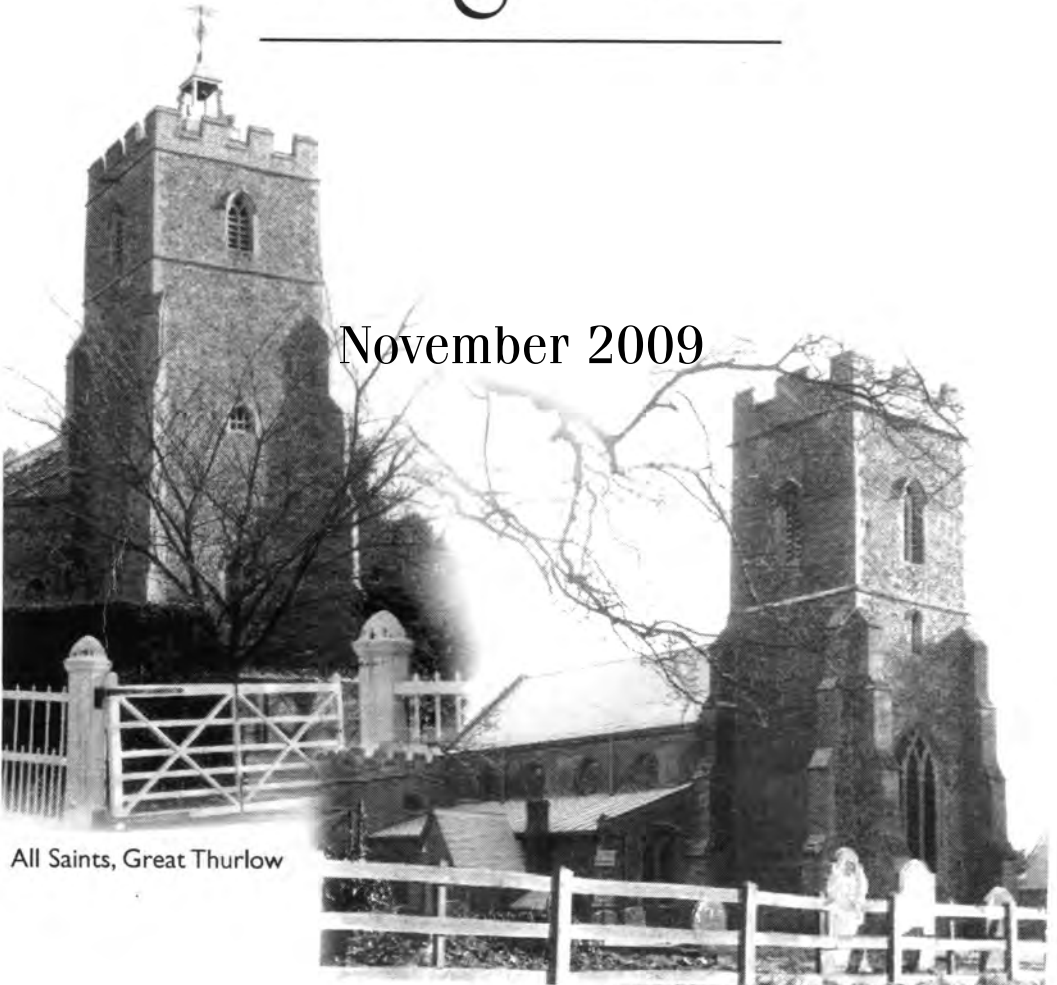


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November 2009



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**FROM THE RECTORY.** Celebrations for Harvest Festival have been a joy this year. Well done everyone who contributed culinary skills or by simply attending the Harvest Lunch, everyone agreed it was a joyous event and when 84 people sit down together and share in a common meal it does a lot for friendships as well. We also had in our thoughts our link Diocese of Kagera in Africa and we raised £522.10 for the school project there. The fund is administered by our Diocesan authorities closely in cooperation with those who receive them. The Benefice Harvest Service saw a large congregation at a wonderfully warm St Peter's Church in Little Thurlow and the singing echoed our praise and thanksgiving for the abundance of our Harvest. A donation from the collection is made to an agricultural charity.

"Greater love has no man, than that he should lay down his life for his friends!" Misquoted or not I am unsure but what I am sure is that we should never forget the sacrifice made by many for people who they have never known as we come to our Remembrance Sunday Service on 8<sup>th</sup> November at 10.50a.m. starting at the Memorial in Great Thurlow. The service will be led by our Lay reader Steve Diddams. What a shame we cannot bring the whole country to standstill just for two minutes, perhaps we are afraid to face up to the horror and reality of all that happened, for some it seems like only yesterday for others it is something old people talk about. We should remember with a solemn dignity in silence. That silence in turn may remind the Christian of that hymn which speaks of "*The silence of eternity, interpreted by love*". Yes, it's, "Dear Lord and Father of mankind forgive our foolish ways". We all need forgiveness, to be forgiven and to forgive. Where ever there is a conflict and by the very fact that our armed forces are involved, so too are we, so too is Christ. I don't know how many of us spend time looking at a picture or representation of the Crucifixion, it's not a comfortable thing to do, in fact I always feel a little destroyed by it especially when I see it along side a scene from the reality of war or any human suffering. It's all so destructive. For many years as a young man I wondered why this had to happen and still happens today. Eventually I began to comprehend what it meant

when we speak of Christ being there in the heart of the suffering. For with everyone who suffers, whether in war or any other trauma, there is Christ also. Damaged as we all are by these events and many physically so and scarred for the rest of their lives, there is the promise for those who look to Christ for a new life in the kingdom of heaven. In my own experience I am humbled by the number of people I have met who have been horribly affected by war and have retained, or in some cases come to, faith and there are others whose faith has been destroyed. We need that two minute silence for whatever reason for in the end it is our inhumanity which has disfigured God's creation and we need to remember it is Jesus Christ too who suffered and died and by power of a loving God opened the gate of glory to us all.

**John Eley. Rector**

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**MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT.** Once again we are grateful to everybody who took part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September at Great Bradley, including those who could not come but sent gifts or donations.

The total raised was £285, (more than last year!), and contributions made under Gift Aid will increase this amount further for the charity.

Thank you all very much.

**Arline and Geoffrey Vollam**

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## NATURE NOTE

This month's Nature Note comes from the Isles of Scilly, which I regularly visit each October for a week's walking and birdwatching. Scilly is a small place of big surprises. The island group lies some 30 miles off Lands End into the Atlantic and is the most south-westerly part of the UK. As the nights draw in here in the east Scilly gets about an extra 25 minutes of daylight each day because of its westerly position. It has a mild Mediterranean climate, is virtually frost free, and so has palm trees and subtropical flowers and gardens. The local specialities are the gorgeous blue agapanthus and pink nerines and belladonna lilies, which were all in bloom this week along with hottentot fig, sea spurrey, Bermuda buttercup and the strange daturas with their hanging trumpet flowers. This last week Scilly has also been enjoying a late Indian summer, with butterflies and swallows still on the wing and long hours of warm sunshine. All in all a week won back from winter.

The birds are always a surprise too. Wandering migrants end up here from every quarter of the globe and I saw a dowitcher from America (a sort of wading bird, rather like a godwit), rare yellow-browed warblers from Siberia, whooper swans from Iceland, rose-coloured starlings from Eastern Europe, and a cattle egret from the Mediterranean – all on the same tiny island. A couple of weeks earlier they had even had an albatross following one of their fishing boats in. The fisherman phoned a message through to Scilly Radio, who promptly broadcast the report and pretty soon practically the whole population of Scilly had crowded on to one of the headlands to look with amazement and delight at this huge bird gliding effortlessly over the waves with its 12 foot wing-span. The albatross must have been a vagrant from the southern oceans, literally the other side of the world, which shows what a small world it is for some birds. Of course, the birders these unusual species attract are almost as exotic as their quarry: they range from relatively 'normal' casual birdwatchers to the semi-professional hardcore twitchers who will risk life, limb, jobs and marriage for a new tick on their lists; you also get the occasional birding celebrity like Bill Oddie who goes there regularly on holiday. In fact, you never know quite who you are going to run into. Someone cheerfully hailed me near the quay one day and there in front of me were Andrew and Anna Dickson, who live all of fifteen yards away from us across the street here in Thurlow. A small world indeed!

**Jeremy Mynott**

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.** At **Little Thurlow Parish Council's October Meeting** Councillors were joined by PCSO Alex Foster and County Councillor Jane Midwood. It was noted that the Police were conducting speed checks at different locations throughout local villages. Thefts from outbuildings etc are still happening in the area and parishioners were reminded to ensure that their property is secure. Councillor Midwood confirmed her support of Thurlow Sports Club with a further donation from SCC's Locality Budget towards improved security at the Pavilion. The Parish Council will respond to the East of England 2031 Scenarios for Housing and Economic Growth before the November deadline. It was noted that St. Edmundsbury BC had granted permission for an extension at Gurton Barn. Cheques were approved for a donation to the British Legion Poppy Appeal and the Village Link magazine. Preliminary discussion took place on the Budget for 2010/2011 with the possibility of further funding for The Thurlows 2010 being considered. Chairman Jeremy Mynott is to resign in December. This will leave a vacancy for a Parish Councillor for which the required advertisements will be displayed in due course. More information is available from the Parish Clerk. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**M. Hawkins, Parish Clerk**

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### **THE VILLAGE SHOP AND POST OFFICE.**

The good news is from the end of November we can recharge **electricity keys** for Enron customers.

The **Christmas issue of stamps** will be on sale from 3<sup>rd</sup> November. We have a good range of Christmas Cards to go with the stamps, so please support your village shop.

Sadly Thurlow Estate are no longer able to supply our needs for **Christmas Trees** but we have sourced another supplier. However, we shall have to place a firm order with them in advance by the last week in November. Should you wish us to do the honours for you, be so kind as to place an order asap. We may have to ask for a small deposit. We have not had dealings with this supplier before and are not familiar with their terms of trading. We shall post an update in the next issue of the Link.

We can supply a wide variety of your **grocery and household needs** so give it a go. It is a service for our community which could be better used.

**Patricia Banks**

**Thurlow Estate Farms.** A day of steady rainfall provided a welcomed respite following the prolonged dry period. There has been only 89mm of rainfall since July compared to 130mm for the same period last year. Wheat drilling was temporarily halted during September/October as the ground was simply too dry to break the clods to a tilth. The oilseed rape has now emerged and is taking advantage of the moist seed bed. Once the plant takes hold, and with the optimum conditions, the growth rate of the plant is noticeable almost on a week by week basis. It is important that the plant establishes well before the winter to ensure maximum chances of survival against pressure from pigeons, rabbits and slugs. All the winter wheat and barley has been drilled and is beginning to emerge. The emerging plants will be treated with pre-emergence spray to protect against blackgrasses. Winter beans have been planted using two techniques. The first involves spreading the beans over the stubbles and ploughing over. The second method is the employment of a Claydon drill designed and built by E T Claydon & Sons of Wickhambrook, which drills the beans four inches deep directly into the stubble. The latter method is a trial and next years' harvest yields will be compared.

The cattle on the meadows at Great Thurlow are enjoying their last few weeks before being housed at Church Farm and Hall Farm for the winter. The cattle will be bedded on the straw baled from the recent harvest and fed on the silage baled during the summer. Additional feed supplements are also incorporated into their diet.

All three farms are taking advantage of the ditching window which runs from 15 September to 31 January annually as regulated by European Law to ensure the habitats of wildlife are not disturbed during the breeding season.

The first 300 tonnes of wheat has been sold and left the new grainstore.

**Thurlow Woodlands.** The last of this year's thinning in the woods near Balsham is almost complete. Efforts will now focus on processing the firewood and stockpiling for next year. The first English Woodland Grant Scheme (EWGS) contract has been agreed with the Forestry Commission for a thinning in an ancient woodland north of Haverhill. To ensure minimal damage to the woodland and disturbance to the habitats, work will commence in March next year. In order to achieve maximum benefit of the EWGS, Thurlow Estate's woodlands will become certified under the UK Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS). The UKWAS sets out the requirements which woodland owners and managers and certification authorities can use to certify woodland management in the United Kingdom. It has been designed to ensure that it reflects the

requirements of the Government's UK Forestry Standard and through this the guidelines adopted by European Forestry Ministers at Helsinki in 1993 and Lisbon in 1998.

**Thurlow Estate Management Limited.** Tim Barling is settling into his role as Resident Agent. Tim joins the Estate from Smiths Gore, Preston.

The refurbishment work at properties in Ashdon and Shudy Camps is complete and the properties let. Redecoration and re-carpeting work is underway at properties in Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow and Carlton.

**Thurlow Hunt.** The Opening Meet will be held at the usual location in early November. The annual Thurlow Ride was held on 26<sup>th</sup> September which saw over 160 participants trekking across a designated route on the Estate. Sadly the number was down on previous years due to the hard ground conditions. The Hunter Trials were held at Horseheath Racecourse on 26<sup>th</sup> October with over 100 entries.

**Thurlow Shoot.** Following a change of personnel in the game-keeping team, the decision was made to relocate the rearing field from Brickey Field, Great Thurlow. The new field is adjacent to the Headkeeper's property and was drilled last week.

The game-keepers have worked hard to keep the wandering pheasant chicks in their respective beats and the shooting season commences in November.

**Essex and Suffolk Water Pipeline – Archaeological Surveys.** Birmingham Archaeology under the instruction of Essex and Suffolk Water, have commenced trench excavations along the route of the proposed pipeline as part of the planning permission. The trenches cross the Estate from Broad Road, Little Thurlow Green to the north, running through to the A143 at Wash Farm, Great Wrattling. The trenches are 50meters in length and up to 200mm deep.

**Horseheath Racecourse – 2009 Point-to-Point Meetings.** Cambridgeshire with Enfield Chase Hunt - 30<sup>th</sup> January – First race at 12noon. Thurlow Hunt – 27<sup>th</sup> February – First race at 1.00pm. Puckeridge Hunt – 10<sup>th</sup> April – First Race at 1.00pm (Pony Racing); 2.00pm (Point-to-Point).

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## **BANGS, BANGERS AND BONFIRE**

**Firework Party on the Recreation Ground**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2009, 6.30 for 7.00pm**

**£2 for adults, 50p for children**

**Raffle, bar and barbecue**

**(NOTE no fireworks or sparklers to be brought)**

**RAF WRATTING COMMON.** There will be a Service at 12 noon on Sunday 8th November 2009 to be held at the memorial stone at RAF Wrattling Common. We will be remembering ALL who have lost their lives in the Services and in particular the 260 whose names are inscribed in the Book of Remembrance for RAF Wrattling Common, they served with XC Squadron, 1651 Heavy Conversion Unit and 195 Squadron. We look forward to seeing some of the Veterans who served at Wrattling Common. Cadets from 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron of the Air Training Corps will parade. The Memorial is situated at Weston Woods Farm, Weston Colville and all are very welcome to attend.

**Suzanne Langford**

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The **POPPY APPEAL** runs from 24th October until Remembrance Sunday on 8th November. House to House Collections will be carried out in the Bradleys and Thurlows. Poppies will also be available from the Cock, Thurlow Stores, Thurlow School and the Estate Office. The Royal British Legion provides financial, social and emotional support to millions who have served, or are currently serving in the Armed Forces and their dependants. Nearly 9.5 million are eligible for help. Founded in 1921, the Legion is not just about those who fought in the two World Wars of the last century, but also about those involved in the many conflicts since 1945, and those still fighting for the freedom we enjoy today. This year, as always, British troops have been posted to the forefront of some of the world's most dangerous trouble spots - with Afghanistan grabbing most of the headlines.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY- YOUR HELP IS MUCH NEEDED AND  
MUCH APPRECIATED

**Sam Sheppard**

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**W I.** At the October meeting President Jill Steele welcomed members to the meeting and gave notice of future events including a Ghostly Walk and Supper around Bury St Edmunds on the 30th October, the yearly resolution meeting at Park Farm on the 23rd November and the Autumn Council meeting at Culford School which seven members are attending with Thurlow taking part in three competitions, two individual and one joint effort all based on a Scottish theme. Seven members are going to the Yuletide Fun Evening at Wickhambrook and two members will join in with the Federation Lunch at Lavenham. Jill congratulated Arline Vollam on holding a coffee morning raising £285 for the Macmillan Fund and Olive Jeffrey for the excellent cake made for the Group Meeting Competition. She also presented wine for the two Bills in recognition of their sterling service at the Fayre.

The members who had been on the York and Harrogate trip told of their busy time there visiting the Minster and Museum and Betty's Tearooms in Harrogate where they were treated to special tea, coffee and cakes. A trip on the river and, for some, a Ghost Walk around York, a tour on an open top bus and a visit to some nearby gardens completed the well organised event.

Shirley's [One Stitch] had all members busy stitching away making felt brooches with lots of laughter as they were instructed by Shirley to cut stitch and decorate. Shirley's own work was on show for all to admire. Then it was tea and enjoying Olive's cake which, although not the winning entry, got the thumbs up from us.

Raffle winners were Anne Patient, Jill Steele and Iris Eley. Next month it is the AGM on 10th November in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

**Iris Eley**

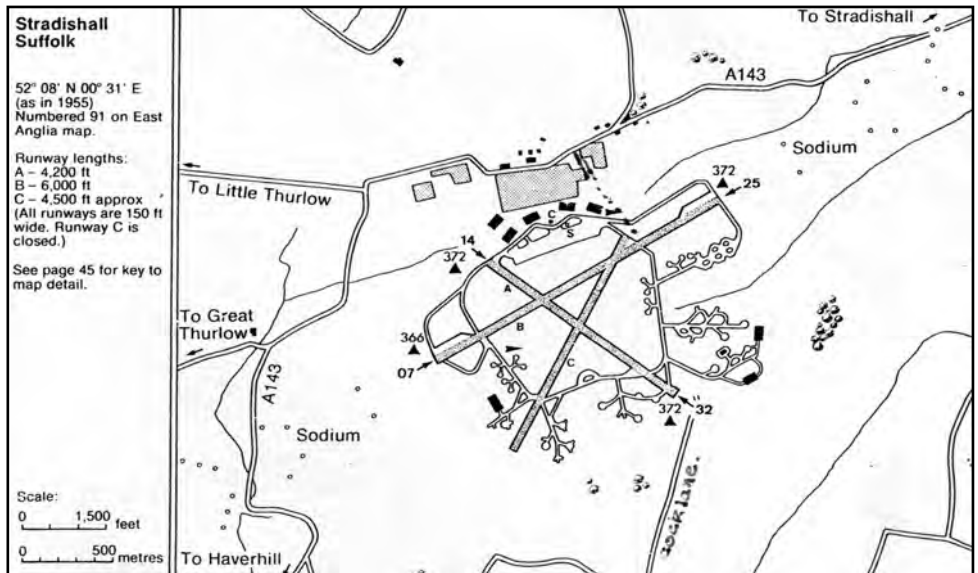
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**THURLOW FAYRE.** Eight committee members met on the 14th October to discuss this year's event and to share out the money raised. Treasurer Allan Loveday thanked all for their hard work on the day and said that he hoped more help would be forthcoming next year. Sponsorship was down this year but because of the hastily arranged cake sale last year the Fun Day in October and the Firework event, there was still £5000 to be shared out. The committee decided that this would be linked to the help given on the day by the organisations hoping to receive donations from the Fayre.

Thurlow Pre-School and Haverhil Adult Weekday Club will each receive £503, this a joint decision with Barclays Bank who match the profits from the bottle stall. All Saints' Church Great Thurlow and St. Peter's Church Little Thurlow each receive £650, Thurlow WI £400, Thurlow Sports Club £375, Thurlow School and Thurlow Village Hall £300 each, Thurlow Youth Football Club £350, Thurlow Cricket Club, Bowls Club, Haverhill AT and St. John Ambulance each receive £150, Thurlow Village Link and Suffolk Specials get £100 and Fire Brigade £75. Thurlow Woodcraft and Lt Bradley Church will each receive £50. Presentation of cheques will take place at the next event held in the Village Hall. Next year the Fayre will take place on the 5th September, the Sheepdog Display is already booked.

The next event in the Village will be the Fireworks and Barbecue on the Recreation Ground on the 7th November.

**Iris Eley**



**RAF STRADISHALL WWII**, cont... We all travel the road to Bury St. Edmunds and pass the remains of old Strad surrounded by link and razor toothed wire. The map shows the airfield layout. The hangars, the black rectangles, have gone but an example of the type remains as agricultural storage close by the road to Balsham from Withersfield. I have pencilled in the narrow lane from the A143 which went down to the main gate and guard room. The continuation leading on to Cocks Lane, blanked off, became integral with the Peri track; it would join up with the old Cock Lane to the south. It remains cut off. The airfield site chosen was in open country without any obstructions to flying. Work started on it in 1935 and when it opened in February 1938 Stradishall was one of the jewels in Bomber Command's crown. It was one of the first pre war RAF Stations to be supplied with concrete runways. As of 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939, the outbreak of war, it was under care and maintenance. It became active two months later when two new fighter Squadrons formed up there. They were 236 Sqn and 254 equipped with Bristol Blenheims type If. Both Squadrons moved south into 10 group. Strad was in 3 group. The beginning of February 1940 saw the arrival of 214 Sqn which was destined to make its permanent home for the rest of the war. It was adopted by the Malay States Federation during 1941. The squadron was first formed in July 1917 in the days of the Royal Flying Corps, as a heavy night bomber unit. It was disbanded under post war cuts. It was reformed in 1935 and equipped with Vickers Wellington bombers type IA. This aircraft's fuselage had a geodetic frame which was designed by Dr. Barnes

Wallis. Covered with canvas and painted it was very light and as it turned out very durable

against fighter attack and the ravages of damage by flak. Its structure was one of great strength, contributing to a high survival rate.

The first Station Commander was Group Capt J.H. Herring DSO, MC. He was decorated as a pilot and later leading a Sqn of the RFC in the first WW. His tour of duty was from February 1938 to September 1939. The next five months it until February 1940 when Group Capt R.T. Leather AFC had a very short tour to April 1940. He was followed by Group Capt. S. Harris DFC, AFC whose tour was foreshortened to the end of December but that's another story.

The airfield was mainly devoted to air crew training for 3 Group until the arrival of 214 Sqn with its dear old 'Wimpys'. Initially in pairs they were sent on fire raising missions in the Black Forest and during the late summer setting fire to crops at harvest time. These hare-brained schemes were part of pre war Air Plans, now recognised as being a complete waste of time and resources. Once realised they settled down to a regular pattern of operations, attacking power stations, railway marshalling yards and airfields. An operation coded Abigail Rachel was mounted by 3 Group Squadrons on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> December 1940. This was in retaliation for the Boche heavy raids on Coventry and Southampton. The target was Mannheim. The Wellingtons of 214 dropped incendiaries to illuminate the target for those following up. Unfortunately, despite clear skies and moonlight the navigation was poor in these early days. The fires started were scattered and the bombing in consequence was ineffective. 1940-41 saw 214 Sqn go through various developments with different aircraft, Vickers Wellingtons, Short Stirlings and finally Avro Lancasters. **Monty Banks**

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**PETER AND RUTH LLOYD TRUST** –This trust was set up to aid young people going to University for the first time. Students from the parishes of Carlton, Great and Little Thurlow, West Wickham, West Wrating, Weston Colville and Withersfield are eligible to apply for consideration. One award amounting to approximately £800 will be made each year towards a degree course from one of the following: Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Medicine, Science and Veterinary Medicine. Applications are now open for the 2009/2010 academic year. Full details and Application Forms may be obtained from [peterandruthlloydtrust@fsmail.net](mailto:peterandruthlloydtrust@fsmail.net).

**POLICE REPORT.** We have a new Community Support Officer working from Clare Police Station. David Matchett has joined the Bury Rural South Team covering the villages Clare, Cavendish, Denston, Poslingford, Stansfield, Hawkedon and Brockley. David previously served for 25 years with the Ministry of Defence Police working in CID at various locations around the country. After a few years working outside the police service David is enjoying working with our Safer Neighbourhood Team concentrating on community issues.

Speeding is one of our priorities for this month and we continue to conduct checks at different locations throughout our villages. Speeding is a form of Anti Social Behaviour as it directly affects the lives of local residents. Please show consideration and ensure you keep to the speed limit when driving through the villages in order to keep our area as safe as possible.

There continues to be thefts from outbuildings, sheds and barns. Please record serial numbers of all power tools and other movable items. If there is no serial number please mark the item with your post-code followed by your house name or number. There is nothing worse than having to return items believed to be stolen to an offender, when there is nothing to identify the owner.

There have been a number of arrests for offences within our villages this month:

One 16 year old reprimanded for criminal damage in Clare

One male arrested and on police bail for assault in Clare

One male arrested and charged with drink drive and assault in Clare

Two 16 year olds arrested and on police bail for Public Order offences in Clare

One male arrested and cautioned for assault in Kedington

One male cautioned for drug possession in Stradishall

One male arrested and on police bail for theft from and theft of motor vehicles in Thurlow

Three men arrested for attempt theft from a motor vehicle and drug possession in Clare; they are currently in custody as I write this.

Halloween is upon us again with the challenges that brings. If your children are out and about "Trick or Treating" please ensure they are not armed with eggs and flour. Throwing things at buildings could potentially lead to damage and subsequent criminal proceedings. The mobile police station will be on the Market Hill at Clare during the evening on 31<sup>st</sup> October to engage with the older "Trick and Treaters".

There is a poster you can display in your window stating you do not want callers. Please contact us if you would like a poster.

**The Police non emergency number is 01284 774100. Please dial 999 if immediate response is needed.**

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team is:

Sgt Kevin Horton 566

PC Trish Sinclair 18

PCSO Debs Carroll-Beer 3141

PC Ruth Horton 704

PCSO Alex Foster 3140

PCSO David Matchett 3

**CALLER WARNING** - Police continue to urge residents never to give out personal information, particularly bank details, following reports that more Suffolk residents have fallen victim to a scam phone call from a man claiming to work for a telephone company. In each case the victims have been contacted by a man who claimed to work for BT and who has managed to get card details by saying that there was an outstanding phone bill and that the phone would be cut off if immediate payment wasn't made. All of the calls have followed a similar pattern and in one case several withdrawals had been made on a card before it was cancelled. In each case the caller had asked for key personal information including date of birth as well as card details. Police are urging residents never to give this information out over the phone. Genuine companies will not call and ask for this information or demand that you pay a bill in this manner. Never give out any personal details, particularly password information, card details or information that could be used to access your bank accounts. Don't give information but try to take the name of the caller and the company they claim to work for. Then find a number for the company from a previous bill or bank statement or the phone book and call that number to check if they are genuine. Even then you should not give out any personal information unless you are happy to do this. Please be alert when dealing with an unsolicited call, whether they are in person or on the phone and never give out any information if you suspect they are not who they claim to be.

**POLICE DIRECT SUFFOLK**

**Make a note of the date of this year's CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT GREAT THURLOW CHURCH - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. Tickets will be £10 each, with under 16s free and will be available from Jane Sheppard on 783209 or Thurlow Stores. Mulled wine and 'eats' will be served at Great Thurlow Barn after the Concert.**

**Jane Sheppard**

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## **QUIZ NIGHT**

**In aid of Village Hall Funds**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

**at**

**Thurlow Village Hall  
7.00pm for 7.30pm start**

**£6.00 (to include light supper)**

**Teams of 8 maximum**

**Donations of Raffle Prizes welcome**

**AUTUMN – the perfect time to plant trees.** If you have considered planting a tree or hedge in your garden, autumn is the perfect time to do it. Planting a tree will not only leave a legacy for generations to come, but will provide a valuable habitat for a range of wildlife. Here are a few tips about tree planting: The best time to plant your tree or shrub is between November and March, when they are between leaf fall and bud-burst. The soil will be warm after the summer and damp from autumn rain, which gives young trees a good chance to establish their roots. Avoid planting your trees in very cold or windy weather. Never plant in soil that is frozen or water-logged and never let the roots dry out before planting. Native species are best for wildlife but it is always a good idea to check your local hedges to see what grows naturally before choosing your species. If planting a hedge, remember to choose a mix of species where possible to maximise its benefit to wildlife. Species such as hawthorn, bramble, blackthorn, field maple, guelder rose and ivy are particularly valuable in providing flowers and berries for insects and birds. If you have a small garden, plant a species such as hawthorn, holly, crab apple or hazel. These can be kept relatively small, even when mature. Tall trees are a feature of many hedges. If you have the space to plant a long stretch of hedge, you should consider planting trees such as oak or ash at intervals along it. Prickly species such as hawthorn, blackthorn and holly also provide a good boundary against intruders. You may be tempted to buy large trees and shrubs to create an instant effect, but they will be slow to grow. Small trees or ‘whips’ will have more chance of survival and grow more quickly – and cost less.

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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: 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 11.00 – 11.10am,  
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:**

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

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

**Stourhead Benefice Monthly Service Rota November 2009**

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1 <sup>st</sup> November		9.30 Kedington FC	11.00 Little Thurlow SW	11.00 Great Bradley HC	
8 <sup>th</sup> November		9.30 Barnardiston HC	10.50 Kedington Remembrance Sunday	10.50 Great Thurlow Remembrance Sunday	
15 <sup>th</sup> November			10.00 Great Thurlow Benefice Service		
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	8.00 Kedington HC	9.30 Little Bradley Harvest Communion	11.00 Great Thurlow SW	11.00 Great Wrattling Harvest Communion	6.00 Kedington Evensong
29 <sup>th</sup> November			10.00 Great Thurlow Benefice Advent Service		6.00 Kedington Advent Carol Service

[john.eley@btopenworld.com](mailto:john.eley@btopenworld.com)**GREAT THURLOW PCC DRAW CLUB – October winner – J. Hearn**

**Dates for your diary:** Great Thurlow Parish Council meeting 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
 Little Thurlow Parish Council meeting 17<sup>th</sup> November 2009

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

**Thought for the month** – There are two ways to spread happiness; either be the light who shines it or be the mirror who reflects it.  
**Edith Wharton**

The Little Thurlow website is [www.littlethurlow.org](http://www.littlethurlow.org)