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Chairman's Column

Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council

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It was a huge disappointment to receive the Inspector's verdict on the Gladman appeal. I believe that I speak for the majority of the village when I say that this is a bad decision and was only made possible by the District Council's lack of a five year supply of housing land. However, we have to move on as a village and try to get infrastructure improvements to minimize the adverse effects of the development. It seems pointless trying to negotiate with Gladman because they were not prepared to meet the Parish Council at any stage of the planning process. The landowners too could have been open about their proposals but were not, so the Council believes it will be necessary to wait until the land is sold and then to approach the new owner. If one or more of the landowners would like to speak to the Council, we will be very happy to discuss future plans for the land.

It was good to see so many people at the 'civic service' held in Holy Trinity Church on 12 June to thank volunteers and businesses for their contributions to the life of the village. Those present will recall Chris Hood starting his talk with the well-known request from Blockbusters: 'Can I have a P please Bob?' and then spoke of volunteers being People in a Place with a Purpose. That's exactly what the many Stowupland volunteers are. And volunteers have a purpose to make things better for individuals or for the community in general. I expressed my gratitude at the service but for those who were not there I would like to reiterate my personal thanks to everyone who serves as a volunteer, whether that be as part of an organisation or as an individual whose help and kindness is unnoticed except by the person they assist.

Since my request for dog owners to pick up their pet's excrement the problem has got much worse. Some of the recently mown footpaths were within days spoilt by dog mess. This is totally unnecessary. Particularly bad are footpaths that pupils use to walk to school. I urge everyone to be on the lookout and report any occasion when an owner leaves dog's mess and walks away.

There have been comments made about the mowing of the cemetery. The grass is mown every three weeks, except for the area to the right of the concrete road, which is mown less frequently. Arrangements have now been made for the churchyard to be cut every three weeks. Some people may think that this is not often enough. I will be pleased to hear from any volunteer who would like to mow any particular area of either the cemetery or churchyard in between those regular cuts. Grass mowing is a significant part of the Council's budget and any extra work carried out by our contractor could lead to an increase in the council tax paid by residents.

You will read elsewhere in this edition of Telstar that MSDC is carrying out a consultation which they have entitled 'Building a Sustainable Future'. I urge every resident to try to visit the exhibition in the village hall on Tuesday 19 July between 3.00 and 7.00. Housebuilding could become more out of control than it is now. If you are at all concerned about this, you need to respond to this consultation. Please visit the exhibition and tell MSDC officers what you think and also come along to the public meeting at 7.00 on the same day. Or come along around 6.30, view the displays, talk to the officers and stay for the public meeting. This has been arranged by the Parish Council so we can hear your views and support them in our response to the District Council.

The Parish Council had not been informed of any planning application in respect of the proposal for 18 homes on land fronting A1120 opposite the church in time for the June Council meeting but we were consulted by MSDC a few days later. The Council will consider this application at the July meeting. We still do not know when the application for 75 homes to the west of Thorney Green will be considered by MSDC planning committee.

I have to let you know that our quiz team's win at The Limeburners in Offton in May was not a flash in the pan. We came second in June and won another cash prize. We each pay £1 to enter and any money we win goes to our chosen charity – currently the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

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District Councillor's Report

Keith Welham

I was shocked that the Inspector had approved the Gladman application and I know many other residents were too. Mid Suffolk members and officers were appalled at the decision and disappointed that so many new homes are to be built on such a prominent site in the village. I and others feel that SCC highways let us down badly by seeking such a small financial contribution towards improvement works at the A1120/B1115 junction. The flows and delays at the junction were seriously under-estimated but SCC did not appear to make any challenge to their accuracy.

So we have to move on and hope that, once the land is sold, any potential house builder will have discussions with the Parish Council and District Council to match the homes to be built more closely to housing need and to provide community benefits.

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

Lack of a 5 year supply of land for housing is still a problem but, possibly, less so as a result of the Gladman decision and recent permissions at Cedars Park, Elmswell and elsewhere in the district. It will continue to be a problem for some time whilst land with permissions is held but with no plans to actively pursue developing it.

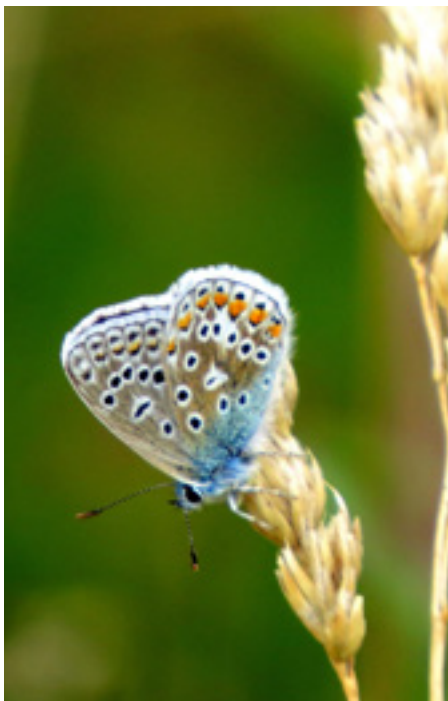
District officers have commenced a consultation on 'Building a Sustainable Future'. Events are being held around the district to seek residents' views. I have asked for one of these to be in Stowupland, especially in the light of one planning permission granted and two other applications pending. This consultation is part of the community engagement which should help shape the new Joint Local Plan.

Senior Management reorganisation is continuing. A deputy chief executive has been appointed (Lindsay Barker) but this is a new post that doesn't appear in the current structure so changes will be needed.

The Green Party have another District Councillor, Anne killett, having won the Barking ward by election from the Conservatives following the resignation of David Card. Membership of committees and working groups will have to be re-allocated and it is hoped that, with six members now, there will be a Green Party Councillor on every committee and working group.

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Parish Council Report

June 2016

The URC meeting room was extremely busy this month with 17 members of the public in attendance.

Council & Police Reports

The first person to deliver their report was SCC Councillor Green who advised that the last County Council meeting had been postponed until 30 June due to a family tragedy to the Council Leader. Included on the agenda is the proposed new look to the Fire Service and a review of how the Council works, followed by a debate on the 'devolution of the east,' which is still a moving feast as to which authorities want to be included. He reported back on his approach to Councillor Finch to reply to the letter that the Parish Council had sent him about the lack of movement on highway problems around the village. He advised that Thorney Green Road is due to be closed for a day on the 19th for repairs to a manhole. The Clerk then reminded him that Galloways needed to be advised of any road closures in the village. The issues around the school are due to be discussed this week and he will be requesting a joint meeting with members of the Parish Council.

The report from the District Councillor is reported elsewhere in Telstar. The report from the Police was a generic report meant for the whole of the district but did not include any information relating to Stowupland.

Dispensations

Councillor Carter requested a dispensation to allow him to speak to but not vote on various issues including planning matters. The request was discussed and the Council came to a majority decision that, due to potential conflicts of interest, Councillor Carter would no longer be included in any debates regarding neighbourhood planning.

Matters of Report

The Chairman reported that residents of Gipping Road estimated that the number of horses using Gipping Road exceeded on average more than 6 horse movements per day and the Parish Council agreed and will advise SCC accordingly. The residents also reported that some drivers appear to speed up rather than slow down when approaching a horse and a rider has reported abuse from a driver. He also reported that the response from the Cabinet Member for Highways gave no hope of significant road maintenance being carried out in the foreseeable future; nothing more than surface dressing in 2 years time. A press release has been sent to both the EADT and the Bury Free Press informing them of the response from SCC and the urgent need for road maintenance around the village including in particular Thorney Green Road and the need for an extension of the 30mph speed limit along Gipping Road.

Photographs were also sent in support of the poor state of Thorney Green Road and the damaged vehicles in Gipping Road as a result of a serious accident that occurred on Tuesday 7 June.

The Clerk advised that Phil Wright of SCC has now agreed to carry out the edge protection trial along Thorney Green between the footpath sign and Mill Cottages but no date has been given as to when the work will be carried out. However, one of the Councillors reported that a survey appeared to have been carried out earlier today, so it may be sooner rather than later. She reported that she has now received correspondence from Stowupland PCC that they were happy with the churchyard maintenance agreement that now has to be signed by the Parish Council and returned to the PCC for their signature. The Clerk reported that she has been in contact with the insurance company about the gates that have been removed between the car park and the basketball/overflow car park at the village hall. They advised that if the basketball hoops were the responsibility of the Parish Council then they would be responsible for children being kept safe in this area. However, if the hoops were removed then the liability would also be removed. These hoops have been damaged on a number of occasions and it will be referred to the village hall committee for discussion before any decision is taken as to whether to remove the hoops or reinstate the gates. She advised that she has contacted the school on a number of items including the offer of dog fouling signs that the school have accepted and made them aware that parents are still driving into the school to drop off pupils. She has also reported to them the further flooding from the school ditch that has occurred to the ground floor at Steeple View following the bad weather, along with supporting photographs. Although she thought that the conifer had been removed from the cemetery, it appears that the tree is hidden in the brambles so she will pursue this. She also reported that she had been in contact with Galloways about the service that did not go down Thorney Green Road when Gipping Road was closed near Reeds Way. She was advised that the 15.35 and 16.35 services do not return to Stowmarket so these are request services and will drop passengers at any stop that they request in the village. The Clerk has contacted SCC advising that whenever there is a road closure in Stowupland, they need to make Galloways aware in the future.

Public Forum

Mrs Carter advised that, when she came to the village 41 years ago, there was a plan in place to develop around 40 acres of land between Church Road and Gipping Road, but following a year of debate nothing ever came of it. There have, however, been a number of developments around the village over the years. She felt that everyone had had his or her chance to speak at the Public Inquiry and that the inspector had made his own decision. What upset her most was the hostility and nasty letters that had been directed at the Carter family as a whole.

Mark Jennings advised that he had lived in the village for 2 years and was not happy about the decision made by the Inspector who has no knowledge of the village and felt that it could not cope with even more traffic. He was very disappointed about

the outcome of the Inquiry and feared that this may open the floodgates.

Stan Hodgkins felt that the opposition to the development was overwhelming, that the District Council had twice voted against such a large development but still the Inspector had ignored this. He was sorry about the personal attacks on the Carter family.

Chris Beck was aware of the efforts of the Parish Council to get horse signs and an extension to the 30mph speed limit put in place in Gipping Road, but on Tuesday night a serious accident had occurred outside his house resulting with one person being hospitalised. He felt that the accident was caused by either excessive speed or inconsiderate use of the road. He also questioned Councillor Carter's appropriateness to represent the views of the residents. The Chairman then read out a statement regarding the use of dispensations and the personal responsibilities of all Councillors.

Jackie Ward asked about the state of Rendalls Lane and was advised that this was included in the letter to the Cabinet Member for Highways but it was clear that the holes on the edge of the road require permanent repair so this work will be delayed.

Jill Jolly was not happy about the frequency of use and volume of the tannoy used by the announcer at the Five a Side tournament, which, she felt, completely ruined her weekend.

Colin Churchill disagreed with the plan to build the 175 houses but bore no animosity towards the landowners personally. He also requested that the Parish Council consider installing a loop system in the URC meeting room to help hearing aid users hear the proceedings.

John Cummins was sorry to hear about the hostility directed towards the Carter family but felt that all actions did have consequences. He also asked the reasons for the diversion signs in Saxham Street and was advised that it was due to repairs being carried out on Gipping Back Lane.

Annual Parish Council

Councillor Voden was asked to co-ordinate ideas from all Parish Councillors for a fresh approach to the annual parish council meeting that has been pencilled in for Tuesday 25 April 2017 at the village hall.

Byelaw

It was agreed that it would be far too difficult to police any byelaws against inappropriate parking or littering in the village. Instead, as it was felt that most of the litter problem was down to the students from the High School, The Green having remained litter free throughout the recent half term but was as bad as ever on the first day of the new term, that the matter should be pursued with the school. A meeting is to be requested with the school.

Sub-Committees

It was agreed to review the allotments tenancy rules and seek to get an allotment association set up so that joint views can be sought.

The Community Events Sub-committee is due to attend a meeting on 13 June with the organisers of Music on the Green that is due to be held on 25 June. They will also be setting up a programme of quizzes, bingo etc for the forthcoming year.

A number of Finance and Policy Sub-committee recommendations were agreed, including pursuing work to be carried out on the turn around area at the Church Hall whether the PCC proceed with their part of it or not.

Recommendations regarding the cemetery and churchyard were agreed as follows: that the grass contractor taking over responsibility for cutting the grass in the churchyard and, in the cemetery, removes weeds from within any overgrown graves and alongside the path edges. A skip will also be provided to remove any rubbish and soil from newly dug graves. The lawnmowers will be retained for use in the event of any particular occasion when the churchyard needs an extra cut for a special event.

The Neighbourhood Planning Sub-committee met on 8 June and felt that they needed to regroup and focus on moving the plan forward. It was agreed to apply for more grant funding to buy in some professional help with the plan. The Parish Council will also be asking the committee to take on responsibility for advising on use of monies from the Community Infrastructure Levy. The next meeting will be held on 29 June when willing residents will be invited to help fight the latest planning application for 75 homes on Thorney Green Road. MSDC are holding meetings in the area for 'Building a Sustainable Future' and the District Councillor has requested that one of these should be held in Stowupland. It was agreed that once residents have had their chance to share their opinions with the District Council they should also be invited to share them with the Parish Council who will hold a meeting after the workshop.

Parents have been working hard on a design for the play park and it was decided that it is now time to hand over some aspects of the work to a new group who can progress the application for grants.

Councillor Reports

Councillor Spitzer advised that there was a considerable amount of litter left following the Five a Side Tournament and that the barrier around the temporary car park was removed before all the cars had left, allowing them to drive off The Green anywhere. There were also a lot of cars parked in Trinity Walk blocking people's accesses. All concerns are to be reported back to Stowupland Falcons. He also asked if there was any update on the cycle path and he was advised that nothing has been heard on this from SCC for some time. Concerns were also voiced about the increase in dog fouling on The Green. A further piece on this subject will be placed in Telstar as well as the magazine that covers Cedars Park as it is felt that a number of dogs walked on The Green come from outside of Stowupland.

Councillor Carter asked if the Parish Council were happy for him to cut the 'half a mow' and his offer was gratefully received.

Councillor Bickerdike had received a number of complaints about the access to the footpath from Thorney Green Road towards the A14 being inaccessible during the

works being carried out by Morrisons. Also the roadworks that were sited along the B1115 that had 3 way traffic lights were badly placed and could not be seen by traffic coming out of Devon Road. This has been reported to SCC. There was also 2 days when the lights were in operation that no work was being done. This was believed to be because they were waiting for the concrete to go off.

Councillor Studd reported a blocked drain under Thorney Green Road.

Councillor Spitzer felt that the Parish Council should be more proactive in working with developers to get the best results for the village.

Correspondence

Amongst the correspondence was a report from a resident of water coming out of a manhole by the pumping station on Church Road. Also a number of complaints had been received about the parking, lack of marshalling, visitors not keeping to the designated footpaths and volume of the tannoy at the recent 5 a side tournament. A letter will be sent to the Stowupland Falcons advising of the complaints and a meeting will be arranged with them to discuss this further. Despite a request from SCC Cllr Green for Councillor Bruce to e-mail him about the poor road signage and overgrown hedgerows around the junction by Town Farm, and a complaint from another resident about the same matter, he had failed to acknowledge them. Further correspondence has been received from someone outside the village requesting a memorial plaque to be placed in the cemetery but the Parish Council in this particular case has rejected the request and a letter will be sent accordingly. Network Rail are to have a public consultation this month of the proposed closure of some level crossings but as none of these involve road crossings, only pedestrian or farm crossings; the Parish Council will not be making any representation. A copy of a letter sent to MP Jo Churchill has been received from a resident outlining the need for the 30mph speed limit to be extended in Gipping Road following the accident on Tuesday evening.

The meeting closed to the public at 10.05pm.

Sandy Smith

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July Meeting and A.G.M

Our 2015/16 Report was appreciative of all the support given to the Group by members, the Telstar and Village Hall teams and our Independent Examiner, Sally Wray. The Financial Statement showed a healthy set of figures. All five Committee members were happy to serve for another year and duly re-elected.

Over the past year we have enjoyed talks by many excellent speakers and Anthony Cobbold's was no exception. We heard about Thomas Cobbold, who began as a maltster but went to Harwich to start brewing. He knew there would be a high demand for beer in Harwich, as it was a garrison port, but found the water to be brackish and so moved to Ipswich, founding the Cliff Brewery in 1746. It was inherited by his son John at the age of 22. John married twice; both his wives were called Elizabeth and the first bore him fifteen children, the second seven.

There were several marriages between the Cobbold and Chevallier families and many extraordinarily able – and often philanthropic – men and women are on the branches of the family tree. John Chevallier Cobbold was a driving force behind the setting up of the Eastern Union Railway and also the creation of a wet dock at Ipswich. Rev Richard Cobbold recorded life at Wortham, where he was Rector, and also produced an illustrated story of Margaret Catchpole. When Christchurch Mansion and Park were at risk of being bought by developers, Ipswich Borough eventually bought the park and Felix Cobbold bought the mansion, which he then gave to the Borough, creating the beautiful amenity that we know today. The 1st Earl Kitchener of Khartoum (familiar from the 'Your Country Needs You' posters of WWI) was the son of a Chevallier and nephew of a Cobbold. John Cobbold, as Chair of Ipswich Town, and Bobby Robson, as Manager, led the club to success – but John understood that losing was part of the game: he was said to open one bottle of champagne when Ipswich won, two if it lost! There was much more in Anthony's talk, greatly appreciated by us all. Never imagine that local history is dull!

Visits to Older Properties

Small groups of members have visited some buildings in the village, a fascinating insight into village history and building methods over the centuries. We are very grateful to owners for their generosity with time and information. If you live in an older property and feel you would be able to share your knowledge of it with us, please contact Marion. We are aware that this is asking a big favour. Visits are for small groups of members only.

Neil's Notes

Furnishing Stowupland Church

Holy Trinity Church Stowupland was consecrated on 30th August 1843 by the Bishop of Norwich. The work of fundraising was led by the Reverend A.G.H. Hollingsworth. However the furnishing of the church was largely accomplished by finding unwanted items from other parishes and by donation from individuals.

The font had been originally in the Church of Creeting All Saints. This church shared a churchyard with Creeting St. Mary and was wrecked in a storm, the parish being eventually incorporated with Creeting St Mary. On the demolition of All Saints at the start of the 19th century, the pedestal and basin of the 14th century octagonal font were separated and put to use in rectory gardens. When Holy Trinity Church was built, these two parts were reunited and presented by the Reverends G. Dupuis of Creeting St Mary and C. Parker of Ringshall.

On the 3rd of September 1843 the first two babies were baptised in this font, these children were Hannah Gould and Emma Ann Woods.

The altar cloth was presented by Miss Stanley, the daughter of the bishop.

The reading desk was a new piece but the pulpit was of the early 17th century, with very ornate carving, believed to be Flemish in origin; where it came from has been a matter of speculation.

The following inventory of Stowupland church in 1844 may be incomplete (the weights were not given). This is as it was written:

In the Church

are velvet cushions for the Pulpit, Reading Desk and Altar – an Altar Cloth of Crimson silk Velvet I.H.S. + in Gold presented by Miss Stanley, daughter of the Right Revd. E. Stanley, Bishop of Norwich.

One Carpet, a Quarto Bible, A Quarto Prayer Book, a Quarto Communion Prayer Book, a small Prayer book for Funerals, a fine linen Cloth, and three Napkins for the Holy Sacrament. 2 brass candlesticks in pulpit.

The Queens Arms of Iron. [Actually the arms of George IV]

The Tables of Offerings and Gifts.

1 Bell weighing -

2 arm chairs

one cast iron stove

In the Vestry

One Table, a small Closet, one Surplice, one Scarf, one Glass, one Basin and Jug, and one Tumbler -

a plan of the Church in a frame

one Cup, silver, weighing

one paten, silver, weighing

The church was refurnished in 1956 the altar rails and stalls being designed by H. Munro Cautley the diocesan surveyor and made by Ernest Barnes of Ipswich. The present organ came from Culford Church.

Talking Point

We asked about the meaning of 'copyhold', which was a form of tenure that existed from the Middle Ages until the 19th century, finally abolished in 1922. The tenant of a piece of land belonging to the lord of the manor would be granted certain privileges but also expected to render certain services and these details were recorded in the manorial roll. The tenant was given a copy of the entry, hence 'copyhold'.

For our next 'Talking Point', what is the meaning of the name Diaper?

Programme

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

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

Aug 3rd 'The Class of '63 – Earl Stonham Charity School' by Pip Wright
Pip's latest book is an account of this school, based on original documents. Eight poor boys made up the class of 1763, taught by the master, Thomas Warren. It would be a defining moment in all their lives. The book will be on sale, along with many others by Pip.

Pip has been one of our regular speakers and we are looking forward to his talk at this, our 5th birthday meeting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors will be welcome. Admission is £1 for members, £3 for non-members. There will be cake!

Stowupland W.I. report

April

A warm welcome awaited all, after which “Jerusalem” was sung. The record of the previous meeting was read, agreed and signed. Correspondence was dealt with and some put on a table for further perusal. Colleen read invitations to a party for the Queen and a mystery trip. Judy reminded members of the forthcoming Southwold and Sandringham trips.

We were then introduced to our speaker, Charlie Haylock, whose subject was “surnames”. These did not come into being until the Norman Conquest, when populations started to move from their home towns or villages and needed a second name to identify themselves from other strangers. Names were taken from several sources – occupations, nicknames, place names and corruptions of Viking, Norman, French and Saxon words, such as “wolf helmet” which became Wilhem, and in turn became William. It was a fascinating and lively talk.

After refreshments, a ballot was held regarding the resolutions that will be discussed at the forthcoming A.G.M. One was to allow carers to stay with dementia sufferers should they be hospitalized, while the other looked to avoid food waste, from grower to retailer. Both were passed and our decisions will be included in the vote at the A.G.M.

Charlie then ran our raffle, after which the results of the competitions were announced. The photo competition was won by Alison, with Pat 2nd. and Mandy 3rd. Alison also won the flower competition, with Margaret 2nd. and Pat 3rd. With a reminder that it is our Strawberries and Cream meeting next month, Colleen closed the meeting.

Outing

Southwold Summer Theatre, Saturday, September 3rd, Alan Bennett’s play “The old country” Coach leaves Stowupland 11.00 a.m.

Fare £8.50, theatre ticket £13.

To book (deadline mid- July) or for further information, please phone Judy Clarke (01449 615386)

Mid suffolk district council is coming to stowupland to discuss growth, house building and the opportunities these bring.

Over the next 15 years the district will be building large numbers of homes in response to a growing population combining with factors such as increased life expectancy and smaller households driving demand. To ensure all residents understand the opportunities this housing growth offers, the district council will be opening up the conversation on growth to the public under the title “Building a Sustainable Future”, including coming to Stowupland on Tuesday 19 July.

The “Building a Sustainable Future” events are being held throughout both Mid Suffolk and Babergh through June and early July, including Stowupland. Each event will be open to all residents to drop in and talk with officers about how the councils’ Growth Agenda can be delivered while preserving the unique character and identity of Mid Suffolk. There will also be the opportunity to discuss the positive impact new housing will have on economic growth, job opportunities, the sustainability of local services and infrastructure.

Stowupland’s “Building a Sustainable Future” event will be held at the Village Hall between 3pm and 7pm on 19 July, and everyone in the area is encouraged to come along at any point and put their questions about growth to Mid Suffolk officers and to Keith Welham, District Councillor for Stowupland.

Public meeting to discuss mid suffolk’s plans for increasing the rate of house building

Following on from the consultation event being held by MSDC in the village hall, the Parish Council has arranged a public meeting to hear the views of residents about further new housing developments in Stowupland and about the District Council’s proposals for dealing with the shortfall in available housing land for development to meet the housing needs of the area. Please attend the District Council event between 3.00 and 7.00 and then the Public Meeting.

Tuesday 19 july from 7.00 In the village hall

Holy Trinity Church.

Rev David Swales

Dear Friends,

We've recently emerged from a long sequence of great church festivals which began at the end of November. Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost. These come like milestones on our Christian journey through the year. And they help us on that journey, because at each one we stop and remember some great thing which God has done; we hear another chapter in the story. He sent his Son into the world; he raised him from the dead; he sent the Holy Spirit; and so-on.

Like a profound piece of music, which yields new things each time it is heard, so each year as we hear again the unfolding story of God's mighty and loving acts we can appreciate them in some new and deeper way.

Now what?

But then, all of a sudden, the sequence comes to an end. After Pentecost, we embark upon the seemingly endless series of 'Sundays after Trinity' - as many as twenty-two of them, or nearly six months-worth. In our church on those Sundays there are no more big festivals to celebrate, no more instalments in the story: instead we explore what it means to be the Church, and what it means to be a Christian, in today's world.

It's as if God uses the Church Year to say to us, "This is what I have done; now it's over to you. I've given you the gift of a life-changing Gospel; what are you going to make of it".

Over to us?

And what are we making of it, those of us who call ourselves Christians, and see ourselves as part of the church? As we look at our life as God's people do you believe we are being true to our calling as servants of the Gospel? Are we making God and his Kingdom our priority? Are we letting God transform us? Are we being channels of his healing love to a broken world? And, if we are not, what will you do to change that?

Almighty God

by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people; that each in his vocation and ministry may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Your friend and vicar, David

Holy Trinity Church

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CHURCH SERVICES in JULY

3rd Jul	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	1st@4 Service – <i>church with a difference!</i>
10th Jul	9.30am	Morning Worship & ★ <i>Trinity Starz</i> ★
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
17th Jul	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
18th Jul (Mon)	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View – <i>All Welcome!</i>
24th Jul	9.30am	All-Age Family Service
	3.00pm	Deanery Evensong at Old Newton
31st Jul	11.00am	Benefice Communion at Wetherden Benefice Outing - details in each church!

(BCP) – *Book of Common Prayer*

A PRAYER:

May we accept each day at your hand, O God, as a gift to be treasured, a life to be enjoyed, a trust to be kept, and a hope to be fulfilled; and all for your glory. Amen

FAMILIES!

Please come along on Sunday 3rd July to the **‘1st @ 4’ SERVICE** at 4.00pm and enjoy this popular **‘Church With A Difference’** (with some snacks afterwards)!

Then please come to our bright and friendly **ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE** in church on Sunday, July 24th at 9.30am. Do stay and have FairTrade refreshments and a chat with us in the hall afterwards!

STEEPLE VIEW:

The residents warmly invite you to join them for their Songs of Praise Service on Monday, 18th July at 10.30am; this is followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay.

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH:

Come along and enjoy our popular Ploughman's lunch – good food in congenial company - on Tuesday July 19th at 12 noon in the Church Hall.

BEETLE DRIVES:

We welcome everyone to come along and enjoy some fun in a very friendly atmosphere at the Beetle Drives which will be held on Tuesdays, 5th and 26th July at 2.30pm in the Church Hall.

SUMMER CONCERT:

We invite you to come and enjoy a truly wonderful evening with ***'In Harmony'*** on Saturday, July 16th at 7.30pm in the Church.

Tickets are £6 per person, (*under 16's free*), and includes light refreshments. You'll be treated to a wide range of music; a real feast of items including a Lower-String Ensemble playing music from composers Harry Gregson-Williams, Eric Whitacre etc.

Enjoy a *'Folk Cello Duet'* and singing by 4-part & 5-part choirs including *'Billy Joel'* and Madrigals, and all performed by some exceptionally talented musicians and singers. There will be something for everybody, so please come along and enjoy! *Please see back page*

WEEKLY OPEN CHURCH:

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

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

FOOD BANK BOX:

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

CHURCH HALL HIRE:

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

CHURCH 100 CLUB:

Congratulations to the winners of the June draw:

1st No.76 Mrs L Montgomery: 2nd No.4 Mrs P Hodgkins:

3rd No.2 Mr K Stanford

PARISH REGISTERS

Our apologies for the non-appearance of our 'Registers' in recent months.

This month we publish entries going back as far as February.

WEDDINGS. Our congratulations to those who have recently married:

26th March Scott Redhead & Chloe Painter

14th May Daniel Noakes & Kerry Smith

29th May Shane Ward & Laura Hillier

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

22nd Feb Tony Lyons

17th March Kenneth Last

22nd March Tony Charters

20th April John Jacques

28th April Patricia Lang

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CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

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Dance Club:	May & Paul Durham	01449 672601
Local History Group:	Marion Harris	01449 770895
Short Mat Bowls:	Pam Fayers	01449 770080
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Countryside Rambler

Brian Ward

Where did the spring go? it seems only yesterday I was in woodland with flowering snowdrops and now we are past the longest day of the year. Well summer is officially here and all the natural joys that go with it, swallows in the air and butterflies on the wing.

June is one of my favourite months as all the trees are in full leaf with varying shades of green and the meadows are yellow with buttercups. My wife and I have been busy during June, firstly we visited Lopham Fen and watched the Hobbies as they swooped, catching various air born insects. I spotted a couple of juvenile Raft Spiders in the lagoons; this reserve is well known for its Raft Spiders and well worth a visit. We have been to Lakenheath Fen and photographed the Grasshopper Warbler; these were also seen at Wicken Fen along with some wonderful orchids growing along the path verges around the reserve. This reserve has a boardwalk and is suitable for buggies and wheelchairs and is National Trust.

A small fen at Thelneatham always turns up surprises on our visit. A pair of Willow Tits was feeding amongst the vegetation; this bird is similar to the Marsh Tit but has a dull cap and a pale wing bar. The Little Ouse passes through this fen and nearby fens include Market Weston, Roydon, Blo Norton also Lopham and Redgrave Fen, all are individual fens with typical fenland inhabitants. Also look out for the orchids at this time of year. I have seen a few Spotted Flycatchers this year and heard a fair amount of Nightingales at various locations. Recently I watched a Barn Owl hunting and in the space of twenty minutes it caught three voles and returned to its nest to feed its young. Barn Owls prefer still dry evenings to hunt as they locate much of their prey by sound and if it's raining or windy it makes their job much harder.

The most spectacular thing I witnessed in June was a pair of Hobbies chasing a single Swift, these small agile falcons are masters of the air, the Swift is very fast on the wing but was no match for these hungry predators. It was fascinating to watch, partly hoping the Swift would out manoeuvre the Hobbies, but at the same time the Hobbies had just returned from their long migration and needed to feed. Nature can be cruel and rather raw to watch at times but that is how they survive.

Recently my wife and I visited Bempton Cliffs in Yorkshire, we stayed for several days in order to hopefully get at least a few hours of sunshine and photograph some of the sea birds nesting on the cliff face. Fortunately the weather was good and with a moderate easterly wind it lifted the birds upwards as the breeze hit the cliff face and gave a steady up draught. There are literally thousands of seabirds nesting on the cliffs, a magical sight and sound as they fly, soar and glide along the cliff tops. Most people's favourite is the Puffin, but for grace and prominence in the skies the Gannet is my favourite. Other birds to see are Guillemot, Razorbill, Fulmar, Shags and Kittiwake. Also around the visitors centre there are Tree Sparrows in abundance, different from our House Sparrows and even a different chirp as they call to one another. This is England's largest seabird colony and is well worth a visit; also it has tarmac paths and is accessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs.

The school holidays will soon be upon us, most of the organisations provide activities for children, RSPB and Suffolk wildlife trust are prime examples, so no excuse, introduce your offspring to the great outdoors.

July Dates

Fri	1	Turbo Cricket	6.30pm	Cricket Club
Sun	3	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	4	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	5	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	5	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	6	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	6	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	6	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	7	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	10	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	11	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	12	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – August issue		
Wed	13	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	13	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	14	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	14	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	15	Turbo Cricket	6.30pm	Cricket Club
Sun	17	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	18	Stowmarket LHG visit to Holy Trinity Church		7.00pm
		Church Hall		
Mon	18	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	19	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	19	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	19	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	19	Building a Sustainable Future – MSDC drop-in event	3.00 – 7.00pm	Village Hall
Tues	19	Public meeting about housing developments		7.00pm
		Village Hall		
Wed	20	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	20	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	20	W.I. – Rachel Sloane: ‘From Babies to Broadcasting’	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	21	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall

Thurs	21	P.C. Footpaths Sub. Com.	7.30pm	Church Hall
Fri	22	Turbo Cricket	6.30pm	Cricket Club
Sun	24	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	25	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	26	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	26	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	27	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	28	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	28	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	29	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel
Sun	31	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall

August Dates

Mon	1	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	2	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	2	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	3	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	3	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	3	Local History Group – ‘The Class of ’63 -7.30pm		Village Hall
		Earl Stonham Charity School’, by Pip Wright		
Thurs	4	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	7	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Wed	10	PC Allotment sub committee	4.00pm	Allotments

Future Events in 2016

10 Sept	Table Top Sale
16 Sept	Community Quiz night
23 Sept	Community Bingo (18+)
18 Nov	Community Quiz night

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

Stowupland Village Hall update .

Jerry Voden VHMC

To start this month's report a big thank you to all our regular users for their help in the changes in the booking arrangements while the Gladman appeal was being held. We hope that we managed to accommodate most of you so that your activities could go on without too much interruption.

The appeal time was shorter than expected and it did not go to a second week, which eased the pressure on parking at peak times. This month's committee meeting saw a discussion on ground maintenance with a regular contract put in place for cutting the hedge and grass around the hall. We are also looking at updating the constitution which will take some time, as there will be a lot of work to do with the charities commission.

The use of the hall remains good throughout the week; although we will lose the Zumba booking on a Tuesday night, so if you know of someone who is looking for a venue to hold an event on a Tuesday evening please let us know. We would also like to increase our bookings at weekends and we will be looking at ways to do this over this year. So you if you would like further details of what the hall has to offer please call our booking secretary Hugh Blanch on 01449 612156.



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'WHAT IS THE SPIRIT SAYING TO OUR CHURCHES?'

One of the key events taking place within the life of the United Reformed Church this month is our National General Assembly which this year meets in Southport, Merseyside from Friday 8th July to Monday 11 July. Delegates will gather from around the UK, and will welcome visitors from other churches as well as those representing the world wide church.

Naturally many of the reports take the opportunity to 'take stock' and identify what is good about the URC, as well as pose the question this year: 'What is the Spirit saying to the Churches?' as an encouragement to local churches and chapels to discover new ways of engaging with the communities we are called to serve.

From my initial reading I have gleaned just a few key elements that are on offer:

The URC is seeking to be realistic, acknowledging that we are a small and declining denomination with limited resources, but feel that we are using our God-given gifts wisely and effectively, and in many ways that enables us to 'punch above our weight' especially in our ecumenical relationship as we take seriously the prayer of Jesus 'that we should all be one'.

The URC is encouraging its churches to embrace 'Holy Habits' which reflect the values of the early believers as recorded in Acts Chapter 2. The following ten 'Holy Habits' have been identified for local church consideration: eating together; being a praying community; actively seeking to make new believers; being joyful whatever comes our way; having a spirit of generosity; regularly breaking bread together; serving others; engaging with other Christians; coming together to worship God; regularly reading of scripture and sharing resources. Local fellowships are being encouraged to 'take stock' and see in what ways we reflect this model of being Church, and

how we might develop our life together in Christ.

The URC is being courageous and controversial in that it is seeking to respond to contemporary issues, specifically the question of allowing the marriage in some of our churches of same-sex couples as well as seeking support for a new international nuclear weapons ban treaty. The latter recognises the humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons as well as opposing the cost of replacing Trident. The report affirms that the Church as a whole cannot have a single view of such challenging issues, but declares that the local Church Meeting holds a 'governing authority', and it is for each local church to determine its position 'in response to the guidance and prompting of the Holy Spirit' but in the belief that we are called to live in unity in the midst of our rich diversity.

We are being called to celebrate two key anniversaries this next year: the 500th Anniversary of the birth of Non-Conformity and the 100th Anniversary of the ordination of the first woman, Constance Coltman, into the Congregational Church (one of the denominations that make up the URC). They are each a reminder of the way that the Church throughout every generation has sought to respond and adapt to changing needs and understandings, accepting that the Spirit is seeking to lead us in ever new Truths.

It seems to me that as a church we are being encouraged to discover where God is already at work in His world and follow His lead, so that we, as a people of God, might be 'fit for purpose' in the opportunities and challenges within our contemporary and increasingly secular society. I am encouraged by the emphasis of a Church that is seeking to listen to what the Spirit is saying to us, so that we might continue to play a vital part in today's world. As one of the Reports, so telling, states: 'The Spirit is leading us to trust that God holds the future even when the future appears uncertain And is calling us to a life of radical discipleship, directed towards God's mission in the world'.

Of this I am convinced, that with God's help and prompting, we will be equipped for the tasks ahead, so that His Name may be glorified in all that we think, say and do.

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

URC CHURCH SERVICES

It doesn't seem possible that this time last year we were holding our first coffee morning following the building work to make the toilets accessible for all and converting the gents' toilet into a kitchenette to service the hall. I hope many of you will have seen the alterations and I am sure you will agree that it is a great improvement and so much more convenient for our coffee mornings. The next coffee morning will be on Friday 29 July at the usual time 10am to 12noon. Please come and spend a very enjoyable morning, good company, tea/coffee and lovely cakes. A big thank you to all those who so generously supported last months coffee morning when the magnificent sum of £235.00 was raised for Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Services at the URC Chapel are held each Sunday at 10.30. am and we cordially invite anyone who wishes to join us in our worship. A warm welcome awaits you.

Our speakers for July are as follows:

03 July	Tim Yau
10 July	Nigel Crisp
17 July	Sue Liddell
24 July	Clive Herrod
31 July	Stephen Horrex

Afternoon Fellowship

Just to keep you in the picture we recommence our meetings on the first Monday in October. We welcome anyone who would like to join us at our meetings (male or female). Come and enjoy the fellowship also a cuppa.

Mary Clark



Mid Suffolk and Babergh are hosting their Year of Walking, with guided walks in many towns and villages, including Nordic Walking and some themed walks – booklets are available here at the Tourist Information Centre, where we can take your bookings too.

Following the active theme, we have information on all the local sports clubs. Come and see us for more details and contacts for many different activities including Bowls, Badminton, Rugby, Tennis, Fishing, and Golf.

The Mix in Stowmarket are open throughout the year for youth activities and workshops, and there are many activity sessions for older people too, including New Age Kurling at the John Peel Centre on Wednesday mornings, and Yoga, Pilates and Line Dancing at Stowmarket Community Centre.

Activity isn't just about exercise – it's about getting outdoors and exploring the area too. Many attractions have trails and treks included; at the Museum of East Anglian Life, there is a lovely nature river trail, and a children's play area. Baylham House has a farm trail, and the Mid Suffolk Light Railway at Brockford have special open days in June and July, and they are open every Sunday. Stonham Barns have a range of activities, with fishing, mini golf, and plenty of space just to run around in.

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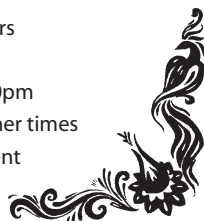
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Are we still doing a Neighbourhood Plan? and other planning goings-on.

The Gladman appeal decision will be known to you all by now. Reactions range from disappointed but expected, to completely devastated. In other news, the application for 75 dwellings hasn't been determined and may be going to the planning committee later in July, so we still don't know the outcome of that proposal, and at the time of writing the application for a small group of dwellings opposite the church and the former post office hasn't been registered by Mid Suffolk.

A number of other things have happened since the last report, including Babergh/ Mid Suffolk publishing the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, and the launch of their "Building a Sustainable Future" campaign across both authorities, planning applications for large developments being approved, and Lavenham have had their Neighbourhood Plan examined, and received the Examiner's report – so only the referendum to go.

What does all this mean for Stowupland and our Neighbourhood Plan – and are we going to go ahead with it?

The Neighbourhood Plan Group met for the first time since March on 8th June, and unanimously decided to carry on.

Why, what is the point now that we are going to have at least 175 houses, and possibly more built?

There are two very good reasons for carrying on and producing a Neighbourhood Plan. Firstly we can have control over what our village looks like. We acknowledge the development of 175 houses, including 35% affordable housing (around 60 dwellings), and formulate policies on the sensitive areas that we feel should be kept free of development, or where new development should be small-scale and sensitively/well-designed to fit in with our village, and policies that will help preserve the character of the green and listed buildings and their settings. We can also have a list of aspirations and projects that the community want to achieve in the village – for example, extensions and or more equipment and facilities, traffic calming or other transport and traffic measures. Which brings me to the second very good reason for proceeding with our Neighbourhood Plan – the additional amount of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments that would be available to us to spend on community/village projects. Without a NP in place the parish will receive 15% of CIL payments made to Mid Suffolk from new developments. With a NP the parish will receive 25% of CIL payments arising from new development in the village.

We are some way along the process now, and we remain convinced that we should carry on and complete our Neighbourhood Plan.

The Gladman planning permission

The Inspector has allowed the appeal and granted planning permission. This is 'outline' permission and the house builder who buys the land will need to submit an application for the details, and will need to comply with the 24 conditions imposed by the Inspector. These include, for example:

1. provision of a pedestrian link to Gipping Road;
2. limiting the height to two-storeys (but this does include rooms within the roof);
3. no development in a 30 metre deep strip from the site boundary with Church Road (so the houses will be set further back from the road to protect the amenity of the adjoining bungalow);
4. landscaping in and around the site;
5. a design code that will include materials, open spaces, street types, parking, walls, and fences, links to the footpath network, lighting, and bin storage arrangements;
6. a flood risk assessment and surface water drainage strategy;
7. details of all external lighting, including street lighting; and
8. details of a scheme to improve the junction of the A1120 and B1115 (as shown on the drawing available at the inquiry) to be submitted for approval before the development starts, and to be constructed before occupation of the 50th dwelling on the site.

A legal agreement has also been signed that will ensure the provision of 35% of the dwellings as affordable housing, open space, public transport improvements, a contribution towards improving footpaths, and a permissive footpath link from the development alongside Gipping Road to the farm shop and post office. These provisions and financial contributions are in addition to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) that includes a contribution to Suffolk County Council for education facilities.

So, what is done is done. It is not the outcome we had hoped for, and it is not the right decision for our village. However, the government drive for house building and Mid Suffolk's lack of planning for a five-year supply of housing land has meant that we now have to live with this decision. Suffolk County Council and Mid Suffolk have done a good job in securing financial contributions, and a strong set of conditions governing the future development of this site. We can use the Neighbourhood Plan to engage with Mid Suffolk so that we have an input into what gets built on the site, and when we get our Neighbourhood Plan adopted the parish council will receive 25% of the CIL money to spend on projects in our parish.

The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)

This is a technical document that local councils are required to prepare. Babergh and Mid Suffolk have published a joint SHLAA that shows land over 2 hectares that

they feel is technically suitable for development. These are not land allocations – that comes later in the local plan.

Unfortunately Mid Suffolk has chosen to include Stowupland in with Stowmarket north – all the other larger villages have their own map. There are two sites in Stowupland – one is the field opposite the church and primary school in Church Road, and the other is the whole of the land opposite the allotments across the road and along Thorney Green Road to Pooles Farm, including the current application site for 75 dwellings. It frankly beggars belief that they should include this land as being suitable for 200 houses when Mid Suffolk officers used the 2009 Stowmarket Environmental Appraisal at the inquiry that clearly showed this land to be an extremely important landscape buffer for both Stowupland and Stowmarket, and the last gap between the village and the town. We will use the results of the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire to show the council that we feel strongly this gap should be maintained at the planning committee that considers the planning application, but the SHLAA is a public document and will inevitably undermine both the 2009 study and our questionnaire results.

Mid Suffolk's Building a Sustainable Future campaign

Some of you may have had a leaflet through the door about this. Most of us hadn't at the time of writing. I went to the first of the councils' exhibitions in Elmswell, and was surprised that this campaign seems designed to encourage residents to welcome "housing-led growth", without mentioning planning and what is happening with developers flocking to our area with applications, or to Neighbourhood Plans. The Councils want a conversation with residents about the benefits of housing growth, and want to find out what sort of houses we want in our towns and villages. So do go along to one of these events. Keith Welham has succeeded in getting them to come to Stowupland (as originally we were expected to go to Stowmarket – yet another indication that they think of Stowupland as a suburb of the town). This will be on Tuesday 19 July from 3.00 to 7.00 in the village hall and will be followed by a public meeting arranged by the Parish Council which will start as soon as possible after 7.00. Do have a look at what they are promoting, write your comments, and above all ask questions. I am told the feedback will make a difference, and will be used in preparing the local plan.

I hope the Gladman appeal being allowed doesn't deter Mid Suffolk from refusing the application for 75 dwellings at Thorney Green Road and Stowmarket Road, but I am fearful that this and the inclusion of this land in the SHLAA will make some councillors lose the courage to refuse this awful application. However, I am optimistic about continuing with the Neighbourhood Plan, and look forward to getting it ready for consultation with everyone in the parish soon, so that we can have some say in how we want our village to look and feel.

Jackie Ward MRTPI

*Chair of the Stowupland Neighbourhood Plan Group
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Stowupland Cricket Club

A spell of good weather along with some good results has made for another successful month within the cricket club.

Firstly our Saturday XI have played 4 games, winning 3 but unfortunately last week's game was rained off half way through the 1st innings. Our 3 wins started off with a comfortable 10 wicket win against Ipswich III, bowling them out for 134, Tom Wray and George Yardley scored unbeaten half centuries to secure an easy victory. The second was a close game against Woolpit with them setting 201. We chased this down with 2 overs remaining, it was largely down to Gavin Johnson and Jake Taylor both scoring 50s that helped secure the win. Our 3rd consecutive victory came away to promotion rivals Tendering, in which we won by 2 wickets after bowling them out for 105.

Sunday XI again had a good month, winning 3 and losing 1. 2 wins came against Rougham in consecutive weeks. The first game Stowupland set an average score of 173-8; with Tom Abbott scoring 51 not out. After a great spell of bowling from Kieran Gregory finishing with 5-47 and some spectacular catches, Stowupland eventually won by 40 runs. The following week Stowupland, batting first again, scored a better total setting 248-4 with Tom Wray top scoring with 80 and Joe Chalk finishing on 49 not out. Again another good bowling performance from all bowlers meant Rougham could only manage 133 all out in reply. Our other win was won in the penultimate over in a nail biting game against Acton. Both teams under performed with the bat and we managed to chase down Acton's 130 all out with 8 balls to go. Last week saw us lose in a rain affected and reduced overs match against second in the league Brockely.

Sunday 2nd XI are again performing well but failing to get the results they deserve. This month, once again with a side full of players from the youth teams, they lost the 3 games in which they played. Losing twice to Risby, one of which could have gone either way, but unfortunately for us, it was Risby who claimed victory. The third loss came against Bury. Hopefully luck will change next month and we can finally report a victory.

Midweek XI has also continued the clubs winning ways this season, winning their 2 games this month. One was a win against their opponents in last year's final, Battisford. The second win came against Brettenham. 1 more win should secure a place in the play offs for a third year running.

Off the pitch our fundraising team is in full flow and gaining valuable money in order to purchase new machinery. Our breakfast club at the Sunday morning junior practice has raised over £250 so far and we also raised around £140 at a cake stall in Stowmarket. This is a good start to our £5000 target. Please keep your eyes peeled for new events and come and support your local cricket team.

We are holding a Fun Day on the 31st July, please come along and have a look.

That's all for this month.

Jo Abbott Chairperson

On behalf of Stowupland Falcons FC I would just like to say a big thank you to Keith Welham, the Parish Council and local residents for allowing us to use the green again as parking for our 5-a-side.

Our tournament is one of the largest all 5 a-side tournaments in Suffolk attracting over 160 teams over the weekend. We had teams from Suffolk, Essex; Norfolk and Cambridgeshire enter this year ranging in ages from 7 through to 16.

This event is our primary fundraising event of the year and enables us to provide footballing opportunities for children and adults in the local community at affordable prices.

The weather was kind to us over the 2 days and I hope everyone had an enjoyable time.

Thank you to all the committee, managers, parents, helpers and players for setting up and clearing up, without your help we would not be able to host such an event.

Team performances 2015-2016 season

Saturday morning club - non competitive - 4v4 tournaments - free coaching for ages 4-7 boys and 4-9 girls every Saturday from 10am - 11am

Under 8's - non competitive - cup run got to group stages

Under 9's - non competitive - cup run got to semi final

Under 10's - non competitive - cup run group stages

Under 10 girls - non competitive - first season together - need a goal keeper

Under 11's - non competitive - cup run got to group stages

Under 11 girls -non competitive - second season together the girls are enjoying their football

Under 12 yellow - 3rd in the league - cup run KO cup semi final

Under 12 Blues - 5th in the league - cup run KO cup 1st round, KO vase winners

Under 13 Red - 6th in the league - cup run KO cup 1st round, KO vase 1st round

Under 13 Girls - 2nd in the league - cup run KO cup winners

Under 14 Yellows - 2nd in the league - cup run KO cup- runners up

Under 14 Blues- 4th in the league - cup run KO cup - quarter final

Under 14 Girls - 6th in the league - cup run KO cup - semi final

Under 15's - 5th in the league - cup run - KO cup 1st round, vase cup winners

Under 16 Blue - winners of the league - cup run KO cup semi final

Adults A Team - 10th in the league - cup run club colours cup 1st round

Adults Reserves - 2nd in the league - promoted to Intermediate B, cup run Suffolk Primary cup - 2nd round, SIL cup round 1

Adults 1st team - 3rd in the league - cup run Bob Coleman cup - 3rd round, Suffolk Junior cup - 3rd round

Stowupland Ability - This year has seen our Club take on a new team called Stowupland Falcons Ability. This team has been in existence for more than 10 years providing football to all on a weekly basis. For the last few years the charity Avenues East has been organising the sessions, but due to Government funding challenges they approached the Club to take it on moving forward, which we gladly did. The sessions restarted mid April and are regularly attended by 10-18 players all varying adult ages and abilities. We have now started to introduce structured coaching and hope to start to compete in local competitions soon. We have been fortunate to receive some funding from AJ's Legacy for kit and we are working on a team sponsor to support this team moving forward. The sessions run from 1800-1900 on a Friday at Mid Suffolk Leisure centre, and the lads would warmly welcome new adult players (lads and lasses).

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Keith Welham

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