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Chairman's Column

Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council

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Firstly I would like to record my thanks to all the residents who spoke at the recent public inquiry and to everyone who attended. Such an inquiry is a very strange process, more theatre than debate – in that respect a bit like the House of Commons at Prime Minister's Question time.

Around 10th June we will know the decision on whether or not the appeal has been allowed. The Inspector took note of what was said by the residents who spoke and he was given a very clear message that the vast majority of Stowupland residents want to see the appeal thrown out. I hope that is the decision and I hope that Gladman and the landowners take note of what residents have said and how we all feel. Whatever the decision, it would be much appreciated if the landowners acknowledged the extra work and expense they have caused and how our efforts and money could have been more usefully employed in building up the community rather than defending our community against the predators from Cheshire. It is clear from their performances at the Inquiry that they have very little knowledge of the area and even less concern for what damage they would have to share the blame for if the appeal is allowed. But they have moved on to another project and may never set foot in Suffolk again.

I'm grateful to my fellow councillors for re-electing me as Chairman and Jerry Voden as Vice-Chairman. As always, we will do our best to serve residents of Stowupland and we are both available on the telephone or to meet you to discuss any concerns. But please allow us to keep our weekends free of council business unless something urgent and important crops up.

Just so that you know that your Chairman and Vice Chairman have a broad range of general knowledge – or at least are members of a quiz team with similarly bright and intelligent people – I am proud to say that our team won the community quiz in the village hall in April and then won the pub quiz in The Limeburners in Offton a couple of weeks later.

I am sure that everyone in Stowupland appreciates the superb job that our mowing contractor does on The Green, the cemetery and other areas around the village. Sadly, he has informed me that due to the amount of recent dog fouling alongside FP38, for reasons of Health and Safety this area would not be strimmed in future unless dog fouling ceases. This is another case of one or two dog owners not picking up their pets' poo causing a real danger to the health of many others.

Many thanks to those who, despite the threat of rain, came out and picked up litter on 16 April. We collected quite a pile of bags of rubbish from all around the village.

The Parish Council had not been informed of any planning application in respect of the proposal for 18 homes on land fronting A1120 opposite the church in time for the May Council meeting. I have been told by the agent making the application that it has been submitted and I expect that it will be received by the time the Parish Council meets on 9 June. Please take a look at the application documents when they are available and let Claire or me have your views on the proposal so that the Parish Council can take them into account when deciding how to respond to MSDC.

All Parish Council meetings are open for any resident to attend and since we moved our meeting to the URC meeting room we have seen more people attending. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month from 7.30pm and a part of each meeting is set aside for anyone to speak on any matter of local concern. Planning applications are available for inspection from 7.15 and several of the councillors arrive early and are available should you wish to raise an issue informally before the meeting starts.

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District Councillor's Report

Keith Welham

It was good to see so many residents attending on the first day and throughout the Gladman Inquiry. I believe that MSDC put up a strong case for refusal; witnesses spoke well and gave convincing arguments in cross-examination. Residents who spoke ensured that the Inspector knew very clearly their desire – a desire shared by the vast majority of people living in Stowupland - to see the appeal thrown out. We now have to wait for the Planning Inspector's report. A decision on whether or not the appeal has been allowed is expected around 10 June.

There is still no date for the MSDC planning committee meeting which will determine the application for 75 homes accessed from B1115 but this is likely to be in June. You can check on the Council's website for the date of the meeting or give me a ring.

We have a new Chairman (Elizabeth Gibson-Harries) and a new leader of the administration (Nick Gowlrey). The Chief Executive (Charlie Adan) has resigned to take up a similar post in Kingston Upon Thames. The Council is seeking to appoint a Deputy Chief Executive – a new post. So it will be all change at the top. Meantime there is an urgent need to make progress in developing a new Joint Local Plan and take action to increase the amount of land available for new house building. And MSDC have appointed an experienced officer to see us through the whole process.

The Council needs clear relevant housing policies and needs to establish a five year supply of housing land to avoid predatory developers making applications which, if granted, would spoil our local landscape and cause problems due to lack of infrastructure. Andrew Stringer, leader of the opposition at MSDC, has raised at Executive Committee meetings for over a year the need for MSDC to have a clear strategy for dealing with the lack of a five year supply of housing land and finally at this week's meeting achieved agreement to giving a high priority to this aim. Until now, the Conservative administration has allowed a free for all which has encouraged predatory developers like Gladman. Unfortunately, land supply is currently sufficient only for around 3 years of housing starts, so it will take some time to build up the supply because, due to the failure to build sufficient homes in recent years, the target per year for the future has increased. But at least officers have been given a clear message that finding land for the right type of housing in the right locations must be a top priority.

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Parish Council Report

Claire and Keith

May 2016

The meeting opened with 5 members of the public in attendance and, as it was a new Parish Council year, a new Chair and Vice Chair needed to be elected. Both Councillor Welham and Councillor Voden were re-elected unopposed as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

Councillor/Police Reports:

The District Councillor gave his report, which can be read elsewhere in Telstar, and in the absence of the Police their report was read out. As this is no longer written by PC Henriksen but is a generic report for all Parish Councils in the area, there is no longer any crime statistics reported for Stowupland. It included a report that the launch for police cadets will take place on Saturdays during term time. The date for applications for the initial intake has already closed. The new SNT structure has now been in place for a month and they have already begun to see strong progress and positive work in the different areas the team now cover. The team has undertaken specific training relating to their individual responsibilities and developed even closer links within the organisation and with their partners. They will endeavour to attend as many Annual Parish Meetings as possible.

SCC Councillor Green advised that free composting workshops would be held at Red Gables between 3pm and 5pm on 4 July for those who wish to attend. He reported that 91% of parents were able to place their children in their first choice primary school and 97.5% gained places in one of their top 3 choice schools. Both these were up on last year. Northgate and Copleston schools in Ipswich had to reject the most applicants. Ofsted reported that 80% of Suffolk schools were either good or outstanding. Roadworks are due to start on 23rd May to reconfigure the junction at Milton Road/Gipping Way in Stowmarket. He reported back on some of the outstanding highways queries from last month. The potholes in Rendalls Lane are due to be done quite soon but those on the edge need permanent repair and will take longer. The edging trial requested for The Green will start on one side outside the Fish Shop. The Parish Council rejected this as the area in most need is by the footpath sign on both sides of the road. Gary will take this back to highways. It was stated that before horse warning signs can be erected in Gipping Road there will need to be evidence of 6 horse movements per day. The additional signage required in Saxham Street by Town Farm is still to be considered. The 'gateway' on A1120 is due to start on July 4th subject to an electrical assessment.

Matters of Report:

The Chairman reported on the traffic surveys carried out on the 19th April. The main changes from previous surveys were the increase in dropping off and picking up pupils at various locations and a reduction in the number of vehicles entering the school site. These changes are due to 2 reasons; the school policy of preventing access to the site by parents between 8.30am and 4pm and a 55% increase in pupil numbers at the High School. There is more than a doubling of traffic on Thorney Green from the last survey and an increase in locations throughout the village of parking by parents to drop off and collect pupils. The biggest increase in activity recorded was along Thorney Green where 90 cars stopped to drop off pupils in the morning and 58 parked to pick up pupils in the afternoon.

The Clerk reported that she had received confirmation from Cllr Green that the £600 grant is still available for the churchyard car turn around area. A meeting is to be held with the PCC to discuss this further on 25th May and to establish the level of funding available from the church. She is still awaiting the return of the churchyard maintenance agreement that she sent to the PCC in March.

There has still been no response from SCC highways to the Parish Council on any of the outstanding matters; however, Cllr Green has had some feedback. The vehicle-activated sign has once again been removed after being in the village for the allocated 3 weeks. The letter sent to the cabinet member for highways a month ago has yielded no response, not even an acknowledgement. This was to report the lack of action from highways department on a number of items, some of which have been outstanding for in excess of a year. Cllr Green is going to follow this up, however, the Parish Council have had enough and if no response is received within a week, and action taken within 3 weeks, it was agreed that a new strategy of going to the press would be adopted without further ado.

Despite the clerk inviting the Play Park working group to attend the meeting, they have failed to attend so the Chairman will be contacting them to get an update on their progress.

The clerk showed photos of the overhanging trees in Birch Close and it was agreed that PC members would cut off any offending vegetation.

The Clerk reported that she had only received one quotation for the rights of way surface cutting and as time is critical it was agreed to accept this quote.

She has spoken to BT who has agreed to remove the redundant phone box in Devon Road but it will probably not be removed until October.

She reported that the Finance and Policy committee had agreed to renew membership of Community Action Suffolk but no donation would be made.

Public Forum:

Mrs Bloom agreed with the need for road works in the village but was more sceptical about the need for more signage by Town Farm. Mr Churchill disagreed with the decision made by the Parish Council last month not to replace the gates by the children's play area as he felt this was putting children at risk. His view was noted. He also commented on the District Councillor's report about the Gladman

Public Inquiry. He was not happy about Suffolk CC representative's views and failure to comment more firmly about the NHS and school provision, which he felt underestimated the true picture. He was also not happy about parts of the inquiry that were conducted out of the view of the public. Mrs Reeves was concerned that, if no targets are set by MSDC to identify a 5 year supply of housing land, this work could slip down the order leaving villages within Mid Suffolk vulnerable to aggressive developers. The District Councillor advised that the Council administration has now recognised their failure to implement a 5 year plan and that they need to commit resources and a timescale to it.

School Parking/Litter:

It is reported that around 12 parents are regularly defying the school policy and are taking their vehicles into the school premises to drop off their children. However, overall, parents are being given no alternative area by the school to drop off and pick up their children. Following a meeting between the Parish Council, the High School, Jo Stoddart from SCC and 3 governors, it was clear that SCC are saying that there is no money for providing any drop off area on the school site and they are not prepared to discuss any alternatives. Despite the Parish Council and residents voicing their concerns in writing, SCC appear to have absolved themselves from any responsibility for the knock-on effect their policies have caused the village. The only viable solution is for SCC to find the money to provide parking on school premises as the current parking within the village is putting pupils' lives at risk as they cross roads between parked cars. The Cabinet Member with responsibility for schools needs to visit to observe the result of SCC policies. Cllr Green is to attempt to find out what is going on. There is also an ongoing litter problem caused by both pupils from the school, those attending football matches within the village and people who visit the village to walk their dogs etc. Residents are working hard on litter pick days to ensure the village is left pristine only for outsiders to ruin their efforts within hours. It is costing the village a lot in both time and money to clear up behind these people. The Parish Council are to take advice on the possibility of setting up bylaws so that those dropping litter can be prosecuted.

Allotments:

It was agreed to check the Parish Council's tenancy of the Church Charity land, part of which includes the allotments. There is growing concern about the safety of temporary structures as busy roads surround the area. The new allotment committee will be asked to check on the general state of all plots and to take action as necessary.

Planning Application 0195/16:

It was agreed to send a representative from the Parish Council to speak at the planning meeting alongside the District Councillor and a local resident.

Sub Committees:

The Community Events sub-committee reported that the licence to hold the Music on the Green has been granted.

The Finance and Policy sub-committee had recommended that end of year surplus money is put into the general reserves and for the annual return to be approved at the June Parish Council meeting. These recommendations were agreed.

The Allotments sub-committee are to change the date of the next allotments meeting as Saturday is a difficult day for a number of the members. New dates are yet to be arranged.

No other sub-committees had anything to report, as they had not met since the last meeting, and it was agreed that membership of committees for 2016/17 would be clarified at the next Parish Council meeting.

Councillors Reports:

Cllr Studd asked why they had not received anything from MSDC about the planning application for development of houses in Church Road submitted last month. The reason is not known but the application has yet to be validated. Cllr Bickerdike advised that there was a lot of dog fouling along the edge of the playing field alongside of the footpath behind Steeple View and this is an area where children play.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman asked that his thanks to all the residents who both attended and spoke at the recent public inquiry be recorded. He reported that he was very disappointed that the grass had not been cut in the churchyard prior to the flower festival. It has now had a one off cut by Tim Gaddis and this should allow Alan Parris to keep it under control for the rest of the growing season. Tim Gaddis reported that due to the amount of dog fouling along footpath 38, it would not be strimmed in future unless the dog fouling ceases, for reasons of health and safety. The Chairman reported that he had arranged a meeting with Rev Swales, to be held on 25th May, to which members of the Council and PCC are also invited. The purpose of the meeting is to try to find a way to work together and avoid clashes of events. He urged members of the Council to attend the church service on 12th June at 11am to celebrate the contributions made by volunteers and employers in the community. As this service had been his suggestion in the first place, he was disappointed that the invitations had already been sent out by the vicar, rather than jointly and also that the focus had been shifted towards a celebration of the Queen, rather than the community. 2 speakers from MSDC are to give a presentation on the Mill Lane and Food Enterprise Zone on 16th May in Creting St Peter to which members of Cedars Park Residents Association and Stowupland PC have been invited.

Clerks Report:

The Clerk reported that there had been a low attendance at the Annual Parish Meeting. She felt that the format of the meeting needs to be changed to

encourage a greater attendance. Following a recent SALC meeting on the subject she suggested hiring the village hall and asking village organisations to be invited and to provide displays and possibly to have a speaker invited to give a talk. Instead of the reports being read out, they could be displayed for attendees to read at their own leisure. She advised that the result of the recent public inquiry should be known by 10th June.

Correspondence:

Amongst the correspondence from residents was concern about the number of cars that park in the lay by outside the primary school. Many of these could have been parked at the village hall and parents walk their children to the school and the space then freed up for disabled people who are unable to mobilise freely. This was noted in the survey of 19th April and the Parish Council will support any action taken by the Head Teacher.

A resident reported that a dead tree had fallen from the cemetery onto the field causing brambles to encroach onto his property and block the rear of his property. The Clerk will arrange for its removal.

An allotment holder requested permission to erect an insect barrier. This was refused.

A resident has observed that a car parked outside their property for long periods of time appears to belong to a student attending the High School. Due to the level of parking along Thorney Green, the bus driver on one occasion felt unable to drive down Thorney Green and instead continued down the A1120. Galloways are to be informed. Whilst the road closure was in place, residents in Trinity Walk and Reeds Way were left without a bus service for 2 days. The Parish Council will write to County Highways as they authorised the road closure.

The meeting closed to the public at 9.43pm.

Sandy Smith

Coffee Morning

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May Meeting

Pat Murrell's love of old Cupola House as a place where one could 'touch history' shone through her talk. Thomas Macro was the son of an apothecary and followed in his father's footsteps. He and his wife Susan lived in his parents' home and extensively rebuilt it, partly for their growing family but also as a statement of wealth and status. At the top of the building, a weather vane on the cupola gave their initials and the completion date, 1693. The cupola itself, the heavy canopy over the door, the balcony, high ceilings, grand staircase and elaborate decoration were all to impress people.

Thomas was rich, a member of the corporation, a J.P. and later, High Sheriff. We were surprised that an apothecary could become so wealthy; the answer lay in the fact that, by the time he was working, effective means of easing pain – particularly opiates – were becoming available. The rich were able to afford them; the poor, no doubt, continued to suffer.

Pat beautifully illustrated the many details of the house and described how she had been involved in the extensive restoration project of 2003/4. The house was subsequently sold to restaurateurs. In 2012 a minor fire in the basement kitchen was not properly dealt with and the flames quickly spread through the timber-framed building, which was tinder-dry as a result of being centrally heated. The damage was colossal, an irony after centuries of the safe use of open fires and candles; little of what remained could be reused safely. A steel-framed building will be serving as a replacement, with something of the appearance – but none of the atmosphere – of the original.

A Special Event

Some time ago we were contacted by Sue Williams of the Stowmarket LHG, to inquire about the possibility of a Stowmarket LHG visit to Holy Trinity Church. With our thanks to Church members, this has now been arranged for Monday 18th July at 7.00pm. There will be a display in the Church Hall, a talk by Neil Langridge about the history of the Church and plenty of time to look around the Church and Churchyard. Refreshments will follow. Please enter via the Church Hall at the earlier time of 7.00pm. Admission will be £1 for members of either group, £3 for non-members.

Neil's Notes

Historians talk of 'open' and 'closed' parishes. In a closed parish more than 50% of the land was owned by one individual, who was thus able to exert more influence on his tenants. Open parishes had a number of smaller landowners.

Stowupland was an open parish. The land was divided up amongst a few local farmers such as the Bobys and the Freemans but a number of non-residents also feature in the list of landowners.

This is the first of a series looking at some of the individuals who invested in land in Stowupland in the 19th century.

General Francis Slater Rebow (1770 - 1845)

General Francis Rebow owned an estate in Stowupland in the early 19th Century. His family seat was at Wivenhoe Park in Essex (the park is now the site of The University of Essex).



Rebow's estate in the parish amounted to some 57 acres. This land was the area bordered by Rendalls Lane, Gipping Back Lane, and the parish boundary with Old Newton and included Water Run Farm. The estate extended into Old Newton where it comprised of another 100 acres and included Old Newton Hall. The tenants of this land at the time were members of the local Turner family. The estate had been in the Rebow family since at least 1741, the date of the Ashburnham map displayed at Columbine Hall, which shows a Lady Rebow owning land bordering on Columbine Hall land. Rebow had land in other Suffolk parishes including Otley, Hemingstone and Helmingham. The Rebow family also owned Otley Hall for over 200 years until 1900.

We do not know if Francis Rebow ever visited his estates but he must have had some interest in the area as he subscribed to two copies of Hollingworth's 'History of Stowmarket' in 1844. Francis had been born Francis Slater in Chesterfield but had assumed the name Rebow on his marriage to Mary Hester Rebow of Wivenhoe Park. During the Napoleonic Wars he served in the West Indies where he was severely wounded and in the Peninsular campaign.

In 1816 Rebow commissioned John Constable to paint Wivenhoe Park. The fee of 100 guineas for the painting helped Constable secure his financial future and this enabled him to marry his long time fiancée Mary a few months later. This year the house, now a four star hotel, is celebrating the 200th anniversary of this painting by holding a Constable Challenge on June 12th when the public can set up their easels in the grounds. A professional artist is being commissioned to create a 21st century interpretation of the original painting, to be unveiled at an autumn exhibition.

Talking Point

We asked what became of Stowupland's manorial halls. The manorial system began to dwindle away over a hundred years ago, with the manors selling their property. Although in Creting St Peter, Brazier's Hall was involved with many sites in our village. It was held by John Mounplers, in the 14th century. We would love to know whether there is anything left of the original building. Columbine Hall is familiar to us all, though what we see is probably only part of the original. Thorney Hall, once a beautiful well-appointed building with lovely grounds, stood between the railway station and Creting Road West and was last occupied by members of the Marriott family. It lost its surrounding land, was converted to a maltings and finally demolished.

Sheepcote Hall is something of a mystery; the building, however, still stands in Creting Road East. Clearly, in the mid-19th century, it was no longer a manor: the following comes from a title of succession document of that time: 'Sheep Coat Hall Farm with 241a, copyhold land of the manors of Columbine Hall otherwise Thorney Columbers, of Thorney Lezons and of Combs...' This is a good example of some of the sub-divisions among the manors and how the names of proprietors came into titles. It leads us on to our next 'Talking Point':

What is the meaning of 'copyhold'?

Programme

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

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July 6th There will not be a formal meeting, as we shall be visiting Otley Hall.

July 18th 7.00pm Stowmarket LHG visit to Holy Trinity Church (details above).

We look forward to seeing you.

Stowupland W.I. report

April

On April 7th several members attended the spring Group meeting at Stowmarket Scout Hall and heard Sarah and Tom of “Ancestral Voices” describing, in word and song, Queen Elizabeth 1’s progress through Suffolk. Although it would have been a privilege to entertain the Queen and her large entourage, which, as well as servants and courtiers, included beds, hangings, clothing, musical instruments and horses, it must have been very costly to the various hosts. It was an interesting and educational hour.

Our members’ meeting opened with “Jerusalem”, after which the record of the March meeting was read, agreed and signed. Judy dealt with a large amount of correspondence and reminded everyone of the forthcoming outings. Members then started to participate in the competition by tasting varieties of sausages and cider and deciding which flavour was which. Answers were noted and there was also a small quiz as part of the competition. While the answer papers were being scrutinised, we were entertained to a half hour of delightful singing from Vicki, accompanied by guitarist, Sam. Following refreshment, Colleen announced the result of the tasting, a three way draw, so a tie breaker was asked of those members, as to how much is spent, on average, in a year on sausages. Sarah guessed the nearest, which, surprisingly, is only £35, and so received the prize of a beautiful potted plant.

Singer, Vicki, drew a name from an envelope of bursary applications, for the winner to take a course of her choice at Denman College and the lucky lady was our president, Colleen, a worthy winner. The evening finished with birthday posies being given and the competition results announced - piggy theme – 1st. Maureen, 2nd. Colleen, 3rd. Judy, Flower – 1st. Mary C. joint 2nd Anna and Brenda.

OUTINGS FOR 2016

Wednesday, July 27th. Sandringham flower show - depart village 9.a.m.

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Saturday, July 30th. Southwold summer theatre – “Murder by the book” a comedy /thriller

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Barriers and Bridges

For the last several weeks my journeys from Haughley and Wetherden to Stowupland have taken just a little longer. The speed restrictions on the A14 have probably added a little more than a minute to my lengthy commute yet it always feels longer. The speed restrictions have been in place so that there can be repairs to the bridge supports and as a part of that, the central reservation barriers have been removed. The idea of bridges and barriers has therefore formed quite a part of my thinking over the last few weeks.

In 1961 a barrier was begun that eventually became known as the Berlin Wall. Its builders said they built it to protect the people in the East from the ideology of those in the West. It separated the city and families and had armed guards to patrol it. I remember in 1990 when the wall was eventually demolished that people were able to get together and there was a feeling that freedom would follow. Far from protecting, the wall appeared to separate.

In the US primary elections Donald Trump has spoken of building a barrier along the border with Mexico to keep out illegal immigrants. This policy has proved controversial but popular with many. It would keep control and only allow those who are deemed acceptable to enter.

We often like to build barriers to keep us safe and to protect what we have. We build barriers that keep us apart from those who are different and threaten our way of being. Yet when I look at the life of Jesus it is clear He was not about barriers, He was all about bridges. He reached out to those in society who others rejected: to the tax collectors, women and foreigners, those who others scorned and built barriers against.

This is a challenge to those of us who seek to follow Jesus. We must beware of creating barriers which make it hard for people to come to know Jesus.

Throughout June and July, we will be running groups across the benefice aimed at encouraging those who attend to think more about Jesus. They are a space to explore, think and ask questions about what it means to follow Jesus. Perhaps these will challenge what we think we know and build bridges to help us to come to know God in a deeper way.

If you would like to know more about these groups, please contact Revd David or myself.

Revd. Chris

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CHURCH SERVICES in JUNE

5th Jun	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	1st@4 Service – <i>church with a difference!</i>
12th Jun	11.00am	A CELEBRATION of QUEEN & COMMUNITY
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
19th Jun	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
20th Jun (<i>Mon</i>)	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View – <i>All Welcome!</i>
26th Jun	9.30am	All-Age Family Service & Baptism
	3.00pm	SONGS of PRAISE on THE GREEN

(BCP) – *Book of Common Prayer*)

A PRAYER:

Almighty God, in giving us dominion over all things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation.

Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

OPEN GARDENS DAY – Sunday, 19th June, 1pm to 6pm

The entrance programme to ALL the gardens can be purchased from the first garden visited and also from Holy Trinity Church hall, where there will also be refreshments. There will be a diversity of exciting gardens to view, including those at Columbine Hall with its moated medieval manor (*not open*). Also, you can enjoy a cup of tea and a cake in Columbine Hall Barn or in the Church Hall. Please see details on back page.

FAMILIES!

Please come along on Sunday 5th June to the '**1st @ 4' SERVICE** at 4.00pm and enjoy this popular '**Church With A Difference**' (*with some snacks afterwards!*)

Then please come to our bright and friendly **ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE** in church on Sunday, June 26th at 9.30am. Do stay and have FairTrade refreshments and a chat with us in the hall afterwards!

STEEPLE VIEW:

The residents warmly invite you to join them for their Songs of Praise Service on Monday, 20th June at 10.30am which is followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay.

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH:

Come along and enjoy our popular Ploughman's lunch – good food in congenial company - on Tuesday June 21st at 12 noon in the Church Hall.

STOWUPLAND CHURCHES TOGETHER SONGS OF PRAISE ON THE GREEN.

All parishioners, friends and families are warmly invited to this informal, enjoyable, short service which will be held at 3.00pm on Sunday, June 26th on Thorney Green. A collection will be taken in aid of a local charity. *Please see page 41.*

BEETLE DRIVES:

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

CHURCH 100 CLUB:

Congratulations to the winners of the May draw:

1st No. 64 Mr W Borley : 2nd No. 108 Mr R Eade :

3rd No. 67 Mrs F Martin

FLOWER FESTIVAL:

The 2016 Flower Festival & Craft Fayre has raised the wonderful sum of £3,261 for church funds. We would like to thank all those who took part for all their hard work and dedication, to the stallholders, to those who generously contributed in any way, and of course to all who came and supported the event. Thank you one and all.

WEEKLY OPEN CHURCH:

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

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

FOOD BANK BOX:

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

CHURCH HALL HIRE:

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

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CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

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Baby and Toddler Group:	Dawn Lovitt	07766 661396
Bowls Club:	Susan Boorman	01449 614673
Country & Western Dance:	Winston & Janet Adams	01206 501866
Dance Club:	May & Paul Durham	01449 672601
Local History Group:	Marion Harris	01449 770895
Short Mat Bowls:	Pam Fayers	01449 770080
Sprts & Social Club:	Mark Campbell	01449 614390
W. I.	Judy Clarke	01449 615386
Community Events	Keith Welham	01449 673185
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Countryside Rambler

Brian Ward

The weather should become more settled and warmer as we progress through May and into June. The cold frosty nights in April killed the frog spawn in my garden pond and I have noticed that no Tadpoles are evident in many of the other places I normally see them. I hope some of you have had more luck than myself and are enjoying Tadpoles in your pond.

My wife and I spotted a small herd of Red Deer Stags in Stowupland during April, they were peacefully grazing on the land proposed to be developed by Gladman off Church road. This is the first time I have witnessed Red Deer in Stowupland and what a spectacular site they were. I have since seen what I presume is the same herd in the Cotton/Mendlesham area so they have not moved far.

I was recently photographing Reed Warbler using a portable hide and noticed a male cuckoo flying towards me over the reed fringed lake. It landed and perched in a nearby tree and to my surprise after a few minutes proceeded to call its distinctive song, it stayed for a few minutes before taking to the wing. I felt privileged to witness this at close quarters.

On my ramblings I see many unusual things, recently whilst travelling between Knettishall Heath and West Stow I came across a small group of Reeves's Pheasants, these large pheasants are not what you would expect to see along a country road. I suspect they are escapees or reared by a game keeper as a novelty bird, the male can be over 6 feet long (2 metres) with its wonderful plumage and graceful tail. Only a few days after seeing the Reeves's Pheasant I was in the hide at Thornham Walks photographing the various birds that visited the feeders and to my surprise a splendid cock Golden Pheasant came out of the undergrowth. These birds are rather dazzling when it comes to colour, with red, gold and blue plumage, it fed for a few minutes before skulking off into the undergrowth once more.

Recently whilst walking with friends I mentioned I visit Minsmere on a regular basis, subsequently some of the group asked if they could join me. I mentioned a 5 am start and no one was deterred so the day out duly arrived and what a day!! We saw several Bittern in flight, marvellous views of Bearded Tit and Snipe a few metres from the hide. Marsh Harriers were hunting the reed beds, Avocets galore, Sandwich and Common Terns, plus all the normal waders and ducks. We even watched a Moorhen chase a Stoat away from its nesting area, and the Dog Otter was on patrol along the reed fringes. All this was seen in the first few hours. After a well-deserved lunch we headed for Dunwich Heath. The elusive Dartford Warbler showed quite well for a change and several were seen perched on heather tussocks as we walked the pathways. I believe we all enjoyed the day as a repeat venture has been suggested. In the next few months I hope to visit North Norfolk and Bampton Cliffs in Yorkshire. My appetite to observe wildlife in all its forms seems to get stronger as I get older, I hope some of you enjoy my passion but be warned it is quite addictive.

June Dates

Wed	1	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	1	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	1	Local History Group - 'The Cobbold Family '	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	2	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	3	Turbo Cricket	6.30pm	Cricket Club
Sat	4	Falcons 5-a-Side competition		
Sun	5	Falcons 5-a-Side competition		
Sun	5	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	6	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	7	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	7	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	8	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	8	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	9	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	9	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	12	A Celebration of Queen and Community	11.00am	Holy Trinity Church
Sun	12	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – July issue		
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. – Strawberries and cream	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	16	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	17	Turbo Cricket	6.30pm	Cricket Club
Sun	19	Open Gardens		
Sun	19	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	20	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	21	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	21	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
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

Fri	24	Coffee Morning		10.00am	URC Chapel
Fri	24	Community Bingo (18+)	Doors open	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sat	25	Music on The Green		12 noon – 11pm	
Sun	26	Service on The Green			
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	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting		7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	30	Short Mat Bowls		7.30pm	Village Hall

July Dates

Fri	1	Turbo Cricket		6.30pm	Cricket Club
Sun	3	Country & Western Dance		7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	4	Dance Club		7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	5	Coffee Morning		10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	5	Beetle Drive		2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	6	Baby & Toddler Group		9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	6	Book Group		2.00pm	
Wed	6	Open Church		2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	7	Short Mat Bowls		7.30pm	Village Hall

Future Events in 2016

15 July	Turbo Cricket
18 July	Stowmarket LHG visit to Holy Trinity Church
23 Sept	Community Bingo (18+)

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

Stowupland Village Hall update .

Jerry Voden VHMC

This year's AGM was held at the end of April, thank you to the committee members that stood for election. Also to all the village groups and hirers who continue to use the hall on a regular basis.

John Craine was elected as Chairman and Andrew Edwards as Vice Chairman. Sally Reeve was welcomed as the new Secretary and Karen Hamilton remains as Treasurer for the coming year. Thanks were expressed by the Chairman to Twig King our caretaker and Hugh Blanch our booking secretary for their continued efforts to make the hall ready for all our users during week days and at weekends. Paul Murton stood down at this year's AGM from representing the football club. Thanks were expressed to him for all his input to the committee and keeping us up to date with news of the teams and functions at the club.

Mary Bloom gave the address as President of the village hall and thanked everyone for their continued support of the hall and expressed her hope that the hall would continue to thrive and be able to support village organisations and all our hirers in the coming year.

The use of the hall remains good throughout the week, however we would like to increase our bookings at weekends and we will be looking at ways to do this over this year. So you if you would like further details of what the hall has to offer please call our booking secretary Hugh Blanch on 01449 612156.



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Volunteers and DBS checks

At Good Neighbours Stowupland HQ we are preparing to undergo the process of acquiring the new Disclosure and Barring Services (DBS) Checks. All our volunteers are currently holders of the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Checks. This new Check will cover the holder whilst he or she is a member of different organisations instead of, as at present, having to apply for one for each group.

At Good Neighbours we are always looking to recruit new volunteer members to our small but active team. We are locals helping locals with lots of things including Baby & Toddler Group, transport to the health centres and local shops, dog walking, holiday garden watch and the monthly lunch club.

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a volunteer please give me a call on 673185.

If you previously held a CRB Check and the only reason you haven't considered becoming a volunteer is the thought that the CRB had lapsed we would love to hear from you.

Cathy Welham, Secretary



URC MINISTER Rev'd Chris Wood

Telephone: 01449 678173

'ALL OF LIFE WOULD BECOME PRAYER!'

I recall an incident in my late teens when I had to catch a coach out of Manchester. It was rather full, and so I had to take a seat next to an elderly gentleman, who, strangely enough for the North, didn't engage in a conversation, apart from an initial smile. Unable to see out of the window, I was looking around me, and soon became fascinated by the fact that, throughout the journey, he was holding beads and slowly and methodically, working his way through them.

It was only in later years, with a deeper introduction to the Catholic Church and its practices that I began to appreciate the importance and purpose of the Prayer Beads (or 'Rosary') in traditional prayer and meditation and that the gentleman was taking the opportunity, while travelling, to commune with God, a most worthwhile occupation!

It seems that the practice has its origins in other religious traditions that go back way before the birth of Christ, but came into vogue in the Church through the Desert Fathers of the 3rd – 5th Centuries who used pebbles or knotted ropes to count prayers, typically the Jesus Prayer ('Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner'), and was then adopted by various traditions and is widely used today.

Even as a non-conformist, I can still understand the importance of Prayer Beads in that they encourage a structure and focus to prayer life, with each bead representing a different faith confession, prayer or bidding, and allowing time for ones' own intercession. The fact that they are often carried with a person, and used at any time or opportunity – even when travelling on a coach out of Manchester Bus Station – demonstrates their value. A dear friend suggested only recently that when there was a family concern, they immediately reached for their Prayer Beads as they gave comfort and assurance as well as guiding them through prayer!

I'm not suggesting that every reader should go out and buy Prayer Beads, but I am commending the practice of taking time each day in quiet prayer

or contemplation. You see, in our worship material this month we are being encouraged to take every opportunity and 'spend time becoming still in God's presence and open ourselves to being guided by the Holy Spirit'. Whether with or without Prayer Beads, it can take place anywhere and at any time, and preferably includes engaging with the things around and about us, as a means of recognising God's presence in the midst of creation and revealed in the midst of ordinary lives and living.

Michel Quoist, a French Pastor promoted this kind of prayer time which meditates on everyday life, suggesting that all those who embrace it soon discover that 'all of life would become prayer'. In his wonderful and popular book of prayers, first translated in 1963, he writes: ***'If we knew how to listen to God, if we knew how to look around us, our whole life would become prayer. For it unfolds under God's eyes and no part of it must be lived without being freely offered to Him .. silent prayer which has moved beyond words must always spring from everyday life, for everyday life is the raw material of prayer'*** ('Prayers of Life' page 10). Thus, he writes prayers about a Five Pound Note; A Tractor; The Love of an Adolescent; a Face that Haunts; the Hospital; the Bald Head – to mention but a few. Prayers offered to God that are rooted in the ordinary things of life. He then maintains that if we spend time meditating on the world around us, and offering each situation to God in prayer, we must also find time to be still and, in the silence, where no words are spoken, open ourselves to listening to what God might be saying to us, with a warning that such prayer is often a prerequisite to the active service of others. He thus concludes that his hope is for one thing only: 'to open the way for the amazing dialogue between ourselves and God'.

I thoroughly commend the idea of finding time whatever we are doing to reflect on the things around us, so that all our days might be undergirded in prayer to the greater glory of God. The Apostle Paul for instance writes: ***'I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be offered for everyone . (as) such prayer is right, and approved by God our Saviour'*** (1 Timothy 2: 1- 3).

God Bless

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

U.R.C. Chapel

Minister: Revd Chris Wood

Telephone 01449 678173

The next coffee morning at Stowupland Chapel will be on Friday 24th June 10am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome at this friendly event. Come and have a cuppa, cake and a chat.

Stowmarket URC is holding a flower Festival during the weekend of Saturday 25th, Sunday 26th and Monday a.m. 27th June 2016. On Sunday 3rd July the annual social gathering of the Central Suffolk Area Partnership, of which we are a part, will take place at Christchurch URC Needham Market at 2.30pm. There will be a walk round Needham Market explaining some of the history of the town. This will be followed by a tea and Songs of Praise.

Belated congratulations to Joan and Sid Wallis on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 12th May.

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 June are as follows:

05 June	Veda Berriman
12 June	John Webb (Holy Communion Service)
19 June	Jane Paterson
26 June	Irene Martin

Afternoon Fellowship

On 9th May our speakers were Dan and Jane Gurney who gave a very interesting talk about their tour of Cuba.

By the time you receive this magazine we will have had our last meeting of this session, we recommence our meetings on Monday 3rd October 2016.

Mary Clark

‘What a Show’

The 2016 Flower Festival at Holy Trinity Church was really something very special this year. The theme was ‘Films’, such a variety of flower arrangements were on display that included such films as ‘E.T.’, ‘Exodus’, ‘Jungle Book’ and many others. The displays were presented by Freeman Community Primary and Pre Schools, Stowupland parishioners and people from further afield. All of the 32 exhibits were of an extraordinary high quality with a lot of thought and effort put into each one. The aroma upon entering the church was delightful. This year so many people have commented on the high standards that were displayed. We would like to thank all those who took part and contributed to such a fantastic show.





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There are lots of fantastic events in the area this month; The Suffolk Show 1st & 2nd June, Museum of East Anglian Life Blues Festival on Sat 11th and the Queens 90th Birthday celebrations at St Peter and St Mary's Church in Stowmarket, from 4th – 12th. Old Newton has their open gardens event on 12th to coincide with the Queens 90th Birthday.

Suffolk Open Studios is every weekend in June and includes around 30 Studios and Galleries in the Heart of Suffolk. We sell tickets for fundraising events and concerts, and take bookings for Suffolk's Year of Walking. Local guided walks are in Mendlesham – 4th, Debenham – 15th, Needham Market- 17th, Gosbeck – 22nd. We are also agents for National Express Coaches and front of house for the Museum of East Anglian Life.

If you have an event that could do with some extra publicity, bring us a poster, or pop in to ask about a bigger display on our board. Contact us by phone, 01449 676800 or email Tic@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk, to see what else we could do to help. We are opposite ASDA , just up the hill.
Sue Green

TWAM!

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Keith Welham

Extended weekend hours at Suffolk's Household Waste Recycling Centres

From Wednesday 1 June 2016, the opening hours at Suffolk's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) will be changing to offer site users extended hours on Sundays, Bank Holidays, and on a Thursday evening during the summer months, reflecting the times when the sites are most used and needed by residents.

The busiest times of the week for these sites are the weekend and bank holidays. The quietest day of the week is consistently a Wednesday. As a result of this, all sites will be closed on a Wednesday.

The new opening times for Suffolk's Household Waste Recycling Centres are as follows:

April - September

Monday	9am – 5pm
Tuesday	9am – 5pm
Wednesday	Closed*
Thursday	9am – 5pm (late night opening until 7pm during May - August)*
Friday	9am – 5pm
Saturday	9am – 5pm
Sunday	9am – 5pm*

October - March

Monday	9am – 4pm
Tuesday	9am – 4pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9am – 4pm
Friday	9am – 4pm
Saturday	9am – 4pm
Sunday	9am – 4pm

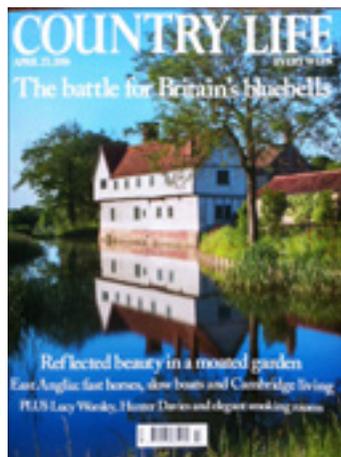
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All sites are closed 25, 26 December and 1 January

FRONT COVER NEWS

Country Life magazine used a beautiful picture of Columbine Hall, Stowupland, for its front cover of the East Anglian issue in April.

The magazine also included six pages of text and photographs on the garden. The article reminds the public that the garden is open for the Red Cross on June 12 and in aid of Stowupland Church on June 19th, having previously also opened for the National Gardens Scheme on May 22nd. Visitors can also tour the 14th century house by appointment under the Invitation to View scheme (www.invitationtoview.co.uk).





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16TH July - 23X playing live @ 8.30pm

30th July - Elvis is back in the building !



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What next for our Neighbourhood Plan?

I last wrote a piece for Telstar in mid-February when we had the application for 75 dwellings registered at one end of the village, the appeal pending for the 175 dwellings at the other end, and an invitation published in the March Telstar to view a proposal for a small group of dwellings opposite the church and the former post office. So, where are we now? The application for 75 is about to go to the planning committee (and the decision should be made well before this edition of Telstar hits your doormats); the Gladman appeal decision may be with us, or will be imminent (the Planning Inspectorate advised the decision should be made on or before 10th June); but the proposal opposite the church hasn't yet been registered at Mid Suffolk.

All this means that the Neighbourhood Plan Group hasn't been able to progress too far with the actual plan, but we do intend to carry on with the vital "behind the scenes" evidence gathering, writing up the character appraisal work, and talking to people to prepare ourselves for whatever the next steps will be. As part of this we need to be talking to Mid Suffolk to see what progress they are making with preparing a new, joint local plan with Babergh. So, we're not giving up, and I will continue to try and update you all with where we are and where we're going with this.

The Gladman inquiry

Thank you so much everyone who came along and sat in on the inquiry. It meant a lot to see so many villagers there. I had a hard time trying to explain what was going on, or more particularly why it was going on. So I thought I would attempt to explain what it was all about:

- There had been a lot of talking between the parties so that come the inquiry the drainage scheme had been revamped and approved by Suffolk County Council, the new vehicular access had been amended (to accommodate deletion of the 'emergency access' onto Gipping Road) and approved by Suffolk County Council, and the A1120/B1115 junction had been considered and a sum of money agreed for a minor widening (to allow cars to turn left onto the A1120 from Stowmarket Road). In addition, there had been areas of agreement on the amount of contributions Gladman would make with a "unilateral undertaking"

(a legal agreement similar to a Section 106 agreement) leaving some areas for discussion on the last day of the inquiry. All this negotiating and amendments resulted in a very short discussion on drainage before the inquiry properly got under way, and some brief discussion around conditions and the S106 payments. The biodiversity value of the site had also been agreed, and was no longer an issue that Mid Suffolk/ Suffolk County Council would pursue. So those people who turned up expecting to hear long arguments about these items were disappointed.

- Both sides had agreed that Mid Suffolk only have a 3.3 year supply of housing land “in the pipeline”. Because of this all the policies in Mid Suffolk’s local plans (including settlement boundaries/village envelopes) are to be considered out of date.
- The inquiry boiled down to discussing a few words in a few paragraphs of the government’s National Planning Policy Framework (the NPPF) – this says that local authorities should “boost significantly the supply of housing”, and to do this if the plan is out-of-date, proposals should be granted permission unless “any adverse impacts ... would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits or specific policies in this Framework indicated development should be restricted”. These policies include conserving and enhancing the historic environment, and protecting and enhancing valued landscapes.
- So for us this means that the Inspector has to weigh in the balance the contribution 175 dwellings would make to “significantly boosting the supply of housing” against (i) whether the development would do harm to the setting (and therefore the significance) of Columbine Hall (a grade II* listed building), the church (particularly views of the spire), and/or the setting of the listed buildings at the top of the hill, and (ii) whether our countryside, typical Suffolk big-sky landscape is a “valued landscape” (even though there is no definition of what makes a landscape valued).
- Whilst there are no national or local designations protecting our landscape, and the other side argued that there is plenty of similar landscape and ours isn’t unique or special enough, the impact of the development on the ‘heritage assets’ (i.e. the listed buildings) is much more finely balanced.
- The Inspector had clearly spent some time walking around and through the village, and he had a lot of walking to do for his formal visit on the last afternoon. He also gave us “third parties” the whole of Thursday afternoon to make our case, so all in all we had a good input to this appeal.

- As was pointed out by one of our residents we are now quite literally in the Inspector’s hands. He is required to make his decision on the evidence before him (which will include all the letters people wrote on the planning application) in line with government policy as set out in the Framework.
- If he decides planning permission should be granted he will allow the appeal and set out a number of conditions (I was pleased that the first thing he did before discussing the conditions that council and Gladman had drafted was to set out three areas that he would change 1) to ensure a pedestrian link is provided to Gipping Road; 2) limit the height to two-storeys so no two-and-a-half storey houses would be allowed; and 3) the provision of a wider buffer at the bottom end of the site with the houses set further back from the road to protect the amenity of the adjoining bungalow). There is no further appeal for us – it will be the end of it (unless we want to fund a judicial review in the unlikely event that we think we can show he has not considered the evidence as he should).
- If the Inspector thinks that the benefits of “significantly boosting the supply of housing” is outweighed by the harm the development would do to heritage assets and/or a valued landscape he will dismiss the appeal. We will then need to wait to see if Gladman mount a legal challenge (this is a not uncommon reaction).
- I imagine that most of you have dozed off by now, but I hope that helps explain why we seemed to spend so long discussing where you could see the church spire from, or whether the entrance to Columbine Hall is part of its setting and significance, or bizarrely, whether the landscape that we value and find attractive is a “valued landscape”. I don’t want to speculate on the decision – it is too close to call. If it is allowed and planning permission granted I hope it doesn’t deter Mid Suffolk from refusing the application for 75 dwellings at Thorney Green Road and Stowmarket Road.
- So, for the time being Neighbourhood Plan news will continue to be planning updates. Let’s hope we can soon get on with determining how we want our village to grow.

Jackie Ward MRTPI

Chair of the Stowupland Neighbourhood Plan Group
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Sunday XI First Team has also played 3 games. Their first game was a win, scoring 193 for 5 away to Long Melford; with Jake Taylor scoring 116 not out. The next game saw us at home to Thurston and a new club record being set. Tom Wray hitting 163 runs not out. Well Done Tom. Rob Wearing was supporting him with 90 runs. This resulted in the team setting a total of 306 to beat. Thurston managed 148 runs, so another win for our boys. 15th May was a home game against locals Stowmarket; this was a very close game with Kieron Gregory and Trev Scarlett scoring 50+, setting a total of 228 to beat. Sadly Stowmarket reached the 228 with only 2 overs to go. Luke Abbott took 4 wickets.

Sunday XI Second Team hasn't got off to a very good start. Their first game was called off due to the weather and the second game called off as the opponents were unable to field a side. The next 2 games were played but saw defeats away to Long Melford and Mildenhall.

Mid Week League has started with a win against Old Newton.

Congratulations to Luke Abbott and Dan Miller for passing their Level 2 Coaching Badges. The Sunday Morning Youth Coaching has now started a breakfast club, so have a wander down to see the youngsters train and enjoy a bacon butty at the same time.

Jo Abbott Chairperson

Stowupland Bowls Club

Opening season started off with a mix bag of results with Tuesday afternoon teams losing both openers. Whilst Monday evening two bowls league won one and lost one, the Thursday evening triples won both their openers placing them second in the league currently.

Sadly Sue Boorman has decided to resign as club secretary at the end of the season and we are on the lookout for new volunteers to fill the position. Contact: Susan Boorman Tel: 01449 614673. Sue has worked hard for the club and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has done and wish her well. However Sue said she will still be around bowling and providing the catering for the club. Yeh !!!!

Thanks also for all the help in keeping the green and surrounds in tip top condition. Appreciation and thanks go to the following. Terry Button, David Overton and Richard Paddy on Mondays. Colin Swain, Bill Cook, Trevor Gardener and Brian Winfield on Wednesdays, Richard Banks and Bob Garland on Fridays. John Mollett painted the water tank.

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