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Chairman's Column

Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council

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As I'm writing this piece, the Public Inquiry into the refusal of permission for 175 houses on fields stretching from Gipping Road to Church Road is very much on my mind. If you are reading this before the end of the Inquiry I'd urge you to come along to the village hall to show the Inspector what a strong feeling there is throughout the village against the housing proposal. Once the Inquiry is over we'll have to wait for the announcement of the Inspector's decision.

We are awaiting the date of the planning committee meeting to consider the application which has been submitted for 75 homes on land to the west of Thorney Green Road, with a single access direct from B1115. The most likely date is 25 May but 11 May is a possibility. The meeting will be open for members of the public to attend and it would be good to see a contingent of residents there. For more details please contact Claire or me, or check on the MSDC website.

The Parish Council had not been informed in time for the April meeting, of any planning application in respect of the proposal for 18 homes on land fronting A1120 opposite the church. I had been told by the agent who would be making the application that it was almost ready to be submitted and may be received by the time the Parish Council meets on 12 May. Please take a look at the application documents when they are available and let Claire or me have your views on the proposal so that the Parish Council can take them into account when deciding how to respond to MSDC.

Richard and Sharon Ball are no longer able to care for the cemetery and the mowing has been taken over by Tim Gaddis who also mows The Green. Tim has also taken on mowing the Play Park. The Parish Council will be undertaking the mowing of public rights of way again this year; the first cut should be around the end of May and the second at the end of August.

The repair of the cemetery shed roof, which was damaged during the theft of two items of equipment, has been completed and we are now arranging for the lining of the roof with 'burglar-proof' materials. We are also arranging for the car turning area in front of the Church Hall to be repaired and extended. This could mean that the area will need to be fenced off for a week or so to allow the fresh concrete to cure. I am sorry for any inconvenience caused but I hope that the benefits of having a larger area will be appreciated when the work is finished.

The village relies on many volunteers who carry out tasks like litter picking, checking footpaths and replacing signs, tidying areas of The Green, running bingo and quizzes, and many other jobs. Without these people, and Mike who picks up litter on a daily basis, and Alan who looks after the grass in the churchyard, Stowupland would not be the attractive village that we know and love. Thank you, one and all. Claire and I are always pleased to hear from any resident who could volunteer some time or needs some equipment to help them. If this could be you, please get in touch.

Don't forget all Parish Council meetings are open for any resident to attend and a part of each meeting is set aside for anyone to speak. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month from 7.30 in the URC meeting room. Agendas are posted on the notice board at the village hall at least 3 days before each meeting. Planning applications are available for inspection from 7.15 and several of the councillors arrive early and are available should you wish to raise an issue before the meeting starts.

Keith Welham

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District Councillor's Report

Keith Welham

March 2016

From Keith Welham, District Councillor for Stowupland and Creeting St Peter.

I find it hard to believe that I have almost completed a year as District Councillor for Stowupland and Creeting St Peter. The year has been challenging at times, not least dealing with planning applications for large housing developments in Stowupland and an expansion of the Poundfield works in Creeting.

Although Gladman have withdrawn their appeal against refusal of their application for 190 homes, the Public Inquiry to hear their appeal in respect of their proposal for 175 homes with a single access from A1120 is due to commence on 26 April in Stowupland Village Hall, starting at 10.00 am. The Inquiry is open for anyone to come along and I urge anyone able to attend to do so. If you come along at 10.00, you can stay for as long or as short a period as you wish – or you can drop in during any day that the Inquiry is in progress. It is currently programmed for 7 days. (It will not be sitting on Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May.)

At about the same time the MSDC planning committee will be meeting to determine the application for 75 homes accessed from B1115. You can check on the Council's website for the date of the meeting or give me a ring.

Another development proposal which will affect both Stowupland and Creeting is the business park which I believe is now called 'Stowmarket East'. There is bound to be extra traffic along our roads during construction and when it is complete. There are presently no details of timescale for any of the work associated with developing the site.

I am pleased to have been able to help some council tenants with housing repairs and adaptations and to obtain advice, which isn't always easy to find on the MSDC website. Not everyone has access to Council Headquarters or to a computer, so I am happy to help. Just contact me by telephone.

Green Party representatives on the District Council all have excellent attendance records and I have not missed a single Council meeting. I sit on one of the Planning Committees and I have attended every meeting of that committee. As a group, we put forward motions to Council to seek better services for our residents. As an example, I proposed that MSDC make a commitment to build low energy homes (to the 'passivhaus' standard); although the motion was amended, Greens have forced the council to prepare designs for homes that will be much cheaper to run. This is not only a saving for tenants; it also means that there will be no unexpected heating bills which could force families into debt.

I try to be available for any resident to contact me and I welcome telephone calls about any aspect of council service provision. I usually attend the Coffee Mornings in the church hall in Creeting on the second Saturday of every month and I'm available before and after every Stowupland Parish Council meeting in the URC hall on every second Thursday.

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Parish Council Report

Claire and Keith

April 2016

The meeting opened with 4 members of the public in attendance. The first item on the agenda was the report from SCC Councillor, Gary Green. He advised that things were currently very quiet at the Council. The results of the recent Fire Service consultation are due within the next month. He felt there was heightened concern that communities are growing, yet resources to serve those communities were shrinking. He still did not have a date for when the village 'gateway' would be installed but he is chasing it along with the outstanding highway issues that are still not resolved. The level of service from Highways is a concern across the county. The Chairman advised him about the lack of lighting and incorrect signage on the work being carried out at Columbyne Close and an account of his call to the highways out of office hours number who refused to take responsibility for making the highway safe. The report from the District Councillor is recorded elsewhere in Telstar and the Police did not submit a report this month.

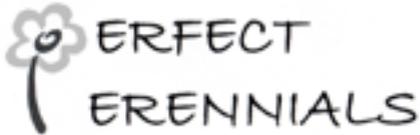
Matters of Report:

The Clerk advised that, despite chasing providers, she had only received one quote for the work to be carried out to the churchyard turn around area and after discussion it was agreed to accept this one quote subject to confirmation that the County Councillor was still willing to confirm his offer of a grant and that the Church will still pay for their share of the works. She also reported that she had sent the revised churchyard maintenance agreement back to the PCC in March and was still waiting for the signed copy back before payment could be made. No response has been received from Phil Wright at SCC in respect of the Thorney Green edge protection trial, horse rider signs, vehicle activated sign or extra signage at the junction on Saxham Street near Town Farm. The Parish Council discussed and agreed to accept one of the quotes received for the repair of the cemetery-shed roof. The Clerk reported that having checked the SCC portal, the log of the pothole reported in the passing place in Rendall Lane was no longer outstanding. Mrs Bloom advised that the cones had been removed but felt that the work had only been partly completed. The Clerk had already e-mailed Phil Wright detailing the problem. She reported that the owners of the property in Columbyne Close had tidied the area around their property. She had also contacted the resident in respect of the conifers in the cemetery and he was going to remove any overhanging branches and return them to the cemetery for the Parish Council to dispose of. The Clerk advised that the School were satisfied that they had done the necessary work to the ditch to prevent further flooding from their site but should the problem reoccur then to let them know, preferably with supporting photos. The letter to the Cabinet Member outlining the outstanding Highways repairs with photos is ready to send.

Public Forum:

Mrs Bloom asked how long it will be before the route to school scheme will be

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started. She was advised that this was currently at stalemate and it has been 15 years since the idea was first mooted. This item had also been included in the letter to the Cabinet Minister.

Sub-Committees:

The Parish Council discussed recommendations from the Allotment sub-committee to review the policy on polytunnels. Concerns were voiced on the fragility of such structures in view of the strength of winds on the site. It was suggested that tight guidelines could be enforced in respect of type and positioning but following a vote, it was refused by a margin of five to two. However, the other recommendation of allowing a lean-to to be fixed to sheds to allow collection of rainwater was accepted.

The Community Events sub-committee reported that there was another good quiz last month and the successful bingo sessions continue. The charity organising the Music on the Green is progressing well and following a meeting held on Monday, they are also working well with the Church to provide the venue for the Service on the Green for the Sunday. There will be local village stalls and charity stalls available free of charge; the site will be fully fenced with only one entrance where there will be a strict stop and search to prevent any glass being brought onto the site and to stop any alcohol being brought in by under age youngsters.

The Finance and Policy sub-committee recommended that a formal letter should be sent to the Village Hall Committee to re-request car parking space for staff of The Crown. The idea of this is to free up parking spaces for customers to The Crown to prevent parking outside the fence restricting pedestrian space beside the busy highway which is a safety issue. After much discussion it was agreed to send the letter but also to gauge the views of the owner of the Crown as many of the staff are youngsters and they also need to remain safe when accessing their vehicles. The other recommendations to adopt the amendments made to standing orders and to purchase a thank you gift for Mr Wray for undertaking the annual audit were agreed.

The Transport, Traffic and Safety sub-committee advised that they would be undertaking a further survey of school traffic on 19 April. SCC have banned all parents' vehicles from the school site between 8.30am and 4pm for Health and Safety reasons and this is causing total chaos on the roads around the school. It was agreed in future not to reinstate signs for footpaths on The Green. The sign which indicated the footpath from the bus shelter to Maple Road will not be replaced.

The Environment sub-committee reported that only the Chairman turned up for the last Green inspection. However, he did feel that there was very little that was untoward on The Green and it was decided to rearrange this for later in the year. Councillor Voden had attended the recent County Emergency Planning meeting and advised that there is an increase across the county in the number of parishes preparing community emergency plans. There is to be a stall at the Suffolk Show this year outlining the benefits of community emergency plans. The Stowupland plan is still ongoing.

The Neighbourhood Planning sub-committee have had to put their work on hold along with the rest of the district to wait for Babergh and MSDC to re-write their

joint local plan as neighbourhood plans need to comply with this plan. All the data that they have collected to date will be required in the future so nothing has been lost from this delay.

It was reported that nothing has been heard from the Playpark Working Group and so they will be invited to attend the next Parish Council Meeting to submit a report.

The last local SALC meeting was held in mid March. The speaker was unwell but a discussion ensued between those councils that did attend about the planning issues.

Councillors Reports:

Councillor Voden reported a tree overhanging property at the front of Birch Close and this is to be looked at before the next meeting. Councillor Jennings enquired as to whether she needed to make a report at the annual parish meeting in her role as Parish Recorder and she was advised that this is something that she may wish to do next year.

Clerks Report:

The Clerk asked if she was able to make enquiries to get the unused phone box in Devon Road removed and this was agreed.

Correspondence:

Amongst the correspondence received was a letter from SCC regarding the cutting of the rights of way but they have yet to send the maps. 2 further quotes will be sought before a final decision is made on who should carry out the work. A resident requested that Bosch should not be used to carry out any further clearance work around the Green as they had concerns for the wildlife. It was reported that Bosch would not be carrying out any further work on The Green in the foreseeable future.

A quotation has been received for cutting the grass in the cemetery and for a section of the Green to be cut 14 times rather than the normal 10 times per year in order to keep this area tidier. Both were agreed.

A resident enquired as to whether the gates would be replaced at the village hall between the main car park and the overflow car park. These gates were never used and were allowed to fall into disrepair so it was agreed not to replace them.

A builder asked for permission to park on The Green when suppliers were delivering goods to a property under renovation. They agreed to reinstate any damage should it occur. Permission was granted although alternative parking has since been arranged so unlikely to need to use the Green except for very short periods of time.

A request was made for a replacement wooden cross at the cemetery as the deceased had specifically asked not to have a headstone erected. This was agreed.

A resident voiced their concern over the amount of dog fouling that was not being cleared up by non-village residents walking their dogs on The Green.

The meeting closed at 10pm.

Sandy Smith



April Meeting

It was a great pleasure to welcome our speaker, Brian Bell, members and visitors. Brian explained that the story of Ransomes had begun in Norwich, where Robert Ransome was apprenticed to an ironmonger and later set up his own iron foundry. Finding that it would be useful to be near a port, he moved to Ipswich in 1789, setting up the Orwell Works. Robert was a very inventive man, quick to develop new processes and products. The company built a human treadmill for pumping water in Ipswich Gaol and, in 1817, provided the gas supply for Ipswich.

The list of early products is astonishing, including lawnmowers, portable steam engines ('portable' meant that they could be moved by horses), steam traction engines and ploughing engines. A threshing machine would be powered by a portable steam engine and both could be moved from field to field.

Robert's sons joined the company and later, William Sims and John Jefferies, the latter having married a daughter of the Ransome family. In 1884 Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies became a limited liability company which, over the years, grew to employ six thousand people at the Orwell works.

Export was important. We saw a picture of an elephant pulling a plough on a sugar cane plantation in India and of special machinery used on tea plantations. Steam trains were also sent to India and in 1893, an astonishing 137 traction engines and 143 threshers were boxed up and shipped to Argentina.

In the early 20th century production included motor mowers, petrol tractors, bi planes, hangars and electric trucks. Batteries comprised half the weight of an electric lorry, which had a 40 mile range and a top speed of 12 mph! Trolley buses, first produced in 1924, were sent all over the world and production continued until the early 1960s. The move to the new Nacton works (now Ransomes Europark) came after WWII.

In 1989 the agricultural implement business was sold to Electrolux and merged with their subsidiary Overum. Ransomes continued to produce mowers but ceased to be an independent company in 1998, following a take-over by the U.S. firm Textron.

Brian ended his fascinating talk with some curious pictures. One of The Flying Scotsman steaming along Westgate Street was clearly a joke but one of a young man riding a Ransomes motor mower through London was genuine: students completed the non-stop trip from Edinburgh to London in four days and three nights, cutting some grass in Hyde Park as a finale!

Membership

We are now into our new membership year and very grateful for the support of those who have already joined or re-joined. New members are always welcome. The membership fee for a full year is £12 but you can join at any time during the year, on a pro rata basis. All enquiries to Christine Williams, tel. 01449 771430.

Local Recorder

Kim Jennings has taken on the role of Local Recorder. Future historians, perhaps in a Suffolk we can hardly imagine, will be grateful!

Neil's Notes

The tithe apportionment of 1841 lists each field and property in the parish along with its owner, occupier, field name, use and acreage. One field owned by Charles Rayner Freeman of Stowupland Hall is named The Hundred Acres. A field of such an acreage would have been enormous at that time when a field of over 20 acres was exceptional; however the area given is just 27 perches*. It would seem that the name given to this tiny field was meant to be humorous!

* 40 perches = 1 rood. 160 roods = 1 acre.

Talking Point

The village has 36 listed buildings, ranging from barns and rows of cottages to Columbine Hall and Holy Trinity Church. All, apart from Columbine Hall, are listed as Grade II. The listing means that the buildings are 'of special interest, warranting every effort to preserve them'. Columbine Hall is listed as Grade II*, being 'particularly important... of more than special interest'. For all listed buildings, listed building consent has to be applied for if any changes are planned that might affect the architectural or historic interest of the building: a complication and often an added cost for the owners. Clearly many changes were made before listing began. It dates back to WWII, when the first listings were used as a means of deciding whether a particular building should be rebuilt in the event of bomb damage. For our next 'Talking Point', what has become of Stowupland's manorial halls?

Visits to Older Properties

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

Programme

May 4th *'The Cupola House and the Macro Family'* by Pat Murrell
Built in Bury St. Edmunds in 1693 by Thomas Macro, and for many years used as an apothecary shop, this Grade 1 listed building was a wine merchant's in the 19th century and then a pub. From the mid-1990s onwards it was a restaurant. It was severely damaged by fire in June 2012. Work began in January 2014 on a rebuilding project. Pat Murrell looks at the house and the Macro family.

Jun 1st *'The Cobbold Family'* by Anthony Cobbold
The Cobbold family were brewers in Harwich and then Ipswich for over 200 hundred years. The Cobbold Family History Trust promotes and encourages study and research into the Cobbold and related families. Anthony Cobbold will show us that there is more to the family than beer! A short A.G.M., starting at 7.30pm, will precede the talk. Meetings are held 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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The March meeting opened with greetings from President Colleen and the singing of "Jerusalem". The record of the previous meeting was agreed and signed. The correspondence was dealt with, including very early notice of the Grundisburgh "Cribfest" in November!

We then had Lisa Jones take the floor to talk about knickers... These everyday garments have a relatively modern beginning, as they didn't start in any form until the early 1800s, when pantaloons began to be worn, soon to become known as "drawers", so called, because they were "drawn up", as elastic didn't come in until about 1925. In the 19th Century, women wore many layers of clothing, and even when the fashion for shorter skirts came in, in the mid 1850s, the legs were still fully covered by the bloomers. These were only for the wealthy women who had a maid or seamstress make them out of cotton or linen. So the poor continued knickerless. Corsets were worn, made from whalebone and some even of brass. This was a fashion of no great benefit to the wearer causing malformation of the body, misplaced organs, fainting and even stillbirths.. The 1870s saw woollen underwear coming in, while the invention of aertex a decade later must have been a godsend. In the Edwardian era underwear became known as lingerie. The Great War saw corsets discarded and in the 1915 "Girls Own" Annual, there was a pattern for French knickers. The 1920s found directoire knickers in fashion. WW2 had utility garments made in a dark, heavy material - known as "passion killers". Parachute silk, so different from the utility material, was much sought after for making underwear. Members were able to handle samples from Lisa's collection, with some exquisite needlework. They couldn't have been more different to the school knickers that many members remembered. Altogether a fascinating and informative talk.. After refreshments, Colleen gave a brief account of the annual Federation Council meeting held in Trinity Park earlier in the month. More "fish & chip" garments were handed in, with a request to knit garments for Eastern European adults and older children.

Competition results were - Underwear theme - 1st. Lesley, 2nd. Christine, 3rd. Colleen
Garden flower - 1st. Brenda, 2nd. Anna, 3rd. Mary C.

The giving of birthday posies and the raffle finished the evening

Outings

Hampton Court Palace – Saturday, June 4th. Leave Stowupland 8.0 a.m. coach fare £15. Admission child £8.55, adult £17.10, concessions £13.95. Depart Palace 4.00 p.m. DEADLINE – May3rd.

Sandringham flower show – Wednesday, July 27th.. Admission - children free, adult £10, (no concessions) Coach fare £14.
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Southwold theatre – Saturday, July 30th. “Murder by the book” comedy/thriller
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Holy Trinity Church.

Rev David Swales

Dear Friends,

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The truth is that there are many times when we can feel overwhelmed: either by our own circumstances, or by the problems of the world around us. We may have periods in our life where all goes well – but we will all certainly face hardship and heartache too. For me, faith in God gives strength, meaning and purpose, in both the good times and the bad.

That I have been able to hold on to that belief through many ups and downs, I put down to those who helped me, in my early years as a Christian, to understand the basics of my belief. And so I count it a great privilege that, in my parish ministry, I am sometimes in a position to help others to lay down those same basic foundations on which a lifetime of faith may subsequently be built.

One such opportunity is coming up in the near future. There will be a Confirmation service with our Bishop on September 11th, at Haughley Church. Confirmation is a way of expressing our personal Christian commitment; if we were baptised as a baby, then we affirm for ourselves the promises which were made for us by our parents; if we haven't been baptised, then that can take place too.

Rev Chris and I will be running a short series through June and July to help prepare those who would like to be confirmed. We will be looking together at those basic foundations of Christian faith: making sure those are in place is the best way to prepare, not only for the Confirmation Service, but also for a lifetime of faith in our strong and reliable God.

Your friend and vicar, David

P.S. You would be welcome to come along, if you are considering Confirmation – or if you would just like the opportunity to explore or revisit the basics of the Christian Faith. Have a word with either of us if you are interested.

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8th May	9.30am	Morning Worship & ✧ Trinity Starz ✧
	6.30pm	Evensong (<i>BCP</i>)
15th May	8.00am	Holy Communion (<i>BCP</i>)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (<i>BCP</i>)
16th May (<i>Mon</i>)	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View – All Welcome!
22nd May	9.30am	All-Age Family Service
	6.30pm	Parish Communion
29th May	11.00am	Flower Festival Communion & 'Big Sing' at Haughley

(BCP – Book of Common Prayer)

A PRAYER:

May the God of all love, who is the source of our affection for each other formed here, take our friendships into his keeping that they may continue and increase throughout life and beyond it, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Holy Trinity Church (continued)

STEEPLE VIEW:

The residents warmly invite you to join them for their Songs of Praise Service on Monday, 16th May at 10.30am which is followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay.

2016 FLOWER FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAYRE:

Please see full details on back page and come along to enjoy the splendid flower displays and all the other associated activities — you won't be disappointed!

BEETLE DRIVES:

We welcome everyone to come along, have a laugh, and enjoy some fun in a friendly atmosphere at the Beetle Drives which will be held on Tuesdays, 3rd and 24th May at 2.30pm in the Church Hall.

CHURCH 100 CLUB:

Congratulations to the following winners of the March draw:

1st No. 100 Mr P Burton : 2nd No. 9 Mrs P Risby

3rd No. 97 Mr I Leeks

THANKS!

THE 2016 LENT LUNCHESES RAISED £360.70 for the local charity Phoenix Counselling Practice. Most grateful thanks go to all those who provided the lunches, also to everyone who came along to support them.

WEEKLY OPEN CHURCH:

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

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

FOOD BANK BOX:

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

CHURCH HALL HIRE:

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Bowls Club:	Susan Boorman	01449 614673
Country & Western Dance:	Winston & Janet Adams	01206 501866
Dance Club:	May & Paul Durham	01449 672601
Local History Group:	Marion Harris	01449 770895
Short Mat Bowls:	Pam Fayers	01449 770080
Sprts & Social Club:	Mark Campbell	01449 614390
W. I.	Judy Clarke	01449 615386
Community Events	Keith Welham	01449 673185
Mobile Library:		07721 879855

May Dates

Sun	1	Flower Festival & Craft Fayre		Holy Trinity Church & Village Hall
Mon	2	Flower Festival & Craft Fayre		Holy Trinity Church & Village Hall
Tues	3	Gladman Public Inquiry – continues until May 6th	10.00am	Village Hall
Tues	3	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	3	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	4	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	4	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	4	Local History Group - 'Cupola House & the Macro Family '	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	5	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	8	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	9	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	9	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	10	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	11	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	11	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	12	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	12	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – June issue		
Sun	15	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	16	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	16	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	17	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	18	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	18	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	18	W.I. – 'Suffolk Surnames' with Charlie Haylock	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	19	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	22	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	23	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	24	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	24	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	24	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court

Tues	24	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	25	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	25	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	26	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	26	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	27	Coffee Morning in aid of Marie Curie	10.00am	URC Chapel
Fri	27	Community Bingo (18+) Doors open	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	29	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	31	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court

June Dates

Wed	1	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	1	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	1	Local History Group - 'The Cobbold Family '	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	2	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	4	Falcons 5-a-Side competition		
Sun	5	Falcons 5-a-Side competition		
Sun	5	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	6	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	7	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	7	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall

Future Events in 2016

19 June	Open Gardens
24 June	Community Bingo (18+)

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Countryside Rambler

Brian Ward

I have seen my first Swallow, I always do an inward “yippee” as it signals the influx of many more summer migrants and warmer days to follow. The frogs are spawning in our garden pond, the Brimstone is on the wing and the Ospreys have returned to Rutland Water and laid its first egg. All this in the first week of April, what else has this month to offer? I have not heard a Cuckoo but they should arrive any day, the Chiffchaffs and other Warblers are calling to establish their territory and find a mate.

If you visit our coastal heaths look out for common lizards and Adders basking in the sun, tread quietly if possible as they sense vibration and will soon slither into cover. The Queen Bees are buzzing around our gardens searching for a place to start a colony; normally an old mouse hole or even a disused bird box will suffice.

The woods are full of Bluebells at the moment, I find the best time to admire them is early morning as the sun rises and sends shafts of light through the trees. They glow and twinkle with the morning dew still hanging onto their heavy heads. Next time you come across them kneel down and study the exquisite flower with its waxy bell shaped head. We always stand back and admire the overall scene whether its Snowdrops, Bluebells or even Poppies “go on dirty your knees and enjoy a close up view”.

Over the next few weeks our landscape will come alive with birdsong, trees and shrubs in leaf and blossom, flowers in the fields and hedgerows, insects and all types of mammals. Why don't you spare a few hours, preferably with family or friends, and explore the nature that surrounds us. Whether it is in your back garden or a nature reserve, or even a stroll along our many local footpaths, I am sure you will enjoy it.

On my travels over the past few weeks I have seen Ravens in Lincolnshire, not a normal place to see them as they prefer rocky wooded terrain, but apparently they are nesting near Bourne just north of Peterborough. A surprise at Nacton Marshes was a male Hen Harrier, a very striking bird with its pale grey plumage and black wing tips. Also seen were Woodlark on the Heathland and at Dunwich, Wheatear, Dartford Warbler and Stonechat were spotted. Also seen, was a lone Great White Egret on Dingle Marshes along with Marsh Harrier and the usual ducks and waders.

As the days hopefully get warmer listen out for the Nightingale on the outer fringes of woodland, a song not to be forgotten on a warm evening stroll. The early Dragonflies and Damselflies should soon be emerging, dashing and flitting across our rivers and lakes.

Stowupland Village Hall update .

Jerry Voden VHMC

By the time the May Telstar is out we will have had this year's AGM . I will update everyone in the June edition as to how the meeting went. We now have the new lettering above the main entrance and the hall is looking more like its old self once again.

Many residents will be aware that the Gladman Housing development has gone to the appeal stage. The committee have now been notified by MSDC that the appeal will be held at the village hall starting on Tuesday 26th April at 10am and will last until Friday 6th May 2016.

For school times please note there will be a lot of extra cars using the car park as we have to provide for MSDC officers, planning inspectors, members of the public and residents coming in for the appeal. We are trying to obtain a list of the extra numbers and you will see that a number of car parking spaces will be reserved. Please respect these areas at peak parking times. Thank you in advance for your patience.

Thank you to all involved in the removal of the hall piano which has gone to a good home, and will be refurbished and put to good use. The committee were very pleased that it will be given a new lease of life.

If you would like further details of what the hall has to offer please call our booking secretary Hugh Blanch on 01449 612156.



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An update into Music on the Green

Hey Stowupland it's Company'87 here bringing you Music on the Green 2016 in aid of Trust Maria. We wanted to give you a heads up and an update into how we are getting on.

We have confirmed the following acts already for the day.

- Renegade Twelve
- Walkway
- Sun of Elvis
- Connor Ryan Adams

We have more exciting acts in the pipeline and once they are confirmed we will let you know!

Information for Trade Stalls and Food Vendors

We have a limited number of Trade Stalls available from £25.00 +VAT. Please email us at info@company87.co.uk for an application form.

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If your organization would like to participate in this year's event as a sponsor, please contact us with the package you would like to have. Thank you for your time and consideration.

This Year!

This year all profit from the event will be going to our partner for the event, Trust Maria, a charity that helps and works closely with local communities through services for children and families in hospices. Their campaigning work and their vibrant network of community supporters and partners help people have a better life. **Thank you for reading this update and we look forward to seeing you there!!!**

Regards Company '87



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As long as I can remember I've always had an interest in Christian Aid – thanks to the local Chapel where I grew up. They promoted its work throughout the year, but especially in the month of May which contains 'Christian Aid Week'. Even as a child, this would involve going out with an adult delivering envelopes to houses in the area, and then arranging to pick them up afterwards, hopefully with a contribution in the envelope. It was an interesting experience – with some being generous and others sadly offering only abuse (not helped by the national press at the time always printing negative articles that provided householders with ready excuses).

The Christian Aid website offers experiences of door-to-door volunteer collectors and here is but one example:

'One day, a man was out delivering envelopes. At one house, the man who lived there said he didn't give to charities as the money is only spent by corrupt governments - on arms! The collector tried to reassure the homeowner about the integrity of Christian Aid and mentioned our website. The next day, as our collector was out walking his dog, a car pulled up alongside. It was that same homeowner. He wound down the window and thanked the collector for mentioning the website. He said: 'I've read all about you on the website and I want to make a donation, so do call back for the envelope'.

I'm sure our own Door-to-Door volunteer collectors will have their own stories to recall, hopefully focussing on the positive responses that, at the end of the day, make it all worthwhile. Recently the Regional Officer for this area expressed great delight and gratitude at the generosity of residents in Central Suffolk, knowing that your generosity is certainly making a difference to people's lives.

Christian Aid expects to raise an incredible £6.5m across Britain and Ireland through this Door-to-door collection. Churches of all traditions see this work as a vital part of their mission and one of the ways they can demonstrate God's love for our neighbours. This year we are being asked to remember people like Morsheda who lives with her family in Bangladesh. Living on

a low-lying island on the Brahmaputra River, she is in constant fear of the floods that have destroyed her home four times already. Global warming is sadly adding to her already precarious predicament, and we are being reminded that she, too, is our neighbour, and needs our support.

With the help of donations raised during Christian Aid Week, the intention is to lift people like Morsheda to safety. For every £250 raised, there is enough money to raise her home on stilts above the level of the anticipated flood waters so that she and her family can be housed safely throughout the year. As well as creating a place of sanctuary, Christian Aid is also able to provide her and others in a similar predicament, a goat, seeds and a wormery to produce compost to help them build a new life, safe from the fear of rising waters. It's what's being called 'neighbourly love', for, in the words of the Sydney Carter song: 'When I needed a neighbour, were you there, were you there? And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?'

Other areas of their work includes: helping partners respond to emergencies throughout the world; the Sudan draught crisis; responding to the refugee crisis; tackling causes of poverty; campaigning on gender issues; work on HIV and contributing to the global efforts to tackle malaria – to mention but a few (for more information why not visit their web site: www.chriatianaid.org.uk)

So spare a thought for the many Door-to-door volunteers tramping our streets during this particular week in May (15th – 21st) and consider making a contribution to the needs of our neighbours, wherever they might be, and on their behalf I'll say a BIG THANK YOU!

God Bless,Chris. (Rev'd Chris Wood – Minister of Stowmarket, villages and Debenham URC's)

Once again we are delighted with the result of our Jumble Sale on Saturday 9th April. Although the weather was not too good, we managed to raise £651.28. A hard day, but well worth all the effort with this great result. Once again 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.

***God Bless
Chris Wood***

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On 27th May 2016 we are holding a coffee morning in aid of Marie Curie.

This is a very worthwhile charity, helping people with terminal illness over the years and much money is needed to finance them. So please come and support this coffee morning. Everyone is welcome at this friendly event. Come and have a cuppa, cake and a chat.

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:

01st May	Rev'd Chris Wood
08th May	Clive Herrod
15th May	Nichola Glasse
22th May	Richard Judd
29 May	Mary Durrant

Afternoon Fellowship

Our meetings in April were very enjoyable especially the one when the Primary School came to entertain us.

.The meetings for May are as follows:

09th May	Dan & Jane Gurney
16th May	Revd Chris Wood

The 16th is our last meeting before the summer break. We meet again on 3rd October 2016

We welcome anyone who would like to join us at our meetings (male or female) Come and enjoy the fellowship, and a cake and cup of tea, at 2.30pm on the above dates.

Mary Clark

A reminder to Dog owners.

It has been noticed that there is still incidents of dog fouling around the village, perhaps by non residents of the village. There are bins dotted around the village for disposing of dog mess. Please make use of them and encourage other dog owners to do so.



Another Planning Application for Housing Development

We heard on Telstar deadline day than an application has been submitted for houses on the land opposite Holy Trinity Church. The application is with MSDC for validation. It may well be made public by the time you read this. If you wish to know more, please contact MSDC or a member of the Parish Council. A notice will be erected on the site as soon as the consultation period commences. This notice will give a planning reference number and date by which comments should be submitted to MSDC. The Parish Council will debate a response to the application at its meeting in May.

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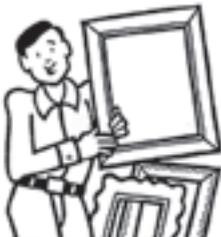
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I will provide a full round up of all the successes next month because as I write we're in the dying games of the season during mid April with still many Cups and Leagues waiting to be concluded.

I can announce one definite success in that our Adult Reserves have been promoted for the third year running now. Following a game in early April they will now move to Intermediate B (or the appropriate division if the SIL restructure). It is yet to be determined if they will be Champions or Runners-up, but they will definitely move up. So well done lads.

The First team are in still in a battle at the top of Division 2 and we're just holding our breath because it is going to go down to every game now. More to come next month.

Our Presentation Day is on the 21st May in the Village Hall, running from 1300 to 2100 to accommodate all the teams. It's a great family day. We see all the girls and boys dressed up to receive their end of season medals and celebrate the end of the season.

Our BIG 5 a-side will be held on the 4th and 5th June. If anyone is interested in running a concession at the event please get in touch. We have more than 2000 visitors over the weekend so a great opportunity for local businesses.

We also hold a Golf Day on June 18th at Cretingham Golf Course. It is open to everyone. Teams up to 4 can enter, with any handicap, including not being able to play golf (although we would recommend some practice at the driving range!!!) With coach transport from the Sports and Social Club it's a great fun day out. £35 including 2 course lunch.

Just a reminder that fixtures are on our website, as well as up to date news and events.

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As always, come along on a Saturday afternoon, from 2:30pm, or a Sunday morning 10:30am to support your local club.

Stowupland Bowls Club

The clubhouse has had a facelift and been painted. The green is now ready having been weeded, cut and spiked. Opening events are as follows'.

Division 2 Monday

April 2nd Needham Market A Home 6.30pm

Division 1 Tuesday

April 26th Haughley A Away 2pm

Thursday Triples

April 28th Debenham Home 6.30pm

May 15th Club competition

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