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Chairman's Column

Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council

I can't believe, after all the lovely weather in September and early October, that it's now so cold, it's been raining non-stop for 12 hours and we need to have lights on in the house most of the day. But Cathy and I made the most of the good weather.

We had a weekend in Bristol for the christening of my youngest granddaughter and the licensing and induction of my son-in-law as priest in charge of his first parish church. Then it was back to Bristol the following weekend for his first service at his new church, followed by lunch with some of the family and then the licensing and induction of Paul (our former curate) as priest in charge of three parishes in rural Somerset. My youngest daughter and her 14 month old, Florence, came for a week and then it was back along the A14, this time to Oxfordshire for a weekend of good food and wine. Claire has done a great job ensuring that Council business has gone smoothly and keeping me informed by email.

You will see from an article elsewhere in this edition that we hope to make a start on preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Stowupland. The data upon which we based our Parish Plan and its subsequent update is out of date; so is the housing needs survey. I'm hoping that enough volunteers will come forward to form a working group to work on the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan. Many benefits flowed from the Parish Plan: Music on The Green, Good Neighbours and first place in Suffolk Village of the Year to name just three. It's even more important now to plan for the future of our community so please get involved if you can.

Two important meetings with SCC are taking place in the next few days, both concerning traffic to and from our schools. We should have final detailed proposals for the pedestrian and cycle route across The Green for consideration at the November Council meeting. Also, we are seeking promises from SCC that they will include in their proposals for extending the High School highway safety improvements and measures to reduce parent parking along Thorney Green – and improvements within the school site, such as widening the access to accommodate free two-way flow and better parking and bus drop-off and pick-up arrangements to cater for a possible increase in pupil numbers of 360.

I suspect that Councillors will not have an easy quiet life anytime soon with these issues not yet resolved. To hear debates on these issues, or to give your opinion, come along to any meeting of the Council on the second Thursday of every month in the Village Hall.





ALLOTMENT PLOT

If you are a gardener or looking for something new to do,
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about having an 'allotment plot'.



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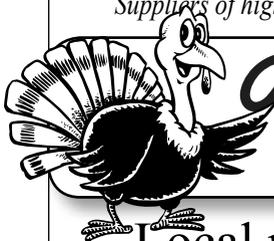
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Allotment Life

David Andrew

Visits to the plot are becoming more infrequent now that autumn has set in. It is, however, still essential to carry on with those pre-winter tasks whilst it remains a pleasure to still be outside and the splendid early October weather certainly encouraged many to continue with the tidying and digging. It has been nice to see several new faces working enthusiastically on their newly acquired piece of Stowupland – we hope they have a long and enjoyable stay with us.

One such newcomer was looking rather puzzled the other day. The old codgers were having their usual important meeting close by – it was, I seem to remember, a discussion about knee and hip replacements (we are all of that certain age) – and one of the ‘experts’ went to offer some help and advice.

“I know nothing about gardening,” she said. “Can you tell me what I should be sowing or planting now?”

“There is nothing much you can sow in late October,” replied one old codger.

The look on her face was one of absolute disappointment as she clearly expected to be able to have an immediate return on her investment.

“You could put in some broad beans – that is, if you like them,” said another, in an effort to give some form of encouragement.

“That’s no good,” stated a third old codger. “I never have any luck with autumn sown broad beans. You would be better off preparing the ground for an early start in the spring providing the weather is suitable which it sometimes isn’t. On the other hand, you might be alright”.

The expression of disappointment returned.

“You need some muck (organic composted material to the middle classes amongst us). That would be the best thing to do. Just spread it on the surface and let nature do some of the work for you”.

“I never worry about that”, said old codger number 2. “Pelleted chicken manure and artificial is a lot easier”.

Now, what she would quickly discover is that her allotment neighbours would never be able to agree on their advice and that most of it is personal opinion. Perhaps the way forward would be to spend a fiver in the second hand book section of any local charity shop but not to take all the articles at face value as they could easily convince you that nothing will grow unless you get everything right. We will always have some success in spite of soil conditions, weather and all the pests and diseases that continually test our patience and resourcefulness.

Over 60 Club

Jean Coleman

We had such a nice time out to lunch at the Wild Man, and an enjoyable ride around the lanes and now look forward to our Christmas Party.

But what I want to do, with your help, is to gather as much information as I can about the Over 60 Club, because I think that it will be a shame if it disappears without trace with no history written down. I know that it was called the 'Forgetmenots' at first then changed to its present title. If you can spend some time writing about your memories of the club or if you have anything that you can tell me I would be so pleased to place it on record. Thank you so much if you can be of help.

And we would love to welcome new members to our regular meetings.
Kind regards to you all.



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Countryside Rambler

Brian Ward

I do enjoy walking through woodland at this time of year with a thick carpet of freshly fallen leaves underfoot. I look down and marvel at the autumn colours and wonder what the forthcoming months will be like – cold, wet, windy or even mild. I try to plan my walks to suit the weather conditions. If it is wet I try to seek out the drier walks on the coast or heathland; if it is cold and windy I go to reserves with hides or woodland that gives natural shelter.

On my rambles I have noticed several dragonflies and damselflies on sunny days near the rivers and lakes. Unfortunately they will perish as the nights turn colder. A few late butterflies are still on the wing looking for a safe haven to hibernate.

On a recent trip to the Cotswolds I watched a pair of buzzard rising on the first thermals of the day. As I watched them gain height, two more pairs joined them and an ensuing aerial fight took place with all birds becoming vocal. On several occasions talons were locked as they became more aggressive to one another. As they drifted out of sight I wondered why the fight took place; I can only presume it was over territory. Whilst in the area, several red kite were seen scouring the roadside verges for road kill.

Most months I seem to have a memorable moment. This time I was sitting watching dragonflies at midday beside a local lake when an otter cub emerged and proceeded to swim a few metres from me. It appeared to ignore me as I sat transfixed watching its journey to a nearby reedbed. I am seeing more of these water borne predators each year. I only hope they do not get out of control and become a pest as they will eat waterbirds and our declining frog population.

Snape is one of my regular haunts and a walk along the river at this time of year is most enjoyable. On my last visit I watched a marsh harrier descend on its prey and, mobbed by crows, it finally found sanctuary in a dense reed bed. Whilst there, an avocet did a spectacular aerial display over the water with its black and white plumage flashing in the late afternoon sun. This is an area where over one hundred of them can be seen feeding in the shallows. The common lizard is often seen on the footpaths as you walk across the marsh. If one dashes into the grass, be patient as they often re-appear if the weather is sunny, and they will use the same bare patch of earth or log to bask on.

I visited Felixstowe in early October and spotted several wheatears on the golf course and at Languard Point. These birds are quite delightful to watch with their upright stance and flash of white as they take to the wing. These birds now face a long migration to Africa.

This is the time of year to clean out your nest boxes in preparation for the birds to use them for winter roost sites and, hopefully, as a nest site next



THE FUTURE OF OUR VILLAGE

Over 50 people came along to the meeting to hear from Jonathan Free of MSDC about the pressures for housing development in rural areas. It is clear that Stowupland will be very attractive to housing developers because of the services available in the village and the easy access to other services, not least the railway line and major road network.

We heard that we can wait for the inevitable planning applications to come in and then react to each one. Or we can produce a Neighbourhood Plan which, when completed, would provide the district council with data and guidance to be taken account of when considering applications. The majority of those attending felt that the production of a Neighbourhood Plan would benefit the village in two ways in particular. Firstly, developments need to be of a type and size to be of benefit to the village, not detract from the attractiveness of Stowupland as a place to live. And, secondly, developers should make a positive contribution to the amenity of the village; this could take the form of highway or traffic safety improvements, new or improved community facilities, or new children's play areas or equipment.

The Parish Council have agreed that Stowupland should have a Neighbourhood Plan but its production must be a community project, not left to Councillors and our Clerk; and it will need to include the views of residents and gain majority support within the village upon its completion before it is accepted by MSDC as a document to which they will need to refer when dealing with planning issues involving Stowupland.

A working group will be set up to draft the plan and we need volunteers. We especially need people with experience in planning issues, data collection, report drafting and publicity; but we also need a number of willing people to help with all the other aspects likely to be involved in producing a blueprint for the future of Stowupland. For much of the work, a willingness to be involved in shaping the future is more important than specific professional skills.

I would like to hear from anyone willing to be involved; we hope to start the work in mid November. Please contact me by telephone **01449 673 185** or by email (**keithwelham48@aol.com**) as soon as possible. We need to get started as soon as possible so that residents of Stowupland can have some control over what our village might become in the future.

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Parish Council Report

Sandy Smith

OCTOBER MEETING

The meeting opened with the usual matters of report from previous meetings and this included a reply from Suffolk CC Highways in respect of the enquiry about a footpath being put in place along Gipping Road and Rendalls Lane to make pedestrian access to the Post Office safer. They advised that there is very little that Highways can do as they do not provide footpaths for access to businesses and that the cost would be prohibitive as it would be in the region of £41,000 for each of the roads. Susan Room, a highway technician at SCC has provided a revised map of the Safety to School proposed route plus information on signage for the route and photos of two types of surfacing. It was also suggested that the Parish Council discuss the re-location of the bus stop away from its current location on the bend on Thorney Green to slightly further along the road where there was better visibility. The Parish Council were in favour of this in principle. It was also suggested that the Village Hall Committee should view this new map as they may have some views on the proposal. A quote for work to be carried out on the ditch by Corner Farm was agreed. It was also agreed that the willow tree on The Green should be cut back substantially and that three new quotes should be obtained for the work and to include another willow tree which stands close by.

No one has come forward to be co-opted into the vacant Parish Council post.

The meeting was then opened to the public and one resident asked that a dropped kerb be considered by the bridge between Maple Road and The Green as part of the Safety to School route as he advised that both he and his wife had had near collisions with cyclists here. He also asked if he would be able to cut down a dead hawthorn tree by the bridge as it was likely to fall and cause damage. This was agreed.

Approximately 50 people attended the recent public meeting about whether the Parish Council should consider working on a neighbourhood plan and the general consensus was to support the proposal. The Parish Council have agreed to make a start by liasing with Mid Suffolk DC and agreeing the area to be covered by the plan. It was felt that it was important to get things started before a developer presents a planning application. There were concerns about the costs and it was felt that it would need help, support and time from residents in the village who have the necessary expertise in planning processes. Finance and Policy Committee will discuss how things should proceed at their next meeting.

SALC are asking all parishes to support the removal of the precept referendum provision from the Localism Act. If a precept increase were higher

than the Government stipulated it should be, the parishes could be expected to call a referendum. It was agreed to support this removal. The Community Events committee advised that there is a bingo event on the 10th October and a barn dance on the 18th. Funding was agreed for the Christmas events suggested last month to be held for the residents of Steeple View and Jubilee Court. The Cemetery & Churchyard group reported that the overhanging branches in both locations have still not been attended to and a letter from a resident who had been informed two months ago that the work would be done confirmed this. Clerk to chase this. The Emergency Planning group advised that Councillor Burden has updated the village emergency plan. Copies are to be provided to Councillors in advance of his presentation to the next Parish Council meeting. Councillor Voden reported that Brantham Parish Council had proposed to SALC that bus companies carrying concessionary passengers should receive a mandatory minimum amount towards the fares in order to save rural bus routes. Bus companies may only receive from SCC less than half the fare for those who travel free of charge by using their bus passes. On some routes these are the vast majority of their passengers and it may be impossible for them to meet their costs let alone make a working profit. Stowupland have agreed to second this proposal in order to save bus routes from being axed. He also reported that many Councils do not know that there is a pot of money held by District Councils as a result of planning applications known as the CIL levy and the Parish Council felt that the District Council should be asked to give all parish councils a regular update of any monies held on their behalf in this pot.

Councillor Welham reported that Stowupland had failed to win back the Walker Cup again this year but hoped that a more concerted effort would be made next year. Councillor Perks reported that Hastoe Housing had not attended the recent neighbourhood-planning meeting and no reason was given. He also enquired if there had been any response from the owner of a property in Reeds Way where there was a lot of brambles overhanging the footpath. The Chairman confirmed that he had received no response so had cut down the offending brambles himself. Councillor Carter advised that he had received a number of complaints about the attitude of the refuse collectors including not clearing up after bins that had been knocked over in the recent high winds or failing to empty bins where the lid was only slightly open. Clerk to e-mail the District Councillor with these complaints. Councillor Miller advised that a friend had telephoned him reporting that a couple of transit vans were in the middle of one of his fields late at night. Although when he arrived they had gone, it could be a warning to all landowners that travellers may be considering moving into the area. Councillor Hamilton reported that the 3 Peaks Challenge had gone well and they had managed to raise over £350. He also reported that the fingerpost for the footpath off Thorney Green Road had been knocked over again. A new more substantial one is to be erected in its place. The Chairman advised that a section of fencing can be removed to allow a ride on mower to access the Play Park. Funding of materials to replace the fencing with a gate or similar

arrangement was agreed. Councillor Cooper reported that he often has to remove fish and chip papers from his brown garden refuse bin, which may be because it is the same colour as the bin provided by the chip shop owner.

Councillor Green advised that the problems reported about refuse bins in Stowupland were a problem countywide. He reported that provisional results received from Ofsted were showing a good improvement in educational standards for 5-7 year olds. The official figures will be published in January. Trading Standards are having a crackdown on underage smoking and will investigate any reports of tobacco products being sold to children. The Council will be changing their telephone number to a 0345 number shortly from its current 0845 number. This will mean that it will return to a local rate call making it less expensive for residents to call Suffolk CC. He advised that the Council has deferred their meeting on development at the High School by a month in order to take into account the views of the meeting next week about the forthcoming changes at the school. He will also be arranging an area highways meeting and will be inviting the Parish Council to attend.

Councillor Byles reported that 35 affordable homes are scheduled to be built in Mid Suffolk. A licence has been applied for by Stonham Barns to allow up to 6000 people to attend functions at the Barns. Stowmarket Leisure Centre has been voted as one of the top five leisure centres of the year. MSDC have voted October to be the month of the biggest clean up. They also passed a resolution last Thursday to ban all sky lanterns and helium balloons from being launched from Mid Suffolk land. She also advised that there is a pot of grants of £102,000 available to Parish Councils and other organisations for various projects.

There was no report from the Police this month.

Amongst the correspondence there was a copy of a notice of objection made to the Audit Commission about the amount of money paid in legal fees and wages to the Clerk in respect of business carried out in camera. There was also a request for the views of the Parish Council as to whether the use of the Village Hall as Stowupland's only polling station was sufficient: it was felt that it was fine. A request had been made by an allotment holder for the Parish Council to provide poison to kill the influx of rats on the allotments. This request was refused as it was felt that the level of rent charged for their plots was very reasonable and they should be responsible for their own management. Also there are a number of risks involved to other animals in putting down poison unless it is done very responsibly in proper bait boxes. Rats have also been spotted in the ditch in Thorney Green Road and MSDC have investigated but found nothing but will be making a further inspection in due course. The annual question of saltboxes being provided by the Parish Council was discussed and again rejected. It was suggested that perhaps the businesses in Mill Street might be interested in purchasing one for their customers, as the exit from Mill Street can be particularly precarious in icy weather. The Parish Council would then arrange for them to be filled with salt.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm.



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Claire Pizzey, Parish Clerk



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Location: Cordwainer Cottage,
Church Road, Stowupland

Application: Change of use of existing building from Post Office to residential to include extension, partial demolition and alterations.

Parish Council decision: Support.

Information for Tenants of Mid Suffolk District Council

A new initiative has been launched to tenants living across Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils. They are launching an information pack which informs tenants of all of the ways in which they can now get involved in working with them.

The new pack offers a number of ways for tenants to become involved; ranging from attendance at meetings or getting involved from the comfort of their own home.

For more information visit their website where you can see more information about the packs.

<http://www.babergh.gov.uk/housing-and-homelessness/council-housing/council-tenants/tenant-involvement/>



Sid Wilson

Sid, a good friend and neighbour and former Parish and Mid Suffolk District Councillor, died peacefully on 27th September in his 95th year – a sad loss to his family and all residents of Stowupland who remember his dedication to the wellbeing of everyone in the village.

Judy Clarke





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Down on the Farm

As I write this the weather has finally broken. 50mm of rain in one hit, it had to happen. But the crops needed it and I'm sure will look a lot better for it. Last Saturday some of William's lambs made an appearance in the café, they were very well received. We had some fantastic feedback on flavour and tenderness; of course the chef did have some part to play! Thank you so much for your support it makes all the hard work worthwhile!

We are now feeding some of our grain to the animals and emptying some of the sheds. Do you all know that a lot of the corn that we grow around Stowupland is milled on the farm, fed to the livestock and butchered on site, how's that for food miles?!

We are preparing for Winter; the machinery is being repaired and put into the sheds for winter storage in readiness for next year's hard work. It did perform well this year so deserves to be cared for. All the machines will be serviced over the winter period, so we'll see what disasters await.

It doesn't seem possible that we will soon be sending pigs in for curing ready for Christmas gammons etc. Where has the year gone? This morning in the café we had a gathering of several farmers and their staff. Amazingly all arrived by bike with various quantities of Lycra being modelled. Linford Porch certainly started well, everybody ordered a full English breakfast; all was going well until he spouts out, 'I'll have a Latte please!' C'mon Rob, man up ... or perhaps the Lycra had taken its toll!

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'Protecting the Wellbeing of our Children ...'

A few months ago there was a parade through Stowmarket town centre to commemorate the outbreak of the First World War. The main street was closed to traffic, and both sides of the road were lined with people of all ages eagerly anticipating representatives of the Armed Services – complete with band – to march past. Even the children from our church playgroup had been brought out and given a roadside view from the church car park.

As the parade moved into Ipswich Street, we were aware of a gentleman shouting out what can best be described as obscenities of a racial manner – although there was no-one within the immediate vicinity that might be classified as of an ethnic minority. It was easy for me to identify the culprit as the crowd moved away from him and his friend in a way that could be likened to the parting of the Red Sea!

I knew immediately that some sort of intervention was necessary, particularly as the parade was within 100 yards, with a fear that his shouting would only get louder the nearer the service personnel came to this spot – which happened to be directly opposite the church. So I took the risk of walking across the road and engaging him in conversation in an attempt to diffuse the situation.

My opening gambit was to suggest that his intervention appeared strange given the purpose of the occasion. 'I'm here to protect the interest of our great nation' was his immediate defence. My response was to point to the 2 – 4 year olds opposite who were in my care and insisted I had to protect their interests above all things. I insisted that his language and intervention was something that was inappropriate to the occasion and would spoil their participation, and therefore requested that he tone down his vocal intervention.

Many would consider my actions to be foolish and risky at the very least (I have to admit that on a number of occasions I have been threatened with physical violence when trying to intervene in similar circumstance!), but it had the desired effect of taking his attention away from the passing parade, and we engaged in open and frank conversation.

What became clear early on in our conversation is that this gentleman had seen active armed service, and had witnessed at first hand the horrors of warfare and appeared to be carrying mental scars as a result. For instance he became quite emotional with his eyes welling up when talking about his experiences. This became the focal point of our conversations, with an attempt to remind

him that the purpose of armed conflict was to create something better for the world at large, and that was what we sought to affirm on an occasion such as this, including the freedom that we enjoy as a result of the sacrifice of many.

Sadly the encounter was drawn to a premature end as his companion realised that the Armed Service Personnel were now gathered in the Market Square some 200 yards further down the road, and they were missing an opportunity to be involved in the continuing ceremony (whether to further disrupt I couldn't say). I determined not to follow, believing that I had done sufficient to take the sting out of the present moment, and knowing that the young children were being guided safely back into the church hall.

I have reflected on the incident many times since, knowing that, like so many others, I was horrified by his language during what was meant to be a solemn procession. Yet, through conversation and encounter I came to recognise and appreciate the horrendous experience that had caused this outburst and a 'dis-ease' with his fellow neighbour. This is not to condone, but to attempt to understand what lay behind the bitterness towards others.

It is a reminder for me that Jesus in His dealings with others never took people at face value, but sought to look below the surface and took the risk of addressing individual needs and illnesses with care, compassion, love and understanding. That was the point where barriers could be broken, and lives healed, yet still those closest to Him would say: 'What on earth are you doing talking to the likes of them?'

This gentleman will very much be on my mind on Sunday, 9th November as well as Tuesday the 11th when I pause to remember those that have given of themselves for my freedom. I will naturally bring to mind those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in every generation in an attempt to make this world a safer place to live, but also remembering those that continue to carry scars – mental and physical – of armed conflict, especially those who struggle to adjust within our multi-cultural nation. It is done surely to protect the wellbeing and welfare of all – but especially the future for our children, and the children that will come after them.

God Bless,

Chris

On Friday, 26th September we held a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support resulting in a sum of £268 being raised for this very worthwhile cause. It was a very busy morning for all our helpers. Our thanks are extended to them. Thanks are due to all who made cakes and gave draw prizes and to those who so generously supported this event.

The date for our next coffee morning is **Friday, 28th November 2014 10.00am to 12.00noon**. There will be a Christmas draw as this will be our last coffee morning this year. We recommence in March 2015.

Although no charge is made, donations are given and currently these are going towards the alterations we hope to make to the toilets making them accessible to all. We would love to see anyone who would like to drop in for a 'cuppa, a chat and a cake'

Friends from Holy Trinity Church joined us for our Harvest Festival on Sunday, 5th October and £231 has been sent to Water Aid. This was made up of £153.00 from the morning service £58.00 from the afternoon service and £20.00 from the sale of fruit and vegetables at the afternoon fellowship. The remainder of the harvest gifts have been taken to the food bank.

We are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday, 8th November at 2.00pm in the Village Hall. Any contributions will be gratefully accepted with the exception of electrical goods which I am sorry to say we cannot accept. Please contact any Chapel member or bring it to the Village Hall after 12.00noon but before 2.00pm. We would also like you to come and spend. In addition to Jumble and Bric-a-brac there will be a Raffle, a Tombola and Cake stall.

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 November are as follows:

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| 2nd November | Veda Berriman |
| 9th November | Jim Spencer (<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>) |
| 16th November | Clive Herrod |
| 23rd November | Stephen Horrex |
| 30th November | Revd Chris Wood |

Afternoon Fellowship

We recommenced our meetings on Monday, 5th October when we had an interesting talk by Revd Chris Wood based on the horse chestnuts (conkers) and whether they were useful or not. There were many suggestions and an amusing time followed.

Our speakers for November are as follows:

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|---------------|---|
| 3rd November | Mr Chawner (<i>Service Manager of Steeple View</i>) |
| 17th November | Citizens Advice Bureau |
| 1st December | Social Afternoon |

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

Mary Clark





Local History Group

Marion Harris – Tel. 01449 770 895 or
email: marion@astronomer.plus.com

1st October Meeting

It was a great pleasure to welcome Gwyn Thomas, Curator of the Suffolk Regiment Museum. He began by saying that the production of First World War memorials was probably the greatest art project in history, although the idea of war memorials was by no means new. Trajan's Column is a war memorial (a Roman victory column) and there have been memorials in this country from the 17th century onwards. Some WWI memorials list those who served as well as those who lost their lives. Across the country there are about 50 'Thankful Villages', with memorials recording the fact that no villagers were killed. There is only one such village in Suffolk.

The bodies of the dead were not brought home and so memorials were essential for grieving families. At the end of the war, each parish held a public meeting (with associated personal rivalries and disagreements) to decide the style, location and details of a memorial. Villages could rarely collect as much money as was needed and local gentry made up the shortfall. Some villages have a standing cross while others have a plaque inside the church. Stowupland has both. The memorial in the cemetery is a Celtic cross, which was a popular style, but across Suffolk there are also Latin crosses and a few obelisks, columns and smaller versions of the London Cenotaph. Memorials were, of course, good business for stone masons. Memorial plaques were often made of brass or wood, though Gwyn showed us a picture of one that was knitted!

Some towns and villages decided on memorials that had a useful function, such as a community hall or a hospital wing. In Stowmarket, although the names of the dead are listed on the gates, it is the Recreation Ground itself that is the memorial. The Army, schools and businesses often produced memorials of their own, sometimes as names in a book.

Gwyn listed some of the practical memorials to be found in churches: pews, bells, screens, a font cover, a side-chapel and even, in one case, the electricity supply – complete with a brass plaque on the fuse box. Many churches have memorial windows, often showing St George's triumph over the dragon and Gwyn's beautifully illustrated talk included some lovely examples of these.

We were very appreciative and had had no idea that there was so much to be learnt.

Thanks also go to all who brought items for display at this meeting. It was

a fascinating collection of medals, photographs and postcards. A list of all village residents who served in WWI attracted much interest.

Looking ahead to December

Our final meeting of 2014 will be on 3rd December (see page 23). Please look out any interesting items, photographs or documents from the past that you could bring for the display. Humble domestic objects can be as fascinating as special ones and mystery objects add to the interest! Please avoid bringing anything very precious or fragile.

Neil's Notes

Unusual Names from the Stowmarket Parish Registers (*Part 3*)

For this final instalment, here are some unusual names without any obvious explanation: Clinch Curtis, Chess Stedman, Cokus Fairclough, Eyre Turner, Fleetwood Harroh, Lestrangle Wittam, Rouse Ralph, Rudram Steverson, and Duffield Offord.

The Registers of the nonconformist churches of the town as may be expected are more influenced by biblical examples. From the Baptist Chapel we have the Runeckle brothers Abner, Absalom, Ahab, Asahel and Ahaz. Havilah Haxell, several boys named Jabez, probably named after Jabez Browne, the minister at the Chapel. Onesiphorous Barnard and Zebulon Fuller are two further examples. I wonder how these names were chosen, as the biblical originals were not necessarily good role models. I have even found a child being named Herod!

As to which is my favourite among all the names I have come across, Granado Borrourghs and Shutterworth Fyson both appeal, but I think among male names Lemman Doe must take the prize and I would love to have met Mrs Teasey Tirrell!

“Talking-Point”

The 1919 alphabet is as follows: Aeroplane, Barrage, Camel, Driver, Engine, Flag, German, Helmet, Indian, Jam pots, Kaiser, Lion, Motorboats, Naval man, Observer, Periscope, ‘Queen Elizabeth’, Rider, Sniper, Tanks, ‘U’ boat, V.C., Wee Willie, Red Cross, Yankee and ‘Zepp’.

HMS Queen Elizabeth was a dreadnought battleship, named after Queen Elizabeth I. The alphabet reflects several of the technological advances necessitated by the war, though the ‘Rider despatched with a note’ is pictured on horseback. Wee Willie may be a joking reference to Kaiser Wilhelm’s son, who was also called Wilhelm and often regarded with contempt by his father. The alphabet is on a set of handkerchiefs.

For our next ‘Talking Point’, in the mid nineteenth century, where could you legally have bought beer in the village?

Programme

5th November – *'It Happened Here In Suffolk'* by Pip Wright

One of our most popular speakers returns for a third year with a miscellany of surprising facts about Suffolk. Contributions for a bring-and-buy stall will be very welcome.

3rd December – *Display and Short Talks by Members*

Again we invite members and visitors to bring objects, photographs and documents from the past and, if they wish, give a very short talk about them (see above). A little seasonal fare to add to refreshments will be appreciated.

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.



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Community Speed Watch Scheme

Morris Brand, Chairperson Transport, Traffic and Safety Group

Stowupland Community Speed Watch has been up and running now for a period of seven months and I thought it appropriate to bring you up to date with the progress we have made.

Over the last seven months, we have been out monitoring the traffic with, at times, quite alarming results. To date, we have carried out a total of 48 operations with a total of 277 motorists recorded driving in excess of the speed limit. Ten of those were travelling at more than 50mph! One pleasing aspect is that very, very few drivers are actually Stowupland residents. So it would appear, that we are having a good effect on the village. I have to add also that many drivers may be speeding on approach but once they spot us they do slow down. It is also fair to say that we are aware that drivers are being 'flushed' by passing motorists warning them that we are in operation.

The reason for the Community Speed Watch Scheme is purely and simply for road safety reasons. In our community we have two schools where many youngsters attend and a number of elderly residents. The schools of course are situated on Church Road which forms part of the extremely busy A1120. Being an 'A' road, we get lots of Heavy Goods Vehicles travelling through the village as well hundreds of cars on a daily basis. Working with the Police, our objective is to get traffic to drive within the speed limit in a safe manner and as you can see by the figures quoted in the last paragraph, we are having some impact. We will of course, not be entirely happy until we can get all motorists sticking to the speed limit through our village, but if can reduce it, then that is an achievement.

I am very happy with the contributions of the volunteers we have in the village but there is plenty of room for more. We currently have four volunteers and we are all very active. As you may be aware, Stowupland share the Speed Gun with Onehouse Parish, operating at two weekly intervals. When we have 'possession' of the equipment, we endeavour to get out on a daily basis alternating our sessions over the four designated areas within the village.

As I already mentioned, there are four volunteers but we could do with more. If you feel you could give up just a few hours a month and would like to be part of this very worthwhile group of volunteers, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me on 07939 177 967 or, indeed, the Parish Clerk or any Parish Councillor whose details are on the inside of the back page of the Telstar.





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November Dates

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|------|----|---|---------|----------------------|
| Sun | 2 | Country & Western Dance | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Mon | 3 | Afternoon Fellowship | 2.00pm | URC Chapel |
| 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 | Coffee Church | 2.00pm | Holy Trinity Church |
| Wed | 5 | Local History Group (<i>see page 23</i>) | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Thur | 6 | Short Mat Bowls | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Sat | 8 | Jumble Sale (<i>see page 8</i>) | 2.00pm | Village Hall |
| Sun | 9 | Country & Western Dance | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Mon | 10 | Dance Club | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Tues | 11 | Mobile Library | 9.30am | Jubilee Court |
| Tues | 11 | Mobile Library | 9.55am | The Green |
| Tues | 11 | Coffee Morning | 10.00am | Jubilee Court |
| Tues | 11 | Over 60 Club | 2.00pm | Village Hall |
| Tues | 11 | P.C. Transport, Traffic & Safety W.G. | 7.30pm | Church Hall |
| Wed | 12 | Baby & Toddler Group | 9.30am | Village Hall |
| Wed | 12 | Coffee Church | 2.00pm | Holy Trinity Church |
| Mon | 13 | TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – December / January issue | | |
| Thur | 13 | Parish Council | 7.30pm | V.H. Meeting Room |
| Thur | 13 | Short Mat Bowls | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Fri | 14 | Quiz Night | | Sports & Social Club |
| Fri | 14 | Community Bingo (<i>see page 31</i>) | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Sat | 15 | Dance with The Momentos (<i>page 49</i>) | 8.00pm | Village Hall |
| Sun | 16 | Country & Western Dance | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Mon | 17 | Afternoon Fellowship | 2.00pm | URC Chapel |
| Mon | 17 | Dance Club | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Tues | 18 | Coffee Morning | 10.00am | Jubilee Court |
| Wed | 19 | Baby & Toddler Group | 9.30am | Village Hall |
| Wed | 19 | Coffee Church | 2.00pm | Holy Trinity Church |
| Wed | 19 | W.I. – Annual Meeting | 7.30pm | Village Hall |

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| Wed | 19 | P.C. Footpaths W.G. | 7.30pm | Church Hall |
| Thur | 20 | Short Mat Bowls | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Sun | 23 | Country & Western Dance | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Mon | 24 | Dance Club | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Tues | 25 | Coffee Morning | 10.00am | Jubilee Court |
| Tues | 25 | Beetle Drive | 2.30pm | Church Hall |
| Wed | 26 | Baby & Toddler Group | 9.30am | Village Hall |
| Wed | 26 | Coffee Church | 2.00pm | Holy Trinity Church |
| Thur | 27 | P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting | 7.30pm | URC Chapel |
| Thur | 27 | Short Mat Bowls | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Fri | 28 | Coffee Morning | 10.00am | URC Chapel |
| Sat | 29 | Live Music: Terry Lee Travis (<i>page 47</i>) | 7.30pm | Sports & Social Club |
| Sun | 30 | Country & Western Dance | 7.30pm | Village Hall |

If you wish to attend one of the events listed, and would like help with transport, please contact Good Neighbours on **07591 539 621**

December Dates

| | | | | |
|------|---|--|---------|---------------------|
| Mon | 1 | Afternoon Fellowship | 2.00pm | URC Chapel |
| Mon | 1 | Dance Club | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Tues | 2 | Coffee Morning | 10.00am | Jubilee Court |
| Wed | 3 | Baby & Toddler Group | 9.30am | Village Hall |
| Wed | 3 | Book Group | 2.00pm | Church Hall |
| Wed | 3 | Coffee Church | 2.00pm | Holy Trinity Church |
| Wed | 3 | Local History Group (<i>see page 23</i>) | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Thur | 4 | Short Mat Bowls | 7.30pm | Village Hall |
| Sat | 6 | P.C. Cemetery & Churchyard W.G. | 10.00am | The Churchyard |
| Sun | 7 | Country & Western Dance | 7.30pm | Village Hall |

Future Events in 2014

December 15 Carols at Afternoon Fellowship

Diary Dates

Contact Marion by email: marion@astronomer.plus.com or Tel: 01449 770 895.
For contact details for clubs / groups etc. see page 53.



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★ *on 13th December* ★
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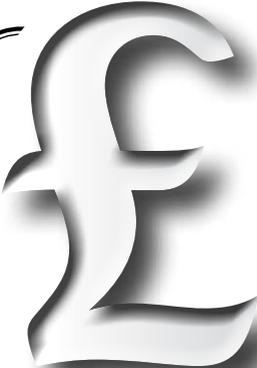
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Windy Parris

As I sit here listening to the nasty wind outside, I count my blessings that I have no need to venture out. Alan (my husband) and I had only been discussing at lunch time that it was only about nine weeks to Christmas (I can hear you all groaning).

For some of us it will be quite difficult to go shopping for presents for friends and family. Good old Woolies used to have a special late evening for people who found it a nightmare. Yes, some will argue that we have late night shopping combined with the Christmas tree lights switch on, but it can be very hard to navigate through the crowds if your mobility is not good. Perhaps this is the time when Good Neighbours can help; either with the shopping or with the wrapping up.

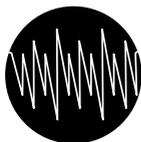
It is also the time of year when we forget that not everybody is honest. So we must be careful when we give out information on the phone and also be careful how we leave things lying around (money and purses). Thieves do not want to understand the season of goodwill.

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Stowupland – ‘Where is it?’ part 3

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Stowupland - 'Where is it?'
Answers on page 46

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The meeting began with a welcome from president, Judy, to members and a visitor. 'Jerusalem' having been sung and the necessary business dealt with, Irene gave a brief talk on the charity 'Coping with breast cancer' and had brought raffle tickets for members to purchase, if they so wished.

Reminders were given of proposed outings to Norwich and the Regent Theatre, Ipswich and the craft workshop on 15th November.

The speaker was then introduced – Gordon Paley, ably assisted by his wife, Jane. Gordon's talk was entitled 'Brief Encounters' and told of some of the well known people he had met during a very varied career. He had a job in South Africa during the time of apartheid, and when this iniquitous regime came to an end, and Nelson Mandela was freed from prison, Gordon met Nelson while cooking a barbecue in his garden. Nelson asked him what he was cooking, Gordon replied chicken, and Nelson, despite being a vegetarian, asked for a sample! Later, Nelson gave him two of his shirts and when asked why he wore such bright ones, Nelson replied "If you had spent 23 years in prison garb, you'd want to wear bright colours, too!" On another occasion, coming back from America, Gordon had purchased two massive motor homes and had them shipped to Southampton, where they were kept in a hotel's grounds. He was approached by Barry Sheene, the world champion motorcyclist, to buy one of these vehicles, which Gordon was happy to do, making a handsome profit. Having always, even as a young child, been fascinated by buses, Gordon bought a luxury coach to take football and cricket teams, artists and musicians to venues all over the country, eventually ending up with a fleet of nine. Once he was asked to go to a hotel to pick up a client, who turned out to be Roy Orbison, who he described as quietly spoken and very courteous. Gordon continued working until an unfortunate accident saw him hospitalised for two years, having damaged his back, trying to pick up a branch following a storm. Despite this, Gordon gets about and his talk, which he gave for the charity 'Help for Heroes' was very interesting.

After refreshments, the free raffle was held – free to encourage members to buy tickets from Irene – birthday posies handed out and the competitions results given. Colour – 1st. Shirley, 2nd. Mary C., 3rd. Claire. Flower – 1st. Brenda, 2nd. Mary C., 3rd. Pam.

Wishing the team well at the community quiz, Judy closed the meeting.





The Vicar's Letter

Revd David Swales

Dear Friends

No less than 25 people went from our three parishes to Somerset at the end of September, to be present at the licensing service of our former curate, Revd Paul Clarke, as he was made Priest-in-Charge of his new parishes. It was good to see him settled in to his new role, even though many here were sad to bid him and the family farewell.

By a lovely co-incidence, it was at precisely that time that I was able to announce that we are to receive a new curate, next summer. He is Chris Hood, currently in training at Ridley Hall. A former teacher, Chris is married to Helen, and they have two teenage children, Megan and Freddie.

Lots of people asked me if Paul would be replaced. But that is not how it works; it's not normal to have a curate. Chris is one of only four curates being placed next summer in our whole diocese of 450 parishes; so you can see we are very blessed indeed to have been selected to receive him and his family. A curate joins us primarily to complete his/her training; although our experience with curates here is that we learn at least as much from them as they do from us!

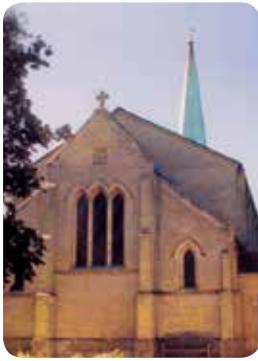
Perhaps that is how it should be; mutual learning and benefit. After all, the Bible makes it clear that all Christians, and not only the clergy, are called to serve God. Clergy don't come along to 'do' Christian ministry for us – but to help all Christians discover and develop their own ministry and service. I'm sure when Chris is with us, like Revd Paul before him, we will all be learning from each other!

Your friend and vicar,

David

A Remembrance Prayer

Father of all peoples and lover of souls, in this month we hold in grateful remembrance those who died in time of war. We pray that the leaders of the nations may seek your righteousness so that the whole world may find your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Holy Trinity Church

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Services in November 2014

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| November | 2nd | 9.30am | Parish Communion |
| | | 4.00pm | 1st @ 4 Service – <i>Church with a difference!</i> |
| November | 9th | 10.30am | REMEMBRANCE SERVICE |
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| | | 6.30pm | Evensong (<i>B.C.P.</i>) |
| November | 16th | 8.00am | Holy Communion (<i>B.C.P.</i>) |
| | | 9.30pm | Morning Prayer (<i>B.C.P.</i>) |
| November | 17th (Mon) | 10.30am | Songs of Praise at Steeple View – All Welcome! |
| November | 23rd | 9.30am | All-Age Family Service and Baptism |
| | | 6.30pm | Parish Communion |
| November | 30th | 11.00am | Benefice Communion at Stowupland (<i>B.C.P. – Book of Common Prayer</i>) |

Christianity Explored

We have now set a date for the start of the course originally planned by Paul, and intended primarily – but by no means entirely – for people interested in exploring the Christian faith for the first time.

Christianity Explored is intended to stimulate group discussion in a relaxed environment – with refreshments! – and focuses on explaining what Christianity is through the medium of the Gospel of St. Mark. Although primarily a ‘beginner’ course, it should provide fresh insight for people at all levels of faith, and all are welcome. If you know of people, especially outside the Church, who might be interested in coming, please let them know.

The course lasts six weeks and will be held on Wednesday evenings in the new room at Haughley Church at 7.30pm. It begins on 22nd October and the last session will be on 26th November.

Margaret Wainwright

Holy Trinity Church **NOTICEBOARD**

Ploughman's Lunch

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

Christmas Fayre

Come along to lunch at the **Christmas Fayre on Saturday, 22nd November** and browse a wide variety of stalls from which you can buy your Christmas presents. Bring the children to meet Father Christmas (from 2.00pm). Enjoy a lunch of Baked Potatoes with a variety of fillings, also, other lunchtime snacks and sweets will be on sale. Refreshments available all day. See back cover.

Food Bank Box

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

Steeple View

The residents warmly invite you to join them for their Songs of Praise Service on Monday, 17th November at 10.30am and which is followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay.

Beetle Drives

We welcome everyone to come along and enjoy some fun in a friendly atmosphere at the Beetle Drives which will be held on Tuesdays, 4th and 25th November at 2.30pm in the Church Hall.

Weekly Coffee Church

Holy Trinity Church has an **Open Church & Social Session from 2.00pm to 4.00pm** each Wednesday. Come on in for a free cup of tea / coffee and a chat in the Church Hall, or to wait for children coming out of school, or for a quiet prayer, to enjoy your Parish Church, or just to enquire about church activities etc.

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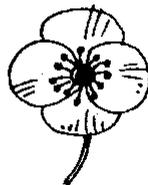
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Holy Trinity Church NOTICEBOARD

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Then please come to our bright and friendly **ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE** in church on Sunday, 23rd November at 9.30am. Do stay and have FairTrade refreshments with us in the hall afterwards!



Remembrance Sunday Service - 9th November at 10.50am

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

Parish Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the family of Christ's Church:

14th September
Grace Brown

12th October
Faye Lovitt

Hope Lovitt
Henry Jackson

Funerals

Our love, sympathy and prayers to the families of those who have recently died:

6th October Gillian Borley

100 Club

The October winners are:

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| 1st | 89 | Mrs D Fenton |
| 2nd | 23 | Mr D Wiggins |
| 3rd | 58 | Mr J Wuidart |



Stowupland Falcons Cycle Challenge 2014-2015

The Challenge Has Begun!!!

Four members of our village football club are taking to the open road this season on a challenge set by the Club's Honourary Vice President, Ian Wearing, to help raise funds for new kit for all our players from our Under 8's through to adults.

Ian Wearing, Jon Wray (Football Development Officer), Marcos Toffanello (Under 13 Yellows Assistant Manager) and Barry Risby (Manager 2003-2012) are setting out from the home of Stowupland Football on a mammoth journey to visit every club in the Suffolk & Ipswich League (SIL).

Over the course of this season the quartet will cycle around 410 miles (depending how many times they get lost) around the county, stopping off at every one of the 71 clubs that play in the SIL, from Sizewell Associates FC to Sporting 87 FC in Bury St Edmunds.

You can follow the progress of the challenge by logging in to **www.stowuplandfalconsfc.co.uk** or by regular reports in the Telstar.

The challenge got underway on Saturday, 27th September with Route 1 being completed in 3 hours 12 minutes. Clubs visited were Mendlesham FC, Bacton United 89 FC, Elmswell FC, Haughley United FC, Old Newton United FC, Salvation Army FC and Cedars Park FC, before returning to Stowupland in time to watch the 1st Team's win against Bartons FC.

The next chapter will take place on Sunday, 26th October with the longest route of the lot being attempted. Roughly 70 miles and a further 6 clubs will be ticked off. Starting at Stowupland Village Hall at 09:00 the riders will set off for AFC Hoxne then Stradbroke FC, before the long ride to Halesworth Town FC, Wenhaston FC, Framlingham Town FC then finally Debenham Leisure Centre FC before heading back to Stowupland. The riders will be joined by two other club members who have pledged to ride along with the four and support them on their way round.

The team have also secured £500 in sponsorship to be kitted out in cold weather gear to help during the coldest months. Touchline Group Ltd, Aspoll Cider, CW Logistics Ltd, Duncan Smith Automotive and Stowmarket Fast Fit have all donated to this worthy and challenging cause and we thank them very much for their support.

If you would like to support these novices on their quest and want to help support Stowupland Falcons Football Club and the children to which the club is dedicated to supporting, then just go on the club website where you can download a sponsor form or make a donation via PayPal. Your support will be very much appreciated.

Look out for the report each month and please support us where you can.

Ian Wearing



Jubilee Ladies Choir

This is a well established choir available for concerts, weddings, funerals and anything in between!

We practice on Tuesday evenings in the United Reformed Church in Stowmarket at 7.30pm for two hours, with a coffee break in the middle. Our repertoire is varied including songs from films and shows, through traditional, light classical and Church music, so something for everyone.

We are always seeking new members, we have no auditions and it's not essential to read music. All you need is to be able to sing! Phone Di Balaam on 01449 736 374 and come along to a practice to see what we do. We're a friendly group and have fun as well as the serious business of singing. We have an excellent Musical Director and accompanist.

We sang at the British Legion WWI Commemoration Concert in Needham Market in June, and last month for the Flower Festival at Mendlesham Church. Our annual Christmas Concert will be on 12th December where we will be joined by the choir from Finborough School, at the URC in Stowmarket. Earlier in December we're singing carols for the residents of Chilton Meadows, Bupa Nursing Home.

I have been a member for less than a year but am enjoying it immensely, and look forward to Tuesday evenings. Our members come from several surrounding villages but I live in Stowupland and would be happy to give anyone a lift who has no transport from here.

Avril Hunt 01449 798 365



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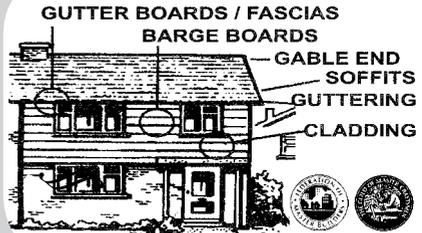
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Stowupland Bowls Club

Mary Bloom

A very successful Presentation Night was held in the pavilion on 11th October.

The winners were:-

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| Ladies 2 Wood Singles | Winner | - Sue Boorman |
| | Runner-up | - Pam Ward |
| 3 Woods Singles | Winner | - Pam Ward |
| | Runner-up | - Chris Cobbold |
| Pairs | Winners | - Vince Goodrum - Andy Bond |
| | Runners-up | - Chris Cobbold - John Collins |

Work continues on the green during the closed season, including cutting of hedges around the green.

The A.G.M. is being held on 2nd November at 2.30pm, when all members and prospective members will be welcome.

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Thank you for the response to the appeal for new Trustees. We have welcomed Norman Bartlett as a new Trustee, but are still looking for volunteers to fill the vacancy for a Treasurer and a Secretary. If you are interested, please contact Jerry Voden on 01449 770 334.



Sports & Social Club

Mark Campbell, Chairman

As the year is starting to come to a close we are well into the football season and everything looks good. The social memberships are increasing and the events are a success at club. Please check the website for upcoming events and our opening times.

I would like to say a quick thank-you to those people who give their time to do the bar and run the events. We are looking forward to a busy Christmas and a great New Years Eve.



Stowupland - 'Where is it?' Answers

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| 11. Wind turbines at Mr Allard's farm | 12. Entrance to the Bowls Club |
| 13. Cash dispenser at the Post Office (on Church Road) in 2013 | |
| 14. Footpath at the top of Church Road | 15. Stowupland High School |

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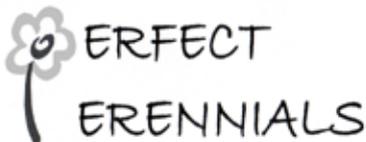
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Falcons Football Club

Neal Smith, Chairman Mob: 0772 559 1785.

We are now two months into the season and our adult section is doing great. Both the first team and reserves are unbeaten at home and away. This is just the start we wanted as we know that both these divisions are going to be tough.

Our Adult A-team, which is designed to bring our youth through into adult football, has struggled a little more against some of the teams in Division 5, but this team is more about development of players than the actual result. Having said that they still have won three out of their first five games, so they will hopefully do very well in that division this year.

In the youth section we have some similar success stories. Our new Under 8's are doing very well, and although the game results are not recorded they are doing very well. Our under 9's and 10's have had a tough start to the season but still lots of smiling faces at the end of the games. A quick look across all the ages see our U11 blues are unbeaten in four games, 12 Yellows are doing well at the top of their league at the start of October, and 13 Yellows, 13 Blues and 15 Yellows all unbeaten in their first three games.

Our girls teams are all now off and playing and our twelve girls are unbeaten in their first three games.

Of course there is a long way to go in the season, but it's a great start and we wish all our teams good luck for the remainder of the season.

Moving away from the teams now, we have a number of issues within the club that we are trying to address. Firstly, car parking down the school access road. It doesn't matter how many times we ask parents and visitors, they continue to park down the road, which is a safety concern. We have now appointed a match day official to police the area and ask people to park in the car parks and bus lay by rather than the road. We have also purchased a temporary sign which we will put out on match days along with cones down the road to try and stop this from happening.

Secondly, bad language. We have asked all our visiting teams and leagues to observe our request to stop bad language and we make it very clear to our referees it should not be tolerated. We have put up FA Respect posters in changing rooms and the club house as well. Ultimately, it is very difficult to stop but we will be actively feeding back to visiting clubs and the FA should they not observe our requests. We will continue to take this matter very seriously and our Falcons teams are in no doubt of the standards we expect of them, both at home and away.

Finally, our last issue is dog mess on the field. We still have a few problems

occurring (and it is only a few) and our plea to dog owners is to please clear up after your dog.

Don't forget to come and see us on a Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning, to support your local teams and grab a tea or coffee whilst watching some great football.



Cricket Club

Bob Moore, Chairman

Well, here we are at the end of another cricket season; it all seems to have gone all too quickly but what a season we have had. People of Stowupland, you should be very proud of your cricket club: both 1st and 2nd elevens unbeaten in any league matches – this has never been done before by any cricket club. Our Wednesday evening team lost just one game and went on to win the league. Three teams and three leagues won. Add to this the fact that nearly all the teams are made up of local lads, many of whom have come through the youth scheme run by the cricket club; this makes the achievement all the more satisfying. No doubt coaches John Wray and Andrew Blanchard will feel very proud of the young men they have coached since their schooldays. I will not mention any particular players because to achieve what we have this year required a team effort and throughout the season everyone – fielders, bowlers and batters – has all played their part. From me, huge congratulations to everyone; you have given all of us who watch immense pleasure so much so that we can't wait for next season to start.



Next season will bring new challenges – both Sunday teams move up a league and will face stronger opponents, no doubt all eager to be the first to beat us. But we have the talent to do it all again and we will be striving to do just that. Also we hope to be playing Saturday cricket again by entering a team in the two counties league.

One game I must just mention is the game played on our President's day back on the last bank holiday. This is played each year for the Murphy trophy. All the Murphy family join us for this day and it is always a pleasure to welcome them to our club, alongside President Brigitte and Patsy. They travel from Essex and East London and really join in the day. This year teams due to play us dropped out so it was left to Shaun Langford to arrange a match. He came up with two teams selected from our club and we had a President's eleven v Stowupland eleven – a brilliant game of cricket it turned out to be, ending in an uncontrived tie. Afterwards curry was enjoyed by

everyone and a very successful and enjoyable day came to an end.

Now it's time to say 'Thank-you' to all who help to make the cricket so successful, people who work in the background to make the club run smoothly. Firstly to our main sponsor, Roger Gregory. Also to all the people who work on the ground – well done; it's been immaculate for every game. Thanks to Jo.Abbott and her team of tea ladies, we are still one of the best. Thanks to our vice presidents for their donations, also Alan Clark and John Sturgeon. Special thanks to one man who this year swapped the captain's arm band for a chef's hat: Shaun Langford handed over the Wednesday evening captaincy and took on the role of providing the food for the teams on a Wednesday evening and a great job he has done too. Special thanks to our fund raisers, Julie Gregory and Julie Wearing. They have a dance organised at the Village Hall on Saturday, 15h November, so come along, meet the cricketers and have a fun evening with us.

If I have missed anyone out for thanks then I apologise. One last 'Thank-you': to all who have enjoyed watching with us. To my fellow old codgers, thanks for the fun and banter. To Rick, wherever you are mate, we have missed you and rest assured you are never forgotten. To Theresa: get well soon; we all miss you and look forward to seeing you fit and well at the start of next season.

To all Telstar readers: thanks for following our fortunes; we wish you a safe warm and pleasant winter and, a bit early perhaps: from all at Stowupland Cricket club, a very happy safe and enjoyable Christmas.



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