

NOTES FROM THORNHAM

This oil painting of the Felixstowe to Ipswich coach hangs in Christchurch Mansion in Ipswich. Set on a spring day in about 1950, the mostly sombre colours contrast with a bright bunch of tulips and daffodils, coloured blankets keeping the passengers warm and the ladies' clothes. Through the windows you can see farms and bare trees. The front passenger is sketching, so very likely he is the artist, with his trusty dog and an ex-army rucksack for his art materials.



Oil painting by Russell Sidney Reeve (1895-1970)
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This is an excuse to remind you about our wonderful bus service to Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday mornings. Fareline's number 320, with owner Jeff Morse at the wheel, stops in Thornham Street at the side entrance to the Horseshoes (9.40), opposite the Gislingham shop (9.46) and returns from Bury at 13.25.

Bury's Wednesday market is still a sight worth seeing, and I urge you to support this bus service and the market. The bus is free if you have a pass.

Until December Jeff had a rather interesting coach. But now the full requirements of the Public Service Vehicle Accessibility Regulations of 2000 have become law, and all coaches and buses, old and new, have to be accessible. So now Jeff has a red bus which is less picturesque but a great improvement for less agile passengers and those coping with buggies, trollies, shopping and wheelchairs.

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MARCH IN THE THORNHAMS ● **Friday 6th:** special film, *Five Seasons*, Parish Hall, 7.30, £7.50, bookings 01379 788207 ● **Friday 20th:** Parish Hall film, *Good Liar*, £5, please book, 07858 934440 ● **Sunday 29th:** Magna litter pick, 10.30, Parish Hall