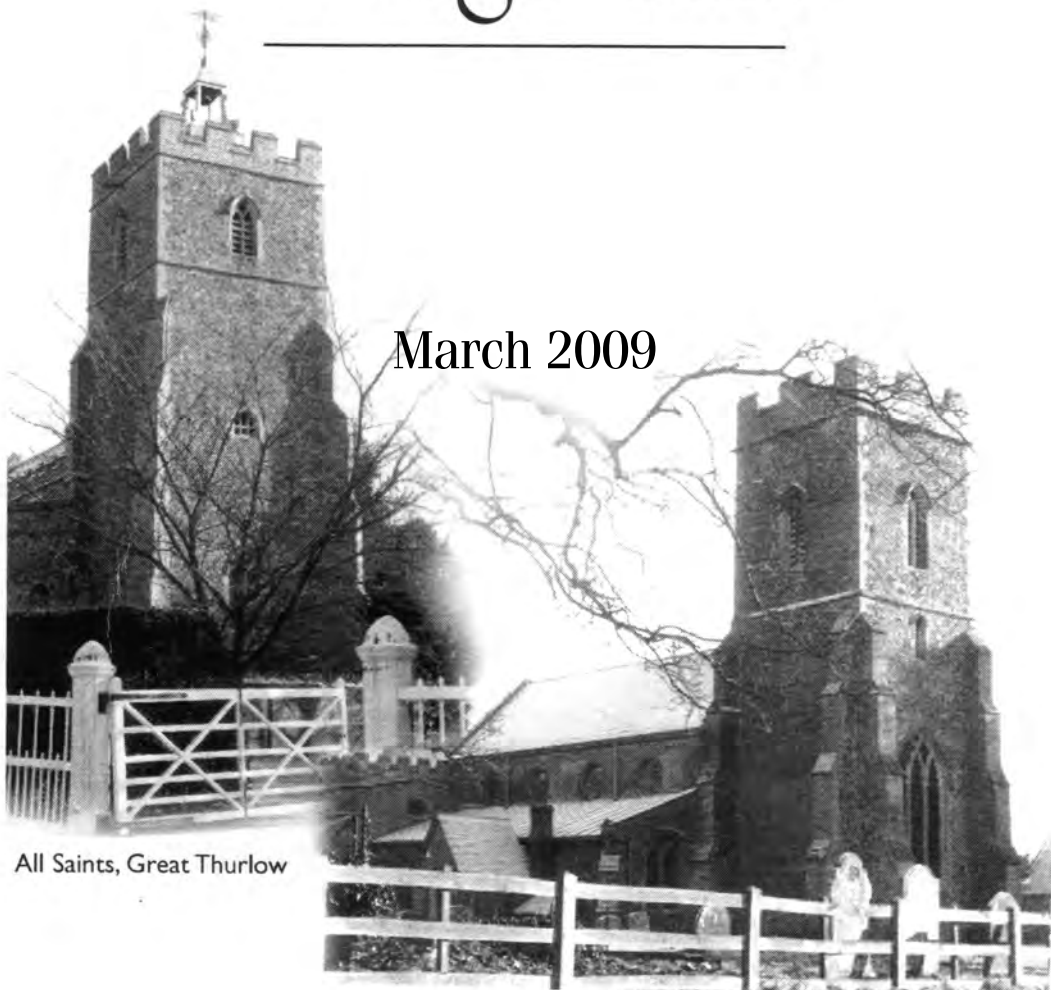


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### ***From the Rector.***

Shrove Tuesday and a glut of pancakes will have come and gone by the time the Link reaches you and Ash Wednesday will have marked the beginning of Lent. For the next forty days we will be asked as Christians to make that extra effort to focus on our Faith. On Ash Wednesday some will come forward and receive the sign of the cross on their foreheads made by a mixture of the ashes of last year's Palm Crosses and a drop of olive oil, a tradition some centuries old. Many people wear a cross around their necks or in a brooch, the supreme symbol of the Christian Church. Passiontide itself begins on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>. March and we gather for our Benefice Family Communion at Great Thurlow Church at 10.00 a.m. Our Lay Reader Steve Diddams will preach. The following Sunday is PALM SUNDAY when we recall our Lord's entry into Jerusalem "seated and riding upon an ass". Palm Crosses will be given out and we will have them in our homes throughout the year. At Little Thurlow there will be the traditional reading of the Passion for which volunteers will be needed, at 11.00 a.m. There will be Communion Services at Kedington at 9.30 a.m. and Great Bradley at 11.00 a.m. Suddenly we are in April and Holy Week on our Journey to EASTER DAY. On Easter Saturday at 6.00 p.m. Bishop Nigel Stock, our Diocesan Bishop will be with us at 6.00 for a short Easter Vigil when we will renew our Baptismal vows and begin our celebrations of the Resurrection followed on Easter Day a Celebration of Holy Communion at 11.00 a.m. at Little Thurlow. If you wish for an earlier start there will be a service at 9.30a.m.at Kedington. With other activities during Holy Week there is much to help us focus our thoughts.

Recently I purchased some books for those considering confirmation. One of them was entitled "What am I doing here", explaining to the reader what goes on in Church. This may well be a question you ask from time to time. Lent is probably as a good a time as any to ask it and it is a question we should regularly return to if we are to keep in focus what we as Christians believe. During the coming weeks we will face once again the supreme sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross and the overwhelming events of that first Easter Morning and the demonstration of God's power, it's a holy and wonderful demonstration of God's love for us all and over Lent we need to think about it.

***John Eley, Rector***

**NATURE NOTE.** If you walk over the hill on the footpath south from Temple End Farm you reach a point where the villages are concealed from view by the folds in the land and you can scarcely see a single building in any direction. You might think it was a wholly natural landscape you were looking at, one without human artefacts in it, but of course it isn't. The fields, hedges, copses and tracks are all man-made; we have shaped and fashioned the land for our own purposes and little or nothing is really wild or untouched in what we see. In fact the 'landscape' we see isn't very ancient, and neither is the word, which only became common in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries and originally referred to paintings of scenery (literally a 'scaping' or 'shaping' of the land), at a time when it was becoming fashionable to have a taste for the picturesque in nature. Then the meaning was transferred to the scenery itself, and people started to think of it as beautiful, magnificent, pretty or whatever, depending on whether you were in the Lake District, the Scottish Highlands or, more locally, in Constable Country. Now the word tends to get applied to almost any scene we happen to be observing, and you can have cityscapes, seascapes and streetscapes. The really interesting thing about a landscape is that it is both something out there – some combination of the physical features of the land as shaped by geology and history, and also something in our heads and imaginations – our responses to these brute facts of nature. A mountain isn't beautiful in itself – it's just a lump of rock – but it can certainly produce very real and strong reactions in us when we experience it.

Isn't it the same with birds? The birds I could see and hear on that walk over the hill – the larks, wood pigeons, magpies, rooks, robins and wrens – are all just particular biological species, a few among the 10,000 or so species of birds in the world, physical organisms that live the lives they are adapted to live and then die. But to us they may be significant and have a meaning far beyond this. Each of the birds I have just mentioned will have associations for us: larks with that soaring song which has inspired poets and musicians; robins, which we think of as the gardener's friend, featuring in a thousand images on Christmas cards, ornaments and tea-towels; rooks in the country churchyard, so often the background sound-track in TV drama. And that's even before you get to celebrity birds like the eagle, crane, pelican, nightingale and owl, which crop up in the folklore and myths of different cultures worldwide. So, I think we need a word for *Birdscapes* as well. And I know of a book by exactly that title just about to come out...

*Jeremy Mynott*

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Joint Meeting.** Twelve representatives of Great and Little Thurlow Parish Councils met at the end of January to discuss joint matters of concern and interest. It was noted that overgrown road signs had been cleared by Suffolk County Council Highways Department and that the fencing work on the Sports Ground had commenced.

In future a two page list of Useful Numbers and Village Information will be placed in the Village Link every month with the two Parish Councils covering any extra costs involved.

Councillors agreed to proceed with the production of a new Village Book. This will be entitled "The Thurlows 2010" and will be a follow on from the Little Thurlow 2000 book, but this time it will include both Great and Little Thurlow. Both Parish Councils will be helping with funding and more grants will be sought, with Suffolk County Council's Locality Budget already confirming support. A Steering Committee has been set up for this ambitious project and volunteers will commence work in the near future.

A letter is to be sent to Suffolk County Council Highways Department expressing concerns regarding road safety through the villages, in particular the number of actual or near accidents by the narrow bridge in Little Thurlow just before the school. It is felt that children walking to school over this bridge are especially vulnerable at this site and SCC will be asked to give serious consideration to more traffic-calming methods. Both Councils confirmed their support for the Community Speedwatch Scheme and more information will be provided at the next meetings. Volunteers will then be sought to help administer the Scheme in the Thurlows and four adjoining Parishes.

The next Joint Meeting will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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**Little Thurlow Parish Council's March Meeting** was attended by five Councillors as well as County Councillor Jane Midwood who confirmed that a decision on the proposed Unitary Council for Suffolk had been postponed until July. Councillors noted that the Precept for 2009/2010 would be £3864.00. From the applications received for financial support it was decided that the beneficiaries should be Newstalk, Suffolk Accident & Rescue Service, St. Nicholas Hospice and West Suffolk Voluntary Association for the Blind and each will receive £45.00. There were no objections to a Planning Application for the felling of two poplar trees at Corner Cottage. The Clerk reported that the Environment Agency had been advised of the damage to the bridge over the weir and they had promised to carry out the necessary repairs. Pot holes in Temple End Road and from Church Road to Little Thurlow Green as well as in the pavement in front of Mungo Lodge had been reported to Suffolk County Council who had added them to their list for filling in as soon as possible. A progress report on the Community Speedwatch Project was presented by C. Hawkins and R. Banks the South County Co-ordinator, see separate item. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. **M. Hawkins, Parish Clerk**

**NEWS FROM FRANCE.** We've survived and we are only in January, well the last day. The Tempete hit us in the early hours of Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>. It had been a breezy day and damp. We had noted on French TV that our area was on red alert and that the wind would increase with heavy rain forecast. The area stretched between just above La Rochelle and down to the Spanish border Perpignan across the Pyrenees to Biarritz. In fact it covered a much larger area going into the Dordogne and down to Barcelona. At lam it was very quiet but later it began to roar and we thought we would lose the chimneys again, as in 2002. It was pitch black outside and rain hurtled at the windows. The electricity was on and off for the rest of the night. Daylight is late here and it was still dark at 7.30am and we feared the worst. Fortunately the wind hit the back of the house and the big barn, coming North Westerly. Len went out as the pool cover metal pegs had come out of the concrete and we were fearful that the cover would take flight. Our fence poles attached to heavy netting were flying through the air and crashing into the lane and the huge communal dustbins had flown onto the road, spilling their sacks. Poor Len could hardly stand up. So we lost a few tiles off the pool room and the big barn but thankfully they managed to maintain the electrics. Our neighbours caught the full force and lost four large trees. Further South beyond Bordeaux it was a very different story; Toulouse Airport was damaged and closed and in Bordeaux cars, roofs and trees were damaged and the concrete power posts and lines were smashed and caused chaos. It is one week ago today and large areas are still without electricity, many schools are too badly damaged to open and water in those villages is off, so they are using bottled. So a huge disaster and TV has kept it well covered, but the storm was the advent of much warmer weather and yesterday I sat out for an hour in the sun, 15°, a welcome change only disturbed by the sound of chain saws. People will have plenty for the fires next Winter. Christmas was mild but all changed and we had almost three weeks of constant sun and very cold temperatures. Just to finish on a happier note, a week before Christmas a new born baby was snatched from a hospital. We were watching TV when a red banner appeared below the picture, it was an orange alert announcing what had occurred plus phone numbers at the same time. It was transmitted on all motorways, football matches, bars, cinemas etc. Within four hours the baby had been recovered and was safe and sound with the family. Hopefully eventually every country will use this system. Happy New Year to All. **Len & Sylvia Robinson**

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***SPRING & SUMMER WALKS & EVENTS AT DEDHAM VALE – Explore the River Stour in great company.***

***Springtime Stroll in Langham – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 10am to 1pm.*** Join us on a springtime walk (with primroses we hope) around Langham – recent winner of a 2008 Village of the Year award – and Hornestreet. The walk takes in views along the vally, part of the Essex Way and Primrose Wood before reaching Hornestreet Field, a nature conservation area. Approximately 5 miles. Tel 01473 264263, [www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org](http://www.dedhamvalestourvalley.org).

**THURLOW ESTATE.** This proper winter must surely have done some good, killing all those bugs that have come to plague us but time will tell and for the time-being the prolonged wet period and all that snow has only served to hold us up. Our winter crops were all drilled in good time but the chance to get some fertiliser applied to allow the crops to get away from that stage when they remain most vulnerable to pigeon damage has continued to elude us: the ground is just too wet to allow any tractors to travel on it but as we are all in the same boat we will just have to remain stoic.

We are just coming into the tree and hedgerow planting season and this year's plans include the planting of a memorial for Mr Edmund Vestey. The Woodlands team have propagated two thousand acorns collected in Trundley Wood in 2007 and these will form the basis of a new plantation to be created on the high ground to the west of Little Thurlow. This new wood is to be called Edmunds and will be accompanied by an oak avenue to be planted along the Temple End Road. Other work this year will include gapping-up hedgerows in both parishes, most notably the hedge which follows along the Newmarket Road from Little Thurlow which is to be restored to something like a presentable hedge. We will also be carrying out pruning work to the beach and ash avenues along the Wratting Road.

The first point-to-point of the season at Horseheath was held at the end of January, on what was the one decent Saturday in the whole of January and February. As always the wind blew and supervising the racing day was as cold as could be but it all passed off very well and the large crowd enjoyed some excellent racing. The next two meetings are to be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Entrance is £10 per head and all are most welcome.

Pelican Farm House on the hill above Great Wratting has lain dormant for a couple of years awaiting an interested tenant or a full refurbishment. We had tried for long enough to find one of the former and the full refurbishment of the property is now nearing completion. Sadly the property has continued to prove a victim of local crime and in addition to being the site of two impromptu illegal raves it has had all of its copper-work removed twice, along with a new lead roof which had just been installed to a very high standard. There appears to be no way of combating such pathetic crimes other than to stop using the type of materials that attract thieving hands. Copper is being replaced by plastic unipipe and lead is sadly being replaced by fibreglass! Neither are as effective or nearly so attractive but there is no point in utilising materials that will only remain in place for a matter of hours.

*Iain Fleming*

### **QUIZ NIGHT**

### **FISH AND CHIP SUPPER**

*In aid of Little Bradley Church*

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*Tickets available from Mirjam Gault 01440 783756 or Thurlow Stores – Adults £8, children £5.50. Please bring your own drinks and glasses with you.*

**THURLOW W.I.** welcomed nine visitors to their February meeting. They had come along to hear our resident bird specialist Dr. Jeremy Mynott. Jeremy began by speaking of the book he has written which is to be published this month, titled *Birdscapes*. This is a different sort of bird book telling of his own experiences of watching birds around the world, each chapter takes up a new theme and is set in a new place as he travels from his home patch in Suffolk to his away patch in New York City's Central Park, as well as Russia, Australia and Greece. Jeremy then showed slides of birds and all the ways with which we use birds, their images and names, some of which do not meet with Jeremy's approval. Pauline Crooks gave the vote of thanks and said that we hoped for another visit in 2010. President Jill Steele moved swiftly through the business, giving notice of forthcoming events, the main one the Federation Annual meeting which six members are hoping to attend. There were eight prizes in the draw and five of them went to visitors, three men and two ladies. Lucky members were Iris Eley, Janice Klimcke and Jill Steele. Next month - The Experiences of a Corset Consultant, 10th March in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. *Iris Eley*

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**METRICATION, THE WORLD STANDARD? (NOT THE USA).** It was three Frenchmen who in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century researched the dimensions of the planet Earth. It took a year or two: they were able to determine the circumference at the Equator and similarly round the Poles. The result was the realisation that the planet was not a sphere but like an orange, sort of flattened at the top and bottom. Taking one millionth of the distance from the North pole to the equator they arrived at the metre as a unit of measure which they divided into hundredths, the centimetre and thousandths the millimetre. By dividing the earth's circumference by 360, it being circular, they arrived at the lines of longitude coming together at the points of the poles. Their observations relative to the sun determined that a notional line through the centre joining the poles showed that it was at an angle from the vertical. Thus we have the North Pole pointing away from the sun at the Winter Solstice and towards it in the Summer, so short hours of daylight in the Winter and long in the Summer.

The Romans had a units of measure based on the human body. There was the foot at 29.6cm the Pes, a stride was a passus at 1.48metres (long legs!) with a thousand passae to a Roman mile. Another useful system was the Ell (Latin length), it was about 16 inches, the average human forearm. This was the distance from the knuckles to the bend or joint of the forearm, giving rise to what we now know as the Elbow. After the Romans reading and writing were limited to the nobility, merchants, clerks and clerics. The majority did not receive full time education until into the 19<sup>th</sup> Century so simple methods of measuring were used based on parts of the body for the day to day trading as very few could read or write in Mediavel times. The Romans had the Unicius, this was an inch, the length of first joint of a forefinger. Gradually a standard of fixed measures, rulers, were fabricated and used to ensure fair measure. An important aspect of this was in determining the measurement of land as a matter of ownership and boundaries, so our system developed as a national standard. There was a linear system which squared developed the measurement of an area. An acre was determined originally as the area a man could plough in a day. So the following became our system of measuring, particularly relevant to country folk. Today we are typically British accepting metric, the European and the English Imperial. Most of our old and bold, bless them, learned the imperial system which, as history, still lives on in a way. It was like this for lengths and square measurement.

#### Lineal

12 lines = 1 inch (in) Unicius

12 inches = 1 foot (ft) Passus

3 feet = 1 yard (yd) (6ft = 1 fathom for the sailors)

5 ½ yards = 1 pole or perch (sorry my Latin stops here!)

4 poles = 1 chain (22yds, a cricket pitch)

10 chains = 1 furlong (horse racing)

8 furlongs = 1 mile (1760yds) on our road signs and mph

#### Square measure

144 sq ins = a square foot

9 sq ft = a square yard

30 ¼ sq yds = a square pole

40 sq poles = a rood (by the rood an exclamation)

4 roods = an acre, or 4840 sq yds

640 acres = one square mile

Well that's measuring things so perhaps a single system is an advantage. Volumetrics and liquids are another story but we still have pints of milk, pints of beer. Our old systems have deep roots and it is now permitted to use pounds and ounces in our shops if someone asks for that

measure. A loom width for bolts of cloth is still 48 inches four ells –measure your forearm! We are still the most versatile nation in the world. There will always be an England where there's a country lane.

P.S. Does anyone know why the width of our railway lines was preferred at 4ft 8 ½ inches as the standard guage? Brunel's Great Western was 7feet but he had to go to 4'8 ½" in the end, force majeure. For a time GWR track was laid with both, a single line on the left and two rails on the right of the track; the inner at 4'8 ½" the outer at 7'. It didn't work too well and the 7' rail was soon removed. There was a time one could see on the wider sleepers where the 7' rails had been bolted down. These sleepers disappeared when track relaying took place at a later date. Brunel could not convince other companies of the advantages of carriage space, safety and the extra capacity of freight wagons on a 7' gauge. He was right of course, in corridor carriages four aside in a compartment was cramped. Full steam ahead.

*Monty Banks*

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Submit your suggestions now and at any event up to the closing date 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009. These are a few suggestions: Vehicle Excise Duty at all Post Offices; TV Licences; Agencies for couriers – DHL, TNT, UPS etc; Issue of Bus Passes/application forms.

P.S. We are now able to recharge electricity keys, also Scottish and Empower keys.

*Patricia Banks*

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**EVENTS AT LACKFORD LAKES IN MARCH** – *Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>*, Guided Walk, a tour around Lackford Lakes led by a knowledgeable guide, 10.30am to 12.30pm. £3 per book. *Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>*, Spring Festival, family event for all ages, 11.00am to 3.00pm, £2 adults, £1 children, guided walks, seasonal craft activities and refreshments for all the family. No need to book.

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**BAGS2SCHOOL** - Thurlow Home School Association are organising a **BagsSchool** day. This project recycles and reuses clothing etc which you no longer want. The items are collected and weighed and the school receives cash for the collected goods. This was done last year by the school and over £200 was raised. The school would like to open the project to the local community. The Blue bags for filling can be collected from the school or the Village Post Office. The bags can be filled with clothing, bedding, curtains, soft toys, shoes and handbags. All clothing collected by **Bags2School** is sold, either sorted or un-sorted, to importers and wholesalers in many countries of Eastern and Western Europe, Africa and Asia. The **Bags2School** will be collected from Thurlow Village Hall Car Park on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March at around 11.15am**. The bags can be left outside the Village Hall during the morning. If you need to leave any bags before then, please contact the school. This is a great way to recycle goods and help the local school make money. Thank you.

*Diana Allin*

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**QUEEN TO ATTEND MAUNDY SERVICE** – The Queen will be in Bury St. Edmunds on 9<sup>th</sup> April to hand out money at the Maundy Service at St. Edmundsbury Cathedral at 11am. Angel Hill and other areas will be closed to traffic and parking.

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**POLICE REPORT.** With February upon us it has brought the worst weather for some time. Here is hoping that all vulnerable residents, especially the elderly are being closely monitored by family and more importantly, neighbours. If you have elderly neighbours don't presume they have had visitors. Make the effort to pop in and make sure they are warm and have enough food in if they cannot get out due to the inclement weather. If you do visit someone and feel they need further assistance from other agencies we have a Home Shield scheme which is very useful.

With the heating on constantly, please monitor your fuel consumption as rural is still experiencing heating fuel thefts and no fuel would not be good with the current freeze. Hopefully on a lighter note, we are getting out and about with the new Mobile Police Station. Please watch your village notice board for advertising when it is in your village. Please do not hesitate to contact your team if you have any queries or need advice.

Monthly statistics are available on the Suffolk County Council website. Just go into [www.suffolkcc.gov.uk](http://www.suffolkcc.gov.uk) Put in the field Crime Statistics then click on interactive crime summary xls. Please consider registering with Police Direct on [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) which will enable you to receive relevant information about crime and policing issues in your area.

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**CHURCH SERVICES MODIFICATION** – Beginning in March, there will be a few changes to the timings and frequency of HOLY COMMUNION Services in Great and Little Thurlow in an effort to achieve a balanced and “user-friendly” rota. Please note the following: a) There will no longer be a HC Service at 8.00am at Little Thurlow on the second Sunday of the month. b) Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11.00am at Little Thurlow on the second Sunday of the month and at Great Thurlow on the second Sunday of the following month and so on...c). In 2009 the fifth Sunday Benefice Service (HC) will be held at Great Thurlow in March and August and Little Thurlow in May and November. d) The usual Benefice Services (HC) will be held on the third Sunday of every month. This means that in one year, two of these services will be held at Great Thurlow and one at Little Thurlow – and the next year vice versa.

The rota for Services of the Word is not due to be changed. There may, of course, be times when services have to be moved around but the model described above will, we hope, provide Great and Little Thurlow with a good number of services of Holy Communion throughout the year. We hope too that the two Parishes will support each other to ensure that the new rota works successfully. It goes without saying that everyone and anyone is welcome at all Benefice churches and wider afield. These changes have been agreed after much discussion between Benefice Church Wardens, PCCs and others. *Sam Sheppard, George Vestey (Church Wardens, Great Thurlow)*  
*Iris Eley (Church Warden, Little Thurlow)*

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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](mailto:jane.midwood@councillors.suffolkcc.gov.uk)

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

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

## 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

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 Geoffrey Vollam 01440 783121

ASH WEDNESDAY 24 <sup>th</sup> February		10.00 Kedington HC + Ashes				7.30 Gt Bradley HC + Ashes
First Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March		9.30 Kedington HC	11.00 Gt Br'ley HC	11.00 Lt Thurlow SW		
Second Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March		9.30 Kedington SW	9.30 B' diston HC	11.00 Gt Thurlow HC	11.00 Gt Wr'ting SW	
Third Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March				10.00 BENEFICE SERVICE Little Thurlow		
Fourth Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March Mothering Sunday	8.00 Kedington HC	9.30 Kedington Family Service With Steve D.	9.30 Lt Bradley HC	11.00 Lt Thurlow SW	11.00 Gt Wrattling HC	6.00 Kedington Evensong
Fifth Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March Passiontide				10.00 BENEFICE SERVICE Great Thurlow		
First Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April PALM SUNDAY		9.30 Kedington Palm Sunday Communion	11.00 Gt Bradley Palm Sunday Communion	Lt Thurlow Reading of the Passion		
HOLY WEEK SERVICES	6.00 p.m. Lt Wrattling Compline. Mon, Tues, Wed	10.00 Kedington Holy C'union Wednesday	7.30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Kedington HC & Footwashing	Good Friday Gt Bradley 12 Lt thurlow 1 Gt Wrattling 2 Kedington 7.30	Easter Saturday Easter Vigil with Bp Nigel 6pm Kedington	
EASTER DAY Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April		9.30 Kedington Holy Comm.		11.00 Little Thurlow HolyComm.		
Third Sunday Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April			10.00 BENEFICE SERVICE Gt Wrattling			
Fourth Sunday Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00 Kedington Holy Communion	9.30 Lt Bradley Holy Communion	11.00 Gt Thurlow Service of the Word	11.00 Gt Wrattling Holy Communion		6.00 Kedington Evensong

Thought for the month – To err is human, but to really foul things up you need a computer.  
Paul Ehrlich

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**ALL SAINTS CHURCH PCC GREAT THURLOW - DRAW CLUB** – The February winner was M. Banks. The new draw year will start with the April draw. The March draw winner will receive the end of year bonus making the prize £10.

For a modest contribution of £15.00 for the year you can help keep the Church active and have a chance of a cash prize – more players, more prizes. Please complete the slip below and take it to the Village Shop with your contribution.

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