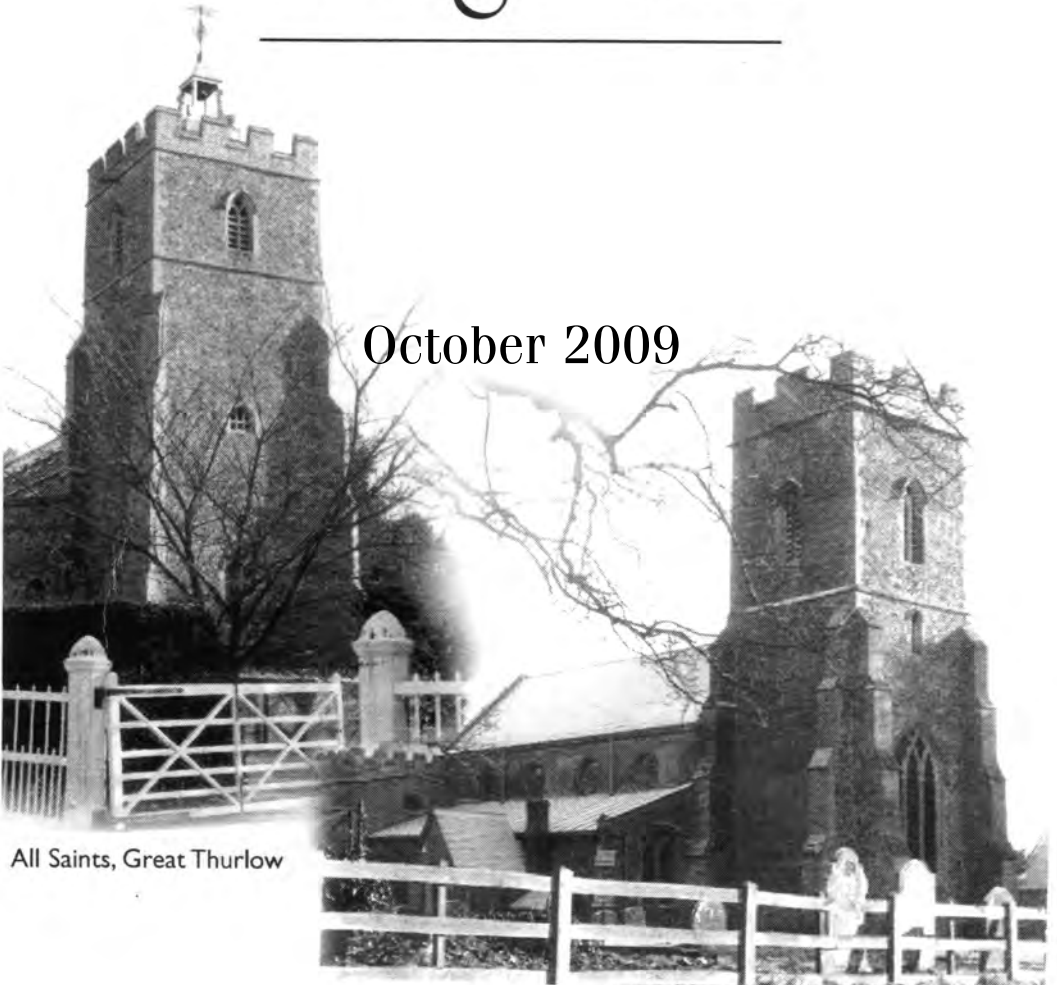

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FROM THE RECTORY.

The Epistle of James Chapter 4 v 8 – *“Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”* When Steve Diddams read the Epistle at Little Bradley Church on Sunday 20th. September, the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity I could not but help give a joyous smile and thought, *“Oh how true, how true!!”* It’s a pity we don’t spend more time looking at the *“Pastoral Epistles”* as some of the smaller books in the New Testament have become known. Previously the writer of James has been warning us about two different kinds of *“wisdom”* and asks the question *“Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your work are done with gentleness born of wisdom.”* He warns against bitterness, envy and self ambition, such wisdom he describes as *“earthly, unspiritual, devilish.”* A wisdom from above is *“first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and gentle fruits ...”* he goes on *“a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.”*

We may often look at the older generation and certain individuals as *“old and wise”*, we see them as having the greater experience of life that has in some ways honed them into being what they appear to be. Some people approach being older learning from the experiences of their life others never seem to be able to cross that threshold in obtaining that greater wisdom. How often, I wonder, do we all say from time to time, *“If only I knew then what I know now”* or when considering the apparent follies of younger generations *“you can’t put old heads on young shoulders”*. Neither of these statements means that we must remain passive and simply let them get on with it.

The truth is we all learn and grow and are affected in so many ways by the world as we experience it. We reap a harvest of experiences and the analysis of it all comes down to our own personal choices and culpability. As Christians we work not only at worship of God but also of serving others. Christ is our example and in his life we have hope to reap the harvest of eternal life as we work out what it means to be a Christian and it does mean doing things differently and sacrifice. The Pastoral Epistles have a lot to teach us about working out our life in the Christian way. Some decent *“farming”* of our lives is needed. A farmer simply cannot let the soil rest and do nothing hoping that the right sort of crops will grow from the soil, that the wrong sort of weeds will be dealt with by nature, he actually has to do something about it. He made an effort and works at his trade using the experience of previous generations and modern techniques and with God’s help a Harvest is gathered in. We are at the time of year when we are going to celebrate our Harvest Festivals, very important events, not only for the countryside, but for the whole world. We will give thanks and worship God, with a lot of self interest involved! But let’s extend that self interest to thinking about ourselves and how we plough the furrows of life for our place in the kingdom of heaven. **John Eley, Rector**

NATURE NOTE

There have been some lively discussions in the village just recently about whether the Thurlows should be regarded as one village or two. This is a natural history column not a political one, but it made me start thinking about how the wildlife perceives it. From their point of view, of course, our tribal boundaries mean nothing at all and when the birds fly over the Village Hall (in either direction) they are quite unaware that they are heading into ‘Injun territory’. In another sense, though, they divide the world up into more parts than we do and recognize at least five or six different ‘villages’, though none of them identical with either Great or Little ThurLOW. The first wildlife village is the river and its surrounding vegetation, which form a sort of corridor through both Thurlows; water is the stuff of life and this nurtures many of the different species of plants and birds we enjoy here, including of course our charismatic kingfishers (which I’ve been seeing more often recently, I’m glad to say). Second would be the woodlands, which are fortunately mixed woodlands here and so support a very good diversity of birds, butterflies, flowers and local populations of fox, badger (more than you think) and muntjac (ditto). Then there are all our gardens, which are a tremendously rich habitat, especially if you have a good number of flowering plants and bushes, maintain a pond of some sort and put out food for birds. The surrounding fields, both arable and pasture, are yet another ‘village’ for birds like meadow pipits, lapwings and golden plover in winter, and skylarks, rooks and the teeming wood pigeons all the year round; while the mature hedges, which we are lucky to have – thanks to enlightened Estate policies, are themselves important wildlife corridors through the fields and support important populations of yellowhammers, finches, whitethroats and other warblers. There are also specific hotspots which have their own residents and visitors: the lake at Great ThurLOW (tufted duck, coot, moorhen, and often cormorant and heron), the Water Treatment Plant (to use the preferred euphemism) at Little ThurLOW (which is home to pied and grey wagtails, who thrive on the abundant insect supply) and the farmyards (very important for our house sparrows, which have mysteriously become a somewhat threatened species nationally).

Each of these habitats has its own borders and territories. What’s more these are three-dimensional territories since they extend upwards as well as sideways. Different birds use different air corridors just as planes do: for example, swallows generally feed close to the ground, skimming over fields, especially those with horses in them, to catch the larger flies and insects; house martins hunt smaller insects further aloft, and swifts go higher still, feeding on a sort of aerial plankton which they Hoover up as they fly. And with all these different territories you do of course get border disputes, quite as fierce as any in the human world.

Jeremy Mynott

Thurlow Estate Farms. Following the wet July, a prolonged dry period during August enabled the harvest to wrap up on 28th August. Generally, first wheats and spring beans yielded well. Second wheats and winter beans weren't so strong. Barley and oilseed rape yielded as expected.

Unfortunately the dry conditions have continued throughout September creating cultivation and growth difficulties. The land ploughed after harvest has now dried creating large clods of hardened earth. In order to provide a sound seedbed this land requires an additional two passes of the disc harrows thus increasing input costs.

The oilseed rape has been drilled and emerged. The emerging plants are beginning to look stressed due to the lack of soil moisture content. It is important that the oilseed rape gets away to a sufficient height to reduce the impact of pigeon grazing during the winter months.

Approximately 60% of the winter wheat has been drilled. Seed is currently being drilled into a dry seedbed which slows the germination rate. Drilling winter barley is critical, the barley needs to be drilled by the end of September. Wheat drilling will temporarily make way for the barley during the week commencing 21st September.

The new grainstore currently holds in the region of 20,000 tonnes of wheat and 600 tonnes of beans. Approximately 50% of the grain has been sold and the remaining grain is sold at roughly 5 weekly intervals until the following April. The grain market is very volatile with prices changing hourly depending on the global market. Monitoring the market is critical to ensure the grain is sold achieving the optimum price.

Thurlow Woodlands. Thinning in the final compartment of woodland near Balsham is nearing completion. A further Felling Licence has recently been approved by the Forestry Commission to extend one of the original thinnings. The thinning works in these particular woods are necessary to reduce the overpopulated beech and sycamores, and to allow light to reach the woodland floor and encourage flora growth and habitat creation.

Due to increased demand Thurlow Woodlands have increased firewood deliveries to four days a week.

Thurlow Estate Management Limited. Redecoration and re-carpeting in 157 Sowley Green is now complete ready for the new gamekeeper and his family.

External contractors are refurbishing properties in Ashdon and Shudy Camps. Pre-lets have been agreed on both these properties providing a degree of optimism that the lettings market is improving. With signs of an improving property market 'TO LET' boards have been erected to promote the Estate cottages. Sadly after only a week one of the signs has been defaced!

Thurlow Shoot. At this time of the year the gamekeepers spend a significant proportion of their time 'dogging-in' to push the wandering pheasants back towards the woods and game covers. In addition to this, regular feeding and watering and vermin control continues.

Thurlow Hunt. The Thurlow Hunt Terrier and Lurcher Show and Family Dog Show was very well attended on 13th September. Dogs and bitches of all ages and of varying breeds battled it out in the different classes.

THURLOW FAYRE. The Fayre was blessed with a perfect afternoon to make up for last years washout. In the Main Ring over 1,500 visitors were treated to the colourful Suffolk School of Samba, who enthralled the crowd with their hip swinging, drum beating form of dance and music and in contrast the Wagtail Dog Agilty Team performed a series of well rehearsed routines. Children from the village primary school also gave a display of country dancing. Saffron Walden Swing Band played to those taking refreshment at the Tea Tent which was manned by Thurlow W.I, whilst children were kept amused by Doc Spinoff and his circus entertainment and they could also visit the Reptile Tent, have their face painted, go on the Bouncy Castle and have rides on Go Karts and trikes for toddlers.

There was a Fun Dog Show with 16 classes and best in show was awarded to Richard Price and his red setter Rio. The History Tent with its old photos and history of the village again proved popular, whilst in the Village Produce Show the shield for overall winner went to James Woricker. The Scarecrow Competition was won by Sabrina Potter and winner of £150 first prize in the Grand Draw was Jan Barwell.

The Committee is grateful to all those from the village who bought draw tickets, donated bottles and visited the Fayre on the day and also Thurlow Estate for their continued support. It is hoped that £5,000 will be distributed between the churches, clubs and village organisations in Thurlow and £1,000 raised on the Bottle Stall will be matched by the Barclays Community Scheme with the beneficiaries being HAWK (Haverhill Adult Weekly Club) and Thurlow & Bradley Pre-school to help their new building which is currently under construction.

Allan Loveday

THURLOW BONFIRE NIGHT. This will be held at the Recreation Ground on Saturday 7th November 2009 6.30 for 7.00pm start. Please note that now that fencing has been erected inside the Recreation Ground there is no direct access to the bonfire site. If you have any wood, please contact Chris Field on 01440 783697 or 07713 472986 and he will arrange for its collection in the village or for the gate to be opened in the days prior to Bonfire Night.

Allan Loveday

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THE COCK, LITTLE THURLOW. Yes, we have taken a long lease on **The Cock!** It will be managed by my daughter Janie and son-in-law Giles Reardon Smith and will be run as a traditional village pub open to all. Giles has much experience in the management of wine bars and restaurants and Janie has cooked professionally. With their children, Sophie and Jack, they will live in the Pub. Giles & Janie very strongly believe the area needs an operation with an expanded “value for money” food and drink base with local links being fully exploited and with more use being made of the excellent garden area at the back of the property.

The Darts Team will continue to use The Cock as its home base on a Tuesday in the winter months.

The Cock has a large bar area, a dining room/restaurant which can seat 56 and a separate private dining area. Proposals include a realistically priced bar food menu, an excellent selection of keenly priced wines, beers and other beverages, a restaurant which will offer a very high quality menu featuring local produce wherever possible, in addition to a more sophisticated brasserie selection. Special events will be held such as wine and beer tasting and themed evenings with specific food and wine offers. Other proposals include both Terrestrial and Satellite TV sporting coverage and Broadband Services for customers. Local village associations will be encouraged to use The Cock for their meetings and other functions.

The Pub will be closed for refurbishment work from 21st September and will reopen on Saturday 31st October “Halloween”. Exciting times ahead so all are very welcome when The Cock reopens.

Charles Rowe

CHILDRENS’ SOCIETY. Many thanks to all Box Holders for the £173.67p raised this year. I have now resigned, so thank you all for your support over many years. Rosemary Allcock will be collecting next year.

Jean Lansdell

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GREAT THURLOW. The annual Church Cycle Ride took place on Saturday 12th September. Denis Valenti, Patricia Banks and I manned the Church from 9am – 6pm. Now we would like sponsors to come forward to enable us to raise some cash for the Church. I have left a sponsor form with Patricia at The Shop and hope some of Great Thurlow residents will kindly leave a donation. Thank you.

Margaret Ince, Hon. Church Secretary

LETTER FROM FRANCE. Both July and August have been extremely hot months, the lowest temperature being about 26degrees and the highest on more than one occasion hitting 38. I find this really uncomfortable. The heat builds up after midday. Fortunately ours is a stone house; by closing all the windows, curtains and shutters, leaving all interior doors open, we get a through draft so we are just able to bear it all. Well, on to more interesting matters. At Vitrezay on the Gironde, they have started doing cruises on the river. We did a trip to Pauillac in the Medoc on the opposite side of the river. On our way down, Len was delighted to see berthed the huge transport ship constructed to carry Airbus 787 parts destined for assembly at Toulouse, a very smart ship with Airbus 787 written in blue, white and red across the sides. The whole trip was excellent value at 17 euros as we were also taken by bus to a wine chateau where we were treated to tasters.

In late July and early August we made a journey to visit my sister in Surrey and because sixteen friends of the family had invaded La Roudrie on our return we escaped to the O'Neils in the Limousin. I know that I've mentioned this region before and make no excuses. It is a truly beautiful area. The cattle are lovely, such a soft tan colour and pretty faces. Bill O'Neill says I'm mad! Those who remember him will understand that comment. This trip we ventured into the Correze region, the Medieval villages are an absolute delight and one we visited, Segur le Chateau, holds a farmers' market every Monday night during July and August with stalls and music. You can choose your food from salads or cooked on a barbecue, choose your tittle and seat yourself at the long tables. It gets packed but it is great fun. Maybe more about this region in a later letter.

Len & Sylvia Robinso

DEDHAM VALE AONB & STOUR VALLEY PROJECT – Constable Celebration, Sunday 11th October, 10am to 12.30pm. 200 years since the painting of Fen Lane we take a closer look, with a National Trust guide, at how some of the painters' landscape features have changed, or not!
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LACKFORD LAKES IN OCTOBER - 3rd, Naturally Art Workshop for 5-10 year olds. 18th Watch Club 'Tree-mendous trees' – wildlife activities for 6-12 year olds. 27th Night Explorers for 4-7 year olds. 28th Young Wardens for 10-15 year olds, 29th Night Walk for 8-12 year olds, 30th Woodland Adventure – Family Afternoon.

PETER & RUTH LLOYD TRUST. The above Trust was set up in memory of Peter and Ruth Lloyd who both met and served at the wartime airfield of RAF Wrattling Common. Due to their love of the Wrattling Common area and the many friends that they made over the years, their surviving children decided to set up the Trust to aid young people going to University for the first time. Students from the parishes of **Carlton, Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow, West Wickham, West Wrattling, Weston Colville and Withersfield** are eligible to apply for consideration.

The Trust has now made its first award of £800 to Chloe Westley of Weston Colville who will be reading Chemistry, Biological and Medicinal Chemistry at York University. Applications are now open for the 2009/2010 academic year. Full details and Application Forms may be obtained from peterandruthlloydtrust@fsmail.net.

W.I. Members were in charge of the September meeting. Janice Klimcke acted as President and Diana Allin was secretary. Janice welcomed all present and thanked all those who manned the tea tent at the Thurlow Fayre when a record amount of money was taken. Special thanks was due to our two honorary members the two Bills who worked tirelessly throughout the day. Notice was given of a fun Quiz at Risby and the Festive Lunches that will be held at Lavenham this year. Arrangements were made for the Group meeting at Steeple Bumpstead which seven members will attend. Members will once again make up the boxes for Operation Christmas Child. There was no speaker so most of the evening was taken up discussing the Fayre.

Member Arline Vollam will hold a Coffee Morning on the 25th September for Macmillan funds. Winners this month were Anne Roberts and Ann Tipper.

Next month [One Stitch] 13th October, Village Hall, 7.30 pm.

Iris Eley

GREAT THURLOW BRIDGE requires strengthening. As the bridge is a listed building the appearance of the bridge is to be maintained. We plan to replace the existing bridge fill with reinforced concrete. The works are programmed to begin on the 21st September and last for 8 weeks. We will undertake repairs to the ford for the first 2 weeks while the bridge remains open. We will then open the ford and begin works on the bridge. Bury road will be closed at the bridge for approximately 6 weeks to facilitate the works. We will put a signed diversion route in place and access through the site for pedestrians and cyclists will be provided.

Suffolk County Council

RURAL CRIME IN GREAT THURLOW. Arrested by Sup. Roberts, Clare. Allen Carter, Gt. Thurlow, Labourer, age 37, 5'4", fresh complexion, light brown hair, grey eyes, good state of health. Place of birth Gt. Wrattling. Father – James Carter, Labourer, Barnardiston. Married – 6 children, eldest 16, youngest 8. Offence – stealing three and a half bushels of beans at Gt. Thurlow, property of Samuel Henes, Gt. Thurlow. Magistrate Rev. N. Mayd & Rev. S. Jenner 6th May 1872. Incarcerated 1 month hard labour. Time will expire 5th June 1872. **FROM THE RECEIVING BOOK AT BURY GAOL 11TH MAY 1872.**

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS. *A joint Gt. & Lt. Thurlow PC meeting* was held on 15th September with some 50 people in attendance. Updates were received on the Community Speedwatch Scheme which is now up and running, the changes to the fencing at the Sports Field which both Parish Councils have supported financially and the car parking area and re-siting of the swings on the Sports Field for which grants are being sought. It was noted that SCC had repainted the yellow lines outside the School as requested, but that cars were still parking there. It was felt that more Police presence was needed at this dangerous site. Notification had been received of the closure of the bridge at Great Thurlow for approximately eight weeks to enable strengthening work to be carried out. It was also noted that Allan Loveday had been short listed for Suffolk ACRE's Community Initiatives Awards. There was a general discussion of the new strategic report on the Local Development Framework and both Parish Councils were urged by representatives of the LT Pressure Group to oppose the villages being categorised as a 'Service Centre', which would allow more development in each village than would the former status of 'Infill Villages'. The date of the next Joint Meeting is 20th January 2010.

At Little Thurlow Parish Council's September meeting it was noted that Councillors had no objection to the erection of an extension at Gurton Barn. There were no objections to the proposed extension to Thurlow School, but Councillors were concerned about the effect on traffic in that area. It was agreed that Councillors should reiterate their concerns that the proposed extension of the school would exacerbate this. Councillors had all seen St. Edmundsbury BC's Local Development Framework proposals and agreed that the Parish Council should again respond to St. Edmundsbury BC by arguing, amongst other things, that the two Parishes were separately constituted and should not be treated as a unit for the purposes of their strategic review. A copy of the Parish Council's full response will be displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board at the Village Hall. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th October 2009.

M. Hawkins, Parish Clerk

BRIAN AND SUZANNE LANGFORD and all the family would like to thank all our friends from Thurlow and Thurlow Estate for their letters and cards and support at Tony's funeral. His sad loss has left us devastated, but your friendship and prayers have been the greatest comfort.

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POLICE. We thought that this month we would start with an explanation of how we receive our taskings for the month. We are often asked why we are doing what we are doing! For example, why are we doing speed checks? The public perception sometimes implies that we could be doing something better! We hope that this explanation will clear up a lot of your questions. Firstly, we are of course, community officers and therefore do not (in general) deal with major crimes or emergencies as there are other officers allocated to deal with this. These are either C.I.D officers or Neighbourhood Response officers.

Taskings. Tasking meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month and are attended by the Police, local Councillors, representatives of Suffolk County Council, St Edmundsbury Council, Havebury Housing and other agencies. Problems and concerns from all these agencies, that they have received from the public, are brought to our attention, discussed and prioritised. Tasks are then allocated to the Police and partner agencies. Three of these are then agreed as the priorities for the month. Issues within your village can, of course, be brought to the attention of any of these agencies and ourselves at any time by calling the contact numbers listed below, emailing us or attending one of our community engagements.

We held a tasking meeting on the 2nd September and as a result, these are our taskings for September:

1. Speeding. This month our focus will be on Stoke by Clare, Withersfield, Wickhambrook, Clare and Great Wrating.
2. Anti Social Behaviour that is occurring in a wooded area of Great Willsey farm Little Wrating.
3. Burglary Other Building. This is any building other than a residence and includes sheds, barns and garages.

These taskings can be found on our website www.one-suffolk.co.uk select St Edmundsbury Rural South Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Some good news to report!

A man has been arrested for burglary in Denston and is on Police bail pending further enquiries. Three men have been arrested for burglary at Stoke by Clare College and are still on Police bail pending further enquiries.

Community Engagements.

Our mobile Police Station is still visiting our local villages at the end of every month – In September, we are at Kedington, Westward Deals 2pm-3pm 21/09, Lidgate 6pm-7pm 22/09, Withersfield Community Centre 6pm – 7pm 23/09, Hundon 10am-11am 24/09, Stoke by Clare 2pm – 3pm 24/09 and Chedburgh Erksine Centre 10am-11am 25/09. October’s dates are 21st – 27th and 29th – 31st. Villages to be confirmed. You can look these up on the one-suffolk website (www.one-suffolk.co.uk). This website will also tell you where we are at various engagements during the month should you wish to pop along and have a chat about any issues or crime prevention advice. To see the engagements, you should select “stedsruralsouthsnt” and then “public events diary”. We will also be attending Wickhambrook’s farmers market on the 13th September, which is held in the community centre. We have found this to be an excellent venue for giving crime prevention leaflets and getting to meet a lot of the local community.

Our contact details are telephone 01284 774100 or email stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Your Safer Neighbourhood Team is:

Sgt Kevin Horton 566

PC Ruth Horton 704

PPCSO Debs Carroll-Bear 3141

PPCSO David Matchett 321



COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH COMES TO GREAT THURLOW. Wednesday 16th September saw the training of the first ten volunteers for the local Speedwatch Team. This was followed up on Sunday 20th September by a Speedwatch in Great and Little Thurlow, Great Wratting and Withersfield. There will be further training sessions for approved volunteers and introductory briefings for anyone interested in helping operate this safety initiative. The scheme is ongoing with the full support and guidance of the Suffolk Police. To volunteer or obtain more information, contact your local co-ordinator on 783259.

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

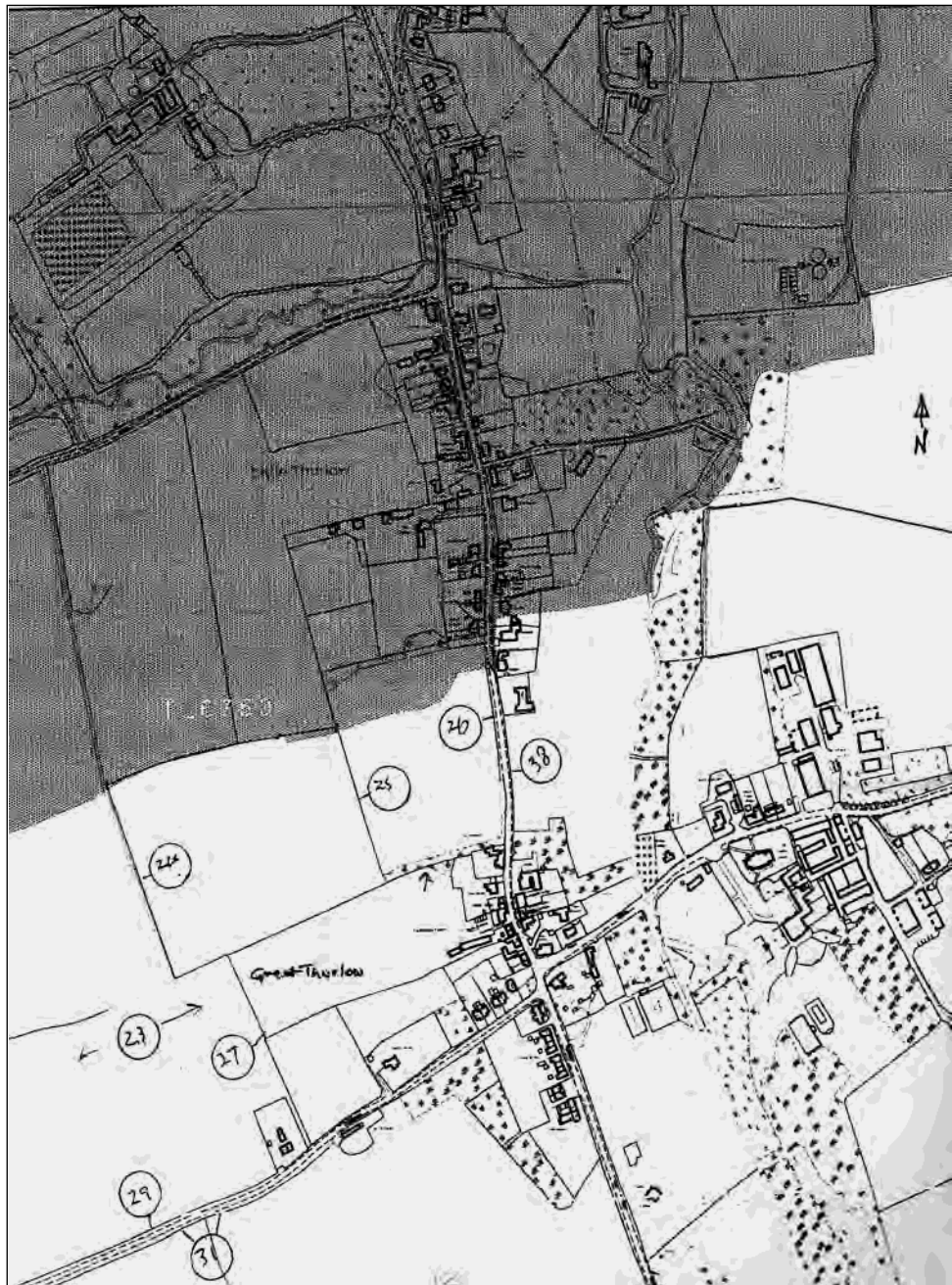


Lord Tollemache presents the Campbell Cup to Allan Loveday

COMMUNITY AWARDS 2009 – Each year Suffolk ACRE holds a competition to recognise the extra contribution that an individual with the community provides. This year Allan Loveday was nominated by Little Thurlow Parish Council who felt that his outstanding efforts for the local community deserved recognition. Not only was Allan short listed, but we are delighted to tell you that at the recent Suffolk ACRE Annual Meeting, Allan was declared the outright winner of the Campbell Cup.

Allan was born in Little Thurlow and was involved together with his Father Don in founding the Thurlow & Haverhill Steam Rally in 1981 to raise funds for a Sports Pavilion in the Thurlows. With the Pavilion built, the Thurlow Rally, as it is known, has gone on to be one of the largest in the Country. Allan took over as Treasurer twenty years ago and local charities have benefited greatly from the money raised, as well as notable organisations such as East Anglia Air Ambulance. From the late eighties to the early nineties, Allan held the position of Secretary of the Thurlow Sports Club and in 1995 he became Treasurer, a post he holds today. Allan maintained a keen interest in the Thurlow Football Club, having run the line for nineteen years and still maintains contact by helping maintain the pitch, seeding, grass cutting and the like. After helping with the Thurlow Fayre over many years, Allan joined the Committee in 2003 and became Treasurer and takes part in the organisation of this annual event from which many local charities and the three Churches of the Thurlows and Little Bradley benefit. Allan also audits Little Thurlow Parish Council's accounts, his fee going to a Charity nominated by him and audits Thurlow Village Hall's accounts for which he makes no charge. Congratulations to Allan on receiving this well deserved award.

DO YOU KOW WHERE YOUR VILLAGE STARTS? (OR ENDS?)



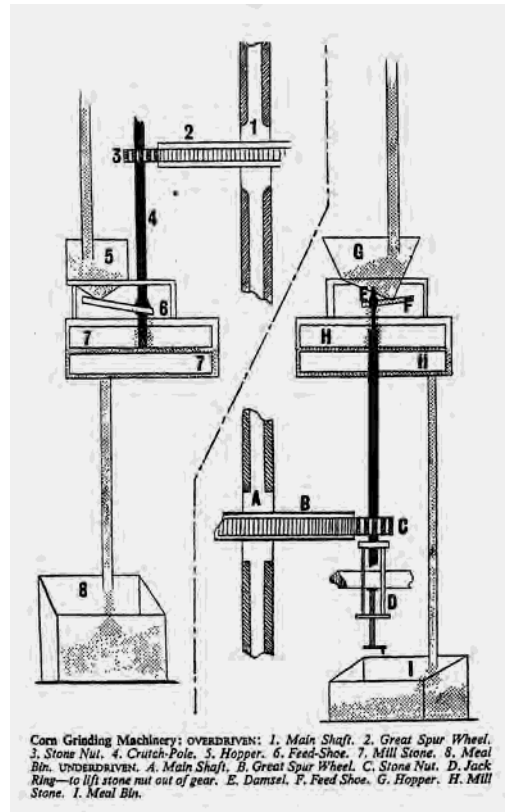
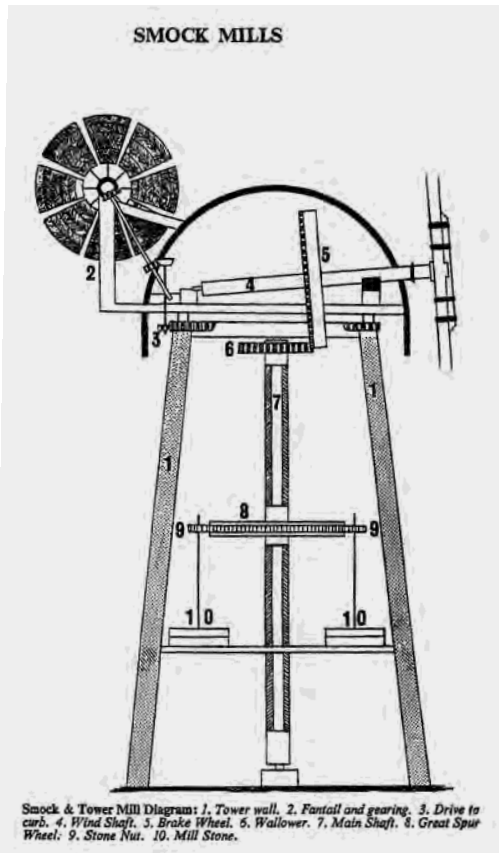
GREAT THURLOW MILL is a four storey smock mill that may be older than the date of 1807 that it bears in the left hand door jamb. It is said to have been moved from Slough, Bucks. and certainly the style of the machinery tends to confirm this as it follows neither Suffolk or Cambridgeshire practice. It ceased work by wind in 1915 when a tooth on the iron rack broke and the cap jammed and the sails were removed in 1920.

Repairs by Hunt of Soham in 1914 ensured the mills survival and it was engine driven for many years. Restoration was carried out in 1962 when dummy sails and a fantail were fitted. There are two pairs of under drift stones and the cap is "beehive" shaped.

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Thomas Gardner 1841-1844, Joseph Dearsley 1845-1850, Elijah Dearsley 1850-1875

Archibald Robinson 1875-, Gabriel Savage, Joseph Collis 1937-





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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@stedsbcb.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 –
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
mathe.w.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

STOURHEAD BENEFICE – Monthly Service rota

Rev John Eley 01440 710216

Steve Diddums 01440 710225

4 th October		9.30 Kedington Harvest Com.	11.00 Lt. Thurlow SW	11.00 Gt. Bradley HC		
11 th October		9.30 Barnardiston HC	9.30 Kedington SW	11.00 Lt. Thurlow HC	11.00 Gt. Wrating SW	
18 th October			10.00 Lt. Thurlow Benefice Harvest Communion			
25 th October	8.00 Kedington HC	9.30 Lt. Bradley Harvest Com.	11.00 Gt. Thurlow SW	11.00 Gt. Wrating Harvest Com.		6.00 Kedington Evensong
31 st October			10.00 Gt. Thurlow Benefice			

Bishop Nigel will be coming to Kedington Church on Sunday 23rd May 2010 for a Confirmation Service. Those who would like to be Confirmed are asked to contact the Rector on 01440 710216.

Dates for your diary:

Rock & Roll Evening in aid of Thurlow Village Hall 3rd October, 7.30pm

Little Thurlow Parish Council meeting Tuesday 20th October, 7.30pm

Great Thurlow Parish Council meeting

Christmas Concert in Gt. Thurlow Church Saturday 19th December, 6.30pm

Thought for the month – By the time a man realises that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong. **Charles Wadsworth**

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Little Thurlow village website: www.littlethurlow.org