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EDITOR'S NOTES

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Well, the time has come to say goodbye. As many of you know, I am retiring from my post as editor once this issue is complete. I would like to say thank you to all our wonderful contributors, to the team at Gipping Press and most of all the whole team at Telstar without whom none of this would be possible. It has been an experience I wouldn't have wanted to miss but I have achieved what I set out to do and I have no more to give.

When I started as editor, I applied the marketing principles that were familiar to me from my working life. I intended to make Telstar worthy of sitting on your coffee table, giving you something worthwhile to read, to find out what was happening in the village and to keep you informed. By doing that, not only did Telstar have a place as the voice of the village but it also attracted more advertisers who are an important source of revenue for us. Sadly, this revenue is not enough on its own and we rely on a Parish Council grant to top up our funds. Telstar has always been an important means for the Parish Council to share their news with the village. Our growing village and increasing printing costs have meant that finances are stretched, just as they are for all of us.

It has always been disappointing that we couldn't afford to have colour covers every month, but we have had to live within our means. This month is The Queen's Jubilee and such a momentous occasion the committee decided a colour cover was in order! Many thanks to Keith Hyland for providing the photo of our blazing beacon and for all his photo's that have been published over my editorship.

Unfortunately, my permanent replacement has not yet been found but, thankfully, we have an interim editor to continue publication until that day comes.

Many thanks to everyone who have passed on kind words about Telstar under my editorship – I truly value that. I will see you all out and about in the village!

Kay, Editor

**New email address to contact the editor:
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TELSTAR AN UPDATE FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Over the last two editions you may have noticed an advert for a new Editor. Kay Easter, our current Editor, has decided to stand down and the Jubilee edition will be the last edition Kay will be editing. The committee would like to say "Thank you Kay" for all your hard work over the time you have worked as Editor. It has not been easy over the last two years to produce with Covid 19 and all the pressures that has brought. Thanks to Kays efforts we only went online twice in the time we were in Lockdown. Kay has brought in a number of new features to the magazine while in the chair and made the magazine the publication we all enjoy today. I am sure our readership would want to join the committee in thanking Kay for her hard work and dedication to the magazine while she had the Editors Job.

In the meantime, you will see a new email address in place for articles for the July magazine, please note the deadline remains the same the 7th June. We have a "Temporary Editor" in place to cover until we can find a new permanent editor to take over, so if anyone is interested in taking the job of Editor, please get in touch with Jerry Voden on 01449 703717.

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COUNTRYSIDE RAMBLER

BRIAN WARD

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoying the late spring flowers. I expect you have all heard a cuckoo and seen the swallows and martins by now. The weather can still be fickle at this time of year and a cool night can catch us out if we have tender plants in the garden. It is a pleasure to see all the shades of green in the tree canopy. Most of the blossom has dropped so hopefully we may have a good harvest of berries and nuts to sustain our wildlife later in the year.

One disappointment I have this year is the lack of frog and toad spawn, I only found a small colony of toads and that was in Norfolk. So, if you have frogs and toads in your garden pond treasure them as they are getting scarce.

In early May I normally travel to mid-Wales and this year was no exception. It is purely a birdwatching, photography holiday. Why Wales? you may ask; well, you can see birds in Wales that are quite uncommon in East Anglia. Some like the chough are found on the craggy Welsh coastline and rarely inland. This acrobatic flyer is a member of the crow family, black plumage with a red curved bill and feet. Its call is similar to a jackdaw, and it feeds on the short grassy slopes that abound along the Welsh coastline.

There are many birds that inhabit the stubby sessile oak woods of Wales. There are three main woodland species we encounter, firstly the redstart.

If you have seen a male redstart in breeding plumage you would think it was an exotic foreign bird as its plumage is stunning. The second bird to be found is the pied flycatcher, we know the spotted flycatcher as it breeds in our area but the pied, as its name suggests, is black and white and often nests in bird boxes. It has the same habit of sitting and waiting on an exposed branch for insects to pass by like all flycatchers and it is normally found in wood clearings or pathways through woodland. The third and final woodland bird is the wood warbler, it is identified from the other more common warblers i.e. chiffchaff and willow warbler by its clean cut appearance, green upper parts and very white belly, also its song sounds like a spinning coin (trill like) and spends a lot of its time in the tree canopy.



Another Welsh favourite of mine and many other people is the dipper. This thrush sized bird frequents rocky streams that abound in Wales as the name suggests it has a habit of bobbing up and down. The unusual thing about this bird is its feeding habit, it will often dive beneath the surface and take aquatic invertebrates and will even feed in fast running water.

If you ever holiday in Wales be aware there are some stunning birds breeding all over its magnificent rugged countryside and coastline.

COMMON-TATER

KATE ELLIOTT

Your potato plants should be growing away nicely and starting to flower. Keep them well watered - especially if it is hot and dry. Ensure that the plants receive at least 2-3 inches of water per week, so that the plants always have dampened soil. Two thorough soaks a week should be sufficient.

Once the flowers are in full bloom, you know the tubers are beginning to grow in size relatively quickly. At this point try watering in dry spells four times per week thoroughly. If growing in containers, make sure you soak the pot every two to three days, allowing the compost to almost dry out between waterings to promote steady potato formation.

If you manured or added garden compost to your soil before planting, then there is no need to feed your potato plants. However, if you feel your soil lacks nutrients or you want to give your potatoes an extra boost, then you can feed them with a high phosphorus feed - bone meal or blood, fish and bone is ideal.

Next month - harvesting.



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DOWN TO EARTH

KATE ELLIOTT

This is the month for roses. Classic roses that adorn our walled kitchen garden are at their peak around the middle of June.

At this time of year, I love nothing more than going into the walled garden first thing in the morning and taking in the wonderful, rich, sweet fragrance of the roses. These include the sumptuous overlapping magenta petals of 'Tuscany Superb', Rosa gallica 'Versicolor' which is a very old variety of rose with large splashes of pink and white on a crimson background and Rosa 'Rhapsody In Blue' which is the closest to a blue rose you will find, with clusters of blue/purple blooms.

Unlike hybrid tea or floribunda roses - classic, or old roses produce only one batch of flowers - this is their time. Classic roses include the groups gallica, albas, damasks and rugosa. Their astonishing beauty would be reason enough to grow them, but the truth is that few plants are as trouble-free or easy to grow. All are really tough shrubs and will grow in almost any soil or position.

To get the best from any rose they should be planted deeply in a generous hole to encourage the roots to spread and incorporate plenty of manure or garden compost. When you buy roses in a container, the graft point is usually one inch or more above the compost level, but this should be buried below the soil level when planting to reduce suckering.

Suckers are recognisable because they always appear from the roots, rather than above the ground. They should be pulled out of the ground if you can rather than cut as cutting prunes them and stimulates even more growth.

Few plants evoke so many things so powerfully as lavender. It is a colour, even though on inspection, lavender comes in lots of shades from dark purple to white. It promotes a mood of gentle relaxation and above all it evokes a fragrance that is unique. The scent of it released by your fingers crushing a few of the tiny flowers will trigger an association of summer afternoons and sunshine.

Lavender hates sitting in wet soil so grow it in a very sunny, well drained site. It is the ideal plant for a pot - but don't think it won't need regular watering in summer if grown in a container - I have lost lavender in pots through underwatering.

Given the right conditions a lavender plant can live for ages. The secret of keeping a lavender bush in good shape is to clip it hard immediately after flowering, although do not cut into the old wood as there is a chance that it won't grow back.

We grow three varieties of lavender here at Columbine. Lavendula augustifolia is the common English lavender. It has the familiar mauve spikes of flower and grows to a height of approximately 3ft.

'Hidcote' is a deeper mauve and *Lavendula stoechas*, or French lavender has mauve bracts on top of the flower spike and starts looking good earlier than the common lavender and has narrower leaves. We grow this in pots and I bring this one in the greenhouse in winter to protect the plants from the wet and cold.



Here are some jobs you can be doing this month:

Put houseplants outside for the summer in a sheltered spot to give them air and extra light.

Water plants daily in hot weather, ideally early morning or evening to avoid evaporation.

Continue sowings of lettuces, rocket, spring onions, carrots, salad leaves, radishes and peas.

Bring out planted containers and hanging baskets from under glass if you haven't already.

Mow lawns regularly.

Tie in tomato plants and pinch out sideshoots and feed plants once a week.

Damp down your greenhouse floor on hot days to increase humidity and deter red spider mites and open doors and vents.

Keep bird baths topped up.

Keep on top of weeding by regular hoeing.

Pinch out the tips of fuchsias to encourage bushier growth and more flowers.

The British garden - and countryside - is at its very best. So much is still yet to come even though the garden is brimming over with beauty. June must be savoured to the very last drop.

EAST ANGLIA GREEN ENERGY ENABLEMENT

Many of you will have seen proposals for a high voltage network to run from Norwich to Tilbury as part of the Government's plan to meet the net zero ambition by 2050.

In our Suffolk County Councillor Report you will see that the proposed network will run close to Mendlesham, Saxham Street and onwards towards Badley.

If you want to have your say about the coming network, now is the time to say. If you don't have a print version of the consultation feedback form, you can still have your say online at **nationalgrid.com/east-anglia-green** or you can email your comments to **EastAngliaGREEN@nationalgrid.com**. You can also post your comments to **Freepost EAST ANGLIA GREEN** (*no stamp required*)

Your response needs to be submitted by Thursday 16 June 2022

There is increased demand for electricity combined with the extra generation from wind farms on our coast and from nuclear power. This means that the network needs to reinforce its ability to transport power across East Anglia. This reinforced network needs to be in place by the end of the decade, so work needs to start soon.

Part of the network will be underground to limit the impact on Dedham Vale, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The rest of the network is planned to be by overhead cables supported by pylons.

There is more information on the website **nationalgrid.com/east-anglia-green** where you can find a consultation newsletter, Project Background Document and Corridor Preliminary Routeing and Siting Study report.

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FREEMAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



With the Queen's Platinum Jubilee taking place in June, we are celebrating it as a school by inviting the children to come to school dressed in red, white and blue on the last day before the May half-term. We will also be holding a street party of our own at the school over lunch and the classes will be participating in Jubilee-related activities throughout the day. The children will then be given a special bookmark as a keep-sake to commemorate the day. We are looking forward to celebrating this special event with the children and hopefully making it one they will remember for years to come.



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Acorn Class News

In this month's article we are going to catch up with our Reception class, our 'Acorns'. The Reception children joined the school in September and it has been lovely getting to know them, watching their personalities come out and seeing how well they've settled into the school. We've already caught glimpses of what they've been up to in previous articles, from self-portraits and making soup for Santa's reindeer, to their Christmas Nativity and making banners for Chinese New Year.

Here are some other activities they have been up to so far.

Tricky Maths with Ginger Bear

The children have been helping Ginger Bear with some very tricky maths. Here's Zofia working with him on a subtraction problem. She gave Ginger Bear some biscuits. Then she carefully counted the biscuits she took away. Finally, she counted what Ginger Bear was left with, wrote out her subtraction number sentence and read it with the teacher. Well done Zofia and Ginger Bear!





Daffodil maths

Acorn class have also been using daffodils to help with their addition problems. Reinforcing the correct mathematical language of addition, plus, equals and total, Charlie added two daffodils and four daffodils together. He then read the number sentence of '2 daffodils + 4 daffodils = 6 daffodils' and went on to create his own addition problems, recording them all correctly. Fantastic daffodil maths, Charlie!

Spring planting

Following on with the Spring theme, the children planted flowers earlier in the term. They planted them into biodegradable pots that could be put straight into the ground. They then decorated the pots with flowers using paints of their choice and took them home for gifts for Mothering Sunday.



Easter Fun

Just before the Easter break, Acorn class took on the very challenging task of weaving to create an Easter basket. They had to carefully cut even strips on their brown basket paper remembering to stop cutting at the pencil line. They then selected a variety of coloured paper strips to weave in and out before sticking the basket together using glue. This was a very complicated job with lots of intricate instructions but the children all did a magnificent job!



Once the basket was completed, they used the Interactive Whiteboard to draw Easter eggs using a programme called Paint. They used lots of different tools within the paint programme to change the colour and size of the lines. When they had finished their designs, they printed off the eggs and put them in their Easter baskets to take home.



Acorn class also made some biscuits for Easter, decorating them so they looked like Easter Chicks. Firstly, they covered their biscuit in cream cheese mixed with icing sugar. They then covered the icing mix with coconut, making it yellow by adding food colouring so that it looked like a chick's feathers. Finally, they added two chocolate button eyes and an apricot beak. We think you'll agree they looked fantastic!

As you can see we have a very hard-working Reception class who are learning how to do quite tricky things but in such a fun way they don't even realise they're working! It's amazing to think what they've achieved over the last year when some of them are still only 4! Well done Acorn class.



And finally

We hope you enjoyed reading about what our 'acorns' have been up to. We will be back in July with the latest news from our Year 4 class, Hazel class.

'From tiny acorns do might oaks grow'



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STUDENTS PAINT THEIR FAVOURITE SUFFOLK SCENES ON HOOT TRAIL OWL

Artistic students at a Suffolk high school have painted a Little Hoot Trail owl – featuring their favourite places in Suffolk.

Youngsters at Stowupland High School, which is part of the John Milton Academy Trust, were first tasked with designing the artwork for the charity owl on the theme 'Wonderful Suffolk'.

Students then picked up their paintbrushes and got working, bringing the colourful design to life.

Lesley Blake, Subject Leader for Art, said: "This project has really inspired the children and got their creative juices flowing."

"From design to painting, the children have loved every minute working on the owl."

"They should be very proud of what they have achieved."

The design, created by Year 7 students, features the pier at Felixstowe, scenes from Suffolk's beautiful countryside, the high school building with its surrounding fields and images of the county's everchanging weather.

The Big Hoot Art Trail will see 40 'Big Hoots' decorated and sponsored by local businesses hidden around Ipswich for people to find, as well as a number of 'Little Hoot' owls designed by schools and local groups in the county.

The Big Hoot Art Trail, which kicks off on June 16, follows the hugely successful Elmer's Big Parade in 2019 and Pigs Gone Wild in 2016, raising money for St Elizabeth Hospice.

David Brewster, Head of School, said the children had really captured the spirit of the art trail. He said: "The children have done a wonderful job of painting the owl, their enthusiasm for the project has been infectious."

"They worked hard to come up with the design, reflecting some of their favourite places in the county."

"We can't wait for the trail to begin so people can see the children's fantastic work."

Peter Whear, Executive Headteacher added: "It has been a joy seeing the owl come to life."

"The children have really enjoyed the project and are looking forward to seeing their owl in its new home in Ipswich when the trail begins in June."

For more information on the John Milton Academy Trust, visit
www.johnmiltonacademytrust.co.uk





LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Just to start, I would like to thank Kay for her hard work in keeping the Telstar spirit alive, both through Covid and as the village is recovering its normal activities. She will be sadly missed as editor but I look forward to Telstar's new editor.

I am indebted to the Telstar volunteers who for the past 60 years have produced this wonderful resource of village life. From its humble beginning as a quarterly 7-page booklet through to today's monthly glossy publication, it has proved invaluable to me as I learn about Stowupland and its people.

If you are reading this in time, on **Wednesday June 1st** we will welcome Dr Nick Amor who **will** take us further back in time for **Keeping the Medieval Peace**. And on Thursday afternoon of June 2nd please join SLHG in the URC Chapel Hall, to either simply enjoy looking at our display on **"70 Glorious Years "of Stowupland's Pastimes** or bring along your photos and/or memories to share.

On May 4th we welcomed Geoff Robinson to get us in the jubilee spirit with his talk centered on a painting that hangs in Worlingworth's church. It portrays George III's Jubilee Feast. Geoff very kindly stepped in when we had to reschedule our programmed talk about the archaeology dig and survey under the new Linden housing development, Oak Farm Meadow. It was extremely interesting and wonderful to have a detailed look at the digital facsimile that he brought – a fascinating glimpse of early 19th century life.

At our April meeting members and visitors had a quick tour of Suffolk as Stephen Poulter helped us explore Suffolk's Lost Heritage.

Jerry's reflections on Stephen Poulter's talk on Suffolk's Lost Heritage

Available space in these pages means I can only give an abridged version of Stephen's talk as he took us at breakneck speed around the county exploring **Suffolk's Lost Heritage**, with a passport into Norfolk. Some interesting facts from the evening.

At **Bury St Edmunds** the Abbey suffered damage to its surroundings during medieval riots at a time when the town's people were not so kindly disposed to the church. Henry VIII also had a lot to do with the current surrounding when he organised the sacking of many Churches and Abbeys during his reign in the 16th century. Most of the surrounding buildings were destroyed and that leaves us with what we see today in the grounds.

Daniel Defoe (1660-1731) was around the area and had property in the area. He was a famous writer of the day and wrote Robinson Crusoe. His writings at the time got him into trouble and his comments caused a clash with some local Tory MP's and he was imprisoned for a while. There seemed to be little time for a free expression of views in those days.

After his release he spent a lot of time going round Suffolk and travelling around the country as he continued his writing.

Hugh Bigot was another interesting local character. He was happy to live a peaceful life in his fortified castle surrounded by a farming community and a local village. This was during the reign of Henry II from (1154 -1189). Hugh told the King that he was happy to live there and was happy with all the current arrangements. However, during this period there was a disagreement with the Barons and Hugh chose the Barons side. The King came out of the argument on top. Hugh was lucky and was fined, keeping his property intact. Soon after this the King had a further disagreement with his brother. Hugh took the family and sided with the King's brother, Henry II came out on top again, this time Hugh was not so lucky and had to surrender his home and lands to the King. The moral of the story - in those days it was not wise to mess with the King.

Stephen brought his talk to a close with the sad story of a fine Tudor Manor in the village of Flixton. This building was badly vandalised and has been lost to the Suffolk heritage.

Suffolk has lost about 30 to 40 houses and/or manor houses. There were many reasons for this. Some were damaged by civil unrest others due to the legacy of the first world war as, sadly, many fathers and sons did not return to their homes. High taxes and inheritance taxes meant funds were not available for the management and upkeep of estates. This left many families unable to pay for essential building repairs and just not able to keep up with the changing environment of the interwar years.

The Q & A session brought several questions to Stephen. It was remarked that Stephen had tackled A to F so one question was whether there was a part two to this talk. It was acknowledged that there would be more on this subject.

This meeting was attended by 25 members and guests and it was nice to see everyone as we get back to our monthly meetings. We held our AGM prior to the talk, and thanks to Annie for providing the refreshments.

Neil has been looking at some STOWUPLAND ORCHARDS

From mediaeval times orchards would have been a common feature in Stowupland from a few fruit trees in cottage gardens to larger plots adjacent to farmhouses. In a rental from 1552 a John Randall was paying rent for *"one acre of land lying at the ende of his orchard"*

These orchards were small providing enough fruit for the household's needs with perhaps a small surplus that could be sold. The trees would be mostly apples but also pears, cherry, plums and nuts. A cherry fair is said to have been held in the grounds of Abbots Hall Stowmarket until the early 19th century so the fruit must have been grown in some quantity in the area.



Orchard in Saxham Street

When the Bell Inn in Stowmarket (near the present-day Queens Head) was advertised to let in 1748 it was described as having a cherry orchard. There would have been a greater number of varieties of apples than than could be found in shops today. A large number of small orchards was still the norm in 1839 when about 30 orchards

are listed in the tithe apportionment for Stowupland of that year with an average area of just half an acre. Large scale commercial fruit farming took off around 1850 with several national companies becoming established in East Anglia using the fruit including Wilkins Jam at Tiptree, Gaymers cider in Attleborough and Chivers in Cambridgeshire and more locally Aspal Cyder.

Commercial orchards certainly existed in Stowupland in the 20th century. When foreign imports made fruit farming less profitable efforts to cut costs included a fruit packing station in Mill Street by Mid-Suffolk Growers Ltd. Formed in 1960 this co-operative included 23 farms by 1966 with an acreage of 276 acres of fruit. Another cost saving scheme was pick-your-own. Today many of the old orchards have been grubbed up but we still have the remnants of a few orchards and of course we can buy plums and apples from the old caravan near the Co-op for a few weeks every year.

We look forward to meeting you at future talks, on the first Wednesday of the month (except in September) 7.30 in the Village Hall. You don't need to be a member, visitors pay £3.00 and after the talk Annie and Liz provide tea, coffee and biscuits (for a small donation). Either just turn up and enjoy the talk or get more involved in Local History research. Let us know your interests and we will see what we can do. Membership can be taken out at any time of the year for a pro rata fee.

If you are nervous about coming along on your own then give Jerry a call and we can arrange someone to meet you, or just turn up and speak to Christine at the door and she will explain anything you need to know.

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The exhibition is going really well, and we are getting lots of positive feedback from people who have visited.

Don't forget that you can visit Abbots Hall and the Wall Garden Free of charge. If you pay to go into the museum so that you can see everything - your ticket now lasts for one year so you can return as often as you wish.

As you leave the exhibition, there is a pledge tree inviting visitors to pledge to do one more thing to protect the environment. It's really moving to read the promises people have made already.

On Saturday June 18th there is a gathering of Eco groups. Stowmarket Eco Future Group has learnt a lot from groups in Haverhill, Shotley and Martlesham, so we are creating an opportunity for many groups to come and network and share their ideas. For the public it will be a chance to find out what statutory and voluntary groups are already achieving and to have your say about what else should be addressed.

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During the pandemic we were very grateful for the extra volunteers who offered their help. However, this was on a temporary basis as people were furloughed or working from home. We are now back to our basic small number of volunteers and quite often struggle to respond positively to an increasing number of requests.

If anyone would like to learn more about being a Good Neighbour, please telephone me, Cathy Welham on 673185. I will be very happy to explain what is involved.

Cathy Welham



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Goodbye

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Our family have lived on Stowupland Green for over 200 years. Up until four years ago the village smelt of rural activities, muckspreading, sugar beet roasting, barley being harvested, newly cut grass etc. But now there are lorries and building everywhere – a good reason to move away.

We had the option of moving to the mole village on the half-a-mow green, but it is more crowded than ever now that the field near the Chinese takeaway has a new development.

So, we are moving to a nice quiet village not too far away.

Best Wishes

Sid Mole and family

PS. We will still send you a Christmas Wish.

STOWUPLAND COLLECTION POINT

If any individual, school, church or business would like to become a collection point for the Eco Future Group in Stowupland please contact Stowmarket Eco Future Group directly. Contact details can be found in their article.

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Ed.

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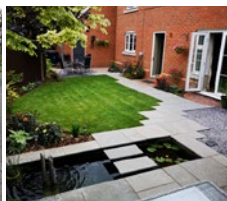
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HAPPINESS

Happiness is a feeling that comes over us when we know life is good and we can't help but smile. But what makes people happy?

It's amazing what things make us happy.
I'll write a few people have said.
Things don't have to be too expensive,
Like the smell of that freshly baked bread.



Happy people, they tend to be cheerful.
Little things will make them just smile.
Like playing to par on the golf course.
Some haven't done that for a while.



People like to be out in the open,
Playing their favourite sport.
Improving their technical status,
And practising what they are taught.

Things that might make us happy,
Something to do that is new.
Or someone you know that just loves you,
And you know that you love them too.



It's little things that make some happy,
Like gardening, working the ground.
Or sitting and quietly listening,
To a bird and a wonderful sound.



Some of us like a good rainbow,
Some like the sun and it's glow,
But then again, winter is lovely,
Especially, when we get snow.

To some there is joy in the making,
The repairs to that wobbly seat.
Others spend time in the kitchen,
Preparing us something to eat



So, whatever it is makes us happy,
It's important to realise it's worth.
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I am a single parent, with two young children. I am already struggling to stay on top of my household bills; my weekly food shop isn't stretching as far anymore and now my energy bill is going up too. I don't know how I'm going to afford all of these price rises. What can I do to stop my finances spiralling out of control?

First of all, you are not alone in this and there's support to help you.

It's always worth checking if there are benefits you don't know about that you're eligible for, including support with your energy costs and living costs. On the Citizens Advice website - citizensadvice.org.uk - there's a benefits calculator, advice on how to reduce living costs and information on other ways to increase your income.

There's also emergency support that you may have access to, such as food bank vouchers or fuel vouchers.

If you're struggling to stay on top of bills, it's really important to understand what money you have coming in and going out each month. Citizens Advice also has a budgeting tool on its website that can help with this.

If you're already behind on bills, prioritise paying your rent or mortgage, plus energy bills and Council Tax first. Not paying these bills has the most serious consequences. You should speak to the person or company you owe money to, to see if they can help you repay your bills sustainably.

We know that times are incredibly tough but please remember, you don't have to face this alone, so do contact Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk to help you find a way forward.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, employment, benefits and family law. You can contact them on 01449 676060 or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. For more information and our opening hours go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk.

BUS TIMETABLES

The Mid-Suffolk Connecting Communities service is still available for those residents who find these new routes inconvenient and they can be contacted on 01449 614271 as normal.

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Stowupland, Thorney Green (Mill Cottages)	9.30	Stowmarket, Argos	12.20
Stowupland, Reeds Way	9.33	Stowmarket, Ipswich St (Chinese Chequers)	12.24
Stowupland, Thorney Green Rd (Dents Corner)	9.35	Combs Ford, Lavenham Way	12.26
Cedars Park, Mortimer Road	9.36	Cedars Park, Gun Cotton Way	12.33
Cedars Park, Gun Cotton Way	9.39	Cedars Park, Mortimer Road	12.36
Combs Ford, Lavenham Way	9.46	Stowupland, Thorney Green Rd (Dents Corner)	12.37
Stowmarket, Ipswich St (Regal)	9.48	Stowupland, Reeds Way	12.39
Stowmarket, Argos	9.50	Stowupland, Thorney Green (opp Mill Cottages)	12.42

SERVICE

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Gislingham, opp Shop	9.30	Stowmarket, Argos	13.00
Finningham, Crossroads	9.34	Cedars Park, Gun Cotton Way	13.08
Westhorpe, Bus Shelter	9.37	Cedars Park, Mortimer Road	13.11
Wyverstone, Church Hill	9.40	Stowupland, Thorney Green (Mill Cottages)	13.15
Bacton, Shop	9.42	Stowupland, Reeds Way	13.17
Cotton, Trowel & Hammer	9.47	Stowupland, Saxham Street	13.22
Mendlesham, King's Head	9.54	Mendlesham Green, Bus Shelter	13.27
Mendlesham Green, Bus Shelter	9.58	Mendlesham, King's Head	13.32
Stowupland, Saxham Street	10.04	Cotton, Trowel & Hammer	13.39
Stowupland, Reeds Way	10.09	Bacton, Shop	13.43
Stowupland, Thorney Green (opp Mill Cottages)	10.11	Wyverstone, Church Hill	13.45
Cedars Park, Mortimer Road	10.15	Westhorpe, opp Bus Shelter	13.48
Cedars Park, Gun Cotton Way	10.17	Finningham, Crossroads	13.51
Combs Ford, Lavenham Way	10.24	Gislingham, Shop	13.55
Stowmarket, Ipswich St (Regal)	10.28		
Stowmarket, Argos	10.30		

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Police Safer Neighbourhood Team

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Freeman Community Primary School -
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Vets

Cedarwood - 01449 676966
Stowe Vets - 01449 613130

DIARY DATES

JUNE

WED 1	9.30 am Village Hall	Debutots
WED 1	2 - 4 pm Village Hall car park	Mobile post office
WED 1	7.30 pm Village Hall	Local History Group - see Local History page for details
THURS 2	4 pm The Green	Jubilee picnic
THURS 2	2.30 - 6 pm URC Church Hall	Jubilee display by Local History Group
THURS 2	1.45 pm Bowls Club	Roll-up
THURS 2	2 - 4 pm Village Hall car park	Choose Refills pop-up shop
THURS 2	7.30 pm Village Hall	Short mat bowls
FRI 3 - SUN 5	Holy Trinity Church	Flower Festival
FRI 3	7.30 pm Sports & Social Club	Quiz night (contact the Cricket Club to register)
SAT 4	1 pm Bowls Club	Jubilee Cup (open to all residents)
SUN 5	Holy Trinity Church	Jubilee service of thanksgiving
SUN 5	7.30 pm Village Hall	Country & Western music - Bob Keeley
MON 6	evening Village Hall	Dance club
WED 8	9.30 am Village Hall	Baby & Toddler Group
WED 8	2 - 4 pm Village Hall car park	Mobile post office
THURS 9	1.45 pm Bowls Club	Roll-up
THURS 9	7.30 pm URC Church Hall	Parish Council Meeting
THURS 9	7.30 pm Village Hall	Short mat bowls
SAT 11	1.45 pm Bowls Club	Roll-up
MON 13	9.30 am Village Hall	Baby & Toddler Group
MON 13	7.30 pm Village Hall	Village Hall Trustees EGM
TUES 14	9.30 Jubilee Court 9.50 Green	Mobile Library
WED 15	2 - 4 pm Village Hall car park	Mobile post office

THURS 16	1.45 pm Bowls Club	Roll-up
THURS 16	7.30 pm Village Hall	Short mat bowls
SAT 18	1.45 pm Bowls Club	Roll-up
SUN 19	7.30 pm Village Hall	Country & Western Music Club – Red Rock
MON 20	evening Village Hall	Dance Club
WED 22	9.30 am Village Hall	Baby & toddler group
WED 22	2 - 4 pm Village Hall car park	Mobile post office
THURS 23	1.45 pm Bowls Club	Roll-up
THURS 23	7.30 pm Village Hall	Short mat bowls
FRI 24	10 am - 12 URC Chapel	Coffee morning
SAT 25	1.45 pm Bowls Club	Roll-up
SUN 26	Various locations	Garage & Yard Sale
SUN 26	7.30 pm Village Hall	Country and Western Music Club – Black Steel
MON 27	evening Village Hall	Dance Club
WED 29	9.30 am Village Hall	Baby & toddler group
WED 29	2 - 4 pm Village Hall car park	Mobile post office
WED 29	7.30 Village Hall	Suffolk Wildlife Trust – Suffolk Otters
THURS 30	1.45 pm Bowls Club	Roll-up
THURS 30	7.30 pm Village Hall	Short mat bowls

JULY

FRI 1	7.30 pm Sports & Social Club.	Quiz night (contact Cricket Club to register)
SUN 3	7.30 pm Village Hall	Country and Western Music - Ryan Payling

LOOKING AHEAD

SUN 10 July	Stowupland Village Open Gardens
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Village Clubs

Baby and Toddler Group -

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Book Group - Patricia Hodgkins - 01449 672127

Stowupland Bowls Club - Graham Newman -

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Community Events - Keith Welham - 01449 673185

Country and Western - Pat Murphy - 01449 677405

Dance Club - Mary Durham - 01449 672601

Local History Group - Jerry Voden - 07951 086383

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The weekend Open Day at the Bowls Club on the 30th April/1st May was a major success. We had a fantastic response from the general public with ages from 84 down to 8. There could be future champions among those who signed up, watch this space!

The whole weekend was perfect, very nice people and wonderful weather, sunshine both days. Two new members have already signed up with a very high chance six more will.

The Club has played 4 Games so far:

April 20th Old Newton away, lost 56-81

April 25th Woodfield home, lost 65-91

April 27th. Walsham Le Willows home, lost 67-76

May 4th. St.Botolphs away won 55-31

We have finally found our mojo and all that practice is beginning to bring results.

Do not forget to come and try to win the Jubilee Cup on 4th June, open to all residents of Stowupland.

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Our open evening on April 12th attracted several people to see how we practice. Our conductor, Simon, was very informative about his methods of bringing the best out in us. Some interest in joining us was expressed!!!

The tea/coffee and homemade goodies were enjoyed, and some brilliant draw prizes were won.

After our Easter break, we're back rehearsing for our Jubilee concert in July. As always, ladies, all you need to be able to do is sing! No auditions, ability to read music not essential, all ages welcome. Not only do we sing, but we have fun.

Come on any Tuesday to the URC in Stowmarket at 7.30 p m to see if it might be something you would enjoy. Several choirs practice here because of the fantastic acoustics.

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TRIM TRAIL PROJECT

Members of the Parish Council voted in favour of the Trim Trail at their April meeting. They also agreed that this would be funded through the Parish Community Infrastructure Levy. (CIL)

I would like to update you on the next steps for the project:

1. Finalise the route and position of the equipment.
2. Locations for the equipment:
 - Site one - Linden Homes
 - Site two - The Green Thorney Green Road
 - Site three - Phase three of Bloor Homes Development
 - Site four - The Green Thorney Green
3. Discussion needs to be held with Linden Homes as to the position of the equipment on their development. This will probably be the final phase of the project to be completed.
4. Bloor Homes are funding the equipment that will be installed and sited on phase three of their development.
5. A leaflet to show the route will be published. This will be completed once the exact position of the equipment on the Linden Homes development has been agreed.
6. Information boards will also be sited along with the equipment.
7. Plans to construct a new footpath along the edge of The Green along Thorney Green Road are going ahead. This will help with safety measures and take pedestrians off the road which is proving a danger at present.

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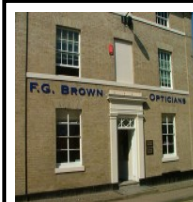
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NEWS

Minister: Revd Robert Sheard
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What beautiful weather we are having and on the first Monday in May a group of people went for a nice walk together round the village, enjoying the beautiful countryside and one another's company and then back to the Gurney's for coffee and cake. Donations were made for Christian Aid. A very worthwhile cause especially at this troubled time. The proceeds from our coffee morning in May were also for Christian Aid.

Our next Coffee Morning is on Friday 24 June, 10 to 12noon; give us a visit for a cuppa and cake.

Services will be held at the URC Chapel each Sunday at 10.30am and you are cordially invited to join us in worship. A warm welcome awaits you.

The Speakers for June are as follows:

05 June	John Webb
12 June	Keith Scarff
19 June	Howard Cracknell
26 June	Stephen Horrex

Joyce Gardiner

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Psalm 181: 24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

June is a time of celebration, 2nd- 6th of June we have an extended Bank holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a celebration to mark 70 years of Queen Elizabeth II being on the throne. When I have heard the Queen speak about what inspires her in her reign, she always seems to refer to her faith in God. Her faith seems to be one of her main stays in how she conducts herself as Queen; we could all learn this from her.

On 5th June we also have the Church's Birthday: Pentecost, which is the festival of the windy, fiery Spirit of God, perhaps the most imaginative of all the Christian festivals, which is on the 50th day after Easter (in Greek Pentecost).

We remember that the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles and filled the early Church with the Spirit; they began to speak in many languages and shared with others the great things God had done, and that is how the church was born. After that many believed and started to meet for prayers and teaching, sharing life together and breaking bread.

So, Pentecost is the birthday of the Church and that is worth celebrating, but not only that: Pentecost is also the feast where we remember what the church is for. In many churches and traditions this is the time when we remind ourselves that the Church is called to mission, to sharing with others the good news of Jesus Christ – in word and in deed.

Perhaps this year we do need to celebrate particularly with all that we have been through, remembering that God walks with us in both joy and sorrow.

Yours in Christ, Robert

*Reverend Robert Sheard Minister of the Stowmarket group of Churches.
The group consists of Stowmarket, Debenham, Mendlesham, Haughley & Stowupland)*

COFFEE MORNING

Friday 24th June 2022

Stowupland URC Chapel 10am – 12noon

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Dear Friends,

There is much to reflect on across the seven decades of our Queen's reign, throughout which she has remained constant in her service, love and devotion toward her subjects and her duties. She, of course, has faced the changes of each passing decade with us, as we have looked to her for stability and strength in times of turmoil and uncertainty, as well times of hope and optimism. We might reflect on where she herself draws strength and stability from.

The hymn 'Abide with me' offers some answer, for her prayer has been her strength and stay, both in times of great sadness and great joy, and we take to heart its prayer 'O Thou who changest not abide with me'.

I read one commentator's view that not so many of us sing hymns as that day of our Queen's Coronation, and the same may be said of prayer. The prayer our Saviour taught us to pray then also may be less known and said. That it still clings to the language of that first Elizabeth centuries past lends credence to its dismissal as an irrelevance. Yet it speaks in hope of the Kingdom come on earth as in heaven and so provides hope whether good times or bad. Would it not be blessing then to mark the reign of our second Elizabeth in hymns and prayers of common speech and meaning? Our Queen has demonstrated her faith lived out for us and with us, not observed remotely at a distance in some great show of 'art in heaven', but daily as 'in heaven'. Whatever we know of the Lord's prayer, we all look for 'today our daily bread', and for God's 'will be done' in truth, justice and peace. We all know of the trials of this life, whatever 'lead us not into temptation' brings to mind today we still pray deliverance from evil in times of hard testing and look to establish that kingdom where power and glory are given to truth justice and peace.

Our Queen's reign began amidst the optimism of Europe's hard won peace, and Europe seems once more on the verge of a conflict to engulf the nations. So may we rediscover our prayer for the peace of God's Kingdom and deliverance from evil. May we rediscover those constant qualities of service to that Kingdom on earth as in heaven as our Queen has exemplified for us and daily prayed with us.

This Platinum Jubilee year of her seven decades, may we remember our faith's heritage in the story of the seven days of creation, and take inspiration from the gift of our Queen's Green Canopy as a living prophecy to the greater trial of service and duty due for the peace of all nations all creatures and all creation.

Yours in Christ *Brin*

Rector at Haughley with Wetherden & Stowupland

SERVICES IN JUNE 2022:

5th Jun	9.30am	Jubilee Celebration joined by URC
12th Jun	9.30am	Worship for All
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26th Jun	6.30pm	Evensong

A JUBILEE PRAYER:

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour and glory of your name and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

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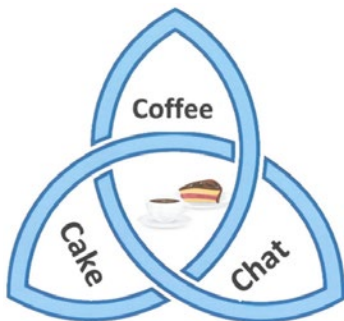
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Stowupland Parish Council will need to decide how to spend this part of the levy and will be mindful that it has a duty to spend CIL income on providing, improving, replacing, operating or maintaining infrastructure that supports the development of the parish council area or anything else concerned with addressing the demands that development places on the area.

If you are a village organisation with a suitable project or an individual with an idea which the parish could develop into a suitable project, then you can fill in an application form for consideration by the Parish Council.

All applications will be considered twice a year. Deadlines for the applications are 30 April and 31 October. Before filling in an application you may wish to discuss your potential idea or project with the Parish Clerk who can also send you further details and an application form parishclerk@stowuplandpc.co.uk. Further details and application forms are also available on the parish web site. <https://stowupland.suffolk.cloud/community-infrastructure-levy-cil-expenditure/>

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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

My column this month is very much a tale of two halves and both about the opportunity for fun and play for children.

Platinum Jubilee

First the Village Picnic for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee that is being organised by your Parish Council. Its on Thursday 2nd June 2020 and starts at 4pm and culminates in lighting our Beacon at 9.15pm. There will be crafts games and entertainment all designed to keep the children amused and busy as well as a bouncy castle and inflatable assault course. Our village is part of the national beacon lighting to celebrate our Queen's long and loyal service so do please join us. It should be a great afternoon for all so bring along your favourite picnic food or cook one of the recipes from last month's Telstar and join us. Use it as a chance to catch up with friends from the village or a chance to make new ones. Stowupland Local History Group will have an exhibition in the URC meeting room showing how the last 70 years have changed our village and events that have happened during that time. It is fascinating to see how times change a place and there are many of our older residents that will remember some of them. The exhibition will be open from 4pm to 6pm. Then there is the flower festival in Holy Trinity Church that is open all Jubilee weekend and again celebrating "70 glorious years". The Parish Council are to commemorate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee with a new bench and tree on The Green. I am sure some of you are planning parties to coincide with the Big Lunch as well. It is set to be a busy weekend so come along and join in. All we need is you and good weather.

Playpark

Not such a happy story I am afraid. I am sure you are all as upset as your Parish Council is at the graffiti that keeps appearing on playpark equipment. Recently we have had equipment damaged as well. It took a lot of time effort and money to provide the new equipment to create a vibrant playpark for the children of the village as well as visitors. It is lovely to see families using it and children playing happily together but there seems to be some who feel it is ok to write all over the equipment and have no respect for other's property. This is very disheartening, and I ask all residents using the playpark or walking near it to keep an eye out for any behaviour of this sort and report it to the Parish Clerk as soon as possible. Your Parish Council is looking to get the equipment cleaned but I don't want us to get into a cycle of continually cleaning up after each spate of damage.

The Parish Council was saddened to hear of the death of Don Murton. Don worked for the Parish Council as Cemetery Caretaker for quite a while keeping our cemetery neat and tidy and an attractive place to visit. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

Sally Reeves

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

MAY 22



The meeting opened with 4 members of the public, 8 Parish Councillors and Councillors Eburne and Welham present.

Chair:

Cllr Reeves was elected as Chairman for a further year but advised that this would be her last year with Cllr Bridges as Deputy Chairman. Thanks were given to Cllr Studd for his past year serving as Deputy Chairman.

Councillors' Reports:

The full SCC and the District Council reports can be found elsewhere in Telstar. The MSDC Cllrs reiterated that they still did not know whether an appeal will be made by the Council against the decision arising from the Judicial Review of a recent planning application. Cllr Welham advised that he had met in the village with the Cycling and Walking Officer regarding the improvement plan and they would be updating some issues including the failure of the safer route to school being extended through the High School grounds and that any new cycle tracks need to be protected from cars parking on them. He also reported that of the 618 Ukraine refugees allocated to Suffolk, 124 people are due to be housed in Mid Suffolk.

The company that was charged with distributing the letters advising of an increase in council house rents had failed to deliver around 1000 of them which has meant that all of them will need to be re-sent. This has caused enormous problems not only for the Council who have lost the increased rent but also for the tenants who have applied for an increase in Universal Credit to help pay the increase as these have now had to be repaid and the tenants will have to go through the re-application process again.

He was advised by the PC that there had been a near miss by a car coming out of the school entrance due to lack of visibility. SCC Cllr Welham had little to add to his report other than the Highways contract is up for tender for next year and the Green Party Councillors have suggested an in-house bid should be made, but this has been rejected by the Conservatives, so a petition has been set up to promote the idea of an in-house bid.

Matters of Report:

Meetings have been arranged with contractors to get quotes for the construction of a path alongside The Green for the length of Half-a-Mow and on to opposite the butchers. The new No Parking signs have been installed around The Green. The bus stop markings are now in situ. Bloor Homes have been advised that the Parish Council agree to the Proposals for the transfer of Thradstones Meadow. The Chairman and Cllr Welham have looked at the fallen tree at Birch Close and it has been agreed to move it onto The Green where it could form a log pile for mammals and insects. Quotes have been sought to repair the notice boards. All other matters are awaiting quotes or are pending.

Public Forum:

One resident advised that the ditch by Corner Farm needs clearing and as it is 'No Mow May', suggested that areas around The Green that are in full flower with buttercups should be left without being cut until the end of the month. He also requested a breakdown of the money being spent on the Jubilee celebrations.

Another resident thanked the PC for the new signs around The Green advising of no parking but enquired what steps can be taken to stop those who disregard them.

Statutory Business:

It was agreed that the Parish Council adopts the Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020. It was also agreed that some amendments were required for the terms of reference for committees, sub-committees and working groups. Councillors confirmed the appointment of the Environment and Green Sub-Committee. Councillors were also elected to serve on the various sub-committees and those who would take up parish appointed positions. Cllr Voden will also serve as the PC representative on the Village Hall Committee, as SALC and Telstar representative and Cllr Reeves and Cllr Bridges as School Liaison Representatives. The Clerk was appointed as being responsible for the administration of the financial affairs of the Parish Council. The Councillors noted the review of s.137 expenditure of £3000 donation to Telstar and £300 to Mid Suffolk Citizen Advice.

Community Governance Review:

It was agreed that the Parish Council should make no response to this review. It was felt that the current level of Cllrs was appropriate for the village at the present moment with one vacancy available to be filled and that there was no need to look at merging with another PC or group. Also, the parish boundaries looked fine.

East Anglia Green Energy Enablement:

Councillors are to consider a response to the first stage of this consultation. The pylons indicated in the plan are far taller than the current pylons and will follow a similar track across the area. There is a public meeting to be held at Needham Market Community Centre on 27th May.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

It was agreed that although the PC would like to provide a portable toilet for the event, the company have advised that it would have to be in situ for around a week due to the huge demand over that weekend and this leaves it open to vandalism and therefore it looks to be unviable. They will liaise with The Retreat to see if that might be an option. It was agreed to purchase a green bench and a tree with plaque commemorating the Jubilee for The Green and for the District Councillors' locality budget be used to fund the tree and bench.

It was also agreed to use a budget of up to £2,500 from the community events reserve to fund the Queen's Jubilee picnic and beacon event. Due to illness, the meeting that was due to firm up the costs had to be postponed but they are looking to hire a bouncy castle, an inflatable assault course, craft activities for children, a children's entertainer, games, purchase wood for the beacon, prizes and top up raffle prizes as required. However, this is all dependent on a qualified first aider being available and to date no one has been found. The PC have even approached RAF Wattisham to see if they have anyone who could step into the role. Volunteers to help on the day are also urgently required.

Sub-Committee/Working Group Reports:

Finance and Policy – The budget, statement of accounts, statement of reserves, the asset register, the bank reconciliation, the annual return figures and the Neighbourhood CIL expenditure report all for the year ending March 31st 2022 were approved. It was also agreed that the PC adopts the Website Accessibility Policy and approves that a direct debit payment is set up for the Barclaycard payments.

Planning – It was agreed to support planning applications for an extension in Trinity Walk, access to a property in Church Road, details for the two dwellings in Saxham Street, an extension and listed building consent in Church Road and extension in Thorney Green Road but to object to the erection of 14 new dwellings in Church Road on a number of points. The objection to this application was supported by one of the residents present as he felt that the public footpath which was used people walking to and from Park Farm could be at risk if construction vehicles used that route, especially due to the increased traffic using Church Road makes. He felt that a traffic survey was needed before any more dwellings are added to the original permission as this application is increasing the number of dwellings from 18 to 32. He also wanted clarification on whether Church Road was to be narrowed at this point to provide an uncontrolled crossing of the road to the primary school as originally suggested in the first application.

Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Studd reported that lights in the new Linden Homes properties were being left on all night which he felt was a waste of power.

Cllr Johnson reported that the footpath sign was still lying on the ground by the butchers. She also noted that a previous cemetery caretaker has passed away.

Cllr Beeson suggested using the PC Facebook page to advertise for a first aider for the Jubilee and also to look to fill the remaining PC vacancy for a Councillor.

Cllr Reeves suggested that dates be found to organise a village litter pick and volunteer days. She asked the Cllrs to look at promoting the 'No Mow May' to keep the buttercups flowering on 3 sections of the Green but after much discussion, they voted against this proposal four to three.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman proposed that the Council agree to an increase of £3.50 per hour for the Cemetery Caretaker and it was felt that this was a hefty increase but in order to keep the caretaker in place, it reluctantly agreed to the increase which would be fixed until a review in 2023. She also proposed that a quote be sought for the removal of the stump on The Green by the footpath in front of Columbyne Close and that the lost tree should be replaced in the autumn planting period. Both proposals were approved. She was also very sad to report that an awful lot of damage has been done in the play park in the form of graffiti which will have to be cleaned off. She thanked those who had helped with planting the hedging and a donation of £20 was made for the remaining whips that were left over.

Clerk's Report:

The Clerk advised that the new footbridge had been put in place by The Retreat Pond but one Cllr advised that there was a trip hazard to get onto the bridge on one side. Once the current bus service ceases in May, the replacement bus company are only providing a bus service on Mondays at 9.30am and Thursdays at 10.30am returning to Stowupland at around 1pm. As not enough notice has been given to get the new timetable into Telstar, the PC will put copies of the timetable into the bus shelters.

Correspondence:

There were 2 items of correspondence from MSDC, one was a response to the enforcement action outcome which the Parish Councillors did not agree with; the other was the CIL payment in April. Stowupland Falcons advised on a forthcoming 5-a-side tournament at the High School. There were 2 letters in respect of the planning application for a further 14 homes in Church Road, 2 about the crossing outside the garage. Both were pleased with the crossing and expressed their thanks. One also suggested some traffic calming measures for Thorney Green Road. There was a request for The Green to be used for some Friday evening football matches which the Cllrs approved providing they adhere to not leaving litter behind etc. The final letter was from the Telstar committee who felt that the PC had not treated their bid with the respect that it deserved at both the Finance and Policy meeting where some Cllrs voted against the bid without being able to open the document to read what was being requested, and also the comments that they made at the last PC meeting. It was felt that the PC also showed little appreciation for the work put in by the Telstar committee and had contributed to the resignation of both the editor and the proof-reader and this could lead to the collapse of the magazine altogether. Cllr Reeves apologised for her handling of the discussion at the last PC meeting which she felt that she had fallen short by not keeping the discussion on track as she should have done. If the magazine folded, then for those who cannot or will not use the internet to access village information it will be difficult for the Parish Council to reach residents and keep them informed.

The meeting closed to the public at 9.55pm.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

JUNE 2022

£150 Energy Rebate

Payments of the Government's £150 energy rebate are now well underway for eligible households across Mid Suffolk. BMSDC are responsible for administering these payments to more than 66,000 households across the two districts, as part of measures to protect residents from rising energy bills. There is one payment per household, regardless of the number of occupants or council taxpayers named on the bill.

Payments have started with those who pay their council tax by direct debit. These payments will be made automatically; there is no need for those who pay council tax by direct debit to contact MSDC. The payment will be made direct to the council tax payer's bank during April/May.

For those who don't currently pay council tax bill by direct debit, MSDC will get in touch by letter with details of the process to be followed to receive the payment.

Gateway 14

Construction is officially underway at Gateway 14 – the multi-million-pound business, innovation and logistics development to the east of Stowmarket.

Gateway 14 Ltd is wholly owned by Mid Suffolk District Council. The development is being managed by Jaynic and will provide a new base for manufacturing, logistics and R&D businesses as well as providing innovation space for smaller and start-up businesses.

Support for refugees from Ukraine

Both Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils have pledged their full backing for the Ukrainian people, with support for refugees arriving in our districts as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

Both councils are represented on Suffolk's Ukraine Task Group alongside representatives from the county's other local authorities, three Clinical Commissioning Groups, Health Outreach, Suffolk Police, Suffolk Refugee Support, Anglia Care Trust and Community Action Suffolk.

Development of 14 homes on Church Road

We have been in touch with planning officers and aim to discuss the planning application with them in the near future. In the meantime, it is important that residents look at the details of the application (DC/22/02091) and make comments on the MSDC Planning Portal or send comments to the Planning Department.

Ashes Farm and Diapers Farm

We have heard nothing back from Planning Officers about a timescale for making decisions on these two applications.

Locality Funding

Councillors have been allocated £7350 for 2022/23 to help fund projects to support their residents. This is the same sum as for 2021/22 and applications can now be made by any local club or organisation.

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COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

JUNE 2022

Bus Back Better

The Department for Transport have confirmed Suffolk County Council will not receive any funding for their Bus Back Better strategy. The strategy set out plans to improve and expand bus services in Suffolk, connecting rural areas to local and important towns, as well as reduce carbon emissions in line with the goal to become net zero by 2050.

Central government confirmed that any bids that failed did not show enough ambition. We as a group have criticised the Conservatives at Suffolk County Council since the strategy was announced for playing it safe. Suffolk has paid the price for this.

We will continue to hold the Conservatives to account on their policies, and push for a bus service that helps local, rural communities stay connected and can access services and employment.

Post 16 Travel to School

On 26 April Cabinet discussed Suffolk County Council's Post-16 Travel Policy for 2022-23. The policy outlines support offered to those who struggle to afford the travel costs in sending their children to education, training, or an apprenticeship. Cabinet voted to freeze the costs to parents/guardians, meaning the price remains at £930 per year for a Mainstream Seat, and £750 for a Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Seat.

Our Group welcomed the cap on travel costs but asked the Council to lobby government to provide adequate funding for post-16 travel - especially when it was this government's decision to raise the mandatory age of education from 16 to 18.

Care Leaver Services

Suffolk County Council received a positive report from Ofsted following their inspection into Care Leaver services. The report showed that Care Leavers were prioritised by the Council and successfully helped them transition to independence. The report highlighted emotional wellbeing as a point for improvement. Our Group will ensure the Council are held to account over their future action plan.

Ipswich Garden Suburb

This is an Ipswich Borough Council project to develop more than 1,000 houses in North Ipswich, including a new primary and secondary school. As a consultee, the Council voted to not endorse the plans. The proposals do not prioritise cycling/walking, do not mitigate sufficiently the effect on biodiversity, and there is insufficient drainage information to show that the development would not increase flood risk or pollution.

Surface Dressing programme

SCC propose to apply surface dressing to Saxham Street in May. There are no other plans for re-surfacing or surface dressing works in Stowupland this year.

Vehicle Activated Signs

Mike Motteram, County Road Safety Manager, has agreed to meet with Councillor Voden and me to discuss which devices would be appropriate for installation in the village.

SCC Highways works to Thorney Green

Much of the work was completed in three stages but some sandbags remain. I have asked for these to be removed as soon as possible.

National Grid: Norwich to Tilbury Grid Reinforcement

Proposals have been published for a new high voltage mainly overhead cable connection. The consultation period runs to 16 June. SCC Cabinet will be discussing a response to the consultation.

National Grid are consulting on a corridor which runs west of Mendlesham, then close to Saxham Street, east of the A1120 Tesco Roundabout, through Badley and from there to Bramford. Residents should be encouraged to send in their comments.

Keith Welham

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