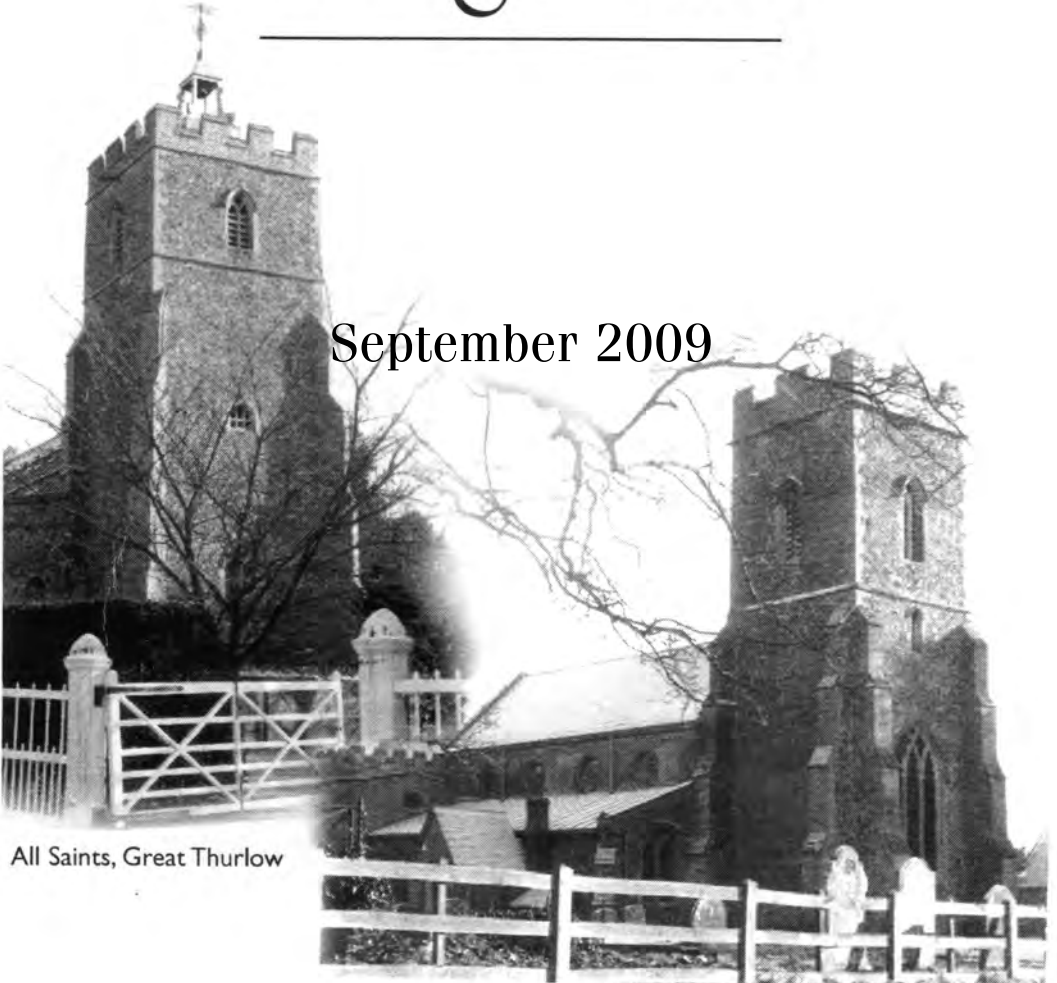


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# THE Village Link

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September 2009



All Saints, Great Thurlow

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**FROM THE RECTORY.** After all the joy, excitement and even stress of a holiday the relief of the return home is often coupled with a little apprehension! What will I find that has changed? What did I forget to do before I went away? What did I leave in the fridge? Opening the door and taking a big breath there is usually not too much time before a certain normality returns and over a cup of tea and a chat, letters are opened, emails will be read later and the washing machine is soon spinning away. Home at last. Good to have a holiday yes, but home appreciated even more. There we are you have had a retreat from the daily routine, and although, probably, little has changed since you went away congratulations you did manage to get away from it all. Coming home and things are not really so bad after all. Strengthened we get on with life.

When it comes to our faith it's not so easy to "take a holiday" from it, God is always there in and of everything though our awareness varies from time to time. Are you one of those people who like to go to other church services while you are away? Or do you take "time out" on churchgoing as well. Is it difficult when staying with friends and relations who are not church goers to suggest that you will be missing for a couple of hours on Sunday morning because you will be in church? I am sure that none of you are over pious about church going when away but I know some express a feeling of difficulty, not wanting to put friends out. Stand your ground and do your thing, is what I say. It's part of our Christian witness and duty.

Many do take time out from being a member of a Christian congregation, perhaps a few months and many even years. They know the door is always open but never quite manage to go through it. Life becomes complicated a move, no time to meet new people just yet, a new baby and there is so much more to do, unemployment and there is more to worry about, some manage better than others, many probably would like to come along but it just does not work out, the stay away option falls into place so much more easily. Then the moment may come and the feeling returns and the desire to go is stemmed by the fear with what one will find.

God is God and does not take a holiday in providing for creation. Constantly renewing and creating things. Away from the Christian Community it is easy to feel isolated and "the only one" but it's not true. Despite the man distractions and responsibilities many find their way to the community of faith and enter in, it's best not to be alone. What was that television cigarette advertisement all those years ago "*You are never alone with a Strand*"! Well I would paraphrase that and say "Don't be alone as a Christian make a stand". God's door is open to all and no matter what the world throws at us or we bring upon ourselves no one is turned away. Welcome home!

**John Eley, Rector.**

## NATURE NOTE

It may have been a bad year for cuckoos but it's been a good one for butterflies. In spring there was a spectacular arrival of painted ladies, a butterfly that migrates here, incredibly, all the way from North Africa through Spain and France. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of May an estimated 50 million of these fragile creatures crossed the channel on their flimsy wings and arrived on our south and east coasts. They then filtered up through the country, delighting many people who had never really seen one before. Many more must have perished on the way, I imagine, when you think of how vulnerable they would be to wind and weather, but this was an invasion on an epic scale. We think of birds as long-distance migrants but quite a few butterflies manage it too, and along with the painted ladies we had many large whites and peacocks coming in to swell the numbers of the native breeders already here. The painted ladies are said to be able to travel about 150 km a day in favourable conditions, which is quite remarkable considering the size of their nectar food tanks and the time they must take to stop and refuel on the way.

The favourite food plants of the painted lady are thistles, mallow, Viper's bugloss and nettles, so they do well in wild and weedy areas, but like most other butterflies they are also drawn to buddleia so you may well have them in your garden too. You can recognize them from the dusty orange colour of the wings, which are tipped with black with a few white spots and blotches. And now the clock is ticking. Many of the millions that arrived in May and June will have laid their eggs then. The eggs take about a week or so to hatch into caterpillars. Many of these are eaten by birds (including cuckoos in fact) but those that survive become fully grown after about four weeks; the caterpillars become a chrysalis for another two or three weeks; and after another two weeks or so the chrysalis will make the final metamorphosis and hatch out into the gorgeous butterflies that are the end result of the whole process. So there could be another explosion of painted ladies in August as the offspring of the original migrants emerge. They may live for only a few weeks or even days, sadly, and unlike the birds they will be unable to migrate back the way they came, but others in Europe and Africa will go on laying eggs that will survive the winters there and will start the whole cycle over again.

What about the name, though? It seems to get more flattering the further you go south. The French call the painted lady *la belle dame*, and the Italians, as you might expect, celebrate them even more chivalrously as *bella dama o cardero*, the lovely lady of the thistle.

**Jeremy Mynott**

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**Dedham Vale Walks – Little Wrating** – The Old and the New. Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30am to 2.00pm. We stretch our legs for a longer walk along the plateau between Kedington, Little Wrating and Great Wrating, taking in the moat and lovely church at Little Wrating. Tel. 01473 264263

**Thurlow Estate Farms.** All the winter barley and oilseed rape has been harvested and is now in store. In addition approximately 65% of the winter wheat has been harvested, cleaned and dried and is in store at the new grainstore at Weston Woods Farm. Despite a few teething problems the new grainstore is now operating at full capacity and the backlog of grain which required cleaning and drying following some minor electrical problems has been cleared.

Yields are as expected following the dry conditions during the spring and higher than normal pigeon damage. All the spring barley has been harvested at Weston Woods Farm and the beans should be ready for harvest on and around 24<sup>th</sup> August.

Approximately 60% of next year's oilseed rape has been drilled through the barley and wheat stubbles. Traditionally seed bed preparation involved ploughing up the stubble and power harrowing before drilling. However, advances in machinery and technology allows direct drilling into the stubble. Seed is directly drilled through the use of a solo cultivator towed behind the tractor. The front tines force up the deep, moist soil, the seed dispenser fitted, immediately behind the tines, drops a seed into the moist seed bed which is followed immediately by a series of vertical discs which compress the soil trapping moisture around the seed and preventing slug penetration.

**Thurlow Woodlands.** Under the Single Payment Scheme (SPS) and the Entry Level Stewardship (ELS) scheme, no hedge cutting is permitted, other than for safety reasons, between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 31<sup>st</sup> July. The regulations under the schemes are to ensure the habitats of birds are not disrupted through the nesting season and ultimately to enhance wildlife numbers. So from 1<sup>st</sup> August, hedge cutting commenced.

Two of the three compartments near Balsham have been thinned, with the timber being extracted, processed and currently seasoning. Thinning in the final compartment has commenced which should produce a further 60 to 75t of split hardwood firewood.

The Deer Initiative recently returned to the Estate to go over the first draft of the Deer Management Plan (DMP). Positive feedback indicated that we are still on track to introduce the DMP from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2009.

**Thurlow Estate Management Limited.** Following completion of the refurbishment in Balsham, efforts are now focussing on the refurbishment of 106a Bury Road and remedying a damp problem at a farmhouse in Horseheath.

This year's pre-paint repairs and external redecoration program is nearing completion. In all 30+ properties were redecorated.

August is traditionally a quiet month on the letting calendar which holds true this year. When families return from their holidays, the market tends to pick up before the school term commences in September.

**Thurlow Hunt.** You may have seen the Thurlow Hounds on their early morning exercise. The Hounds are on exercise for approx. 3hrs and cover in excess of 20 miles per outing.

The Hounds are parading at the Fenland Country Show on 31<sup>st</sup> August and will also be on show at The Thurlow Hunt Terrier and Lurcher Show & Family Dog Show which is being held at the Hunt Kennels on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September from 11.00am. For further information please contact the Estate Office on 01440 783661.

**Thurlow Shoot.** All the pheasants have been released into the woods. The young pheasants are becoming increasingly curious of their surroundings and beginning to stray from their release pens to explore the game covers and harvest stubbles. The gamekeepers are on regular patrols redirecting the pheasants back to their release pens. In between feeding, watering and patrolling, the game keepers are disinfecting and cleaning the release pens on the rearing field before dismantling them ready for next season's rearing program.

The senior gamekeeper has recorded the highest number of wild pheasant poults/chicks sitings during his time on Thurlow Estate. These are the surviving pheasants from previous seasons which have bred their own chicks, and are often seen on the wheat and barley stubbles at sunrise. Although no comprehensive studies have been conducted, it would not be unreasonable to suggest that the increase is directly related to Thurlow Estate Farm's participation in the ELS scheme, which in addition to hedgerow management regulations, also helps to preserve ditches and field margins to provide habitats for breeding pheasants, partridges and brown hares.

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**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.** No meeting was held of **Little Thurlow Parish Council** in August but councillors have considered two planning applications: 1) Erection of ancillary annexe accommodation over garaging at Gurton Barn to which there were no objections, 2) Extension to Thurlow School on which councillors decided not to object to the building as such but they were concerned about the effect on traffic in that area, which has been the subject of continued representations by the Parish Council for years. It is felt the plan should not be approved unless there is concurrently also a satisfactory proposal about how to provide safe parking for the increased usage.

The agenda for the September meeting will include St. Edmundsbury Borough Council's Local Development Framework which Parish Councillors will consider with a view to responding to the second consultation. Parishioners should be asking "How much will our towns and villages grow? Where will that growth happen? "How can I get involved? There will be Drop-in Sessions in connection with this important consultation as follows: Kedington Legion Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> September, 15.00 -20.00 and Haverhill Samuel Ward School on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 16.00-20.00.

**IMPORTANT NOTE ON TIME OF NEXT MEETING** – the Joint Parish Council meeting will commence at **7.15pm** on 15<sup>th</sup> September and this will be followed by the Little Thurlow Parish Council meeting. Parishioners are invited to attend these meetings.

**M. Hawkins**

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The family of **Derrick Eley** who died on the 5th of April would like to thank all who gave so generously to the chosen charities in his memory, £585 to the British Heart Foundation and £425 to Addenbrooke's Intensive Care Unit. £297 was also collected in the Church.

**Iris Eley**

## **WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM** cont.....

What is not and was not known in the early days of ops at Stradishall was the location of a special section for the training of agents in espionage to go behind enemy lines. This included training Resistance group leaders. It was so hush hush the Station Commander was not initially privy to their activities. The Lysander aircraft was the favourite with its short landing and take off; later a Whitley and Halifax were on establishment for dropping heavier containers to support the clandestine agents involved. This was the start of the SOE (Special ops Exec).

My father, by then Squadron Leader Arthur Banks, had been posted to Stradishall from 500 Sqn (County of Kent) Auxilliary Air force, as the Station Intelligence Officer (10). He was responsible for co-ordinating the latest intelligence which formed the basis for briefing aircrew about to set off on their bombing missions on the selected target for tonight. At this stage navigation was difficult because of weather conditions, targets were obscured by cloud and it was difficult to gauge wind strength and direction. The result was that only a few bombs actually hit the target. A further hazard was the German night fighter, equipped with on board radar which picked up the bombers which were vulnerable on their straight and level run in to bomb the target. Another serious problem were the batteries of flak surrounding important locations of war industry in most towns, as well as airfields and railway networks. Targets were selected to fight the submarine menace at the various channel ports giving good access to the North Atlantic; they were well defended. As a result, aircraft lost to enemy action along with their crews were of great concern to the Air Ministry. Some lost their lives, but many survived who were able to parachute to safety to be rounded up as prisoners of war. The stations intelligence sections were also tasked with the training of crews in escape and evasion. Early aids were produced but were a bit basic. It wasn't until 1942 that steps were taken to improve the clothing for aircrew to address the problem of the cold experienced at higher altitudes and properly developed survival kits to aid escape and evasion. Initially all aircrew wore their issue uniforms for the other ranks and the baratheia tunics purchased by the officers. Heaters in the aircraft were a bit trial and error. A special button was issued, the back of which could be unscrewed to reveal a small compass. The trouble was the "Goons" in POW camps were alive to this, so in Teutonic thoroughness, they confiscated all the brass buttons of captured aircrew. This was awkward as the POW camps in North Germany and Poland got very cold in the winter. Scant attention was given by Germany to the detail of the Geneva Convention which specified providing proper, if basic, essentials for prisoners. Many of the Luftwaffe Camp Commandants were retired WWI airmen with loyalty to their nation, but reserved acquiescence to the Nazi party. There was a camaraderie amongst aviators and a deal was struck through Senior British Officers in POW camps that if compass buttons were no longer issued prisoners could have their buttons returned and retained in future.

By mid 1940 there was an awareness of a need for a separate Intelligence cell directly accountable to the Chiefs of Staff. A Colonel Crockatt was appointed to head up Military Intelligence section 9 (M19). One of his specialists, (he recruited officers with flair, panache and initiative, not your run of the mill types) came up with the idea to reverse the thread on the compass button. You had to screw it up to undo it. They continued to be issued and the POW camp staff never discovered the switch! Early on maps of France, Germany and the low countries were printed on rice paper so they could be eaten if the airman was captured. They were flimsy and not terribly practical so silk handkerchief maps were issued as replacements. A special pocket knife was produced, definitely the forerunner of your Victorinox Swiss Army of today. Instead of some of the blades, hacksaws were made to look like penknife blades. No, there was no tool for removing stones from horses hooves, but other attachments, very cleverly

concealed included wire cutters, a lock breaking tool and the usual screw drivers, tin openers and scissors. Supply was short initially and these knives were highly prized by air crew. They very rarely ever surface today. It was very cleverly designed. There were all sorts of additional aids developed for escapers. Combs were issued which concealed back to back compass needles in the rib. There were single hacksaw blades hidden in waxed paper folds which could be readily hidden in footwear and other places. As the numbers of air crew losses mounted to extraordinary levels, quite early on something had to be done. At 20,000ft altitude air temperatures fall to 0F or -20C. Sheep skin flying suits were introduced and improved heating in aircraft (there was no pressurisation like in today's air liners). Escape and evasion kits were produced and included survival items and dehydrated foods, chocolate and boiled sweets. As part of air crew initial training, escape and evasion techniques were taught and updated on operational squadrons by the Intelligence Sections. Lectures formed a part of the stand down programme when weather precluded flying.

POWs could still; continue wit their war effort by passing information back. Systems of coding letters home were developed which enabled them to hide intelligence information in innocent phrases and sentences. This was a two way process for prisoners receiving letters from home. Frequently they received letters and cards from girlfriends that they didn't know existed! This was co-ordinated by MI9 in London and Bletchley and by the escape committees in the camps. An important part of it was confirmation of losses and survivors. Prior to call up, crews were people with very assorted backgrounds and skills. The ingenuity of those boys in the camps was truly amazing. Tools were made from bits of scrap metal. Radio sets were made, mostly receivers. Transmitters were problematical but the resistance and SOE agents were equipped and links were established so that important messages could be relayed to and fro. A vital link in the survival of prisoners was the Red Cross Parcels. Colonel Crockatt forbad any tampering with these by the inclusion of anything in the line of escape and evasion material. The Germans paid scant need to the terms of the Geneva Convention; they were responsible for 56,000 prisoners of war by 1945 and suffered considerable shortages themselves. Any excuse to deny POWs their Red Cross food parcels would have meant helping themselves to them. As it was, chocolate was unobtainable to them but was a major constituent in the parcels. It was an important bargaining tool with the camp guards to obtain items needed by escape committees like film and processing to make identity cards for escapers. However parcels from home were a different matter. These tended to contain comforts like socks etc. Various useful items were hidden in tins of tobacco, messages coded in packets of cigarettes. Tins of soup were double skinned to hide maps, dummy passes and other aids to escape capture, enabling returns to units to continue the fight. Next time, some secrets from the Great Escape... ..

**Monty Banks**

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**THURLOW SPORTS CLUB.** Following three burglaries at the sports pavilion over the past year and joy riders churning up the sports field last winter, the Sports Club committee have taken measures to reduce the likelihood of these events happening again. A fence and gate was erected inside the entrance to the Recreation Ground at the end of January and now this has been re-sited and extended across the bank from the hedge by the road across to the tennis court. Additional security features have also been carried out to the sports pavilion, which include roller shutters to the garage and front door and also a new alarm system. This has been a Community Project has been funded with the financial assistance of The Suffolk Foundation, Havebury Housing Partnership, Gt & Lt Thurlow Parish Councils and Thurlow Estate. The next phase of the project is to extend the existing hard standing area inside the entrance for car parking in conjunction with the two parish councils plans to remove the existing swings that have stood for 50 years and site new swings within the play area.

**Allan Loveday**

**LITTLE BRADLEY LONG DISTANCE CHURCH RIDE 2009** was held on Sunday 26th July. We were very lucky with the weather and the ride was enjoyed by over 90 riders coming from all over Suffolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire and Norfolk. Some lovely photos were taken of the ride and these can be found on the website flashharryphotography. The money raised was in aid of Little Bradley Church and Cowlinge Church and was much needed, so thanks to all involved, the churches can see another year through. We have had many emails from riders who enjoyed the ride tremendously and hope we will be doing it again next year. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the villages for their patience with the coming and going of traffic and also a big thank you for the helpers who without them we could not have done this at all. A big thank you also to the farrier (Arron) who was also in attendance all day and Janet for all the cooking of food and help afterwards, all the stewards that helped to ensure all riders were safely on the right route and helped them if they had any problems. Not forgetting the people who worked very hard behind the scenes months before the event, Jane, Colin and Jean, with thanks again to you all.

**Mirjam Gault, Lt. Bradley Church Warden**

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### **FOUNDATION GOVERNOR REQUIRED FOR THURLOW SCHOOL**

Margaret Ince has, after many years of faithful service, resigned as a Foundation Governor for Thurlow School as from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009. Thank you Margaret for your support and loyalty over the years, you will be missed.

The Foundation Governor's role is to represent the interests of the Schools Church Foundation. All appointments have to be ratified by the Diocesan Board of Education.

Some of the requirements for being a Foundation Governor are listed below and further details can be given by Mrs. Patricia Banks, Chair of Govenors, at the Post Office.

1. Be a regular worshipper at the local parish church or a church of another denomination and be able to support the principles underlying the trust deed of the school in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England.
2. Have an interest and concern for children.
3. Be willing to represent the church in serving the school community.

**Please contact the Rector 01440 710216 or Mrs, P. Banks in the Post Office,**

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**THURLOW W.I.** welcomed Mike Cheng to their August meeting . He brought along an owl carved from a carrot. We then watched him create flowers and animals from root vegetables. He said this craft is dying , although you can go on a course which takes five years to complete. Its a very time consuming craft, the last thing he carved, a swan took him twenty minutes. Mike made such an impression on us that we aim to visit his restaurant in December. Since the last meeting, members Iris Eley and Jean Lansdell had joined in the Federation trip to Burghley and the same two members and Anne Roberts had gone to Southwold for a day at the beach followed by a visit to the theatre to see a farce, all of which was most enjoyable.

Names were taken of those wishing to attend the Autumn Coucil Meeting and four members hope to go to the Albert Hall for a Christmas Concert in December.

Draw winners were Iris Eley, Margaret Ince, Jean Lansdell and Olive Jeffrey.

Next month its members evening, 8th September 7.30 pm.

**Iris Eley**

## **AGE CONCERN SUFFOLK – here to help!**

With offices, shops and services throughout the county, Age Concern Suffolk offers a local service providing information, advice and a range of services for people over 60 and family carers of frailer senior citizens.

We are a local, independent charity established in Suffolk for over 60 years. Our aim is to enable older people and their carers to manage the challenges of ageing while retaining choice and control over their lives.

**Where does it start?** Enquiries to Age Concern Suffolk often begin by phone or calling in at one of our help centres in Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds or Lowestoft.

**What happens then?** After making their initial enquiry, people go on to find out about the variety of services we can offer. These include our Benefits Advice Service, which assists senior citizens to claim the money benefits to which they are entitled. This free, confidential service can offer a home visit, to assist with benefit application forms, anywhere in Suffolk.

We also have Independence Advisors, who will visit older people at home to talk about any problem or concern. If we can't help ourselves, we usually know someone who can!

We have a good value Home Help Service, which helps people to maintain their independence by providing paid assistance with housework, shopping, laundry and simple food preparation.

In addition we run a number of Day Care Centres and services around the county which provide an enjoyable day of company and activity for frailer older people and regular respite for their family carers.

Our Befriending Services across Suffolk have carefully selected volunteers who visit and befriend isolated or lonely older people, either by telephoning once a week or by offering a regular visit.

**How do I get in touch?** To find out more contact your local Age Concern Help Centre at: **257039 Bury St Edmunds** The Risbygate Centre, 90 Risbygate Street, Tel **01284 757750**

### **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

**We are again taking part in the  
WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING**

**On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
Between 10am and 12noon**

**In aid of  
MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

**There will be a Raffle and a Bring & Buy Stall  
Please join us!**

**Arline and Geoffrey Vollam, 20 Fox Green, Great Bradley**

# Thurlow Fayre

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2009

12.00 – 4.00pm

*Thurlow Sports ground, Gt Thurlow, Nr Haverhill CB9 7LJ*

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Adults £1.50 · Children aged 5 – 15 yrs & OAPs 50p · Children  
under 5yrs free



**SCARECROW COMPETITION  
PRIZE FOR BEST ADULT  
AND CHILD ENTRY**

**1 FREE ADMISSION TO FAYRE  
IF ACCOMPANIED BY SCARECROW**



**SUFFOLK SCHOOL OF SAMBA**



**KIDS CORNER**

**DOG AGILITY**

**LINTON RADIO CARS**

**REPTILE TENT**

**FUN DOG SHOW**

**BOUNCY CASTLE**

**TEA TENT**

**BOTTLE STALL**

**RAFFLE**



**AND MUCH MUCH MORE  
CAR BOOT FROM 11.00am**



For the first time it is hoped to stage a **Scarecrow Competition** at the Fayre and visitors are encouraged to have a go and make their own no matter what its size or shape, or perhaps there are some lying dormant in a loft, garage, shed or barn waiting to bring back to life. As an inducement, there will be **free admission** involved for one adult and child who bring a scarecrow to the Fayre and **cash prizes** for the winners.

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**General Information.** For schedules, see last month's Village Link.

Adults 25p per entry

Children 15p per entry

All entries to be the work of the entrant

All items to be brought to the show tent between 9.30 and 11.00 on the morning of the show

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At 4.00pm entries will available for sale, if you wish to keep your work, please collect it before then.

Points will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each category.

Adult with the most points will win a gift voucher and the Challenge Shield.

Gift vouchers will also be awarded for the overall winner in each of the children's age groups to those having the highest and second highest number of points.

**Queries to and additional schedules from Thurlow Village Stores.**

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Dear Editor

## **FUTURE LAND DEVELOPMENT IN THE THURLOWS**

St Edmundsbury Borough Council has been tasked by Government with finding land for the development of 17,000 houses within the borough. Great and Little Thurlow jointly have been designated as a Service Centre rather than two Infill Villages. Development in an Infill Village is limited from a single new house up to a batch of five, whereas a Service Centre can have developments of up to 10 houses on each site, or even more if the site can accommodate, dependent on the infrastructure. One example is the Local Development Framework Consultation WS42 affecting the meadow North East of the Primary School in Little Thurlow. A pressure group has been set up to inform all village residents who want to respond to: (1) Designation of the villages. (2) Development of the site WS42. It is vital that everybody who has views on the future development of our villages submits the forms from St Edmundsbury Borough Council. If required, help will be given to provide the forms and offer advice on their completion. Please attend the Joint Parish Council meeting at 7.15pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September when this matter will be discussed in a public forum. Information will also be made available at the Thurlow Fayre. For any further help please telephone: Tom Allcock 783021, John Lusty 783421, Geoff Patient 783693 or 07545 017789. **Geoff Patient**

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**THURLOW YOUTH FC.** An end of season presentation function was held at the sports pavilion on Sunday 5th July where members of the committee and managers of the teams handed out awards to the winners of each age group to recognize their achievements and good conduct over the past season. In addition to a BBQ, parents joined in with the boys for games of football, cricket and rounders on the sports field.

The third annual mini soccer tournament was staged on Sunday 9th August when 16 teams over three age groups saw the Recreation Ground filled with cars as over 200 parents and supporters watched the boys compete in an all day event. In the Under 10 competition Thurlow lost out in a penalty shoot out final to Teversham, whilst a team from Cherry Hinton won the Under 9 competition, the Thurlow team included Finley Plant and Tayfun Jagir who go to Thurlow Primary School. The Under 8 teams played friendly games as they are not allowed under FA rules to play competitive matches where the result is declared. With a BBQ and Bouncy Castle the hard working committee put on an enjoyable day for all those that attended the tournament.

**Allan Loveday**

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### **LIVE MUSIC EVENING THURLOW VILLAGE HALL**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2009, 7.30 – 11.30pm**

**Refreshments – Fish and Chip Supper**

**Tickets at £10 available from Heather Hunt, tel. 01440 783573 or from Thurlow Village Shop.  
In aid of Village Hall funds**

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## **THE THURLOW RIDE**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

**Starting at any time between 9am and 1pm**

**Up to 12 miles through beautiful woodland and open country, plenty of optional jumps, from Weston Woods Farm, Weston Colville  
(by kind permission of the Vestey family)**

**Entry: adults £15, children under 12 £10 for applications received in advance.  
Entries on the day accepted at Adults £20, children £10**

**Refreshments available**

**Apply to Sharon Blackwell, The Estate Office, Great Thurlow  
Telephone 01440 783661, email: [sb@thurlowestate.co.uk](mailto:sb@thurlowestate.co.uk)**

## **TERRIER, LURCHER AND DOG SHOW**

**at The Kennels**

**SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER AT 1PM**

**Everyone is welcome at the Kennels, Sowley Green on 13<sup>th</sup> September**

**There is no charge**

**Pony rides etc**

**Meet the Thurlow hounds and have a delicious tea**

## **LADIES' AUTUMN FASHION AND SHOES AND SUPER CHILDREN'S CLOTHES**

**“GOOD GOING” AND OTHER STALLS**

**at The Old Rectory, Great Bradley**

**24<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 – 7.30pm**

**25<sup>th</sup> September 10.00 – 3.00pm**

**10% of all proceeds to the Blue Cross**

**There will be a small entry charge which will be donated to the Blue Cross**

**Do come and bring your friends**

**POLICE REPORT.** The last week or two has seen a spate of crime in the Bury Rural South Area. Many of our villages have suffered from shed and barn break-ins and Police Direct has been busy. The good news is that three offenders were apprehended at the scene of a break-in, in Stoke By Clare. But there are still offenders out there committing crimes and we need your help to ensure they are brought before the Courts and prevented from further criminal activity.

If you are not signed up to Police Direct, which is a service where you can receive latest details of crimes in your area, suspicious vehicles etc. via email or telephone, then please sign up as you may just have that final bit of information. You can register online by visiting [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) or ring the team on 01473 613997.

We are also keen to increase the number of Neighbourhood watch networks particularly in the villages of Cavendish, Ousden, Depden and Denston. If you would like more information please contact Diane Townsend on Tel: 01284 774499 or [Diane.Townsend@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Diane.Townsend@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

Another piece of good news is that after an enquiry lasting sixteen months a man has been arrested and charged with harassment and racial harassment offences, in Clare. For over a year, offensive letters and posters have been displayed and delivered in various locations in the village and we are pleased that the matter will finally be brought before a Court.

Thanks to all of you who have visited the Safer Neighbourhood Team as we get out and about in the Mobile Police Station, it is really good to meet you and hear about the issues that affect you the most in the villages.

The Mobile Police Station will be at the following locations during August.

Mobile Police Station 21st 15:00 - 16:00 Kedington - Westward Deals PCSO 3141 Carroll-Beer

Mobile Police Station 22nd 10:00 - 11:00 hrs Cavendish Green Pc 704 Horton

Mobile Police Station 22nd 14:30 - 15:30 hrs Stradishall - Stars & Jars Pc 704 Horton

Mobile Police Station 23rd 10:00 - 11:00 hrs Brockley - Community Centre Pc 704 Horton

Mobile Police Station 23rd 14:30 - 15:30 hrs Clare - Market Hill Pc 704 Horton

Mobile Police Station 24th 10:00 - 11:00 Denston - Nr The Church Pc 704 Horton

Mobile Police Station 24th 14:30 - 15:30 Hawkedon - Nr The Queens Head PH Pc 704 Horton

Mobile Police Station 25th 10:00 - 11:00 Wickhambrook Stores PCSO 3140 Foster

Our contact details are tel 01284 774100 or email [stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stedsruralsouth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

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

**The Police non emergency is 01284 774100**, or you can e-mail us at

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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@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](http://www.suffolkcc.gov.uk)  
County Councillor: Jane Midwood 01440 821428,  
[jane.midwood@councillors.suffolkcc.gov.uk](mailto: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

|                                      |  |   |   |  |   |                               |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday<br/>6th<br/>September</b>  |  | 9.30<br>Kedington<br>Family HC            |   | 11.00<br>Gt Bradley<br>Family HC           |   |                               |
| <b>Sunday<br/>13th<br/>September</b> |  | 9.30<br>Barnardiston<br>Holy<br>Communion | 9.30<br>Kedington<br>Service of the<br>Word                       | 11.00<br>Gt Thurlow<br>Holy<br>Communion   | 11.00<br>Gt Wrattling<br>Service of<br>the Word |                               |
| <b>Sunday<br/>20th<br/>September</b> |  |   | <b>10.00<br/>Lt Bradley<br/>Benefice<br/>Family<br/>Communion</b> |  |   |                               |
| <b>Sunday<br/>27th<br/>September</b> | 8.00<br>Kedington<br>Holy<br>Communion | 9.30<br>Lt Bradley<br>Holy<br>Communion   | 11.00<br>Gt Thurlow<br>Service of the<br>Word                     | 11.00<br>Gt Wrattling<br>Holy<br>Communion |   | 6.00<br>Kedington<br>Evensong |

### Winner of Gt. Thurlow PCC draw August – H. Banks

**Dates for your diary** - Joint Parish Council meeting 15<sup>th</sup> September 7.15pm  
followed by Little Thurlow Parish Council meeting.

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**Thought for the month** – “He who speaks without modesty will find it difficult to  
make his words good”.

**Confucius**

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**Lackford Lakes. Bat Walk**, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 – 9.30pm. Bring a torch.  
Minimum age 8 years. **Autumn Birds**, Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 4pm, bring a  
packed lunch and wear outdoor gear. Tel. 01284 728706.

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