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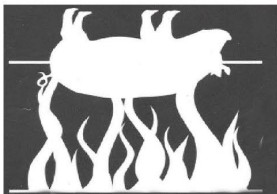


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EDITOR'S NOTES

DECEMBER 2019

Happy New Year to all our readers, we hope you have had a good start to the year. Our year has got off to a good start because Kay Easter has volunteered to help with collating Telstar copy and Neil Langridge has taken on the task of looking after the diary dates. Thank you to Marion Harris, who has managed the diary for many years as well as telling us all about the Local History Group via the Telstar. You will find details on how to contact Neil and Kay on the Parish Directory page in the Telstar. We could not manage Telstar without our volunteers, so thank you and keep up the good work. Also in this edition are requests for help from Good Neighbours, Speed watch and Traffic Counts. These organizations can only thrive with help from you, so why not make a New Year's resolution to get involved in our village affairs.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

DEC 2019/JAN 2020



The December meeting opened with 2 members of the public and all 7 Councillors present with 6 members of the public and 6 Councillors present at the January Meeting MSDC Councillor Rachel Eburne was present at the December meeting but not at the January meeting.

Council Report:

There was no report from the SCC Councillor in either December or January and the MSDC report can be found elsewhere in Telstar.

Matters of Report:

The Cemetery fencing has been completed and a decision on the siting of the interpretation board in the churchyard has been made. The replacement notice board has been sited at the allotments and the work to the bench, also at the allotments, has been completed. The Clerk has contacted the school regarding child cycle safety and they have welcomed input from the PCSO's. The Thorney Green Road junction and the sandbags have been reported to the SCC portal. SCC advised that they did not feel there was an issue following their inspection but following intervention by SCC Cllr Green, he advised that they will be dealt with once the weather improves. The Gladman planning meeting has been deferred until January 2020. The track at Hunters Moon will be dealt with during the closure of the road for the works to Safer Route to School and the Mill Cottages track once this work has been completed. All other matters are still outstanding including a protracted wait since last October for a response from SCC Highways in respect of the traffic count at the B1115/A1120 junction.

Vacancy:

John Hayward gave a short presentation and was then welcomed as a new member of the Parish Council in January.

Public Forum:

December – One member of the public voiced his wish for the reinstatement of a bus service for the village. The other resident requested a copy of the new Green Policy.

January – One member of the public was very unhappy about the lack of communication between the High School and its neighbours and the impact that the recent felling of trees has already had and the proposed building works that are about to take place. She felt that she will be driven from her home because of the level of noise from heavy machinery and general building works. The Chairman noted that she has had contact from other residents in The Pippins who have also been in touch with similar concerns, including the light pollution from the floodlights at the school now that the trees have been removed.

The Parish Council are to have a meeting with the school next Tuesday and they will take these concerns forward. Another resident queried whether any of the felled trees were subject to a tree preservation order – they were not. He was also concerned that their removal may cause flooding in the future if sufficient drainage is not put in. Another issue was the amount of litter/rubbish left lying around within the school grounds which may entice vermin. His other concerns included the lack of lighting around bus shelters, drink/driving in the village, the noise level from music at The Retreat, traffic speed across Thorney Green; he asked why kerbs were not put in instead of sandbags along edge of the Green and reported having seen 'out of control' dogs on The Green. The final item raised was that some rubbish had been dumped along Rendalls Lane.

Tree Work on The Green:

Three quotes have been received for these works and one was agreed with the proviso that their works should be supervised by the Parish Council to ensure that all debris is removed at the end of the contract.

Boundary Review:

It was agreed that Stowupland will request for the village to be moved into the Upper Gipping Division alongside Haughley, Mendlesham, Wetherden and Gipping bringing the electorate of the ward up to approximately 10,000.

Amended Creation Agreement:

It was agreed with one abstention that the PC should sign the amended creation agreement to progress the safer route to school over the Green.

Grass Cutting Contract:

It was agreed to accept the quotation from a new grass cutting contractor to start in March 2020 as it was the most cost effective one. Cllr Welham to monitor it.

Extended Dropped Kerb Request:

Much discussion was entered into in respect of the request made at the November meeting to extend the dropped kerb at the entrance to the track leading to The Paddocks resulting in the decision to refuse this request on the grounds of its detriment to The Green.

Joint Notice Board:

It was agreed to accept the quotation for the Council's contribution towards the cost of the joint notice board with the Village Hall. This board will have a rubber backing which should be preferable to the cork backing.

SCC Passenger Transport:

Bloor Homes have agreed for the £13,000 section 106 monies originally pinpointed for bus shelters could be used to keep the bus service running. This will be for Stowupland only and not for the service to extend further than the village.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Allotments – It was agreed to send a letter of termination to one of the allotment tenants who has not tidied their allotment following a warning letter.

Community Events – It was agreed that flowers should be purchased to say thank you to the 3 bingo volunteers and that funds should be made available to take the residents of Jubilee Court for a Christmas afternoon tea at Nutshells.

Environment – It was agreed to accept the quote for the repair of the fence at the Retreat Pond.

Finance and Policy – It was agreed that an amendment should be made to the table of burial fees; an application for a headstone for a still born or person under 18 years to be at nil cost for a resident of Stowupland and £50 for a non-resident of the village. A legal change is to be made to the financial regulations and the accessibility statement was adopted. It was agreed that the banking policy be adopted. It was also agreed that money should be transferred from the Play Park Regeneration reserve to the General Reserve and the budget for the 2019-20 Environment reserve is changed to £550 and that the £1000 contribution to the feasibility survey for a proposed crossing to the Co-op should be taken from the Strategic Reserves. The precept for 2020-21 was agreed for £38,132 and the Band D Council Tax contribution was set at £53.10 per annum.

Footpaths – Work to footpath 35 has been completed by Cllr Welham.

Planning – It was agreed that the Parish Council should object to the style of the properties proposed for the Linden Homes planning application and to make a number of other comments relating to some items of the application. There were two other planning applications and, after discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would object to one of these applications and support the other.

Trim Trail – Cllrs Welham and Voden are to lead on this and will be holding a meeting early in the New Year.

CIL - It was agreed to sign off the CIL return for the 2018-2019 financial year with a spend of £4000.

Councillors Reports:

December:

Cllr Studd has seen a lot of children with no lights on their bikes and feels that these concerns for their safety should be communicated to the School. Cllr Welham will also refer the matter to the PCSO's.

Cllr Deal also confirmed that he had also observed a number of children without lights on their bikes, and he also advised that the land opposite the URC is again up for sale.

Cllr Welham asked that SCC should be advised that there is still a lot of standing water on Thorney Green Road and that dates should be arranged for the next 2 traffic surveys, possibly in February and April.

Cllr Voden was concerned about the state of the road alongside the edge of Thorney Green where there are deep puddles that make walking difficult.

Cllr Reeves advised that on 10th December she and the Clerk had had a meeting with SCC Bus and Transport Dept. to talk about the cessation of the bus service. She learnt a lot about how section 106 monies are made available to help finance bus services and bus stops. Stowupland and Gislingham were the only villages to complain; details of the meeting were included in a written report for January's meeting. She has also contacted First Buses to see if they could loop the Stowmarket service into Stowupland on a Monday to Friday basis. She also advised that the thank you get together for those who worked on the Neighbourhood Plan went well.

January:

Cllr Voden has written a report for Telstar regarding the forthcoming traffic count to take place in February and, an update on speedwatch and the need for more volunteers. He also advised that he needs to get the speed gun re-calibrated within the next month.

Cllr Deal advised that the new notice boards need to be lacquered. He also advised that on the last litter pick some drug paraphernalia was found and needs to be reported to the Police.

Cllr Reeves advised that SCC is going to clear the culvert under A1120 and clean out the ditches by the Freeman School following a couple of recent incidents of flooding. These concerns had been reported to SCC last summer. She also noted that if you had a low car and were driving from the Co-op garage, leaving by the exit nearest to the B1115 junction, visibility was impeded by the advertising 'coffee cup'. She was also disappointed that SCC has still not arranged the feasibility study even though the PC is funding it.

SOAP:

It was reported that the December meeting of the SOAP group at the Sports and Social Club went really well with an even better attendance than the first meeting. There were refreshments, a quiz and a raffle. This is designed for lonely and isolated residents; the next meeting is expected to be in March.

Correspondence:

Amongst December's correspondence was confirmation to SCC that the Christmas and New Year part night lighting should be the same as last year. SCC Rights of Way Officer has confirmed that the responsibility for cutting back some low hanging branches on footpath 35 is with Stowupland PC. Bloor Homes have offered their defibrillator to the village at the end of their work on Trinity Meadows.

January correspondence included a request for a grant from Mid Suffolk Citizen Advice – to be referred to Finance and Policy. Stowupland PCC has requested that the PC should be represented at the next PCC meeting to discuss the closed churchyard matter. An allotment tenant who had been served notice to quit her plot has requested that she should be provided with a new half plot in a better location. It was agreed to refuse this request. SCC has advised on a temporary closure of a footpath. Notice was received regarding the Town and Parish Liaison Meeting on 4th Feb – Cllrs Reeves and Voden to attend. There was also a thank you from the Royal British Legion for their donation.

Sandy Smith

WE NEED YOUR HELP

The Community Events Group needs volunteers to help at quizzes and bingo evenings, on the door or setting up tables beforehand. We would also like a volunteer or two to place posters advertising our events on notice boards (and take down old posters). You wouldn't need to attend regular meetings; we need someone we can call on for help when we need it. We would also welcome anyone who would like to join our committee to help plan events; we meet roughly once every 6 weeks for an hour or so. For more information, please ring Keith Welham on 01449 673185.

Have you recently moved into the village? Helping with Telstar or Community Events would be an excellent way to find out more about Stowupland and get involved in the community. If you could spare just a couple of hours a month, please get in touch with Keith.

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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Not only are we starting a new year but a new decade and I for one don't know where the time goes, because last year was so busy for the Parish Council. When I started writing the Chairman's Column, I was worried that there would not be enough going on to report to you each month but to date that definitely hasn't been the case and this month is no different.

Firstly, the situation with the Thursday bus service that is subsidised by Suffolk County Council. At last the Clerk and I were invited to a meeting with Suffolk County Council representatives to discuss what happens after 31st March 2020 when the service is due to cease. We were given some background on why the service was not going to be subsidised after that date. Suffolk County Council took the decision to cut their budget for subsidised transport from £1.5m to just under £1m and developed a scoring criteria to assess which routes were most used and our service, the 387, scored only 21 out of a maximum of 65 so hence the cut to the service. You know what they say about statistics! The bus route passes through several villages before it reaches Stowupland but it was clear, from the figures for usage provided, that nearly all passengers using the service were from Stowupland. The issue for Stowupland Parish Council and the Parish Councils representing the other villages on the route is where to find the funding to continue the service after 31st March 2020. To operate a Monday to Friday service would cost £16,640 per annum and to operate a Thursday only service is £10,816 per annum. This is to run the service through all the villages on the current route; no commercial operator is interested in running the route. We identified some potential areas of funding and are due to meet again in January to discuss these. Separately we have contacted First Buses to see if they would be willing to extend their current commercial operation in Stowmarket to include Stowupland. That's all there is to report on this for the present except to say we are doing our very best to find a solution.

Next the work towards a Safer Route to School across The Green from Maple Rd bridge to the High School. By the time you read this I hope the work will be completed. It has caused some traffic disruption during the construction I know but hopefully the outcome will be worth it making it much safer and less muddy for children and parents to access the school. In the first instance it will be designated as a footpath but later, after Public Consultation, the hope is that it will be designated a Pedestrian/Cycle Route that will be the last link in the cycle route from Stowmarket and Cedars Park to the centre of the village.

Tenders for the work to improve the existing footpaths across The Green and create a new one from Footpath 32 to the A1120 opposite the Co-op have been received and will be discussed at the February Parish Council meeting.

On the issue of road safety, we are still awaiting a quote from Suffolk County Council for a feasibility study to be carried out regarding the possibility of a crossing on the A1120 at the Co-op. The funding for the study is in place but, despite reminders, we are waiting on Suffolk County Council...again.

Finally, could I please ask that if you know of any youngsters that cycle within the village to please ask them not to cycle down Footpath 32 that runs from The Green to Hornbeam Rd. There have been some near misses between pedestrians and young cyclists reported to me. There should be no cycling on any footpaths but this one seems to be a real problem. I know PCSOs have been there on site to give advice but just a gentle word to youngsters would be appreciated.

You can see your Parish Council is being kept busy and this is without planning applications that come through. I would urge you to take the time to come along to a Parish Council meeting and have your say. Make it a New Year's Resolution to get more involved in your community. You will be very welcome.

Sally Reeves

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COUNTRYSIDE RAMBLER

BRIAN WARD

May I wish you all a happy New Year and hope you all enjoyed Christmas. I did notice many family groups walking their Christmas dinner off, all wrapped up gloves, scarves; even the dogs have coats these days. I do enjoy time with family and friends over the festive period, silly indoor games, cards and board games, but after a few days I crave for fresh air and a good brisk walk is called for. Sea breeze is the best tonic going (also gin goes with this). Nothing is more invigorating than to park up on an exposed part of our coastline having to hold the car door so it is not wrenched from your grasp. One hand on your hat you take the first few steps and you ask yourself WHY am I doing this, but on your return with stinging red cheeks you feel good in yourself and a nice cosy pub or even the armchair is welcomed. With hot chocolate in hand, you say to yourself I really enjoyed that.

As we enter the next few weeks what can we expect to see in the way of wildlife? Firstly I will say, if you have not seen the Deer herds, try and visit a park or reserve. The Seals will still have pups at Horsey. Locally, look out for Hares boxing in the fields as they compete for a mate. Owls are many people's favourite bird and in Stowupland we have Tawny, Barn and Little Owls. Wrap up warm on a dry still night and venture out. Just stand and listen, you may hear the melodious hoot of a Tawny Owl, the screech of a Barn Owl or the rising whistle of a Little Owl.

Snowdrops are now in bloom, Thornham Walks along the A140 is a good place to see them. A coffee shop on site, a children's play area and good tarmac paths for pushchairs and wheelchairs are over much of the site. A small bird hide for close observation of our feathered friends is also available.

I have been to north Norfolk again, also Carlton marshes, Hickling Broad and many more in the past few weeks. Marsh Harriers seem to appear everywhere these days; if the prey is abundant, the predators are not far away. I even have a Sparrow Hawk visit the garden on its regular route to mine and other people's bird feeders. It will attempt to ambush the feeding birds but thankfully does not always succeed. Whilst on my visit to Carlton Marshes I was totally amazed at the numbers of Chinese Water Deer on the reserve. Only a few years ago they were an occasional sighting, but here they were grazing in the open not concerned by our presence.

I hope to see you as I go on my rambles in the forthcoming months. Keep warm. Keep happy and keep well.



*Photo of a Chinese Water Deer
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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

JANUARY 2020

District Council Budget and Council Tax

Members received a briefing on the draft budget for 2020/21. This draft budget will be considered by Cabinet on 13 January and Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16 January; it is expected to be approved at full Council meeting on 27 February. Government have agreed that Shire Districts may increase council tax by £5 or 2% whichever is the greater. There are no new proposals for Central Government grants to District Councils. Government propose to phase out or replace New Homes Bonus. Any new grant is likely to be based upon achieving higher house building targets.

New Homes Bonus for 2020/21 will be £1.612M, an increase of £232k over 2019/20 but is likely to reduce (possibly by 50%) in 2021/22.

Baseline business rates will increase by 2%. Government propose a full business rates revaluation in 2021; a fundamental review of business rates is also likely.

Factors taken into account in preparing the draft budget include:

A recent increase in the Public Works Loans Board interest rate;

There is £5.8M in Suffolk Pooled Business Rates Fund;

£280k remains unallocated from the Mid Suffolk Business Rates pilot;

MSDC is holding CIL of £8.5M;

Mid Suffolk Growth and Efficiency Fund has £3m unallocated;

The effect of the Provisional Settlement from Government is £213k better than previously assumed.

£500,000 is being allocated for measures to mitigate climate change.

The net revenue budget is proposed to be £10M and the Capital Programme £12M; the latter includes a proposed further investment of £8.7M in commercial properties.

It is proposed that there will be a Council Tax increase of 1.66%, this equates for a Band D property to £2.76 pa, 5p per week.

Housing Revenue Account

After four years of government-enforced reductions, the council is also proposing putting up council house rents by 2.7% - 1% above Consumer Prices Index. This will result in an average increase of £2.19 per week increase for tenants. Sheltered housing tenants also face an increase of £2 a week on their bills plus a 62p a week increase to their utility bills.

Stowupland High School CIL Bid

MSDC Cabinet on 6 January approved an application for CIL Funding for the new Sixth Form Centre at Stowupland High School. The bid is for £2.45M (total project cost £2.98M) and is subject to the completion of a Community User Agreement. The concerns of Stowupland Parish Council, in respect of traffic, safety, parking etc, are included in the report to Cabinet.

Council Tax Payments

MSDC Cabinet on 6 January agreed an initiative to introduce new fines for Council Tax fraud.

Cabinet also approved adoption of a new protocol produced by Citizens Advice and Local Government Association for the collection of council tax arrears. This seeks to assist those falling behind with their payments in a less confrontational way.

Planning applications in Stowupland

The Gladman application for 70 new homes to the north of the Bloor Homes site which is currently under construction and the detailed applications for the Linden Homes site of 143 homes to the west of Thorney Green Road are expected to be considered by Planning Committee during January. The dates for the meetings have not yet been made known.

The outline application for 18 homes on land opposite Holy Trinity Church has been approved, including parking for Freeman School and an extension to the cemetery. The appeal against the refusal of planning permission for a new dwelling on land adjacent to Columbine Hall Cottages has been turned down by the Planning Inspector.

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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

DECEMBER MEETING

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In taking over the Local History Group page from Marion, I asked in the last article for readers' indulgence for any errors I may make in this transition period. Already I find that I must correct just such an error, even worse this is a correction of an earlier correction. Briefly, the caption to the photo of Jack and Ena Carter that appeared in the October edition was correct and the correction made in November was incorrect! Apologies to all concerned.

Meeting

Round Tower Churches

This was the subject of Stuart Bowell's talk at the December meeting of the Local History Group. Most of these churches are in Norfolk and Suffolk. With Stuart being Norfolk born and bred, he had been aware, and interested, in these structures from an early age. There are several suggestions as to why they are round, such as "no corners for the devil", copying the shape of the stone circles or to hold bells. Without corners, they would be cheaper to build than a square tower. Some of the round towers are pre the Norman Conquest, but many were being built in the 13th. & 14th. centuries and even one in the Victorian era. Many are constructed of flint, a local building material, with lime mortar holding the stones. To ensure no frost damage occurred, building work was only undertaken from late March to late September, which meant the completion of a tower would take about 5 years. On some towers, holes for the scaffolding and the years of work are still evident. Slides of different towers show that they can range quite considerably in height – anything from over 60 feet down to 25, with the more common height about 40 – 50 feet. The roofs can differ with varying materials, windows in shape and size – much depending on the age of the structure - and some have octagonal top storeys. Some are, unfortunately in disrepair, while others have collapsed. To help with the conservation of these historic buildings, Bill Goodman set up the Round Tower Churches Society, with the aim of helping to fund the towers' upkeep and to date £200,000 has been raised.

Archive News

We have no new additions to the archive. Sandra has been working hard sorting, listing and cataloguing the two major collections that came our way recently, Ena Carter's collection and that of Margaret Catchpole. Each month Sandra produces a display for members at our meeting, often on a particular theme. If there is any subject that members would like to see featured in future displays just let Sandra know and she will rummage in the archives!

Programme

We now have most of our programme for 2020 in place, details are as follows:-

- Feb 5 History of Stowmarket Operatic & Dramatic Society by David Lilley
- Mar 4 My Family of Criminals by Jill Wright
- Apr 1 Parish Workhouses by Ray Whitehand
- May 6 Witches in Suffolk by Pip Wright
- Jun 3 Behind the Scenes at "Who Do You Think You Are" by Gill Blanchard
- Jul 1 AGM + TBA
- Jul 6 Visit to Woolpit (Details to follow next month)
- Aug 5 Becoming a House Detective by Stephen Poulton
- Sep 2 TBA
- Oct 7 Edmund Farrar & Charles Partridge – 2 Suffolk Historians by Sarah Doig & Neil Langridge
- Nov 4 TBA
- Dec 2 TBA

February Meeting

Stowmarket Operatic & Dramatic Society is affectionately known to members and friends as SODS. Since its formation in 1922 they have performed over 170 productions. David will look at the origins of the society and at past productions.



March Meeting

Stowmarket resident Jill Wright probably never guessed when she began researching her family history that she would find amongst her ancestors some of the town's most notorious criminals!

Suffolk place name quiz

The answer to last month's quiz - "both the poles have this animal" is Snape
This month's clue is - "lofty but hiding a crooked deal"

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. We look forward to seeing you.

FUNDING PROJECTS IN STOWUPLAND

As most residents know, the Parish Council has been receiving Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds as development takes place in the village. The amount of money is building up and the Council have to make decisions on how it can be put to best use on projects.

A process was set up in 2018 which required any group or individual to make a bid for a share of the funds to carry out a project or provide equipment. Decisions on which bids should be approved have been taken by the Parish Council. Successful bids have included a glass washer for the village hall bar, folding tables for the church hall and essential work in the cemetery. However, few bids have been received and the money in the bank is mounting up and will continue to do so as housing development continues.

In addition to our own CIL monies, Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC) collect and allocate CIL monies. Parish Councils, community groups and individuals may bid for the MSDC CIL funds.

The approach taken by the Parish Council has been reactive rather than pro-active and there is no long-term plan for using CIL funds, nor for the timing of bids for MSDC CIL funds. The Council has therefore agreed to introduce a new process and this will involve consultation with residents and community groups. The next step will be development of a Parish Infrastructure Investment Plan (PIIP) which will set out a timetable for implementing projects (including providing equipment).

The key stages of the process are:

Consultation with:

- Village Hall Trustees, Sports and Social Club, Bowls Club etc.
- Holy Trinity Church, United Reform Church
- Neighbourhood Planning Group
- Any other group or any individual who wishes to suggest projects;
- Article in Telstar requesting residents to suggest projects;
- Preparation of a draft costed programme for delivery of projects;
- Presentation to Parish Council; Council gives agreement to delivery programme
- Publish list in Telstar. These projects will then be included in the PIIP.

Assistance can be given to any group or individual to help them develop their project and assist in securing other grant funding and MSDC CIL funds.

Currently there are two projects in the PIIP. These are:

Tree Surgery to trees on The Green Start date - February 2020

Cemetery: new gate and fencing Start date - April 2020

We need suggestions for items to add to the list. Please let the Parish Council know what improvements and new projects you would like to see. These could be large or small. If you have a proposal to put forward, please email or write to the Parish Clerk. If you have an idea which you would like to discuss, please contact Sally Reeves, Council Chairman, or Keith Welham, Vice Chairman. Contact details can be found on Page 4 of Telstar.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY DATES

February Dates

Mon	3	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	4	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	4	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	5	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	5	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	5	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	5	Local History Group: 'History of Stowmarket Operatic and Dramatic Society' by David Lilley	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	6	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Fri	7	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – March issue		
Sun	9	Country and Western Music	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	10	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	11	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	12	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	12	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	13	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	13	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Mon	17	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	18	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	19	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	19	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	19	W.I. – "Rivers" theme	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	20	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	23	Country and Western Music	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	24	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	25	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	25	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	25	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Tues	25	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	26	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	26	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	26	Stowmarket Wildlife Group: 'Brocks and Foulmarts' by Darren Tansley	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	27	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	28	Coffee Morning	10.00pm	URC Chapel Hall

MARCH DATES

Mon	2	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	3	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Tues	3	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	4	Baby and Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	4	Book Group	2.00pm	
Thurs	5	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	6	World Day of Prayer	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church

SOME FUTURE EVENTS

- March 2 Afternoon Fellowship recommences
March 4 Local History Group: 'My Family of Criminals' by Jill Wright
March 11 S.O.A.P
March 13 Community Quiz
March 27 Community Bingo
April 4 Jumble Sale
April 29 Stowmarket Wildlife Group: 'Hedgerows, Herbs and Medicines'
by Martin Sanford
May 3 Garage and Yard sale

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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FAREWELL AND THANK YOU

By the time you read this we will be getting ready for our move to Tostock. After around 37 years in Stowupland, 26 of them in our current home, we've decided to down-size and take on a project.

It will be a huge wrench. I have loved living in Stowupland, and met many lovely people, attended a variety of events at the village hall, celebrated a wedding and given thanks for the life of a dear friend taken too early at the parish church, walked a succession of dogs along the footpaths around our lovely countryside, and more recently got heavily involved in the Neighbourhood Plan. Brett enjoyed his time as Chair of the parent/teacher association and a Governor at Freeman Primary School. Our daughter attended both schools in the village, and my parents moved to the village. Dad loved it too, and had good neighbours in Hornbeam Road.

Over the last nearly four decades I've seen Stowupland grow and change. I hope the new residents come to love the parish even a tiny bit as much as I've loved it, and contribute to the life of the village. I also hope that Mid Suffolk take some notice of the residents' wishes for how development takes place, but am fearful that our work was mostly in vain.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all that have been involved in the Neighbourhood Plan, and to Claire Pizzey and Keith Welham for being so encouraging and helpful.

We will be back to visit friends and I am sure we will bump into some of you at the butchers, maybe as guests at future quizzes, or queuing for fish and chips! Thanks to all the friends and neighbours for making our time here so enjoyable and best wishes to all for the future.

Jackie and Brett Ward

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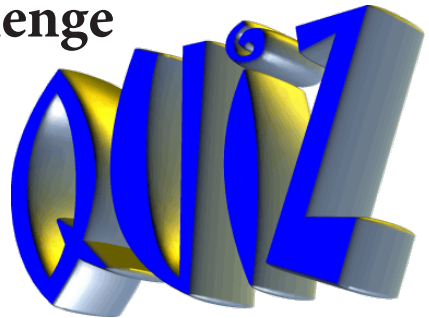
The Parish Council carry out traffic counts around various areas of the village at six monthly intervals. These counts once they have been collated give us the figures that can be effectively used to pick out the areas where there is most traffic congestion at peak times in the village. Around both schools and the housing estates that border the schools.

We have also used them in the past, when we have had meetings with the County Council highways department traffic safety teams also the Police and our latest project of trying to get a suitable crossing at the new Co op store. We have a small team of volunteers who carry out these count's but we would like a few more volunteers to join the team, these counts usual take place on a nominated date and help is needed usually between 8am and 9am and 3pm and 4pm on the date specified. These figures are very useful and we would like to continue with the counts. We have organised a date for the next count for Tuesday 25th February 2020 so if you could spare a couple hours to help with this important activity please get in touch with me.

Jerry Voden Stowupland Parish Council 01449 770334

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A Stowupland Community Event

JUNIOR PAGE

If it is too cold or wet to play outside here is a picture for you to colour and a puzzle to solve.



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Dear Friends;

The Church of England offered us opportunity to celebrate 12 days of Christmas reflection, via apps, smart speaker, or print ePub or booklet. Our local Churches gave out booklets and leaflets over our Christmas services, and I hope many have enjoyed reflection on the message of hope in God with us, and His coming among the poor in the child lying in the manger - #followthestar

These reflections reminded us of the generosity of God in sharing creation, life in all its fullness and our being, fullness of life in His Son. The best gift we offer is to be God's image in us and give of our hearts, as God gives us His love in Christ's free grace. That we may grace each other in our giving and receiving in love is to discover new beginnings in all our days, even where we once only saw endings, even where we once thought all was broken, even where we once were fallen. So we take our pattern in that fullness of life lived among in our Christ. And #followthestar gave us the pattern of the Christmas story through twelve themes - star, wonder, night, royal, beauty, bright, leading, proceeding, guide, light, gifts, discover. By challenge and prayer we seek to gift our lives in sharing that fullness of life God purposes for all peoples. May our discovery this year be to hope in every life, in every day.
#everydayfaith

A peaceful blessed and just New Year to you all.

Brin. 

Parish Priest at Haughley with Wetherden & Stowupland.

If you'd like to share this New Year with us then do search us out at:-
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SERVICES in FEBRUARY 2020

- 2nd Feb 9.30am Parish Communion
 4.00pm 1st@4 Service – *church with a difference!*
- 9th Feb 9.30am Morning Worship & ★**Trinity Starz**★
 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)
- 16th Feb 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
 9.30am Morning Prayer (BCP)
- 17th Feb **Mon** 10.30am Songs of Praise at Steeple View – *All welcome!*
- 23rd Feb 9.30am Worship for All
 6.30pm Parish Communion
- 26th Feb **7.00pm Ash Wednesday Benefice Service**

(BCP- Book of Common Prayer)

A PRAYER:

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

The '**1st @ 4' SERVICE** is a relaxed and popular, family orientated '*Church With A Difference*' with some snacks afterwards!

Trinity Starz is for children of primary school age and provides fun activities at Holy Trinity. The children join in the first part of the service and then we go through to the church hall to enjoy bible stories, prayer and crafts until the main service finishes. Parents/ carers are welcome to join us with their children or stay for the main service while children enjoy the activities. Children can be collected at the end for refreshments. We hope you will join us!

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY HOUSEBOXES:

It's time to collect in the Houseboxes again. Please either leave at Church, or drop off at Willowcroft, Thorney Green Road, or you can ring David & Margaret on 612394. Most grateful thanks to all housebox holders.

WEEKLY COFFEE CHURCH:

Holy Trinity Church has an **Open Church Coffee Drop-In Session from 2pm to 4pm each Wednesday and which is open to all.**

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

FOOD BANK BOX:

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

CHURCH HALL HIRE:

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

CHURCH 100 CLUB:

The Lucky Winners: July 2019 to December 2019

1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
23 Mr W Dierks	32 Mr J Finbow	103 Mrs C Cooper
6 Mr M Hammond	87 Mrs S Mollett	67 Mrs F Martin
25 Mrs J Kirby	97 Mr I Leeks	81 Mrs M Stamp
92 Mrs J Clark	11 Mrs Z Fenton	57 Mrs A Doubtfire
5 Mr W Borley	21 Mrs C Welham	4 Mrs P Hodgkins
39 Mr J Stanford	83 Mrs P Metcalfe	18 Mrs M Bloom

THANK YOU

Peter Burton and family would like to thank all those people who expressed messages of sympathy on the death of Janet Burton. We found them very comforting. Peter Burton

SPEED WATCH

Just a quick update on the speed watch team. One of our members Gordon Freeman has decided to stand down from the team. I would like to thank Gordon for all his hard work and input while he worked with us. This has left us with a team of two which makes it harder to operate and get around to our allotted sites in the village. The Police Co Ordinator only allows us to work with two or more as a team so we need more volunteers to help us run the speed watch team. Training and equipment is provided and our sessions usually last about an hour on site so if you can help and are concerned about speeding in our village, please get in touch with Jerry Voden on 01449 770334.

You may have noticed the new Parish Council Speed indicator device has been up in Devon rd where we have monitored its performance. This has not been good as the current battery does not hold its charge in a busy area. It lasted two days on the first outing and less on the second outing. With only a small team to charge and change the battery it was not practical. After taking advice we recharged the battery and put it near MM's where the traffic is lighter and waited to see how long that lasted. According to the operating manual it should last 10 days. An update on the speed indicator device shows that the battery only lasted less than two days at MM's, so we have removed it and wait events on a new source of power. All this checking and double checking takes time, this is why we need more help. Claire our Parish Clerk has been in touch with the manufacturers of the sign and they are working on a solution. I hope they will be in touch with her soon.

We are hoping for a solar power panel. When the sign was up many residents commented that it did act as a deterrent to motorists. The team feel that we want to continue this worthwhile activity in the village, but it will only continue to work with more help, so if you feel you can spare a few hours a month please get in touch.

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We held a Carol Service on 15th December 2019 and this was led by Keith Scarff. There was also a Carol Service in the afternoon of 15th December 2019 and the collection from both services amounted to £208.80 and has been sent to The Stroke Association Research.

On 19 January, as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we were joined by Holy Trinity to celebrate this occasion.

The next coffee morning to be held at the Chapel will be on Friday 27th 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:

2nd February	Clive Herrod
9th February	William Glasse
16th February	The Rev Richard Edwards (Holy Communion Service)
23rd February	Nichola Glasse

The World Day of Prayer (Formerly known as the Women's World Day of Prayer)

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto "Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action," and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together all people of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. This year the service has been prepared by women of Zimbabwe. **Our world day of prayer local meeting will be held at Stowupland Holy Trinity Church on Friday 6th March at 2pm.** The service will be followed by refreshments. Please do come and support this very meaningful service.

Afternoon Fellowship

On Monday 9th December 2019 the Afternoon Fellowship arranged a Carol Service at the Chapel. This was led by John Webb; lots of people were there to swell the singing. Margaret Salmon accompanied the singing and also played a short Christmas medley on the organ. The collection of £91.20 was sent to The Stroke Association Research. **We recommence our meetings on 9th March 2020 at 2.30pm.** 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

Message from our secretary

Ecclesiastes 3 v 1 "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven"

I like doing jigsaw puzzles. I don't knit so when I watch TV I like to do something at the same time and jigsaws often fit the bill. I like jigsaws with a good picture and am particularly partial to ones which depict vintage cars. To make them more challenging I try to do them without referring to the picture. I also enjoy the challenge of doing the Impossible puzzles. For Christmas I had a two-sided jigsaw puzzle which was just brussel sprouts! However difficult the puzzle may be there is always a logic about them. Most puzzles have straight edges which define the boundary and each piece has its unique place in the picture and I enjoy searching for the one piece which will only properly fit into one space. It's probably my mathematical brain which copes best with certainty and a specific result. Maths has always come easily to me, whereas English literature, particularly poetry, was always a problem. I had great arguments with my English teacher as I often disagreed with the interpretation behind the meaning of poems. On the other hand, Maths is like a jigsaw puzzle in that it is logical and each problem has a way to be solved, with the solution being the same for everyone.

We live in a world of change where there appears to be no logic in some of the things that happen. There are changing seasons, changes in ourselves as we grow older and changes to the things in our lives. But despite what may appear to be so many changes there is one constant, God. He does not change and He sets everything in a logical order with everything having a purpose, even the cold winter storms and death. So, I take comfort in Ecclesiastes 3 where there is a logic to God's world, a time for everything and everything having its place. There is, however, a word of caution for us as we face the challenges of the climate and how man continues to influence God's ordered world. Things happen in God's time and according to His order and we must be wary of interfering.

May God be with you as you approach each new day.

*Anne Scarff - Secretary to Stowmarket URC Group of Churches
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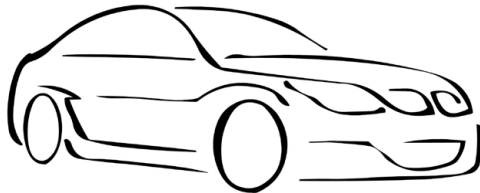
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STOWUPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Temporary Closure of Public Right of Way

Please note that the following footpaths will be closed for the completion of surface improvements and bridge replacements from 1 February through to 30 April 2020.

- Footpath 3 - that starts beside Columbyne Close through to field adjacent to Columbyne Hall Cottages
- Footpath 12 - beside Walnut Tree Farm on Rendall Lane through to track before Thradstone Meadow
- Footpath 39 - from behind Jubilee Court to Trinity Walk
- Footpath 49 and 50 - behind Primary School

Any queries then please email the Clerk:
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Thursday

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November

This is the month when we have the Annual Meeting. It began with Judy's report on the past year – unfortunately she gave the previous year's speakers. Luckily, this was picked up on and her account will be amended prior to all the paperwork going to HQ. No problems with the accounts which were accepted by the members. The 9 retiring committee members were re-elected en bloc and, following a secret ballot, Colleen was again chosen as president for another year. The formalities over, members were then given 2 different quizzes for the tables of 4 to try to solve. The winners of each quiz were rewarded with goodie bags. The normal business followed with Colleen giving envelopes showing choice of menu and cost to all the members who will be attending the Christmas meal in December, with a reminder that we will start at 7.00 o'clock. There were final details given for the forthcoming trip to Norwich and information about a ballet at the Spa Pavilion in April. Birthday posies were given out, the raffle – the final one for the year – was held and the competition results announced.

“Something green” – 1st Mary C. 2nd Brenda, 3rd Sandra.

Flower – 1st Mary C. 2nd Judy, joint 3rd Brenda and Sandra.

This concluded the meeting.

December

A few of the committee arrived early at the Village Hall to set up the tables. These looked very attractive with each of the long tables enhanced with 3 delightful centre decorations of flowers, greenery, small baubles and a red candle, made by member Mary C. Although there would be no raffle, each member was given a free ticket, to give a chance to win one of these arrangements at the end of the evening. A delicious meal was then served, greatly enjoyed by all. To show our appreciation, there was a collection made and passed on to the staff, with warm thanks from Judy, on behalf of us all. Colleen then gave details of the January meeting and a reminder that the 2020 subs can be paid then. Carolyn, who will be moving away in the new year, thanked the committee for their hard work which enables members to enjoy their meetings. The raffle was then held with 6 lucky winners taking home a table decoration. This finished a very enjoyable evening and we all look forward to another good year in 2020.

Coffee Morning

**at Stowupland Chapel
Friday 28th February 10am - 12noon**

Coffee/Tea and Cakes



Stowupland High School Community Sports Centre

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