

Telstar

A large, bright bonfire is visible in the background, casting a warm glow. In the foreground, a wooden post holds a yellow shield-shaped plaque. The shield features a dark silhouette of a church and hills, with the word "STOWUPLAND" written across it and the year "2018" at the bottom.

Stowupland News

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**Happy Christmas
to all our readers**

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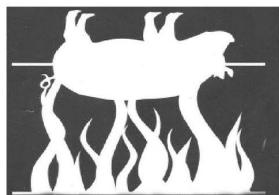


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DECEMBER 2019

Hello readers, welcome to the final Telstar edition of the year. In this issue you will find the same concerns that started the year off. Matters such as the bus service, housing developments and crossing the road to the new co-op. We have tried, through the Telstar, to keep you informed of what is going on in Stowupland. The Parish Council report will tell you what progress, if any, has been made recently in these matters.

Through 2019 we have been pleased to report on activities and events that you have taken part in such as the Walkers Cup, the Barn Dance, outings for Jubilee Court and Lighting the Beacon. There have been monthly reports from the Cricket Club, the Bowls Club, WI, LHG and the Churches. Without all those who help to organize these groups and events there would be nothing to report and without our regular contributors the magazine couldn't go on. So thank you to all who get involved and keep us up to date with village affairs through the Telstar.

This is the last time I will be editing the Telstar. It has been a privilege to have been part of this important slice of village life and I look forward to reading it in the future.

The front cover is of the Lighting of the Beacon on November 11th.
Photo courtesy of John Johnson.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

NOVEMBER 2019



The meeting opened at 7.30pm with 4 members of the public and 5 Parish Councillors present.

District and County Councillors' Reports: The MSDC report can be found elsewhere in Telstar. Councillor Welham gave a reminder that the application by Gladman for a further 70 houses will be going before the planning committee on 11th December. He also felt that there needs to be a meeting between himself, SCC, the High School, the Academy Trust and the Parish Council to discuss exactly what the plans for the school expansion actually are.

The SCC Councillor was unable to attend but sent in a short report to advise that the passenger transport dept were still in talks about the removal of the bus service although still no contact made with the Parish Council. He also advised that the High School got their permission for the building expansion for the 6th Form and are applying for CIL funds of £2.5 million, which he has objected to as, in his opinion, they are a business.

Matters of Report: The Clerk has collected the interpretation board and is awaiting a quote for the surround to be fitted. The MSDC Tree Preservation Officer has advised that he was not consulted on the trees at the High School as it was a matter only discussed between SCC and MSDC Planning Dept. The PIIP application has been made in respect of the Lime Trees at the cemetery. An e-mail has been sent to MSDC Enforcement Officer regarding the development at Stonebridge Lane and the lorries at the Co-Op store. Although the A1120 safety meeting with SCC has been discussed with SCC Cllr Green, it may be advisable to also contact Sam Harvey, SCC highway engineer. Map 2, showing details of the pedestrian/cycle route has now been received and there have been no objections for the proposed creation agreement from MSDC. However, the land swap has not been shown on the Register Map of Village Greens even though the Thorney Green register has been amended. An update on the Safer Route to School has been received from Steve Keer advising that the parts of the route across The Green should be completed in 2020; the section through the school is to be delayed due to the building of the 6th form block and the alterations to the access road onto Church Road. This delay will not prevent the signing of the creation agreement. It was felt that the PC do require a commitment for a date of completion for the safer route to school through the school grounds.

The agreement in respect of the length across The Green should be worded so as to ensure that no damage is done to The Green by contractor's vehicles, particularly if they start the work in January when the weather is likely to be bad. Letters have been sent to the allotment holders and to the resident whose property adjoins the cemetery. A set of cemetery keys has been cut and given to the caretaker. The Neighbourhood Plan thank you event has been arranged for 21st November. All other matters of report are still ongoing.

Public Forum: A resident enquired when the rubbish is to be cleared from the cemetery and she was advised that it is scheduled to be done when the lime trees are trimmed and then all the trimmings can be removed at the same time. She also pointed out that the entrance to the track leading round to The Paddocks requires an additional dropped kerb as cars travel so fast along the A1120 that turning in when coming from Stowmarket direction can be very dangerous.

Gladman Application for 70 homes south of Gipping Lane and

Thradstones Meadow: It was agreed to object to the planning application for the land adjoining this meadow on a number of grounds including stipulations made in the Neighbourhood Plan. However, should planning permission be granted, the meadow should be gifted to the PC on behalf of the village with future access to the meadow for maintenance reasons, for a series of works to be carried out prior to transfer and a lump sum of £75,000 for future maintenance and £3,000 for dog bin emptying and maintenance.

Parish Infrastructure Implementation Plan (PIIP): Applications for PIIP have been received for funds towards a dishwasher for the Village Hall bar, for tree surgery to trees in the cemetery and for some folding tables and trolley for the Church Hall. It was also agreed that some forward planning needs to be done to produce a list of projects with suggested timescales and estimated costs. Two such projects include some tree surgery to trees on The Green in January 2020 and a new gate and fencing for the Cemetery in April 2020.

Joint Noticeboard: It was agreed that a joint noticeboard for both the PC and the Village Hall should be erected at the Village Hall with the cost shared equally between them. Concerns were voiced about the longevity of the cork backing and to enquire if a more robust backing should be investigated.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Cemetery and Churchyard: It was agreed that quotes should be sought for cutting the rear hedge on the field side of the Church and clearing the ditch behind the Church. The grass contractor is concerned that the weather will not allow for a further cut of the cemetery.

Community Events: A reminder was given about forthcoming events for November. A cheque had been presented to EACH in respect of the Walkers Cup sponsorship.

Environment: It was agreed to adopt the new Green Policy.

Planning: A list of comments were discussed and agreed that should be submitted to the Planning Dept. in respect of a planning application at Pooles Farm. Comments were also received from a resident about this application.

Councillors' Reports: Cllr Studd advised that The Green near the butchers was being eroded where people are parking. It was agreed that the Environment Committee would investigate. Cllr Johnson reported that she was woken at 4am when a car hit the sandbags spraying the contents up the road which her husband cleared up.

Cllr Welham asked if the PC would agree for himself and Cllr Voden to make a new start on the Trim Trail and to report back their progress on a monthly basis. This was agreed.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk reported that work should continue with the Webmaster to ensure that the Clerk can upload relevant information onto the Parish Council website and that all the necessary certificates are in place. This is to be re-evaluated over the next 3 months to ensure that the Clerk is not swamped with work. A meeting was finally held with SCC on the 4th November regarding the need for a safer crossing of the A1120 in order to access the Co-Op. A feasibility study will need to be undertaken and it was agreed that the PC should contribute up to £1000 towards the study as their part of the costs with SCC Councillor's Locality Fund and the School matching the same amounts. This needs to be carried out before Highways will undertake any alterations to the road.

Correspondence: Correspondence included a request from MSDC for the Parish Council to comment on the Stowupland High School bid for CIL monies but it was felt that as they have been given no details to the plans, this was the only comment that could be given. The Village Hall have asked if the notice board to the left of the front door of the hall could be used by the Village Hall committee as it is no longer used by the PC. SCC have asked for comments on the electoral boundaries and Parish Councillors were asked to have a look at the information and to bring their comments back to the December meeting.

The meeting closed to the public at 8.55pm.

Sandy Smith

Lighting the Beacon November 2019

We lit the beacon on Armistice Day, 11 November, as an Act of Remembrance.

Brin Singleton led us in a time of reflection before the beacon was lit. It was a lovely dry evening with a full moon shining; nearly fifty residents watched as the flames in the beacon burned brightly.

Many thanks to Phil, Paul and John for preparing the beacon.



Photo's courtesy of John Jonhson and Christine Carcas.

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

May I firstly say thank you to those of you who have chatted to me over the last month and smiled at me. I'm not so grumpy now.

I have an update on the safety issue regarding crossing the A1120 to access the Co-Op store. The Parish Council were finally contacted by the Suffolk County Council Traffic Management Team and a meeting was arranged on 4th November at the High School. It was attended by me, the Parish Clerk, the High School Headmaster, Chair of School Governors, Suffolk County Council representatives, and a Suffolk Police representative. After an initial discussion about the issues faced by residents and pupils, we walked to the junction of the A1120 opposite the store to coincide with the end of the school day so all could see the parking issue as well as people trying to cross the A1120 to access the store at a busy time of day. It may have been because of the Police representative in a high-viz jacket at the junction but we witnessed no speeding. On a couple of occasions traffic stopped to let people cross. This was very dangerous because only the traffic on one side of the road stopped. The Police representative reported that a black box had been installed on the A1120 by the Co-Op. It was in situ for a week and records traffic speeds as well as traffic volumes. This will provide traffic data that will be crucial to proving the need for a crossing and they will share that data with the Parish Council. There are a lot of things to take into consideration when thinking of a crossing solution and it was suggested the next step is to undertake a feasibility study. This is at a cost to the Parish Council and will, I consider, be money well spent. Whilst this is not an instantaneous solution we are at last on the way and meeting with the right people.

I am sure you will be aware by now that Suffolk County Council approved the plans for a new sixth form block to be built at Stowupland High School. This is designed to cater for up to 200 6th form pupils and 125 more 11-16yrs in the main school. The Parish Council continued to object on the grounds of no 6th form parking on site and the parking congestion caused in the village at school pick up time but to no avail. The School now need to bid for a grant to fund the building.

Still on planning, the Parish Council have objected to the 70 homes on the next phase of Trinity Meadows. We objected on several points but the main one being that this piece of land falls outside of the Stowupland Neighbourhood Plan that was recently approved.

You will all have received a flyer from Linden Homes regarding the site at Thorney Green Road. I hope you use that opportunity to have your say

individually on the plans Linden Homes has sent. Representatives of the Parish Council have met with Linden Homes recently and Linden Homes has taken on board some, but not all, of the Parish Council's concerns. Once the planning application has been submitted a public meeting will be arranged to view and comment on the plans.

Finally, despite best efforts, I am unable to offer any further information regarding the bus service to the village and what happens in March 2020. Despite letters and emails to Suffolk County Council, the Parish Council has received no further information.

This is my last column before Christmas, so may I take this opportunity to wish you, one and all, a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Sally Reeves

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COUNTRYSIDE RAMBLER

BRIAN WARD

Are we in late autumn or early winter? November is a transition month to me; if it is mild I call it late autumn, or if it is cold and frosty I call it early winter, what do you think?

I have achieved most of my autumn goals. Firstly I visited Helmingham Hall with a group of friends to watch the Fallow and Red Deer rut. The Fallow Deer, of which there were many groups over the park grounds, are reasonably approachable. Their spotted coats and broad antlers are a typical estate deer. The Red Deer on the other hand are more wary and skittish. On our visit the majestic Stags were trying to attract as many hinds as possible with much strutting and bellowing as they attempted to keep their harem in a tight group. The Red Deer is our largest mammal and it is wise to respect their space especially at this time of year.

North Norfolk is a must go to place at this time of year, so along with a group of fellow birdwatchers we headed northward. We made a two hour drive to Cley, our first port of call and we were in the first hide just after 8 am and there we stayed for a while. We spotted several Waders and Ducks, also Marsh Harrier, Kestrel and Sparrow Hawk. As we made our way back along the path we came across a group of Bearded Tits busy foraging amongst the reed stems. These birds are a delight to see; with their "ping ping" call note they are unmistakeable. A single Whooper Swan was a surprise as it landed gracefully on one of the lagoons.

We travelled along the coast to Burnham Overy and walked down to the coast path. Pink Footed Geese were grazing on the water meadows and a Great White Egret flew over, an elegant bird against the blue Norfolk sky. Next stop was a pub lunch enjoyed by all and then onto Titchwell. I do enjoy this reserve but it does get very busy even during the week. Brent, Barnacle and Grey Lag Geese were all spotted during our Norfolk excursion, along with Twite at Thornham Marshes.

If you enjoy a woodland walk, Brandon Country Park caters for all the family, with walking paths and cycle routes and also a play area. There is a small café and toilets and parking for a small charge.

Don't forget to visit the Seal colony at Horsey, well worth a visit over the next couple of months; everyone enjoys a cute Seal Pup. Please keep the bird feeders topped up as we enter into the harsher months of winter.

I hope to see many of you on my winter rambles and take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.



*Photo of a Seal Pup,
courtesy of Brian Ward.*

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Stowupland Parish Council adopted a new Thorney Green Policy at their November Parish Council meeting.

A copy is available via the clerk at parishclerk@stowuplandpc.co.uk or on the parish website www.stowuplandpc.co.uk

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

NOVEMBER 2019

New Corporate Plan: The Joint Strategic Plan (2016 – 2020) has been refreshed by the Cabinet members of both Councils. The new corporate plan includes both a vision and a mission statement and is summarised with a graphic representation. This was discussed at the October Council meeting, where the Green Group proposed an amendment to include an all-encompassing theme of environmental sustainability which should underpin all activity within the Council. This was rejected by the administration.

Environment Task Group: A cross party group of councillors from Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils has now formed and agreed a programme of meetings to address the Climate Emergency and hopefully come up with some strategies for the Councils to adopt in due course.

Housing: Mid Suffolk are planning to deliver two completely affordable housing developments on the middle school sites in Needham Market and Stowmarket. Both developments will include homes for affordable rent, social rent and shared ownership. Over the last 4 years Mid Suffolk have built and acquired enough homes to just about keep pace with the loss of properties to the Right to Buy Scheme.

Neighbourhood Plans: Both Thurston and Haughley Neighbourhood Plans have now been adopted by Mid Suffolk and form part of the District's planning policy.

General Election: As you will be aware, a General Election has been called for Thursday 12 December. MSDC will be sending out the Notice of Parliamentary Election on Friday 8 November, with a request that copies be displayed on parish noticeboards. The issue of the Notice of Election signals a pre-election period which restricts some activities. All MSDC Council and Cabinet meetings will be cancelled, as will Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings. Next meetings will be in January.

More free swimming for youngsters: MSDC will be running free swims over the Christmas holidays, from 20 December to 5 January inclusive, at Stowmarket and Stradbroke to help promote healthier and active lifestyles in the district.

Joint Local Plan: Officers are currently working through the submissions made to the Preferred Options (Regulation 18) Consultation. All submissions can be viewed on the MSDC website. The timescale for further steps in the process to adoption of a Joint Local Plan have not yet been confirmed.

Planning Applications:

Land south of Gipping Road – this application is currently expected to be considered by committee on 11 December.

Pooles Farm – conversion of Atcost Barn to dwelling – this is a new application; the proposal is similar to the earlier application which was approved.

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The Community Events Group also 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 Liz or Keith.



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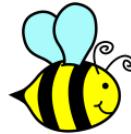
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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

NOVEMBER MEETING

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Meeting

The Group is usually very fortunate with our speakers – knowledgeable and informative. Our November speaker, however, surely eclipsed them all for his entertainment value – Roy Tricker who told us about his award of the British Empire Medal in the 2018 New Year's Honours List. The first indication he had of this possibility was receiving an official letter, advising him that he had been nominated, but with no guarantee of success. There was no further correspondence and the first he knew that he had indeed been chosen, was when a friend phoned up to congratulate him, having seen the news in the East Anglian Daily Times. Roy duly received the official confirmation and received his medal from Lady Clare, the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, at Euston Hall. Roy was very impressed with Clare as she had obviously gone to great lengths to discover his details and those of the other two recipients. May, came an invitation to attend a garden party at Buckingham Palace, in the presence of the Queen. Roy's friend, Mary, who was to accompany him, said he needed to get a new suit for the occasion, and was rather taken aback when Roy said he would go to Matalan! It was a good day and Roy has a small album with photos of both these occasions, which he brought to the meeting to share with us, along with the medal awarded for meritorious service to the church. Roy went "batty" about churches (his words) at a very young age and had plenty of encouragement. Much of his adult life has seen him very involved – writing guides to 245 churches (including Stowupland's Holy Trinity). Collaborating with a photographic friend in his book "Guide to old English churches", being an officer for the Church Conservation Trust and generally encouraging and inspiring people to take his view that churches are very precious. All this Roy delivered with great humour and much appreciation from the audience.

An addition to Stowupland's story

Stowupland Local History Group were recently happy to be able to help The Friends of Suffolk Record Office with the purchase at auction of a Court Book of the Manor of Thorney Hall 1709 - 1758. The item had been in private hands but is now available at the Ipswich branch of Suffolk Record Office.

The manor of Thorney Hall covered much of Stowupland but with an important outlier in Stowmarket that included the area around the churchyard and the marketplace. The book fills a gap in the sequence of records of the manor that are already at the record office spanning the period from 1631 to the early 20th century.

The manorial courts held once or twice a year had several functions, by this time the main one being to register the transfer of copyhold land, thus called because the manorial tenant was given a copy of the entry as proof of legal right

to hold the land. So, to anyone tracing the history of their house or land these records are invaluable. Fortunately, court books are often indexed by surname, so it is a reasonably easy task to follow a property back from tenant to tenant if the record is continuous.

One difficulty in using these manorial documents is that they are generally in Latin until 1733 (except for the period of the Commonwealth). However, as entries are mostly standard repetitive phrases this is not too difficult to translate with a little practice.

Another role of the court was to impose fines for minor misdemeanours such as obstructing footpaths and roads, the first two examples are taken from the very first page of the book for a court held on the 3rd May 1709 (my translation).

"Item. it is presented that John Smyth erected a house called a house of office next to a common path and the Kings highway leading from a street called Saxon Street to a green called Thorney Green to the detriment of the passers-by."

"Saxon Street" is now Saxham Street, "house of office" refers to a privy and Smyth was fined the standard 3 pence and ordered to remove it. Fines were also levied upon anyone misusing or encroaching on the common land.

"Item It is presented that Robert Clarke erected a gate, posts & barrier across the road leading from [Old] Newton to Stowmarket being the waste of the lord of this manor without permission of the lord"

Over the years Thorney Green has seen some encroachment, mostly by people taking land for building around the edges of the green. Sometimes the encroacher had to restore the ground he had appropriated but often it was allowed to remain, especially if it was seen as a benefit to the community, the perpetrator being required to pay a fine and rent to the lord of the manor. Such was the case when in 1738.

"John Dent had encroached part of the Lord's waste on Thorney Green by erecting here a blacksmith's shop with a traverse adjoining thereto."

In was agreed that this blacksmiths shop should remain, and that Dent pay 5 shillings a year. There remained a blacksmith's shop here until at least 1839 when it appears on the tithe map. A successor to John Dent added a beerhouse nearby. No doubt customers took refreshment here while waiting for their horses to be shod. The beerhouse became known as The Retreat; The Retreat still continues on the Green today although in a new building built in 1968.

Archives

We try to keep a look out for items appearing at auctions and on-line which we can add to our Stowupland Archives. Two items have recently been purchased and added to the archive.

A 1907 postcard sent to Miss Bramhall, headmistress of Stowupland School wishing her a happy birthday.

A bond of 1784 appointing John Bayly Tailer agent for The New Fire Office insurance company. Tailer later owned Stowupland Hall.

Family History

When our local history group was formed there was a suggestion that it should also be a family history group for people tracing their ancestors. Although a lot of what the Local History Group does includes family history it was considered that as there was a branch of Suffolk Family History Society in Stowmarket that we wouldn't specifically deal with family history. The SFHS branch in Stowmarket closed a few years ago and, as we have heard from members who are interested in starting out on family history research and who would be interested in meeting up with others about this and getting advice, we would like to see if any members would be interested in forming a sub- group that dealt with family history. Another option would be to have 1 or 2 speakers a year talking on family history methods and resources.

Programme

Wednesday, Dec. 4th. "Round Tower Churches" by Stuart Bowell



There are a variety of theories why some churches have round towers, but it is known that these are very early structures, some predating the Norman conquest. Most of these towers are found in Suffolk and Norfolk. Stuart is a member of the Round Tower Church Society.

At the December meeting we will also have our treasure hunt. Find Stowupland's buried horde and win a prize!

In the past members have been very generous in donating seasonal fare for our December meeting for which we have been grateful. This December the Group will provide the refreshments from our funds. There will be no Group meeting in January; the next meeting is on Wednesday 5th February.

Suffolk place name quiz

The answer to last month's quiz question "A famous cat in a public school" was Felixstowe.

Can you find this month's place name from this cryptic clue?

Both the poles have this animal

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.

Coffee Morning

At Stowupland URC Chapel

Friday 31st January 2020

10am-12noon

Coffee/ Tea and Cakes



UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER DATES

Sun	1	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	2	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	2	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	3	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	3	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	3	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	4	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	4	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	4	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	4	Local History Group: 'Round Tower Churches' by Stuart Bowell	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	5	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Mon	9	Afternoon Fellowship: carols	2.00pm	URC Chapel
Mon	9	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	10	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	11	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	11	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	11	W. I. members' Christmas meal	7.00pm	Village Hall
Thurs	12	General Election		
Thurs	12	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Sun	15	Stowupland URC Carol Service	10.30am	URC Chapel
Sun	15	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	16	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	17	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	18	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Thurs	19	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	22	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	23	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	24	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Mon	30	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	31	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court

JANUARY DATES

Thurs	2	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	5	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	6	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	7	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – February issue		
Tues	7	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	7	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	8	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	8	Book Group	2.00pm	
Thurs	9	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall

Thurs	9	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Sun	12	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	13	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	14	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	15	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	15	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	15	W.I. 'Wellbeing'	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	16	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Mon	20	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	21	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	22	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	22	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	23	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	26	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	27	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	28	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	28	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	29	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	29	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	30	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Thurs	30	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Fri	31	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall

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'	7.30pm	Village Hall by David Lilley
Thurs	6	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Fri	7	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – March issue		

SOME FUTURE EVENTS

- Feb 26 Stowmarket Wildlife Group: 'Brocks and Foulmarts' by Darren Tansley
- March 2 Afternoon Fellowship recommences
- March 4 Local History Group: 'My Family of Criminals' by Jill Wright
- March 13 Community Quiz
- March 27 Community Bingo
- April 26 Stowmarket Wildlife Group: 'Hedgerows, Herbs and Medicines'
by Martin Sanford

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



Christmas & New Year Bin Collection Schedule 2019-2020

Please ensure your bins are presented by 6.30am on the day of collection

	Usual Collection	Revised Collection	Change
Recycling	Monday 23rd December	Monday 23rd December	None
	Tuesday 24th December	Tuesday 24th December	None
	Wednesday 25th December	Friday 27th December	2 days later
	Thursday 26th December	Saturday 28th December	2 days later
	Friday 27th December	Monday 30th December	3 days later
Refuse	Monday 30th December	Tuesday 31st December	1 day later
	Tuesday 31st December	Thursday 2nd January	2 days later
	Wednesday 1st January	Friday 3rd January	2 days later
	Thursday 2nd January	Saturday 4th January	2 days later
	Friday 3rd January	Monday 6th January	3 days later
Recycling	Monday 6th January	Tuesday 7th January	1 day later
	Tuesday 7th January	Wednesday 8th January	1 day later
	Wednesday 8th January	Thursday 9th January	1 day later
	Thursday 9th January	Friday 10th January	1 day later
	Friday 10th January	Saturday 11th January	1 day later

From Monday 13th January 2020 normal waste and recycling collections resume.

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The Staff works hard every day maintaining a high level of care and education. Please read our report online.

The children are busying themselves with lots of Autumnal experiences and we have had a visit from the food bank and a police officer and been 'out and about' in the community. Our fantastic photos attached show you some of the wonderful activities we get up to. We are awaiting our first 'stay and play' for parents and soon Christmas will be here.! We are readying ourselves for a 'Christmas Sing-along' at the church, making decorations for the Christmas Tree Festival and for the children's families.



We are holding a Christmas Quiz to raise money for New Resources If you would like to get involved and get a team together (up to 8 team-mates), the Quiz is being held on Friday 13th December from 7pm at Costa Coffee (near Asda). Please call Costa to enter at just £5 per person.

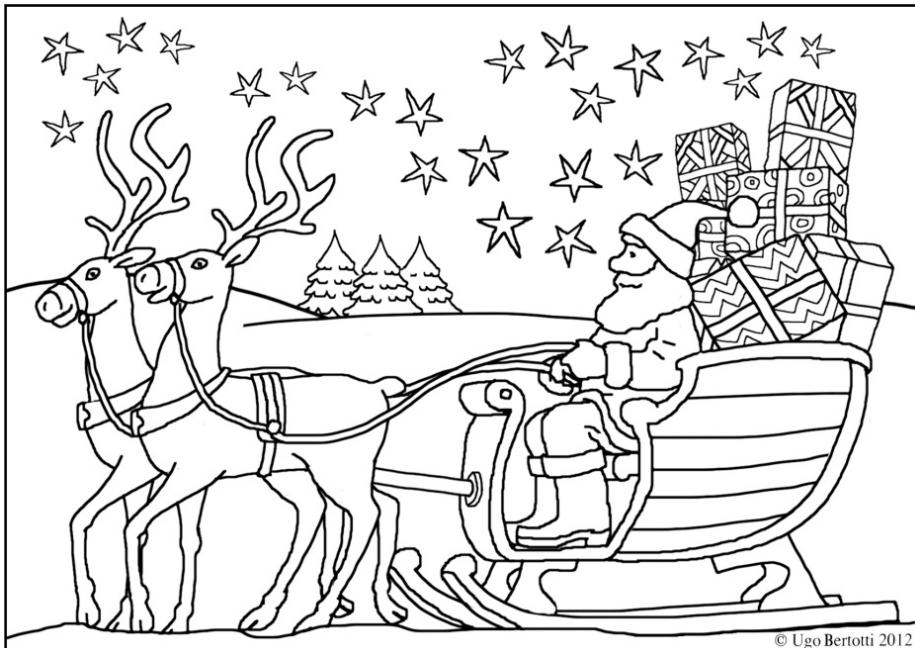
We currently have **spaces** for funded 3 and 4 year olds as well as spaces for 2 year olds. Please call us or email if you would like to look around the preschool and meet the friendly and experienced staff. The contact details are as follows: 01449 678550 or admin@stowuplandpreschool.org.uk



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We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Give Santa a colourful look and
can you find the ten Christmas words in the grid.



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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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Dear Friends,

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas our churches offer a welcome and seek to share reflection on the meaning of Christmas through gatherings old and new. From parish carol services, to school Christmas assemblies, from nativity services, Christingles, and for Christmas Day, Midnight Mass and Christmas Morning. I hope you will find time to enjoy such reflection through winter's darkest days as we look to the returning light and lengthening days of summer's warming return.

Many thanks to all those who shared our Christmas Shoebox collections this year: 'Operation Christmas Child' and 'Link to Hope' appeals. I hope many also will be looking to other campaigns such as CAFOD's ethical Christmas gift appeal, or 'Oxfam Unwrapped' life changing gift cards. I recently heard of a great alternative to this season's spend spend spend; why not try a car boot Christmas? There are great gifts to be found and all given a second lease of life rather than being thrown away; lots of pre-loved items to be found too online or through local charity stores. These provide good choices for the environment as well a great choice and variety of gifts all in one place.

As well as gift giving and receiving, we enjoy sending and receiving Christmas greeting cards. Many churches offer communal cards where displays of Christmas and New Year greetings give invitation for parishioners to share by writing up their names. These provide a good environmental alternative to so much waste paper, and highlight our belonging as worshipping communities. look out for Haughley St Mary's greetings display.

Well, I'm sure you have your own expectations and traditions through this joyous season. This year our benefice will host three Advent Conversations, Tuesdays 3rd, 10th and 17th of December, 7:30pm at Stowupland Holy Trinity Church Hall. We will offer seasonal refreshment and be sharing three lesser-known Christmas card scenes to help us decode the meaning of Christmas. I hope our three churches and villages will enjoy a little time out during busy Advent preparations to chat and share some Christmas cheer and reflection.

And from our Church to yourselves a Fifth day of Christmas party, Sunday 29th December from 7:30pm St Mary's Haughley, to revel in the acoustic talents of dear friends Jim and Isobel Kimberley, who will be caroling us with music and song from some of the less travelled Yuletide avenues as they journey from their Mycenae House opening show. www.thekimberleys.org. May your Christmas journeys this year bring the Peace, Joy and Hope of the Christ Child into your lives.

Yours in Christ,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. *Brin Singleton*

Brin, Rector at Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland.

CHURCH SERVICES in DECEMBER

1st Dec	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	Christingle Service
8th Dec	9.30am	Morning Worship & *Trinity Starz*
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
15th Dec	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer
16th Dec Mon	10.30am	Carols at Steeple View – All Welcome.
22nd Dec	9.30am	Worship for All
	6.30pm	Carols By Candlelight
24th Dec Tue	4.00pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
25th Dec Wed	10.00am	Christmas Family Communion
29th Dec	11.00am	Benefice Communion at Wetherden

CHURCH SERVICES in JANUARY 2020

5th Jan	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	1st@4 Service – church with a difference.
12th Jan	9.30am	Morning Worship & *Trinity Starz*
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
19th Jan	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
20th Jan Mon.	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View – All welcome.
26th Jan	9.30am	Worship for All
	6.30pm	Parish Communion

(BCP- Book of Common Prayer)

A PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ, who, in the offerings of the wise men, received an earnest expression of the worship of the nations: Grant that your Church may never cease to proclaim the good news of your love, that all peoples may come to worship you as their Saviour and King, who lives and reigns world without end. 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.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:

Come and enjoy our 1st@4 Christingle Service, with collection in aid of the above. A very warm welcome is extended to you all.

CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT:

The collection at the Carol Service will again go to **The Church Homeless Trust**. The **CHT** is dedicated to the rehabilitation and resettlement of homeless people of all ages and backgrounds on a long term basis, supporting over 60 projects including hostels, day centres, winter shelter, women's refuges and mother & baby care. Please come along, bring your friends and families, and give as generously as you can.

CAROLS & MINCEPIES:

Come along and sing your favourite Carols and Christmas Songs at the Annual Carols & Mincepies evening on Friday 20th December at 7.00pm in Church Hall. There will be mincepies, sausage rolls, tea, coffee and squash also a raffle and retiring collection. All proceeds from the evening will be donated to charity.

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.

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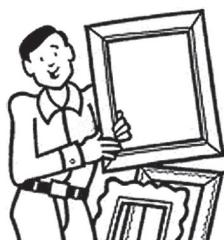
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We are now thinking about our Christmas Celebrations within the Chapel and at home. It's hard to believe that it will soon be 2020.

Our Jumble Sale is a bit later this year on 23 November. Therefore, the result will not be available until the February magazine. We are hoping for a very successful day with plenty of jumble and lots of shoppers.

Our Carol Service is on Sunday 15 December at 10.30am. Please come and celebrate with us on this day.

There will not be a coffee morning in December, we recommence in 2020 with a coffee morning on 31st January 10am to 12noon and then the last Friday of the month until November.

There is no service at the Chapel on Christmas Day. On Sunday 19 January 2020 Holy Trinity will join us for a United Service for the week of prayer for Christian Unity. This service starts at 10.30am.

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 December and January are as follows:

1 December Jim Spencer

8 December Clive Herrod

15 December Keith Scarff (Carol Service)

22 December Irene Martin

29 December Mary Durrant

05 January Michael Topple

12 January Keith Scarff

19 January Rev David Atkins...

United Service at the Chapel with Holy Trinity Church for the week of prayer for Christian Unity at 10.30am

26 January Stephen Horrex

Afternoon Fellowship Carol Service on Monday 9 December at 2pm.

This service will be led by John Webb followed by tea and mince pies. This year the service will take a different format but I'm sure it will be very enjoyable telling the Christmas story. Please join us to sing your hearts out with a selection of carols and a very happy afternoon. There will be a collection for Stroke Association (Research). The Carol Service is our last meeting until 9 March 2020 and we look forward to some interesting meetings in the New Year. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Mary Clark

December thoughts from Stowupland URC

Christmas Day conjures up different reactions and memories for each of us. For some it is a happy family occasion to be looked forward to, while for others it is the loneliest day of the year.

As a boy I remember creeping downstairs to wind up the gramophone and set it working to play "Christians awake, salute the happy morn" at full blast to wake the household. As a young father I remember the excitement of our girls as they opened their presents and discovered new toys, games and other goodies. In mid-life as a chaplain to merchant seafarers I remember visiting ships in port on Christmas Day and phoning seafarers who were lone watchmen on ships where the crews had been allowed home for the Christmas period. My wife has memories of life as a nurse on a hospital ward on Christmas Day and the efforts to bring cheer to those stuck in hospital over Christmas. In my last ministerial post in Halesworth in north east Suffolk, Christmas Eve Midnight Communion attracted many, including some visitors, but the highlight was the family service on Christmas Day morning when, while turkeys roasted in ovens, the children excitedly showed us some of their presents and then together we gave thanks for God's present to us.

The worship song "Come and join the celebration, it's a very special day" absolutely summed up the feelings of those who came together to celebrate the birth of Jesus and three different generations of a family would fill the pews. For some it was their annual visit to Church, but one not to be missed, a key part of their Christmas Day programme, along with the Queen's Speech. As a Christian believer I feel a responsibility to care for the lonely and the suffering, but Christmas too must be an occasion for rejoicing with others, as I remember God's decisive intervention in world history in sending Jesus to earth and want to celebrate that great event with those of all ages and backgrounds

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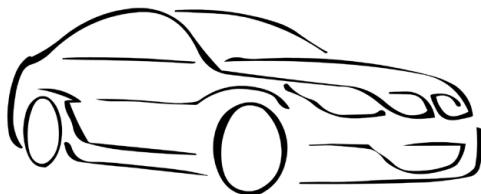


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NEWS FROM THE STOWUPLAND BOWLS GREEN

With us not expecting to issue an article after October because of the bowling world's close season, a change has taken place at Elmswell Bowls Club. So with this news we are very happy to announce that we are now STOWUPLAND BOWLS CLUB.

This was agreed after much discussion and meetings with the Trustees and once further information is available this will be relayed to one and all. Watch this space.

The Committee previously of Elmswell Bowls Club will be in charge. One aspect with this change is that hopefully there would be interest in joining us by local people, particularly those arriving into the neighbourhood, in the new houses. If anyone is interested, our Chairman Frank Boxall (01359 244591) or Secretary, Graham Newman (01359 240846) will be happy to receive your enquiry. We are a happy, friendly collection of bowlers, and you would be made to feel very welcome whether you have tried your hand in the game before or not. The next season begins in April 2020 so there is plenty of time to consider and discuss matters before then.

We wish everyone in Stowupland a very Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.

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Following President Colleen's welcome "Jerusalem" was sung, after which members heard the record of the September meeting, which was agreed and duly signed. Correspondence came next - the date for the 2020 National A.G.M. was confirmed as June 4th. at the Royal Albert Hall. Details of Group 7's 2020 spring and autumn meetings were given, more centenary celebration dates were announced. There is to be a fund raising "soup & pud" lunch at Barking Village Hall on November 9th.

We then heard from our speaker, Sharon Lockhart, whose subject was recycling.. She had some very interesting facts and figures , such as 78– 80 % of materials from the recycling bins is re-used, the green waste from the brown bins is composted, most of which is purchased by farmers and a bin of recycled metal will provide 5,000 hours of television. Not recyclable paper straws, oil based paint, glittery items (such as greetings cards), and cardboard with too much tape. She advocated repairing rather than renewing, finding a new use for items and replacing plastic bags with re-useable alternatives, such as plastic boxes, which can be used time and time again. If you feel there is too much packaging on goods, complain. At the supermarket, bring your own bags for the loose fruit and vegetables. There are so many ways that we can all make a difference to our quality of life and to our planet. Sharon's talk was very informative and gave food for thought. With the finish of her talk Sharon very kindly judged the "recycled item" competition.

Mandy 1st, Colleen 2nd Mary C. 3rd

The flower competition results – joint 1st Linda S. and Judy
3rd Mary C.

Birthday posies were distributed and the raffle held. With a reminder to members that November is the Annual Meeting, when we look back on the past year and choose the committee for 2020. The meeting then closed.

STOWUPLAND GARAGE "N" YARD SALE

Sunday 3rd May 2020

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