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EDITOR'S NOTES

NOVEMBER 2020



As we head into November it's a time for reflection and remembrance. We are still in the grip of the pandemic which doesn't look like ending anytime soon.

Our Memory Lane article got me thinking about the generation that were born around the turn of the 20th Century. That generation endured the First World War, Spanish Flu, the crash of the stock markets and the Second World War. I can remember my grandfather telling me he went to War, too young to sign up, to be with his brother who succumbed to Spanish Flu in the trenches. In the 1929 crash he used to go to the gates at London Docks and hope he would be picked for a day's work. In 1939 he signed up again, too old for this War, but went anyway. Certainly, a generation made of stern stuff!

It puts our current situation with the pandemic in perspective. When our current Prime Minister asks us to make sacrifices to protect our NHS, the elderly and vulnerable, it reminds me of a speech Churchill made during WWII, "Never was so much owed by so many to so few". Perhaps the tables have turned and now the few owe so much to so many.

We must remain mindful of our actions to prevent Covid taking a grip in our own community.

On a lighter note, Kate is making plans for next year in Down to Earth and Brian shares his love of the Countryside. The Cricket club has wrapped up the season, as has the Bowls Club.

We will be including a Christmas Message Board in next months issue, so if you want to send a seasonal message to your fellow Stowuplanders please do let me know.

This month's recipe is a traditional bonfire night cake. Please do send your recipes in to me.

The next issue will be a combined December/January magazine. If you have any Christmas stories or ideas to share please do write in, we have a bumper issue to fill!

Kay

Cover photo by Keith Hyland – thank you.

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POPPIES AS A SYMBOL OF REMEMBRANCE

We all know about 'Poppy Day' and Remembrance Sunday as a time when we honour those who have given their lives in defence of our Nation. The poppy has come to be known to represent the fields in Flanders where many soldiers fell during the First World War after Lieutenant Colonel John McRae wrote a poem in 1915 'In Flanders Fields'.

In fact, the poppy became a symbol of remembrance during the Napoleonic Wars for much the same reason. The scarlet corn poppy thrives in disturbed soil so the destruction of the Napoleonic Wars aided their growth just as the shelling of the First World War did in the early 20th Century.

In English folklore the poppy represents sleep and death and in Holland there is an old belief that if children pick the poppy they will get cancer. So, the poppy has become a physical symbol of commemoration of the dead.

After the First World War the poppy was taken as the symbol for remembrance and charity. In fact it was an American lady, Moina Michael, who first used the poppy as a symbol to honour the war dead. Her efforts were recognised by the National American Legion who adopted the poppy as a symbol of national remembrance. The American Legion held a conference, which was attended by Madame E. Guerin, who saw the poppy as a great way to raise funds for children who had been affected by the horror of the War in France. Mme.Guerin set to work organising French War widows to make paper poppies. In 1921 sales exceeded one million poppies in the United States. Following this success a delegation was sent to London to sell poppies and to meet with Field Marshal Douglas Haig, the founder of the British Legion. He was very enthusiastic about the poppies and quickly adopted the idea to raise funds for the British Legion. The first Poppy Day was on November 11th 1921 and marked the third anniversary of Armistice Day. At this time the poppies were still made by French War widows but in 1922 a factory was opened in Bermondsey to produce the poppies. Initially, just five disabled ex-servicemen made poppies all year round to be distributed in the weeks before Remembrance Day. The first Poppy Appeal in 1921 raised £106,000. The Poppy Factory is now located in Richmond, Surrey and the now Royal British Legion aims to make £25 million annually to help military personnel and their families who find themselves in difficulties. The Poppy factory employs 50 ex-servicemen all year round.

Sadly, the U.S. no longer uses the poppy as a symbol of remembrance, favouring a yellow or red, white and blue ribbon instead. The Poppy factory sends three million poppies to over 120 countries on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

The Royal British Legion produces only red poppies. White poppies are distributed by the Peace Pledge Union. Purple poppies are distributed by Animal Aid to commemorate animal victims of war.

MEMORY LANE

A True Story from a Stowupland family

John Wade or **Rusty** as he was known worked as a horseman at Gipping Farm and later at Stowupland Hall. Rusty died in the 1940's after 80 years in Stowupland. According to Ena Carter although he could neither read nor write he was very wise about birds, animals and foretelling the weather. On more than one occasion he demonstrated uncanny second sight.

One day during the First World War, Thomas Carter went to see how John was getting on at thatching a stack to find him working but with tears running down his face. When asked what the matter was, John said,

'Oh Master I had a dream last night and saw the boy Cyril blown up. There were three of them standing together and a shell burst between them and they were all blown to pieces.'



'Rusty' at work on the farm

Cyril was Rusty's nephew who had been home on leave a fortnight before. Later Thomas Carter asked John's brother if he'd heard from his son since he hadn't. About ten days later they had news from the War Office that Cyril had been reported missing, believed killed on the day of John's dream.

Cyril Norman Wade – Private 48214 11th Royal Fusiliers City of London Regiment b 1898 in Old Newton. Killed in action at Passchendaele 10th August 1917 age 19. In 1911 he was recorded in the census as a farmer's son at home on Pasture Farm, Gipping Road.

DOWN TO EARTH

Kate Elliott

Some flowers stand out from the crowd. They are destined to become the stars and none more so than the tulip. There is something so joyful about their intensity and they are the first real blaze of colour of the year.

Now is the best time to plant them and at Columbine plant them we do - in their thousands. Always plant your tulip bulbs in November and into December. You can plant tulips as late as January but November is the ideal month. They will only start to put roots down now and the cold temperatures help to wipe out viral and fungal diseases that lurk in the soil which will infect the bulbs. Planting late is a traditional means of disease protection particularly against tulip fire disease. This ruins your tulip display producing brown spots and withered and distorted leaves. It is so named because plants appear scorched by fire. Any affected plants should be lifted and burnt and no tulips should be planted in the same spot for at least three years.

Tulips grow wonderfully well in a mixed border, in long grass or in pots. Planting them in a sunny spot produces the best results - they don't appreciate being cast into the shade of walls, fences or hedges. They also like a well-drained soil, so if you have heavy clay mix in some gravel or grit when planting.

Here are some of my absolute favourites that I wouldn't be without:

'Exotic Emperor' - Flowers for at least six weeks and looks good from the moment the buds begin to develop until it is almost dropping. Large double white flowers with a delicate green flame. A magnificent tulip.

'Princess Irene' - This tulip has it all - a beautiful colour combination and a sweet scent. It has a chocolate stem and orange flowers that are finished with pink, plum and a touch of green.

'Queen of Night' - One of the darkest tulips you can grow with glossy dark purple flowers. An amazing tulip. 'Recreado' and 'Black Hero' are also fabulous dark tulips.

'Spring Green' - A real stand-out tulip with long lasting ivory-white flowers adorned with green. Pure class.

'China Pink' - A lily-flowered tulip that flowers in light and dark pink shades. Really catches the eye.

'La Belle Epoque' - An incredible coffee coloured tulip that flowers for weeks. Very trendy and highly recommended.

'Ballerina' - One of the most fragrant tulips you can grow with orange flowers. So graceful.

Tulips are the stars of the spring garden, with their vibrant and elegant forms, they bring the garden alive after its winter rest. I urge you to go plant some now and lose yourself in the majesty of the tulip.

In sheltered spots with well-drained soil you can risk leaving your dahlia tubers in the ground all winter. Cut the tops down and cover them with a thick layer of mulch or straw and hope for the best. I always lift and store mine. I leave the plants until the foliage has turned black from frost then I cut the plants down to about six inches from the ground and dig the tubers up. Wash the tubers clean and turn the plants upside down so the sap drains out of the hollow stems.



Tulip bulbs ready for planting

When they've dried as much as possible, put them in your shed or garage to continue drying, then store them in trays of dry compost or sand until we are ready to deal with them in spring. Once you have dahlias in store - keep an eye on them or they can go rotten as soon as your back is turned. If you catch the damage soon enough, just cut any rotted pieces out and dust the wound with powdered sulphur and you'll save the tuber.

Here are a few more jobs that you can do this month:

Plant garlic.

Plant bare-root trees, shrubs, hedges and roses.

Harvest leeks, parsnips and Brussels sprouts.

Continue to collect leaves to make leaf mould (see last month's issue)

Raise pots and containers onto pot feet to prevent waterlogging.

Clear up fallen leaves from ponds.

Encourage birds into your garden by getting a bird bath and bird feeders. Keep them topped up regularly.

Plant out winter bedding.

Send off for seed catalogues and start planning what to grow next year

Even though the clocks have changed and the days have shortened - there's still plenty to enjoy in the garden.

COUNTRYSIDE RAMBLER

BRIAN WARD

As I get older the weeks seem to fly by. I am retired but every day is filled; I have to be careful not to double book a day. I love to spend time with my family; I am an avid photographer with wildlife being my main subject. My wife and I are keen walkers and love our garden. I am also a fisherman, so my wife is often a fishing widow so all in all every day is taken up. As you may have noticed all of my hobbies are outdoor pursuits in the fresh air and most of them whilst walking, gardening, fishing or even out with the family I am always aware of nature that surrounds us.

Now autumn is upon us what can we expect to see in the great outdoors? Autumn is the time for fruit so look out for blackberries, sloes and crab apples, all can be used in cooking or even make a nice gin! Walnuts and hazel nuts have been in abundance; watch the crows as they pick up a walnut then fly over the road and drop it to crack the shell in order to obtain the tasty kernel. Crows will also pick up shellfish and do the same.

Fungi is at its best now and as we go through autumn more species will emerge. Many fungi live on trees and some appear well up the trunk, many of these are termed as bracket fungus and are generally fan shaped. Animals are feeding hard getting ready for hibernation or fattening up to survive the winter. Badgers gorge themselves on blackberries; this can be seen in their droppings as they are tinged purple and found along footpaths near their sett. Although we do not see them often, our mice and voles are busy fattening up and also caching food for the harsher months.

We can all help our wildlife through these harsher months; just fill your pocket with seed or nuts and sprinkle it on a suitable log along your regular route and you will be pleasantly surprised what birds and wildlife will appear in only a few days. After a few weeks they will be waiting for you to arrive and supply their next meal and if other folks do the same it will be a regular feeding station but in their wild habitat. Hedgehogs too will enjoy a treat of cat food (not fish flavour) if you are lucky to have one visit your garden.

One event not to be missed as the weather turns colder is the red deer rut; they are noisy as the stags bellow to attract the hinds and let the other stags in the area know who is boss, and early morning is the best time to witness this display with mist to add to the atmosphere.

There are several parks and stately homes that hold herds of these large magnificent creatures. Please do not approach as they can be fickle at this time of year due to the level of testosterone that builds up in their bodies.

Enjoy the fruits of the autumn and please all keep safe and well.



Photo of Red Deer courtesy of Brian Ward

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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Even though SLHG is not gathering to hear talks on Local History we are still keen to hear your memories of Stowupland's past. I know some of you have been keeping your own diaries of your experiences in these unusual times. These will be invaluable to future historians.

We look forward to resuming normal meetings when it is safe to do so, and Christine will be in touch with our members when we are able to come up with a plan.

In the meantime, Christine will be happy to deal with any queries from and about membership.

Neil continues to promote Stowupland LHG's activities amongst the wider local history community.

Jerry as our new group secretary will be happy to deal with any non-membership enquiries.

Sandra (me) is still exploring Stowupland's past and present, both physically and metaphorically. With 2021 fast approaching I need to get to work on my Local Recorder's report for Suffolk Local History Council. If anyone has any photos or stories of the past year, I would love to include them in my report.

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By Neil Langridge

STOWMARKET PAPER MILL, A forgotten local industry

Much of the industry attracted by the opening of the river Gipping Navigation in 1794 was on the north bank of the river and therefore within the then boundary of Stowupland parish.

As well as maltings, a long-established industry, developments using new technologies were also being introduced. These included, the gas works in 1837, Prentice's chemical fertiliser works in 1854 and the gun cotton factory in 1864. The coming of the railway in 1847, that mostly supplanted the river for the transportation of goods, also ran through Stowupland and the station was in that parish. The Prentice family were involved in all the above industries.

One early industry that was not a success was the short-lived Paper Mill, it had a working life of about 5 years and has left little documentary evidence of its existence save reports in the local press. This enterprise also employed new methods of production as instead of using rags that had been previously used for paper making or wood pulp that had more recently been used a mixture of straw and Esparto grass were used, no doubt the plentiful supply of straw from nearby farms prompted this development. The Prentice family were also involved in this manufactory, Manning Prentice being a director of The Stowmarket Paper Making Company that was formed in April 1864. The company had a contract to supply paper for London newspapers including The London Standard.

The lease on the land that was to be the site of the factory dates from 24th June 1864 and production began in August 1865. However, it was not long before complaints were heard of how the new mill was polluting the river, the effluent contained caustic soda. It was left to a Henry Lingwood of Barking Mill to take action and in September 1865 with the backing of many other local residents who lived close to the river he took out an injunction against Stowmarket Paper Making Company to restrain from discharging noxious refuse into the Gipping. The discharge was said to be killing the fish and causing a stench. The company's defence was that the river was already polluted before the paper mill had started production, mentioning that the Combs Tannery, the glue works at Needham (Hawksmill) and the local maltings had all been discharging into the river. The case was heard in October and an injunction was granted for the mill to cease production until modifications to the process were made to allow the discharge to be cleansed before entering the river. Work was done to lessen the discharge into the river at a cost of £3,500 including building settling tanks and it was reported that "a plan was discovered by means of which the refuse could be got rid of without injury to the public" and production recommenced once more.

In August 1866 one of the settling tanks gave way flooding the surrounding area with 50,000 gallons of noxious liquid, the resulting stench infiltrated the whole town. In January 1868 Henry Lingwood once again took action, stating that the company had not obeyed the injunction of the court and the water was still polluted and causing a nuisance. Samples of water were taken along the river both above and below the paper mill proving that the mill was a major cause of the pollution. The court asked for further enquiries to be made and a report to be written. Production must have ceased while the enquiry was underway as in January 1869, we hear that production was once more commenced. However, for whatever reason it was decided by the company to cut their losses and in September 1870 a petition for the winding up of Stowmarket Papermaking Company Limited was issued. The mill machinery was advertised for sale in September 1870 and again in May 1871 when the mill and machinery were advertised for auction. From this we learn that the mill had been erected by the engineering company Easton, Amos and Co. the building contractors being Betts and Anderson, and that it was situated adjacent to the station with a siding leading off the main line to serve the mill.

The development on the North bank of the Gipping had been rapid and with little concern given to the effect of these new industries. No doubt the town welcomed the employment opportunities but there was a limit to what would be tolerated, as the angling column of "The Field" reporting on the injunction stated "the time when "poison my neighbour" or his property was a safe game to indulge in, is past"

The buildings of the paper mill were still standing in August 1871 and any possibility of them being brought back into use was ended when they received the full blast of the explosion at the nearby guncotton factory.

OS maps of the 1880s and 90s show the site to be occupied by maltings in Creting Road, a railway siding still branching off the mainline to serve these and behind the nearby chemical works the remains of the paper mill's two settling reservoirs.

ODE TO LOST THINGS

From BSA to the GPO
We have seen so many names just go
To Morris, Austin, Jag and Humber
Lost businesses too many to number

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Have all gone beyond the pale
Our Gas boards and power stations too
Now owned by whom, we have no clue

Our prisons, airports, docks and schools
Are now run using foreign rules
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Are not on British balance sheets

So many factories are now shut
Stifled by the foreign glut
This industrial powerhouse that once was so strong
Has disappeared, so what went wrong?

We stopped producing goods for sale
Our managers became greedy and stale
Shareholders wanted profits, short term
Now our industry will never return.

FREEMAN WOOD – ACCESS DENIED!!

As many of you will know the “Stowupland Community Woods” group was created in January 2009 to plant and maintain new woodland in and around Stowupland which we could all enjoy. Our first new woodland was created at the end of the playing field of Freeman Primary School. With the help of volunteers and the children from the school we planted up the wood that we called “Freeman Wood”.

Over the course of four years pupils from the Primary school gathered acorns and other seeds, planted them in a tree nursery and later planted them out into the woodland. Since then local volunteers have maintained the woodland as the trees have grown, removing dead and diseased trees and keeping the path clear and hedges cut.

Freeman Wood has a path through the site which is heavily used by people out walking and the site is also used by children from Freeman School for outdoor lessons etc. The land the wood is planted on was leased by Suffolk County Council to Stowupland Community Woods and we have worked in partnership with the school and local volunteers to look after the site for all to enjoy.

Unfortunately, we have learnt that the Council / School have decided they are going to terminate the lease on the land and take back the site. We understand they will remove the gates and replace them with fencing thus denying access to the site for local people. Going forward access to the site will be reserved for school use only. We have been unable to uncover why the School / Council are taking this action. The best explanation we have had is that they want to "reserve the area for school use only". As you can imagine we have lobbied hard against this decision but to no avail. Whilst the formal notice to quit the site has not yet been issued, we understand that it will be soon.

We have always known the School / Council could terminate the lease as it was a condition of the lease from the start. However, we never thought it would actually happen, particularly after the local community has put so much time and money into planting the wood and looking after it. Also, as the site matures into a more recognisable wood it is very disappointing that at the very time it becomes most interesting for wildlife etc the School is choosing to take it back and deny us all access.

Unfortunately, the School / Council won't engage in a discussion about this and reconsider, but they appear to be set on their planned course of action. We have explained it is possible for the School to utilise the wood more for lessons etc as it was always part of the lease that they could lock the gates during the school day if they wanted to for that very purpose. However, they have failed to respond to that point so we remain unclear what the motivation for closing access to all is.

So, some time over the coming months you will see the gates to the woodland removed and replaced with fencing and access will be lost. In the meantime, make the most of our lovely community woodland before access is denied for the future.

If you have any questions or concerns about this please feel free to email me on andrewgedwards@icloud.com.

Alternatively if you wanted to let the School / Council know you are unhappy about this you may want to email the Headteacher (Daniel Pettitt) on admin@freeman.suffolk.sch.uk.

Andrew Edwards
Chairman
Stowupland Community Woods

PUZZLE PAGE

Find completed puzzles on page 41

CROSSWORD CLUES

ACROSS.

1. Early electric public transport (10)
7. Initially the place you should avoid at all costs (2)
8. This insect could be a military or industrial type (3)
10. Famous maker of fork-lift trucks and fire pumps from Godiva's area (6)
11. Ancient Greek slave was famous for these (6)
12. Initially a request for speed (4)
13. Collective name for foods made from milk (7)
15. A black or white key will give you this (4)
16. Prefix for a naval rating (2)
18. A BIG cannibal (4)
19. A steed of mixed colour (4)
21. Old European currency sounds like a witch (5)
23. So be it (4)

DOWN.

1. Namesake of "Diddy David" has a romantic connection to this geometric feature in our capital (9)
2. This Antipodean region has killed many travellers (7)
3. Aphid eater with pretty aeronautics (8)
4. You won't want custard with this jelly mix (4)
5. Children often get these age-related assaults at birthday parties (5)
6. Wind through the reeds gives a pleasant sound from this (9)
9. Initially a lack of availability (2)
12. Select this on a nautical telegraph to back up (6)
14. The pleasure obtained from extracting this could be socially enhancing (4)
17. The non-feathered version of this could strangle you (3)
18. Limb challenged criminal rarely pays out (3)
20. Initial predecessor of FM and DBA (2)
22. Found at 315 degrees (2)

CROSSWORD

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STOWUPLAND BOWLS CLUB

This will be our last article until next Spring and therefore we at the Club extend best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year. We do not know what awaits us in 2021 but let us hope that by then a vaccine will be available, and that life can begin to return to some semblance of order.

During the past month regular roll-ups took place under lovely weather conditions and although the usual club competitions had been cancelled, we did devise one suitable to play under the restrictions ruling, which was Targets. A game whereby balls are bowled from all areas of the green to "targets". In other words, numbered circles similar to archery targets and one endeavours to collect as many points as they can achieve. It is not as easy as it may sound. We had a prize for both first and second winners and the Lady's was won by Brenda Begg with Janet Sparrow and Linda Waspe sharing second place. The Men's victor was Frank Boxall with Ian Tullett taking second place.

In the coming weeks the green will be treated and some hedging and general tidying up will take place. No doubt the weeks will flash by and we will be looking to start bowling again in some shape or form before we realise it. Our Chairman's 'phone is available during the winter period for anyone who may wish to discuss joining us next season be it they be newcomers or not so come on Stowupland residents, your bowls club needs you, 01359 244591. Thank you to everyone at the Club who supported us during the summer be it for maintenance, bowling or just as a spectator.

STAY SAFE.

David Begg

STOWUPLAND CRICKET CLUB

We have now seen the end of the 2020 cricket season, a year like no other that has gone before. For some months it didn't look likely that any cricket would be played this year, but thankfully a restructured season was completed with the last match played on 26th September. After just two indoor practice sessions at Wattisham our pre-season preparation was cut short back in March due to the lockdown and unfortunately, we did not return. After many months of wondering whether there would be any cricket finally, in mid-July, recreational cricket got the green light for the season to begin. With a few new restrictions, the preparations for a shortened season were put in place. The use of changing rooms was not allowed, and the shining of the cricket ball was banned but sadly the biggest loss to most was that there were no delicious teas between innings, the highlight for some of our players and spectators.

Our first friendly took place on the 18th July at home to Yoxford with our second game taking place the very next day against Worlington, unfortunately both of these ended in defeat, but the fact that we were back playing was an achievement. After a delayed start to the season there was a real feeling that everybody was just happy to be back playing and this was reflected with the numbers of people wanting to play. We can honestly say that at Stowupland we made the most of our shortened season with a cramped fixture list. In total we entered four competitions that were to be completed in just under 3 months. Our full fixture list was largely thanks to Andrew Blanchard who arranged most of our matches, in comparison some clubs within Suffolk who did not play any cricket at all this year. We also had a full schedule for our youth section with every age group playing cricket in various competitions around the county. We extended the season this year to finish at the end of August, as normally the junior training and matches would come to an end at the beginning of the school holidays. At this stage we are not yet sure if any junior practice sessions will be able to begin again come January.

After the Two Counties championship was cancelled for this year the club entered a team into the newly formed Mid-Suffolk mini league. This was made up of seven local teams playing each other once and the winner would be decided on a final's day on the last weekend in September. The first team did well in this competition with three victories against Needham, Earl Stonham and Battsford, which was enough to get us a semi-final place. Unfortunately, that was as far as it went for us with a disappointing 8 wicket loss away to Walsham on the third Saturday in September. The weather played its part so the final of this competition between the best two teams in Walsham and Woolpit was abandoned with no winner decided, sadly somewhat of an anti-climax.

The 2nd XI also entered a mini league made up of four teams, this meant each team would play home and away against the other three teams. In our group was Stowmarket, Bury and Woolpit, we finished third in the group meaning that we played Stowmarket away in the semi-final. The second team certainly left their best performance for the semi-final, with Stowupland needing 220 runs for victory, Trev Scralett and young Jack Webb scored the winning runs with just 5 balls of the match left. Unfortunately, the final against Woolpit was also lost to the weather with again no winner decided in this competition. Hopefully both teams will be able to replay the final come next season.

With the various social restrictions in place during the season the fund raising has suffered significantly, with all our planned events and monthly quiz nights being cancelled. Hopefully come next season we will be able to start our fund-raising events again as this is such a crucial part of the club's income. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Andy & Kath Parkin who worked so hard in order to reopen the social club as soon as was possible. I would also like to thank the entire committee of Stowupland Cricket Club who work so hard to keep the club running successfully each year, there are just too many names to mention, but once again thank you.

Scott Gregory 07538009376
Stowupland Cricket Club

SAM'S CHAT

Hello everybody

A few months ago, my kitten Poppy died by getting run over. Yesterday my kitten Bramble died the same. She was the sibling of Poppy. All day at school I have been sad, and I couldn't concentrate in lessons because it was really tough concentrating when I was thinking of my dead cats. The cars on my road go past our house very fast so they probably didn't see them coming. We have to be very careful crossing the road.

Halloween is coming up. It won't be like it normally is because of the corona virus. We won't be going out trick or treating. We will do our family pumpkin carving and we will put out some Halloween stones for people to hunt for.

Every year at school in November we all make poppies and put them on the hill. We then sing hymns in a special assembly for Remembrance Day.

Our Internet has been quite bad. Every time I try to play an online game it kicks me off. We haven't been able to watch TV either. Daddy and Mummy work from home so it is not good for them. At least we are going to school now and not home learning or we would get nothing done.

On the weekend we went to the Green and made a den in the trees. Our hands got really dirty and we had to have a bath. It was really fun. It's good that there is a place to build dens here as we normally have to go to Needham Lake.

Next time I write it will be for the Christmas edition. My sister is making a drawing for the Christmas Telstar front cover competition. I won't tell you what it is and leave it as a surprise in case she gets it on the front cover.

Love Sam

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DIARY DATES

As regular events have still not resumed in the village and with little prospect of them doing so in the near future I'll once again just mention the Mobile Library date which will be -

Tuesday 3rd November 9.30 at Jubilee Court and 9.55 at The Green.

Services at the URC chapel will be held each Sunday at 10.30.

Services at Holy Trinity Church are as follows -

1st Nov 9.30am Parish Communion

8th Nov 10.50am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

15th Nov 9.30am Morning Prayer

22nd Nov 9.30am – 10.30am Church Open for Private Prayer

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE BOARD

In our December/January Issue we will be providing a message board in Telstar for your seasonal messages.

At a time when we have relied so much on our friends, neighbours and essential services, we feel it would be a nice gesture to provide a space where villagers can send seasonal messages to others in our community. Whether it's just a message to send instead of doing the usual round of Christmas cards or a special message to someone who has helped you out, please send your messages in. Perhaps you have missed friends from some of your usual social gatherings but don't know their addresses to send a card?

So, send your messages to kay.telstar@gmail.com or drop them off in my post box at 16 Oak Road by November 7th please.

SUFFOLK POLICE

Suffolk Constabulary is urging more residents to consider using alternative methods of contacting the force in its latest campaign.

The Contact and Control Room (CCR) continues to receive high volumes of calls particularly at weekends and during holiday periods. With the surge in calls, this can inevitably mean there is an impact on waiting times. Instead of waiting on the phone, residents can go to the force's

website and report non-urgent crime online by clicking the 'report something' button. The matter will then be dealt with in the same way as a call to 101 - It may even be quicker and more convenient.

Chief Inspector Nigel Huddleston said: "We're already dealing with lots of enquiries via email and want to continue to encourage more people to consider heading online rather than calling 101. While we realise that some people will prefer speaking to us rather than heading to the internet, we want to reassure the public by confirming that all of the online enquiries are dealt with in the same way as a call and residents receive the same level of service. We would like to encourage those who are able to report online to try our service as we believe it is not only the most effective means of reporting crime or providing information, but it also creates capacity within the control room and allows us to answer calls from our most vulnerable residents as quickly as possible. Some of the calls we receive into the control room are for information or advice only. Most of the answers to these questions can be found on our website."

Tim Passmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk, said: "Times change and the way people choose to communicate changes too, so I am pleased to see the constabulary actively encouraging people to report non-urgent crime online if they prefer to do so. So much of our interaction with commercial companies and banks is now online, it makes sense for the police to make this option the first choice for those who prefer to engage electronically. I can assure you, you will receive the same level of service that you'd get if you call – but without the inconvenience of waiting, which is inevitable during busy periods when high volumes of calls are coming through to the control room. There has been significant investment in the constabulary's website over the past couple of years to enable online reporting, the site is also a source of useful information and advice including crime prevention and news updates. If you have not had a look before, please take some time to scroll through – I'm sure you will be impressed."

The online service is available as an alternative to calling 101 for non-emergency matters. Please remember that residents should always call 999 when an emergency is ongoing, such as when a crime is in progress or when life is in danger.

To report something, visit: <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us>

For advice regarding crime prevention, anti-social behaviour, animal protection and many other matters, head to:
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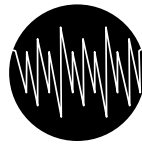
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VILLAGE HALL

We're back in business!

Like all community centres, Stowupland Village Hall had to close when we went into lockdown in March. But we're now open again for some events and activities. While the Hall was closed it was given a thorough deep clean. All areas were scrubbed top to bottom with an anti-bacterial solution – walls, floors, tiles, doors, chairs, windows and frames, and sanitary ware. The kitchen was also deep cleaned and the main hall 'fogged' with disinfectant.

Various measures have been put in place to ensure Covid safety including the installation of hand sanitisers, a one-way entrance and exit system, and procedures for keeping the Hall clean and safe.

There are a number of restrictions on the bookings we can take. As we've seen, the rules can change - often at very short notice, so if you're thinking of making a booking please check with the Booking Secretary first (see details below) and read the conditions of hire carefully. But to give you an idea, at the moment (early October) we can cater for up to 38 people in the Main Hall provided people remain in groups of up to six people and don't mix with other groups. Wedding receptions, however, are limited to 15 people. And facemasks must be worn.

Meeting up with others is important for our individual well-being and our aim is to facilitate that whilst keeping everyone safe. We're pleased to say that some of our regular users have already started meeting again in the Hall. Hopefully, more events and activities will follow.

For further information or to make a booking contact Hugh Blanch, Booking Secretary tel: 01449 612156 or email stowuplandvhbookings@gmail.com



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Parkin

Ingredients

- 200g butter, plus extra for greasing
- 1 large egg
- 4 tbsp milk
- 200g golden syrup
- 85g treacle
- 85g light soft brown sugar
- 100g medium oatmeal
- 250g self-raising flour
- 1 tbsp ground ginger



Method

- **STEP 1**
Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3. Butter a deep 22cm square cake tin and line with baking parchment. Beat the egg and milk together with a fork.
- **STEP 2**
Gently melt the syrup, treacle, sugar and butter together in a large pan until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from the heat. Mix together the oatmeal, flour and ginger and stir into the syrup mixture, followed by the egg and milk.
- **STEP 3**
Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for 50 mins – 1 hr until the cake feels firm and a little crusty on top. Cool in the tin then wrap in more parchment and foil. *Keep for up to five days before eating if you can – it'll become softer and stickier the longer you leave it, up to two weeks.*

Recipe by Sarah Cook, *BBC Good Food Guide*

Parkin is a cake from Northern England that is traditionally served on Bonfire Night.



U.R.C CHAPEL

NEWS

Minister: Revd Robert Sheard
Telephone 01449 678173

Not much news to report this month. Services, although very different, have been taking place each Sunday since the beginning of September. Our Harvest Festival service was on 4 October and with no flowers or vegetables it looked quite bear. However, on the bright side, gifts of non-perishable foods were brought and have been taken to the local Food Bank.

As most people are aware, masks have to be worn and it's very interesting seeing all the different colours and pretty designs. In some cases, matching the wearers outfits like a fashion accessory.

Once again, we will be having a Remembrance Service on 8 November when we give thanks for all those who lost their lives, during both world wars, to keep us safe and give us the freedom we enjoy today.

Services at the Chapel are at 10.30am & the speakers for November are as follows:

Sunday	01 November	Veda Berriman
Sunday	08 November	Dr R Jurd (Remembrance Service)
Sunday	15 November	John Webb
Sunday	22 November	The Revd Robert Sheard
Sunday	29 November	The Revd P Whittle

Stay safe
Joyce Gardiner

Ministers Message

Hebrews 3: 12 (NIV Bible)

1 Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. 2 He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.

Dear friends,

Remember, remember the fifth of November

Remember, remember the fifth of November

The gunpowder treason and plot.

I see no reason why gunpowder treason

Should ever be forgot.

The opening of this poem is one that we all remember from childhood, and it could be said that the first 2 words sum up the month of November, (Remember, remember) in the Christian calendar. It starts on the 1st of November (mainly for Roman Catholics, Lutherans, and Anglicans) All Saints Day is a universal Christian Feast that honours and remembers all Christian saints, known and unknown.

On the 2nd of November it is All Souls day, the commemoration of all the faithful departed, (again mainly for Roman Catholics, Lutherans, and Anglicans)

Then of course there is bonfire night on the 5th of November, not a Christian festival but it came about by the struggle between Catholics and Protestants. In 1605, Guy Fawkes (also known as Guido) and a group of conspirators attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament. After Queen Elizabeth I died in 1603, English Catholics who had been persecuted under her rule had hoped that her successor, James I, would be more tolerant of their religion. James I, had, after all, had a Catholic mother. Unfortunately, James did not turn out to be more tolerant than Elizabeth and a number of young men, 13 to be exact, decided that violent action was the answer.

To carry out their plan, the conspirators got hold of 36 barrels of gunpowder - and stored them in a cellar, just under the House of Lords. But as the group worked on the plot, it became clear that innocent people would be hurt or killed in the attack, including some people who even fought for more rights for the Catholics. Some of the plotters started having second thoughts.

One of the group members even sent an anonymous letter warning his friend, Lord Montague, to stay away from Parliament on November 5th. The warning letter reached the King, and the King's forces made plans to stop the conspirators. Guy Fawkes, who was in the cellar of the parliament with the gunpowder when the authorities stormed it in the early hours of November 5th, was caught, tortured and executed. On the very night that the Gunpowder Plot was foiled, on November 5th, 1605, bonfires were set alight to celebrate the safety of the King. Since then, November 5th has become known as Bonfire Night.

Then we have Remembrance Day and Remembrance Sunday when we as a nation remember the Guns falling silent on the 11th day of the 11th month at 11 minutes past the 11th hour to mark the end of the First World War and all the wars after that right up to the present day. This year we remember that it is 100 years since the end of World War 1 and 75 since the end of World War 2.

This year perhaps our remembering will be more poignant with Covid 19 and remembering those who we have lost to this pandemic (both those who are known to us and those we do not know) and remembering how it has changed the world.

And whilst we are remembering all of this we also remember (as we do every Sunday and every day) the price Christ paid for us on the cross. Keep remembering in the peace of God

Yours in Christ. *Robert.*

The Reverend Robert Sheard (United Reformed Church Minister of Stowmarket, Debenham, Stowupland, Mendlesham and Haughley.)

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

NEWS

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
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Dear Friends;-

Party conferences in the midst of Pandemic seek to offer hope through talk of recovery with yes, another three-line memory verse – **Build Back Better** (taken from the UN disaster risk reduction conference 2015).

The Bible too encourages hope in word of vineyards, symbols of stability and joy. Isaiah sings a love song of God's own beloved vineyard. The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting, he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry! Jesus tells the story of a landowner whose Son is sent to collect the fruit of his vineyard, and at the bloodshed of the Son the vineyard is given to a people who produce fruit.

What vineyard then is being planted today, what investments made, what is being cleared from the land, hewn to process it's harvest, how is it to be fenced and watched over, who will collect?

Just as Isaiah and Jesus, use the vineyard to remind their hearers of such expectation upon those chosen of God, we might consider what fruit we should be treading today for the one who expects joy in justice and righteousness.

We love to plant vineyards rewards goals achievements incentives, to cultivate to plan to invest to choose good ground to clear the soil, to plant the choicest vines, to watch over and guard to ready the press and the vat, we love to anticipate in expectation of future joy. And today we hear all about expectation, we of this day were expecting, to make our way among the nations, to forward our industry, to enjoy the fruit of our own labours. Just as our children were expecting, to make their way through their learning, to forward their skills and talents, that they too might enjoy the fruit of their labours.

Pandemic has not so much made a waste of our expectation, as bought us to see our expectations as wasted. We choose fertile hills clear stones plant choice vines build watchtowers and hew vats of plenty for ourselves, and we forget whose land upon which we wreak the havoc of our self-serving expectation. In pandemic we are all each alike in God's image, in our fear we all open hearts in compassion, in danger we all look to each other for safety, and together we choose to clear away all that hinders our way forward, we plant hope in research in co-operation in sharing we build watchtowers to alert us to new dangers and protect the looked for fruit of our labours freedom from pandemic from climate change from extinction.

Our common weakness and fragility have enabled us to set our expectation toward such freedoms. Our children's expectations remind us the harvest they should be realising is still away far off. If we expect to make of God's vineyard a press for our own pleasures and vanities, the fruit outpoured will be bitter indeed, but if our labours in God's vineyard are shared, held in common, open to the needs of all peoples and all creation, then her harvest will indeed be as the joy of the fruit of the vine, in a harvest of justice and righteousness.

Grace and Blessing, *Brin*
Rector at Haughley with Wetherden & Stowupland

Services in November:

1st Nov	9.30am	Parish Communion
8th Nov	10.50am	Remembrance Sunday
15th Nov	9.30am	Morning Prayer
22nd Nov	9.30am – 10.30am	Church Open for Private Prayer.
29th Nov	11.00	Benefice Service at Haughley

A REMEMBRANCE PRAYER:

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you all of those men and women who have died in active service across the years. As we honour their courage and cherish their memory, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen.



All Saints Day - 1st November

Subject to any further restrictions: -

Regrettably this year, due to pandemic restrictions greatly limiting capacity, we do not feel able to safely host our usual All Souls afternoon memorial service.

Whilst we will keep a short Act of silent Commemoration at our usual 9:30am Holy Communion service 1st November, you may like to light a candle at home to remember a loved one that weekend or light a virtual candle online

www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals/light-candle-remember-someone

However, as with many families who were not able to hold funeral services in church this year, we hope to return to an All Souls memorial service in 2021. If you would like a member of our Pastoral Team to contact you please let me know.

With my prayers and warm regard, *Brin*

Remembrance Sunday 2020 - 8th November

10:50am

Subject to any further restrictions: -

Advance notice of our planning for safe gatherings on Remembrance Sunday this year.



As Holy Trinity Church has greatly limited capacity with regard to distancing regulations, we plan to use also our Church Hall, should need arise (which though separate from the Church has an audio link), we hope the use of both Church and Hall will enable us to accommodate this year's expected reduced attendance.

By using our two buildings we hope our numbers will be within manageable safety measures, and those needing to be seated in the Church Hall will be understanding of sharing the service of Remembrance with audio only.

With grace and blessing, *Brin*

STOWUPLAND PCC 100 CLUB

Our monthly draws were delayed due to Covid-19 lockdown, but we have now caught up.

Here are the latest winners (1st Prize £25, 2nd Prize £15, 3rd Prize £10 each month);

Mar 2020

1st No 73 Mrs C Williams: 2nd No 29 Mrs D Hall: 3rd No 41 Mrs M Carter

Apr 2020

1st No 26 Mrs J Abbott: 2nd No 20 Mr P Roberts: 3rd No 92 Mrs J Clark

May 2020

1st No 43 Mrs H Sims: 2nd No 90 Mrs W Parris: 3rd No 40 Mrs S Reeve

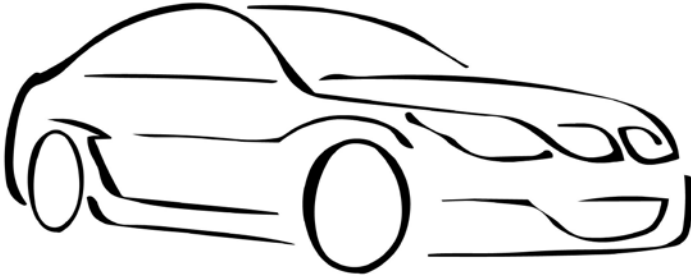
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1st No 60 Mr J Paddy: 2nd No 63 Mr K Welham: 3rd No 7 Mrs B Carson

As this has also delayed collection of subscriptions for the new draw year starting in July, we will have an extra draw each month until we have caught up. (Each draw is made from all entries, so you have the same chance of winning!)

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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

The weather has certainly changed and as I write it is blowing a gale and raining hard so definitely a British autumn. I am sure however gardeners and allotmenters are glad of the rain after such a dry summer.

It appears that some of our residents are clearing gardens and cutting the grass and then dumping grass cuttings etc. on land that is not theirs. I know that the tip is currently by appointment only, but it is a very easy system to use or there is the option of a "brown bin" for garden waste that is very cost effective and can be ordered via Mid Suffolk District Council. Even more cost effective and eco-friendly is making your own compost bin. Please do not dispose of rubbish of any sort around the village. Not only is it unsightly but it is classed as fly tipping and illegal.

Again, this month, I plead with horse owners not to use pedestrian pathways when hacking in the village. What the horses deposit on the pathway is unpleasant for pedestrians and often means those pedestrians having to step into the road. Please, please, if you must take your horse into estate areas keep to the road and I am not about to let dog owners off the hook. A dog makes a wonderful companion, but they too seem to be leaving more and more deposits around the village so please take poo bags out at every walk and use them.

On a more positive note, by the time you read this, the post-trial is being installed on The Green from the A1120 junction to where the Safer Route to School crosses. The point of these is to protect The Green from vehicles that park along the road especially at school pick up times. Over time the village green edge is being churned up and eroded. It is one of the Parish Council's responsibilities to protect The Green whilst maintaining access for all. This current work has been funded by Community Infrastructure Levy funds. The Parish Council will monitor this before deciding if to extend it. If you have any comments on the trial I would be glad to hear them....just drop me an email.

Last month you will have seen a copy of a letter from the Parish Council to Mid Suffolk Planning Services and I promised I would print the reply when received. At the time of going to press (7th October 2020) no response has been received. It will be printed when received.

Unfortunately, despite thankfully low numbers for Mid Suffolk, we are still dealing with the effects of Covid 19 and all the ensuing regulations. The businesses in the village have all made huge efforts on their premises to keep us safe when using them and it is up to all of us to do our bit to protect each other. Please continue to use our local businesses if you can. They are an important part of village life and we must support them.

So please masks, hands and space and stay safe.

Sally Reeves

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

OCTOBER 2020



October's meeting opened with 3 members of the public, 8 Parish Councillors and MSDC Cllr Eburne present in the ether.

Councillors' Report: The District Council report can be found elsewhere in Telstar. It was noted that Babergh and MSDC have a new draft Joint Local Plan which will be available to view on their website around the 5th November. They also state that they have a housing land supply of 7.67 years with already in excess of 6000 planning applications granted.

There was no report from the Suffolk CC Cllr. Gary Green.

Matters of Report: The work has started on the trial of the wooden posts alongside The Green. The posts for the Hunters Moon track have been ordered. Following advice from SCC Highways, if the PC revoked the legal order for public footpath 32 in order to enable the roundels to be removed in readiness for cyclist dismount signs to be erected in their place, this would cost the PC £7,000 plus the cost of the new signs,



however, if the current roundels remain it would only be the cost of the additional signs. It was agreed that the additional signs be provided for footpath 32 and at the primary school and, if possible, at the bridge by The Retreat pond. SCC Cllr Green will be asked if he would fund these from his locality budget. The new dog bin for footpath 3 has been ordered. Work has been completed on the emergency access barriers at Trinity Meadows development. One of the agreed memorial trees has been planted with relatives present, however, it may have to be pruned in the Spring and will require regular watering which will be the responsibility of the relatives. The other families will plant theirs once the weather becomes cooler. The working party have started to remove the paint from the play park fence. The remaining items are still awaiting an outcome.

Public Forum: An observation was made that trees that have been planted on the new grassland in front of the new bungalows on Bloors site have been planted either directly or very close to overhead power lines which will cause problems in the future. A resident also noted that few children are using the new safer route to school and instead continuing to walk straight across The Green from footpath 32. She had already mentioned this to one of the teachers who said that they would discuss at school.

Gladman Planning Permission and Feasibility Study for Pedestrian Crossing at the Co-op: As a rather scathing reply has only just been received from MSDC in the last 24 hours in reply to the letter sent to them in respect of the feasibility study, it was felt that all councillors should be sent a copy of the letter and then to meet informally before the next Parish Council meeting in order to discuss and form their response in time for the November meeting.

Trinity Walk Link Project: As the representative from MSDC dealing with the Trinity Walk Link project has not been in touch with a solution for providing an affordable surface for this footpath that would be suitable for pushchairs, mobility scooters etc, it was suggested that he be asked to liaise with the District Councillors on the Parish Council's behalf.

Community Orchard: A map has been received from Linden Homes with a proposal for the number of trees and outline of the proposed community orchard with a request that the PC decide whether to take on the maintenance of this in the future. It was agreed that before such an agreement was made, advice should be sought from the East of England Apples and Orchards Project for information on what would be involved in running such an endeavour and then to discuss in the New Year.

High School Car Park: It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would pursue further the discrepancies around the conflicting times displayed in the minutes to what was actually stated in the planning meeting in respect of when the new school car park can be used. The minutes state 6am to 6pm whereas those at the meeting agree that it was from 8am to 6pm.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Allotments – It has been decided that plots 31/34 are to be split into 2 x 2 plots and will be re-let at the end of October. The group are working on a new allotments policy.

Environment – It was agreed that the largest possible bench that can be accommodated on the original concrete base opposite Willow Wood should be purchased and to apply to Cllr Green to fund it from his locality budget. It will have the memorial plaque placed on the new bench.

Finance and Policy – It was agreed that all recommendations for risk assessments relating to the PC, Clerk, Cemetery Caretaker, General Maintenance Worker and Volunteers should be adopted.

Planning – It was agreed that the Parish Council should support most of the planning applications submitted for comment with a proviso about noise levels on 2 of them and one should be left for the Heritage Officer to comment on.

Trim Trail – It was proposed and agreed that there should be a change to the route of the trim trail and that £3000 should be transferred from the community events to the trim trail reserves to fund a consultant to plan the project and to access grants and any money paid out for the project would be at the discretion of the Clerk. It was proposed that 4 stations for equipment should be set up at relevant intervals along the trail. It is hoped that more people in the village will become involved in this project.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk is ready to publish the new PC website but would like to find out from the current webmaster whether he will be willing to continue with the village website with a link into the new PC website. It was also agreed that if he is prepared to do this, the PC would continue to fund up to a maximum of £200 per annum for the domain.

Correspondence: The ideas proposed by a resident for Halloween were welcomed but it was thought that it was a little late for this year. A thank you was received from Telstar for the money donated last month. The letter regarding a dog knocking down a child will be passed on to the Village Hall committee and the schools as the incident occurred near Freeman School. The Stowupland Falcons have advised on the games they intend to hold on the Green. A comment has been made about the overflowing bins that stand by the bus shelter, however, this is caused by people putting fish and chip papers in these bins which are not for such waste. Clerk and Chairman to pursue a resolution to this. It was agreed that there was no requirement for additional hedging or trees as per letter from MSDC. There was notification of the closure of footpaths across the Linden Homes site and of Saxham Street for surface dressing.

The meeting closed to the public at 9.14pm.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

OCTOBER 2020

Annual Council meeting

The annual meeting was held virtually on 24th September. Barry Humphreys was elected as Chairman and Paul Ekpenyong as Vice Chair. The Committees and Chairs were all agreed, with the Chairman using his casting vote to elect all the chairs and vice chairs from the Conservative and Independent Group, except for Overview and Scrutiny which is traditionally chaired by an opposition member and will continue to be chaired by Keith Welham, with Keith Scarff as vice chair.

Government consultations on planning

Changes to the current planning system is about changes to planning policy and regulation including how the housing numbers for each local government area are calculated (which would be upwards for Mid Suffolk). It also recommends changing the threshold of homes built (from 10 to 40) on a development before which affordable homes must be built. The Council's response to this consultation was discussed at the September Council meeting, following which the response has been amended by the Corporate Director in consultation with the portfolio holder for planning and the opposition spokesperson for planning, and has now been submitted.

Planning for the future is a White Paper that proposes major reforms to the planning system. These include reducing the timeframe in which a Local Plans must be created to a maximum of 30 months; and dividing land into zones for development, renewal (brownfield) and protect (green belt, national parks etc) then automatically granting outline planning permissions within the development and renewal zones. Planning Committees at a district council would therefore only consider design and not the principle of development. The White Paper also considers greater digitalisation, a different system for developer levies and a fast-track system for "beautiful buildings". The consultation closes on 29th October and the Mid Suffolk response to this will be discussed by a cross-party working group of members before being submitted.

Public Realm

A Joint Cabinet meeting was held in September to discuss the findings of a review of the management of the public realm service. The review occurred because Babergh's contract with an outside contractor is due to end in October 2021. Mid Suffolk Cabinet decided to continue with an in-house team and Babergh Cabinet decided to be part of the same arrangement. The Public Realm service for both districts will now be managed by the same in-house team.

Homelessness

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils have been awarded a grant of £100,000 to help cover the cost of temporary accommodation for homeless people over the winter. In Mid Suffolk there are few (possibly only 2) people sleeping rough but pre-Covid many others had been sofa-surfing or staying with elderly relatives. In order to protect vulnerable people, some of these people became homeless and have been accommodated in hotels. This will need to continue for some months at least.

Stowmarket Leisure Centre/ High School site

Officers are working together with representatives from Stowmarket High School to develop the school and leisure centre site to improve leisure facilities. Stakeholders from local sports clubs will be consulted in order to fully assess what is needed.

Gateway 14

A public consultation on proposals for Gateway 14, which now includes land up to A14, was launched on Monday 14th September and continues until 31st October – to comment or just to see the scale of the development, go to G14yoursay.co.uk.

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FROM OUR MP, JO CHURCHILL

This year will be a different remembrance Sunday for many of us. I will be unable to attend the local services in the constituency that bring so many of us together to pay tribute to our country's fallen heroes. Even though we are unable to gather in person I know many of us, myself included, will continue to remember and pay tribute to our Armed Forces in our homes or at small, socially distanced services.

It is always incredibly difficult to imagine the scale of loss endured during both world wars, with communities across the country seeing a generation of young men taken from them. Rows of graves in foreign fields and monuments for those whose bodies were never found.

This year we honoured the 75th anniversary of the allied victory in Europe – VE Day. The 8th May 1945 was met with celebrations across the country and marked the end of a conflict that had cost millions of lives and, brought destruction across the continent. The years following, were not easy, and measures such as rationing continued for some time beyond the end of the war.

The sacrifices that so many people made towards a collective effort seems enormous now, but purposeful. We can turn to our past and take inspiration from the momentous effort that was made to preserve the freedoms we hold dear. The current challenge is significant. However, by selfless actions we can still protect the lives of others.

From my involvement with the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme, I had the pleasure to spend time with the dedicated members of our armed forces. They truly are the best of British and we should never forget that they and their forebearers are the reason we live in a free and prosperous nation.

At a time when this country once again faces a new and difficult challenge from Coronavirus, our Armed Forces have continued to be the backbone of our society. Helping deliver PPE and testing kits across the country and supporting the NHS in delivering vital care to our communities. I would like to thank each and every one of them for their hard work and dedication in serving our nation.

Wherever you find yourself this remembrance Sunday, please take a moment to remember and pay tribute to the fallen, as well as our veterans and serving personnel.

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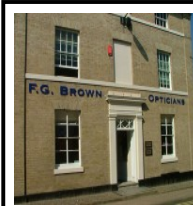
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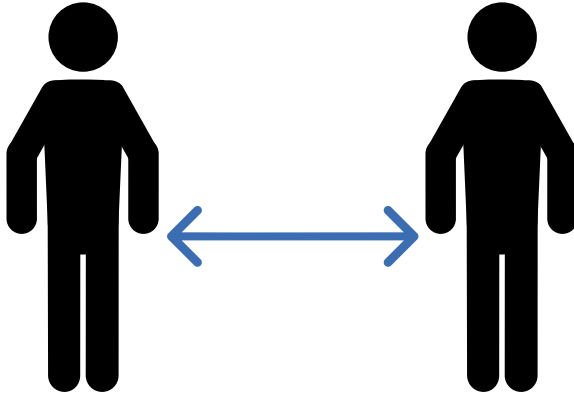
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