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DECEMBER 2018

Welcome to December/January's edition of Telstar. December is always a busy month for clubs and groups as we celebrate Christmas, and look back on the year nearly gone. I hope you will find the Telstar a useful guide for dates and times for Christmas celebrations, carol services, and so on. The Church is having a Carols and Mince Pie Party and the Cricket Club are organizing some Christmas fun for your doggies, to name two events. In Stowmarket there is the Christmas Tree Festival, where you can see the Parish Council tree, decorated by our Parish Clerk, Claire Pizzey.

Also in this edition you will find an update of progress in the refurbishment of the Play Park. The Play Park committee is celebrating because they have achieved what they set out to do, namely improving the Play Park. Have you checked it out yet, my grandson loves it. On a more serious note, Speedwatch write about the need for volunteers to re-start the group after a fall off of helpers.

Our next edition is for February. If you would like to contribute to the magazine whether it is about your group or an individual take on life in the village, we would love to hear from you.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

NOVEMBER 2018



A fairly quiet meeting opened with 4 Councillors absent and only 2 members of the public present.

Councillors' Reports:

SCC Cllr Green advised that he was chasing Highways over the sandbag situation in Thorney Green, as he felt that the delays were unacceptable. The verges in Mill Street will be cut eventually. He was pleased that the layby near the primary school has been done and the only outstanding work there is the reinstatement of the yellow lines. He was advised that the 30mph sign on Stonham Lane has rusted through, and one on Gipping Road has been taken down by the contractors who put in the new footpath and has been thrown onto the field. He was also advised about the state of the passing places in Rendall Lane. He reported that the advertised closure of the A14 in order to repair the bridge has been shelved for the time being due to lack of money, and a temporary repair should take place at some time.

Keith Welham's District Councillor report can be found elsewhere in Telstar.

Matters of Report:

The Clerk reported that the handyman had provided a quote to carry out work on greenery in the play park, and that she and the Chairman had authorised him to make a start on the work which should be completed by the end of November. The grass contractor has completed the work to remove the nettles under the willow tree on The Green. She advised that there were no further updates in respect of bus timetables, new bins, fencing at the basketball court in the play park or the Post Office. Members agreed that, due to the reduction in the bus services, it is no longer necessary to provide framed timetables. In future, amended timetables will be advertised by way of posters in bus shelters.

The Clerk also reported that footpath 20 has been cut and that the work on footpath 32 has been completed. She also reported that she is having trouble establishing where some of the original play park equipment was purchased from as some of it has broken and needs some spare parts.

Parish Council Vacancy:

Mr Phil Deal expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and, following a brief presentation, he was accepted as a new member of the team and was welcomed by the Chairman.

Public Forum:

A resident requested that the police should be asked to set up speed cameras early in the morning when a number of lorries have been witnessed speeding along A1120 before 7am. He also queried why a temporary post office van

could not be made available to Stowupland residents, now that the post office has closed. An inspection chamber surround on The Green alongside Thorney Green is breaking up along its edges, and there is a trip hazard on the footpath alongside B1115, behind the village sign where tree roots have pushed the path surface up. It was also reported that there is a lot of broken glass and pottery coming to the surface on the new footpath along Gipping Road, and photos have been sent to the Clerk who advised that she has forwarded these to Bloor Homes but has not received any response from them as yet. Cllr Welham will take up the matter with MSDC Planning.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Allotments – All renewals have been sent out and letters of termination have been sent in respect of plots that have become very untidy and/or overgrown with weeds.

Cemetery and Churchyard – Amongst the recommendations made by the sub-committee that were agreed by Parish Council were to obtain quotes for removal of suckers and a tree stump from a grave in the cemetery. Also, to obtain quotes for various tree works, hedge and ditch work in the churchyard, and to seek some advice from a tree surgeon regarding a large yew tree.

Environment – It was recommended and agreed by Parish Council that a new bench should be purchased for half a mow, to agree a new sign for Grays Close and to adopt the small authority practice of publishing all documents on the website starting in January 2019, with a transition period of 6 months where paper copies will still be put on the main noticeboard.

Footpaths – It was agreed to purchase 2 new dog bins to be placed along footpaths 31 and 57. The streetlight on Footpath 32 has been reported. The current temporary diversion of the footpath around phase 2 of the Bloor Site is due to come to an end at the end of November and the Parish Council will contact SCC to advise that they are not in favour of this diversion being extended any longer.

Play Park – It was agreed to obtain quotes to cut back the hedge and trees in the play park before its opening. The contractor who fitted the new equipment has been contacted as one piece of the equipment has broken and needs repair and they also need to collect their temporary fencing.

Transport, Traffic and Safety – Suffolk County Council's response to the Stowupland Neighbourhood Plan consultation indicates a potential increase in pupil numbers (11-16) from the current 900 to 1200. It was agreed to arrange a meeting between representatives of the Parish Council and SCC Education Department, along with the Cabinet Member as they must take responsibility for the traffic chaos around school start and finish times as well as for the day long parking of vehicles belonging to both students and teachers at the village hall, and alongside Thorney Green. The Parish Council has been

waiting 18 months for this meeting and are not prepared to continue in this vein, so will be giving them one month to respond; otherwise they will be going direct to a full Council meeting to get answers. Not only is the current situation causing problems for residents, there is also a great risk to the students; these problems go back to the transfer from 3 to 2 tier education in Suffolk.

SALC – Cllr Reeves reported that there were 2 speakers at the recent SALC meeting with differing responses. A very good informative talk was given by Nick Hulme CEO of Ipswich and Colchester Hospitals who gave the shocking statistic that only 20% of hospital patients were admitted with diseases that did not relate to their lifestyle choices. The other speaker was Jo Churchill. The results were given for Suffolk's Most Active Large Village with Brantham being the recipient of this award, and Hintlesham and Chattisham picking up the award for the Most Active Small Village. Cllr Welham suggested that some thought should be put into entering Stowupland into next year's competition, as there appears to be more going on in our village than in this year's winning village. Cllr Reeves agreed to put together a synopsis for consideration.

Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Pring reminded everyone of the community litter pick on 10 November.

Cllr Welham advised that there is an increasing problem of moles on The Green and the Play Park that needs to be dealt with. It was agreed to contact the mowing contractor.

Cllr Murton congratulated the contractors who installed the beacon for the great job that they did with very little damage to The Green despite the inclement weather.

Chairman's Report:

Cllr Voden thanked Cllr Reeves for chairing the October meeting in his absence. He reported that he has received some correspondence from Elizabeth Ling from MSDC about affordable housing and recommended that she be invited to January's meeting of the Finance and Policy committee. He also commented on the wonderful Royal Legion Remembrance service held on 8 November and the fantastic way that the Primary School pupils conducted themselves. He also reminded everyone of the Remembrance Service on Sunday and the lighting of the beacon in the evening.

Clerk's Report:

The Clerk reported that she and Cllr Welham had met with representatives from the Primary School. Following the project carried out with Stowmarket Men's Shed, it was agreed to ask the Church if the interpretation board could be sited in the churchyard rather than the cemetery. Advice on locating the bird boxes has been sought from the RSPB. It was agreed to set up a meeting between the school, Parish Council and the developer to discuss the car park

which is part of the Church Road planning application and Cllr Welham agreed to arrange this. The school have expressed a wish to work with the Parish Council on projects, and are keen to take part in the Democracy week next year with advice from MSDC.

The Clerk also announced that she has taken on the post of Clerk to Haughley Parish Council.

Correspondence:

Correspondence has been received from residents concerning CIL monies for repair of a path which is in fact a public highway and the responsibility of the County Council. Residents of Grays Close wrote to say that they are still waiting for the erection of a no parking sign and some grass to be sown where the additional soil has been placed. There has also been contact from Bathurst Properties regarding obtaining planning permission for a proposed residential development in Stowupland: no location was identified.

The meeting closed to the public at 9.12pm.

Sandy Smith



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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Locality Grants

I still have a small proportion of my locality budget available to be used for any project in the village which will benefit the community of Stowupland. Please get in touch with me if you have something in mind.

Tree for Life scheme

A Green Party initiative funded from MSDC's 2018/2019 budget, the scheme encourages the planting of a tree for new born and newly adopted children. All families within Mid Suffolk who have received a new family member between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2018 are welcome to apply for a free tree to celebrate a new life or adoption. The scheme aims to encourage the planting of trees and promote the benefits which trees bring to communities. Details and an application form can be found at:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/news/mid-suffolk-offers-new-arrivals-a-tree-for-life/>

Investment in Stowmarket

I am pleased to see that the Council is investing in Stowmarket (rather than just investing in warehouses and shops in other parts of the country). Having purchased the former NatWest bank, Mid Suffolk has recently acquired the building formerly occupied by food store chain Aldi and more recently by Family Bargains, including its car park on Gipping Way. We are waiting to see what the plans will be for the building, but the Council will now be managing and collecting revenue from parking on the site. Work on the car park has started and is expected to take approximately two weeks.

Gateway 14

As Chair of the Council's Scrutiny Committee, and as the Local Councillor, I am asking for details of the business plan for the development to be available. Development details will need to be taken through the planning process so that all reserved matters can be considered. I will keep you informed as and when more information becomes available. We need to make sure that measures are put in place to prevent extra traffic using unsuitable local roads as rat runs to the site.

Consultations

The District Council are currently consulting on a Homes Strategy and a Homelessness Reduction Strategy. Consultation on both will end on 7 December. It is hoped that, before the end of 2018, consultation will begin on a Community Strategy. Next up will be the consultation on the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Joint Local Plan; this will be a key document to help prevent inappropriate speculative housing developments obtaining planning permission.

Energy and Water Efficient Homes

The first motion that I put to Council after my election in 2015 was to propose that MSDC draw up plans for energy efficient council homes. Conservative councillors were against my proposal and voted instead 'to investigate how to achieve the aspiration' to build energy efficient homes. No progress has been made towards achieving that aspiration and so, at the October meeting of Council, I called upon

the Cabinet Member for Housing to give a firm commitment. All I have received from the Cabinet Member so far is a response that the Council has built 38 new council homes in the last 3 years, none to the standard that I have been seeking, and a statement in the draft Homes Strategy that, in the period 2019 to 2024, the development of an energy efficient standard for some new builds will be explored. So, by 2024, MSDC may well have taken 9 years and still not built a single new home to a high standard of energy efficiency.

Five Year Land Supply for New Housing Developments

Members were given a briefing recently following the Planning Inspector's decision to allow an appeal made by a developer against MSDC's decision to refuse an application for 49 homes in open agricultural land south of Woolpit. Rachel Eburne, leader of the opposition group asked again that extra staff be appointed to ensure as far as possible that developments which have been permitted come forward to construction rather than sit in a land bank or stall due to the slow pace of negotiations between relevant parties. Once again we were told that existing staff would be covering this extra work. Our fear is that other planning work could be delayed or be less effective if extra staff are not taken on.

Scrutiny Committee

In the next few months, some major issues will be matters for the Scrutiny Committee, which I chair. One of these will be the business case for the development of the land in Needham Market where the MSDC HQ buildings and car parks currently are. I am hoping to see a high standard of housing, including units for sale and for social rent. The refuse collection contract is due to be renewed, either by negotiated extension or re-tendering; likewise the recycling contract; and the contract for provision of Leisure Facilities at our sports centres at Stowmarket and Stradbroke. The business cases and contract procedures for all these are likely to come to the Scrutiny Committee early in 2019. It is the job of the committee to question the work of Cabinet Members and officers to ensure that they give good service to residents in a lawful, effective and cost-effective way.

Needham Lake

Needham Lake is one of the most popular free all-year-round visitor attractions in the East of England, but it has very limited facilities for visitors. I welcome proposals by MSDC to provide more facilities, especially an outlet offering a variety of refreshments, better toilets and more on-site supervision.

Development of land adjacent to Gipping Road and Thradstones Meadow

In last month's report, I wrongly stated that some of the land for the planning application was owned by the Bloom family. I apologise for this error. All of the land, the arable field and 'Grassy Meadow', is owned by the Carter family. It is not too late to make a comment on the proposal; even if the MSDC website states that comments are not being accepted, an email or a letter can be sent to the Planning Department up until just a few days before the committee meets to discuss the application. Currently, no date has been set for committee consideration of the proposal, but it is unlikely to be before mid January.

Keith Welham, MSDC District Councillor for Stowupland ward
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PROFILE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

RAY STUDD

Merry Christmas Everybody

I have lived in the village since 1978 when we moved to Highfield Road from Sproughton. Both my daughters Claire and Hannah were born in Stowupland. In 1994 we moved to Thorney Green Road where I still live. I worked for the Post Office and British Telecom for 43 years before retiring in 2014 spending most of the time working at the Research Station in Martlesham. I re-joined the Parish Council in 2015 after a break of 8 years having previously served for some 20 years. I presently chair the planning committee of the Parish Council which has had a lot to do over the last few years with all the large planning sites. We and the Parish Council worked hard to try to stop the overwhelmingly large increase of houses in the village. Unfortunately both the Gladman (now Bloor Homes), and New Hall (Land west of Thorney Green Road) sites were approved on appeal by the Government Planning Inspector. So we now have to accept it and try and work with the developers to make these sites good places for people to live. I find parish council work very interesting and hope to continue serving on the council after the May 2019 parish elections, but that is in your hands if we have enough nominees for an election in the parish.



Best Wishes to you all for the New Year.

Councillor Ray Studd (raystudd@stowuplandpc.co.uk)

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COUNTRYSIDE RAMBLER

BRIAN WARD

Autumn in all its glory has now passed. As we step into the winter months I wonder what the weather has in store for us. I hope it is not too severe for our sake and all our wildlife.

I have an almost daily visitor to my garden; it is lovely to see but at the same time I wish it would go elsewhere. It is an ultimate predator of our gardens and terrifies the birds on our feeders. Yes, it's a Sparrow Hawk. I have watched this male Sparrow Hawk for several years now and its visits are getting more frequent. It sits on the same perches in the garden and watches before it launches an attack. Often Magpies will come and mob it, forever watchful as they could become its next meal... It has either consumed or frightened away my Blackbirds and Robins as they are now absent from the garden. Goldfinches appear to be the main quarry at the moment as they are regular visitors to the feeders. The Great, Blue and Coal Tits have learnt to grab some food quick then take it to the safety of nearby shrubbery to eat it.



Sparrow Hawk photo courtesy of Brian Ward

I try to look on the positive side when it comes to the extensive house building we have in Stowupland at the moment, but it is difficult to see open areas consumed in our small village. Probably and most likely in the future it will continue. It disheartens me to see the use of arable land for development if there are more suitable sites available with the infrastructure already in place. The house builders of today should put aside land on each site for wildlife to substitute habitat loss. Bird and Bat boxes could be strategically placed on mature trees along the boundary. If Swift bricks/boxes were added to some of the properties it would help this fast declining bird also. I applaud some of the developers that already undertake these measures on their sites.

I have seen the little Hedgehog that overwintered with us last year; it is looking well and much bigger. Our daughter purchased a posh Hedgehog house for our garden and along with our existing house I hope it will use one of them to spend the winter with us. Perhaps next spring it will find a mate and who knows we may have to attach a nursery to the main house.

If you have children, try to get them out for long walks and wildlife adventures through the winter months. I know a lot of my childhood was spent in woods or meandering along paths and rivers looking for anything to do with nature. To see your first Barn Owl or a Fox in open countryside stays with you. It costs nothing but the memory may stay with you for the rest of your life.

With the festive season approaching fast I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and happy new year.



LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

NOVEMBER MEETING

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November Meeting

Stuart Bowell's talks are always entertaining and this one, about the history of advertising, was no exception. He explained how, when traders began to sell from shops, it was necessary for them to have a pictorial sign or an object outside that people would understand: the familiar barber's pole, for instance. As literacy increased, so did newspaper advertising and the use of billboards. By the 1880s advertisements were common and, as we know, they have continued to be. They reflect the times and public taste; they manipulate.

We were able to complete almost all of the snappy advertising slogans suggested by Stuart (such as 'Put a tiger in your tank'), a clear proof of their powerful and memorable nature. Slides of Stuart's collection of pictures of enamel signs from the past completed a most enjoyable talk.

Thank you to all who took part in the Treasure Hunt, which raised a useful contribution to our funds.

Four Ashes and an Oak by Neil Langridge

Prominent trees make good landmarks. At one time four ash trees stood near the house now known as The Ashes, by Newton Road. These must have been a familiar feature as they were used as a fixed point on both the perambulations of the Manors of Thorney Hall and Thorney Columbers. '... unto the corner on the Weste syde of the fower ashes growinge at Reedes house nowe the house of John Hubberd' (From the Perambulation of Thorney Columbers Manor 1602.)

The 1668 Perambulation of Thorney Hall Manor notes '... a place by the same side called Bury Way stile where here is one tree marked for the procession way of Stowupland.'

Maps of about 1900 show an oak pollard, which is no longer standing. As well as being a marker on the boundary of the manor this tree also marked the then boundary between Stowupland and Mendlesham parishes. Each year the ceremony of beating the bounds would process around the bounds of the parish so that all would know the exact line in the event of any dispute between neighbouring parishes.

Archives

We always welcome additions to our archives: they help us put together the never-to-be-finished jigsaw of the history of the village. Documents, letters, photographs, cuttings... all are of interest. Everything will be treated with great respect and can be copied and returned to you, if you do not wish to donate them. Please contact our Archivist, Sandra Walker, tel. 01449 673296 or email sawalker2000@hotmail.com

Some items reach us by a roundabout route. Just over a year ago, our Parish Recorder, Kim Jennings, was checking through what had come to her from the previous Recorder, Jen Perks. She realised that a small but very heavy case of papers was perhaps best placed with the Local History Group. The contents proved to be a treasure-trove of Flower Festival records and Village Hall details all meticulously kept by Ena Carter, who was closely involved with both. I phoned Ena's daughter, Marie Ryan, who said "I wondered what had become of that!" and kindly agreed to our keeping it.

After Margaret Catchpole's death, her sister Ivy was the last of the family in the village. She later moved into residential care and, following her death, the collection of Catchpole items ended up with a family cousin in Poole, Dorset – who quickly realised that it was in the wrong place! Attempts to contact a more local cousin failed initially, because the latter had moved house. Help from a former neighbour eventually achieved the contact and Murna Hannah went to the trouble of bringing the items to us, an astonishing addition to Margaret Catchpole's diaries, which have been in our archives since the start of the group.

Thank You

We are very grateful to Cllr Keith Welham for a grant from his MSDC Locality Fund. This has enabled the Group to purchase display boards and associated items, which will be regularly used at our meetings and when we are involved with village events, making it easier for us to share our archive material.

Christmas Tree Festival

Do take a chance to visit this year's Christmas Tree Festival. Our tree, decorated with a theme of 'Festive Food in History' will be in Abbot's Hall and can be seen Tues – Sat 10am – 4pm, Sun 11am – 4.30pm.

Talking Point

We have no news of where the 'Five Sisters' poplar trees may have stood, though the Cedars Park area is one guess.

A special item in our Catchpole collection is a certificate sent from Buckingham Palace to Margaret and Ivy's mother, Emma (Mrs Charles Catchpole), thanking her for taking strangers into her Stowupland home in 1939. This may refer to the evacuation of London children in the early stages of WWII. Can you tell us any more, please?

Programme and look ahead to 2019

Wednesday December 5 'The Angel Roofs of East Anglia' by Michael Rimmer

Angel roofs - elaborate timber structures adorned with carvings of angels - were often too difficult for Reformation iconoclasts to reach. As a result, they comprise the largest surviving body of major English medieval wood sculpture. Michael Rimmer's talk will show the artistry and architecture of these inaccessible and little-studied medieval artworks and explain how they were made, by whom, and why.



Small contributions of festive fare will be very welcome.

We meet at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome and refreshments are available. Admission is £1 for members, £3 for non-members. We look forward to seeing you.

Please note that we do not meet in January but have an exciting programme in store for 2019, with talks including medieval drama, archaeology and gypsy caravans. There will be a summer visit to Baylham, the church where they set out to build a kitchen and toilet – and discovered a crypt!



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Dear friends;-

Minnie Louise Haskin's poem, from her collection 'The Desert' of 1908, offers:

... I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light, that I may tread safely into the unknown!"

Biblical verse offers similar hope and trust for the future,
'Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any hear my voice, and open
the door, I will come in to *them*, and will sup with *them*, and *they* with me.
(Revelation ch3)

Perhaps, at this stage, we know a little more about what Brexit might be, that indeed our needs and wants, our 'sup' or 'daily bread' be met not only for our homes but also for the future we are building in this our day. We may still be looking for assurance that not all is darkness and that something is known, that voters may applaud the path they determined before us.

Where so much is taken on trust, reassurance is looked for in those making such promises pointing the way. That the path ahead offers the hospitality, unity and sup of Biblical Revelation is ultimately down to us. That we believe the route ahead offers opportunity, that the pasture be green, the waters still, and the table furnished (psalm 23), is yet a matter of faith, of trust.

But the path toward light can only be kept to where we keep faith and trust in each other, looking to those offering wise counsel and direction journeying with us; we tread this road together and, as to where it takes us, that's up to us.

I pray the greetings of Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year find reality throughout the course of the year ahead, for Britain and Europe, for Home Nations and for our homes, for rich and poor, for yourselves and your neighbours.

Grace and Blessing Brin. *Brin Singleton*

Parish Priest at Haughley with Wetherden & Stowupland.

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way."

So, I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night... And He led me toward the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East. Minnie Louise Haskin.

CHURCH SERVICES in DECEMBER

2nd Dec	9.30am 4.00pm	Parish Communion 1st@4 Christingle Service
9th Dec	9.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship & ★Trinity Starz★ Evensong (BCP)
10th Dec Mon	10.30am	Carols at Steeple View – All Welcome!
12th Dec Wed	2.00pm	Carols at Jubilee Court – All Welcome!
16th Dec	8.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP)
23rd Dec	9.30am 6.30pm	All-Age Family Service Carols by Candlelight
24th Dec Mon	4.00pm 11.30pm	Crib Service Midnight Mass
25th Dec Tue	10.30am	Christmas Family Communion
30th Dec	11.00am	Benefice Communion at Stowupland

CHURCH SERVICES in JANUARY 2019

6th Jan	9.30am 4.00pm	Parish Communion 1st@4 Service – church with a difference!
13th Jan	9.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship & ★Trinity Starz★ Evensong (BCP)
20th Jan	8.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP)
27th Jan	9.30am 6.30pm	All-Age Family Service Parish Communion

(BCP – Book of Common Prayer)

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER:

Give us, our Father, this Christmas time, peace in our hearts, that we may create peace in our homes and help us spread peace in the world, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

CHRISTMAS PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH on Tuesday 11th December in the Church Hall, 12 noon to 1pm. Tickets £7.50. This is a three-course lunch – choice of soups, turkey & ham salad, Christmas pudding or fresh fruit salad, followed by tea or coffee. There will be a Christmas raffle.

If you would like to come to this special lunch, please phone Ann Parsell (01449 672592) as soon as possible.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:

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

CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT:

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CAROLS & MINCEPIES:

Come along and sing your favourite Carols & Christmas Songs at the Annual Carols & Mincepies evening on Thursday 13th December at 7.00pm in Church Hall. There will be mincepies, sausage rolls, tea, coffee and squash also a raffle and retiring collection. All proceeds from the evening will be donated to the East Anglian Air Ambulance. See page 24

FOOD BANK BOX:

If you would like to donate items for the Food Bank to help those in need of a helping hand over Christmas, 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 would be ideal for children's parties and small groups/ meetings. For more information please contact John & Ann Parsell on 01449 672592. Thank you.

DANCE CLUB

Paul Durham sadly passed away on 16 October. He will be greatly missed but the family will continue with Dance Club at the Village Hall as usual. Please see the list of upcoming events elsewhere in Telstar.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER DATES

Sat	1	P.C. Cemetery & Churchyard Sub. Com.	10.00am	The Churchyard
Sun	2	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	3	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	4	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	4	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	4	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	5	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	5	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	5	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	5	Local History Group: 'Angel Roofs of East Anglia' by Michael Rimmer	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	6	P.C. Environment Com.	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	6	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	7	Cricket Club Quiz Night (ticket only)	7.30pm	Sports & Social Club
Mon	10	Afternoon Fellowship - Carols	2.00pm	URC Chapel
Mon	10	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	11	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	12	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	12	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	12	W.I. – 'Nothing like a Dame'	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	13	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	13	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	16	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	17	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	18	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	19	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	20	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	27	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	31	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall

JANUARY DATES

Wed	2	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	2	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	3	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	6	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	7	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – Feb issue		
Mon	7	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	8	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court

Wed 9	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 9	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs 10	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs 10	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun 13	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon 14	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 15	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed 16	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 16	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed 16	W.I. – ‘Life as a Funeral Director’	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs 17	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon 21	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 22	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues 22	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed 23	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 23	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs 24	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri 25	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall
Sun 27	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon 28	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 29	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues 29	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues 29	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed 30	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 30	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs 31	P.C. Finance & Policy meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs 31	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall

FEBRUARY DATES

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
Wed 6	Local History Group: ‘Medieval Drama’ by Kate Jewell	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs 7	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – March issue		
Thurs 7	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall

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

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NEWS

Church Secretary: Anne Scarff
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This year has passed so quickly, and we are now thinking about our Christmas celebrations within the Chapel and at home. We said a fond farewell to our Minister on the weekend of 27th and 28th October as he embarks on his retirement. We wish him and his family well as they move to Yorkshire. We shall certainly miss him. Now the search begins for a new minister.

A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Jumble Sale on 10th November such a success, and to those who came and supported us and spent.

Our Carol Service is on Sunday 16th December at 10.30am please come and celebrate with us on this day.

On Sunday 20th January 2019 we join with Holy Trinity Church for a united service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This service starts at 9.30am.

Our next **coffee morning is on 25th January 2019** and then the last Friday in the month until November.

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

Our speakers for December & January are as follows:

02 December	Nicola Glasse
09 December	Mary Durrant
16 December	Keith Scarff
23 December	Clive Herrod
30 December	Irene Martin
06 January	Keith Scarff
13 January	William Glasse
20 January	United service with Holy Trinity at the Church for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at 9.30am
27 January	Nicola Glasse

Afternoon Fellowship

10th December Carol Service at 2pm, arranged by the Afternoon Fellowship.

This service will be led by the Keith Scarff, with the choir and music group from Stowupland High School accompanying the singing, followed by tea and mince pies. Please join us for a very enjoyable afternoon, everyone welcome. There will be a collection for East Anglia Children's Hospice.

We recommence our meetings on 11th March 2019. We welcome anyone who would like to join us at our meetings (male or female). Come and enjoy the fellowship, also a cuppa.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Mary Clark

Message, Be Strong!

" I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

At Stowmarket, we have now said our goodbyes to our Minister, Chris. We shall miss him for so many reasons. Some people will not realise what he did and the old joke about a Minister only working for 1 hour on a Sunday springs to mind. But what does a Minister do?

The dictionary tells us this about a Minister:

Noun - a person authorized to conduct religious worship; member of the clergy; pastor.

- a person authorized to administer sacraments.

verb (used without object) - to perform the functions of a religious minister.

- to give service, care, or aid; attend, as to wants or necessities.

- contribute, as to comfort or happiness.

Certainly, a minister works far more hours than the hourly (or longer) service on a Sunday when he is so visible to the congregation. Over and above the Sunday, you will often see a minister visiting the sick and the dying

as the need arises but also being with those on special occasions such as baptisms, marriages and other special life instances. Working closely with Chris, I know that his role extends to comforter, social worker, chairperson, washer up, writer, teacher, enthuser, in fact jack of all trades (except possibly gardening!). And at Christmas time eater of the occasional second (or more) Christmas puddings!

While we will miss Chris, the life of our church goes on. The good folk of our congregation will rise to the challenge and not only keep our church alive but also keep it moving forward, responding to the call of God and the needs of our community.

The reading at the top of this letter comes from the Book of Joshua. After the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua and gave him his instructions to take over from Moses. He gave him these words of encouragement, " I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

This seems appropriate to us all, both those with a minister and those without. Whatever we do, wherever we go, we can have faith that God is with us. We must be strong and courageous. We must continue to live the way of Christ, and share the knowledge of his way to those around us.

As we approach Advent we think again about the coming of Jesus and how that event changed the world and our lives. May this Christmas be a time for renewal in God's purpose, and a reminder of God's love for us such that he sent his son into the world so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

God Bless,
Anne (Stowmarket URC Group of Churches Secretary)

The Children's Society

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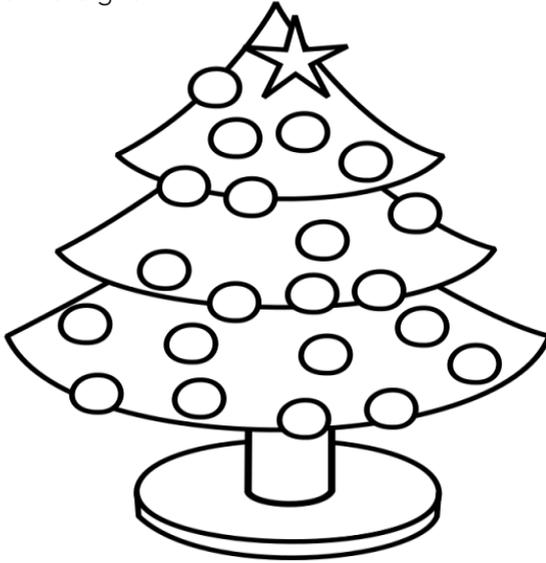
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Suffolk Constabulary has pledged to ensure local policing remains at the heart of the county's police service, as a new neighbourhood model is implemented. The restructure sees more than 100 police officers move into Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs).

The extra resource in SNTs aims to ensure the constabulary has the ability to respond to the increasing demand it faces, and the public's desire for more visible policing. The new model will enable local policing to continue to be as flexible, effective and efficient as possible for all our communities.

The changes will mean more than 150 Police Constables and 28 Sergeants will work in SNT's. However, to achieve this, the number of Police Community Support officers (PCSOs) has been reduced from the 81 full-time equivalent (FTE) PCSOs in July to 48 FTE PCSOs.

A total of 30 PCSOs will work within the SNTs, while the constabulary is looking to achieve 18 partner-funded posts across the county. At present the number stands at 16, which are subject to two-year service level agreements. Further changes see the introduction of Community Engagement Officers, and a new Serious Crime Disruption Team has been created to tackle crime trends.

Three Neighbourhood & Partnerships Teams (NPT) have been created and are responsible for the management of specific areas of policing such as Rural Crime, Licensing and Retail/Business Crime, ensuring that these are tackled and developed in a joined up way.

The purpose of the new model is to ensure the force has the right resources in the right place at the right time, providing a proactive policing resource and puts visibility and accessibility at its forefront.

Police advice on a variety of subjects can be accessed via <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/advice>

To report something, or to otherwise contact Police, use the link <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us>

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ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

I begin this article written on 5th November with an apology to our players, Pam Riches and Joan Davies. Included in the November issue were the results of our in- house competitions and for the Ladies Targets, Joan Davies was shown as runner-up whereas it should have read, Pam Riches. Apologies ladies.

Recently we held our annual dinner at "The Crown" Stowupland where we received a warm welcome, good food and the staff attended to our every need. Thank you to all at "The Crown" from all of us. After the meal it was time to hand out our competition awards to all those worthy winners but on this occasion an extra prize was given. This was to Nick Chamberlin, with the gratitude of all members for his very hard work to produce an excellent green to play on. Many senior and/or county bowlers from a wide area gave high praise and the comment that it was one of the best they had played upon during the season. Then onto the raffle and what a wonderful assortment of prizes (see photograph). Thank you to everyone.

During November we have our AGM, and then we shall be involved with the Stowupland Village Quiz and hope to have 3 teams participating. Shortly afterwards we will have our Christmas Party.

In between times we are working hard on our clubhouse, green and surrounding areas in preparation for next year's season as time quickly passes. There is plenty of time, however, for anyone residing in the area or close surrounding districts who may be interested in trying their hand in the grand game of bowling to contact us. We will give a warm welcome to our genuinely happy club, one of the oldest established in Suffolk. People of the younger age group, established players and anyone willing to give it a go should contact our secretary, Graham Newman, who will be more than happy to speak with you, (01359 240846).



Photo courtesy of David Begg

ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB wishes Telstar and its readers A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A PEACEFUL, HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

Suffolk Remembers -

At Stowupland Cemetery November 8 2018

In this landmark centenary year, Suffolk County Royal British Legion has reached out to all communities in Suffolk, with the goal of laying a commemorative marker and cross on the 1332 World War 1 War Graves located in 248 cemeteries across Suffolk County.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission was set up to create lasting cemeteries and memorials for the fallen. Whilst most of those who fell were buried on the battlefields in France and Belgium, some soldiers came home wounded or ill and subsequently died while at home. These men were given a military burial at home and we have one burial in Stowupland cemetery from World War 1: Mr John Robert Garnham. It is easy to pick out war graves by their size and shape as they are quite different from other private graves around us. During and after the war, and after due consideration, a standard shape and design was chosen, like the one for John Garnham. Almost all graves carry a cross as a symbol of the Christian faith of the soldier. Some graves show the Star of David to mark the Jewish faith. Some bear no religious symbol, which would have been at the request of the family at the time. All British war graves show the regimental badge of the casualty or the national emblem. Each headstone is marked at the top with the soldier's name, number, unit, date of death and often his age. Preceding his name is the rank, many of which were Privates. Sadly many abroad could not be identified, and they bear the common inscription "a soldier of the Great War, known unto God". Soldiers' families could choose some words to be added to the bottom of the grave if they wished.

Robert John Garnham was the eldest child and son of William and Amelia Garnham of Barking Road, Needham Market. He had three brothers and four sisters, so a family of eight children altogether.



In the 1901 census and the 1911 census the family are recorded as living in Eye Road, Kenton, Stowmarket, where Dad, William worked firstly as a Yardman at Castle Farm and then as a Stockman on a farm. In the 1911 census, John Robert, as the eldest son aged 17 was also by now working as a farm labourer. John Robert Garnham joined the military on 7 September 1914 and served

firstly as Private 18932 Royal Field Artillery. Later he joined the 3rd Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment with service number 38873. John was 21 when he died at home following a return from the Great War. He died on 29 December 1915 and is buried in Stowupland Cemetery.

The service was led by Reverend Brin Singleton of Holy Trinity Church, Stowupland, organised by RBL Stowmarket & District Branch represented by Mr Vivian Oakley (Vice-Chairman); also RBL Women's Section Stowmarket Branch represented by Branch Chairman Mrs Sue Priest, and Stowmarket Remembers Schools Project volunteer, Julie Taylor. We thank the Head Teacher, Staff and Pupils of Freeman Primary School for joining in the service, and to Mrs Harvey who played the Last Post and Reveille.



Coffee Morning

At Stowupland URC Chapel

Friday 25th January 2019

10am-12noon

Coffee/ Tea and Cakes



FROM TELSTAR COMMITTEE

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BEACON OF LIGHT: THE BATTLE'S OVER.

At 7pm on 11 November, we lit our beacon on The Green to commemorate the signing of the armistice on 11 November 1918, which ended world war 1. The Parish Council responded to a national initiative which included over a thousand beacons being lit across the country to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the war.

The weather had been very wet overnight and it was a bit of a worry as to whether the beacon would light, but a tarpaulin had kept it dry and after a bit of coaxing it sprung into life. We were very pleased to see so many residents and visitors coming out onto The Green to join in this historic event. The lighting of our beacon and those across the nation was a very fitting tribute to the many men of Stowupland and the millions of men and women who died or were injured in the Great War of 1914-1918.

The Stowupland Local History Group put on an exhibition in the Retreat, telling the story of the Stowupland men: before the war, during the war and how their war ended. Funds from the Parish Council Community Events Group provided a buffet throughout the evening, also in the Retreat.

The lighting of the Beacon brought the village together for an evening of reflection on the events that took place a hundred years ago. Now the beacon is in place we hope it will be used as a focal point for other community or national events.

The Act of Remembrance didn't happen without a great deal of hard work and organisation. We are very grateful to Claire Pizzey, our Parish Clerk, who did most of the planning for the event; Janet and Keith Hyland, who arranged and set up the fencing and PA system; and Matt Pizzey, who arranged the fire in the beacon. Thank you, too, to the Rev Brin Singleton, who led the act of remembrance and to Captain Christopher Pickett who came from Wattisham Airfield to light the beacon.

The collection for The Army's Charity raised nearly £200

Jerry Voden Chairman Stowupland Parish Council.

NOTE FROM PARISH CLERK

Additional 100 Years of Remembrance Stowupland's
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STOWUPLAND SPEEDWATCH

Are you worried about speeding motorists as they go through our village? If you are, perhaps you would like to volunteer to be a member of the Speedwatch team. The Speedwatch team has had to stand down for the time being due to lack of volunteers. We need a minimum of three people each time the team goes out. The role of the Speedwatch team is to deter speeding motorists through the village; it has proved to be very successful in the past. It has been noted by Speedwatch members that, as soon as the hi- vis yellow jackets are spotted, brake lights are applied.

The Parish Council receive many complaints about speeding in the village; this will increase in the future as the new building starts and we have a lot more traffic in our area. Speedwatch has proved to be a very good deterrent in the past and, it should be encouraged to continue in the village.

Anyone caught going over the speed limit will receive a warning letter from the Police. We have a good liaison with the Police and there is always follow up on anyone caught over the speed limit. They also provide all the training for our volunteers. So if you feel concerned about the amount of speeding that takes place in the village and can spare a couple of hours a month to help with this very important activity, please contact Jerry Voden on 01449 770334.

Jerry Voden Chairman Stowupland Parish Council.

PLAYPARK UPDATE

By the time you read this hopefully the Harris Fencing will have been removed and all the new play equipment is being well used. It has seemed like an endless struggle to find the funding, but at last we have got there. There were times when Claire and I were very despondent and felt we would never get there. I must say a big thankyou for your forbearance while the playpark was shut over the half term holiday, but I hope you think it is worth it. We will arrange a fancy grand opening for the playpark, but probably not until after Christmas.

We have also applied to the Parish Council Community Infrastructure Levy fund for funding to add another multi goal at the other end of the basketball court, and to replace the fencing between the basketball court and car park with the same bright fencing as that around the playpark. It has been a pleasure to see older teenagers and adults using the hoops and goal since it was installed, so by putting another goal at the other end it will enable matches to take place. Fingers crossed for that.

Claire and I are now taking a break from grant applications for a while.....so no bright ideas for a while please.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

W.I. October meeting

Members entering the Village Hall saw tables all laid out, ready for the meal. Table decorations, provided by Mary C., were unusual and very attractive - small pumpkins, with the tops opened, to receive flowers and ears of wheat. After a delicious meal, Fran thanked the caterer and her staff, the latter being given the proceeds from a whip round by the members, in appreciation of the excellent food and service.

Business was swiftly covered and members invited to put their name down for the community quiz on November 23rd.

The raffle took place, after which the competition results were announced –

Canada – 1st Pat, 2nd Mary C., 3rd Brenda.

Flower – Joint 1st Mary C., Brenda, 3rd Sandra.

Instead of the usual posy, four members whose birthdays fall this month took a table decoration, while the fifth birthday member, becoming eligible for the “milestone club”, was presented with an orchid. Judy reminded everyone that next month is the Annual Meeting, when the present committee stands down and a new committee and a president for 2019 is elected. The evening will finish with songs from the “Kettle Girls”.



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