

# Thurton Thunderer

Issue 29

August/September 2011

## Stunning results for Thurton Primary School!

We continue to show excellent improvement in our results over the last few years and we have achieved 100% Level 4 and above in both literacy and numeracy in the Year 6 SAT's!

**SIAS Inspection:** We have been graded as Outstanding! I was especially pleased that in the feedback, the inspector discussed how we were outstanding (one of the best schools she had ever seen) in regard to the Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural development of the children, as this is the area that we were graded as Satisfactory by the Ofsted inspector because of our lack of cultural diversity. Thank you to all the staff, parents who sent their questionnaires back, children, governors (especially Mrs Royall) and Reverend Knight for the hard work helping us to be as prepared as we could for this inspection.

## Opening of our fantastic new playground

The playground looks fantastic and we wish to thank Mr Meo and his team for creating such an amazing space. The Bishop of Norwich opened the playground on the 14th of July, thank you for all who attended.



We also have visitors from the Diocese and R.E. advisors from all over the South East of England to view the new reflective areas in the school grounds including a quiet garden space, labyrinth and a space in the Key stage 2 library. This is such an amazing opportunity to share the developments at our school, to show we are at the forefront of developments to ensure that children have time to reflect and contemplate in this era of 24/7 speeds.



We are very proud of what we have achieved in the last year in and around the school.

**Cassandra Williams, Headteacher Thurton Primary School.**

### Thurton Parish Council News

**The next Parish Council Meeting** will be held on 28 July 2011 in the village hall at 7.45 pm. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend. Future meetings for 2011: 29 September, and 24 November.

**Police Report:** In June the police reported two crimes of violence against the person and one other crime in Thurton. In Thurton in May there was one burglary non-dwelling recorded and one other crime not specified.

The police are advising S. Norfolk home owners to step up shed and outbuilding security following reports of break-ins. Items stolen include cycles, lawn mowers and other garden tools. Police are asking people to check the locks on their sheds and outbuildings and to ensure valuable items are clearly security marked to deter opportunist thieves.

Norfolk Constabulary offers the following crime prevention advice:

- Fit good quality mortise locks or padlocks 1/3 up and 1/3 down on the door to reduce the leverage available.
- Do not neglect the hinge either side and use security screws or bolts through their fixings.
- Secure the windows with a weld mesh or a crime shield product secured from the inside.
- Fit a security light and shed alarm to deter potential thieves.
- Use padlocks and chains to secure high value items including power tools, lawnmowers and cycles to an anchor.
- Overtly security mark your property with your house number and post code.

To deter thieves, cyclists are advised when out and about to:

- Change where you leave your bike locked on a regular basis, so it won't be noticed and stolen to order.
- Always lock your cycle, even if you're only leaving it for a moment.
- Lock your bike through the frame and secure removable parts.
- Make the lock or chain hard to manoeuvre when parked.
- Face the lock towards the ground to make it difficult to pick.

**Road Safety A146 Speed:** Thurton Parish Council has written to the County Council thanking the council for retaining the speed camera. The Council has also asked for a reduction in speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph and has asked for the 50 mph outer limit to be reduced to 40 mph.

**Thurton Parish Council Web-site:** Unfortunately, the County Council has had to make cuts and is no longer able to financially support our old web-site. The County Council has agreed to support a new site. The council has been informed the old site will be closed down. The new site is currently being developed and the address is

<http://thurton-parish-council.norfolkparishes.gov.uk/>

**Contact Telephone Numbers for Parish Councillors are:**

Chris Popplewell (Chair)	480329	Len Swiffen	480061
Paul Byrne	480382	Karen Bonsell	480993
Audrey Chapman	480629	Peter Martin	480266
Jan Whitehouse	ex-directory		

**Clerk/Financial Officer:** Richard Taylor 480092.

**Mail for Thurton Parish Council** should be forwarded to: The Clerk to the Parish Council, c/o 16 The Meadows, Thurton, NR14 6BB. Email [thurton\\_pc@msn.com](mailto:thurton_pc@msn.com)

## *A busy time continues at Thurton Church of England Primary School!*



**Sporting events:** Each week this term the school has had a cricket coach from the E.C.B teaching cricket skills and techniques to the years 3 to 6. They have all enjoyed and learnt a lot from this experience, the skills used when recently coming 5<sup>th</sup> in the Kwik Cricket South Norfolk finals at Great Melton Cricket club. The year 5/6 children batted and bowled bravely in very wet and windy conditions.

**Year 3/4 Rounders:** Due to the unsettled weather the sport was changed from rounders to a basketball tournament in the school's sports hall. Needless to say, our children were not affected by this change and adapted brilliantly, and played magnificently in each match, finishing 2nd overall!

**Year 3/4 Tennis:** As county champions in 2010, a new team went off to defend last year's title. The team played very well and came 4<sup>th</sup> in South Norfolk. We are very pleased with the result as most of the team was from year 3, we look forward to returning next year and seeing if we can get back to the finals!

**National School Sport Week:** All the children have participated in events to try and achieve their personal best and have learnt to work as a team with each other, following the values of RESPECT, EXCELLENCE and FRIENDSHIP. Highlights included a KS2 football tournament and a Danceathon, led by Miss Banham, where the whole school danced 'disco' and 'street' together in the hall!

**PTA Thank-you:** The PTA has been able to buy some great items for the school over the years such as the stage, playhouse and very soon some video cameras to be used for stop start animation. We very much appreciate their fundraising efforts led by Mrs Stone over the past decade. So a very big thank you to Mrs Stone for being our chairperson for so long and ensuring that the P.T.A. continued even when there were very few members. I also wish to thank Mrs Cook for her work as treasurer of the PTA.

**Race for life:** Well done to Jazmin, Isobel, Charlotte, and Georganna in raising funds for Cancer Research, they hope the money they have raised will help to get one step closer to achieving the goal of beating cancer once and for all.

Stunning results for Thurton Primary School and Opening of our fantastic new playground—see front page. If you would like to know what we have been up to at Thurton School, check out our website [www.thurton.norfolk.sch.uk](http://www.thurton.norfolk.sch.uk)

### USEFUL SOUTH NORFOLK AND COUNTY COUNCIL NUMBERS

#### **SOUTH NORFOLK COUNCIL**

Main tele 0800 168 2000

General enquiries 01508 533633

e-mail [council@s-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:council@s-norfolk.gov.uk)

#### **NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL**

Main tele 0344 800 8020

web [www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk)

e-mail [information@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:information@norfolk.gov.uk)

The non-emergency police contact number is 0845 456 4567 [www.norfolk.police.uk](http://www.norfolk.police.uk)

### Gardening Notes - August/September

Since the last time of writing the weather has improved no end and the rain we have had has helped the gardens, and saved us all a lot of work. During the months of August and September continue to harvest early and second early potatoes, salad crops, courgettes and marrows. Onions and shallots can be lifted once the tops have died down, pull up the onions and shallots and leave on the ground, turning them regularly so as they dry out completely, once they are dry store them in nets or hang them in strings from a shed roof giving plenty of ventilation. Spring Cabbage seed should be sown mid to late August, to be transplanted in the Autumn. Japanese Onion seed and onion sets of all varieties can be planted from mid September. Pick Sweet corn cobs when the tassels are turning brown, test the cobs to see when the Sweet corn is ready, push a thumb nail into a kernel if its just getting 'cheezy' they are ready to eat. If you let them get too hard you will loose their sweet flavour. In September sow over wintering Lettuce and Carrots but protect them before the frosts start. Apples, Pears and Plums can be picked before being fully ripe as they will store better, but be careful not to bruise them when handling. In the flower garden continue to dead head flowers, remove any annuals that are looking past their best. September is a good time for sowing new lawns or repairing damaged areas, as the days are getting cooler and there is usually more moisture to help germination. To help established grass get through the winter in a good condition, it is a good idea to apply an Autumn fertiliser, with or without a moss killer depending on the presence of moss. Make sure you use an Autumn feed as this contains less Nitrogen, so there won't be too much top growth, but it contains Phosphate and Potash which helps with root growth and will keep the grass healthy and hopefully disease free.. On the hot days put your feet up and enjoy your garden, on the cooler days get out there with the hoe! Have fun!



**Andrew Carver Loddon Garden and Seed Centre.**

**Roll-up! Roll-up!** Join the Circus Stars Reading Challenge this summer holiday at Loddon Library. Come to Summer Fun for the under 5's with Surestart on Wednesday 10th August from 2pm-3pm and.....**Roll-up! Roll-up!** For the under 7's on Thursday 18th August from 10.30am –11.30am. Medal ceremony and presentation of certificates will be at 6pm on Monday 12th September.

Chet Community Festival

Saturday 10th September Fire Station Meadow Loddon

Live entertainment, displays, hot food, beer, children's activities and much more

**Wanted!** Thurton representatives for local groups

If you want to run a stall, do a display or perform

please email [chetcommunityfestival@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chetcommunityfestival@yahoo.co.uk) for more details

All villages in the Hobart cluster are invited to celebrate what our community has to offer.

### Thurton & Ashby St. Mary Pre-School

I would like to thank the retiring committee and those parents who have formed the new committee to take Thurton & Ashby St. Mary pre-school through the next school year. We had lots of fun taking part in the Barnardo's/Pre-school Toddle recently, which raised £30 for Barnardo's and everyone enjoyed a well earned lollypop at the finish. We have nine children leaving us and wish them well as they start their new school life. Our autumn fundraising events will be a Jumble Sale on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 12 p.m. - 2 p.m., Christmas Shopping afternoon on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. and Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2 p.m. 4. p.m.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting autumn term offering 15 funded hours, so if you are looking for a caring, child-centred setting for your pre-school child please contact Sandra on 480545.



### The Muse

She rose, in the August sky a tantalizing  
web veils the cold beautiful face.  
A muse with a crown of stars rides the  
winged Pegasus, her faithful archer at her  
side  
Aries, Taurus, Leo, her noble beasts pro-  
tect and worship at her feet  
Dawn in orange dress and golden hair,  
follows her across the summer skies  
as she pleads with the majestic sun to  
smite the beauty with his morning light.

*Sheila Withington*



**THURTON**

**HOLIDAY**

**CLUB**

**8th - 14th**

**AUGUST**

**2011**

We have a fun packed week for all 5 - 11 year olds as we find out about the life of Moses and the dangerous mission God assigned to him.

**Mission control: Ashby and Thurton Village Hall**

**Daily start (4 days) 10am**  
**Home for lunch 12.15pm**  
**Afternoon activities 2 - 4pm**

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**Family outing to Carleton Marshes Nature Reserve**  
**Wednesday 10th August**

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**Holiday Club Service for everyone!**  
**Sunday 14th August at 11am**

Contacts to book a place: Karen Smith 480396, Angie Broadberry 480477,  
Sandra Rennie 480545, Rosalind Limbach 480440, Veronica Harvey 480406.



G & D cheque presentation  
for PICU and SCT

## Readers Letters

Dear Editor

On behalf of all who will benefit from Thurton Holiday Club we are writing to say a big thank you to everyone who supported our recent fund raiser on June 17th at the Village Hall. The Explorers and friends and families ran some great games and we all had fun having a go at everything! After the event many generous people gave us an extra donation and the grand total raised came to £126.58. Wow.....and thank you to you all!!

The Explorer and Holiday Club Team

### Christian Aid

Thank you to all the collectors who helped raise £412.50 in Thurton & Ashby St. Mary during Christian Aid week in May. Special thanks to Frances and John Pidgen, who have collected in St. George's Close for many years and to the new collectors doing it for the first time this year. Thank you again to the residents of Thurton & Ashby.

Sandra Rennie

### Thurton Bowls Club

We are sorry to say that we lost a very good and loyal member, Baden Howlett, very suddenly on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. He will be missed at the club as he was always there at roll ups and matches, even if he was not playing, He was always in his greys and whites in case somebody did not turn up! Our thoughts are with Margaret and family. Deepest sympathies from all our members.

**Letters to the Editor**—Please include your name, address and contact number when submitting your letters so that we can contact you if the need arises.

### South Yare Wildlife Group

Our monthly events continue to be popular with a bbq at Surlingham in June and a visit to the Bergh Apton Conservators land in July. On the 16th August we are organizing a walk round Thurton & Ashby, followed by a social evening in the Dragon Bar at the George & Dragon. All welcome. For further information please contact southyarewildlife@gmail.com



## Thurton, Ashby & District WI

June 2011

At the June Meeting our President Jill Chadwick welcomed members and our Speaker Richard Wright. The usual business of the evening was dealt with, birthday buttonholes were distributed and details of proposed outings were discussed. It is hoped that during the rest of the year members and friends will be able to take a trip on The Waveney Princess, visit the End of the Pier Show at Cromer as well as visiting various places of interest in Norwich. Jill also reminded members of the Afternoon Tea we were hosting on 15<sup>th</sup> June when the speaker would be Gerry Baxter, Pearly King.

Our Speaker Mr Richard Wright entitled his talk 'From Pigs to Oil Lamps' and demonstrated his skill in inserting dried flowers and oil into pretty bottles as a way of supplementing his income from Pig Farming.

The evening was brought to a close with our usual cuppa and biscuits and the winner of the competition for an Ornamental Pig was Rosumund Reynolds.

July 2011

The July Meeting was held at the house of our President Jill Chadwick who welcomed us during an unfortunately rainy evening. Jill and her husband had spent a great deal of time organising the garden for our meeting including a wonderful selection of golden balloons in celebration of our Golden Year but we had to spend most of the evening indoors. The usual business of the meeting was dealt with and birthday buttonholes were distributed. Jill thanked the members who had supplied refreshments for our recent afternoon tea. The Peal of Belles continues well and have been asked to ring at another Wedding in August.

The delegate to the AGM in Liverpool was Julie Powell who gave her report to the members and thanked them for the opportunity of representing Thurton as well as Langley with Hardley, Rockland St Mary and Surlingham on the day.

A wonderful array of refreshments had been supplied by members and these were enjoyed together with a refreshing drink. The opportunity to sit in the garden came during a lull in the rain and an enjoyable evening ended with the drawing of the raffle.

At our next meeting at the Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm on 4 August the Speaker will be Mike Sparks from Norfolk Wherry Trust and visitors are always welcome to attend and perhaps decide to join us.

**NEWS FROM THE GEORGE & DRAGON**

We were all very pleased to finally, officially hand over TWO cheques to PICU & SICK CHILDREN'S TRUST this week. We know every penny raised for these charities means so much!! Thank you again to all who helped us to raise such an amazing amount of money that weekend.

**South Norfolk Council's Community Pub of the Year Competition:**

This is the third year of running and the prize is for £1,000 for the winning pub to spend on a community event. We need your vote!!! If successful, we would put this money into the Children's Christmas Party. There are two ways to cast your vote: Text "pub The George & Dragon Thurton" to 80010 or e-mail [pubs@s-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:pubs@s-norfolk.gov.uk) Please hurry as the closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> July!!

With regard to the Christmas party, we still run our lottery squares in The Dragon Bar every week, to raise money for the party. Many of you enjoyed the party and I am sure you would like to enjoy the same again this year! Some of you missed out on the limited spaces. We could increase numbers and keep it FREE if you support the fund-raising all year, so do pop in and place your £1 or more – you may even win the kitty money!! Bank Holiday wk/end Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August we are hosting the Tea Stop for a Charity Classic Vehicle Run. All the vehicles will call in between 11am – 1pm. Come down for a drink and view between 50 -70 classic vehicles.

Monday 29th August is BBQ day (weather permitting) from 3pm and then from 8pm it's our weekly Quiz but this one is for all the family so get together & enjoy the afternoon & evening with us & your friends.

BUDDING MUSICIANS. We would like to host another music evening in The Dragon's Bar later in September, but we need some volunteers to put together another folk evening so please contact Vicky.

We are pleased to say that the **The Dragon Bar** is now open Monday to Friday from 6pm and all day on Saturday and Sunday. The pool table is in regular use and the pool teams are out and about playing friendly matches. So, we now have a pub/ restaurant for lunches or traditional pub meals in our beautiful old pub or a warm and friendly bar area for drinks, music and pub games. The choice is yours!

*From Vicky , Ian and Family and all the staff of Thurton's George and Dragon.*

**So You Think You've Got Talent?**

Now is your chance to enter this

***FREE CONTEST***

***£600 prize money – sponsored by the Thurton Players***

***Yes...we could make you a star!!***

***Semi-Final: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2011***

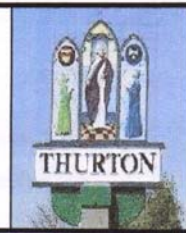
***Final 29<sup>th</sup> October 2011***

***At Bergh Apton Village Hall to be judged by public vote***

***Ring now for entry form/further details to: Ray Wharton 01508 480629***



*Ashby St Mary & Thurton  
Village Hall & Playing Field  
Management Committee*



**(Registered Charity No. 303890)**

Currently the village hall & playing field are like most businesses with ever increasing costs and a down turn in sales. So, it has given the VHMC little choice but to make a few changes. Firstly, we have increased the hall charges by £2.00 per session but this still makes our hall competitive with others in the area. The last time prices were increased was in 2006. Secondly, we are advertising the hall facilities and offering a £5.00 discount voucher to non-regular users (see below) and hopefully this will encourage us all to use the hall.

The VHMC is also looking for new committee members. We have six meetings a year and gives people the chance to give something back in to their village.

Current projects are focused on making the hall more user friendly for all types of users; e.g. new wider doors for wheel chair and buggy access, a hearing loop, Playing Field redevelopment. If you feel this is something you would like to be part of please contact Janet on 480211.

The VHMC would like to express their thanks again to John Pidgen for his hard work and commitment to the village hall. After many years of being the chairperson of the VHMC John has retired from the post. We wish John and Francis all the best with the move and future.

Keith Lincoln Vice – Chair July 2011

**ASHBY ST MARY & THURTON VILLAGE  
HALL CHARGES 2010/11**

	PER HOUR	HALF DAY	DAY	EVE	FULL DAY
		8AM - 1PM 1PM - 6PM	8AM - 6PM	6PM-12AM	8AM-12AM
<b>MON-FRI</b>					
MAIN HALL	£10.00	£15.00	£20.00	£20.00	£35.00
COMMITTEE ROOM	£7.00	£10.00	£15.00	£15.00	£20.00
COMPLETE HALL	£13.00	£20.00	£30.00	£25.00	£40.00
<b>SAT &amp; SUN</b>					
COMPLETE HALL ONLY	£15.00	£25.00	£35.00	£35.00	£50.00

PLEASE CONTACT BOOKING CLERK FOR DISCOUNT ON REGULAR BOOKINGS

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY TO ALL ABOVE**

**FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR TO BOOK THE HALL PLEASE  
CONTACT KAREN ON 01508 480993**



This voucher entitles the bearer to £5.00 off the listed price of hiring the

Village Hall. Can only be used by non-regular users and cannot be used in connection with any other discount or offer. (main or full hall only)





# A Railman's Tale





























The grit blasting finished at March and as we started clearing the site, we had a visit from our supervisor and the assistant civil engineer who inspected the work we had done. They were impressed with what they saw and thanked us. After they had gone we all agreed that it was not all about money.

Other jobs followed on and the next one was Reedham swing bridge. This presented us with a different set of problems. These bridges are a wonderful example of Victorian engineering. They are finely balanced on a pivot and operated from the adjacent signal box. At one time there were five in the Norwich area, two of which are no longer operational thanks to the lines being closed by Beeching.

The difficulties were, for example, arranging where the lookouts were to be stationed. Places of safety would be arranged for the team to congregate when a train was due. In certain situations a touch man was needed. If someone was working with a noisy piece of equipment and wearing ear protection, he would need some sort of warning of the danger. Grit blasting was difficult because of the noise and the danger from the grit and dust, so we worked out that when any train was approaching, the supply of grit would be turned off, thus giving a warning of danger.

To be continued...

**Trevor Head**

**THURTON LITTLE FISH**

Little Fish are the 0's—5's who meet at the village hall on alternate Wednesday during term time at 10.30am for a short service specially designed for them. Afterwards there's a drink and biscuit and playtime. For more info & future dates contact Veronica 480406 or Angie 480477

**THURTON EXPLORERS**



























All 7-11yr olds are welcome to join. We meet on alternate Friday evenings during term time at the village hall from 7pm-8.15pm. Next meeting dates: September 16th and 30th. Contact: Angie 480477 & Rosalind 480440

**CHURCH SERVICES**

Church services at Thurton can be found on the back page of '11 Says' along with the places and times of all the services in the Bramerton Group. Transport is available—please call Angie (480477) if you would like a lift. If you know someone who is either temporarily or permanently housebound who wishes to receive Holy Communion, at home, please contact Rev. Knight.

**Confidential Pastoral Contacts are:**

**Rev Peter Knight (480738) and Mrs Jasmine Wood (480751)**



### VILLAGE HALL ALL WELCOME GROUP

Present for your Entertainment

**'For One Night Only'**

Friday 14th October

doors open 7pm

show starts 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50 Concessions £6.50

Suitable for children over 12 years

Written by Oladipo Agboluaje, this story follows Eddie and Bode who have recently arrived in England from Nigeria with a dream of finding their fame and fortune at Covent Garden. A failure to understand the railway timetable sends them on a tour of the Home Counties via Didcot and Milton Keynes on a series of madcap adventures in which they discover as much about themselves as the countryside!

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY—A REAL FAMILY TREAT**

### THE SNOWMAN



Friday 16th December 2011

No confirmed times or prices for this yet.

Please contact Tricia on 480695 to reserve your seats.

This delightful story unfolds afresh in an astonishingly funny, lively & often moving performance by the audience themselves with many acting out the story & everyone dancing with the snowmen & singing the famous song, "I'm Walking in the Air"

## NORFOLK CHURCHES TRUST SPONSORED BIKE RIDE

10th September 2011

9 am - 5pm

All the churches are open, refreshments and lunches(!) at some, a great day out for all the family, cycle to as many or as few as you want.....you don't even need to be sponsored to join in!

Sponsor forms are in the village at the home of Ros Royall (01508 480088) and you can raise funds for the church of your choice.

Let's get together with some friends and go cycling for Thurton Church!

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### Langley with Hardley Social Club

The club is open to members from 8pm every Friday at Langley with Hardley village hall. Membership is £2 per person and £5 for a family.

Forthcoming events are:

### 26<sup>th</sup> August: Medieval Night with BBQ

Come along in Medieval fancy dress (optional). Non-members entry by ticket, £2. 8pm onwards.

### 30<sup>th</sup> September- Quiz & Chips

Teams of 6. Non-members £1 each. 8pm.

Contact Tricia on 01508 520273 or Lynn on 01508 528517

If you are looking for a caring, child centered pre-school then visit us. We welcome families with children from 2 years to under 5 years old.

Experienced, highly qualified staff. Good quality indoor/outdoor provision. Competitive Fees and Grant Funding. Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. – 12 noon during school term.

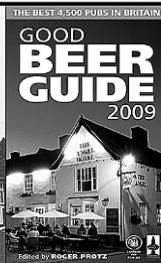
Ofsted said 'The quality of teaching and learning is Good'.

Village Hall, Ashby Road,  
Thurton, NR14 6AX  
Contact Sandra Rennie 01508 480545



# The George & Dragon

- Good Choice of Real Ales ● In the Good Beer Guide 2009 ● Fine Wines
- Traditional Home Cooked Food ● Extensive Range of New Menus
- Large Outside Beer Gardens ● Ample Parking ● Outside Terrace
- Historic Traditional English Village Pub Suitable For All The Family
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## 01508 480242

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### Norfolk Village Games – Our team does well.

Huge congratulations to all Thurton & Ashby St Mary residents who took part in the Norfolk Village Games at Framingham Earl School. All who attended and took part, as well as all those who came along and cheered on our sportsmen and women, had a fantastic day.

We had fantastic representation in the 5 a side football tournament, badminton mixed pairs, darts, rounders and short mat bowling.

We all had a wonderful time and we hope that we will be able to repeat these performances again next year - the year of the London 2012 Olympics. We hope to have an even stronger representation and can fly the Thurton & Ashby St Mary flag with strength and pride!

The Norfolk Games Final takes place at the UEA Sportspark on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact Mark Heazle tele 01508 533979 or email mheazle@s-norfolk.gov.uk for further information about the event.

### Thurton v Ashby Annual Rounders Match

The annual Thurton v Ashby St Mary Rounders Match is to take place at the Village Hall playing field on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September starting at 2pm. Team members required for junior and adult teams. During the afternoon the Charity Prize Auction will take place in aid of the new play area and additional facilities. Promises, prizes and items for the auction would be most gratefully received. If you can help in any way or if you would like to take part in the Rounders matches please contact Karen on 480993. How about getting in some practice this year – Ashby won the cup last year so come on Team Thurton!



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## Sightings on the Wild Side

In response to the article in the previous issue, we received these comments,

**Cuckoo:** “I heard a cuckoo calling quite a lot for just one day close to the house, it must have been the last week of April or first week of May I think, but he obviously took himself off northwards as I haven't heard him since”.

**Hérons and ducklings:** “Mature heron will take fish which they either swallow whole or break it up if its big, but they also will take frogs, water vole, rats or even moles so I guess ducklings would be easy pickings if there were few enough adult ducks around not to mob it”.

**Regarding newts:** A Pre-school Mum has reported seeing newts in nettle beds in the garden of her property towards the Bergh Apton end of Whiteheath Road. Not sure if that's Bergh Apton or Thurton really and don't know what kind of newts they are but still its good to know newts are there and have been sighted. Do you have newts or frogs in your gardens or have you observed them in the locality? Please let us know what you see.

This **Juvenile Woodpecker** was spotted in the garden of Thurton, Ashby St Mary & District WI member Christine Peck. Great photo!



And finally, “Sunday morning and we're off on the usual run in the car to the local supermarket ... going up the hill towards Loddon the traffic slowed right down almost to a standstill and we saw something that made us both smile. A Great Spotted woodpecker was hanging upside down, in a very acrobatic manner, from the underside of the top bar of an old wooden five-bar farm gate.

It was pecking away furiously at the cracks and the crevices of the woodwork probably for ants or something similar. It was a manic and comical trapeze routine to watch through the car windows.

The woodpecker's antics made our Sunday morning shopping trip far more enjoyable”.

## Invitation to become a Norfolk Trading Standards Consumer Champion

Co-ordinators and members of Home Watch in Norfolk are invited to become Consumer Champions for Norfolk Trading Standards. The voluntary role involves acting as a local point of contact to signpost residents in your local community to the appropriate source of advice and information when and where it is needed. You may also be able to pass on relevant information or news to your local community, including the latest scams or rogue traders operating where you live. The role also includes informing Trading Standards of any problems or issues in the community. Consumer Champions will be provided with a pack which will include a list of contact details in order to signpost residents to information, together with a variety of advice leaflets and a Trusted Trader directory. If you are interested in becoming a Consumer Champion please contact Phil Childs at Norfolk Trading Standards on 01603 638078 or email [trading.standards@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:trading.standards@norfolk.gov.uk) fao Phil Childs.

## DIARY OF EVENTS

Day	Month	Time	Event	Venue	Day	Month	Time	Event	Venue
Thurs	04 Aug	7.30pm	WI Meeting	V Hall	Thurs	01 Sep	7.30pm	WI Meeting	V Hall
Mon	08 Aug	10am-12.15pm	Holiday Club	V Hall	Sun	04 Sep	All day	Norfolk Village Games Final	UEA
Sun	14 Aug	2pm-4pm	Mission Rescue		Sat	10 Sep	9-5.30pm	Norfolk Churches Sponsored	Thurton
Weds	10 Aug	2-3pm	Under 5s Summer Fun	Library				Bike Ride	Church
Sun	14 Aug	11.00am	Holiday Club Service	V Hall	Sat	10 Sep	12noon-7.30pm	Chet Community Festival	Loddon
Tues	16 Aug	7pm	S. Yare Wildlife Group	G&D	Mon	12 Sep	6pm	Medal Ceremony	Library
Thurs	18 Aug	10.30am-11.30am	Under 7s Roll Up	Library	Fri	16 Sep	7-8.15pm	Explorers	V Hall
Sat	20 Aug	1-5pm	Fete and Talent Show in aid of Oxfam	V Hall	Sun	18 Sep	11.00am	All Age Service	V Hall
Fri	26 Aug	8pm	Social Club Medieval Night and BBQ	Langley V Hall	Sun	18 Sep	2pm	Rounders Matches and Charity Auction	P Field & V Hall
Sun	28 Aug	11-1pm	Classic Car Run	G&D	Wed	21 Sep	7.30pm	VHMC Meeting	V Hall
Mon	29 Aug	3pm	BBQ	G&D	Thurs	22 Sep	7.30pm	Ashby PC	V Hall
Mon	29 Aug	8pm	Family Quiz	G&D	Sat	24 Sep	12-2pm	Pre-school Jumble Sale	V Hall
					Thurs	29 Sep	7.45pm	Thurton PC	V Hall
					Friday	30 Sep	7-8.15pm	Explorers	V Hall
					Friday	30 Sep	8pm	Social Club Quiz and Chips	Langley

**Pre-School Sessions** in term time held weekday mornings (except Wednesdays) in the Village Hall.

**Short Mat Bowls Club** meets Monday evenings in the Village Hall.

**Dance Club** meets Tuesday evenings in the Village Hall.

**Pre-School Music Group**  
Alternate Wednesdays in Village Hall. 10.30am-11.30am

### Village Hall Keys and Bookings

Karen Bonsell of 32, Ashby Road. Please phone 480993.

### Looking Forward ... Dates for your diary.

#### October

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Oct Talent Show semi-final BA Village Hall

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Oct Comedy "One Night Only" All Welcome Group 7.30pm

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Oct FOTC Quiz and Supper T&A Village Hall 7.30pm

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Oct Talent Show Final BA Village Hall

#### November

Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Nov Neighbourhood Board Meeting Hobart High School 7pm

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Nov Pre-school Christmas Shopping Afternoon 2-4pm

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Nov Pre-school Christmas Bazaar 2-4pm Village Hall

#### December

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec FOTC Christmas Bingo T&A Village Hall 7.30pm

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Family Christmas Show "The Snowman" All Welcome Group at T&A Village Hall – early evening. Time to be confirmed.

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