just a huge crater. It was always exciting being close to the airfield. I couldn't at that age really appreciate the realities of the war. Mid 1943 I knew my Gran who lived in a cottage at Stephenson Farm near Cowlinge had had the sad news that her son, my Mother's brother, was missing, later confirmed as killed in action. He was piloting a Lancaster on a raid on Cologne in the Rhur, the main industrial area of Germany with prodigious output of ordnance for the Reich. Since then we have now got the complete scenario of what happened to my Uncle and his crew, but that is another story... By the autumn of 1944 the familiar sound of Rolls Royce Merlin engines was a daily event with either take offs and landings or being run up on tests. The air space was quite busy with Stradishall at the centre of satellites Chedburgh and Weston Woods. By this time the second front was well advance. Bomber Command was performing at its best by virtue of advanced radar controlled aids in pathfinder aircraft which could accurately identify and mark a target even if it was obscured by cloud. By dint of the Master Bomber a very experienced RAF Officer moving the target indicating flares successive waves of the Main Stream produced a creeping barrage of high explosive and incendiary bombs, making due allowance for wind. Once the fires got going the destruction was finite. Here is an ariel photo of such on Cologne in 1944. How amazing that the Cathedral should survive alone. Coventry in the blitz of '41 was not so fortunate but the aftermath assessment was a 5% effective, for Cologne the destruction was 68% overall. Our local Stations were all involved. It must have been terrifying for the Hun in the Street.



Above – Cologne in 1944 after the bombing raids and below, as it is today.

*Monty Banks*



*Who can identify this bird?*



One of the Link readers found this dead bird near to Hundon Close.  
What is it?  
A prize to the first person to correctly identify it to the Editor.  
Answer next month.

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**SUFFOLK CONSTABULARY - St Edmundsbury rural welcomes new inspector** The rural area of the St Edmundsbury District is welcoming a new Inspector following the move of Inspector Adrian Calton to the Force Operations Room at Police Headquarters in Martlesham. He has been replaced by Acting Inspector Neil Paterson, who moves from Stowmarket. A/Insp Paterson has been a Police Officer for 20 years, working mostly in the west of the county in Ixworth, Horringer, Bury St Edmunds, Mildenhall, Brandon and Stowmarket. At Stowmarket he has taken on the role of Acting Inspector a number of times, helping to implement Safer Neighbourhood Teams and a new model of policing to the Mid Suffolk District. A/Insp Paterson says, "It is a privilege to be working back at Ixworth. I am looking forward to the challenges this will present and to working together with our partners to provide a high quality service to the community we serve." Insp Calton says, "In just short of two years in the rural area, my team and I focused on reassurance and visibility, embedding the Safer Neighbourhood Teams within the community. Working together with the local community and partner agencies has led to a reduction in crime, an increase in detections and more importantly an improvement to people's quality of life. There are some excellent officers and staff within the rural area and I know it is left in good hands and the good work will continue."

*Lisa Crane, Western Area Press Office*

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**RAF WRATTING COMMON REUNION.** There will be a service on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 1-30 pm to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of the unveiling of the memorial stone in May 1989. The Lancaster from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight is programmed to make a low-level flight over the memorial at Weston Woods Farm Weston Colville, this should occur during the service which starts at 1-30 pm. An exhibition of WW1 memorabilia will be open from mid-day in the nearby farm buildings, entrance is free and refreshments will be available. The Cadets of 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron Air Training Corps will be on parade with their standards. We remember all who served at RAF Wrattling Common, ground staff and air crew 1943 to 1945 and especially the 260 men who perished while serving at the airfield whose names appear in the Book of Remembrance kept in West Wickham Church. Everyone is welcome to attend this anniversary service. **Suzanne Langford 01223 290353**

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**EVENTS AT LACKFORD LAKES** 01284 728706– 1<sup>st</sup> May, Dawn Chorus Walk £3, 5am-7am, pre-book. 5<sup>th</sup> May, Nightingale Walk £3, 7.30pm-9pm, pre-book. 17<sup>th</sup> May, Spring Birds - late summer migrants, adult course, £15 10am-4pm, pre-book 01473 892430

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	Service:	341	341	341	341
	Notes:	1	1	1	1
Wickhambrook, Thoms Corner .....		0920	....	....	....
Lidgate, Pond .....		0925	....	....	....
Cowlinge, Three Tuns PH.....		0930	....	....	....
Great Bradley, Matthews Lane .....		0944	....	1210	....
Little Thurlow, Church Road, Pound Green ..		0948	....	1214	....
Great Thurlow, War Memorial.....		0950	....	1216	....
Withersfield, Nunns Comer, War Memorial ..		0955	....	1221	....
Haverhill, Chapplewent Road .....		0958	1058	1224	1358
Haverhill, Hanchett End, Sainsburys .....		1000	1100	1226	1400
Haverhill, Haycock Drive / Notley Drive .....		1003	1103	1229	1403
Haverhill, Chivers Road / Strawberry Fields ..		1006	1106	1232	1406
Haverhill, Princes Way / Windsor Terrace.....		1010	1110	1236	1410
Haverhill, Camps Road / Health Centre .....		1012	1112	1238	1412
Haverhill, Bus Station .....		1015	1115	1241	1415

	Operator:	ABC	ABC	ABC	ABC
	Service:	341	341	341	341
	Notes:	1	1	1	1
Haverhill, Crowlands Rd .....		1037	1137	1337	1437
Haverhill, Princes Way / Windsor Terrace.....		1039	1139	1339	1439
Haverhill, Chivers Road / Strawberry Fields ..		1043	1143	1343	1443
Haverhill, Haycock Drive / Notley Drive .....		1046	1146	1346	1446
Haverhill, Hanchett End, Sainsburys .....		1049	1149	1349	1449
Haverhill, Chapplewent Road .....		1051	1151	1351	1451
Withersfield, Nunns Comer, War Memorial ..		....	1154	....	1454
Great Thurlow, War Memorial.....		....	1159	....	1459
Little Thurlow, Church Road, Pound Green ..		....	1201	....	1501
Great Bradley, Matthews Lane .....		....	1205	....	1505
Cowlinge, Three Tuns PH.....		....	....	....	1511
Lidgate, Pond .....		....	....	....	1516
Wickhambrook, Thoms Corner .....		....	....	....	1521

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**INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS.** This is a brief guide, intended especially for newcomers to the villages, with information about the facilities and services available locally and some useful telephone numbers and addresses.

### **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](http://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](http://www.suffolkcc.gov.uk)

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

Thurlow Estate Office – Agent Iain Fleming 01440 783661,  
Assistant to Iain Fleming: John Frank 01440 783661

Chemists:

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

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### 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

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Haverhill 01440 702638

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Great Thurlow 109 Bury Road 11.15am –  
11.40am, Little Thurlow School 11.50am –  
12 noon and Lt. Thurlow Green 1  
Coronation Villas 12.45pm – 1.00pm

### Transport

#### Local Bus Service:

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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

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

Pub, The Cock (Little Thurlow): John and  
Christine Seaman 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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Rev. John Eley 01440 710216

Steve Diddums 01440 710225

First Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May		9.30 Kedington HC	11.00 Gt Bradley HC	11.00 Lt Thurlow SW	
Second Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May		9.30 Kedington SW	9.30 B'nardiston HC	11.00 Gt Thurlow HC	11.00 Gt.Wrattng SW
Third Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> . May			10.00 BENEFICE SERVICE Gt Wrattng		
ASCENSION DAY 21 <sup>st</sup> May	7.00 a.m. Kedington TOWER SERVICE & BREAKFAST				19.30 Kedington Holy Communion
Fourth Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	8.00 Kedington HC	9.30 Lt Bradley HC	11.00 Gt W'tting HC	11.00 Gt Thurlow SW	6.00 Kedington ES
31 <sup>st</sup> May			10.00 Lt Thurlow BENEFICE SERVICE		

**Dates for your diary:** Community Speedwatch Volunteers' Briefing 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm  
 Thurlow Fayre Committee Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> May  
 Little Thurlow Parish Council Annual Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm  
 Little Thurlow Annual Parish Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May. 8.15pm  
 Great Thurlow Parish Council Annual Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
 Great Thurlow Hall Garden Open Day 12<sup>th</sup> July

<i>All Saints Church PCC Draw Winner April – J. Hearn</i>
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**Thought for the month:** “What would men be without women? Scarce, sir, mighty scarce!”  
**Mark Twain**

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