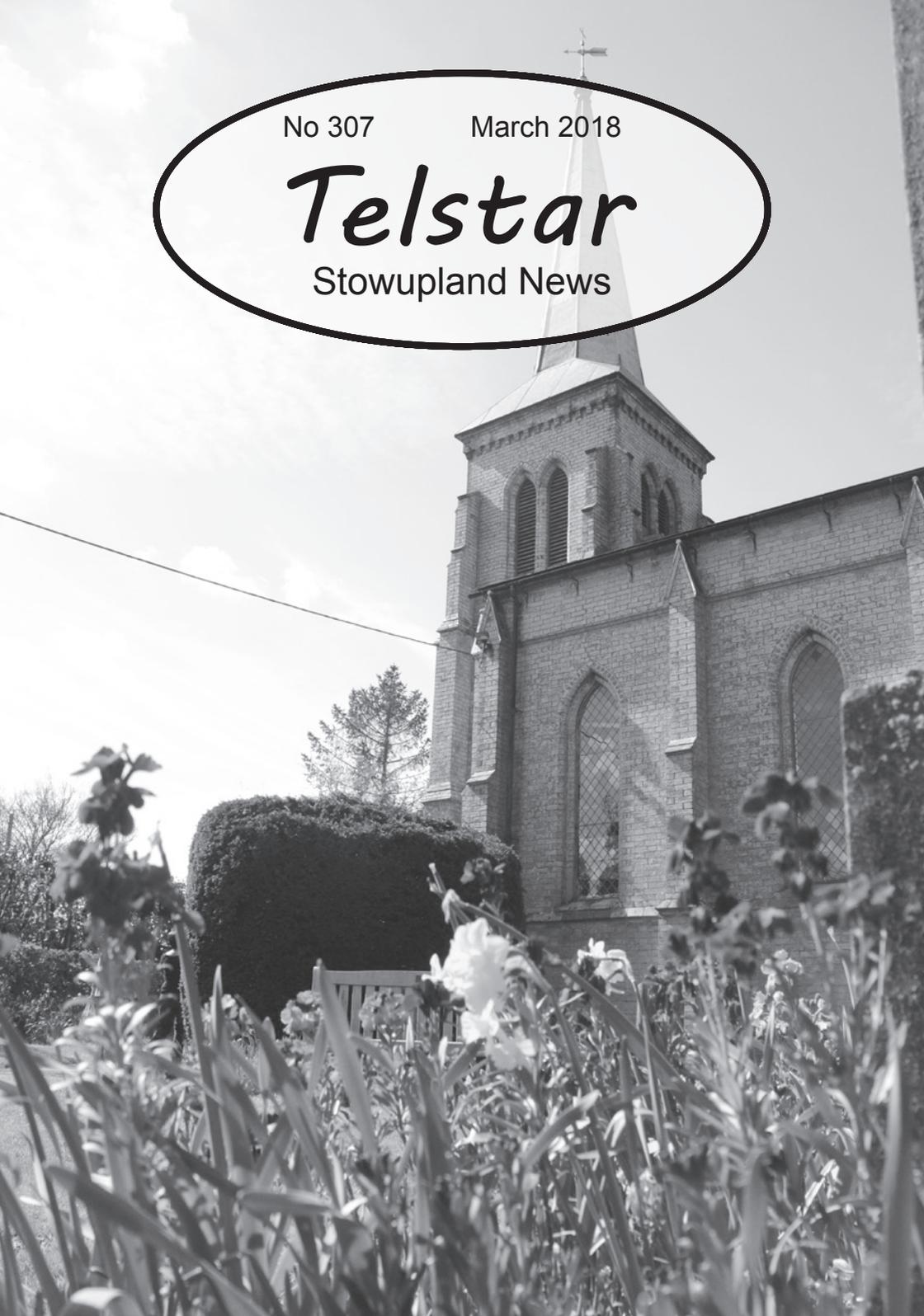


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Chairman's Column

Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council

I'm pleased to say that I am over the flu and was able to chair the February Council meeting. We welcomed Hayden Guy, a resident of Saxham Street, as a member of the Council and we are now at full strength.

Residents may already be aware of SCC Highways notices of closure of Thorney Green Road between The Green and Dents Corner for the resurfacing of this stretch of road. The closure will be from 23 March until 28 March but pedestrians and cyclists will be allowed through at all times. Hopefully this work will now go ahead and the time we spent putting pressure on SCC Cabinet members and officers will not have been in vain.

We are still waiting for a meeting to discuss concerns about the proposed development of 18 homes opposite Holy Trinity church. The key concern is the safety of pedestrians wishing to cross A1120, particularly as the development will include a car park for the school and church. The Parish Council has rejected the developer's proposal to narrow down the main road slightly to give more space for pedestrians to wait to cross. The road is already too narrow for the traffic using it. Cyclists would be at risk if the road is narrowed; wing mirrors on large vehicles could strike a cyclist or a pedestrian waiting to cross.

You may be aware of the proposals by the Co-op to build a larger convenience store adjacent to the filling station. Please check out the plans on the MSDC Planning website or by visiting the MSDC Access Point in Ipswich Street, Stowmarket.

You may recall from last month's Telstar that the Parish Council would like to hear from residents with views about what improvements could be funded from the Community Infrastructure Levy monies which will come to the Council as housing development proceeds. This will be an item for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting on 17 April. Councillors will be ready and willing to listen to your views from 7.00. The formal meeting starts at 7.30. But the evening will start at 6.00 with the judging of the Bake Off Competition. You will see more details of the competition and how to enter elsewhere in Telstar.

Our newest councillor, Hayden Guy, is keen to get a group of people together to arrange events to be held on The Green. If you share the desire for The Green to be used for community events, please come

along to The Retreat at 7.30 on Tuesday 6 March for an informal discussion of what events we might be able to arrange. We have had some brilliant events on The Green in recent years but the number of volunteers became fewer and fewer. It would be good to have enough volunteers to hold events in the future so, please, come along if you can help.

Can I remind you that all meetings of the council and its committees and sub-committees are open for members of the public to attend and you will be given an opportunity to speak on any topic relevant to council business. Dates, times and venues are given in the Diary Pages.

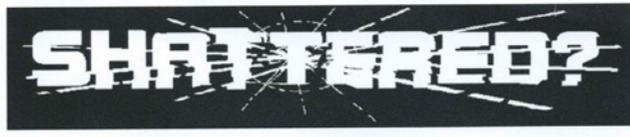
*Keith Welham,
(Chairman Stowupland Parish Council.)*



CHARITY NIGHT



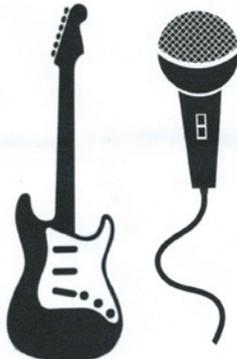
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District Councillor's Report for Stowupland Parish Council meeting 8 February 2018

Planning – The Porch Application for 18 homes opposite Holy Trinity Church

No progress has been made since the application was deferred by Planning Committee on 3 January. The main concerns remain the proposal to narrow down A1120 to create a widened footway for pedestrians to wait to cross the road and future management of the proposed car park. The committee chairman asked the developer to arrange a meeting with SCC highways to which I would be invited to explain the highway safety concerns and put forward alternative proposals. Suggested dates for the meeting are 27 February, 1 and 2 March. When the date is confirmed I will ask the developer to invite the parish council to be represented. Following that meeting, a revised drawing showing highway safety proposals will need to be submitted to MSDC so that local consultation can take place. The application is unlikely to be decided until the planning committee meeting on 28 March at the earliest.

Planning – Bloor Phase 2 – MSDC have not given a date for the planning committee at which the detailed matters relating to this proposal will be considered.

Budget Issues – MSDC Cabinet considered again and agreed a budget for 2018/19, based on a council tax increase of 0.5% which equates to an increase of 81p per annum for a Band D property. Details will be considered further at the February Council meeting, when all members of the district council will have an opportunity to speak and members of the public may attend.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – The two councils have decided to set up a panel of 3 representatives from each council to shape the development of a detailed CIL expenditure framework.

Merger with Babergh – Little has been heard in the last month. Hopefully, in the light of Babergh's decision to hold a public vote on the proposal to merge, MSDC will also hold a public vote.

Boundary Review – The Boundary Commission were unable to announce the new warding pattern on 6 February as they had planned. It is understood that an announcement will be made at the end of February and this may be a further draft proposal for public consultation.

Regal Cinema, Stowmarket – MSDC have agreed a grant of £1.56M and a loan of £1.0M to Stowmarket Town Council towards the cost of redeveloping the Regal Cinema. Also, up to £15,000 for remodelling the car park which is likely to result in a loss of up to 10% of the current parking spaces.

MSDC committee meeting cancellations – A number of members have expressed concern regarding the cancellation of some 30% of scheduled committee meetings. It is unclear whether the cancellations are due to a shortage of staff to carry out work needed to be completed before a committee report can be drafted. The only other possible explanation is that decisions are being taken without discussions in a public forum and without the opportunity for councillors to debate issues prior to decisions being taken.

Keith Welham
District Councillor for Stowupland ward
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Coffee Morning

At Stowupland URC Chapel

Friday 23RD MARCH 2018

10am-12noon



Coffee/ Tea and Cakes

There will be an Easter prize draw





Parish Council Report

February 2018

A busy meeting opened with 14 members of the public present.

Councillors' Reports: The District Councillor's report is available elsewhere in Telstar. The County Councillor was not at the meeting, however, the Clerk reported that she and Cllr Welham had met with Cllr Green and were still awaiting his response to the outstanding issues of the completion of the sandbag work along Thorney Green, the footpath at Park Farm, the purchase of an SID device, horse signs and an update of the safer route to school. He was able to confirm that the work to resurface Thorney Green Road has been scheduled to start in March 2018.

Matters of Report: The Clerk reported that the signs for private roads across the Green have been erected and the owners of The Crown have agreed to put up a notice on their fence about not parking outside the car park. She also advised that the ditches and willow tree at Birch Close will be cleared next week.

Parish Council Vacancy: Two letters nominating the same person for the vacant Parish Council post had been received. Mr Hayden Guy gave a presentation, outlining his reasons for wishing to join the Parish Council. He was accepted onto the Parish Council and joined in the remainder of the meeting.

Public Forum: One resident suggested that other local villages situated on the A1120 should be made aware of the proposed narrowing of the road opposite the school as part of the planning application so that they can make their views known to MSDC. Residents living along Grays Close made their views clear about the state of the track and the fact that MSDC have not forced the builder to reinstate the track in accordance with the planning permission. It was agreed that this should be discussed at next month's meeting. Another resident voiced concern about the number of cars along Devon Road parking on the grass and the limousine that parks outside the Chinese Takeaway but, as it is parked legally on the highway, there is nothing that can be done about this. He also hoped

that the community litter pick would not be staged during school holidays as there are few problems with litter when the school is closed.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Cemetery and Churchyard – Cllr. Reeves reported that the planting is finished at the turning circle and the daffodils are starting to show through. The necessary tidying required in front of the gates will be done as soon as the weather improves. She thanked Dave Pring and Kevin Goddard for their help. The new notice board is up and the cemetery policy will be displayed along with notices reminding family and friends to remove unauthorised containers etc from the graves. The outstanding tree work will be carried out at the end of February. Locks have been installed on the building and the keys will be held by Cllr Reeves and the Clerk. Money has been spent on 4 new posts and bark for the front of the skip gates and the remaining budget will be used to purchase grass seed. Cllr Reeves also advised that the handyman has priced to repair the grave damaged during the tree clearance and also to reset gravestones that were loose. This was agreed only as a one-off task and not setting a precedent as there has been no record kept of next of kin until recently and it is the families' responsibility to ensure that the headstones are kept in safe condition. She reported that there were a lot of unauthorised objects around and on the graves, which made maintenance of the cemetery difficult so, after allowing a suitable time following interment, a process to have these items removed is necessary. The recommendations for a process to remove unauthorised items and for the handyman to make the necessary repairs to the gravestones were agreed.

Environment – Following the recent inspection of The Green it was recommended that a working party should be formed to clean the bus shelters and to refurbish the bench beside the pond on the half a mow, to contact SCC asking them to reinstate the bus stop post and sign at Mill House, to investigate verge reinforcing with plastic matting – this item is to be further investigated. It was also agreed to discuss at the next meeting with the school and to contact SCC concerns regarding student and parent parking along Thorney Green and elsewhere in the village. Recommendations to obtain quotes for the crown lifting of the oak tree by Corner Farm and cutting back overhanging growth along the back of Sycamore Road were agreed.

Cllr Pring was asked to draft details of what work needs to be carried out on footpaths over The Green. It was also recommended that residents along the track leading to Hunters Moon be allowed to erect posts of a certain size at their own expense but it was felt that more information was needed with a sketch to clarify matters. There was also the feeling that a permanent solution needs to be sought to keep cars off The Green.

Neighbourhood Planning – It was recommended that the Memorandum of Understanding between MSDC and the Parish Council should be signed in order that the Neighbourhood Plan process can proceed.

Planning – It was recommended that the Parish Council should object on a number of grounds to the outline planning permission for the development of 18 homes in Church Road.

Play Park – It was agreed that three new bins with covered tops should be purchased for the play park with monies provided by the Co-Op Garage and to remove the current litter bins. It was also agreed to provide money for the installation of the rainbow fencing at the play park.

Transport, Travel and Safety – Due to lack of volunteers, the speedwatch team did not operate in January but hopefully they will find enough people to operate in February.

Councillors' Reports: Cllr Pring reported a damaged barrier at entrance to footpath in Columbyne Close and that cars are still parking on the footpath outside The Crown. He felt that the Parish Council should explore getting SCC to reinstate the kerbstones to denote that there is a footpath here. Cllr Hayden reported a lot of mud on the road outside the Bloor building site – Clerk to speak to the contractors. Cllr Reeves advised that a resident had complained that on the occasions that the Galloway's bus had broken down, they had replaced it with a mini bus that some people were unable to access – Clerk to inform SCC Public Transport. She also felt that, once the properties on the new housing development were sold, it would be nice for the Parish Council to provide the new residents with a welcome pack so that they feel part of the village. Cllr Studd suggested a list of names for the new roads on phase two of the Bloor development that would complement those chosen for phase one. He also reported some fly-tipping on Gipping Road.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman reminded councillors of the challenges ahead and to be prepared by ensuring that they keep all their training up to date. All training needs to be renewed at least every 2 years in order to keep up with current legislation and anyone who has not already done so, needs to book onto the relevant courses. The Clerk is looking into the setting up of a personal e-mail account to the parish council domain so that all councillors conform to the data protection legislation. Only one councillor has confirmed their attendance at the pre-arranged litter picks and others were asked to volunteer as necessary. It was agreed that the Environment sub-committee should take over the forthcoming litter picks.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk reported that she has been informed by MSDC that they will be doing an annual check of the Register of Interest forms and councillors need to check that their information is up to date and, if not, to complete a new form. She reminded them that it is their statutory duty to keep this up to date and to inform MSDC with any changes within 28 days of the change. She also reminded them of the date of the annual parish meeting does bake off which is scheduled for Tuesday 17 April. The Clerk reported that she has taken advice on the current Parish Council e-mail system and in order to tighten up the procedure to conform to data protection requirements, a new e-mail hosting package should be purchased. The Clerk would then have control and be able to delete addresses as members leave the parish council.

Correspondence: Amongst the correspondence received was the request from a stonemason for a specific headstone, a non-resident requesting to lay turf over a grave, residents reporting a damaged drain and footpath sign on Church Road, damage to the grass at the entrance to Columbyne Close and permission for a skip at Laburnum Cottages. All requests for donations were referred to the Finance and Policy Committee. The Royal British Legion requested permission to hold a ceremony at the war graves in the cemetery on 8th November as part of a nationwide commemoration of the end of World War 1 and this was agreed.

The meeting closed to the public at 9.20 pm.

Sandy Smith

Come and play at the Museum of East Anglian Life's 2018 exhibition

Visitors to the Museum of East Anglian Life, Stowmarket, will enjoy a new, playful exhibition in 2018. *Play and Display* is an interactive look at paper and card toys over their long history and the fun they have brought to generations of children.

Over 75 objects and prints will be on display, alongside a variety of traditional paper games and toys for visitors to play with and make. The exhibits date from the 1880s through to the 1960s and include puppet theatres, models, dolls and moving books. Famous names such as Cadbury's, Bluebird Toffee, Disney and Barbie are represented, alongside favourite stories of Cinderella, Rupert and Noddy.

Lisa Harris, Collections and Interpretation Manager at the Museum of East Anglian Life, says:

"Whether it's dressing up paper dolls or watching Fingermouse on the TV, everyone has happy memories of toys made of paper. This is a fantastic chance for visitors to share those memories and see how generations of children have enjoyed paper toys, back to Victorian times and before. Although the materials are simple, these toys are beautifully designed and the games played with them are full of imagination. We want visitors of all ages to try them for themselves and recapture the joy of paper toys."

The exhibition opens on the 24th March 2018, marking the start of the museum's new season, and runs until late October 2018. A busy programme of events inspired by the exhibition will take place throughout this period, see our website for further details www.eastanglianlife.org.uk

STOWUPLAND OPEN GARDENS 2018

By popular demand, Stowupland Open Gardens will this year be in flaming June: the perfect month for gardeners to show off their roses, herbaceous borders, immaculate lawns and burgeoning vegetable plots. In 2017 twenty gardens opened in aid of Holy Trinity Church raising a record amount of £1,395 in the process. This year, let's top that figure with even more gardens open on Sunday June 24th.



Would you like to join in and show what all that digging has been about? If so, or for more information, please contact Kate Elliott on 07730 922530 or email me at katesusanelliott@gmail.com

Whether you are one of the wonderful gardens that have opened before, or if you have never taken part, I would love to hear from you.



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Countryside Rambler

Brian Ward

My garden is visited regularly by a male Sparrow Hawk; it flies the same route past my bird feeders and attempts to swoop and capture any unwary bird. It has made a few kills over the years but it is nature and all have to survive even the predators. The only downside to this is the small birds are very wary when on the feeders and appear skittish for a few days following an attack.

My wife brought to my attention recently a Green Woodpecker feeding on our lawn. When the ground is soft they look for Yellow Meadow ant nests and probe down with their beak using their long tongues which they flick into the nest to capture them; ant eggs are also consumed as well.

Last month I mentioned Otters and true to form on a recent trip to Strumpshaw Fen I spotted a large Dog Otter in the centre of the river diving regularly and catching small fish. I stayed quiet and hid well; my patience was rewarded. It swam towards me and I managed to obtain a couple of good photos before I was spotted and it dived and surfaced on the far bank and disappeared into the reeds.

I know it is a while before our summer visiting birds arrive but look out for the Chiffchaff in early March with its monotonous song but one I am always glad to hear. Although a summer visitor, with our weather warming and milder winters I have come across quite a few hardy birds overwintering, mostly in well sheltered areas.

When walking in woodland at this time of year listen out for the drumming of the Greater Spotted Woodpecker. This is their way of attracting a mate and telling others "this is my patch stay away". If you watch carefully they will select a particular bough that is dead and hollow and repeatedly return to it to drum.

My little prickly lodger is doing well; it is continuing to feed and sleep. Occasionally I see a twitching nose at the entrance of its nest box; I can only hope it survives to be released back to our garden.

Often going unnoticed, the Roe Deer population is quite stable locally with many groups from three to seven being seen weekly. They favour small arable fields with scattered copses or woods. The bucks are in velvet at the moment as their small antlers are still growing. They will rub this velvet off in May and establish a territory holding a number of does (females). July and August is their rutting time; the Red and Fallow Deer rut in the cooler autumn months.

With spring in full flow, Snowdrops and Primroses out and wildlife waking up, try to get out and enjoy every minute. I love bumping into families enjoying the great outdoors but most of all teaching their children how to enjoy it and it's mostly FREE !!!



Local History Group

Marion Harris – Tel. 01449 770895
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February Meeting

Robert Halliday made a welcome return for the group's first meeting of 2018. He spoke of his interest in exploring the county's churchyards and the more unusual memorials he has discovered.

Very few pre-reformation gravestones or memorials survive in churchyards, the wealthy preferring to be buried and memorialised inside the parish church and the poor being buried outside, without any stone to mark their grave or with only a wooden cross which has long perished.

Two 16th century stones to members of the Bacon family can be seen close to the church in Hessett. They were local yeomen who later rose to national prominence.

Another from 1508 to John Ponder which was originally in Lavenham churchyard has now been moved inside the church.

From around 1620 more stones started to appear in churchyards. At Theberton a minister ejected during the Commonwealth period had a memorial beside the porch erected by his son. It is inscribed with an invitation for anyone who wished to sit thereon to rest!

Most of these early memorials were in the form of stone flat topped tomb chests, an early free standing headstone of the type we are familiar with today is to William Sakens died 1689 at Great Livermere, the falconer to three Stuart kings.

Imagery carved on gravestones included such symbols of death and time as skulls and crossbones and hourglasses. Full carved articulated skeletons are rarer as they would require more work to carve but some can be seen at Elmswell and Brent Eleigh.

There are to be found a number of representations of the deceased's occupation. A blacksmith's anvil and tools on a stone at Lowestoft represents William Cooke's craft and a gardener at Ufford has his collection of tools carved on his stone. A surprising number of railway workers have steam engines included on their gravestones. In the grounds of country houses can be found pet cemeteries, a hound

named Trouncer has a stone from 1788 at Euston Park and Remus the Suffolk Punch who many will remember at The Museum of east Anglian Life in Stowmarket has his memorial at the museum.

Robert gave us a most entertaining talk and we look forward to inviting him back before too long.

Neil Langridge

George Ewart Evans

Many readers will have enjoyed the books of George Ewart Evans. His recording of the old farming ways in Suffolk preserved memories that would have been lost with time. Evans lived for a while at Needham Market before moving to Blaxhall. In the 1950s he talked with many of the older generation of people at a time when things were rapidly changing in the countryside. Anyone wishing to know more about him should visit Abbots Hall at the Museum of East Anglian Life where a room is dedicated to him and his work.

One of his books - "The Horse in the Furrow" focuses on the farm horses and the men who worked with them. Amongst those Evans talked to was Arthur Chaplin head horseman at Stowupland Hall farm. Chaplin told the following tale -

Arthur's father Frederick was with a number of other horsemen at Stowupland Crown, this would have been at the end of the 19th century and they were arguing about who had best control of their horses, to decide it they had a sort of trial out in the road. Chaplin sent his horse up the road "as though he were sending him home without his cart" then he stopped him with a whistle and another whistle brought him back then doing a lot of other manoeuvres with him controlling him perfectly by whistling to him. After the other men had their turn they got the horses back into the pub yard and put them through their paces there, one of the horsemen was showing how he could back his horse to the inch - but it was an inch too far. The horse put his rump through the pub window, it cost him more than price of a few pints to pay for that!

Frederick and Arthur Chaplin and his family lived in Saxham Street, Frederick hailing originally from Battisford but his work seems to have taken him around the area before he settled at Stowupland as his older children are born in Mickfield, Earl Stonham and Combs. A newspaper report of Arthur and his wife celebrating their silver anniversary in 1936 gives their address then as the Hall Bungalow.

Neil Langridge

Membership

Our membership year begins in April. We hope that present members will re-join and look forward to welcoming new members. The fee for the full year is £12 and entry to our meetings is £1 for members, £3 for non-members. Some of our visits are for members only and members are also able to use our archives, attend Suffolk Local History Council events and, if they wish, become involved in the running of the Group.

Membership forms will be available at our meetings and from Christine Williams, tel. 01449 771430.

Talking Point

In the 17th century a bellman was a night watchman, blessing the sleepers in the houses he passed as well as being alert for danger. By the 18th century a bellman was a Post Office employee who collected letters before the Mail Coach departed at night. He walked the streets ringing a bell, carrying a locked bag with a posting slit.

For our next Talking Point, what did an antigropelos maker produce?

Programme

Mar 7 We Will Remember Them: The lives and deaths of British men who fought in the First World War. By Sarah Doig

Since 2014 we have all been commemorating the 100th anniversary of the First World War. Sarah Doig will look at the war from an East Anglian perspective - how men were recruited and served, the effect on rural communities back home as well as life in the trenches, a Suffolk VC, the first poppy day appeal and local war memorials.

There will be a display about the WWI servicemen named on the village War Memorial.

Apr 4 Must Farm- 'Britain's Pompeii' by Alex Fisher (Suffolk Archaeology)

Suffolk Archaeology is an independent archaeological company based in Needham Market; Alex Fisher is their Outreach Officer. He will tell us about the work of Suffolk Archaeology and also look at the Must Farm dig, a Bronze Age Settlement in the fens which was destroyed by fire, causing it to collapse into a river channel, preserving the contents in situ.

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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Looking after local wildlife reserves

Work parties regularly meet to help maintain Combs and Bonny Woods. These are always an enjoyable way to do your bit for wildlife in the company of like-minded friends.

Organising local events

Events are held throughout the year, including wildlife talks at Stowupland village hall and guided walks. The Trust's aims are promoted by becoming involved with local community organisations and events. We especially encourage the young to appreciate and respect wildlife and help safeguard its future.

Magazine delivery

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How you can help

Through our activities, we encourage others to become involved, by volunteering, becoming members and making donations to purchase new reserves.

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Dear Friends

From Vegan'uary to Dry'January giving up has never been so cool, so why does so much Christian chatter dismiss our Lenten discipline toward the celebration of the new life in spring's resurrection? After all, if we are to be disciples of Jesus, followers of The Way, we need to turn from our own course to our Christ and discipline our lives to His Way, doing His Heavenly Father's will. Well yes, that does mean taking up new challenges, taking up our cross, though, again, every new challenge means giving up something of the old ways.

Precisely both then, to give up in order to take up, equal sides of the same discipline, that we may offer life in all its fullness for both ourselves and others. The fullness of life God purposes is for all peoples and all creation. Breaking new ground to rest the old, treading a new path that all the more may follow The Way, is our calling through these lengthening days of Lent.

Have I lost you? Then LiveLent is our church's daily invitation to let our light shine, after the testing teaching Jesus' offered his followers – do you put the flame of your lamp on its stand to light the whole room, or do you place it under a bowl where none will see? So, through Lent, we search to find our way to follow more fully The Way of our Christ.

Our churches have copies of the #LiveLent booklets for your daily reading and we will be using them for our weekly Lent groups. Daily to think on God's Kingdom come, that the light of our living may see God's will done; yes, on earth as surely as in heaven. So if you take a copy of the #LiveLent booklet why not make a donation to a charity of your choosing and let your light shine.

Yours in Christ

Brin. Priest-in-Charge, Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland.

CHURCH SERVICES in MARCH

4th Mar	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	1st@4 Service - <i>church with a difference!</i>
11th Mar	9.30am	All-Age Mothering Sunday Service
	6.30pm	Parish Communion
18th Mar	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
25th Mar	9.30am	All-Age Family Service
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
26th Mar	10.30am	Easter Service at Steeple View - All Welcome!

(BCP - Book of Common Prayer)

A PRAYER:

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the good shepherd of your people: grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

FAMILIES!

Please come along to the **'1st @ 4' SERVICE** on Sunday, 4th March at 4.00pm and enjoy this popular **'Church With A Difference'** (with some snacks afterwards)! Then please come to our bright and friendly **ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE** in church on Sunday, March 25th at 9.30am. Do stay and have FairTrade refreshments with us in the hall afterwards!

STEEPLE VIEW & JUBILEE COURT:

The residents warmly invite you to join them for their Songs of Praise Service at Steeple View at 10.30am on Monday, 26th March and at Jubilee Court at 2.00pm on Wednesday 28th March for their Easter Services.

BEETLE DRIVES:

Come along to enjoy a chat and have some fun in congenial company at the Beetle Drives which will be held on Tuesdays, 6th and 27th March in the Church Hall. All are most welcome to join us!

LENT LUNCHESES 2018:

You are invited to join us for the Lent lunches of soup, rolls and cheese followed by tea or coffee. All of the lunches will be on Wednesdays, held in the Church Hall and start at 12 noon. There is no charge, but your voluntary donations will go to a charity. We look forward to welcoming you! *Please see back page*

WEEKLY COFFEE CHURCH:

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

Come on in to a warm welcome, for a free cup of tea/coffee and a chat in the Church Hall, or to wait for children coming out of school.

To enjoy your Parish Church, maybe for a quiet prayer or just to enquire about church activities etc.

FOOD BANK BOX:

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Stowmarket Wildlife Group 2018.

Meeting at Stowupland Village Hall.

Wednesday 28 February - 7.30pm

**KNOWING YOUR PLACE - WILDLIFE IN SHINGLE STREET -
Jeremy Mynott**

Local naturalist, Jeremy, persuaded the inhabitants of the tiny Suffolk coastal hamlet of Shingle Street to support a biodiversity survey of the flora and fauna of the place to demonstrate its conservation importance. The results surprised everyone and he has since written a short popular account for general readers, which attracted both national and local attention.

£2.50 The Village Hall, Church Road, Stowupland, IP14 4BQ

Wednesday 25 April -7.30pm

**BUMBLEBEES -
John Taylor**

John from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, covers all aspects of Bumblebee life, basic ID of common species, reasons for their decline and what can be done to assist their conservation.

£2.50 The Village Hall, Church Road, Stowupland, IP14 4BQ

Saturday 19 May - 10am

**DISCOVERY WALK -
Susan Stone and David Hughes**

A special walk led by Susan and David, covering Combs Wood, Combs Meadow and Badley, discovering the hidden wildlife and history of the area.

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Wednesday 27 June - 7.30pm

**BENEATH THE SURFACE OF SUFFOLK'S FRESHWATER -
Adrian Chalkley**

This talk will describe the amazing variety of invertebrate life, from large beetles to microscopic crustaceans, which live in the ponds, rivers and streams in Suffolk. This will include examples of life histories, adaptations and the unusual strategies used by

these creatures to disperse between water bodies. The talk is fully illustrated by close up photos including many rarely seen invertebrates.

£2.50 *The Village Hall, Church Road, Stowupland, IP14 4BQ*

Thursday 19 July - 6pm

**MALT and WILDLIFE WALK Part 3 -
Melissa Abbott**

The visit to Muntons Malt last year was so popular that the wildlife walk is being held again. Melissa will host a guided walk around the riverside wildlife haven that has been created by Muntons.

Free - donations welcome. Booking essential

Wednesday 26 September - 7.30pm

**STONE CURLEWS AND THE BRECKS -
Tim Cowan**

The Brecks area of Norfolk and Suffolk is the stronghold of stone-curlews in the UK. RSPB has been working with farmers, landowners, and conservation partners to monitor and protect stone-curlews in the Brecks for over 30 years. Hear about this work and these special birds and how conservation effort will continue in the future.

£2.50 *The Village Hall, Church Road, Stowupland, IP14 4BQ*

Wednesday 28 November - 7.30pm

**RED SQUIRRELS -
Dougal Urquhart
plus WILDLIFE QUIZ AND SALE**

Several red squirrels were introduced to Mersea Island near Colchester between 2011 and 2015 and have been successfully breeding since then. The population is thriving thanks to the support and keen interest of many of the local residents. The talk will explain a bit about general red squirrel breeding and behaviour, how the Mersea red squirrel project started, how it is currently progressing and what the future plans are.

This will be followed by a fun wildlife quiz plus our annual prize draw and sale of the Trust's Christmas cards and gifts.

£2.50 *The Village Hall, Church Road, Stowupland, IP14 4BQ*

Our 2018 programme of events can be downloaded from www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/stowmarket

March Dates

Thurs	1	P.C. Environment Sub. Com.		7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	1	Short Mat Bowls		7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	3	P.C. Cemetery & Churchyard Sub. Com.		10.00am	The Churchyard
Mon	5	Afternoon Fellowship		2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	5	Dance Club		7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	6	Coffee Morning		10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	6	Beetle Drive		2.30pm	Church Hall
Tues	6	P.C. Community Events Sub. Com.		7.30pm	The Retreat
Wed	7	Baby & Toddler Group		9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	7	Book Group		2.00pm	
Wed	7	Open Church		2.00pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	7	Local History Group		7.30pm	Village Hall
		- 'We will Remember them' by Sarah Doig			
Thurs	8	Parish Council		7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	8	Short Mat Bowls		7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	11	Country & Western Dance		7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	12	Dance Club		7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – April issue			
Tues	13	Coffee Morning		10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	14	Baby & Toddler Group		9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	14	P.C. Allotments Sub. Com.		10.00am	The Allotments
Wed	14	Open Church		2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	15	Short Mat Bowls		7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	16	Community Quiz	Doors open	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sat	17	Community Litter Pick		10.00am	Village Hall
Mon	19	Afternoon Fellowship		2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	19	Dance Club		7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	20	Coffee Morning		10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	21	Baby & Toddler Group		9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	21	Open Church		2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	21	W.I. – Origami		7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	22	Short Mat Bowls		7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	23	Coffee Morning		10.00am	URC Chapel Hall
Fri	23	Community Bingo	Doors open	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	25	Country & Western Dance		7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	26	Afternoon Fellowship		2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	26	Dance Club		7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	27	Mobile Library		9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	27	Mobile Library		9.55am	The Green
Tues	27	Coffee Morning		10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	27	Beetle Drive		2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	28	Baby & Toddler Group		9.30am	Village Hall

Wed	28	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	29	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	29	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall

April Dates

Tues	3	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	3	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	4	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	4	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity
Wed	4	Local History Group: Must Farm - 'Britain's Pompeii' by Alex Fisher	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	5	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall

Some Future Events

April	14	Jumble Sale
April	17	Annual Parish Meeting does Bake-Off
April	25	Stowmarket Wildlife Group (at the Village Hall) - Bumblebees
April	27	Community Bingo
June	16	Community Litter Pick
June	22	Community Quiz
Sept	2	Garage and Yard Sale
Sept	9	Walker Cup

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

Telstar is also available as a link on the Parish Council website:

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CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

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Sports & Social Club:	Shaun Langford	07934 194486
W. I.	Judy Clarke	01449 615386
Community Events	Keith Welham	01449 673185
Mobile Library:		07721 879855
Country & Western:	Pat Murphy	01449 677405
Stowmarket Wildlife Group	John Thompson	01449 676471
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Community Events for 2018

16 March	7.30	Quiz in the Village Hall
23 March	7.30	Bingo in the Village Hall
27 April	7.30	Bingo in the Village Hall
25 May	7.30	Bingo in the Village Hall
22 June	7.30	Quiz in the Village Hall
29 June	7.30	Bingo in the Village Hall
2 September		Garage and Yard Sale
9 September		Walkers Cup
28 September	7.30	Bingo in the Village Hall
26 October	7.30	Bingo in the Village Hall
23 November	7.30	Quiz in the Village Hall
7 December	7.30	Bingo in the Village Hall

The date for the 3 Peaks Challenge has yet to be agreed.

Indeed, we are in need of people to help organise that event and others throughout the year. Please consider if you could offer a few hours now and then, particularly to join the team planning the 3 Peaks and Walkers Cup.



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The first meeting of the New Year was well attended, with 3 new members and a former one rejoining.

Judy read the records of the November and December meetings, which were then signed by president, Colleen. Correspondence was dealt with, after which, Colleen introduced our speaker, Colin Hopper whose subject was “The history of magic”.

Magic has intrigued Colin since his childhood, so it’s no wonder that it has become his career. He brought with him his own traditional black & white wand and a Chinese one, with which he performed magic with strings and two “beards”. He also had an egg in a closed cup which kept disappearing and turning up in his pocket, before “magicking” itself back to the egg cup.

He considers magic to be a visual art, which gives an audience food for thought. Much magic is based on science and engineering, even as long ago as 1,000AD mechanisms were being used. He showed us a drawing of one example from that time, which demonstrated how, by lighting a fire and using the hot air engendered, a heavy door would eventually open itself. It was altogether a very interesting talk.

After refreshments, Colleen was given names for the February garden club teas, something the W.I. does whenever the club meets, and provides a welcome addition to our funds.

There has been a change in the 2018 programme, with the Kettle Girls booked for November and the meal in October. Looking ahead, the February meeting will see fudge making (and hopefully sampling) and the proposed “dabble day” in March is fully booked.

We then heard who the overall winners of the 2017 competitions were - flower was Mary C. who was given the Joan Scarlett cup for the year, while the monthly competition was won by Glenda, who has the Linda Bewey salver for the year. Both winners received Boots’ vouchers.

This month’s competition winners –
“England” – 1st Brenda, 2nd Mary M., 3rd Mary C.
Flower – 1st Brenda, joint 2nd Claire & Mary M.

Some of our members reach a milestone this year (no names, no pack drill) and to show our good wishes, the first of these members received a lovely orchid instead of the usual small birthday posy. The evening finished with chocolate tombola, where members are given a numbered ticket and they have the chocolate item matching that number.

LONDON MUSEUMS TRIP - Natural History, Science & the V & A

Saturday, April 21st. Admission is free – however, any special exhibitions usually charge a fee. Coach to leave the village 8.30 a.m., depart London 4.00 p.m. Fare £14.50 max. Friends and family welcome. To book or for further information, please contact Judy Clarke (01449 615386)

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Stowmarket URC Anniversary will be on 4th March and we will be joining them on that day. There will not be a service at the Chapel.

Our next coffee morning at the Chapel will be on Friday 23rd March 10am to 12noon. Please note this is a week early due to Easter. There will be an Easter draw at this event. Come and have a chat, cuppa and a cake; everyone welcome.

A date for your diary: Saturday 14th April, Jumble Sale 2pm at the Village Hall. If you have any Jumble or Bric-a-Brac, please let any Chapel Member know and arrangements will be made to collect it or alternatively bring it to the Village Hall on the day, after 12noon but before 2pm. Any contributions will be gratefully received. No electrical goods please as the law does not permit us to sell them. Please come and support this event.

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 March are as follows:

04th March Anniversary at Stowmarket URC
(No Service at the Chapel)

11th March Revd Barbara Challis

18th March Jane Paterson

25th March Clive Herrod

Women's World Day of Prayer

Women's World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action, organised and led by Christian women who call the faithful together on the first Friday in March each year to observe a common day of prayer. This year the service has been prepared by women from various churches in Suriname. Men women and young people in over 170 different countries will be united in prayer as they bring the needs of the people of Suriname before the Lord through the theme 'All God's creation is Very Good'. Our local meeting will be held at Bacton Church on 2nd March at 2pm. The service will be followed by refreshments.

Afternoon Fellowship

We recommence our meetings at the Chapel on Monday 5th March at 2pm and our speakers are as follows:

05th March	Revd Chris Wood
19th March	Alison Fenning.
26th March	Clive Herrod.

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

Mary Clark

God Bless, Chris

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

Minister's Message

Do the Little Things in Love!

If you are fortunate enough to ever be in Wales on the first of March, I'd like to think that you would find the country in a festive mood, with lots of people celebrating St. David's Day in one way or another. Saint David, as you're likely to know, is the patron saint of Wales and was a Celtic monk, Abbot and Bishop in the sixth century. During his life, he was the Archbishop of Wales, and was one of many church leaders who helped to spread Christianity among the pagan Celtic tribes of western Britain.

Like other Celtic saints of his generation, David is said to have been of royal lineage. His father was a prince and his mother was the daughter of a local chieftain as well as being a niece of King Arthur (so legend has it!).

David is recalled as being a very gentle person who lived a frugal life. It is claimed that he ate mostly bread and herbs - probably watercress, which was widely used at the time. He is sometimes known as 'David the Water Drinker' as water was an important part of his life - he is said to have drunk nothing else. Despite this supposedly meagre diet, it is reported that he was tall and physically strong.

David, along with a number of companions, travelled far on his missionary journeys through Wales, where he established several churches. He also travelled to the south and west of England and Cornwall as well as Brittany and possibly Ireland.

He founded a monastery at Rose Vale on the banks of the small river Alun where the lovely cathedral city of St. David stands today. The monastic brotherhood that David founded was very strict, the brothers had to get up early in the morning for prayers and afterwards to work hard to maintain the life of the monastery, either on the land, beekeeping or craft work. The daily cycle would include times of prayer, the celebration of the Mass, work and refreshment.

The monks had a reputation for feeding themselves well from the produce they grew but would also be generous in their hospitality towards the many pilgrims and travellers who needed lodgings. They also had to feed and clothe the poor and needy in their neighbourhood.

It is claimed that David lived for over 100 years, and it is generally accepted that he died on 1st March 589. His last words to his followers were in a sermon on the previous Sunday: 'Be joyful, and keep your faith and your creed. Do the little things in love that you have seen and heard about. Walk the path that our forebears have trod before us'.

'Do the little things in love' is a very well-known phrase in Welsh and has proved an inspiration to many as they seek to walk in the way of Christ. He died on a Tuesday, the first of March, in the year 589, and it is said the monastery was 'filled with angels as Christ received his soul'. David's body was buried in the grounds of his own monastery, where the Cathedral of St. David now stands. After his death, his influence spread far and wide - first through Britain, along what was left of the Roman roads, and by sea to Cornwall and Brittany.

Sadly, I don't appear to have any Welsh blood in me, but that doesn't stop me from wanting to recognise St. David's Day, or singing 'Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer' at the top of my voice. I also love to hear the Welsh Male Voice Choirs especially when listening to 'Land of My Fathers". So, for all those with roots in Wales, or who yearn to have a bit of Welsh in you, I want to offer you this lovely Welsh blessing, which is a little thing but is offered in love:

**'Wishing you a house full of sunshine,
Hearts full of cheer,
And love that grows deeper each day of the year'.**

God Bless.

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



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Stowupland in 2025

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So how should it be spent? We need to know what residents consider should be high priorities for the use of this money.

Please come along to the Annual Parish Meeting on 17 April. The meeting starts at 7.30 but councillors will be on hand from 7.00 to listen to your views.

Please come along on 17 April. Help shape the future of our village.



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Stowupland Annual Parish Meeting Does Bake off Series 2!



Last year was the first Annual Parish Meeting does Bake Off. It was a really fun start to the Annual Parish Meeting which is organised by the Parish Council. This meeting is an opportunity for the Parish Council, organisations and charities within the village to report on their activities during the year. It is also an opportunity for resident to ask questions and provide feedback to all these groups.

Series 2 of the Bake Off is scheduled for Tuesday 17 April 2018.

I would like to see more residents, councillors, village organisations, clubs and charities getting involved this year. The evening will begin with the judging of the bake off competition and the opportunity for residents to talk to the council and other village organisations that will be at the meeting.

The competition categories will be as follows:-

Groups	Categories
• Under 11	• Cakes
• 11-18 years	• Cupcakes muffins
• Adults	• Misc.

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I am happy to collect tools, typewriters, sewing machines and books or give me a ring (673185) and drop them off at TWAM headquarters or at our home.

Keith Welham

CHANGES at HOLY TRINITY

At the time of writing this we've only recently said goodbye to the previous year, and welcomed in the new. We at Holy Trinity are in much the same position with our clergy.

By the time you read this at the end of February / early March Rev Chris Hood, our curate for almost three years, will have moved on to become Priest in Charge of Old Felixstowe, and Rev Brin Singleton will have taken up the position of Priest in Charge in the Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland Benefice.

So our sincere thanks to Chris for his ministry during his time with us, and we wish him and his family every success and happiness in their new calling and their new home.

We are delighted to welcome Brin and his family to our midst and hope they will all be very happy in this lovely part of Suffolk.

We also wish Brin much satisfaction and happiness in leading the work and worship at Holy Trinity and the wider benefice, and we look forward to working with him in God's work in the years to come.

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Suspect. Beware of rogue waste carriers who dump waste illegally. If in doubt do not let them take your waste.

Check. Ask for their waste carrier's registration details. You can check on the Environment Agency web site or by calling **08708 506 506**. Note down the registration number of the vehicle used to take your waste away.

Refuse unsolicited offers. Always carry out your own research and choose who you want to take your waste away.

Ask questions. Ask what is going to happen to your waste. Seek evidence that it is going to be disposed of appropriately. A legitimate, professional waste carrier should not object to being asked reasonable questions.

Paperwork. Make sure you get a proper invoice and receipt for your waste.

Fly-tipping often occurs when rogue waste carriers illegally dump the waste that they collect to avoid proper disposal fees and maximise their profits, unfairly undercutting legitimate businesses.

You have a legal responsibility, or Duty of Care, to make sure that all waste from your household or business is disposed of correctly. It is you that could face prosecution and a fine of up to £5,000 if your waste ends up fly-tipped.

For information and advice, visit the Environment Agency website www.environment-agency.gov.uk/

Businesses

1 If you give your business waste to anyone other than your local Council trade waste collection service or one of the HWRCs, you must check that they are a registered waste carrier. Check the public register of waste carriers on **08708 506 506** or online at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/

2 You must ensure that you complete Waste Transfer Notes relating to all waste that comes from your business. You must keep these for a period of **two years**.

3 Failure to produce Waste Transfer Notes when asked by the Council or the Environment Agency is an offence, for which Fixed Penalty Fines of £300 can be issued.

4 If your local Council collects your business waste, or you dispose of it through the trade waste scheme at the HWRCs, they will ensure that the necessary Waste Transfer Notes are completed.

Landowners

You can protect your land from fly-tipping by:

- Installing gates or barriers, ideally in keeping with the natural environment.
- Making sure that gates are closed when not in use.
- Improving visibility so that fly-tippers are not hidden from view.
- Installing or improving lighting.
- Placing appropriate deterrent signage or dummy cameras.
- Swiftly clearing any waste that is dumped to discourage others adding to it.
- Report the incident to your local Council. Whilst they will not remove the waste free of charge, they may be able to investigate the incident.

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Do you believe in Fairies, colour in this glamorous one and look for the mythical creatures in the grid.



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Stowupland Cemetery Update

As I write this the daffodils that were planted in the new turning circle are beginning to poke through so Spring is on the way. There is a small amount of work still to be done at the front of the circle gates but if the weather will warm a little it will be finished. I must say a big thank you to Dave Pring and Kevin Goddard without whose help none of this would have been finished.

There is a little more tree work to do before the leaves break. The two trees behind the cemetery building are to be taken down to open up that area. When you look at the building under all that green there is a very pretty building with patterned brickwork. During the year we hope to clean the building so we can all appreciate it. The side that has been cleared of Laurel will need spraying and clearing of small stumps during the year ready for seeding later in the year. There is always something that needs doing so I was sad that no one has come forward to volunteer to help with the occasional odd job. Do try to give an hour or two occasionally if you can please.

Every year, in both the cemetery and churchyard, the Parish Council has to test every head stone to make sure they are firmly fixed. Colloquially it is called the "topple test" but is taken very seriously because these headstones are heavy and could cause serious harm if one was to fall on someone. Although it is the responsibility of the Parish Council to test them it is, under the Parish Council Cemetery Policy, the responsibility of the owners of the headstone to repair them. Failure to repair them and make safe means the Parish Council has the right to remove them. There were so many headstones identified this year as needing repair that the Parish Council has taken the unusual step of paying to have them all done at their cost. This is a one off and I take this opportunity to remind families visiting both the cemetery and churchyard to keep an eye on headstones and indeed edging kerbs and check for stability.

Over time there seems to have been a proliferation of glass jars, and ceramic pots appearing on graves and ashes burial plots. This is potentially dangerous for our grass cutter as well as visitors as they are easily broken. The Parish Council will go through a process to have all these types of things removed. The Cemetery is designated as a Lawn Cemetery and all stone vases and flowers should be set on the plinth at foot of the head stone. If you have a loved one in the cemetery please will you remove any glass, ceramic or metal from the grave and place all flowers at the headstone by the end of April. After that date the Parish Council will remove containers and any other objects which contravene our Cemetery Policy.

The Cemetery Policy is written to help families, at what is a distressing time, with the long term care of a loved one's grave. It is to help keep visitors and contractors safe. A copy of the policy should be given to families by the undertaker but you will find a copy posted at the cemetery. Previously it has been on the wall of the cemetery building but in future it will be on the newly erected notice board. Please do take the time to read it on your next visit. The Policy is also available on Stowupland Parish website at www.stowupland.com and from the Parish Clerk. Email clairepizzey@outlook.com.

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