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**Stowupland residents Receiving  
The Walkers Cup**



# Chairman's Column

*Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council*

**October 2017**

We are still involved in discussions over the Bloor site. Further details of their proposal have been submitted and can be viewed on the MSDC Planning Portal, accessed via their website, or at the Needham office or Stowmarket Drop-In point in Ipswich Street. Many of you will have noticed the extensive excavations on the site; these are part of an archaeological investigation and, I understand, there have been some significant finds. We are still awaiting a sight of their construction management plan; we want to avoid restrictions to the use of A1120 as far as possible.

The planning application for 10 homes on land opposite the URC chapel was approved by MSDC. When this development goes ahead the only remaining gap which allows long distance views across the valley towards Creting St Peter and beyond will be lost. Margaret Rose and I spoke at the committee meeting and we put up a strong case for rejecting the application but were unsuccessful. One of the committee members said that the views would not be lost; they would be available to anyone from behind the development. When we heard comments like that we knew we were fighting a lost cause.

The application for 18 homes plus car park for the school and parish church and an extension to the cemetery has not been determined. A revised layout drawing was made available for consultation from 11 October. The Parish Council have responded to the suggested highway improvements by expressing concern about the proposed local narrowing of A1120 to enable the footway to be widened to assist people wishing to cross the road. We have also asked for flashing amber warning lights and an enforceable 20 mph speed limit to take effect at start and finish of the school day.

Unfortunately the residents who had been planning to arrange the event on The Green have decided to hold the event in Rattlesden instead. We had not been told of their decision in advance so it came as a bolt from the blue at the public meeting on 10 October, which we had arranged to seek the views of people living in the village. Hopes that an event would be held during the summer of 2018 have been raised but, unless a number of volunteers come forward willing to help,

I fear that there will be no event. If you would like to see an event on The Green next year and would be prepared to help with the planning, please let me know.

Old Newton has conceded defeat in the Walkers Cup competition and by the time you read this the trophy should be on display in The Retreat. We are planning to take some publicity photographs in The Retreat at around 8.00pm on 14 November. We'd love to see as many as possible of those who took part.

Please don't forget the litter pick on Saturday 18 November, 10.00am in the village hall car park. Even if you can only spare an hour, I will be pleased to see you. The Parish Church will be holding their Christmas Fayre on the same day so you will be able to have coffee and cake once your black bag is full.

Your Parish Council needs another active member. We have a vacancy and would like to hear from anyone who might consider joining the council. Vacancies occur from time to time so if you think this is something you might be interested in, please contact Claire or me, or just come along to a meeting. All meetings of the council and its committees and sub-committees are open for members of the public to attend and you will be given an opportunity to speak on any topic relevant to council business. Dates, times and venues are given in the Diary Pages.

*Keith Welham,  
(Chairman Stowupland Parish Council.)*

## **Coffee Morning**

At Stowupland URC Chapel

Friday 24th November 2017

10am-12noon

Coffee/ Tea and Cakes





# District Councillor's Report

**District Council Office Move** – The expectation that staff would have moved to Endeavour House has not been fulfilled. The delay is due to management and the staff union not reaching agreement on the terms of the changed working arrangements, notably compensation for the parking charges at Endeavour House. In response, staff were given redundancy notices. A compromise agreement has now been reached with the assistance of the Government agency ACAS. The plan now is that staff will all be transferred from Needham and Hadleigh by Christmas. Most councillors found out very late in the day about the failure to agree terms and were still being briefed on the details of the September move. Then both the Cabinet meeting and full Council meeting in September were cancelled – the reason given was lack of business – so councillors have not been given the opportunity to debate the issue. The Green Party Councillors group posed a series of questions around the redundancies, and called for an extraordinary cabinet meeting to be urgently held. We have received no formal response. Some of these questions have been answered verbally but there has still been no public forum for discussion of how these problems arose.

**Merger with Babergh** – Out of the blue a merger of the two district councils appears to be top of the agenda of the two controlling Conservative groups. This appears to have been agreed in private meetings without any information being given to many of the councillors of both authorities and then leaked to the media by dissident Conservatives. Opposition members received a briefing from the Chief Executive just a week ahead of papers being published for the October Cabinet meeting. This will be held on 13 October “simultaneously” with that of Babergh’s Cabinet. I hope to attend to see how two different councils can debate the same issue at the same time and then vote separately. Their preferred option is to dissolve the two councils and elect a single new council following a further boundary review. They propose that there will be public consultation about the merger but no public referendum is planned.

**Boundary Review** – The Commission’s draft proposals have been published and show a new ward consisting of Stowupland, Old

Newton with Dagworth and Gipping. In terms of number of electors, this will be a much larger ward than my preference of Stowupland with Creeting St Peter and Earl Stonham. At least the Commission has not accepted the Conservative group proposal of joining Stowupland with Stowmarket. The broader picture is that the recommendations focus too strongly on electoral equality (numbers of electors per councillor) while virtually ignoring the connections between local communities. There are a number of proposed wards which are difficult to understand, including grouping the Stonhams and other smaller parishes with Debenham to create a two member ward. Also, the Commission have split Onehouse from Harleston and Shelland – three communities which share a number of common facilities.

If the merger with Babergh goes ahead, there will need to be another ward boundary review within the next two years to reduce further the number of district councillors. All of this upheaval is not good for anyone and is distracting staff and councillors away from serving their communities.

**Planning Applications** – Full Planning Permission has been granted for 10 homes on land opposite the URC chapel. No date has been given for when the application for housing opposite Holy Trinity will be considered by planning committee. A revised layout for the development has been put forward, along with proposed highway works which include signing, road markings, a short length of narrowing of the carriageway to allow a widening of the footway at a suitable crossing point, and two lengths of skid resistant surfacing.

An appeal has been lodged in respect of the refusal of permission for housing on the two fields west of Thorney Green Road. There are not yet any details of whether there will be a public inquiry or a less formal hearing. The appeal against refusal of planning permission for a new farmhouse style dwelling on land near Pooles Farm was upheld.

**Locality Awards** – I have received a number of bids for a grant and most of the grant money has been allocated. The time limit has been extended and I will be happy to speak to a representative of any club or organisation within Stowupland or Creeting St Peter which has a project, new or existing, which aims to have a local community benefit. But I do need to hear urgently.

*Keith Welham*

*District Councillor for Stowupland ward*

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# Parish Council Report

October 2017

*The meeting was attended by 11 members of the public.*

**District and County Councillors' Reports:** The District Councillor's report can be read elsewhere in Telstar.

SCC Cllr Green advised that the monthly meetings that he holds with the Chairman and Clerk are going very well. He confirmed the press release that reported an improvement in GCSE results in Suffolk making the county 85th out of 151, which was a jump of 57 places. Overall the county is going in the right direction with 88% of schools having a good or outstanding Ofsted rating.

**Matters of Report:** The Chairman reported that Tim Gaddis has caught a number of moles on The Green and has set some traps in the cemetery. He also advised that Roger Stearn has conceded defeat of the Walker Cup on behalf of Old Newton and it is hoped that members of the Community Events Group will collect the trophy on 16th October. Anyone who walked or helped with the organisation of the event is invited to see the trophy installed in The Retreat at around 8pm on 14th November following the next Community Events meeting.

The Chairman advised that the 6 residents who had planned to hold a music and picnic event on The Green have now decided to hold the event in conjunction with a Beer and Cider Festival to be held at the Five Bells in Rattlesden. The organisers had wanted it to be held in Stowupland but the decision by MSDC that a temporary events notice was required made it unfeasible. The Community Events Group will consider whether an event on The Green can be held next year but if this is to stand any chance, new members will be required to join the group to commit the time and effort to planning such an event.

The Clerk reported that the overhanging hedge in Birch Close has been referred to The Green inspection on 16th December. She advised that she had received an email from Jane Storey, who is covering for Cllr Finch who is unwell, to report that the highways operations team have cut back the vegetation around the telegraph pole in Thorney Green Road which would only get one cut per year as it is a minor road. Thorney Green Road has also been checked for defects and is provisionally listed to be resurfaced within the next 12 months but this is subject to a suitable budget being assigned to it and depending on other competing priorities. The cutting back of vegetation to allow signage to be visible is not counted as high priority and will have to wait to determine whether a suitable budget is available. Cllr Welham is to speak to Cllr Storey about this. The signs for the cemetery have been erected by Cllr Reeves but those for private roads across the Green still have to be ordered. The Clerk reported that a meeting has been arranged for 23rd November with both schools to discuss the Safer Route to School. She advised that the handyman will be reinstating the footpath sign by Maple Road bus stop in the next week

or so. She stated that the application for SID posts is still awaiting approval by SCC. The Clerk reported that the work on the stump on The Green has been carried out and that the pothole in Rendall Lane has been filled. The street light in Trinity Walk will be reported on the SCC portal as soon as the Clerk has the number. The timber posts at The Retreat still need to be sorted.

**Parish Council Vacancy:** Although a nomination has been made for this post, the nominee has not lived in the village for 12 months so will have to wait until he has done so before it can be considered.

**Public Forum:** One resident suggested that flowers and plants would be a good theme for naming streets on future developments in the village. Another resident had been carrying out a survey of the number of lorries using Saxham Street without authority and had observed 147 container lorries in the last 3 weeks. It was suggested that he makes a note of their company names and registration numbers and then report them to the police but also copy this information to the Parish Council. He also advised that 1 in 5 vehicles were exceeding the speed limit by at least 5mph. A resident, who had been missed off the Telstar delivery over the summer, thanked Cllr Reeves as she was now getting her copy of the magazine.

**Committee Numbers:** 2 Committees require additional members in order to function efficiently and Cllr Pring agreed to join the Finance and Policy Committee and Cllr Johnson the Planning Committee.

**Road Names:** With suggestions from the Local History Group it was felt that the use of the word Maltings in street names for any development opposite the URC Chapel would be appropriate as there was a maltings in this area previously. The use of the names Freeman and Hollingsworth could be used for an area by the Primary School and Church as they were benefactors of those buildings. For the Bloor development we supported the resident's idea for naming roads after wild flowers.

### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Allotments** – Cllr Voden offered his thanks to Mr Andrew and Mr Warne for their help in clearing the ditch at the allotments. Since then, Mr Bloom has cut the hedge and ditch which completes the tidying up of the area. A new allotment holder has found some asbestos on his plot and the Clerk is arranging for a suitable contractor to remove it.

**Cemetery and Churchyard** – It was agreed to accept the recommendations that willow hurdles, posts and ties should be purchased along with some plants for the turning circle and that the land where the shrubs have been removed should be levelled and spoil removed. The turning circle will be finished next week and they hope to seed at least some of the area this autumn. There is a lot of work to be carried out within the cemetery over the next few months and Cllr Reeves advised that she would be returning to the Parish Council for further money in order to complete forthcoming projects. Cllr Reeves reported that she and Cllr Pring have cleared out the cemetery shed and are left with an assortment of mowers one of which may be a candidate for the Museum of Anglian Life. Amongst those left are some non-runners that could be used for spare parts and a number of strimmers in various states of usability. Cllr Pring has offered to see if he can get them working and, if not, a quote will be

required to see if they are worth repairing, bearing in mind that the grass cutting is now contracted out. There is also a large pile of metal grave numbers that could be used as numbers for the allotment or alternatively sold as they appear to be Victorian. That leaves various garden tools some of which could be donated to Tools for Africa and TWAM, litter pick equipment, rubbish bin, some petrol cans, Perspex sheets for the bus shelters and a ladder.

**Community Events** – Mrs Freeman reported that the recent garage sale had been a success and a total of £267.50 had been raised for EACH. The community quiz had attracted 14 teams and been a good fun night with good natured rivalry between the teams. The bingo on the following week also went well with a cash prize of £150. The next bingo will be the Halloween Bingo to be held on 27th October and it is hoped that those attending will be suitably ghoulishly attired. To end the year there will be Christmas bingo at the end of November, a quiz at the beginning of December, the Christmas party at Steeple View and the afternoon tea to be held at Alder Carr for the residents of Jubilee Court. The cost of transporting the residents to Alder Carr quoted by Perry's Travel is £50. The Parish Council was happy to fund this along with the cost of the tea. Following the last quiz when there were problems with the microphone, a new one has been purchased. Unfortunately, only 2 residents attended the meeting about the proposed picnic on The Green showing a lack of engagement by the village.

**Emergency Planning Group** – An informal meeting was held between Cllr's Voden and Pring and a decision was made to put some links onto the village website including the emergency plan.

**Environment** - It was agreed that a group should obtain quotes for re-printing and agree advertising costs so that the village footpath map and directory can be updated, also to adopt the changes made to The Green policy.

**Finance and Policy** – Recommendations made by the committee to approve the annual return and to register with the Information Commissioner's Office were agreed.

**Footpaths** – Meeting is due to be held next week.

**Neighbourhood Planning** - The Parish Council agreed to purchase the software to provide the required maps for the Neighbourhood Plan at a cost of £91.20. The Clerk advised that the next meeting will be held on 1st November which will be jointly held with the Parish Council as Andrea McMillan and Paul Bryan from the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Planning Department will be coming to discuss the joint local plan.

**Planning** – It was agreed to object to the application for the erection of a new workshop at Stowupland Hall as it was felt to be too big and disconnected the hall from the arable land behind. Concerns would be given about the narrowing of the road outside of the development opposite the school and to suggest the use of flashing amber warning lights and an enforceable 20mph speed limit at the start and finish times of the school day.

**Play Park** – It was agreed that the secured grant monies should be used to install the new rainbow fencing and gates at the play park and the section 106 monies should fund the new basketball area, The Clerk reported that a quote for the above has been received from Wicksteed Playgrounds for £15,316 +



vat. Once the multi-sports system has been installed the section 106 money of £3,900 would be released to the Parish Council.

**Transport, Travel and Safety** – Cllr Reeves reported that she was unable to get anyone to go out with the speed gun recently due to holiday commitments by the members of the group. Also despite her best efforts with the battery pack the speed gun will need to go back for repair. The Stowmarket Area Road Safety Committee is to be disbanded.

**Councillors Reports:** Cllr Reeves voiced concerns about the height of the hedge in Devon Road. Cllr Pring queried whether any progress had been made of the dog bag dispensers. This will need to be followed up. He also asked about a proposed Community infrastructure Levy presentation. It was agreed that this will take place at the December Parish Council meeting. Cllr Studd asked about the positioning of a telegraph post opposite the garden of The Willows in Gipping Road as the road narrows significantly at this point causing traffic to swerve out into the path of oncoming traffic. Councillors will take a look at this

**Chairman's Report:** The Chairman reported that he had passed on to MSDC a complaint about a large quantity of vegetation that has been dumped alongside the track leading from Trinity Walk to the Community Wood. He has also asked MSDC to check the ownership of a dead tree in the hedge alongside the track. MSDC have confirmed that they will deal with the tree and the fly tipped vegetation. He reported that he has informed the Enforcement Officer of the failure of the builder of the new property in Grays Close to repair the track as was required by a planning condition. The purchasers of the property are in the process of moving into the house.

**Clerk's Report:** It was agreed that the clerk should attend the Data Protection Training at SALC in November. She is also arranging a Christmas meal at the Crown for all members of the Parish Council and their partners for Tuesday 12th December. Details of the menu and costs were distributed to the members for them to make their choices.

**Correspondence:** Amongst the correspondence received was a letter from a resident advising on overgrown hedges. Cllr Welham to speak to the owners. MSDC are to hold Town and Parish Liaison meetings at Westhorpe Village Hall on 9th November at 1pm and on the same day at 6.30pm at Gosbeck Community Hall and names of those councillors wishing to attend were taken. A non-resident had written requesting clarification of the cemetery policy regarding colour of headstone memorials and the use of photos of the deceased being incorporated in the headstone. After much debate it was agreed that the shade of grey that they wished for the headstone was acceptable but the use of a photo was not. The family concerned were present and agreed to these terms. The Boundary Commission have published their recommendations for the new electoral boundaries with Stowupland being incorporated with Old Newton, Gipping and Dagworth, something which none of the political parties at MSDC had put forward. Cllr Reeves and Pring will look at the recommendations and draft a response for the Parish Council to forward to the commission.

The meeting closed to the public at 9.25 pm.

*Sandy Smith*



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## **Stowupland Village Hall update**

As many of our regular users have seen, the village hall has undergone a refurbishment programme in the last few months. Thank you for your patience while the work has been carried out. A repainting in the main hall, meeting room and bar and kitchen has refreshed these areas and new lighting in the main hall and at the side of the hall will make it a brighter place to relax in.

We also have a complete new set of blinds and brand new cooker in the kitchen area. All these improvements have been achieved by a considerable amount of planning by the committee. We also have to thank our County Councillor Gary Green and our MSDC District Councillor Keith Welham for their help in making funding available from their locality budgets for the work to start. Thank you also to our Secretary Sally Reeves for the time she has spent filling in forms to secure the grant funding, and providing all the documents to support these applications.

In the next few weeks we hope that this will all be completed. We have some external repairs to carry out, and some outside doors to repair. There is always work to do in and around the hall to keep it in good condition for the future.

If you would like to hire the hall or know more about the facilities available and recent improvements please contact our booking secretary Hugh Blanch on 01449 612156.

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## **Church Road Planning Application**

**MSDC Planning Committee will be considering the details of the Bloor application on 1 November at Needham Market. It would be good to see a number of Stowupland residents there. Contact Claire Pizzey or Keith Welham for more information.**



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# Countryside Rambler

*Brian Ward*

My wife and I have just returned from a brisk walk along Nacton shore. The tide was out and the salty aroma of seaweed wafted on the breeze, with the Curlews calling and the Redshanks piping their tuneful whistle, it was glorious. As we walked through the woods to the shoreline the Grey Squirrels were busy gathering chestnuts and acorns to hide for the leaner winter months. Jays will also do this and a single Jay is estimated to hide up to seven thousand acorns during autumn. WOW! I wonder what percentage they return and find.

I have been to some of my usual reserves over the past month. I visited and stayed at Rutland Water with some friends to see the last Ospreys before they left on migration. We also spotted Ruddy Shelduck (no, I did not swear, it's called that because of its colouration). Also seen of note were Greenshank and Great Egret along with hundreds of Gadwall, Teal, Widgeon and Mallard. One of my daughters lives in Lincolnshire so on our recent visit my wife and daughter went shopping and I declined the shopping trip and visited Frampton Marshes near Boston. This reserve is run by the RSPB and is situated on The Wash with the River Witham entering the sea at the northerly side of the reserve. The best time to visit this reserve with its scrapes and wet meadows is high tide as the birdlife leaves the wash and roosts on the reserve waiting for the tide to retreat. At this time of year expect to see Ruff, Little Stint, Spoonbill, Curlew, Sandpiper, Snipe, Dunlin, Ringed and Little Ringed Plover, Avocet, all the common Ducks, Whooper Swans and migrating Geese.

My wife and I escaped to Norfolk for a couple of days and stayed near Holkham Estate. The herd of Fallow Deer on the estate are a photographer's dream as they are relatively tame and with the autumn scenery as a backdrop it's well worth a visit. The Pink Footed Geese are arriving in their thousands as they do annually from Iceland and Greenland to spend the winter with us feeding on the stubble and harvested beet fields. One of the best times to see them is dawn or dusk. It is a spectacular sight as they fly in loose V formations, wave after wave. They create a chorus of honks and call notes you must hear as they are the most musical of Grey Geese. If you are able, try to pick out the rare Bean Goose which is browner in plumage and has a yellow bill; this comes mainly from Russia. Another Goose you may encounter is the White Fronted Goose which, as the name suggests, has a partially white face; these birds also come from Russia to over winter with us. Before I leave the Geese I must mention the Brent Goose; this small dark-plumaged Goose is seen mainly flying at sea following the coastline. Its main food is Eelgrass when it's available; this Goose spends winter with us and summer in the Arctic Tundra.

North Norfolk in autumn attracts birding enthusiasts from all over the country. Recently I was at Snettisham with a group of friends waiting for an extra high tide to push the Waders off the last remaining mud flats and into the air. Hundreds of people come to watch this murmeration of Waders on these high tides, with Peregrine Falcons attempting to single out and catch an individual bird adding to the excitement of this event.

Leaving Norfolk to return home, in my back garden we had a Hedgehog visit the other night. I suspected one was in the garden as they leave black droppings on the lawn, I hope it does not venture onto our road out the front. I also found a tiny Newt whilst tidying the garden; this is a good sign they are breeding in my pond. I know you probably are wondering but now is the time to clean and fill your feeders for our feathered friends.

On with your wellies and go kick some leaves in your Local Park or woodland and enjoy our truly British autumn.



# Local History Group

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## October Meeting

Julia Barrett's marvellous talk, 'Mrs Fyshe and the Queen's Wardrobe', was wonderfully illustrated, not only with pictures: Julia herself was dressed as Mrs Fyshe and, with her daughter Molly assisting, brought examples of the clothes of an Elizabethan lady, made by them both.

Walter Fyshe was described by Elizabeth I as 'Oure Taylour'. He was appointed at the time of her coronation but had been her tailor beforehand: Master Tailor, after years of training, trusted to measure her and give advice. He understood the symbolism of her clothes.

The Royal Wardrobe was like a small village, with tenements, cottages and workrooms for the teams of tailors. It was in the Blackfriars area, which made for easy transport along the Thames, and was responsible for producing clothes for the Queen, livery for her many attendants, hangings, bedding and everything that was needed both in London and when she made a Royal Progress.

Clothes were put on in layers. A white linen smock, which was changed every day, was covered with a red flannel petticoat in winter, then a hooped farthingale, a sleeveless kirtle (a little like a pinafore dress), and a gown. There was a separate lace partlet (like a collar but also filling a low neckline) and sleeves were also separate, enabling variation in the clothes. Hair was worn up and covered with a cap, a hat or a hood. Labour was cheap but the fabrics, trimmings and jewels were expensive: the Queen's ladies were required to pick up any jewels that fell off.

During Elizabeth's reign, her image became less feminine and increasingly like that of a monarch and ruler. Starch had been introduced from the Netherlands, making for stiff lace collars, necklines were high and bodices of a military style. Walter Fyshe retired in 1582 and died three years later. When Elizabeth died her clothes were given to Anne of Denmark, who did not like them: they were given away, sold second-hand, or cut up for reuse. Recycling is no modern idea!

## Harbour Lights

This was a hugely enjoyable evening: Alvar, Derek and Rob kept us laughing and singing, with a little history of the songs and music along the way. We

were given a hilarious demonstration of a jig doll and among the many songs, heard the classics The Yellow Handkerchief (Fine Company) and The Old Arm Chair.

We would have needed a larger audience for the event to have been a good fund-raiser; but were satisfied enough to have staged such a brilliant entertainment.

### **Donations to Archives**

We are very grateful to Marie Ryan for two White's Directories and to Maggie Knock for copies of the 1881 census of the village and of the Stowupland Tithe map with details of its apportionments.

Additions to our archives are always very welcome: documents, photographs, diaries, maps, newspaper cuttings... Items can be copied and returned to you, if you wish. Sandra Walker looks after our archives and can be contacted on 01449 673296 or by email: sawalker2000@hotmail.com

### **Talking Point**

Ceremonies such as beating the bounds go back at least to Anglo Saxon times. Before maps and written title deeds, it was important for everyone to know the boundaries of property and so customs evolved of parishioners and clergy walking the boundaries and striking boundary stones, to mark them. This was often combined with the Rogation Days of the Church and special prayers for crops. From 1598 to 1834, Poor Laws required each parish to help the needy, apprentice children and care for the destitute. An understanding of boundaries was important for this; parishioners needed to know where to apply for help and authorities needed to know who was entitled to it. Attempts to move a needy person to a neighbouring parish were not unknown!

The 1668 Perambulation of the Manor of Thorney Hall, states that 'at Bury Way stile is one tree marked for the procession way of Stowupland'. The 'procession way' would have been the route of the beating the bounds ceremony. Neil Langridge noticed that early OS maps show an oak pollard on what was the Mendlesham/Stowupland boundary, close to the footpath between Gipping Road and Town Farm. The maps show another oak pollard and a line of oaks on the Creeting/Stowupland boundary, to the south of Park Farm, and these too may have been boundary markers. Sadly, the oak pollards are no more.

For our next 'Talking Point', what did an Elizabethan lady wear under her white linen smock?

## Programme

1st November *The Guildhall Feoffment Trust and Guildhall Feoffment Schools*, by Alan Bickerdike

A brief history of the Trust and Schools, from 1481 to the present. The Trust is one of the country's oldest charitable trusts [if not the oldest] that still functions today. It

has had much influence on many aspects of the history of Bury St Edmunds, education being but one part. The picture shows the brass of Jankyn Smith and wife Marion in St. Mary's Church Bury St Edmunds. He died in 1481 and left funds to the town to start the Guildhall Feoffment.



6th December *Stowmarket's Hidden Gems*, by Steve Williams

Walk around Stowmarket and you will find little sign of old timber framed buildings. Villages such as Lavenham are full of such buildings dating back to mediaeval times. However, similar old buildings do exist in Stowmarket. The prosperity brought to the town in the early 1800s by the new Gipping Navigation meant that there was wealth to modernise what were seen as old fashioned buildings and many were given a makeover hiding their ancient origins. Steve will reveal what lies behind these later facades with some surprising examples.

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

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A number of years ago, a friend of mine informed me that she was potentially to go on the TV show “Who wants to be a millionaire?” The idea of the show was for a contestant to answer a series of questions that seemed to get progressively more challenging in the hope of winning a million pounds. For each question they were four choices and every time a question was answered correctly the prize money rose.

In the quiz there were some life lines that could be used if the contestant came across a question they were unsure of. These included asking the audience to vote on what they thought was the right answer, taking away two wrong answers and also phone a friend. In the phone a friend section the presenter, Chris Tarrant, would phone one of the contestant’s friends to see if they could answer the question. It was as a “phone a friend” that my involvement with the show nearly happened.

I was asked by my friend if I would be happy to be phoned up by Chris Tarrant if she got through to the main show and if she thought I would know the answer. I was asked to be at home between 6 and 9 one Thursday evening and to keep off the phone. Well my ego was flattered and of course I agreed, although we didn’t negotiate whether I would get a cut of the prize money, as being asked was good enough.

So, I sat through the evening without making a phone call and at about a quarter to nine the phone rang. I decided to play it cool and let it ring a few times before casually answering the call and waited to hear Chris Tarrant’s voice. Except the voice at the other end was not the quiz’s host but instead someone asking if I had had an accident that I wanted to claim for. I didn’t talk for long and instead used the best line I ever used to get rid of a caller I didn’t want to speak to saying, “I’m sorry I don’t have time, I’m waiting for a call from Chris Tarrant!”

It was only later that I discovered my friend didn’t get to the question section, but I often think about whether I would have known the answer.

There is a danger that we see prayer as a bit like a phone a friend. If there is something we can't sort out we decide we might pray in the hope the right answer will come through. Of course, prayer is partly about crying out for help as is so often seen in the psalms, but prayer is about so much more than that. Prayer is how we develop our relationship with God, One who loves us and wants the best for us. It is about sharing all of ourselves with God, listening, thanking and asking.

If you would like to discover more about prayer or if you would like me to pray with you please be in touch, and I promise I won't hurry you off the line as I am no longer expecting a call from Chris Tarrant!

*Revd Chris*

### **CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER**

5th Nov	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	1st@4 Service - <i>church with a difference!</i>
12th Nov	10.50am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE with <i>★Trinity Starz★</i> in the Church Hall.
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
19th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
20th Nov (MON)	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View - All Welcome!
26th Nov	9.30am	All-Age Family Service
	6.30pm	Parish Communion

*(BCP Book of Common Prayer)*

### **A PRAYER:**

Grant us, O God our father,  
the love that is always ready to forgive;  
the love that is always ready to help;  
the love that delights to give rather than to get.  
And so grant that, living in love, we may live like Jesus.

### **FAMILIES!**

Please come along to the **'1st@4' SERVICE** on Sunday, 5th November 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, November 26th at 9.30am. Do stay and have FairTrade refreshments with us in the hall afterwards!

## **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE - NOVEMBER 12th at 10. 50am**

It would be good to see lots of people come to this Annual Service when the names of all those from Stowupland who served in the two World Wars and died are read. **'LEST WE FORGET'**. A poppy wreath will be laid as a mark of respect at this act of Thanksgiving and Remembrance.



**We welcome the children as Trinity Starz will also run in the Church Hall.**

### **STEEPLE VIEW:**

The residents warmly invite you to join them for their Songs of Praise Services at **Steeple View** on Monday, 20th November at 10.30am (*followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay and to which everyone is very welcome!*)

### **BEETLE DRIVES:**

We welcome everyone to come along and enjoy some fun in a very friendly atmosphere at the Beetle Drives which will be held on Tuesdays, 7th and 28th November at 2.30pm in the Church Hall.

### **PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH:**

No Ploughman's Lunch this month, but see below!

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE:**

Come along to lunch at the **Christmas Craft Fair** on Saturday, 18th November and browse a wide variety of stalls from which you can buy your Christmas presents. Bring the children between 2.00 and 4.00pm to meet Father Christmas in his Grotto! You can enjoy a lunch of Baked Potatoes with a variety of fillings, also, other lunchtime snacks and sweets will be on sale. Refreshments available all day. *See back page*

### **WEEKLY COFFEE CHURCH:**

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

Come on in to the Church Hall for a free cup of tea/coffee and a friendly chat, or maybe to wait for children coming out of school.

Perhaps just to enjoy your Parish Church or for a quiet prayer, 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 is ideal for children's parties and small groups/meetings. For more information please contact John & Ann Parsell on 01449 672592. Thank you.

# November Dates

Wed	1	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	1	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	1	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	1	Local History Group	7.30pm	Village Hall
		- 'The Guildhall Feoffment Trust and Schools' by Alan Bickerdike		
Wed	1	Joint P.C. Nb.hood Planning Sub. Com	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	2	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	6	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	7	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	7	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	7	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	7	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	8	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	8	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	9	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	9	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	11	Jumble Sale	2.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	12	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – Dec & Jan issue		
Mon	13	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	13	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	14	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	15	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	15	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	15	W.I. – AM + Musical Christmas Prelude	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	16	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	18	Community Litter Pick	10.00am	Village Hall car park
Sat	18	Christmas Craft Fair	10am-5pm	Village Hall
Mon	20	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	21	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	22	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	22	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	22	P.C. Neighbourhood Planning Sub. Com	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	23	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	24	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall
Fri	24	Christmas Bingo (18+) Doors open	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	26	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	27	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel

Mon	27	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	28	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	28	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	29	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	29	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	30	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	30	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall

## December Dates

Fri	1	Christmas Quiz	Doors open	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	3	Country & Western Dance		7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	4	Dance Club		7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	5	Mobile Library		9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	5	Mobile Library		9.55am	The Green
Tues	5	Coffee Morning		10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	6	Baby & Toddler Group		9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	6	Book Group		2.00pm	
Wed	6	Open Church		2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	6	Local History Group		7.30pm	Village Hall
		- 'Stowmarket's Hidden Gems' by Steve Williams			
Thurs	7	Short Mat Bowls		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**



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# Garage & Yard Sale

A big thank you to all our sellers.

We are sure you had a good day and some had a very good day. Sorry about the weather – a situation we had no control over. A lot of people have asked if we will organise another in 2018. If we do we will try to make it earlier in the year.

The finances were as follows:-

- Yard sale charges (32 sites) £160
- Maps £57 50

Donations & Collections

- Fish and Chip shop £20
- CJ Frost Haulage Old Newton £10
- Mrs Calvier (Mill House) £10
- Mr and Mrs Coleman (Walnut Tree Close) £5
- Mrs Hicks (Reeds Way) £5

TOTAL £267.50

Also, thank you to the local shops (including Tesco) who advertised the sale.

Regards, *The Yard Sale Team*

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

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## CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

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	John Mollett	01449 775269
Dance Club:	May & Paul Durham	01449 672601
Local History Group:	Marion Harris	01449 770895
Short Mat Bowls:	Pam Fayers	01449 770080
Sports & Social Club:	Shaun Langford	07934 194486
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## Stowupland W.I. report

After welcoming visitors, President Colleen introduced the Canon David Atkins, our speaker for the evening, and his wife, who, as David himself said “does all the technical stuff”. We then enjoyed ¾ hour sheer enjoyment. Wherever he was, David very much involved himself with the community, whether it was organizing a themed fete, a fund raising concert or carol singing. Over the years, his efforts saw Downham church, much neglected, made water tight, street parties held to celebrate the Queen’s 1977 anniversary and even a beard trimming at 20p. A snip. Sadly, his first wife died after a long illness. He remarried later and, while he and his future wife were on a cruise, they saw the wretched conditions of a kindergarten school on Fiji – no running water and 2 hours of electricity a day –and decided to ask for donations as wedding gifts. Now the school has been transformed. Not all was sweetness and light though, as there were occasions when bad things happened, such as when a bike was stolen from inside the church by the groom’s brother during a wedding service. To finish his talk, we saw a brief video of David dressed as a woman, along with the church lay reader (female) doing a gentle take off as “the alleluia sisters” of the Salvation Army – very funny.

Members were reminded of the impending Group meeting on October 2nd. Cakes and helpers needed for the garden club teas and names required for the Christmas meal. The raffle was then held and competition results announced –

Flower - 1st. Brenda, 2nd. Sandra, 3rd Mary C

Bloopers – 1st. Judy, 2nd. Glenda, 3rd. Christine.

The two teams entered in the community quiz at the end of September had a most enjoyable evening, with the bonus of the “apple” team being runners up – well done to them.

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## Walker Cup

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# Telstar Committee Membership changes

At our last meeting we had a change to the membership of the committee. Joyce Gardiner took over as treasurer in 2005 and has been responsible for ensuring that we have enough funds available to produce the magazine for eleven editions a year and ensuring all our bills and invoices are paid up to date.

Apart from her duties as treasurer, as a committee member Joyce has contributed greatly to the cause of the magazine to ensure it keeps up its high standards. The committee and, I am sure, our readers, would like to thank Joyce for all her wonderful work and support over the years.

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The committee would like to welcome our new treasurer, Sally Wray. Thank you for volunteering, Sally.

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## A Fishy Mystery

Following on from the above article in the October issue of Telstar, I also have suffered the loss of fish from my garden pond. This happened over a three week period from mid August to early September and included approximately 35 adult fish, and about 10 fry (roughly 4cms long.)

I did have signs of a predator as initially one large goldfish was left at the side of the pond in two pieces. Having reported this to Suffolk Wildlife Trust their suggestions were that the culprit was either a mink or an otter, with an otter being most likely.

Apparently at that time of year female otters train their cubs to fish by using garden ponds. (Charming!) I live in Church Rd, Stowupland and for further information can be contacted on 01449 672592.

John Parsell

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# U.R.C Chapel

Minister: Rev'd Chris Wood  
Telephone 01449 678173

The support we received, for the Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning on 29th September was great and people were so generous. Thank you. The amount raised was £320.00 and a very enjoyable morning was had by all. Our thanks to all those who helped and worked so hard and those who gave draw prizes and made cakes.

The results of the October coffee morning, for St Elizabeth Hospice, will be reported in the December Telstar.

**Our next coffee morning is on Friday 24th November 2017 10am to noon.**

Friends from Holy Trinity joined us for our Harvest Festival on Sunday 1st October and £267.00 has been sent to WaterAid. This was made up of £174.00 from the morning service, £71.90 from the afternoon service on 8th October and £21.10 from the sale of fruit and vegetables at the afternoon fellowship.

**We are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 11th November at 2pm in the Village Hall.** We will be grateful for any contributions, with the exception of Electrical Goods, which I am very sorry we are not allowed to sell. Please contact any Chapel member or bring it to the Village Hall from 12 noon onwards but before 2pm thank you. Please come and support us if you can. In addition to Jumble there will be Bric-a-brac, a Raffle, Tombola and cake stall.

### **Our Speakers for November are as follows:**

05th	November	Ron Wade
12th	November	Rev Richard Edwards
19th	November	Revd Chris Wood (Holy Communion Service)
26th	November	Clive Herrod

### **Afternoon Fellowship**

We recommenced our meetings on Monday 2nd October when we had a very interesting talk by Revd Chris Wood about the many things salt can be used for and where it is mentioned in the bible.

**Our speakers for November are as follows:**

13th November                Richard Watson  
27th November                Richard Edwards

We welcome anyone who would like to join us for our meetings (male or female). Come and enjoy the interesting speakers and the fellowship and of course a cuppa.

Advance notice, we shall be holding the afternoon Fellowship Carol Service on Monday 11th December at 2pm everyone welcome.

Mary Clark

## Minister's Letter

### Let the Children Come

I hear a great deal of talk about the lack of children in our churches, and the concern about the long-term effect on the viability of our churches and chapels. It is borne out of the fact that most of our congregations are 'aging', so there is fear of what will happen to the church in say 10 – 20 years' time. One person was asked 'what will happen to our church when we're no longer here' to which they replied 'it will probably remain an aging congregation' – implying that people will continue to seek out a deeper meaning to life in their later years (I hope they're right!).

Yet we can't escape the knowledge that many of us were brought up at a time when Sunday Schools were thriving, where churches invested a great deal of time, energy and resources into the nurturing of children and young people. Children, for instance, on our council estate were 'rounded up' by a lady called Shirley Lawson, who took her own children to the village chapel, and encouraged others to join them – and I was one of them. If it happened now it would probably be referred to as a "walking Sunday School bus"!

The times, though, are a-changing (and they were long before Bob Dylan sang about it). In years gone by, church / chapel / Sunday School were one of only a few activities that were available on a Sunday – probably one of the reasons that some boast going THREE times a day and not just for an hour .....! Nowadays we appreciate that there are so many things to attract children and young people whether out and about or stay at home with electronic gadgets, or, with some, the need to visit a parent on a Sunday.

These are very different times. I recall an occasion when children associated with the local church wanted to join a popular amateur dramatic group, which started half hour before Junior Church finished. We requested that the children be given permission to arrive a little late to give scope for attending church first, but the request was turned down. I was horrified that these children were put a position that they had to choose.



Having acknowledged though that we find it difficult to compete with these many different demands, I wouldn't want to despair about where we find ourselves, but rather see it as a challenge. Churches are, for instance, discovering a different way of 'doing Sunday school' especially as an after-school club. This is one of the reasons why Messy Church is so popular providing various activities; readings; singing etc on a Biblical theme and having a meal in the bargain. They're popular because they're fun and available at a time when it suits parents as well as children.

I can also refer to the success of 'Open the Book' where volunteers take a school assembly, sharing a story from the Bible in word and dramatic form, that goes down exceptionally well with staff and children. They always include an invitation 'for those who would wish' to join them in a short prayer at the end. It always amuses me that a volunteer can be spotted in town by a child who might point them out to a parent and identify them with their latest Biblical character!

Recently a Year Six class were reflecting on some of the horrors that are occurring around our world in an activity that sought to confront the effects of both good and bad choices. They were reminded of the 'rippling effect' whereby a stone is thrown into a pool of water and the ripple extends far beyond its initial impact. Towards the end of the lesson, the teacher suggested that they spend a few minutes in silence, and take the opportunity to reflect on what they had been discussing. It was suggested that every child in the class bowed their head, closed their eyes, put their hands together, and quietly offered their own prayer.

This gives me encouragement for the future that children have the capacity to understand the need and power of prayer. Jesus said 'Let the children come to Me and do nothing to prevent it, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these'. I personally think that the teacher was doing just that – allowing the time, space and opportunity for them to approach the eternal throne. I'm sure it's happening in all sorts of other, maybe small ways, but let's take heart that acorns are being planted and must surely grow in the things that are of the Kingdom. We might sow and nurture, but it is God who does the rest and our future – and theirs – are in His hands.

God Bless, **Chris**

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

# NATIVITY SCENE DISPLAY

It's hard to believe that by the time you read this Christmas will only be eight weeks away. We at Holy Trinity Church, Stowupland are planning a display of Nativity or Crib Scenes in the Church this December.

Do you have one that you would be willing to lend to the Church to form part of the display? It doesn't have to be of any particular material, can be large or small, and can be modern or traditional. The more variety the better.

*If you can help please contact Anna on 077254 05937. Thank you!*



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## HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Members of Holy Trinity Church served a 3-course Harvest Supper in the village hall on Saturday evening 23rd September, to about 60 people. A large selection of salads with plates of ham, turkey and quiche was followed by an array of desserts; cheese & biscuits, teas & coffees were also available.

The Stowmarket Operatic & Dramatic Society (SODS) provided us with entertainment after the meal - singing duets, solos, dancing, and a monologue, rounding up with the cast singing songs from the shows.

Profit from the evening has been sent to the charity Farm Africa.

At the Harvest service in the crowded church on Sunday morning, well-known harvest hymns and songs were sung; the service was enjoyed by all who attended.





# C.M. Hayward

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# Summer 2018 Event on The Green

## **From Roy and Rita Cooper, Mary and Rob Castle, Peter and Linda Platt:**

'After much planning and discussion over several months with both members of the Parish and District Councils we find that we are unable to go ahead with the event on The Green this coming summer due to too many constraints.

However, we are joining forces with another nearby village who are staging a 'Real Ale & Cider Festival' on May 26. In addition there will be three music groups and a Barbeque. All this has been agreed. We would have liked to have done this in the village but it has not been possible. The profits made are to go to St Elizabeth Hospice.

We hope some of the villagers may wish to come & join in.'

## **From the Community Events Committee:**

We are disappointed that the residents who had planned to hold a music and picnic event on The Green have now, we understand, decided to hold the event in conjunction with a Beer and Cider Festival to be held at the Five Bells in Rattlesden. The organisers had said that they wanted to hold an event in Stowupland for residents of Stowupland but they now say that the decision by MSDC that a temporary events notice is required made it unfeasible. We are unhappy with the implied criticism of the councils- all we were trying to do was ensure that the event would be run safely. We offered help with the temporary events notice and we assisted whenever asked to do so. The Community Events Group will now consider whether an event on The Green can be held next year but if this is to stand any chance, new members will be required to join the group to commit time and effort to planning such an event.

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