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Chairman's Remarks

Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council

Before the start of the April meeting, we made a farewell presentation to Rachel Godbold and I had the opportunity to thank Rachel formally for her exceptional work as Clerk to Stowupland Parish Council. Rachel is well respected across Suffolk and she will not just be missed in Stowupland but across the whole of the county.

Claire Pizzey has taken on the role of Clerk to the Council and her first meeting as Clerk proved to be a lengthy one. The main meeting took until 9.30pm and a confidential item which was discussed after the members of the public left took until past 10.00pm.

The Council's year runs for twelve months from May and so the April meeting may have been my last as Chair. Looking over the last year, it has not been an easy ride for the Parish Council and a number of my hopes for the year have not been realised. The opportunity to provide new affordable homes seems to have been lost and still no sign of the safer to school pedestrian and cycle route. Also, my hope that Sally Reeves would be taking over the chair has been lost. Sally was a real support to me during her eight months as vice-chair and her Chairmanship of the Council would have brought fresh impetus.

Dealing with the County and Districts has become more and more difficult as the year has progressed, due in part at least to what seems to be constant reorganisation, reduction in staff numbers, privatisation of services, smaller budgets and the uncertainty that follows.

There are a number of opportunities for volunteering in the village. For Music on The Green, we are still looking for people to act as stewards and to sell draw tickets at the gates. We also need more volunteers who have a satisfactory criminal records check to help in the lost children tent. And we need people to sell tickets for the grand draw prior to the event. First prize is £100 and there are many other worthwhile prizes. Our budget for the event shows that we need to sell most of the 2,000 tickets that have been printed as finances are very tight this year. The event costs over £10,000 to put on and we need to take at least that amount, and the sale of draw tickets is a major factor.

There are other opportunities to help, for instance with planning a new PlayPark layout and securing the grants to cover the cost and with planning facilities for our teenagers. The Parish Council does not have the time or expertise to do everything. Committed volunteers are essential and you could be part of a team bringing real benefit to the village. Please get in touch with me or with the Parish Clerk if you are able to help. Or, perhaps you have an idea which you would like to bring to us.

Don't forget that every resident is entitled to come along to any Council meeting on the second Thursday of every month and to all working group

meetings. Anyone attending may speak during the public forum which is near the start of every meeting. I look forward to seeing you.



Proposed move to new premises and branch modernisation



Sally and I (Anna) are writing to let you know that we are proposing, with the subpostmaster's agreement, to move Stowupland's current Post Office to a new location at Walnut Tree Farm, Rendall Lane (inside Mr Allard's new Farm Shop). As I'm sure you are aware Sally has been our subpostmistress for many years and is now wishing to retire. We now head into our six week consultation period in which you can have your say about the proposed move.

- What will this mean for customers?
- Two tills on the retail counter in a modern branch
- Longer opening hours – 7 days a week
- Improved accessibility
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- Café with toilet facilities
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We intend to create a village hub at the new premises. The facilities are much improved and we intend to create an atmosphere for local people and tourists to enjoy. We intend to stock many local products, which combined with the Post Office and Café will ensure a vibrant new area so that Stowupland Post Office can move forward to serve everybody. Better facilities, easy access inside and out, local products, leisure facilities, room to expand, job creation for local people.

LET'S MOVE STOWUPLAND FORWARD, TOGETHER

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Allotment Life

David Andrew

There have been many challenges and dilemmas over the past month and, whilst some of them have been resolved, others will continue to be with us.

Firstly, what do you do if you arrive at the plot and discover that you have lost the key to your shed? This was the problem recently when, despite a thorough search at home, one plotholder realised that there was no access to his tools. Worse still as his seat and radio were securely locked away inside and so the melodic tones of Radio 1 were strangely silent. Not to be outdone, he asked others present if they had any bolt croppers or similar equipment in order to cut the lock off. As this is not an item readily available from most good allotment sheds (although we do have most other useless things), a meeting was hurriedly convened to discuss this and other important topics and a solution quickly agreed. The lock and bolt should be unscrewed, a new lock purchased and fitted and all would be well with the world again. But was it? Well no, not really, as the keys were eventually found to have been in his trouser pocket all along! His wife probably got the blame for all this as she had joined in the initial search (all to no avail however) and the comment made that had it been a £10 note then his wife would certainly have discovered it without delay.

Another dilemma faced one of our more well off colleagues. Should he spend time sitting outside his allotment shed drinking tea and consuming home made cake or spend more time sitting outside his shed (sorry, beach hut!) at Felixstowe? After all, Stowupland enjoys the views and sounds (distant) of traffic on the A14 whilst Felixstowe has the benefit of the ships and sounds (not quite as distant) of the docks. Not much to choose between them, therefore, but the company is probably better on the allotment.

Still more problems to be resolved with the news that the allotment committee/inspectors had approved the installation of a secure gate at the posh end. A working party of allotmentees was immediately set up (some would say this is a contradiction of terms!) with the brief to block up each side of the existing gate without spending any money. Not a problem as we are quite capable of carrying out construction work using old pieces of abandoned wood and other suitable materials – just take a look at the many compost bins for evidence. The result is a joy to behold and will be a feature of the site for many years to come. There is no truth in the rumour that we are now available for small construction jobs – we would probably consume enough tea to make it uneconomic for the average customer!

Finally, the combination of wind and sun has dried out the soil and made it very difficult to break down and become suitable for seed sowing. Several

methods have been employed including the purchase of petrol driven tillers by those with two or more company pensions, reworking the soil with fork or hand cultivator and even that old established method of bashing the clods with the back of a spade. It was pleasing to note that, on a particular Sunday afternoon, one member had persuaded his wife to lend a hand – we really must ask him for his secret.



Countryside Rambler

Brian Ward

For several weeks my wife and I have been pleasantly woken by a cock blackbird in full song just outside our bedroom window. The only trouble is the mornings are getting lighter earlier and he serenades us before we are really ready to stir, but I suppose it is better than traffic noise or a barking dog. The robin that was building its nest in one of our boxes came to an untimely end.

My wife witnessed a sparrowhawk eating it in the back garden. I was saddened but it is nature's way after all. On a more happy note the pied wagtail is sitting on eggs in its usual place and a blackbird is nesting in an evergreen shrub, I believe this is the mate to our singing alarm clock. The mallard hatched her brood near our pond and departed later that day. I believe she takes them to the ponds at Stowupland Hall.



Did you see the daffodils at Nowton Park? They were really a sight to behold. The cowslips are now at their best a little further along and no doubt the wild flower meadow will be stunning again this summer.

The summer visitors are arriving all the time with plenty of blackcaps and chiffchaff calling for a mate and claiming their territory; swallows and martins are trickling in but I have not seen a swift yet.

On a recent trip to Bradfield Woods a pair of nuthatches were in the trees above the car park and seemed to ignore the coming and going of people. I managed to obtain some good photos of them. We went to see the wood anemone of which there was a white carpet in places; also plenty of oxlip and bluebell. The orchids were not on bloom but will be by the time you read this.

Another pleasant walk we have done recently is the Fynn Valley. You can start out at Witnesham village where there is a free car park near the Barley Mow pub and walk down the road and then proceed up Strugglers Lane on the opposite side of the road. The walk will take you along the valley and you will end up at Tuddenham Fountain public house. There is a free car park for walkers just down the lane past the pub. This is a pretty valley with easy walking. On our stroll we saw buzzard and, whilst sitting quietly observing the water voles

which were abundant, a kingfisher dived into its nest burrow nearby; I hope to return in a few weeks to photograph the young if all goes well. Also I noted five different tawny owls calling to one another from nearby copses and woods. This area must be rich in rodents to sustain such a high population of owls.

I was privileged to observe a water shrew recently at quite close quarters on a small stream that eventually leads into the River Waveney. It is a chalk stream for much of its course and being gin clear I was amazed to watch this shrew dive to the bottom and scurry along the stream bed looking for various food items. I presume it was looking for caddis fly larvae as it was disturbing the vegetation on the bottom with great vigour. As soon as it stopped it would pop up to the surface and return to the bank to eat whatever it found. It appeared silver underwater as thousands of tiny air bubbles covered its fur. I attempted to film it but it was so difficult due to the speed at which it was diving and going about its life in typical shrew style.

Make the most of the good weather and enjoy this time of year with the flora and fauna in full swing, also listen out for the cuckoo.



Museum outings

Saturday, 14th June –

London Museums: – Natural History, Science and the V & A.
Coach fare max. £14.
Leave Stowupland 8.30am depart London 4.00pm
Admission free, but special exhibitions are charged.
Deadline for names please – May 17th.

Saturday, 13th September –

Imperial War Museum. London,
Coach fare £13 max. Leave Stowupland 8.30am
Fuller details at a later date.

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Parish Council Report

Sandy Smith

APRIL MEETING

The meeting this month started informally with a thank you presentation of a necklace and two bouquets of flowers from the Chairman and Councillor Green to Rachel Godbold in recognition of all her work over the years as Parish Clerk. There was also question and answer session relating to the proposed move of the Post Office given by Sally Reeves and Anna Bloom. There is a consultation document available from the Post Office that sets out the reasons for the need to move in order for the Post Office to be incorporated into a much bigger business. The promised funding from the Government to the Post Office has not materialised and this means that the traditional residential style of Post Office outlet is no longer sustainable. There is currently money available to move the Post Office to a new location but it is feared that this money will only be available for a short time. It was felt that this may be the optimum time for a move to be made in order to retain a Post Office within the village albeit to the outskirts. 'Mr Allards' expansion of the butchery business to include a retail area, café and the Post Office which will be open 7 days a week with ample parking including spaces for disabled parking and cycles is a good opportunity for the village. Residents were concerned about the lack of a footpath along Rendalls Lane and Gipping Road. However, Anna advised that a lot of people walk to the present butchery and there are various footpaths in the area which could mean only a short walk along the road. Sally advised that the majority of current visitors to the Post Office come by car and she felt that only around 10-15 customers would struggle with the proposed move, however, there is still the Good Neighbour Scheme to assist those who do not have friends or family to help them out. It is envisaged that leaflets with maps will be distributed to make the new location easy to find. Also, with the extended opening hours, it will make it easier for those that work full time to collect letters and parcels that are left at the Post Office. The consultation document which gives the public six weeks to make their views known, will be looked at by the members of the Parish Council and discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting opened formally at 7.45pm with matters of report from the last meeting. Nothing more has been heard from Bosch about trialling their trimmers on areas of The Green. The paint and rust has been removed from the village sign and, although it was originally going to be hot dipped galvanised, it was recommended instead that it should be zinc sprayed instead and this has been done albeit it a slightly more expensive procedure. The first primer coat has been applied and the various paint colours have been assembled ready for painting by Alan. A new post has also been purchased for

the sign. Councillor Bloom requested that time is made for Alan to keep the churchyard grass cut as the grass is growing fast at the present moment.

Responsibility for the ditch by M&M's is still proving to be difficult to establish with both the Environment Agency and SCC denying ownership so information is now being sought from Orwell Housing. No further large deliveries for the new property in Columbyne Close will need to be made via The Green. Rachel Godbold will make a separate report in Telstar of the result of the Youth Survey. It was found that a dual litter/dog bin for placing near the pond at The Retreat will cost around £400 which is too expensive so MSDC have suggested a much cheaper alternative which will be ordered and The Green Working Group will make the decision as to where it should be located. There has been no interest shown so far in the vacant Parish Councillor post.

The public forum posed a number of questions including the progress on the new sign for Church Road. Although it has been ordered for some time, MSDC will only provide new road signs when they have a 'job lot' to order, however, the clerk will chase them. It was noted by a resident that, during the first speedwatch in the village, motorists were flashing oncoming cars to warn them which meant that the majority of people kept to the speed limit and by the next day they were driving at around 40mph with one seen at 3.45pm travelling in excess of 50mph. The road closure signs at the junction of the A1120 and the B1115 are inhibiting traffic turning from the A1120 onto the B1115 as they are so far across the road. It was also requested that SCC should sweep up the grit off the road at this junction and clean out the gutters at the roundabout under the A14. Cars are still parking by the hedge behind the chapel in Chapel Lane. A question was also asked about whether it is expected that the 387 bus service will continue in the village. It was stated that it will continue and that it may well improve in the future providing younger people use the buses as many of the passengers are those that hold bus passes and the company only receives around 49% of their fare so the more full fare paying customers that they can attract the more likely that the profits will allow a better service for the future. It was also reported that two houses in Trinity Walk are accessing their properties by driving over the kerb as they do not have proper vehicle accesses and this is making a mess of the footpath. The public forum then closed.

It was reported that the allotment users have declined to open up the allotments as part of the Open Gardens Day as it is a question of security. The Community Events committee are still looking for many more volunteers to help out at the Music on The Green day by being stewards and helping out on the gate. The Transport, Traffic and Safety Group reported that they were happy that they had finally been able to get themselves up and running and were overall very happy with the outcome. They had a few minor teething problems which meant that one lucky motorist that was caught speeding at 38mph was able to evade capture this time but unlikely to in the future as they become more proficient. There will be no set times, dates or locations when they will be carrying out the checks but the group are very enthusiastic

so expect to see them on a regular basis. This does not mean that they will be taking over from the Police but working alongside them. Although the original idea was for Onehouse and Stowupland to undertake the task for each other's village, Onehouse decided that they would rather do their own which the Stowupland Speedwatch group are quite happy to comply with. The group offered their thanks to SCC and the Parish Council for their support and funding to get the group up and running. Councillor Burden will be making an application for a grant for conflict resolution at the end of April. Councillor Voden advised that SALC are going ahead with the Village of the Year but this will be for small villages. The question of the District Councils not paying all of the precept to the Parish Councils was to the fore in the March meeting of SALC. Councillor Bloom questioned whether the Freeman Primary School has the kitchens in place to provide hot free school meals as from September and it was confirmed that they do have a kitchen. Councillor Burden, as part of the Emergency Planning Group, advised that there is a Streetlife Group sponsored by B&Q that is similar to a Good Neighbourhood Scheme but the nearest is in Ipswich. He had also been asked to find out when the Cycle Route to School is likely to be undertaken: Gary Green will find out what the current situation is with SCC. Councillor Voden advised that the Parish Council notice board at the Village Hall was in need of some refurbishment and the clerk will investigate this. He also stated that he had been approached as had the Chairman by a resident who was not happy about why The Green outside Berwick House was not cut when the main part of The Green is cut. There are posts in the grass which makes it difficult for grass cutting machinery to manoeuvre round but the Parish Council will respond to him direct. Another resident had noted that it would be nice if there were flowers placed around the base of the village sign. In principle the Parish Council had no objection to this providing the resident was willing to provide and maintain the plants. However, the Parish Council does not own the land so permission would need to be sought from the owner of the land so it was advised that the resident needs to make a formal application and advise the Parish Council of their proposals. Councillor Hamilton advised on a near accident that he had observed as vehicles tried to negotiate their way past the road closure signs at A1120/B1115 and requested that a meeting be held with the contractors about the dangerous and unhelpful signage. Councillor Perks had attended a meeting with Jonathan Free and Councillor Byles about the need for Stowupland to consider a neighbourhood plan for the village as it is felt that this may become more urgent as Mid Suffolk are keen to expand housing in the area. It was agreed that Mr Free should be invited to a meeting of the Finance and Policy committee to outline information about setting up a neighbourhood plan and to answer questions about it. The Chairman advised that he had been approached by Dr and Mrs Rose about their wish to provide and plant a replacement willow tree near to the bench to replace the previous one. It was agreed in principle subject to a meeting of The Green Working Group. The clerk advised that permission

had been given for a skip to be placed on The Green the previous weekend and that the lorry had run over a water meter in Chapel Lane. Mrs Sharman advised that this is an ongoing problem. The Clerk also requested permission to attend two training courses and this was agreed.

Councillor Byles reported that there is to be a National Women's Cycle race through Gt Finborough on 11th May. Following a council meeting there will be a new consultation on Babergh and MSDC having mirror committees and to cut down on the number of committees. Accommodation is still being sought for a new central office for the District Council. Councillors have been awarded a £400 pay rise which Caroline advised was the first one since she started seven years ago. A new Green Forum has been announced by Government to help people to get new central heating boilers and cavity wall insulation by way of a grant with no payback as there had been with previous schemes. This is particularly aimed at older residents with low incomes. Leaflets about this scheme will be out shortly. MSDC are taking part in a housing survey and she is hoping that this one will not ask so many intrusive questions as the previous one. She also advised on the number of oil thefts that has taken place in the Eye area and for all residents with oil tanks to stay vigilant.

Councillor Green advised that he had noticed that the dangerous branch on the tree near Rendalls Lane has still not been removed. SCC have now relented and allowed Councillor Welham to replace some of the footpath signs. However, there is still one that he will not be allowed to install due to the lack of the appropriate yellow trousers needed to comply with Health and Safety legislation! The conservatives at SCC held a leadership contest today that resulted in no change. He also advised that the Mix Youth Centre in Stowmarket is now partially open doing community work involving as many groups as possible.

Police submitted a report advising that there were three crimes reported in the village during the last month. These included an assault inside a property and one burglary where nothing was taken. The 3rd victim did not wish to press charges. Two tickets were issued for speeding in both Stowupland Road and Church Road and SID has been out in Thorney Green Road.

Hastoe Housing reported that they were disappointed to report that Mr Bloom does not wish to take forward the development of affordable housing with them as he has found a new developer willing to go forward with the site. Anna Bloom read out a statement advising that 'Mr Allards' had decided to withdraw due to lack of information from Hastoe and that low cost homes will form part of the proposed new development. It was decided to defer discussion on this until the next meeting.

Included in the correspondence was an invitation from MSDC for them to survey the playpark area and it was agreed that this chargeable survey does need to go ahead. The SCC annual rights of way cutting schedule has been received and quotes for the work will be sought.

The public meeting closed at 9.32pm.



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Anyway it's all go at Walnut Tree and the sun is definitely helping. At present we are washing down the sheds in readiness for the next group of ducklings. They are joining us on Good Friday, so will be roaring around the floor by the time you read this. They are raised on straw bedding and look very sweet at this point.

The pigs are now big enough to go to pig heaven and to be honest tasting pretty good. Come and try some; we might even butcher it first for you! The lambs are at Cedars Farm grazing on the banks.

They are so full of life it's amazing, growing so quickly. Just reminds me how quickly we all get old, but as I tell me wife, some of us age better than others!!

Have you seen the Farm Shop yet? Groundwork completed, plinth completed, roof on, sides now being applied; a lot of hard work but the people doing it have been doing a fantastic job. We are all looking forward to completion so that you can sit in the café watching the lambs, drinking a latte, eating a scone and thinking 'life is good'. I'll come and join you.

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'You Must Wait'

Those that know me well have come to appreciate that I don't do 'hanging around' – I see it as a waste of valuable time when there's so much to see, to do

and to prepare. I very rarely join a queue at a Bank or Supermarket, and certainly not to get into a football match; I avoid certain roads in and around Stowmarket during the rush hour and will go all round the houses to compensate and keep myself moving; and I dislike the automated voice telling me how important my call is, and then I'm put on hold listening to music that would not normally be my preferred choice 'until their next available operator becomes free to take my call'.

So there you have it – inactivity is one of the hardest things for me to get my head around, and something that I'd rather put off for another day (so please don't ask me about my 'day off'!)

I suppose it's just as well that I wasn't part of the group of Jesus' followers who, following His resurrection and prior to His ascension, encouraged them to go back to the City and WAIT and to do so patiently, before the promised gift of God came upon them! (*Luke 24: 49 and Acts 1: 4*).

There again, I think some of them would have been like me and found it tremendously difficult to hit the pause button and voluntarily do nothing for an unspecified period of time by simply waiting on the Lord's bidding. This is all the more incredible when you think how they had just encountered the risen Lord in a number of dramatic occasions, and then witnessed Him ascended into Heaven. Surely they would have been champing at the bit to go off and tell anybody and everybody what they had seen and heard? After all, their lives had been utterly transformed, and they would have naturally wanted to share this Good News near and far.

Instead they were told to go back to the house in the City, and there wait patiently upon the Lord, to ensure that they acted in God's time not theirs. They were encouraged to see this time, not of inactivity, but a time of preparation, so that they could be ready and refreshed when the time came for them to act. One observer suggests: 'life is a composition of activity and passivity', in which we are experts in activity and novices in passivity. But, the point is then made, that, 'in religion there is a primary place for passivity'. It is the waiting on the Lord to ensure that we are receptive and ready when the time comes, to obey His bidding.

This idea is nothing new – the Old Testament is full occasions where the

people of God were encouraged to pause and wait upon the Lord. Psalm 37, for instance, says: 'Be patient and wait for the Lord to act', and the Prophet Isaiah suggests that 'those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength' (40: 31).

So, however hard I may find waiting, I know that it is a necessary discipline in my Christian life, and, at this time of year, I'm being given a timely reminder that there is a time to work for God, and also a time to wait upon God. There sometimes comes a point when we must set aside life's tasks, and find time for refreshment and renewal, which in turn equips and strengthens us for the very tasks we laid aside.

I know how important 'waiting upon the Lord' is, but the Lord knows only too well that, with me, it's a work in progress.

God Bless,

Chris

On Saturday 12th April we held a very successful Jumble Sale at the Village Hall when we raised the magnificent sum of £874.00. A hard day, but well worth all the effort with this great result. A big thank you to all the helpers and to those who brought things to sell and lastly to those who supported us by spending. It was very much appreciated.

Our next coffee morning is on Friday, 30th May, 10.00am to 12.00noon.

Everyone is welcome at this friendly event. Come and have a cuppa, cake and a chat. We are able to support local charities by donations given at these events.

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 May are as follows:

4th May	Jim Spencer
11th May	Sue Liddell
18th May	Clive Herrod
25th May	Revd May Playford

Afternoon Fellowship

In April we had two very enjoyable talks, one by Keith Scarff about moths and butterflies and the other by David Lilley telling us about the history of the Stowmarket Operatic & Dramatic Society.

The speakers for our May meetings are as follows:

12th May	A social afternoon by the members.
19th May	Revd Chris Wood (this will be our last meeting of this session, we recommence in October).

We welcome anyone who would like to join us at our meetings (male or female). Come and enjoy the fellowship, and of course a cake and cup of tea or coffee at 2.00pm on the above dates.

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2nd April Meeting

Many of us had visited Abbot's Hall and seen the display about St Audry's Hospital, so it was a great pleasure to welcome Lisa Harris, Collections Curator at MEAL, and hear about the hospital and the background to the display. When the hospital closed in 1993, MEAL received a share of the items that had been displayed in a museum in the attics. The development of Abbot's Hall finally gave the staff of MEAL the space to display the items from St Audry's, with the themes of 'home' and 'belonging'. St Audry's was indeed a long-term home for many of its patients.

In the 19th century there was much stigma attached to mental illness and early patients were 'pauper lunatics', moved from the workhouse when illness prevented them from working. Conditions such as epilepsy and Alzheimer's disease were not understood in those days.

From 1832 to 1876, Dr John Kirkman, who helped set up the Royal College of Psychiatrists, was Superintendent and head of the household of St Audry's. Many modern practices echo his ideas. He believed that food, warmth, cleanliness, exercise and work were hugely beneficial and was against forcible restraint, stating that 'No restraint is as powerful as tenderness'. The hospital had large grounds with a farm, a chapel and workshops. Lisa pointed out that much of our knowledge is based on Dr Kirkman's official reports, which were written for the eyes of funders. They do not tell us what the patients thought of the experience.

Dr Kirkman's principles clearly took hold and Lisa showed us 20th century photographs of patients producing everything from food to beds and bricks. They often learnt skills that could be transferred to the outside world. Staff applicants with abilities in music or sport were welcomed as they could support such activities with the patients.

Lisa's talk was warmly appreciated by us all and followed by some discussion. She would love to hear from anyone who has had direct or family experience of St Audry's over more recent times, whether as patients or staff, in order to build up a more complete picture. She can be contacted by phone: 01449 618 225 or email: lisa.harris@eastanglianlife.org.uk

Membership

April was the start of our membership year. Many thanks go to those who have already joined or re-joined. Membership forms are available at our meetings or can be obtained from our Membership Secretary Christine

Williams, tel. 01449 771 430. We have a pro rata scale for memberships, so it's never too late to join – and the sums are easy as a full year costs £12.00! Admission to meetings costs £1.00 for members, £3.00 for non-members. Some visits are for members only and members are also able to make use of our growing collection of archive material, for research or general interest. Do join us.

“ Talking-Point ”

We asked about the ‘baker’s dozen’ of 13 rather than 12. In the mid-13th century, the Assize of Bread and Ale statute linked the price of bread to the price of wheat. Although bakers had supported the introduction, it meant that they had to be careful not to give short measure. A hollow loaf could accidentally be produced and the punishment for selling short weight could be a fine, a flogging or the pillory. Selling to wholesalers, they added an extra loaf; to individuals, they gave an extra piece of bread. This ensured that they were always providing more than required and not less.

For our next ‘Talking Point’, one village property has been known as the ‘3Ts’ house. How did that come about?

Neil’s Notes

During his research, Neil Langridge sometimes comes upon something a little unusual:

Beam me up, Scotty?

Anyone who enjoys the series Star Trek will remember those episodes where the Captain, Spock and the crew are somehow transported back in time to a particular period of history, could this explain the following entry in Stowmarket Parish Register!

‘Anthony Clention buried 29th June 1679. Under command of Captain Kirk’!

Display

At our meeting this month (see below) there will be a small display about the history of our village primary school. If you have anything that might be included, perhaps a class photograph or a photograph of a special event, do get in touch or bring it along to the meeting. Great care will be taken of all items.

Programme

7th May *Education, Education, Education – Village Schools by Sarah Doig*

Most village schools kept records such as log books, admission registers and minute books which can be a rich source of family history. There will be a small display about the history of our own village primary school.

*4th June 7.00pm Short AGM followed by 'A History of Lime Tree Place'
by Darren Dordoy and Hannah Salmon*

We were sorry to hear that Moira Coleman would have to cancel because of ill health but are very grateful to Darren and Hannah for stepping in with a fascinating topic.

Please note the times above. We meet in the Village Hall.
Visitors are always welcome and refreshments are available. Admission is £1.00 for members, £3.00 for non-members.

We look forward to seeing you.



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Community Speed Watch Scheme

Morris Brand

After a much publicised event which seems to have taken such a long time to get going, I am delighted to announce that the volunteers for the Community Speed Watch Scheme have finally got under way. By the time you read this, we will have completed a number of operations in the Village.



Our first operation took place on Tuesday, 8th April 2014 where we monitored the flow of traffic on the A1120 along Church Road. It's difficult to gauge the number of vehicles that travelled along the road during the time we were there but it was extremely busy with a lot of vehicles passing through.

What is pleasing to report is that during the hour we monitored the traffic, we did not record one vehicle exceeding the speed limit! To be honest, we are extremely pleased that what we are doing is having the desired effect and that is to get motorists to slow down and respect the speed limit. If we never report a vehicle to the police, we will deem that to be successful. We are aware, however, that as motorists passed us, they were warning approaching vehicles of our presence. I'm fairly sure that this could be contravening the law, so please be aware.

We are still in partnership with Onehouse, although they want to monitor their own Community. So the speed detection equipment will be shared by both communities. I have to thank the Parish Council for their support and of course Suffolk County Councillor Gary Green for the funding.

As usual, I use this page as a plea for more volunteers. If you feel you can give an hour or two per month, and would like to make a difference to your community, please contact Councillor Morris Brand via email morris.brand@btinternet.com or by phone 07939 177 967 or indeed any Parish Councillor whose details are on the inside back page of the Telstar. Pictured above: the Community Speed Watch volunteers with PC Stefan Henriksen and Councillor Jerry Voden.

The photographs are courtesy of Ethan Brand

May Dates

Thur	1	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	2	Concert	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	3	P.C. Environment W.G.	10.00am	Outside The Retreat
Sat 3	- 5	Flower Festival & Craft Fayre (<i>see back cover</i>)		Holy Trinity & V H
Tues	6	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	6	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	7	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	7	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	7	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	7	Local History Group (<i>see page 18</i>)	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thur	8	Parish Council	7.30pm	V. H. Meeting Room
Thur	8	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	11	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	12	Afternoon Fellowship	2.00pm	URC Chapel
Mon	12	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – June issue		
Tues	13	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	13	Over 60 Club	2.00pm	Village Hall
Wed	14	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	14	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	14	P.C. Transport, Traffic & Safety W.G.	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thur	15	P.C. Community Events W.G.	7.30pm	URC Chapel
Thur	15	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	18	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	19	Afternoon Fellowship	2.00pm	URC Chapel
Mon	19	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	20	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	21	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	21	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	21	P.C. Footpaths W.G.	7.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	21	W.I. – ‘Name that Tune’	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	23	Community Bingo	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	25	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall

Tues	27	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	27	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	27	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	27	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	28	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thur	29	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	URC Chapel
Thur	29	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	30	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel

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

June Dates

Sun	1	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	2	Sports & Social Club A.G.M.		
Mon	2	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	3	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	3	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Tues	3	P.C. Community Events W.G.	7.30pm	URC Chapel
Wed	4	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	4	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	4	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	4	Local History Group (<i>see page 19</i>)	7.00pm	Village Hall
Thur	5	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	7	P.C. Cemetery & Churchyard W.G.	10.00am	The Churchyard

Future Events in 2014

June	27	Community Quiz
June	28	Music on The Green
June	29	Service on The Green
July	13	Open Gardens

Diary Dates

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In particular, we are seeking one or two car owner-drivers to assist with transport to a variety of local destinations. This is the main aspect of our work, but at certain times (especially during school holidays when some of our volunteers need to devote their time to childcare) there is a noticeable shortage of available drivers. Coupled with this, a few long-serving volunteers have recently retired and we are certainly feeling the loss of their highly valued input.

Apart from a few initial formalities, the volunteer is free to choose his/her own area of work according to skills and whether or not to accept a request, and can expect reimbursement of any out-of-pocket expenses.

Please feel free to contact me on 771 430 if you would like to know more. I look forward to hearing from you.



Over 60 Club

Jean Coleman

We give hearty thanks to Mrs Prentice for all the reports that she has done over the years, and so I will have a lot to live up to.

I'm Jean Coleman and have been attending the Over 60s for a number of years, so will do my best in my reporting of events... as you know we meet in the Village Hall once a month and enjoy each other's company.

Our next meeting we will enjoy a talk given by Mr Keith Scarff who will speak about his hobby of Moths and Butterflies, which I am sure you would find very interesting (not the kind that nibble our woolies he will assure you)... So hope to see you on the second Tuesday of the month, which is 13th May. Mark your calendar with a red ring ... we hope to see you there.

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Report

Judy Clarke

March was a very full month, starting with the Suffolk East Annual Federation Council meeting, at Trinity Park, where Roy Hudd was principal speaker. A few days later, instead of the usual countryside walk, several members, with friends, spent the morning on a guided tour of Ipswich. Starting at the Ancient House, we passed the 19th. century replacement of the original 16th. century Tooley’s almshouses, the remains of the Greyfriars monastery, a Jewish cemetery and, finally at the Waterfront, saw two medieval churches. An altogether very interesting morning, showing buildings and sites that most of us were unaware existed.

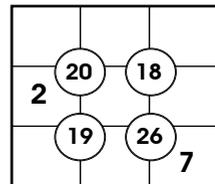
The speaker at our members’ meeting was Pippa Moss. She had brought with her some of her collection of quilts – exquisitely made and very large. Mostly hand appliquéd, Pippa makes these as her way of relaxation. Each is individually patterned, some with panels of various bright colours, others with the pattern covering the whole of the quilt, but each with binding around the edge. Very popular in America, the making of quilts originated in England and Wales and was taken across the Atlantic with the Pilgrim Fathers. Then, from America, missionaries took quilting to Hawaii, where the islanders’ favourite pattern became based on their ‘silver sword’ plant, where it is very effective in the one colour on the creamy white background. Following her fascinating talk, Pippa kindly agreed to judge the colour competition, with Mary C. 1st. followed by Mandy and then Penny. Flower of the month – this is chosen by the members – 1st. Brenda, 2nd. Christine, 3rd. Mary M.

The 21st and the 28th found teams of six taking part in quizzes, the first at Earl Stonham, the second a community event at our Village Hall, both great fun. While we didn’t win, neither were we last, so honour was satisfied! The 29th wrapped up the month’s activities with the annual jumble sale. Thanks to all who supported it and special thanks go to John and Les for their inestimable help.



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The Vicar's Letter

Revd David Swales

Dear Friends

Most people know about Harvest Festivals, when we give thanks for the fruits of the earth, and for the work of those who bring them to us – including our local farmers. You may well have attended our September Harvest Festival or Harvest Supper in previous years – and you will be equally welcome to this year's!

But have you heard about 'Rogation'? It comes from a word meaning 'to ask', and, if Harvest is all about saying Thankyou, then Rogation is about saying Please. Rogation Services were traditionally held around this time of year, and were intended to ask for God's blessing on the land, and on those who farmed it, in the hope that once again it would provide a harvest.

Some years ago I was a vicar in rural Yorkshire, and one of my churches was actually in a farmhouse! Needless to say, Harvest was always a special occasion in that place: but so was 'Rogation-tide'. Every year we would have a service which would move from farmyard, to pasture, to barn, and in each spot we would sing, hear God's word, and then pray for his blessing.

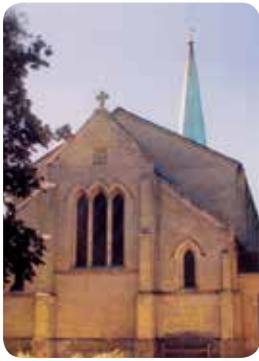
It's strange that the 'Thankyou' of Harvest, has remained more popular than the 'Please' of Rogation; because usually we make the opposite mistake in our prayers! Usually we find it easier to ask God for things we would like to happen, than to thank him for what we have.

A healthy relationship with God will have these two things – Please and Thankyou – in balance. We will not be afraid to come to him with our needs, our concerns, for ourselves or for others. We will naturally turn to him for help. But, when prayers are answered, or when we look at the many blessings which surround us, we will not forget to express our gratitude.

Your friend and vicar,

David

PS: In June, we will be marking Rogation in Stowupland! Our June 1st@4 service will take place at Grange Farm on Saxham Street. 1st@4 is our 'Church with a Difference', which meets every month on the 1st Sunday at 4.00pm (1st@4 in May is in church as usual – and will be part of our Flower Festival).



Holy Trinity Church

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Churchwarden: *Mrs Ann Doubtfire* Tel. 01449 770 363

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Services in May 2014

May	4th	9.30am	Parish Communion
		4.00pm	1st @ 4 Service – <i>Church with a difference!</i>
May	11th	9.30am	Morning Worship with Trinity Starz
		6.30pm	Evensong (<i>B.C.P.</i>)
May	18th	8.00am	Holy Communion (<i>B.C.P.</i>)
		9.30am	Morning Prayer (<i>B.C.P.</i>)
May	19th (Mon)	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View – All Welcome!
May	25th	9.30am	All-Age Family Service and Baptism
		6.30pm	Parish Communion
May	29th (Thu)	7.30pm	Benefice Ascension Day Service and Communion at Wetherden

(B.C.P. – Book of Common Prayer)

A Prayer:

Almighty and merciful God, into whose gracious presence we ascend, not by the frailty of the flesh, but by the activity of the soul: make us ever seek after the courts of the heavenly city, where our Saviour Christ has ascended, and by your mercy confidently enter them both now and hereafter; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Weekly Open Church

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

Holy Trinity Church NOTICEBOARD

Dads, Mums & Children!

Please come along to '1st @ 4' Service on Sunday, 4th May at 4.00pm and enjoy '*Church With A Difference!*' There's also '**Trinity Starz**' for children alongside the Morning Worship Service on Sunday, 11th May at 9.30am. Then, to enjoy our bright and friendly **All-Age Family Service** on Sunday, May 25th at 9.30am. Do stay and have FairTrade refreshments with us in the hall afterwards!

Flower Festival Concert

The Stowmarket Concert Band will be giving a concert in the Village Hall on Friday, May 2nd at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8.00, (which include a buffet and free glass of wine), are now available from David Hall – 01449 675 828, Christine Williams – 01449 771 430, John Parsell – 01449 672 592, Ann Doubtfire – 01449 770 363.

Food Bank Box

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

Beetle Drives

Come along and enjoy some fun in a friendly atmosphere at the Beetle Drive which will be held on Tuesdays, 6th and 27th May at 2.30pm in the Church Hall. All are very welcome to join us!

100 Club

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2nd	37	Mrs J Bloom
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Let's Bake Cake!

Claire Pizzey

As I sat in the latest Community Events meeting it dawned on me that we do not have many meetings left until we hold this year's Music on The Green, Saturday, 28th June. My job, (though not sure how I got here), is to run the tea tent.

"What has that got to do with me"? Yes, I can hear you!! Well, I am calling out to all you budding 'Mary Berry's' of the village to help me. If you can make a cake, biscuits or cupcakes then you are just who I am looking for, to bake me a donation for the tea tent. If you can't bake, then fear not, you can always help out in the tea tent on the day. There is a job here for all of you and I won't hear any excuses now you have taken the time to read all of my article!

So please let me know if you can help in any way. You can contact me on either phone 01449 677 005 or email clairepizzey@outlook.com it would be much appreciated.

As I am sure you will all agree that there is nothing like a slice of homemade cake to accompany a steaming hot cup of tea. So let's Bake Cake!



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Community Events

Keith Welham

We had a very successful bingo in the Village Hall in February with more people attending and higher value cash prizes than before. We hope this trend will continue at the bingo session on Friday, 23rd May.

The quiz night on 28th March was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to John Cummins for writing the questions and Craig Champion who was quizmaster on the night. The result was very tight and needed a tie break question to decide the runners-up. Our next quiz is on Friday, 27th June; the pre-Music Day quiz usually proves to be great fun so please come along for a really enjoyable evening. You can register a team in advance by telephoning me on 01449 673 185. Teams may consist of a maximum of six members, each person should pay an entry fee of just £2.00. Doors will be open from 7.00pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm. There are prizes for the team coming first and for the runners up.

I hope that Adam Bennett will be able to report on a successful casino night held on Saturday, 26th April at 7.30pm in the next edition of Telstar.

As you will have read elsewhere, we still need a number of volunteers to help at Music Day on The Green. Please let me know if you can spare a few hours to act as 'steward/gatekeeper' at the entries into the event area. This year we are required to have volunteers at the gates from 12.00noon to 11.00pm. We also have to provide volunteer staff for the lost children tent. If you have enhanced CRB clearance or equivalent, please consider volunteering a few hours.

You may have seen the notices erected around The Green, advertising our application for a licence. The period for comments has now ended and MSDC and will let us know of any conditions that will be imposed. We already know that to meet the requirements of the licence will require around twenty more volunteers. I have asked before for volunteers to put their names forward and have received some but not yet sufficient response. If you would like to see the event go ahead and continue in future years, now is the time to get in touch. The more volunteers the better; we cannot have too many.

The band line-up is just about finalised and will include some bands who played last year, like 23X, Ben & Greg and Far From The Ordinary and Ska'd 4 Life will headline from 8.15pm to 9.45pm.

There is still time, if you are quick, to have a stall for a village organisation or charity. But you need to contact Carl Melhuish or me urgently.

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Stowupland Village Hall

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Village Hall Management Committee

Hello from the Village Hall Management Committee, as Telstar goes to press for the May edition we should have completed the programme of hall interior decoration which will brighten up everything as we move into the spring season.

Our Chairman is also in the process of completing the grant application to Mid Suffolk District Council for the new furniture for the hall. As soon as we have news as to whether we have been successful we can move forward with an order for the new chairs. Bookings remain steady and the hall continues to be well used in the week and weekends and thanks go to everyone for their continued support.

Talking of support we still need volunteers to take over the Treasurer's and Secretary's committee positions and I would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would like to join the Management committee. The committee are working hard to

enhance the current hall facilities but we do need help to fill these vacancies. So, if you would like to join us please contact Jerry Voden on 01449 770 334.

Our AGM this year is on Monday, 28th April at 7.00pm in the Village Hall small meeting room when everyone is welcome to attend and give their views and ideas on the running of the hall to the committee. Looking forward to seeing you there.



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Stowupland Bowls Club

Mary Bloom

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(see photograph). We are now looking forward to a new season and hopefully some warm weather.



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Falcons Football Club

Neal Smith, Chairman Mob: 0772 559 1785.

We are now well into April and the end of the season is in sight. It's been a tough season mainly due to the weather, but the ground is now very dry on the surface and we are now catching up on all the games lost during January and February.

This time of year does still offer some great football to come, with cup finals and league titles still in the running for some of our teams.

Looking at the Adults first, our Reserves look assured of promotion currently sitting second in the league with five games in hand and six points ahead of third place. A very strong position. If you are about on Thursday evenings you can come along and support the lads as they catch up on their games.

Our First team are still in contention but it's going to a tougher job to reach the promotion place. Sitting currently fourth we are really reliant on some of the teams above us tripping up in order to make promotion possible. But fingers crossed, you never know, our lads are playing some great football, so we now need a little bit of luck to help us.

The A Team is also currently sitting 3rd just a point behind second, so again we have every opportunity to end up in a promotion place, but they will only move up if the Reserves gain promotion.

The Reserves unfortunately lost their Cup semi-final to Bacton last month so no Cup silverware left to fight for in the Adult section.

In the Youth section we still have Silverware in sight. Under 10 Yellows are in a league title battle which looks set to run until the final game. We also have a number of teams still in contention in the Cups and one definite finalist, the U11 Girls.

Well done to all!

Recently we convened a Special General Meeting to restructure the Committee of the Club. I am pleased to say that we had unanimous support for the change from the current Committee and we now are operating the new Committee structure. This change is designed to provide a better governance structure within the Club which will help us speed decision making and ensure we look at the Club development as whole not as separate adult and youth sections.

We're now in the final planning stages for our BIG 5 a-side and many of the age groups are now full. It is our largest fundraiser of the year and we look forward to seeing many of you come along and watch. There will plenty

of stalls selling all sorts of items so come and have a look. It's free and you'll see some great football too.

The Club Presentation Day is on the 17th May in the Village Hall. All the players get presented with their season plaque as well as some special awards. It starts at 2.00pm and please feel free to come along to see all the players presented. It's a great way for all the teams to celebrate the end of the season and this year we are also running a fun day, with a bouncy castle, barbecue and some games for all the family.

Finally, a quick reminder that we really do want your support on the touch lines. It makes a big difference to our teams, so come along and support your local Club. You'll see some great entertaining football on Saturdays, Thursdays and Sundays, and it's free!

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