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Chairman's Column

Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council

January 2018

My report is short this month because I am suffering from Aussie flu. I hope you have steered clear of it; it is most debilitating and can last for over 3 weeks. Cathy and I are into our second week and still feeling lousy. We are grateful to everyone who has helped us out; without friends and neighbours, things would be much more difficult.

I missed the January Parish Council meeting, just my second in around 15 years, I believe. I'm grateful to Claire and Jerry and other councillors who have taken on extra work.

You will read elsewhere in this edition about the deferment of a decision on the application for 18 houses opposite the church. It seems ridiculous that after more than a year there is still no decision, due largely to the lack of safe highway arrangements and the failure by MSDC officers to consult on the latest scheme layout.

The details for the Phase 2 of the Bloor development are available to view and Claire is arranging a display of the proposals and a public meeting to consider the plans. Do come along; details are given elsewhere in this edition.

The Christmas Tea Party at Steeple View was a great success and much enjoyed by the residents who attended. Likewise the Bus trip to Alder Carr Farm for residents of Jubilee Court for a festive afternoon tea was an enjoyable afternoon. These events were organised by the Community Events Group. A big 'Thank You' to members of the group who helped at the party and acted as escorts to Alder Carr Farm.

Having missed the last Parish Council and being stuck indoors for the last fortnight, I have not much to report. However, I do wish all readers a healthy 2018 and I hope you avoid the flu.

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



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District Councillor's Report

Planning – The Porch Application for 18 homes opposite Holy Trinity Church

Overall, the meeting was a total farce with two (Rickinghall) applications deferred due to invalid ownership certificates. The Porch application also deferred but it was a close call because the first two speakers urged refusal. The next two proposed and seconded deferment; this was agreed unanimously after much discussion, mostly around the lack of an appropriate highway safety scheme. Committee Members said that they were very unhappy with SCC for agreeing the applicant's highway amendments and with MSDC officers for not challenging them. The main problem is that SCC seem happy to narrow down A1120 to make it safer for pedestrians to wait to cross but the road will end up so narrow that anyone waiting is in danger of being hit by a wing mirror. Also, the sudden narrowing would force cyclists towards the middle of the road just where lorries are being pinched for space. Planning Officers seemed content to approve the application and leave it to SCC and the developer to sort out the details. I argued that they could not permit a development, albeit details of access with all matters reserved, when there was no certainty of a safe method of integrating the access into the highway infrastructure.

The other problem around the revised layout is that, although Planning Department records show that consultation letters were printed on 13 December, not a single resident had received a copy before the 3 January committee date, nor since. The closing date for comment was given as 27 December. With staff holidays, Christmas post etc, 13 December was too late anyway.

The deferment is to allow the developer to come up with revised road safety measures and a safe method of crossing A1120. The developer's agent is hoping to arrange a site meeting for Friday 19 January.

Planning – Bloor Phase 2 – We are still waiting to hear from the Planning Office that the application for agreement to the detailed scheme has been submitted.

Cash Reserves – Members have been made aware of a massive underspend by MSDC in the six months from April to September 2017. During that period, the underspend was around £1,000,000 which, when added to previous years underspends, gives a total of around £10,000,000. Much of this results from staff vacancies which have not been filled, resulting in work not carried out and a continued reduction in the quality of some services.

Budget Issues – MSDC Cabinet has agreed a budget for 2018/19, based on a council tax increase of 0.5% which equates to an increase of 81p per annum for a Band D property. Details will be considered further at the February Cabinet meeting.

Council House rents – MSDC has to implement the mandatory decrease of 1% in Council House rents, equivalent to an average rent reduction of £0.83 a week, as required by the Welfare Reform and Work Act be implemented.

Merger with Babergh – Following the October BDC and MSDC cabinet meetings which approved consultation on a merger, a group of Babergh Councillors called-in the decision; this was debated by the BDC Scrutiny Committee and the decision was referred back and BDC cabinet gave the green light to the consultation. However, this sparked a motion of no confidence in the Council Leader and a demand for a referendum for Babergh residents. Their leader resigned just before the meeting so the motion was not put. The new Leader, having spoken strongly against a referendum, has been forced to agree. The MSDC Leader has said that MSDC will proceed without a referendum. This is totally unfair on the residents of MSDC. Meanwhile the telephone poll has continued in Mid Suffolk but not in Babergh. I have been contacted by some residents that had taken part in the telephone poll and they expressed the concern that the questions are loaded and there is no opportunity for the resident to give an alternative view. Expect the pressure to build for a public vote for MSDC residents also.

Boundary Review – Nothing more has been heard so we wait to hear the outcome of the Commission's deliberations.

Keith Welham

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Parish Council Report

January 2018

The meeting opened with 7 members of the public in attendance with the meeting being chaired by the Vice Chairman Cllr Voden who wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Chairman, Councillor Welham, was unable to attend due to illness.

Council Report: The District Councillor's report can be seen elsewhere in Telstar and although the Chairman and Clerk have not met with SCC Cllr Green, he has been sent some queries which he has yet to respond to and was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Matters of Report: The Clerk reported that there is still nothing to report on the timber posts at the Retreat. The signs for the private roads should be erected quite soon. It was agreed to accept the one quote that she has received for the work to be carried out on the ditch by Birch Close. She advised that she is still awaiting a response from the Crown about customers parking outside of the car park. The Clerk advised that volunteers can be paid expenses for any work carried out that has been authorised by the Parish Council. The dumped bicycle frame has been removed.

Parish Council Vacancy: No one has come forward to fill the vacancy.

Public Forum: One resident reported on the state of the sandbags and the ground behind them where parents bringing their children to the school have driven over them. Also, cars are being parked on both sides of the road by the fish shop all day, possibly by students attending the school. It was queried whether SCC should be providing parking spaces for staff who appear to be parking at the village hall where some limited spaces have been provided for students use. It was agreed that an urgent meeting should be sought with SCC, School and SCC Cllr Green to discuss these issues further. Another resident was querying his right to access the highway across the Green in front of the butchers from a property he was considering purchasing as queried by his legal team. It was agreed that as the property in question had historical rights there was not an issue but he will be provided with a copy of the Green Policy. Another resident voiced his concerns about the lack of members of the Parish Council planning sub-committee at the recent MSDC Planning Meeting about

the proposed development opposite the Primary School. He was particularly concerned about the narrowing of the A1120 proposed as part of the application and the fact that MSDC are only making a limited number of people aware by letter as he felt that it involves the whole village. It was agreed that an article should be included in Telstar to alert all residents of the village so that they can make their comments to MSDC. A meeting between the Parish Council and Highways is being scheduled to discuss this proposed narrowing of the road.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Cemetery and Churchyard – Cllr Reeves reported that, weather permitting, the planting should be finished this weekend. The new locks have been purchased and the new noticeboard is due to be delivered next week. Following some advice from one of the tree specialists, it may be prudent to delay the new hedging as the area where the laurels were removed will be full of ivy and laurel seeds so it is better to ensure that these are all dealt with before any new hedging is planted. Three quotes for the removal of 3 trees have been received and it was agreed to accept the lowest quote.

Community Events – Next meeting is due in March.

Environment – A date for a meeting is to be arranged by the members of the sub-committee to take place as soon as possible

Finance and Policy – The recommendation for the 2018/19 budget was agreed which allows an increase of 51p per annum on Band B Council tax bills. The Clerk was thanked for all the additional work she put in following last month's rejection of the higher proposed increase. The precept paperwork was signed off.

Play Park – The Clerk reported that the litter picker had advised that the bins in the play park were in a poor state of repair and letting the litter out of the bottom of the bins. New bins are scheduled as part of the refurbishment of the play park.

Transport, Traffic and Safety – Cllr Reeves reported that the speed gun has been repaired and dates are being arranged for the next speed watch. As a member of the Stowmarket Road Safety group she advised that as there is no budget, manpower etc. available from either the Police or the Highways, the group had reluctantly decided

to fold as there was no point in putting forward ideas that were going to get no response.

Councillors' Reports: Cllr Reeves voiced her thanks for all the work put in by John Paddy to clean up the leaves in the cemetery prior to Christmas. Cllr Carter advised that the bottle bank at the Village Hall had been full to overflowing but, following a call from a resident, this has now been emptied. It was pointed out that there is another bottle bank at The Retreat. Cllr Studd advised that when there was snow on the ground or it was icy, the slope on footpath 32 can be quite treacherous and consideration should be given for a handrail to be erected here when the Community Infrastructure Levy monies become available. Cllr Murton advised that the dog bins on footpath 32 and opposite Birch Close need some attention

Clerk's Report: The Clerk reported that she had booked places on SALC workshops for Cllr Studd and Cllr Reeves.

Correspondence: A request was received for some financial assistance from a scout undertaking a challenge but this has to be declined as the Parish Council are not permitted to give to individuals. A resident had asked for permission for friends attending a party at the URC to park on the Green but due to inclement weather this was declined. Cllr Voden is to represent the Parish Council at the Licencing service for the new vicar.

The meeting closed to the public at 8.23pm.



ALL PRIZE BINGO

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ON 23RD FEBUARY

AT 7.30 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

OVER 18'S ONLY

Planning Applications

Application **1884/16**

Land on the South East Side of, Church Road, Stowupland

Application for Outline Planning Permission for erection of 18 dwellings, parking for primary school and extension to cemetery.

There is currently a re-consultation on this application in relation to the revised layout plan 4115-01B. The re-consultation relates to a proposed road narrowing of the A1120.

To view the details of the application please search for it at: <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/development-management/application-search-andcomment/search-for-applications/>.

We are anticipating that the applicant will be submitting a further revised drawing and then MSDC will need to consult on this new layout. Details are likely to be available on the MSDC website sometime during February.

Comments for the re-consultation are still being received.

Application (for reserved matters) **DC/18/00097**

Land between Gipping Road and Church Road, Stowupland

Submission of details under outline planning permission. Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) pursuant to outline planning permission 3112/15 for phase 2 comprising of 100 dwellings, estate roads, footpaths, parking, garaging, open space, play area, landscaping and ancillary works.

The plans will be available on Tuesday 27 February from 6.30pm at the URC Church Hall. A Planning Meeting will be held at 7.30pm where residents are welcome to attend the meeting and make comment to the members of the committee.

To view details of the application please search for it at: <http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/development-management/application-search-andcomment/search-for-applications/>.

All comments in relation to this application must be received before 12 March 2018.

How to Comment?

You can make comments and track applications, view changes such as committee meeting dates, by visiting:

<http://midsuffolkgov.uk/planning/development-management/application-search-and-comments/search-for-applications/>

For further guidance on how to log on to register to do this please visit:

<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/development-management/application-search-and-comment/guide-to-public-access/>

Comments can also be made in writing to Mid Suffolk District Council, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 2BX always remember to quote the application number.



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Countryside Rambler

Brian Ward

The festive period is now a past memory and we are into a new year. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and eventful one. I will start with the weather and hasn't it been typically British. With sun, snow, frost, mild and even strong winds from the now named storms that end up on our shores after causing havoc in the U.S.A.

I know I over indulged over Xmas and have tried to get as many rambles in to compensate. The first few were hard and I noticed I was puffing more at the slightest incline but it does not take long to get back into it with "gusto" although difficult on muddy, slippery paths. The snowdrops are now showing and primroses are in bud. The Rooks are repairing their nests and I have even heard a Song Thrush in full song, a promising sign for early January. Look out for the Hares in the fields as they are now starting to look for a suitable mate. I watched five in a field in December and one of the females was boxing an admiring male, this is possibly the earliest I have encountered this behaviour. The Frogs and Toads and soon the Newts will be out of hibernation and looking for ponds to start a new generation. They will even accommodate a small garden pond and it only takes a few years to generate your own little aquatic wildlife haven.

Just before Xmas during a snowstorm one evening I noticed a small Hedgehog wandering about in our back garden, I hastily caught it and checked it over and thought it will never survive. I contacted various Hedgehog conservation people the next morning only to be told they are overwhelmed and cannot take any more this winter. Therefore a suitable home was constructed with bedding, water and food supplied, the little Hedgehog was introduced to its temporary winter home and put in the garden shed. To date it has been eating on milder nights and returning to its snug box filled with grass and leaves, it is sleeping up to four days when it turns cold. I hope this little prickly character survives and I will keep you updated even if it's bad news.

I will quickly run through my sightings from the past few weeks. Snow Buntings at various locations along our coast and in good numbers, Shore Lark also but only single birds. Eider Duck on the sea, White Fronted Geese on the coastal marshes along with Barnacle, Pink Footed and Grey Lag Geese. Also a few Pintail Duck always a pleasure to see. I am not a twitcher but couldn't resist going to see the Parrot Crossbills at Santon Downham and the Artic Redpoll at Hazelwood Marshes. A little further afield was the Seal Colony at Horsey, I hope some of you took the opportunity to see them as they are quite a sight and I believe their numbers are increasing. I also visited Strumpshaw Fen and Buckenham Marshes to see the Chinese Water Deer. These dog faced deer with their tusks are doing quite well and can be seen on most visits. This area is good for Harriers and twenty or so roost here regularly over the winter. A mammal I see more frequently these days is the Otter. Normally quite secretive, these animals and the signs they leave behind are becoming a regular occurrence on our rivers and streams. If you are patient and quiet they can be seen hunting during the day.

I hope to see some of you on my rambles in 2018.



Local History Group

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Stowmarket's hidden gems

With the coming of the industrial revolution, the canalization of the river Gipping in the late 1700s and the wealth which came with it, some business men 'modernized' their properties by putting new façades on them – total rebuilding would have been deemed too expensive. Among these and still standing, is a house in Union Street, that area being called Pigsty Square in the census of 1851/61. From the exterior it appeared to be a row of three Victorian houses which, in the middle of the 20th century, lacked all mod cons. They were due for demolition, but were purchased by builders who saw some value. The interior revealed a timber framed long jetty house from the 1500s. In the same area, there had been a fabulous Tudor jettied house which was dismantled and moved to Rickinghall. In Station Road, the former 'Babytime' shop – between the 'Queen's Head' pub and the Chinese restaurant - hides some of the original 1390 - 1400 building, which includes two crown posts but lacks the right hand gable. The other side of the restaurant is a twin gabled building; although it can also boast two crown posts, very little of the original interior now remains. Bury Street hides some treasures - there is a cottage behind 'Sportshop' which time seems to have almost forgotten. Built about 1400, it has builders' marks on some beams and wooden pegs on the joints. To the left of what was Simpson's shop, at nos. 31 & 33, was a high-status open hall house, with an inner floor installed in the 1550s. Two former pubs – the 'Greyhound' on the corner of the town centre traffic lights and the 'Rose Inn' in the Butter Market - both has hidden treasures. The former was discovered to have a scissor braced roof of 1340/50, the rarest find in the county. The latter, for many years until it closed, displayed the date 1461 on the gable end. In the roof there is a mid-Tudor small patterned wall painting, probably put there to impress visitors and guests. A pub from at least the 1700s, it had a brick vaulted cellar, with a chute, down which the beer would have been sent for storage. Regrettably, the town lost several historic buildings when the main street was modernized in the 1960s. These include the 'King's Head' (of particular historical interest), Turner's and Woolworths. Thanks to people like Steve Williams, hopefully we can hang onto the remains of the town's heritage.

Judy Clarke

Books We are very grateful for another donation of books from the collection of the late Melvin Mullenger, which are already being put to good use. See below!

Talking Point

We asked for memories of Dent's Corner. Part Two of 'Serving you through the Years' by Sue Cowling and Steve Williams provided some background.

Pamela Dent was a daughter of the Moore family and, when her father died, became Chairman and Managing Director of the news wholesale business that he had started under the name of Durrants. She bought the Stowupland newsagency (the middle shop in the row of three) from Leonard Seaman in the late 1960s. The news wholesale business was sold to W.H. Smith & Son Ltd in 1987 and the village shop sold in 1992, when Pamela and her husband retired.

Joan and Jon Battle remember the row of shops, with the hairdresser's on the left, Dent's in the middle and a wool shop on the right. Dent's sold groceries, as well as being a newsagent's and, for a time, Mr and Mrs Dent lived above the shop. Mrs Weller worked in the shop and Jack Edwards was involved on the newsagency side. Joan used to go in early to get the papers ready for the paper boys, who arrived at 6.30am. On wet days, when the papers were ready for the boys, they would put them into the air raid shelter (now filled), the entrance to which was five steps down in front of the shop. Joan remembers a break-in at the shop, in the 1980s, the first of a series of thefts in the area.

Many thanks go to Joan and Jon. Can you add to these memories, please?

For our next 'Talking Point', what was the job of a bellman?

Meetings

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. Our programme for the first six months of the year is as follows:

Feb 7 Unusual Gravestones in Suffolk by Robert Halliday

Robert visited us in 2016 to talk about haunted Suffolk, the talk went down so well we have invited him back this time to talk about some of the more unusual memorials and gravestones he has found in the county's churchyards and cemeteries.

Mar 7 We Will Remember Them: The lives and deaths of British men who fought in the First World War. By Sarah Doig

Since 2014 we have all been commemorating the 100th anniversary of the First World War. Sarah Doig will look at the war from an East Anglian perspective - how men were recruited and served, the effect on rural communities back home as well as life in the trenches, a Suffolk VC, the first poppy day appeal and local war memorials. There will be a display about the WWI servicemen named on the village War Memorial.

**Apr 4 Must Farm- ‘Britain’s Pompeii’ by Alex Fisher
(Suffolk Archaeology)**

Suffolk Archaeology is an independent archaeological company based in Needham Market; Alex Fisher is their Outreach Officer. He will tell us about the work of Suffolk Archaeology and also look at the Must Farm dig, a Bronze Age Settlement in the fens which was destroyed by fire, causing it to collapse into a river channel, preserving the contents in situ.

May 2 Haughley Castle by Edward Martin

The motte and bailey of the 11th century Haughley Castle is still a big landscape feature in the village. The Motte rises behind the church and the inner bailey is now the village duck pond. Edward Martin - a former county archaeologist is an author and speaker on wide ranging areas of Suffolk’s history.

June 6 AGM + Ipswich Suffragettes by Joy Bounds

This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 1918 Representation of the People Act which granted women (over 30) the right to vote for the first time. Joy will look at the long campaign which led to this in Suffolk and especially Ipswich women who were involved. She has covered the subject of Ipswich suffragettes in her book ‘A Song of their Own’.

July 4 A Virtual Tour of The Green by Group members

Last summer we led a walk around Thorney Green looking at its role in the life of the parish. Houses and cottages around The Green were often built from clay dug on site, the resulting pits becoming ponds that were at one time the only water supply. The Green was undoubtedly a busy place with commoners exercising their right to graze animals along with traffic between shops, windmills, beer houses and the surrounding farms. We shall revisit the stories of The Green in this illustrated talk.

Stowupland Annual Parish Meeting Does Bake off Series 2!



Last year was the first Annual Parish Meeting does Bake Off. It was a really fun start to the Annual Parish Meeting which is organised by the Parish Council. This meeting is an opportunity for the Parish Council, organisations and charities within the village to report on their activities during the year. It is also an opportunity for resident to ask questions and provide feedback to all these groups.

Series 2 of the Bake Off is scheduled for Tuesday 17 April 2018.

I would like to see more residents, councillors, village organisations, clubs and charities getting involved this year. The evening will begin with the judging of the bake off competition and the opportunity for residents to talk to the council and other village organisations that will be at the meeting.

The competition categories will be as follows:-

Groups

- Under 11
- 11-18 years
- Adults

Categories

- Cakes
- Cupcakes | muffins
- Misc.

Please put the date in your diary and dust off those baking books.

Coffee Morning

At Stowupland URC Chapel

Friday 23RD FEBRUARY 2018

10am-12noon



Coffee/ Tea and Cakes

TWAM!

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Good, fairly recent, textbooks in key subjects, and children's and adult's reading books of good quality, are also sent abroad for schools and libraries. If you have any you could donate, please let me know.

I am happy to collect tools, typewriters, sewing machines and books or give me a ring (673185) and drop them off at TWAM headquarters or at our home.

Keith Welham

Lost and Found

In the earlier winter months this year while out walking my dogs, I came across a pendent and chain; silver in colour. I only re-found this a few days ago when it was time to get the winter coat out again, dug deeply in a pocket. If you can describe this little gem, please feel free to call me on 01449 777310. It calls to be returned to its rightful owner.

Regards Lucy Mudd

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This will be my last letter in my role as curate in Haughley, Wetherden and Stowupland. Towards the end of February we will be moving down the A14 for me to take up the post as Vicar of Old Felixstowe. It has been a privilege and a joy to serve as your curate for the past two and a half years, getting to know so many of you and being a part of three wonderful worshipping communities.

Throughout December and the Christmas period it was lovely to see so many people gather in our churches to worship and celebrate the birth of Jesus. From the Christingle, to Carol Services, Nativities, Midnight Communion and celebration on Christmas Day we gathered to worship, to tell the amazing story of God's love for the world. Thank you to all who attended and especially to all those who worked so hard to ensure services happened and the buildings were so welcoming.

Over this time, I thought about the journeys that were made as part of the Christmas narrative. Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem; into a place they were unsure of, full of lots of challenges and changes. The shepherds journeyed from the hills overlooking Bethlehem to worship the one the angels told them about. The wise men, led by a star, journeyed from the East to pay homage to the infant Jesus bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and returned via a different route.

Yet perhaps the greatest journey of all was the journey God made to be with us in the person of Jesus. A journey that was motivated by love and revealed God's desire to be alongside us on our journey.

As I wrote earlier my journey this year takes me to new places. I wonder where your journey will take you. It maybe that you will continue to live in the wonderful villages amidst friends and neighbours. Yet wherever you journey this year the message of Jesus is that God is with us. I pray that whilst I move to pastures new, you may know his presence richly wherever you are.

Yours Chris

CHURCH SERVICES in FEBRUARY

4th Feb	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	1st@4 Service - <i>church with a difference!</i>
11th Feb	9.30am	Morning Worship & →Trinity Starz→
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
14th Feb (Wed)	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Communion (<i>Stowupland</i>)
18th Feb	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
19th Feb (Mon)	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View - All Welcome!
25th Feb	9.30am	All-Age Family Service
	6.30pm	Parish Communion
		(<i>BCP – Book of Common Prayer</i>)

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.

FAMILIES!

Please come along to the **'1st @ 4' SERVICE** on Sunday, 4th 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 25th 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 at Steeple View at 10.30am on Monday, 19th February, and which is followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay.

BEETLE DRIVES:

Come along to enjoy a chat and have some fun in congenial company at the Beetle Drives which will be held on Tuesdays, 6th and 27th February in the Church Hall. All are most welcome to join us!

LENT LUNCHEES 2018:

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 go to a charity. We look forward to welcoming you! Please see back page

CHILDREN’S SOCIETY HOUSEBOXES:

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The November meeting opened with the trio Hexachordia telling us about how Christmas was celebrated in Tudor times. We heard poetry, songs and melodies, with the music being played on a variety of replica instruments of that era. Revelries included a “Lord of Misrule”, a boy bishop and a Master of the revels, all of whose word would have to be obeyed. Masques were held where a “queen of the pea” with her consort, “king of the bean”, would oversee the evening’s entertainment. Celebrations went on until Twelfth Night, with Plough Sunday the first Sunday after Christmas – a tradition that continues to the present day. Yule logs were burnt and the ash scattered on the earth. Gifts were exchanged on New Year’s Day and everyone wished good health.

After refreshments, the Annual Meeting was held. Members heard a resume of the year; the president considered that we had a good year. The accounts were agreed and the retiring committee was re-elected en bloc, while Colleen was re-elected as president. The correspondence was then gone through and it was announced that our delegate for the June National A.G.M. in Cardiff will be Glenda. Birthday posies were given out and the raffle held.

The results of the competitions.

Flower – 1st Linda Stuart, 2nd.Mary Coltart, 3rd. Brenda.

Fancy dress photo – 1st. Mary Mowe, 2nd. Margaret, 3rd, Mary Coltart.

Colleen closed the meeting with good wishes for both our teams in the forthcoming community quiz.

The December meeting, with nearly a full turn out of members, was devoted to a Christmas meal. Any business was imparted by Colleen, who distributed the details on a printed sheet, given to each person. The tables were decorated with crackers and some very attractive floral arrangements, made by Mary C. We were served the delicious food by three very efficient ladies. Following the meal, and while everyone was enjoying a cup of tea, Daphne took round tickets for the raffle, which was to be in aid of EACH.

Louise had, as usual, brought excellent prizes, which were supplemented by the table decorations, thus increasing everyone’s chance of being a winner. The caterer, Mrs. Salisbury, and her staff were asked to come into the hall, where Mary M. thanked them for a superb meal and excellent service. This sentiment was echoed by applause from the members, who, to show their appreciation to the serving ladies, had a whip round for them. The raffle was held, after which the evening finished with the clearing of the tables and good wishes to all for a happy Christmas.

February Dates

Thurs	1	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	5	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	6	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	6	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	7	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	7	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	7	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	7	P.C. Neighbourhood Plan Sub. Com.	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Wed	7	Local History Group	7.30pm	Village Hall
		- 'Unusual Gravestones in Suffolk' by Robert Halliday		
Thurs	8	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	8	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	11	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	12	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – March issue		
Tues	13	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	14	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	15	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	19	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	20	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	21	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	21	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	21	W.I. – Fudge	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	22	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	22	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	23	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall
Sun	25	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	26	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	27	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	27	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	27	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	27	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	28	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	28	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	28	P.C. Neighbourhood Plan Sub. Com.	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall

March Dates

Thurs	1	P.C. Environment Sub. Com.	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	1	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall

Sat	3	P.C. Cemetery & Churchyard Sub. Com.	10.00am	The Churchyard
Mon	5	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	5	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	6	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	6	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Tues	6	P.C. Community Events Sub. Com.	7.30pm	The Retreat
Wed	7	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	7	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	7	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	7	Local History Group	7.30pm	Village Hall

- 'We will Remember them' by Sarah Doig

Some Future Events

- March 16 Community Quiz
 March 17 Community Litter Pick
 March 23 Community Bingo

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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There was also a Carol Service in the afternoon of 17th December 2017 and the collection from both services amounted to £194.00 and has been sent to St Elizabeth Hospice. This helps in a small way towards their wonderful work.

On 21 January, as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Holy Trinity joined with us to celebrate this occasion.

The next coffee morning to be held at the Chapel will be on Friday 23rd February 10am to 12noon. We hope to see you there.

Services at the URC Chapel are held each Sunday at 10.30am 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:

04th February	Stephen Horrex
11th February	The Revd Richard Edwards (Holy Communion Service)
18th February	Irene Martin
25th February	Dr Richard Jurd

Afternoon Fellowship

On Monday 11th 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. They also did individual pieces for us to enjoy and it gave our voices a rest. Our thanks to the High School teachers and children for once again joining us, always a highlight. The collection of £96.00 was sent to St Elizabeth Hospice.

We recommence our meetings on 5th March at 2.30pm 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 and not forgetting a cuppa and cake.

Mary Clark

Ministers Message

Sling your Hook!

A popular artist of radio and television, in their latest book, makes reference to the native red squirrel which is an endangered species because of the introduction of the larger grey squirrel that in turn has created a more aggressive black variety. It brought back wonderful memories of walking around Formby on Merseyside, where there is a sanctuary for the protection of the native red squirrel, and the feeling of great excitement at spotting one in the trees.

This was the recollection of the author, who was brought up on the Wirral, and would often head to Formby in earlier days to gain a tan, with its secluded sand dunes and inevitable wind on any day of the year.

He was reminiscing because of having to chase a grey squirrel off his car one morning, by telling it to 'sling its hook' (*clearly grey squirrels are very intelligent and understand scouse even when the person's emigrated 'down South'!*). This incident turned into a prolonged conversation with someone who'd observed his actions. This lack of appreciation for these invaders was something they shared in common, particularly for its killing off of most of the native species.

Blame was directed towards the Victorians who'd brought them over here on boats from foreign places, not realising the consequences of their introduction, particularly as they breed so successfully creating an overpopulation. Warming to this theme the person insisted that they were taking over so their influence needed to be curtailed for the good of the country, particularly as he believed they had no right to be here in the first place. His piece de resistance was 'And now there's the blacks, they've started to multiply by the thousands, so if this carries on unabated it won't be long before the native Brit is completely extinct'.

This would have proved an invaluable shared conversation, acknowledging the concern many feel towards the threatened red squirrel, except that another person happened on the conversation and got the wrong end of the stick. This casual observer turned angrily upon the pair of them and accused them of blatant racism and having ignorant views. Warming to her theme she is quoted as saying: 'As for these 'boats' you're talking about – don't you realise that these people have travelled in rubber dinghy's that are nothing more than death traps but they're desperate to escape and have no choice than to put their trust in the hands of traffickers who don't care if they live or drown?' (a)

They were stunned to silence, and it took a while to realise the root of the confusion – they were talking about grey and black squirrels, but she'd only heard part of the conversation and thought they were referring to immigrants. She was clearly embarrassed about the mistake, but it gave them a good laugh – and yet, sadly, it could easily have been a conversation based on a dislike for 'immigrants' that is often fuelled by popular press. So it's good to know that there are people who are prepared to speak out against perceived injustice and prejudice within our society and seek to make a stand for those who come to our shores to make a valuable contribution within the rich diversity of our country.

I'm reminded of the charge given to the Israelites as they settle in the Land of Promise: 'God secures justice for the fatherless and the widow, and He shows love towards the immigrant who lives among you, giving them food and clothing. You too must show love towards the immigrant, for you once lived as foreigners in Egypt. (Deuteronomy 10: 18 – 19). Our responsibility before God cannot be clearer – although I draw the line where grey and black squirrels are concerned!

God Bless, **Chris**

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

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and we are both in the scouts. Every 4 years the Organisation holds a Jamboree, where tens of thousands of scouts from all over the world come together in one place for a once in a lifetime adventure to broaden their experiences and make new memories. It is an honour to be chosen as you have to be able to represent your country, and there is a long selection process, which only a small percentage of young people get through. However, we were lucky enough to be chosen for the Suffolk contingents, and we will be going to West Virginia in 2019; the difficult part now is raising the money. Nearly 4,000 each.

I (Fred) am putting my paper round money towards it, and we are also offering our services doing car washing and other odd jobs, for small donations please. Our family's making several craft items for Christmas and summer fayres, so any glass jars with lids you no longer need, would be greatly appreciated(especially ones like Douwe Egberts coffee jars) and if you have any in your garden, pine cones too.

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Community Quiz

May I take this opportunity to thank all of the participants who came along to the Community Quiz Challenge on December 1st. What a smashing night it was with everyone, winners or runners up, all determined to have a good time. Many of you took part in the Christmas Hat competition and my goodness what an interesting range of fabulous headpieces there were, Christmas puddings, illuminated top hats, a turkey, Santas disappearing down chimneys and a marvellous Christmas tree all sitting on top of heads young and old. However when a delicious looking Christmas cake sitting on a gent's head came into the room the game was won. I managed to capture some hat pictures on my camera and I hope to have a collage of these ready for the spring quiz.

It is lovely to see such a diverse age range of contestants now, and with ages ranging from eighteen to about eighty it has become a monumental task trying to think up suitable questions for all. Nevertheless sometimes it can become a bit too exacting and this time I was nearly lynched for mixing up the answer to a particular question with an answer intended for a future quiz question (there's a clue!). However the contestants were all of good spirit and allowed me to survive to chair another day. Thank you.

Well as the evening progressed, the high spirits and noise were getting louder and louder until we finally reached the end of a very closely fought challenge with Rudolph and The Reindeers delivering a very well deserved win just in time for them to get back to work on their sleigh.

Gordon and Linda from the entertainments committee have done an excellent job organising the quiz over the past few years but have now decided to retire from their post and whilst doing so donated a very generous box of goodies to be raffled. It was lovely to see this won by Mandy from the WI team who is a regular at our quizzes.

For myself I shall continue to be Quiz mistress for 2018 and then I think you must all need a break from me so perhaps someone else would like to take over the chair.

Our next quiz will be on Friday 16th March, and if you haven't been to the quiz before or perhaps have not been for a long time do come along and see what you are missing. You do not have to be clever, just a good sport. Hope to see you there, Glenda, Quiz mistress.

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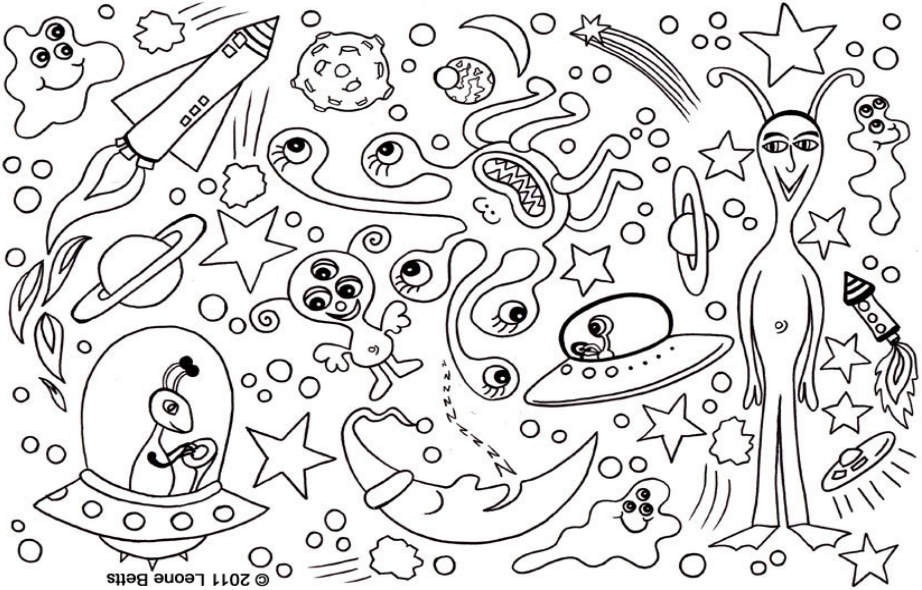
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What's been happening at Stowupland High School?

With effect from Monday 8th January, I moved to the dedicated role of Chief Executive of the John Milton Academy Trust and although I will be based at Stowupland for much of the week, this will be my last post as Headteacher. I arrived at Stowupland in January 2005, amidst an unprecedented period of change: the reorganisation of the Local Authority to become Children and Young People's Services; the national restructuring of pay and responsibility posts and, in Suffolk, the journey to two-tier education which took nearly ten years to come to fruition in Stowmarket and Stowupland. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the whole school community throughout this time and I know that this partnership will continue. The school is now a much better (and safer) physical space in which to work and the students here exceed national figures year after year as well as being very caring and compassionate young people. The sixth form at Stowupland has always been extremely important to me because progression to high-level apprenticeships, higher education and university provides students with life-changing opportunities. I can remember all those who feature in our alumni pages and feel incredibly proud of the truly amazing young people they have become.

Mrs K Grimes

And a round-up of events in the autumn term ...

Year 7

1st Annual Christmas Drawing and Colouring Competition: For the first time students were given the opportunity to enter a Christmas Drawing Competition run by Mrs Rolfe, Progress Support Worker for the Lower School. The sentiment behind the winning entry was that the student felt Christmas is all about family spending time together and having fun. It is good that students understand Christmas is not just about the presents!

Year 8

Ahead of their time: Year 8 students have been studying the Renaissance period and this has seen them impersonating famous Renaissance figures and appreciating the legacy to society. It has also enabled students to demonstrate their creative flair by striving to recreate the masterpieces of Leonardo Da Vinci, Raphael, Michelangelo and Donatello as well as researching the pioneering discoveries of Galileo Galilei and Nicholas Copernicus, to name but a few.

Year 9

During the summer term of last year, Mrs Parsons entered one of our students' work into a Young Writers creative writing competition alongside another (then) Year 7 entry and 30 (then) Year 10 entries. The competition brief was to write a mini-saga of no more than one hundred words of 'speculative fiction' (anything not set in our world, in our time). The work, 'Scarlet Sky' has been chosen for publication in a collection of mini-sagas entitled 'Welcome to Wonderland'. What a fantastic achievement!

Year 10

A big well done to one student who competed at the Manchester Aquatics Centre on November 12th. He won a gold and two silver medals and was presented with his medals by Mathew Walker MBE Paralympic Swimmer.

Congratulations also to another student who has been selected to represent Suffolk U16 Girls' Football this year. This is a great achievement! Footballing prowess runs in the family with her father having played football professionally for a number of years with such teams as Ipswich Town, Colchester and Wigan Athletic. She played her first county fixture against Cambridgeshire in November, her team winning 7-4. Congratulations!

Year 11

Mock Exam Results: Humantopia came into school and delivered their school workshop on Thursday 30th November which challenged students to open up and think about the question: 'Who am I?' Year 11 students were encouraged to be honest with the Humanutopia team about their confidence, happiness, relationships and employability. The day was separated into a series of seminars, group activities and individual challenges which were designed to help students consider what their futures hold and how they could move forward and if necessary, improve on their mock examination results. Students experienced a roller-coaster of emotions throughout the day, but the workshop left them feeling incredibly motivated and positive about facing future challenges.

Sixth Form

Our thanks and congratulations go to the following groups for their work within and beyond the school community:

- Christmas Cards for residents of a local Care Home created by children at Cedars Park Primary School.
- An introduction to relaxation techniques for sixth form students in the run up to mock examinations.
- Litter Action who has assisted the caretakers in their efforts to maintain a pleasant environment around the school.
- Mural painting to add a touch of colour to a darker corner of the school building.

Just before October half term, members of the Sixth Form set up a collection point on behalf of Stowmarket Food-bank. Just over 43 kilograms of food was collected on Friday 1st December by the Foodbank team. Thank you so much to everyone across the school who donated! We are proud to have collected so much and know that it will make an enormous difference to local families and households, especially during the festive season.

Sixth Form students were willing (??) to make the ultimate sacrifice to raise money for Pudsey - spending a whole day without their phones, access to Snapchat or visits to Facebook - and making, selling or eating cake! Total Amount raised by the Sixth Form: £397.00 – well done!

Library

Book Mastermind Competition: this is a competition open to all students in Years 7-9 and is a vehicle for promoting reading across Suffolk. The competition starts in schools with winners from each school competing in area finals. The county final includes workshops by leading authors for young people. The winning school keeps the trophy for a year and receives £200 worth of books and £50 for the winner. There have been a staggering number of entrants this year, which has meant that knockout rounds have been held in December with the final taking place in early January. Our overall winner will receive a trophy and £20 gift voucher. There will also be prizes for 2nd and 3rd place. We won this competition two years ago and would love to see the trophy return to Stowupland High School in 2018!

Sports News

It has been another extremely busy term for sport. We have had lots of outstanding results with the following summary of our students' success:

- Year 7 boys' 5-aside Western area champions.
- Year 11 Rugby Sevens Western area champions.
- Year 10 badminton - semi-finalist in the Western area tournament.
- Year 9 boys' football team into the 4th round of the County cup.
- Year 7 girls' 5-aside - semi-finalist in the Western area tournament.
- Cross Country - round 2 qualifiers.
- Year 7/8 girls' football team into the third round of the County cup.

Enrichment

We have had the opportunity to meet and work with a Sky Sports Ambassador this term. As part of our Gifted and Talented provision, we were able to take eight students to Thurston 6th form where students had the chance to meet and work with Mike Mullen (Former BMX World Champion).

World Book Day 1st March 2018: Two prestigious authors are coming to visit us on World Book Day. Lisa Thompson, who is author of the highly praised book 'The Goldfish Boy', will be giving a talk to Year 8 and, for a lucky few, running a creative writing session. The other author is very well known to most students and is none other than our very own Mr Bartholomew! He has written three novels with 5 star ratings on Amazon!

The following notice has also been sent to all our parents:

May we ask our parents who bring their children to and from school to be mindful of where they park - particularly on Thorney Green; some residents are concerned that they are unable to get in and out of their driveways due to cars blocking the entrances and double parking along the road. Thank you for your kind consideration.

STOWUPLAND SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Stowupland short mat bowls club members would like to thank councillors Keith Welham and Gary Green for making it possible for the club to purchase a new bowls mat through their locality award schemes. We have been able to donate the very old mat to a social bowling club in Ipswich which was much appreciated by their members. Our club is enjoying a very successful season with membership numbers now at its limit so that everyone can bowl on a club night. The league team is currently in second position in the top league which is a tremendous achievement; we also have eight members of the club who are currently playing for the Suffolk County team. The main aim of the club is to provide a social amenity where people of all abilities can come and enjoy an evening of bowling in a village hall which is much envied by visiting fellow bowlers.

2017 Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with the 2017 Poppy Appeal collections and to all of those who generously made donations. The total amount collected in Stowupland was £1,280.90. Your contributions help The Royal British Legion to continue with their vital welfare and benevolent work.

We are still short of volunteers to help with the house to house collections and if you feel you would be able to spare a little of your time with the 2018 Poppy Appeal I would be pleased to hear from you. It would be good if in 2018 we could better this year's total as this will be the 100th anniversary of the armistice which ended the First World War.

Thank you once again and if you can help please contact me

Hugh Blanch - 01449 612156

Stowupland Cemetery Update

In the July edition of the Telstar I told you about the planned works for the cemetery. I am pleased to say that the vast majority of that work is complete.

I must say a big thank you to the residents of the two bungalows adjacent to the cemetery where all the noisy work was carried out. They have been very patient and understanding when they had to live with the noise from chainsaws, chippers, stump grinders and dumper trucks for days on end. Peace has now returned.

The turning circle for hearses is now complete and the skip for the grave spoil hidden neatly behind gates. There is planting going in on either side of the skip space to try and brighten the area and the whole area is in the process of being levelled, raked and seeded with grass.

A new fence has been installed along the boundary where the big laurels were removed and it is intended to replant a new hedge on the cemetery side of the fence. This will be a hedge of mixed native species to help attract wildlife. Once installed this hedge will be cut and maintained on a regular basis to control it. When the old laurels were removed there was a vast amount of soil that needed digging out to uncover the graves hidden beneath. Some had been totally lost under years of leaf debris. We will not be seeding that area until autumn 2018 as there are bound be many Ivy and Laurel seedlings that pop up during the year that will need dealing with. I hope if you have visited the Cemetery recently you approve of what we have done so far.

You will also see that burials have started on the other side of the concrete driveway in the new section of the Cemetery. This is because these days grave space needs to be larger and the space left between the last line of graves and the concrete driveway was too small.

I must also make a plea please for no ceramic or glass containers on graves or ashes memorials. These are very dangerous for our grass cutter and potentially for cemetery visitors as they get easily broken. Indeed our Cemetery Policy forbids the use of them.

The plans for the Cemetery go on as funds allow but what we really need is a band of volunteers to help finish the planting of the turning circle and the planting of the new hedge. If you feel you could give a few hours now and then to help with some of these jobs at the cemetery PLEASE, PLEASE, give me a ring or drop me an email.

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25 May	7.30	Bingo in the Village Hall
22 June	7.30	Quiz in the Village Hall
29 June	7.30	Bingo in the Village Hall
2 September		Garage and Yard Sale
9 September		Walkers Cup
28 September	7.30	Bingo in the Village Hall
26 October	7.30	Bingo in the Village Hall
23 November	7.30	Quiz in the Village Hall
7 December	7.30	Bingo in the Village Hall

The date for the 3 Peaks Challenge has yet to be agreed. Indeed, we are in need of people to help organise that event and others throughout the year. Please consider if you could offer a few hours now and then, particularly to join the team planning the 3 Peaks and Walkers Cup.

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