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Chairman's Column

Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council

February 2016

Back in June 2013, soon after being elected as Chairman for my second spell, I wrote an article for the July edition of Telstar which was a sort of Week in the Life of..... It made interesting reading so I've looked at how things have changed since the start of my stint as Chairman. We've had applications for a large housing estate on land stretching from Church Road across to Gipping Road and I was elected to represent you (and the residents of Creeting St Peter) on the District Council last May. Being a District Councillor has helped a great deal, especially in the area of planning. The training given to District Councillors has been very useful when dealing with parish issues.

I'm writing this on 'deadline day' – Wednesday 13 January. Monday was spent still catching up with the less urgent correspondence from before Christmas, checking the details of bids for funding from the Locality Award Scheme, writing an article for the InTouch magazine and a report for Creeting St Peter Parish Council and preparing for the Stowupland Parish Council meeting coming up on Thursday. Much of Tuesday was spent in meetings including a site meeting at Poundfield Products in Creeting St Peter. They have an application for new buildings to be heard at next week's Planning Committee meeting. I spent much of the afternoon preparing my presentation which I will deliver at that meeting. Cathy and I spent the evening at Portman Road watching Ipswich against Leeds.

Today I have had two Good Neighbours' trips; the first to take a gentleman to Asda for his weekly shop and then to take a resident of Steeple View to the health centre for a GP appointment. In between, Claire and I had a meeting in preparation for Thursday's Parish Council meeting.

Tomorrow I have a sewing machine and typewriter to collect, kindly donated to Tools with a Mission (TWAM). I collect all sorts of tools, books etc which I take to TWAM in Ipswich where they are sorted and repaired and packed into containers for shipment to third world countries. TWAM staff and volunteers in those countries ensure everything reaches people who can make good use of what is sent. Later in the day I have a budget briefing at Mid Suffolk Council and the Parish Council meeting in the evening.

On Friday there will probably be some actions to take following the Parish Council meeting but I hope to get some time in the garden and on Saturday its back to Portman Road for another home match. I've been a regular

supporter since 1957 and I have a collection of matchday programmes to prove it!

On Sunday I will be providing refreshments for the team of volunteers who transform the New Green Centre in Thurston ready for an adult church congregation, youth church and children's groups and then get food ready for the youth group who share a light meal at the beginning of their time together. If I'm lucky I join the service part way through and wash up afterwards!

So I have a very full and varied week. I often say to people that I was pleased to give up work because it gave me the opportunity to do something more useful. I enjoy everything I do (well nearly everything) and I get to meet loads of really interesting people.

In Stowupland, we are very lucky to have many people who volunteer to do all sorts of useful work. We have litter pickers, fundraisers, Telstar deliverers, Good Neighbours volunteers, organisers of village events, people involved in clubs and other village organisations, and many who give their time to help friends and neighbours. A big 'Thank You' to you all. Please keep up the good work so that Stowupland remains a truly caring community.

Keith Welham

Coffee Morning

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District Councillor's Report

Keith Welham

January 2016

I really enjoyed a break over the Christmas and New Year period but the first working week in January proved extremely busy and the next few months may well be even busier. As I said to a neighbour, 'That's what I signed up for.' And I can honestly say that my first few months as a District Councillor have been very rewarding. I have helped a number of MSDC tenants to have adaptations made to their council houses. Together with other Green Party Councillors, I have persuaded the council to look to building homes which are more energy efficient and, therefore, cheaper for our tenants to keep warm. We continue to press the Council to identify land for housing in locations which are sustainable, do not damage the countryside and do not add to problems such as overloading our health centres and add to road safety concerns.

District Planning Officers are preparing for the Public Inquiry into the refusal of planning permission for 190 houses on open land to the north-east of Stowupland, and the later application for 175 houses. I will give details of the timescale in due course but it is presently planned that the Inquiry will commence on Tuesday 26 April. The whole of the Inquiry is held in public and I urge residents of Stowupland to go along to hear the cases being presented for and against the development. The Inspector will have copies of all the objections sent in, whether written or electronically. There will be an opportunity for a few residents to speak, but the Inspector will not wish to hear a number of people making the same points; this would, in any case, probably be counter-productive to the case against the proposal.

The District Council precept is set to rise by 1.9% and therefore that part of your council tax bill paid to MSDC will also rise by the same amount. This is entirely due to the cuts being made to the funding received from central government. The cost of some services is bound to rise and new sources of income will need to be found. The District does have significant cash reserves which have continued to build in recent years. I, along with fellow Green Party Councillors, have been pressing for best use to be made of some of these reserves to benefit our residents rather than holding on to all this cash and we will continue to do so.

I am pleased to say that I have received six bids for funding through the District Councillors Award Scheme. The total requested is just a little over the total of £5,000 allocated to each councillor. Decisions on allocating the money have been made and the groups who have bid will be informed in early February.

Keith Welham

District Councillor for Stowupland Ward

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Parish Council Report

from Sandy Smith

December 2015/January 2016

The final meeting at the village hall opened with 2 members of the public present and the first meeting at the URC hall had 1 hardy member of the public present despite the inclement

weather.

In matters of report from the previous meetings the Chairman reported that he had met with the Columbyne Close resident who agreed to trim back the hedge that had been causing an obstruction to the highway and this had been done by the January meeting. The Walker Cup Trophy was handed over at The Retreat on 16th December. Following the site meeting on 13 November, Alan Parris undertook some work to introduce fillets of epoxy concrete to the Church Hall turn-around area in order to eliminate the trip hazard between the two bays of concrete and between the tarmac footpath and the concrete. 3 quotes will be requested to renew part of turn-around and also a roughly triangular extra area of concrete to abut the tarmac.

The Chairman reported that Jerry Voden and Jackie Ward had spoken well on behalf of the Parish Council and objectors respectively at the planning meeting for the Gladman application. They put forward coherent arguments against the proposal, which all members of the Planning Committee agreed with. District Councillors expressed their frustration that the landowners had put in a second application before the appeal against refusal of the first application and both appeals are due to be heard at a Public Inquiry starting 26 April. It was agreed that a group of Parish Councillors, representatives from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and residents should work together to form their approach to the appeal.

Representatives of the Parish Council met with Francesca Clarke, the Suffolk County Council Public Rights of Way Officer, and walked a number of cross-field footpaths which have not been reinstated after farming operations. Francesca was asked to consider a request put to SCC some years ago for adopting a part width of the track between Trinity Walk and the Community Wood. She opted to contact the High School about getting them to reinstate the original footpath.

The Parish Clerk reported that she and Councillor Welham had met with Kes Cullimore, the High School Business Manager and they had walked around the perimeter of the school. They were able to show Kes where the pipe floods behind Steeple View and will take photographs of any subsequent flooding so that she is able to ascertain the full impact of the problem. Kes required information on the footpaths leading into the school for the school travel plan. She has also agreed for the schools groundwork maintenance contractor to cut back the trees along the footpath behind Steeple View and she also indicated



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the area where she would like to develop a staff car park and this would free up the roadway into the school.

The Clerk also advised that she had been assured by Neal Smith that the Parish Council would not be responsible for the maintenance or upkeep of the community defibrillator and that it would be located in a locked box in an accessible well-lit place with a combination lock that will be known to the Ambulance Service via a 999 call. Following the previous month's meeting, she reported that she had made a complaint to SCC Highways about the temporary closure of the A1120 but has heard nothing further from them so Councillor Gary Green will follow this up. She has also contacted the landowners regarding the ditch adjacent to Thorney Green Road who have since met with their contractors and they will investigate the problem and report back to the Parish Council. She has also chased Phil Wright at SCC about the road markings outside The Crown, the horse and rider signs for Gipping Road and the trial edgings for Thorney Green.

The new cemetery gates are now in place and there have been a number of favourable comments from residents. The Clerk and Councillor Welham had visited the cemetery to discuss the trees that require work done to them and noted that not all trees had been identified on the arboriculture survey so the clerk has been in touch with the consultants who will revisit the site and update the plan free of charge. She has received quotations and a contractor has been chosen to carry out the work on some of the trees. Maintenance work on the play park has been completed.

The council is still awaiting the return of the signed copy of the maintenance agreement for the churchyard from the Stowupland PCC.

The Clerk reported that she had met with the Clerk to Old Newton PC to make arrangements for some joint Councillor training through SALC where the trainer undertakes the required training within the parishes. In order to share out the costs, Creeting St Peter and Mendlesham Parish Councils will be asked if they also wish to be involved, thus making it even more cost effective. She also reported that the cemetery shed had been broken into and a strimmer and hedge cutter taken. She is awaiting quotations to repair the damage to the roof incurred in the break-in.

It was agreed that the 2016/17 precept and, therefore, the amount of council tax paid by Stowupland residents for parish council expenditure should remain the same as 2015/16. The Chairman advised that he and Councillor Hamilton had removed rubbish from the pond near Rambler Cottages, on The Green. The rubbish included a table and 2 chairs, all of which were taken away by MSDC. Councillor Carter took away all the brambles and vegetation that had been cut down.

The Chairman reported that he had been approached by Harvey McSloy who is interested in taking over Music on the Green in order to raise money for the Trust

Maria Charity. He has indicated that he would have both charity and village stalls at the event and to keep things in place for the Church Service to take place on The Green on the Sunday. It was agreed that he would be invited to present his ideas to the Community Events Group in February.

The Allotments Sub-Committee reported that a further 2 plots had been let. The Community Events Group advised that the November Community Quiz had gone very well with 13 teams taking part and Glenda Wilmott proved to be an excellent question setter and quiz mistress and, as a result, 3 further dates have been booked for 2016. The Christmas Parties at Steeple View and Jubilee Court were very successful with many thanks to Linda Freeman, Brenda Murton and their willing bunch of helpers. The bingo evenings have continued to be successful, thanks to Brenda, Linda and Heather Canfer and their team. Members of the Transport, Traffic and Safety Sub-Committee have received a number of comments about damage being done to The Green by parents when picking up their children from the school. Also the amount of abuse they give to people who point out to them that they should not be parking or turning their cars round on The Green. A video taken of their actions has highlighted the danger that they are putting children to when trying to cross the road, by their inconsiderate parking. This behaviour has raised concerns that there is a risk that they will drive on the new cycle route to school pathway once that is in place. It was agreed that an urgent site meeting should be convened between members of the Parish Council, the Road Safety Officer, SCC, the school and the Police and for this to take place at 3.15pm so the full extent of the problem can be seen. However at the time of the January meeting there had been no response from either the Road Safety Officer or SCC highways to confirm that they would attend.

The Emergency Planning Sub-Committee are still working on updating the emergency plan including ensuring that all agency contact details are current. Once this has been completed, it will be brought to Parish Council for approval. Councillor Voden advised that he has also joined the County Emergency Planning Committee and has attended his first meeting. He advised that it is important that people embrace the emergency planning process in the light of incidents such as the recent flooding situations in the North of the England. The Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee advised that completed questionnaires had been returned from Stowupland residents and these were now being collated. There had been a few negative comments made but it was felt that the group had done an extremely good job in the very limited time that they had had to prepare it due to the pending Gladman appeals. Members of the group are now carrying out an assessment of the character of the village buildings and landscape. Councillors Voden and Bruce had both attended the SALC meeting in December where a speaker from SCC had outlined the need for the County to save £73 million from their budget over the next few years.

A lot of questions had been asked regarding unwanted planning applications

being made throughout the County.

In the Councillor reports, Councillor Jennings advised that the village website is coming along well and could include photographs of Parish Council members. A page has been added to keep residents up to date with the neighbourhood plan. She will ensure that the website address is amended in the next copy of the Telstar. She has also collected all the paperwork from the last Parish Recorder and has advertised in Telstar for a new one but will continue to collect all relevant information in the mean time.

Councillor Voden again raised the matter of the uncut verges in Mill Street that had been reported in August and SCC Councillor Green will investigate why these have not been cut. The Clerk was able to produce the original report made to SCC where it clearly showed that she had reported the state of the verges despite SCC denying that they had been mentioned. Councillor Bickerdike was still happy that the level of litter dropped on The Green has improved. He queried that now the High School had children from the age of 11 years, whether the sign in the Play Park should be changed from 'no children over 13' to 'no children over 11' as a number of children from the High School congregate there during the lunchtime. He had also received a number of complaints from residents about the state of the footpath between Maple Road and the bus stop, which is very wet and muddy. Although this has been reported to SCC, they are not interested in doing anything about it as it is part of the safer route to school scheme and will be dealt with at that time. At the present moment it is seen as a public footpath, which can be expected to become more difficult in bad weather. He also reported that the footpath along Thorney Green Road from the Chinese Takeaway is getting narrower due to the overgrown growth extending onto it and a request will be made to SCC to get this cut back. Councillor Bickerdike also advised that, due to the amount of water lying on Church Road, pedestrians were getting soaked from vehicles driving through the water.

The Clerk advised that the pipe that drains the water from the school to the drain by the Old Post Office had been jet blasted and a collapse in the pipework had been identified and once repaired should ease the water problems on Church Road.

A property in Sycamore Road has an overgrown tree with brambles at face level hanging over the footpath. It was advised that this is an historical problem and it was decided to refer this to SCC. Councillor Brand reported that there were holes in the tarmac on the footpath leading between Hornbeam Road and Thorney Green and that were very dangerous when it was dark. This was reported to SCC but following investigation they have resolved that no repair is required. However, if a SCC representative attends the school parking meeting, they will be shown the condition of this footpath. He also reported that the road markings had not been replaced following the work carried out on B1115 between A1120 and Felix Road and that a hump had been left on the road

surface. SCC Councillor Green will follow this up and find out why the works were carried out in the first place. Councillor Carter queried if the new garage had been completed at the old waterworks site, as the container was still in situ. Following advice from MSDC Planning Department, providing the container has not been concreted in and is only used for domestic storage, planning permission is not required. Councillor Spitzer requested that a notice should be placed at a certain point on the driveway leading to his property to prevent parents' cars from churning it up.

Suffolk County Councillor Green reported that there was currently two online consultations taking place on the future of the Fire Service and also on School Admissions Policy and encouraged all to have their say. In respect of the Fire Service, the Stowmarket coverage look set to remain the same but in other parts of the County there could be significant cuts. He was anxious to find out if anyone else had suffered from tar being stuck to cars in the village as this had been a problem already reported to him by one resident. The drawings for the proposed gateway to the village have now been finished and the Parish Council chose the design they wished to be implemented.

He also reported that the vehicle activated speed sign should be up in the next few weeks. Councillor Carter reported to him that there was now a very noisy lumping sound coming from the A14 viaduct over the Newton Road and Councillor Green will report this to the Highways Agency.

The Police submitted their report advising that at the beginning of January, there had been 6 burglaries from outbuildings around the Reeds Way, Trinity Walk area. There were also 3 thefts from vehicles so it is important that motor vehicles are secured before being left. The Police have shed alarms and other security items and advice to assist residents with crime prevention.

It was agreed to keep the streetlights on overnight for 24th and 31st December in response to a SCC letter. MSDC had sent notification of their community infrastructure levy and it was felt important that Councillors familiarise themselves with this policy. An allotment holder requested permission to protect their plot from pests and this was approved with the proviso that hedgehogs should be protected. A letter from the High School requested the views of the Parish Council regarding their decision to seek foundation status and it was agreed that this needed further discussion in Finance and Policy committee before replying. A letter has been received from solicitors acting for the owner of land requesting access via a track on The Green. They are seeking a deed of easement but, because of the complexity of this matter, a review of correspondence and advice from the council's own solicitor will be carried out before reaching a decision. The final letter involved a request for a tree to be planted on The Green in memory of a relative. It was agreed to allow a dwarf tree to be planted in a suitable location to be agreed

Sandy Smith

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December Meeting

We had a truly festive meeting in December, with Kate Jewell's talk about feasting and fundraising in medieval Suffolk, this was followed by seasonal fare kindly provided by members. Kate explained that the main period for feasting was from Christmas to mid-summer, apart from the fast of Lent. Advent was also a time of restriction but on Christmas Eve homes were decorated with holly, ivy and herbs. Then feasts were prepared for the following day, to follow an early church service. The rich entertained the poor, often with a swan as the centrepiece. Mince pies (or shred pies) contained meat and were rectangular, to represent the manger. Plum pottage, the forerunner of our Christmas pudding, also involved meat.

Before Easter, Shrove Tuesday was a day for confessing sins and also a half-day holiday with a feast of pancakes (which date from the 15th century) before Lent. Then, as now, eggs and decorated eggs were an important part of the celebration of Easter.

Midsummer's Day (24th June) was an ancient festival, celebrated with merrymaking and the lighting of "bonfires". The terrible smell from burning bones was supposed to drive away evil spirits.

Information about fundraising came from the accounts of the churchwardens of Brundish, where 'church ales' were used to raise funds for repairs to the church. These were very jolly events, with plenty of food and drink, all detailed in the accounts.

Kate's talk, beautifully illustrated with quotations and paintings of the time, was warmly appreciated by us all.

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Talking Point

Several village roads are named after the fields on which they were built: a good tradition, sadly not followed for the 1960s development of The Heights. Field names are usually descriptive or involve the name of an owner of previous times, so provide a link with the past. The Hopgood estate was built on Brooms Field and Path Field, hence the name Broomspath Road. There was no High Field, but the name Highfield Road fits the location.

Neil has kindly spent some time checking the tithe map apportionment (about 1839) and reports that most of the Reeds Way/Jubilee Crescent region was built on a field called Great Reads (spelling was a bit flexible in those days but we presume that reeds grew there!), Little Reads and Reads were nearby fields, the latter being now part of the playing fields.

Marshall's Meadow looked as if it would be straightforward but in fact the field on which it was built is named as Mill Meadow on the tithe map. (There was a mill a little further along the road, in the direction of The Green.) A look at Oak Farm history, however, revealed that the farm and some land were bought by Harold Sidney Marshall in 1956, so it looks as though the field became known as Marshall's Meadow in relatively recent times.

There is a lot to write on this topic! The fascinating name of Rendall Lane and the odd-one-out, Felix Road, will follow next month. Forgetting Felix the Cat, who was Felix?

Facebook

Thanks to Kim Jennings, we have a Facebook page. Do get involved! www.facebook.com/stowuplandlocalhistorygroup/

Visit to Otley Hall

We shall be visiting Otley Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 6th July. It is an impressive Grade 1 listed 16th century hall with a moat and extensive gardens. This visit is open to non-members and costs £15, including refreshments. We plan to arrange lifts for those without transport. If you would like to join us please contact Judy Clarke on 01449 615 386.

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Programme for early 2016

Feb 3rd 'Do You Wonder Where You Wander?' – Stowmarket Street Names
by Sue and Steve Williams

Do you ever wonder about how the streets that you use every day got their names? Today often the developers of new estates adopt a theme (birds, trees) in naming roads. In earlier times names arose from common usage and a street may have had more than one name before an 'official' name was settled on. Why were Curwen Road and Gowle Road thus named? Where were Cabbage Square and Bermonds Lane? Steve Williams has written a book that answers these questions. Copies will be available, price £8.

There will be a raffle at this meeting.

Mar 2nd '*Who Lived in Your House?*' by Pat Walker

Most people must have wondered who lived in their house in the past. Even if it is not that old, what was there before? Who owned the land? What was it used for? Pat Walker will look at a number of resources to help you explore the history of your property.

Apr 6th '*Ransome Sims and Jefferies*' by Brian Bell

Ransomes & Co. was founded in 1789, in Ipswich, by Robert Ransome, an iron founder from Norwich. The company was well known for its ploughs, agricultural implements and machines and was later one of the first to produce lawnmowers.

May 4th '*The Cupola House and the Macro Family*' by Pat Murrell

Built in Bury St. Edmunds In 1693 by Thomas Macro, and for many years used as an apothecary shop, this Grade 1 listed building was a wine merchant's in the 19th century and then a pub. From the mid-1990s onwards it was a restaurant. It was severely damaged by fire in June 2012. Work began in January 2014 on a rebuilding project. Pat Murrell looks at the house and the Macro family.

Jun 1st '*The Cobbold Family*' by Antony Cobbold

The Cobbold family were brewers in Harwich and then Ipswich for over 200 hundred years. The Cobbold Family History Trust promotes and encourages study and research into the Cobbold and related families. Antony Cobbold will show us that there is more to the family than beer!

A short A.G.M., starting at 7.30pm, will precede the talk.

Meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome and refreshments are available. Admission is £1 for members, £3 for non-members.

We look forward to seeing you.

November being the Annual Meeting, members heard a brief review of the year's activities, agreed the annual financial statement, and voted, en bloc, to re-elect the retiring committee, with the welcome addition of Louise. In a secret ballot, Colleen was chosen to be president for another year.

We then heard from Ann Day, who gave a talk on Ipswich in 1915. By that time, the Great War had been going since August, the previous year. Ipswich was an industrial town, but 1500 men had left their jobs to go to war and it fell to the women to take on these vacancies. Many firms had gone over to vital war production, making munitions and aircraft parts. Women took other "male" jobs as well, such as driving cabs and 2 ton lorries, being tram conductresses – but still not allowed to drive the vehicle and doing shop work. Wounded service men returned to the East Suffolk and Ipswich hospital, which had 145 beds at the beginning of the war and 445 at the end. While, with an outbreak of measles in 1915, Gippeswyck Hall became an isolation hospital. The town suffered Zeppelin raids, with the fire brigade driving horse drawn steam pumps to fight the subsequent fires. The town also suffered many casualties and fatalities from the war and a field of honor was set up in Ipswich cemetery. There was a temporary memorial until the townsfolk raised the amazing sum of £50,000, with £5,000 spent for the cenotaph, and the remainder for an extension to the hospital.

Following this interesting talk, refreshments were on offer. Colleen updated the members on various items, after which the results of the competitions were given - Flower of the month 1st. Shirley,

2nd. Mary C, 3rd. Christine. For the cardboard item 1st. Mandy,
2nd. Mary M., 3rd. Mary C.

After the raffle, the meeting closed.

Colleen welcomed members and guests to the December meeting. Business was kept to a minimum, with members told of things they needed to know for the January meeting. Boards were out for the proposed snowdrop trip and the ballet outing. We were then entertained by the "Kettle Girls", a trio of excellent and harmonious singers. They gave us light hearted songs, along with some unusual seasonal ones, ending with a traditional carol. Refreshments were then served - Christmas cake, mince pies, buck's fizz and mulled wine. The evening ended with a raffle in aid of the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, and Colleen wished everyone a happy Christmas and the best for 2016.

Holy Trinity Church Letter

From your Curate, Chris Hood

It has been a pleasure to have just spent my first Christmas Season as a curate in our three parishes. Being involved in so many wonderful services and events in church – and beyond, such as carol singing in the pub – has left me with many great memories I will treasure. It has been good to meet so many of you and I look forward to getting to know more of you as I move into the second six months of my curacy.

I wonder how your New Year's Resolutions are going. Have you managed to stick to them? Have you consumed less chocolate and wine, visited the gym more often or read more of the classic books you always felt you ought to? Resolutions have always been a challenge in our household. The lure of the biscuit tin and the challenge of venturing to the gym on a dark winter evening have meant that for the last few years we have resisted making them. It is almost as though we know our limitations, so don't set ourselves up to not achieve them.

There was however one year that I managed to achieve something in the resolution department. I realised that as a teacher I didn't read very much for pleasure – something I was often encouraging my class to do. So I set myself the challenge of reading one book a month. I chose a diverse group and kept a record, and by the end of December I had got through 13 books. (I read an extra book as I forgot to note one down.) The aim of doing something, rather than giving up something, really worked for me that year.

As we look forward to Lent there is an opportunity to do something new – or get involved in something again. Our Lent Fellowships are a great opportunity to explore Faith, and this year will focus on the traditional themes of Lent: Looking Inward (at ourselves); Looking Upward (to God); Looking Outward (to others).

It would be great to see you at any of these groups. You are always welcome, even if you can only make one. Please see below for dates, venues and times: if you have any queries please contact Revd David or myself! Revd Chris

Our Lent Meetings will take place on Wednesdays from Feb 17th to March 16th

Holy Trinity Church

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Church Services in February 2016

7th Feb 9.30am Parish Communion
4.00pm 1st@4 Service – church with a difference!

10th Feb (WED) 7.30pm Ash Wednesday Communion at Haughley

14th Feb 9.30am Morning Worship & ☆ Trinity Starz ☆
6.30pm Evensong (*BCP*)

15th Feb (MON) 10.30am Songs of Praise at Steeple View –
All Welcome!

21st Feb 8.00am Holy Communion (*BCP*)
9.30am Morning Prayer (*BCP*)

28th Feb 9.30am All-Age Family Service
6.30pm Parish Communion

(*BPC – Book of Common Prayer*)

A PRAYER:

God, bless the coming year, and give us in your mercy, time for the task, peace for the pathway, wisdom for the work, and love to the last; for Jesus sake. Amen

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:

Once again, our church was well-attended for our Christingle Service on the 6th December. My thanks to everyone involved in making this occasion so successful. We raised £147.99, thank you! The Freeman Community School celebrated their Christingle at the end of term, when a further £71.57 was donated. My thanks for your generous contributions, and my best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year. Janet Burton – Parish co-ordinator

Holy Trinity Church (continued)

FAMILIES!

Please come along to the **'1st @ 4' SERVICE** on Sunday, 7th February at 4.00pm and enjoy this popular **'Church with A Difference'** (with some snacks afterwards)! Then please come to our bright and friendly **ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE** in church on Sunday, February 28th at 9.30am. Do stay and have FairTrade refreshments with us in the hall afterwards!

STEEPLE VIEW:

The residents warmly invite you to join them for their Songs of Praise Service on Monday, 15th February at 10.30am and which is followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay.

LENT LUNCHESES 2016:

You are invited to join us for the Lent lunches of soup, rolls and cheese followed by tea or coffee. All of the lunches will be on Wednesdays, held in the Church Hall and start at 12 noon. There is no charge, but your voluntary donations will be donated to the local charity the **Phoenix Counselling Practice**. We look forward to welcoming you! Please see advert on page 13.

We welcome everyone to come along and enjoy some fun in a friendly atmosphere at the Beetle Drives which will be held on Tuesdays, 2nd and 23rd February at 2.30pm in the Church Hall.

CHURCH 100 CLUB:

Congratulations to the winners of the last three draws:

November 2015:

1st No. 58 Mr J Wuidart, 2nd No. 82 Mrs R Markwell 3rd No. 72 Rev A Baird

December 2015:

1st No. 30 Mrs M Jones, 2nd No. 58 Mr J Wuidart, 3rd No. 27 Mrs O Balls

January 2016:

1st No. 17 Mr Hammond, 2nd No. 2 Mr K Stanford, 3rd No. 61 Mr M Mitchell

WEEKLY OPEN CHURCH:

Holy Trinity Church has an **Open Church Session from 2pm to 4pm each Wednesday.**

Come on in for a free cup of tea/coffee and a chat, to wait for children coming out of school, perhaps for a quiet prayer, just to enjoy your Parish Church, or to enquire about church activities etc.

FOOD BANK BOX:

If you would like to donate items for the Food Bank to help those in need of a helping hand, there is a box at the back of the church for you to leave your items. Thank you!

CHURCH HALL HIRE:

Please remember that the well-appointed Church Hall is available for hire at reasonable rates, and would be ideal for children's parties and small groups/meetings. For more information please contact John & Ann Parsell on 01449 672592. Thank you.

PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of Christ's Church:
25th October - Alfie Herbert, Oliver Herbert, Jack Page

FUNERALS

Our love, sympathy and prayers to the families
of those who have recently died:
26th October - Roy James
1st December - Alyson Kemp

Telstar is also available as a link on the Parish Council website:

www.stowupland.com

CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

Book Group:	Patricia Hodgkins	01449 672127
Baby and Toddler Group:	Liz Purnell (Email liz@rllmuk.co.uk)	07810 442424
Bowls Club:	Susan Boorman	01449 614673
Country & Western Dance:	Winston & Janet Adams	01206 501866
Dance Club:	May & Paul Durham	01449 672601
Local History Group:	Marion Harris	01449 770895
Short Mat Bowls:	Pam Fayers	01449 770080
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W. I.	Judy Clarke	01449 615386
Community Events	Keith Welham	01449 673185
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Brian Ward

“HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE” As we start another year I always wonder what it will bring forth, I hope we do not have a prolonged cold snap as the smaller birds will suffer immensely, the Goldcrest and Long Tailed Tits seem especially vulnerable. Unusual for me being a country lad I ventured to London before Christmas and walked around Hyde Park. To my amazement the snowdrops were in full bloom and the wildlife on the Serpentine was in abundance with many species of duck, geese and other water loving birds all enjoying a free feed from the day trippers. There are flocks of Feral Ring Necked Parakeets in the park many of which were feeding on the London Plane tree seeds. Many of these trees were planted over two hundred years ago and are still growing strong.

I have visited my usual haunts over the past couple of months. Minsmere is still producing a rarity or two; on my last visit a Bittern approached Island Mere hide and gave everyone a splendid show as it fished in the nearby creek. Lackford lakes are another reserve with surprises. Several Goldeneye and a Long Tailed duck were present on my last visit and flocks of Siskin were feeding in the Alder trees along the tracks. They were forever twittering to one another in typical Finch fashion. I have walked the stretch of the river Orwell from the bridge down river towards Levington. All the normal ducks and waders were spotted but a couple of surprises came my way. Firstly a small group of Red Breasted Merganser were feeding quite near the bridge. These ducks are called Sawbills; with a serrated inner bill they can grip their fish prey which they dive to catch. Similar to a Grebe, the male bird is very handsome when in breeding plumage. My second surprise was a seal popping up at high tide and coming quite close to investigate as I sat on the water's edge.

North Norfolk is always a draw for me at this time of year with its vast beaches and huge ever changing skies. At this time of year thousands of migratory geese descend onto the marshes and outlying fields. You have to be there at sunrise or sunset and watch in awe as thousands of geese take to the skies constantly honking to keep in touch with each other. Wells- Next-The - Sea and Holkham area is probably one of my favourite areas for a good ramble. Whilst in Norfolk don't forget the Horsey Seal pupping is coming to an end. On my last visit just before Christmas there were in excess of three hundred on the beach. It is quite a spectacle as the big bulls fight in the surf for mating rights. The seal pups are probably one of the cutest mammal young with their big eyes and sometimes forlorn look.

Before I go I must mention a rather rare sight I witnessed recently; I was

February Dates

Mon	1	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	2	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	2	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	2	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	2	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	3	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	3	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	3	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	3	Local History Group - Stowmarket Street Names	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	4	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	7	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	8	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	9	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	10	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	10	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	11	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	11	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE for March issue		
Sun	14	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	15	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	16	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	17	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	17	W.I. – Pip Wright's 'The Suffolk Gypsy'	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	18	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	21	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	22	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	23	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	23	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	24	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	24	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church

Thur	25	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thur	25	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	26	Coffee Morning	10.00pm	URC Chapel
Sun	28	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	29	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall

If you wish to attend one of the events listed, and would like help with transport, please contact Good Neighbours on **07591 539621**

March Dates

Tues	1	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	1	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	1	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	1	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	2	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	2	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	2	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	2	Local History Group – Who Lived in your House	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	3	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	6	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	7	Afternoon Fellowship	2.00pm	URC Chapel
Mon	7	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall

Future Events in 2016

March 18th	Community Quiz
March 25th	Community Bingo

Diary Dates

Contact Marion by email: marion@astronomer.plus.com or Tel: 01449 770895
For contact details for clubs / groups etc. See page 19

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driving along a farm track when I spotted a rabbit being chased by a stoat across a field; I stopped the car and watched, and eventually the stoat caught up with the rabbit and dispatched it in stoat fashion by biting its upper neck. What happened next totally amazed me. It was probably twenty five metres away from any cover and exposed in the open field, the stoat got the midriff of the rabbit and rolled it towards the track and available cover, it took only a few minutes for it to complete this mission bearing in mind the adult rabbit weighed four times that of the stoat. The stoat was so involved with its meal it did not notice as I crept my vehicle closer and took some stunning photos of the whole event. Nature can appear to be cruel but we all have to accept it.



Report from Stowupland High School

Stowupland High School has recently had another red dog bin installed to assist with keeping the area clean. However, please note that these bins are ONLY for dog waste. If any other rubbish is put in them, the council will not clear the bin. Similarly, there are a number of rubbish bins around the site, and any non-dog waste rubbish should be placed in these – no bags of rubbish should be left on the ground. Thank you for helping us keep your community clean.



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Stowupland Village Hall update

Jerry Voden VHMC

Hello from the Village Hall Management Committee, a very happy new year to all our Telstar readers.

As 2016 begins we have to say farewell to one of our long term committee members. Nic Perks has recently moved up to Norfolk and the committee would like to thank him for all his hard work whilst serving on the Village Hall committee.

Nic was very involved in the grant funding process for the refurbishment of the Village Hall and Sports and Social Club in 2009/10. Without his input we would not have achieved the full project which has given the village the facilities that the hall has at present and the refurbishment of the Sports and Social Club that improved the lounge area of the bar.

As we lose committee members the running of the hall on a day to day basis gets harder and falls on a smaller number of committee members. The hall, if it is to continue to provide the facilities that we are all used to, urgently needs YOUR HELP. We are still looking for a secretary and need trustees to join the committee. Please get in touch with Jerry Voden on 01449 770334 if you feel you can help or would like to know more about the hall and committee work.

Colin Churchill who is also an active committee member has been in hospital recently and we wish Colin a speedy recovery and hope he will be able to rejoin us at our monthly committee meetings very soon.

The committee will be looking at a number of improvements this year; these include new curtain rails and refurbishment to the main hall floor. Thank you to all our regular users for your continued support. We also hope to have a page on the village website; one of our committee members is working on the details, so please watch this space. If you are thinking of holding a function then please give us a look.

If you would like further details of what the hall has to offer please call our booking secretary Hugh Blanch on 01449 612156.



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A Stowupland Community Event





Neighbourhood Plan Update and Progress report

As I write this members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group are busy entering questionnaire responses onto the software so that we can analyse them. Thank you everyone who filled them in – especially those who did this online. We are holding a drop-in session on Tuesday 23rd February in the Village Hall from 7.30 until 9pm to share the results of the questionnaire, and to outline progress with preparing the plan. We've set a very ambitious timetable, and this evening will be an important step toward drafting the plan.

We are meeting with Mid Suffolk and Suffolk County Council officers to make sure that our plan will be acceptable, and to seek advice on matters of infrastructure and planning policy. An important matter that can't be avoided is what to do about the planning appeals hanging over us. We can't discount the appeal proposals even though they are clearly completely unacceptable to most villagers. We need to make sure that the Inspector has as much information as possible on our plan, and the progress we're making with it, and most importantly, what you've told us about how you want to see the village grow, and what you feel is inappropriate.

As well as your views expressed through the two questionnaires we need you to let us know whether the plan reflects what the village needs. There is still much to be done. Please drop by on 23rd February and help us get the plan drafted and out on consultation.

Jackie Ward

Chair, Stowupland Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Village History Recorder

On behalf of the Village we would like to express our thanks to Jenny Perks for her diligence in recording the events and happenings in Stowupland over the last ten years. It has been an unsung but valuable contribution to documenting the history of the village. Thank you Jenny.

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Upcoming events :



6th Feb – The Mementos playing live at 8.30 pm

5th March Chuck Wills Widow playing live at 8.30 pm



Stowupland Village Website

stowupland.com

The new village website is now up and running. It is being updated on a day to day basis and we hope to have everything in place very soon. Please let me know if you think there's something missing or I have made any mistakes. I would also be really grateful to receive your comments on how to make it as interesting and informative as possible, so if you have any ideas please let me know.

Please email me at kim@atavusresearch.com or Tel: 677692.
Kim



A note from the Parish Council Village Website

The Parish Council would like to pass on their thanks and appreciation to the previous webmaster for the work he put in to the previous village website over the past few years. The decision to change the website was made over a number of months as it was felt that a new site using new technology could be dynamic and 'up to the minute'. We sincerely wish the previous webmaster every success in his future projects. We hope to see the removal of the redundant website from the internet to avoid confusion.

Claire



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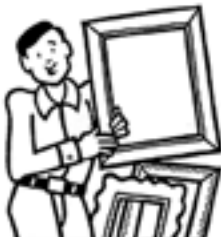
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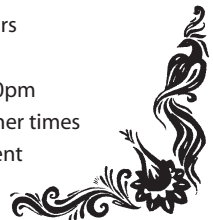
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Minister: Revd Chris Wood

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On 14th December we held our Carol Service; this was led by Veda Berriman. There was also a Carol Service in the afternoon and the collection from both services amounted to £188.00 and has been sent to East Anglian Air Ambulance.

On 24th January, as part of the week for Christian Unity, we held a united service with Holy Trinity at the Chapel.

The money raised from the coffee mornings which took place during 2015, has been put towards our alterations. Although no charge is made for coffee and cake donations are given. In future these will be sent to local charities. **Our next coffee morning is on Friday 26th February 2016 10am to 12noon.**

Services at the URC Chapel are held each Sunday at 10.30.am and we cordially invite anyone who wishes to join us in our worship. A warm welcome awaits you.

Our speakers for February are as follows:

07 Feb	Steve Campbell
14 Feb	William Glasse
21 Feb	Jim Spencer
28 Feb	Rev Richard Edwards

Afternoon Fellowship

On Monday 7th December the Afternoon Fellowship held their Carol Service. This was led by Revd Chris Wood. Once again the music group and choir from Stowupland High School accompanied the singing and also did individual pieces for us to listen to. The collection of £100.50 was sent to East Anglian Air Ambulance

We recommence our meetings on 7th March at 2pm. when the speaker will be Revd Chris Wood. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. (male or female). Come and enjoy the interesting speakers and fellowship also a cuppa.

Mary Clark

'A LOVE THAT CONQUERS DEATH'

URC MINISTER Chris Wood

Just before Christmas we discovered that a close friend of ours had sadly died from a rare form of pneumonia, aged just 28. We had known James extremely well for 16 years, and had seen him grow up from a child to a young adult, vibrant, talented, fun-loving, caring and outgoing. One of the many tributes written on social media rightly acknowledged that 'he lit up the room whenever he was present, whatever was happening'.

Born into a Christian family, from the moment he entered into the world he was a valuable part of the church family, growing up through Junior Church, and taking a full part in worship from the earliest of ages right through into his adulthood. He would be present whenever he could at worship, as well as playing an active part in mid-week activities and the wider work and witness of the church. His presence will be greatly missed, not only by his family and his church family, also his many friends and colleagues, having been a member of the Cabin Crew for Ryan Air for many years.

Whenever such events overcome us it is natural to ask the question of our God: 'Why?!' Indeed, we look at our world and see tragic loss each and every day – for instance the son who allegedly killed his mother because she had tried to persuade him to leave so-called ISIS, demonstrates that we are seeing a new kind of depravity of mankind's inhumanity to humankind.

We discovered though in the Christmas story that God may not offer directly an answer to the 'why' – but has responded by entering our lives fully in His Son, Jesus Christ, to share our humanity, so that we might know the extent of His love for us in this world and the next. Through Jesus' own life we learn of His vulnerability – from the earliest of age when Herod is reported to have killed 2,000 innocent children in an attempt to get rid of this Christ-child. By the skin of His teeth he and His parent survive only for later in His life to be hounded by the authorities who dislike intensely what He is saying and doing, despite His attempts simply to extend God's love to all. Such events remind us of our own vulnerability in the midst of human life and living.

We discover from the Gospel that Jesus Himself wept when He went to the tomb of His dear friend Lazarus (John 11: 35 – the shortest verse in The Bible!) an important reminder that God weeps with us in our loss. And, when it came to His own suffering just prior to death, Jesus uttered the words: 'My God, why have You abandoned Me' (Matthew 27: 46) – acknowledging that it is only natural in life to feel abandoned by God in times of deep distress or suffering.

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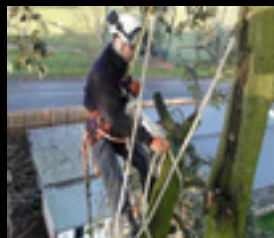
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All this, along with being surrounded with tremendous love and care, has enabled the family of James to find comfort in their loss, despite the deep pain, and amazingly to embrace the words of a poem by Edgar Guest ('A Child of Mine') which concludes: 'Dear Lord, Thy will be done! For all the joys Thy child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll run. We'll shelter him with tenderness, we'll love him while we may, and for the happiness we've known, forever grateful stay. But should the angels call for him much sooner than we'd planned, we'll brave the bitter grief that comes, and try to understand'.

This family – and all the families mourning their loved ones at this time whatever their age or circumstance – will hopefully find comfort in the words of Jesus, who reassures all who believe: 'There's lots of room in My Father's eternal kingdomand I am going to prepare a place for you, so that where I am you may be also'. (John 14: 2 – 3 [para]). In other words, this life is but a preparation for a greater life that is to come, so that, in the natural tears of parting, we are given an assurance that we will meet again – for this is the gift offered through the life, death and resurrection of our Lord.

God Bless

Chris

(Rev'd Chris Wood – minister of Stowmarket, villages and Debenham URC's)

Stowupland Baby and Toddler Group

Stowupland Baby and Toddler Group would like to thank the Country and Western Club and Peter Bond for the very generous donation to the Christmas party for the children.

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But once we got time to play we had some good results. In the Bob Coleman Cup the Adult 1st team visited Westerfield, a senior division team (2 divisions higher) just after January, and following a great match the result at extra time was 4-4. Unfortunately, they lost 5-4 on penalties in the end but a fantastic performance from the lads against a senior team.

We will give a fuller roundup next month, but if you'd like to see recent results, just visit our website www.stowuplandfalconsfc.co.uk.

Our 5 a-side is planned for the 4th and 5th June and planning has now started. Our presentation day is on the 21st May in the Village Hall, and we look forward to the weather improving so we can get all our fixtures played.

We are also looking for more adult players, so if you know anyone over 16 who would like to come and play, please get in touch through the website.

As always, come along on a Saturday afternoon, from 2pm, or a Sunday morning 10:30am to support your local club.

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The Stowmarket Lions perform all their fundraising work on a voluntary basis and since its inauguration in 2013 the Art Show has raised thousands of pounds to help our local community.

The show will be open for general admission on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th March from 10.00am. Admission is £1.00, with under 16's free when accompanied by an adult.

A Cheese & Wine Preview Evening will be held on Friday 4th March from 7.30pm. Tickets are priced at £6.00 each (includes Cheese & Wine) and numbers are limited. The Preview Evening is a great opportunity to view and purchase exhibits in an exclusive social setting.

Preview Evening tickets can be requested by email to artshow2016@stowlions.org.uk, along with general enquiries about the show.

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