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# EDITOR'S NOTES AUGUST 2018

Welcome to the August edition of the Telstar. I hope you like the new look for the Telstar and can find the information you need even though some regular items have been moved around. In this edition Brian Ward tells us of his adventures in the countryside and of a close encounter for a young Hare. This month you can read about successful outcomes from Open Gardens and the Sports and Social Club open day. (The front cover shows several villagers enjoying the day.) In May's edition we informed you of changes to the Stowupland buses. We hope the new timetable printed in the magazine will help you plan your journeys.

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# STOWUPLAND

### PARISH CHAIRMANS REPORT

**AUGUST 2018** 

It has been a busy time in the village, with lots of meetings this month. Yesterday I met with our County Councillor Gary Green and a Highways engineer from

Suffolk County Council; we were discussing the ongoing road works in Church Road and the damage to the lay-by at the Church. I am hoping that by the time you read this the traffic lights will be finished with, at least for the time being. It has been agreed that the lay-by will be resurfaced and cleaned during the school holidays. This will certainly make things easier for the church and the school at peak times. There was also a problem with mud in the drains in this area and I was informed that these have been cleaned out recently, and should now be clear.

The Neighbourhood Plan committee have worked very hard to achieve the final plan, and it has been good to see the response to the consultation period. It was nice to see and chat to a number of residents who attended the launch of the consultation period in the village hall on the 14th June.

The Sports and Social Club committee have completed a refurbishment of the club house; a lot of work has gone into this. Planning, securing grants, and redecorating. Their open day on Saturday 23rd June went very well, and a lot of residents attended, they are now open on Thursday and Friday nights and also at weekends.

More community events to look forward to are the annual Walkers Cup on Sunday 9th September and the lighting of the beacon on 11th November. For those of you new to the village the Walkers Cup is a walk suitable for families between the Retreat Stowupland and the Sports and Social Club at Old Newton. Stowupland currently hold the cup and we can retain it by getting the most people to walk between these two locations

Jerry Voden

Chairman Stowupland Parish Council.

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### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

**JUNE 2018** 

### **Locality Grants**

As I mentioned last month, each member of the District Council has been allocated £6250 to spend on local projects. I have already received two bids for projects in Stowupland and I hope more will be coming in soon. Please think about any organisation or club in Stowupland, of which you are a member, and if they might wish to submit a bid for some of this money. It needs to be a bid for a specific project or purchase of equipment and cannot be used on general running costs of an organisation. Please get in touch with me if you have something in mind.

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### Members' Allowances

You may have read in a local paper or seen on the local news that the level of allowances to be paid to members and extra allowances for special responsibilities such as Cabinet members and committee chairs have been increased. For members without special responsibilities, the increase is 25% - from £4,000 to £5,000. This was agreed by a slender majority with all opposition members and two Conservatives voting against. About a third of the Conservative members were absent from the meeting but, nevertheless, there were sufficient of them to scrape through. I voted against because it seems wrong to be voting ourselves a pay rise part way through our four year term. Any decision on allowances should be taken by the outgoing council at the end of its term of office and should set the level of allowances for the newly elected council.

### 5 Year Housing Land Supply and the Joint Local Plan

We have just received details of the number and type of homes built in Mid Suffolk during the year to 31 March. This figure has been used to show that MSDC now has over six years' supply of housing land for development. We are still waiting for a report on progress on the Joint Local Plan but we don't have a firm date for completion of the Plan. The Local Plan and the Land Supply are key to protecting our countryside from unsuitable development.

### **Empty Council Properties**

Members have been pressing for vacated council properties to be re-let quicker. Some progress has been made with the average time between tenants being cut from around 50 days six months ago to 30 days in May 2018. Further steps are being taken to co-ordinate the various trades better and for materials to be more readily available to the workforce, cutting down the time needed to arrange for collection and delivery. Some properties can be updated with very little work; others may require removal of asbestos and major works to kitchens, bathrooms and heating systems, so the time taken to carry out the work varies greatly.

### Needham Market HQ Site Redevelopment

The Council is close to agreeing the details of a scheme to redevelop the former offices and car park, providing new homes (including affordable homes), a retail outlet and a number of public car parking spaces. A planning application should be submitted later this year. The site of the former Needham Market Middle School is now also owned by MSDC and proposals for its redevelopment are being prepared and should be available for consultation shortly. Together, these sites will make a significant contribution towards meeting the affordable housing need of the district but much more needs to be done. I and my colleagues will continue to press for more council house construction to be carried out by MSDC, and for those housing units to be high quality, low energy homes to be let as council homes.

Keith Welham, MSDC District Councillor for Stowupland ward keith.welham@midsuffolk.gov.uk

# **Coffee Morning**

At Stowupland URC Chapel

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2018

10am-12noon



Coffee/ Tea and Cakes



### PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

**JULY 2018** 



July's meeting opened with 6 members of the public present.

### **Councillors' Reports:**

The District Councillor's report can be found elsewhere in Telstar. Although the SCC Councillor was unable to attend, the Clerk reported back on outstanding matters currently with Cllr Green. She advised there was still no action on the horse repeater signs, the definitive map for highway boundaries or on the request for a copy of the terrier map for the footbridge behind the Church. The additional gullies for Thorney Green Road are scheduled for works to be carried out in August and a meeting has been arranged with a Highways engineer to review the sandbags on Thorney Green. She also reported that she has received the verge cutting programme for 2018.

### **Matters of Report:**

The Clerk reported that she had been advised that work on the drains on the A1120 had been completed but there was some scepticism from the Councillors about this, and the lack of action on the drain on Gipping Road is to be escalated to Cllr Green. She advised that the Neighbourhood Plan banners have been erected and the broken sign at Hunters Moon has been repaired. The Clerk reported that the letter regarding the speed gun has been sent to Onehouse PC and the plastic post on the junction of A1120 and B1115 has been reported. She advised that some economy dog poo bags had been ordered at a saving of £3.10 per box and she has received a quote of £300 from the grass contractor for organic weed killing in the cemetery and he has cut the bridleway at Park Farm. The Chairman met with the engineer who had inspected the drains on the A1120 who reported that no further action was required. If further flooding does occur then photographs will be taken and the engineer duly notified.

### **Public Forum:**

Amongst concerns voiced by residents was the reporting of 4 village signs being down and a query as to whether permission had been granted for the expansion of the Co-Op and was advised that it had and that Highways felt that there was not a problem with traffic at this location. It was queried why the A1120/B1115 junction had not been

completed before residents started to move into homes on the Bloor development and was advised that the works must be completed before a specified level of occupancy is reached. A resident advised that, before further work on Grays Close could be completed, the works that the Parish Council agreed should be carried out, need to be done first. He was advised that it was hoped that this would be done before the start of the new school year. He also reported that the music event that he had put on in Rattlesden instead of Stowupland had gone very well with a sum of £1113 being raised for the hospice. A new allotment holder asked if CIL money could be used to purchase allotment land to ensure its future and to consider the provision of water at the allotments. Another resident voiced concerns for the long-term durability of the new footpath along Gipping Road and the amount of rubbish being blown out of the Bloor site.

### **Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Allotments** – The Clerk advised that letters have been sent to allotment holders who need to tidy up their plots.

Cemetery and Churchyard – Cllr Reeves reported that there was damage done to the kerbs by the old gates by the gas contractor and a post by the cemetery entrance has been knocked. She also felt that some contractors had not fully complied with their quotations and should not be asked to quote again. Some of the graves had sunk due to the prolonged dry weather and will require topping up with some graded topsoil. A check on the need to re-level graves may need incorporating as an annual survey with the topple tests. She will be seeking a contractor to quote for laying footpath paving slabs and include these works with other works around the village. There is a real rabbit problem in the cemetery which will require a permanent solution as humane deterrents have proven unsuccessful. She is still waiting for the stump grinding to be completed and will withhold payment until it has been finished. She is still awaiting feedback from the Church in respect of the churchyard minutes.

**Community Events** – The bingo held on 29th June was not well attended so the group may need to reconsider holding bingo during the summer. It was felt that the James Martin 'tank' which has been suggested to be in attendance at the WW1 commemoration event will not be suitable as it is a modern tracked vehicle.

**Environment** – It was felt that a group should be set up to look at existing pedestrian and cycle routes in the village and plan for the future. There is a need to look at the locations of dog bins so that they are more

accessible to the road for easier emptying. It was agreed to purchase 2 new dog bins to be erected at Newton Road and Gipping Road.

**Neighbourhood Planning** – It is expected that following the referendum it will take until March or April 2019 to get the Neighbourhood Plan accepted by MSDC and until this process has been completed there will be no extra CIL money from any developments given planning permission prior to its acceptance even if the work on them has not even started.

**Planning** – There were 2 planning applications considered by the planning committee; one was supported and the other recommended for refusal.

**Play Park** – Cllr Reeves reported that they have received a formal offer from Biffa for £25,204.89 for the play park refurbishment. She has also requested a quote for fitting new waste bins for the park.

**The Green Advisory Group** – At the inspection in June, overall The Green was found to be in a good state of repair. As the grass contractor has been able to get in closer to the hedge line, the undergrowth has been kept in check.

**Transport, Travel and Safety** – There has been a number of successful speed watch outings held recently but unfortunately one of the members has resigned. The new SID signs are to be ordered now that the posts are in place.

**SALC** – 10 people attended the recent SALC meeting, all with similar problems in their villages. They were asked to think carefully about any issues that they would like discussed at the AGM in November that can then be taken to lobby central government. Their website is to be updated soon. The next meeting will be held on 13th September.

### **Councillors' Reports:**

Cllr Johnson reported that the path across The Green had a heavy infestation of weeds and may need to be sprayed.

Cllr Welham reported that, due to the dry weather, The Green has not been mown for 3 weeks due to the risk of killing off the dry grass but he is monitoring the situation along with the contractor.

Cllr Pring felt that the ditches by Corner Farm and Birch Close both need to be strimmed. He was disappointed to report that the new barrier opposite the end of Trinity Walk has been damaged again. He also felt that the mini goalposts on the Green are wobbly due to the dry weather and need to be secured.

Cllr Reeves reported that she had attended the meeting with the Police Commissioner which had left her very disappointed. The Suffolk Force is concentrating on cross border crime involving sex and drugs, domestic slavery, internet crime and illegal immigration along the coastline. There is also a focus on theft of tools from vans and speeding. They are waiting for the Government Minister to transfer powers from Police to Councils to deal with parking issues. There are more small vans with cameras for speeding coming on stream. There is due to be some investment with the 101 phoneline but calls will be prioritised based on nature of crime. People will be encouraged to report crimes online which will automatically generate a crime number. Despite the increase in the precept for the police, the main focus will be on policing the towns and if villages want to have a police presence they will need to fund a PCSO themselves at a cost of £35,000 per annum on a 2 year contract or can share one with other Parish Councils at the increased cost of £38,000 per annum as the use of a car will be required. On a more encouraging theme, she also attended a meeting of the Town and Parish Liaison Group that was taken by Tom Barker from MSDC. He advised that MSDC now have a 5 year land supply and it was the Gladman application in Stowupland that proved that this was not in place last year. A revised National Planning Policy Framework is expected on 25th July which will give more responsibility to deliver on housing supply for both young and older people. By 2020 if MSDC are unable to deliver 75% of the housing figure each year, it will be deemed to no longer have a 5 year land supply. The borrowing cap on the council house portfolio will be lifted so that councils can borrow more to build new council houses. Preferred options for development in the Joint Local Plan should be adopted by autumn 2019 which should help to decrease speculative development applications. They are working with SALC to improved the relationships between MSDC and Parish and Town Councils in respect of planning and how it works. Following some workshops on social issues that were held during the second part of the day, better transport links and social housing came out as the big issues.

### **Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman reported that he attended a meeting hosted by the Stowmarket Town Clerk for surrounding parishes. He outlined the plans for the 'Vision of Prosperity' for Stowmarket which includes the re-development of the Regal and Mill Fields playing field, the purchase of the old Nat West Bank and ideas for the redevelopment of the town centre facilities. It was reported that 50% of the population of Mid Suffolk live in Stowmarket and that facilities in the town need to

be accessible by the rural population and this will require improved transport links. The meeting was felt to be very productive and it was good for the Town Council to keep in touch with its surrounding villages.

### **Clerks Report:**

The Clerk reported that she and Cllr Welham had met with Karen Grimes, CEO of the Academy Trust, and Wendy Baster, Head Teacher of the High School. A 5 year plan is being produced to look at transport and parking solutions and to change the use of the bungalow to offices and a training facility and a new 6th form building on the site. The new Estate and Facilities Manager has been investigating the ownership of the ditch behind Steeple View and will be providing the Parish Council with a copy of his final report. Tenders are currently going out for the groundworks on the site. They would like the Parish Council and Village Hall Management and Sports and Social Club to consider working on a project with them to convert the old tennis courts into a Multi-Use Games Area.

It was also agreed that Cllr Guy should attend the new councillor training course in August.

### **Correspondence:**

A letter has been received from Suffolk Constabulary requesting a response from Parish Councils if they would like to fund a PCSO but because of the short timescale in which to respond it was felt that there should be no action taken at this time. There was confirmation from the District Councillor that he would fund £500 from his locality budget to help with the costs of the beacon on The Green. MSDC have advised that their online joint housing strategy consultation period will be from 21st Sept to 1st Nov. A resident has cleared and tidied up a grave but the stonework is loose and he has asked what the best solution for this is. He will be requested to seek advice from a stonemason. The same resident also expressed concern about the extent of flooding in Thorney Green Road since the resurfacing of the road. A student has asked for an interview with a Parish Councillor to help with his research for his dissertation on planning. Cllr Studd will see him and also ask if he would also like to meet up with the District Councillor to get the DC perspective. The final piece of correspondence was an invitation to take part in the 2018 Stowmarket Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.



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# **COUNTRYSIDE RAMBLER**

### **BRIAN WARD**

I hope you all enjoyed the glorious weather in June and have been out in the countryside soaking up the sun and absorbing the nature that abounds all around us at this time of year. Dragonflies and Butterflies are more plentiful now; look for varied habitat as some of the rarer Dragonflies will be found on boggy heathland. Expect to find Black Darter and Keeled Skimmer. For Butterflies go to wooded areas; here you may see White Admiral, Silver Washed Fritillary, and possibly one of the Hairstreak family.



Photo courtesy of Brian Ward

Many of our birds are on their second brood; my Robins in the garden have reared two broods already and I believe the Blackbird has too. A few weeks ago I visited Lopham Fen to photograph the Hobbies. These fast flying Falcons will catch and consume Dragonflies whilst on the wing. They are truly agile flyers and a wonder to watch as they swoop and catch their prey. They eat only the best parts and discard the wings. I counted over a dozen on my visit mainly hawking over the pools. Whilst on my visit I also saw several Fen Raft Spiders, one was carrying an egg sack so they must be breeding successfully. As I was studying the Spiders a Grass Snake slithered out of the vegetation and swam across the pool; these snakes are excellent swimmers.

I have been putting apples down for a family of Water Voles in the little Ouse Valley and returning regularly to photograph them. These charming sooty coloured Voles are found in many of the ditches in the valley but are often overlooked. Sadly these Voles are preyed upon by the Wild Mink population but are surviving in areas with suitable habitat. I have also been following the life of a Leveret (young hare). I visit the same area on a weekly basis to observe its behaviour and it always appears as if to say "hello it's you again". It is about half the size of the adults at the moment but is growing fast. It had a close encounter recently. I was watching it nibbling grass on a farm track. I spotted movement a few yards behind it and to my surprise it was a Stoat stalking the Leveret. The Stoat was about to strike then the Leveret spotted it and it had to literally run for its life with the Stoat in hot pursuit. Obviously the Leveret outran the Stoat. I was quite relieved at the outcome as my little Leveret could have come to a grizzly end. I can sit for hours watching nature, from a Butterfly emerging from a chrysalis to Stags fighting at rutting time. It is all truly amazing.

# **JUNIOR PAGE**

What a very funny person, can you make him or her a colourful one and then find the circus acts in the grid?



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# LOCAL HISTORY GROUP [ JULY MEETING ]

Marion Harris – Tel. 01449 770895 or email: marion@astronomer.plus.com

We were very sorry to hear that Barbara Finbow had died. She was one of our earliest members, as well as being the oldest. Always happy to chat, and with an astonishing memory, Barbara regularly attended meetings until very recently. She had lived on The Green all her life.

Our virtual tour of The Green followed the route we walked a year ago and was supported by Neil Langridge's photographs of the present, with maps and illustrations from the past. He spoke about pubs, beer houses and windmills. Richard Paddy remembered Alf Buckle at the chip shop, while John Paddy spoke about Alec Disney and Dod the cowman. Margaret Rose shared her family's oral history about the karnsers and Judy Clarke described her fight to set up Stowupland's 'Half-a-Mow' area. Many thanks go to all.

### **Talking Point**

If time travel landed you on The Green of 100 years ago, would you know where you were?

The Green would certainly not be the tidy, mowed area we know today and the roads crossing it would be more like tracks. Cows would be grazing, probably along with a few goats and there would be chickens about near the cottages as well as pigs in sties. Close to the cottages built of clay lump, on the NW side, were the ponds that resulted from their construction. Clay lump was also used for the building of the properties now called St Mungo and Jack's House, creating a large 'water supply pond' almost opposite. There was another such pond near the end of what is now Birch Close. You might see people taking water from any of the ponds, though you'd notice some pumps around the village as well.

There would be fewer buildings – none of the obviously modern houses. Roughly in the place of M&M's there would be a cramped general store and, further back from the site of the modern Retreat,

you would see the original thatched building, perhaps with the name Wilden over the door: it was then occupied by George Wilden (father of Leigh). You would probably recognise Green Farm. Many of the cottages we know today would be smaller, as extensions and porches have been added in recent times, and in some cases thatch was later replaced with pantiles. Columbine Close was not built until the late 1920s. You would find orchards where the High School stands.

The ruins of the tower mill would still be standing, on The Green south of The Retreat. It was dismantled about 1919. You might recognise Mill Cottages. There would be a small general store at the end of the row of cottages that back onto Chapel Lane. Fir Tree Cottage (where Jack Burch would later set up some petrol pumps) would be to the left of the site of the present petrol station. Walking to the SW, you would see fields where the Hopgood estate and The Heights were built in the 1930s and 1960 respectively. In the opposite direction, NE along what we now call Church Road, you would see the Chapel (but without its entrance and hall extension), some familiar cottages, Crown Farm and The Crown with further cottages alongside. There would be fields where the Village Hall stands. The Post Office would be at about the middle of the cottages set back from the old forge. The Church would be familiar, but without the Church Hall, and the Cemetery would be smaller. You might recognise Freeman School without its more modern additions. Part of the building was the master's house. The footpath at the side of the school would take you to more fields where we now have the Trinity Walk/Reeds Way region.

We are sure you would know where time travel had brought you and you might have noticed several small, often cottage-based, businesses such as barbers and cobblers. There would be smiths and carpenters too and, in Saxham Street, you might see Gyford's shop. The Gyfords moved into Saxham Cottage in 1909 and were trading in some way by 1911.

You would see that, as well has having more fields, the village had many more working farms; some, like Elm Farm and Crown Farm in the immediate village, and more in Saxham Street, along Gipping Road or down Mill Street. And in all the fields, who would you see bringing in the harvest? There was stormy weather in July 1918 and although the Government was trying to increase food production, many able-bodied men had signed up or been conscripted to the army.

Vast numbers of them were dead. Soldiers from command depots and hospitals were granted agricultural furlough. Women (some from the Women's Land Army) and older children were increasingly involved in all agricultural work (though local women and children had always provided extra hands at harvest.) You would see horses working, though thousands of Suffolk Punch horses had been killed in France: they were used to haul heavy artillery to the front. Although tractors were coming into use, a 1965 newspaper article about Frank Burch states that the first tractor here was bought by Tom Carter of Stowupland Hall, in 1926. Altogether, 1918 was a difficult harvest. You might see your ancestors.

For our next 'Talking Point' (you guessed!), please return to the time machine and set it to take you back another 100 years, to 1818.

### **Programme**

### August 1 Archives Evening

This meeting will provide an opportunity for the Group and individual members to display material relating to Stowupland: documents, photos, artefacts or the results of family history research. Please bring anything of interest - we have plenty of tables. Items new to our archives, relating to Stowupland Flower Show and the Village Hall, will be on display. These were collected by Ena Carter, who was closely involved with both. The Flower Show in various forms was a big event in the parish for almost 90 years until it ceased in 1969. Some of the recently donated archive of items collected by the Catchpole family will also be displayed.

### September 5 'Roman Roads in Suffolk' by James Albone

A priority for the newly arrived Roman invasion force in the 1st century AD was to establish a network of roads to facilitate the rapid movement of troops around the country, so they could react speedily to deal with any unrest amongst the native population. These would link up military depots, camps and towns. James Albone of the University of East Anglia will look at the significance of these roads within Suffolk.

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

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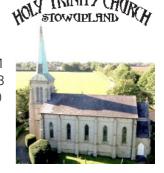
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#### Dear Friends

As Summer has delighted us with her bright warming days, our villages have delighted us by the warmth and support they have shown toward our Church, Open Gardens, Festivals, Flowers and Lunches. All have received wonderful support. A big, big thank you to all who have shared with open hearts this outreach and celebration of community and fellowship.

I hope your journeying through August brings you joy and delight, rest and respite, and friends along the way. Our First Sunday of the Month 4pm service for youngsters and their families is always ready to welcome new faces. We enjoyed a summer picnic for our July 1st@4 with music, games and food. For August we will be looking at Journeys and creating our own Labyrinth paths.

Not everyone has the opportunity to get away for a summer break. If you or someone you know finds it difficult to get about, and is perhaps missing the opportunity to join the worship, or would just welcome a new face to say hello to, please be assured I would be glad to call, whether for home Communion or just to chat. Do phone or email and I can arrange to call.

And finally, a plug for our travelling musicians from Manchester: Chrissy Mostyn and Richard Pilkington of The Blackheart Orchestra. They are a British singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist duo and long-term collaborators. 'The band blend musical styles in a non-conformist way, seamlessly sidestepping boundaries to create their unique, highly individual, emotion-drenched music'. You can see them on 1st September at St Mary Haughley 7:30pm IP14 3QT

Tickets from Haughley Post Office or online at:-https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/suffolk/st-marys-church-haughley/the-blackheart-orchestra

This is a great opportunity to catch them before their close of year support slot for Hawkwind's tour. It would be great to encourage more songwriters, bands and musicians to look to church venues to meet and grow their audiences.

Wherever your travels take you, may you find friends along the way, and have friends to greet you home.

Yours in Christ, Brin.

Priest in charge at Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland

#### CHURCH SERVICES in AUGUST

5th Aug	9.30am 4.00pm	Parish Communion 1st@4 Service - church with a difference!
12th Aug	9.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship & *Trinity Starz* Evensong (BCP)
19th Aug	8.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP)
20th Aug (Mon)	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View – All Welcome!
26th Aug	9.30am 6.30pm	All-Age Family Service Parish Communion

(BCP - Book of Common Prayer)

### A PRAYER:

Give peace in our time, O Lord: peace and reconciliation among nations; peace and unity within the churches; peace and harmony in our communities and our homes; peace and love in all our hearts; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

### 100 CLUB DRAW FOR JUNE 2018:

1st Mrs J Abbott: 2nd Mr R Hall: 3rd Mr M Mitchell

This is the last draw for the current year's membership and we are contacting existing members to renew membership for another year. Thank you for your continuing support.

#### **OPEN GARDENS DAY:**

This wonderful event on a bright and sunny day has raised the incredible and record sum of £1,766.17 for much needed church funds.

Our most grateful thanks go to the gardeners for their generosity, and to all who worked so hard to make this event such a success. And of course, our thanks to all who came and supported the event.

### **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.



# **August Dates**

Wed	1	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	1	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	1	Local History Group: Archives Evening	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	2	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	4	Cricket: home to Needham Market	1.00pm	
Sun	5	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	6	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	7	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – September is:	sue	
Tues	7	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	7	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	8	P.C. Allotments Sub. Com.	10.00	The Allotments
Wed	8	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	9	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	9	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	11	Cricket: home to Witham	1.00pm	
Sun	12	Cricket: home to Twinstead	1.30pm	
Sun	12	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	13	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	14	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	14	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	14	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	15	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	16	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	19	Cricket: home to Bury St Edmunds	1.30pm	
Sun	19	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	20	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	21	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	22	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church

Wed	22	W.I. Members' Tea Party	3.00pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	23	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	25	Cricket: home to Ipswich	12.30pm	
Sun	26	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	28	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	28	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	29	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	30	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	30	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	31	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall

### September Dates

Mon	3	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	4	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	4	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	5	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	5	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	5	Local History Group:	7.30pm	Village Hall
		'Roman Roads of Suffolk' by James Albone		
Thurs	6	P.C. Environment Sub. Com.	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	6	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	7	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – October issue	•	

### Some Future Events

Sept	9	Walkers Cup
Sept	15	Community Litter Pick
Sept	22	Harvest Supper
Sept	23	Harvest Festival - Holy Trinity Church
Sept	26	Stowmarket Wildlife Group at the Village Hall
Sept	28	Community Bingo
Oct	7	Harvest Festival – URC Chapel

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



# **VILLAGE EVENTS 2018**

Date	Event	Venue
9 September	Walkers Cup	The Retreat 10 - 4 pm
22 September	Harvest Supper	Village Hall 7.00pm
23 September	Harvest Festival	Holy Trinity Church 9.30am
28 September	Community Bingo	Village Hall 7.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival	URC Chapel 10.30am.
26 October	Community Bingo	Village Hall 7.30pm
8 November	WW1 Ceremony	Stowupland Cemetery
11 November	Remembrance Service	Holy Trinity Church 10.50am
11 November	Lighting of the Beacon	7.oopm The Green
17 November	Christmas Fayre	Village Hall 10-5pm
23 November	Community Quiz	Village Hall 7.30pm
7 December	Community "Christmas" Bingo	Village Hall 7.30pm

If you would like to get involved by volunteering at any of the events happening in the village then please contact Claire Pizzey parishclerk@stowuplandpc.co.uk

### FROM TELSTAR COMMITTEE

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### STOWMARKET MEADLANDS MEN'S SHED

The shed is a place for men and women to meet new friends while creating objects from wood, or simply drinking tea or coffee.

We are always welcoming new members. You don't need to be skilled in woodworking, so if you have the time, please contact us or just pop into the shed during one of our sessions.

We are open on Monday 9 am to 1 pm, Wednesday mid-day to 4 pm and Saturday morning 9 am to mid-day.

The Treasurer of the Men's Shed receives the Mayor's award for excellence, on behalf of the Shed, at the Civic Service, United Reformed Church, Stowmarket, on Sunday, 10 June 2018

Stowmarket Men's Shed is privileged to have been asked to help St. Elizabeth Hospice start their own Men's Shed, in their gardens, at the hospice.

By sharing our knowledge we will be able to support their staff achieve this special project.

Our members are enjoying community outreach, while working with PPG Industries (Stowmarket), Holiday Opportunity Scheme (H.O.P.S.), the Mix in Stowmarket and making mud-kitchens for individual special needs.





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### STOWUPLAND VILLAGE HALL

### Help needed

We still have a vacancy for the job of Treasurer; so if you are interested in joining the committee and would like to help in the running of the hall, and help with the accounts, please contact our Chairman, John Craine, on 01449 676576 or Jerry Voden on 01449 770334 for more information.

### HALF A MOW

Once again, I give my thanks to Roger Carter for undertaking the cutting of the "Half a Mow" part of the village green. When the scheme was begun - in 2001 - it was agreed that the area should be cut once a year. Ever since, Roger has kindly undertaken this task, with the hay as a small reward for his time and effort.

Judy Clarke

# Charity Event at the Five Bells Rattlesden

Our charity event in support of St Elizabeth's Hospice took place in May this year, hosted at the Five Bells Rattlesden. The day was a huge success raising a total of £1,113.26.

A beer and cider festival, live music, BBQ, raffle and Morris dancing entertained a big crowd throughout the afternoon and evening. We would like to thank all those who enjoyed the fun and worked hard supporting this wonderful occasion.

It was disappointing that the original plan for "The Picnic on the Green" at Stowupland proved difficult to action due to various constraints. However, it would be great, if in 2019, Stowupland could once again organise and support such an event, and continue to raise much needed funds for good causes.

Roy and Rita Cooper, Mary and Rob Castle, Peter and Linda Platt.



# STOWUPLAND W.I.

President Colleen opened the June meeting with a welcome to all, including the invited guests from Stowmarket, Ringshall and Barking Institutes. She then introduced Ted Wheatley to speak on his "Dhow journey across the Indian Ocean".

Starting from Bombay (now Mumbai), he boarded the Arab dhow, which had a large cargo of roofing tiles to take to Africa. Also boarding the boat with the cargo - and which Ted discovered later - were cockroaches and a snake. There was a large crew of 35 men, that number was required to change the lateen sail every day. Also on board were 2 boys, a cat and one very persistent fly! The boys, both about 11 years old, prepared the twice daily meal, usually a fish or vegetable stew with rice, and dates to follow, accompanied by copious cups of tea and coffee. The toilet was a primitive affair at the stern of the boat and, anytime it was being used, sharks would appear, which Ted found disturbing.

They ran into a typhoon, a frightening experience, as gigantic waves washed over the boat, with the crew baling out. All in all, landfall was very welcome. The crew unloaded their own boxes of goods to trade in the market. This was how they got paid, and provide for their families.

Meanwhile Ted went to meet up with his brother who was living near Mombasa. It was a very enjoyable talk, much appreciated by all. Ted and his wife, Carole, joined us for the strawberries and cream.

After that we heard the correspondence, and everyone was given a copy of the Data Protection regulations to give their consent for use by the W.I. Names were taken for teams for the forthcoming quizzes, both community and Federation. Colleen read out a brief report of the National Federation A.G.M. held at Cardiff earlier in the month. It was good to hear that the resolution on mental health received a 98% vote in favour.

The evening closed with the raffle, the giving of a birthday posy and the results of the competitions –

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I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful weather although I'm sure you will agree our gardens could do with some rain.

Our next Coffee Morning is on Friday 31st August 10am to 12 noon. Please pop in if you have time. It's a very friendly event.

An advance notice, the Chapel will be open on 8th September 9am to 5pm for the Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride, (Now known as Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride). If anyone is interested in taking part in the cycle ride, sponsorship forms are available from Joyce Gardiner (01449 676149).

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

### Our speakers for August are as follows:

05th August Andrew High

12th August John Webb Holy Communion Service

19th August Rev Richard Edwards

26th August Clive Herrod

**Afternoon Fellowship.** Just a reminder that we do not meet again until 8th October and it will be a Harvest meeting. We welcome anyone who would like to join us at our meetings (male or female). Come and enjoy the fellowship.

Mary Clark

### Minster's Message

### Be as Wary as Serpents, and Innocent as Doves! (Matthew 10: 16)

In a recent newspaper article, an International football manager recalled an event some years previous when he was a member of the country's coaching staff. During an evening off, the players decided they would all play a game of charades, to which the assistant coach was invited to take part. He recalled being second up and took a card that said: 'a dancing monkey'. It seems that, keen to make a good impression, he threw himself energetically into his routine, including exaggerated dance movement that included him scratching his armpits, and peeling an imaginary banana.

What he couldn't understand was that, despite his best efforts, everyone sat in front of him stony-faced and staring in amazement at this strange spectacle, so much so that, after a while, he got irritated with them, and started shouting that it was so obvious that they were stupid not to at least offer a suggestion. After someone told him off for speaking, another bright spark enquired whether he was a dancing donkey – which sent him completely over the top, and in disgust, flopped back down in his seat. It was only then that another member of the coaching staff leaned in and quietly said: 'You don't get it do you? You've been set up by the lads and you've fallen for it hook, line, sinker!'.

It seems that he recalled this incident, both to highlight his competitiveness but also his ability to laugh at himself, and, when everything was taken into consideration, he hadn't minded being made a fool of in front of the whole squad because it was clear they'd done it out of a deep sense of affection and respect.

It reminded me of some of the tales my dad used to tell of his experience in engineering, where it was common practice to send the latest raw recruit around the factory enquiring after a 'wooden door handle' or a 'round tuit' and everyone they approached for advice would know exactly what game was being played and would fully engage in this wild goose chase.

We discover in the Gospel accounts that Jesus was forever being approached by the religious authorities in the hope of catching Him out embarrassing Him, or making Him the laughing stock of their audience. The difference being, of course, that they had not done it

out of respect or affection, but out of a deep dislike for everything that He was doing, and everything that He stood for – they failed to grasp or appreciate who and what He was – and so engineered situations where they could isolate Him, condemn Him, and eventually crucify Him.

The utterly amazing thing is, despite everything that they did to undermine His authority and purpose, He mainly engaged with them in a way that sought to highlight a deeper truth (I say 'mainly' because there were times when He got angry with them and called them some unsavoury names!). We have, for instance, the confrontation centred on a Roman coin. It was a coin that the population were forced to use, even though it represented the might of an occupational army. This is the incident: 'The authorities went away and agreed on a plan to trap Him in argument, saying 'Give us your ruling on this: are we or are we not permitted to pay taxes to the Roman emperor?' Jesus was aware of their malicious intention and said, 'You hypocrites! Why are you trying to catch Me out?' Then pointing out Caesar's head on the coin, replied: 'Pay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God.' (Matthew 22: 15 – 21)

The important lesson to be learnt is that Jesus was fully aware that they were keen to trap Him. The dilemma being that, if He supported paying tax to the Roman authorities, He would be accused of being unpatriotic. If He openly opposed the paying of taxes He could then be reported as a trouble-maker and rebel! It was like: 'heads they win and tails He loses! His response is: to teach His audience that they have a duty to pay their taxes, but equally to stress that God should also receive His due, through the worship, the love and the service of our whole lives.

In this, and other examples, Jesus shows us how to counter those who would seek to undermine or ridicule the faith we are called to profess, and to meet even our greatest critics with grace and good humour, so that, in the words of a prayer offered by John Proctor: 'We might have the courage to stand apart from others, in our commitment to Christ; and wisdom to know how we might best engage for the sake of His Kingdom'. No wonder He also advised: 'Be as wary as serpents, and innocent as doves!'

God Bless. Chris

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

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Saturday 23 June saw the re-launch of Stowupland Sports and Social Club. We couldn't have asked for a better summer's day, the sun definitely had his hat on for us that day!

We had a really good turn out with several families signing up for their 3 months free membership. There was plenty going on to keep everyone entertained. You could try your hand at cricket or football, have a bounce on the bouncy castle, and we were lucky enough to have The Mix from Stowmarket entertaining the children with their mobile skate park. If that wasn't enough we had sausages and burgers at the BBQ, cream teas and cake in the club, and of course the bar was open offering a cold beer or two.

We have been fortunate enough to have donations from a few local business including Build Base, PPG, Bloor Homes and Wickes. This has enabled the committee to re-decorate the club house inside and out and fit new toilets in the ladies cloakroom. The committee have applied for a grant towards re-fitting the male changing area including new showers. We will know if we have been successful by September. Please keep your fingers crossed for us.

A new bar manager, Steve Cooper, has been appointed and we are now open four days a week. Come in and say hello to Steve, some of you will remember him from when he was the Landlord of The Crown in the village. Whilst you're there pick up a membership form and join the club. Single membership is £15 a year and a family membership is £20 a year.

The new bar opening times are: -

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do is walk from the Retreat in Stowupland to the Sports and Social Club in Old Newton and back again. The route follows footpaths between the two villages and, at a gentle amble; the walk should take a total of about 1 ½ hours there and back.

The competition is open to all ages from 0 to 90+ so even if you have to be carried you will count as a 'Stowupland walker'. Just register at the Retreat before you start and on your return. Registration is between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.

There's a £2 entry donation with all proceeds going to charity (extra donations will be very welcome). So, it's a good cause, you'll see some lovely countryside and if we win we will be able to bring the cup back to where it rightfully belongs.

#### RECORD BREAKING OPEN GARDENS

A huge thank you to everyone who came or was involved in this year's hugely successful Stowupland Open Gardens. We raised an amazing record breaking £1786.12 - the most ever raised in the history of this event.

A special thank you must go to all the wonderful people who opened their 23 magnificent gardens, without whom this event could not have taken place.

If you have any feedback from the day or if you are interested in joining us and opening your garden next year, please do get in touch with me on 07730 922530 or email me at katesusanelliott@gmail.com

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It is always a pleasure to bowl on a typical sunny and warm English afternoon or evening, but with the hotter than otherwise weather experienced in recent times it has been somewhat too uncomfortable for some players. But then, it is still preferable to the cold, windy and wet occasions we are accustomed to at the start of the season.

Within the bowling fraternity there is a recognised patter of comments raised at the end of each match both by winning and losing teams. Examples by the losing team to the victors:- "you had all the luck", the green was not very good" or "the grass was too long and did not suit our woods". Sometimes the more gentlemanly approach: "Well done, you were the better team." These comments resonate annually around the bowling greens and we have experienced them ourselves quite a few times this season. But it is all in good heart.

As for our season you can tell from the following results during the month of June there is a mixture of wins and losses with, at this stage, the Monday League Team faring better.

This has already been expressed in a previous issue but the good vibes we are being given by all visiting teams (many of them include former Stowupland Bowls Club players) to our new location at Stowupland is very welcome and appreciated. In the last issue there was praise shown towards our green keeper Nick Chamberlin, and this time we express our thanks to All THOSE MEMBERS who are giving valuable private time into the process of maintaining/improving all aspects of a bowling club.

David Begg.

#### **Monday- Stowmarket League Division 3**

4 June	Combs Ford B	Won	79-66 (Points 6-1)
11 June	Old Newton B	Won	89-60 (6-1)
18 June	Earl Stonham	Won	89-63 (5-2)
25 June	Needham Market B	Won	92-59 (7-0)

#### Tuesday afternoon- Stowmarket League Division 2

5 June	Bacton	Lost	25-45 (0-7)
12 June	Gipping Valley	Won	40-27 (5-2)
26 June	Needham Market B	Lost	29-48 (0-7)

#### Tuesday evening- Area D Triples League Division 1

5 June Bacton (League Cup Round 2) Lost

12 June	Risbygate A	Lost	60-64(2-4)
19 June	Tuddenham	Lost	56-83(1-5)
26 June	St Edmunsbury	Lost	76-82(2-4)

#### Wednesday - Stowmarket Triples League

6 June	St Botolphs	Won	62-61(5-2)
13June	Haughley	Lost	58-71(1-6)
20June	Wortham	Won	71-68(6-1)
27 June	Walsham Le Willows	Won	76-49(6-1)

#### **Junior Cup**

8 June Round 2 Lost 66-84

#### BE SAFE – BE SEEN

With the 'Back to School' message appearing in shops already, this is the moment to point out that there were a number of unnerving near-misses during the dark late afternoons last year and early this year, when virtually- invisible students crossing Thorney Green stepped out from between parked cars. Clothes are not an easy topic with teenagers but even a few hi-vis stripes on a bag could make a difference.

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#### STOWUPLAND CRICKET CLUB

#### **AUGUST REPORT**

I start this month with the news of some excellent performances coming from the pitch. The club lost only one match throughout the whole of June. This really is great news considering that we field four teams most weeks. The junior season



is also in full swing now with some great results and individual performances coming from the youth players. To date we have held two of our sixer's nights which have been very popular and successful again this year. The sixer's nights are aimed at those who don't normally play cricket, with teams mostly made up of family members or work colleagues. These evenings are a vital part of the club fund raising across the season, and are very enjoyable for all those involved.

The Saturday first XI played four matches in June against Ipswich, Earl Stonham, Hadleigh and Kelvedon with success in every game. This now means we are sitting in a healthy fourth place in the table with matches against the teams above to come. The stand out match was played away to Hadleigh on 23rd June. Hadleigh won the toss and chose to bat which seemed a good decision at the time with soaring temperatures and a good wicket which favoured batting. It was to be probably one of the best Stowupland performances, certainly since I have been captain over the past five seasons. Stowupland bowled Hadleigh out for just 34, some excellent bowling from Ryan Beeforth and a fantastic one-handed catch from Tom Abbott meant that Stowupland required just 35 runs from 76 overs to win. Thankfully Tom Wray and George Yardley saw the team to a comfortable victory. As a result of the early finish to the match it was a longer than normal session in the social club afterwards and some sore heads the next morning.

The Sunday first XI also had a great month, with victories against Walsham Le Willows and Long Melford. The home match against Long Melford saw the visitors bat first on a blistering hot day. Stowupland restricted Long Melford to 206-6; this game was reduced to 30 overs per side due to the England world cup match.

In reply the opening partnership of Trev Scarlett (55) and Kieran Gregory (65) put the team in early control. The rapid run rate continued with Joe Chalk scoring 47 not out to see his team home for the victory by 7 wickets. The coming month will see some very tough fixtures against Acton home and away and the return fixture against Walsham.

The 2nd team, captained by George Ager, has also had a positive month with victories over Freston and Horringer, who at the time were sitting at the top of division four. The only defeat came away to Long Melford 2nd XI. The second team is mainly made up of younger players who are always learning and improving their game with every match. The triumph over Horringer was another excellent performance from the young team. Stowupland bowled out Horringer for 160, a score that was definitely within the team's capability. An outstanding batting performance from 17 year old Nick Borrett (72) combined with the experience of Kieran Gregory (47) put the team in a superb position to win the match. Stowupland eventually won the match by 5 wickets.

The mid-week season is heading towards its close; in the past month the team has seen victories over Brettenham, Old Newton and Stowmarket. With three victories in five matches and one league game left to play, hopefully the team will have done enough to qualify for the semi-finals of the competition.

In August Stowupland cricket club will celebrate its 50th year as a club. Over the bank holiday weekend we have one league match and welcome two touring sides from Rollesby and Hailsham. The bar will be open on all three days and we will be holding a race night and BBQ.

Answer to last month quiz; "22 YARDS" (The Wicket), well done to those who got it.

Quiz Question of the month;

In 1872 the Oval Cricket Ground in South London hosted for the first time what major sporting event that continues to this day, but not at this venue?

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## **STOWUPLAND OPEN DAYS**

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