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Chairman's Column

Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council

November 2016

First the good news. I'm sure that all readers of Telstar will be pleased that Sally Reeves has agreed to re-join the Parish Council. Sally was co-opted to the Council at our October meeting and will be a great asset – as she was during her time as vice-chair of the council a couple of years ago.

Unfortunately, Daniella Bruce was finding work and other commitments were not allowing her the time she would have liked to commit to the Parish Council and tendered her resignation. Add to that Alan Bickerdike's resignation in August and Morris Brand's imminent move to Scotland, we will still have two vacancies on the council. If you are reading this and wondering what being a parish councillor might involve, please get in touch with Claire or me.

Although Alan and Daniella had been councillors for just over a year and just less than a year respectively, they had been fully involved in the work on the council and had provided excellent input in council and committee meetings. Both will be missed. Morris has been chairman of the Transport, Traffic and Safety sub-committee for a number of years. He launched SpeedWatch and has been co-ordinator throughout. Morris has also chaired the Stowmarket and District Road Safety Committee and has been very active in seeking improvements to the way that the police and county council respond to requests in respect of safety and road maintenance. I believe Morris has drafted his resignation letter but I have asked that he wait until the removal van leaves the village before handing it in. One of his final duties as a councillor will be to join me at a meeting with the SCC cabinet member for highways to explain just how badly Stowupland has been treated in respect of maintenance of our roads, road safety issues, delay to the safer route to school and bus services. We will miss Morris greatly but he has promised to keep in touch and has threatened to sit in the public gallery if one of his visits to Suffolk coincides with a parish council meeting.

Council members are extremely dissatisfied with the failure of those responsible to complete the repair of the damage caused by the Music on The Green event and the damage caused when Morrisons dug a trench on the football pitch, also the replacement of the sign broken by one of their

lorries. I have contacted their head office in a final attempt to get the work completed to a satisfactory standard.

You will see from the report of the Parish Council meeting that we are increasing substantially the burial fees for non-Stowupland residents. There is no increase proposed at the present time for fees for burials of Stowupland residents. The reason for the increase is because the present land is being used up more quickly than expected and funds need to be set aside for either an extension of the present site or for a new site. Recently the majority of burials have been of people who were not Stowupland residents.

Many of you tend graves at the cemetery but may be unaware of the rules in respect of keeping the grassed areas between the headstones clear. The appearance of the cemetery is often spoilt by accumulations of objects which are left in good faith but not removed when they become damaged by weather. Also we need to avoid the work of the mowing contractor being disrupted by the need to move objects or strimming round them. Flowers should be placed in a non-glass container on the headstone slab, not on the grass. We will be clearing the grassed areas over the next few months and would be very grateful if anyone who tends graves would ensure that the grassed areas around the graves they look after are kept clear.

Jerry Voden reported at the last council meeting that he has received a number of complaints about buses running late or failing to turn up but the reports have not been specific enough for a complaint to be made to the public transport section of SCC. If you have access to the internet or can get someone to make a report on your behalf, the website is <https://secure.suffolkcc.gov.uk/customerservice/CSD/SCC/product.aspx?ProductID=PRPT01>. You will need details of the service number, the time the bus should have been running and the number of minutes delay.

There continues to be a good attendance by residents at Parish Council meetings but there are still a few spare seats. Please come along on the second Thursday of every month at 7.30 in the URC church meeting room. Everyone is given an opportunity to speak so if you wish to have a say about anything in Stowupland, we will be pleased to see you. You might even decide that you could become a parish councillor.

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



District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Report to Parish Council, November 2016

I met with Jonathan Bartley, Green Party National Co-leader, along with fellow councillors, when he visited Stowmarket recently. We discussed a range of topics, including the current severe shortage of affordable housing to rent and the proposed move of Mid Suffolk HQ from Needham to Ipswich.



You will have read in the local press that Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council have both decided to move their headquarters to Endeavour House in Ipswich. The decision to close down the Needham office was carried by a significant majority at the Council meeting. All Stowmarket councillors present voted for the move. Along with all other Green Party members, I voted against the move but we have to accept the decision. I hope that at the very least we will be able to persuade the Council that there should be a satellite office with good public access in Stowmarket.

Many residents and other users of MSDC services prefer face to face contact with a member of staff; they should not have to go to Ipswich for that. We are promised a better website which should be more accessible and able to deal with many of the day to day issues that residents need the council for and better telephone and customer service arrangements; these should have been in place several years ago. But it doesn't take an office move to Ipswich to achieve better communications and better access to services.

Devolution has not gone away; but is becoming more complicated. Because a number of Norfolk District Councils appear not to favour the present offer of devolution to Suffolk and Norfolk District Councils and both County Councils, a new, more detailed offer for devolution to Suffolk County and Districts may well be proposed. We have to wait to see what the package from Westminster might contain. A Council meeting will be held at Needham Market on 21 November to consider the offer.

A boundary review of District Council wards is underway. Changes to the wards in Stowmarket are likely and there may be a knock on effect in Stowupland ward.

There is still no date for a Planning Committee to consider either of the two applications for new housing developments in Stowupland - one is for 75 houses on land to the north of B1115 and west of Thorney Green Road ; the other is for a smaller development opposite the church.

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Parish Council Report

October 2016

There were 10 members of the public at the opening of the October Parish Council Meeting.

County and District Council Reports:

The SCC Councillor was unable to attend the meeting and had not submitted any report. There was no report from the Police. The District Councillor's report can be found elsewhere in Telstar.

Councillors:

Councillor Bruce has had to tender her resignation from the Parish Council due to her work commitments and felt that she was unable to give the necessary time to the village. Sally Reeves was co-opted onto the Parish Council and will take up her duties in November. There is still one outstanding vacancy on the Council.

Music on the Green:

Sam Robson, director of Company 87, attended the meeting to report to the Parish Council on the follow up to the Music on the Green. He advised that despite the poor weather on the day of the event, Trust Maria had made a profit of between £500 and £600 for the charity made mainly from raffle ticket sales at the gate and a number of stalls. Company 87 had just broken even on the day but due to having to hire in mats to get the lorry off The Green they had incurred a loss of around £600. Although one of the original 5 directors of Company 87 was employed by Morrison's and he had promised to reinstate the damage to The Green, he had failed to do so. Morrison's had also been responsible for further damage to The Green after the Music day when they had dug a trench almost the full length of The Green and across the access road. It had been understood that they would reinstate all the areas of The Green that had been damaged by both events. Councillor Carter reiterated his concerns about the vibration caused by bass levels on the sound system to properties and distress to his animals. Sam apologised for this and stated that they had monitored the sound levels and that they had complied with Council guidelines but had requested the sound engineer to turn down the volume. He also stated that he had received only 2 complaints relating to the sound levels. It was agreed by the Parish Council that they would approach the senior managers of Morrison's to carry out full reinstatement with a very strict timescale.

Matters of Report:

The Clerk reported that the Thorney Green Edge Trial had been completed but that the blue arrow keeps being moved by some of the children. Work has started on the 'gateway'. She has reported damaged road signs to the SCC portal and that she has received a report back from SCC about the Devon Road hedge that no action was necessary. The Clerk advised that

she has received a quote for the installation of an up to date loop system for the URC hall and will ascertain from Councillor Green as to whether he is able to fund it from his locality budget. She reported that the Village Hall Committee have agreed to the proposal to keep the basketball area as a play area and the gate to it to only be opened at pressure times regarding the Village Hall use. One basketball hoop is to be retained at all times. The Village Hall caretaker is to be a key holder. The area will need to be opened for use on a Sunday morning during the football season. The Village Hall caretaker will undertake the Sunday morning unlocking and lock again at the end of the session. The Parish Council agreed to the Sunday morning request and for the clerk to obtain quotes to reinstate the gates. The Clerk is waiting for a quote for marker pegs for the allotment and the period of a termination notice of an allotment has been reduced from 8 to 6 weeks. The Parish Council agreed to accept the quote received for additional slabs to be provided for the Cemetery. The Clerk advised that she and Councillor Voden are still working on the emergency planning list. She reported that although SCC had cleared the vegetation from around the Stowupland sign on the A1120, the one that she had reported on the B1115 had not been done so she has raised a further request with them. Suffolk CC has reported back to her that following inspection of the signage in Saxham Street. SCC considered that, although they were faded, the signs did not currently need renewal. She advised that following her contact with the contractor building the new property in Grays Close, the fencing has been altered to give only one access into the site. A meeting has been arranged with the High School Academy for November. She also reported that the grass contractor has trimmed the tree in the play park. Finally, she reported that she has received 2 applications of interest in the post of Village Handyman and will be advertising it for a further month in Telstar to try to establish a small pool of contractors in order to cover a wide range of skills. This time the advert will include the hourly rate of pay.

Public Forum:

Mrs Bloom reported that many of the potholes in Rendalls Lane had been filled but presumed that it was a temporary repair as the filling was very inferior and already breaking up. Mrs Reeves reported that the 30mph sign cannot be seen at present where the 'gateway' is currently being constructed. She also reported some fly tipping in the same area. A resident advised that the ditch at the rear of the High School was filled with litter. This is to be reported to the school.

Sub-Committee Reports:

The Cemetery and Churchyard sub-committee reported that a check needs to be made on the hedge in the cemetery and that the skip needs to be emptied. It will also need to be re-located closer to hard-standing during the winter months as there is a risk that the skip lorry will become bogged down. The Clerk is to look at getting a new notice board for the cemetery so that the families are aware of the rules regarding plots in the cemetery. The families of any plot that currently breaks these

rules will be written to and sent a copy of the new policy so that all plots should be clear before the start of the new grass cutting season.

The Community Events sub-committee reported that the children's chocolate bingo had been very successful as was the adult bingo. There will be 2 further adult bingo sessions before the end of the year and also the community quiz is scheduled for 18th November. Two Christmas parties are being organised in December for Jubilee Court and Steeple View. Councillor Voden advised that he had attended the joint Suffolk and Mid Suffolk Emergency Planning meeting last month and will be attending a table top exercise at Stratford St Andrew in November. He reported that the Stowupland emergency plan contact list was nearly ready to send to the members of the Parish Council and relevant other organisations. A list of all recipients will be kept to ensure that everyone always has an up to date list at all times. The Environment sub-committee reported that a list of works required on The Green needs to be sorted out before too long. Councillor Carter advised that he will roll out the ruts on the 'half a mow' when the weather is suitable. A village litter pick is to be held on 12th November starting from the village hall. Stow Falcons are eager to assist and the school will be asked to advertise the event to the pupils to encourage them to come along with their parents.

The Finance and Policy sub-committee put forward their recommendations that the cemetery fees for non-residents should be increased in line with Stowmarket burial fees, that the terms of reference for the Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Sub-committee should be adopted and for the Clerk to purchase a new printer and for her to include PAT testing as part of her risk assessment. These were all agreed.

The Planning Sub-committee had agreed to support the application for the installation of a partition wall in Mill Green Farmhouse but referred their recommendation that the positioning of the proposed muck pad at Walnut Tree Farm should be in the field housing the wind turbines rather than on the opposite side of Rendalls Lane, adjacent to Footpath 11. The Parish Council agreed this recommendation by a majority of 1. The Playpark Working Group requested that the Parish Council consider removing the conifers from the play park area to both give more room for the children and also to prevent nefarious activities from the area. It was agreed to seek quotes to carry out this work. The Village Hall committee also agreed to get quotes to remove some oversize and dead branches from the 2 oak trees on their land.

The Transport, Travel and Safety sub-committee requested that their meeting due to be held on 9th November should be brought forward so as to be held prior to Councillor Brand leaving the village. One new volunteer has come forward to join speed watch and it is believed that one person may be interested in taking over as a co-ordinator. Councillor Brand will be joining the Chairman at a meeting with Councillor Finch to be held at Endeavour

House on 20th October to discuss face to face the lack of response by SCC to the number of highways issues within Stowupland.

Councillor Voden advised that the SALC meeting held last week was very productive and that Bill Newman's new role within the Planning Policy Section at Mid Suffolk is likely to bring about a number of improvements in communication between Parish Councils and Planning Policy officers.

Councillor Reports:

Councillor Carter reported that one of the small goalposts on the Green has been pushed over and was advised that this is to be reinstated shortly. He also questioned why the full size goal posts had not been put in place bearing in mind that the football season had been going for some time now. He was advised that they will probably be erected within the next couple of weeks. Councillor Studd queried why Thorney Green Road had been closed for 2 days with very little work to the road to show for it. He also felt that the signage was very misleading. He was advised that it was closed for the permanent reinstatement of the trench in the footway and not to repair the potholes in the road despite it being an obvious time to complete this work. Councillor Voden advised that he was still receiving regular reports of ongoing problems with the buses. It was agreed that he should put a piece in Telstar giving residents details on reporting these incidents themselves so that the bus company can have the full times and details of each complaint.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman advised that a resident has complained about an overgrown hedge but as the hedge is owned by a local farmer, he will be advised accordingly. He had also received a complaint about some lights being damaged by the grass contractor in the cemetery but as these should not have been there it is important that families abide by the new cemetery policy.

Clerk's Report:

The Clerk requested that she should attend a SALC briefing at a nominal cost and this was agreed.

Correspondence:

This included an invitation from the Citizens Advice Bureau for any councillor to attend their AGM in November, a letter from MSDC about consultation on a possible change to referendum rules for Parish Council precepts and permission to park on The Green near Corner Farm for a party being held by a Columbyne Close resident. This was agreed subject to weather permitting. There was an invitation from SALC for attendees to their AGM in Elmswell and Councillors Voden and Reeves will attend and a further invitation to the Older Person's Information Fair; this to be forwarded to the Good Neighbours group for their consideration. The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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Countryside Rambler

Brian Ward

As I write this article and look out of the window I cannot believe how green the leaves are and it is mid-October. I expect after the first frosts we will have a sudden change and the leaves will drop overnight. If you haven't seen the deer rut yet don't worry as they are late this year due to the weather. I have observed the herd at Westleton on several occasions mainly at first light when they are most active. Although the herds have dropped in numbers over the past few years they are still quite a spectacle. On my last visit one magnificent stag was defending his harem of 29 hinds and seeing off all who rivalled his position with much bellowing, strutting and the occasional clash of antlers.

Whilst walking with a group of friends at Minsmere going through the woods to Bittern Hide one of the RSPB staff brought to our attention a hind with her youngster from last year. We all froze and they came within a few metres and were not perturbed by our presence. We all got some wonderful views and felt privileged to see such animals at close quarters.

The Dragonflies are still on the wing and it is mid-October. I have even seen a Hobby still taking advantage of this food supply; he should be on his migration by now. I have also seen a group of Stone Curlews in the Dunwich area in no hurry to migrate. Whilst talking of Dunwich, I recently spent several hours on the heath looking for Dartford Warblers. I checked out my normal areas and was rewarded with several sightings; the males are still singing although not as strongly. Stonechats were abundant along with many Pipits and a lone Marsh Harrier.

I spend a lot of time in the upper reaches of the Little Ouse and Waveney rivers; this can be quite a prolific area for wildlife with its fens, marshes and woodland habitats. I have found one area with a good population of Grass Snakes. I know they are not admired by everyone but I am fascinated as they hunt the edge of waterways with a constantly flicking tongue. These snakes are at home in the water and I have observed them swimming several metres totally submerged to avoid predators.

The must thing to do at this time of year is discover the fungi in the woods and outlying areas. There are some good reference books available that describe the best ones to eat but I would rather admire their beauty in form and colour. November and going into winter is the time for Starling murmerations. Check out with various wildlife organisations if one is in your area. I normally go to Minsmere or Lopham Fen, but they do show at Snape and other large areas of reed bed.

Autumn is a wonderful time of year with its colour and freshness in the air; put on your wellies and enjoy!!

THANK YOU

'Tony Forsdike of Stowupland would like to thank Ann, Twig, Paul and everyone he didn't know for all their help when he had a bad fall outside his bungalow on Friday, 30th September.

Thank you all so very much.

Tony Forsdike and Family'

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY BINGO



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Local History Group

October Meeting

It was a great delight to welcome Helen Geake and many members and visitors to this meeting. Helen was Time Team's Anglo Saxon expert for a number of years and gave us an insight into the work involved. Each site chosen needed to have a high chance of an archaeological find as well as the potential for a good story (essential for a TV programme) and there had to be a variety of sites, geography and locations throughout each series.

The business of making a TV programme out of a few days of intensive archaeology had to be heard to be believed and if you missed this talk, do look out for a chance to hear Helen elsewhere. A legacy of Time Team is that developers are better at recognising the importance of archaeological interests. We hope so, before the diggers move in.

Property History Research

We have arranged a two-hour workshop at Ipswich Record Office for members and friends to learn about property history research and the wealth of resources available. There are a few places left. It is booked for Thursday 17 November at 6.30pm and will cost £12.50 per person. Contact Marion if you would be interested, by 6 November, please.

Talking Point

Octopus Studio was in the former blacksmith's shop in Saxham Street. Along with the cottage next door, it was bought by Dave and Jenny Hoser in the late 1970s and Dave set about turning the blacksmith's into a recording studio, complete with air-conditioning and sound-proofing. Dave and sound engineer Tony Phillips were then able to produce demo tapes for semi-professional bands in the region. Members of Gypp were available as session musicians and made their single 'Yaah!' at Octopus, while Stray Trolleys gained a recording contract on the strength of an Octopus demo. Martin

Newell made an album there and punk rocker Captain Sensible enjoyed the break from London – and the local beer.

For our next 'Talking Point', in his 'The History of Stowmarket', Rev A.G.H. Hollingsworth details two Stowupland properties with moats. One, of course, is Columbine Hall. Which is the other?

Programme

Nov 2nd 'Suffolk Ghosts and Hauntings' by Robert Halliday

There cannot be a village or town in Suffolk which does not have at least one ghost tale associated with it - Stowupland is no exception and more may well be recalled when Robert gives his talk on Suffolk ghosts, of interest to both sceptics and believers!

Dec 7th 'Suffolk Children in Care: the Story of St John's Home, Ipswich' by Linda Sexton

Starting as part of Ipswich workhouse in 1871, St John's Home did not close until the 1950s. Many Suffolk families have connections to the home. Linda Sexton has written a book about it and holds the largest collection of photographs of the institution.

Small contributions of seasonal fare will be welcome and donations will be in aid of Barnardo's.

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.

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

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Dance Club:	May & Paul Durham	01449 672601
Local History Group:	Marion Harris	01449 770895
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Colleen opened the September meeting with a welcome for all, including the two visitors, Philippa and Karen. Following the singing of “Jerusalem”, the correspondence was dealt with. Having had no formal meeting in August there was quite a lot. It included an invitation from Stowmarket W.I. for two of our members to attend their October meeting when the Kettle Girls will be singing... Members were asked to fill in a questionnaire re the Village hall play park. After the resolution passed at the A.G.M. in June, Institutes were asked to undertake a survey of a supermarket re food waste. Helpers and cake bakers for the garden club teas were reminded of the date. Judy gave details of the proposed trip to Norwich in November. Sadly, not sufficient response for the London Museums trip meant it had to be cancelled.

Colleen introduced our speaker, Linda Scoles, on the subject of “Divided by a common language”. - A quote from GBS. Linda is American, although she has lived a long time in England, coming here with her husband, who was stationed at RAF Lakenheath, in 1991. They integrated into the village, visited the local pub and learnt to play Nap at a penny a point. They also learnt that the same word or phrase in England or America can have different meanings. Linda became friendly with a couple who would often take her out. It was after one of these jaunts that Linda was taken aback to hear her friend’s husband say he would be “knocking up” their neighbour in the morning. Of course, he meant giving her a call, whereas, in America, the phrase meant getting someone pregnant. An explanation saved Linda’s blushes.

During refreshments, Linda kindly judged the competition for American memorabilia, putting

- 1st. Fran
- 2nd. Mary Mowe
- 3rd. Mandy

The flower competition results -

- 1st. Carolyn,
- 2nd. Shirley,
- 3rd. Mary Coltart.

The evening closed after the raffle.

Holy Trinity Church.

Dear Friends,

*In the name of God and trusting in his might alone,
receive Christ's healing touch to make you whole.
May Christ bring you wholeness of body, mind and spirit,
deliver you from every evil, and give you his peace. Amen.*

This lovely prayer is taken from 'A Service of Wholeness and Healing' in our Church of England service book.

'...give you his Peace'

The word Peace has particular resonance for us.... I was going to write 'at this time'; but the fact is that the world has been a place of violence, fear and uncertainty for most of its people, for most of its history.

But true peace is more than just the absence of war. It is a special quality found in the heart of the person who knows and trusts God – whatever is going on around them. Jesus said, 'My peace I give to you...not as the world gives do I give'.

Without that gift of peace we can be in inner turmoil even when all around us is peace and quiet: with it, we can have 'Peace which passes understanding' which rises above our circumstances, however troubling they may be.

In turn, our lives should allow God's peace to flow out from us to make a difference in the world around us: we pray with St Francis, 'Make me a channel of your peace'.

'Christ's healing touch....Christ bring you wholeness'

In this life our bodies ail, and fail. One day we all must die: and all of us know the pain of losing loved ones*. And yet Jesus promises us healing: how can this be?

Well, on the one hand, prayers for healing can sometimes be answered in unexpected ways. Every Sunday we pray in our churches for those who have requested it** – and some people feed back to us their belief that those prayers have made a tangible difference: a physical improvement, perhaps, or an inner strength. But all healing in this life can only be temporary and partial: we must still face illness – and death.

Any such 'answers to prayer' are a sign of the inner 'wholeness' which is the thing which Christ really longs to give us – and which all of us need. That wholeness is only found in Him, and it is a wholeness which neither illness nor death can take from us.

Can we help?

If you would like a visit from myself or Revd Chris – whether in connection with bereavement, sickness, or something else entirely – please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Your friend and vicar,

David

* All are welcome to come and remember a loved one at one of our **'Memorial Services'** on 30th October (4pm, at Holy Trinity Stowupland and 6.30pm, at St Mary's Haughley). Their name can be read out, and a candle lit, if you would like.

** If you would like a name to be included in our prayers for the sick, please contact Mrs Elizabeth Elbourne:

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CHURCH SERVICES in NOVEMBER

6th Nov	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	1st@4 Service – <i>church with a difference!</i>
13th Nov	10.50am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE & ★ Trinity Starz★
6.30pm		Evensong (BCP)
20th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
21st Nov (MON)	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View – All Welcome!
27th Nov	9.30am	All-Age Family Service
	6.30pm	Parish Communion

(BCP) – Book of Common Prayer

Holy Trinity Church

A REMEMBRANCE PRAYER:

Father of all peoples and lover of souls, in this month we hold in grateful remembrance those who died in time of war, we pray that the leaders of the nations may seek your righteousness so that the whole world may find your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FAMILIES!

Please come along to the **'1st @ 4' SERVICE** on Sunday, 6th November 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, November 27th at 9.30am. Do stay and have FairTrade refreshments with us in the hall afterwards!

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE - NOVEMBER 8TH at 10. 50am



It would be good to see lots of people come to this Annual Service when the names of all those from Stowupland who served in the two World Wars and died are read. **LEST WE FORGET'**. A poppy wreath will be laid as a mark of respect at this act of Thanksgiving and Remembrance.

We welcome the children as Trinity Starz will also run.

STEEPLE VIEW:

The residents warmly invite you to join them for their Songs of Praise Service at Steeple View at 10.30am on Monday, 21st November and which is followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay.

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, 1st and 22nd November in the Church Hall. All are most welcome to join us!

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH:

No Ploughman's Lunch this month, but see below!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE:

Come along to lunch at the **Christmas Fayre** on Saturday, 19th November and browse a wide variety of stalls from which you can buy your Christmas presents. Bring the children to meet Father Christmas in his Grotto! You can enjoy a lunch of Baked Potatoes with a variety of fillings, also, other lunchtime snacks and sweets will be on sale. Refreshments available all day. See back page.

WEEKLY COFFEE CHURCH:

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

Come on in for a free cup of tea/coffee and a chat in the Church Hall, to wait for children coming out of school, enjoy your Parish Church, or maybe for a quiet prayer or just 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, we now have a box at the back of the church for you to leave your items. Thank you!

CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS:

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CHURCH 100 CLUB:

Congratulations to the following winners of the September Draw;
1st No. 78 Mrs A Roberts : 2nd No. 101 Mrs J Burton :
3rd No. 43 Mrs H Sims

PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERALS. Our love, sympathy and prayers to the families of those who have recently died:-
29th September Irene Pryke

NATIVITY SCENE DISPLAY

It's hard to believe that by the time you read this Christmas will only be eight weeks away. We at Holy Trinity Church, Stowupland are planning a display of Nativity or Crib Scenes in the Church this December.

Do you have one that you would be willing to lend to the Church to form part of the display? It doesn't have to be of any particular material, can be large or small, and can be modern or traditional. The more variety the better.

If you can help please contact Anna on 077254 05937.

Thank you!



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Village Litter Pick

Saturday 12th November 2016

Meet at the village hall from 10.00am

Equipment provided

Everyone welcome, even if you can only spare a short time to help. You can make a difference. Hope to see you there!

November Dates

Tues	1	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	1	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	2	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	2	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	2	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	2	Local History Group – ‘Suffolk Ghosts and Hauntings’ by Robert Halliday	7.30pm	Village Hall
Wed	2	Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Com.	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	3	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	6	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	7	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	8	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	8	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	8	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	9	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	9	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	10	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	10	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	12	litter Pick	10.00am	Village Hall
Sat	12	Jumble Sale	2.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – Dec & Jan issue		
Sun	13	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	14	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	14	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	15	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	16	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	16	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	16	W.I. – Annual Meeting + a talk, ‘Cheese’	7.30pm	Village Hall
Wed	16	Telstar – A.G.M.	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	17	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	18	Community Quiz	Doors open 7.00pm	Village Hall
Sat	19	Christmas Craft Fayre		Village Hall
Sun	20	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	21	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	22	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	22	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall

Wed	23	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	23	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	23	Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Com.	7.30pm	URC Church Hall
Thurs	24	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	24	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	25	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall
Fri	25	Christmas Bingo (18+) Doors open	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	27	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	28	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	28	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	29	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	30	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	30	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church

December Dates

Thurs	1	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	3	P.C. Cemetery & Churchyard Sub. Com.	10.00am	The Churchyard
Sun	4	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	5	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	6	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	6	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	6	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	7	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	7	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	7	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	7	Local History Group – 'St John's Children's Home, Ipswich' by Linda Sexton	7.30pm	Village Hall

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

Future Events in December

12 Dec: Carols at Afternoon Fellowship, 2.00pm

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Stowupland Village Hall update .

Jerry Voden VHMC

The committee were pleased to have a demonstration of the new defibrillator which has recently been installed on the wall of the village hall facing towards the front car park. This was completed at our monthly meeting. This has been a joint project between the village hall and the Stowupland sports and social club. It will be very useful for the village and also for the sports clubs who use the playing field area for regular matches and training.

The equipment is in a box which is not locked and can be used in an emergency, there are instructions with it and it is easy to use. If needed in an emergency **999 should be dialled and ask for the emergency ambulance line, give your location and nature of the emergency and you will be talked through the process by the operator.** There is a DVD with the equipment and this can be used for training purposes. We are hoping that those who would like training can come down to the SSC for training. Once this is arranged we will pass on the details so please watch Telstar for dates and times.

We are still looking to increase our weekend bookings so if you would like to know more about the hall and its facilities please contact our booking secretary Hugh Blanch on 01449 612156.



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URC MINISTER Rev'd Chris Wood

Telephone: 01449 678173

The result of the coffee morning, to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support on 30th September was £340.00. The support we received was great and people were so generous and a very enjoyable morning was had by all. Our thanks to all those who helped and worked so hard and those who gave draw prizes and made cakes.

The results of the October coffee morning, for St Elizabeth Hospice, will be reported in the December Telstar.

Our next coffee morning is on Friday 25th November 2016 10am to noon.

Friends from Holy Trinity joined us for our Harvest Festival on Sunday 2nd October and £236.00 will be sent to WaterAid. This was made up of £136.00 from the morning service, £86.00 from the afternoon service and £14.00 from the sale of fruit and vegetables at the afternoon fellowship. The remainder of the harvest gifts were taken to the Food Bank.

We are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 12th November at 2pm in the Village Hall. We will be grateful for any contributions with the exception of electrical goods which I am very sorry we are not allowed to sell. Please contact any Chapel member or bring items to the Village Hall from 12 noon onwards but before 2pm. Please come and support us if you can. In addition to Jumble there will be Bric-a-brac, a Raffle, Tombola and cake stall.

Our Speakers for November are as follows:

06th November Mary Durrant

13th November Keith Scarff

20th November Revd Mary Playford (Holy Communion Service)

27th November Derek Ames

Afternoon Fellowship

We recommenced our meetings on Monday 3rd October when we had a very interesting talk by Revd Chris Wood.

Our speakers for November are as follows:

14th November Nicola Glasse

28th November Keith Scarff

We welcome anyone who would like to join us for our meetings (male or female). Come and enjoy the interesting speakers and the fellowship and, of course, a cuppa.

Advance notice, we shall be holding the afternoon Fellowship Carol Service on Monday 12th December at 2pm everyone welcome.

Mary Clark

Minister's Letter

A Whiter Shade of Pale

Before entering ministry I worked for a large Building Society in their Computer Department as a Computer Operator. I remember only too well how our manager appeared to be overly critical of all his staff, to the point of being irritatingly picky in his oversight and dismissive of any helpful suggestions. I have to admit that I was finding him increasingly difficult and suggested one day in my blunt Yorkshire way 'that he appeared to be painting our greyness black so that his greyness appeared whiter to our superiors by comparison'. I suppose I could have said: 'Let the person without sin cast the first stone ...'. He smiled and carried on in his usual irritating way.

He came in one day to say that he had been stopped by the police and had to visit the local police station with his documentation, which he couldn't produce at the roadside, although he failed to tell the office that he didn't actually have any documentation to produce as they'd all run out. Although at the time this was a sackable offence I recall no-one saying anything at the time and, in our silence, we strangely protected him. Maybe we were putting into effect the words from the Letter of Peter that 'love covers over a multitude of sins' (1 Peter 4: 8) although it proved difficult at the time to like him let alone love him!

It was certainly a useful reminder, if ever I needed it, that we are all less than perfect (and not necessarily 'a whiter shade of pale!') In other words we each have our own annoying peculiarities, irritating habits, unconscious prejudices, strange quirks and foibles – and, yes, I admit to having them in myself! I know that we all have the potential to criticise others or put value judgements on others that undermine their self-esteem or elevate our own worth at the expense of another. But we are constantly reminded in scripture that this is not the way of love. Rather, everyone is treated as of equal importance in God's sight. Indeed, in Christ He demonstrates that He goes to incredible lengths to restore to health and wholeness His errant children.

So when I'm tempted to criticise others, or "drop them in it", I need to remember how much God has been willing to overlook in my own life and how I am dependent upon His grace and forgiveness, and having been accepted for who and what I am, I'm required to do the same for others. The Apostle Paul puts it this way: 'be humble, gentle and patient, putting up with one another's failings in a spirit of love' (Ephesians 4: 2). A tall order I know, and one in which we need God's help, but all things are possible in Him.

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



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A Stowupland Community Event

Stowupland Cricket Club

We had a very successful end of season Presentation Night, seeing many players pick up awards.

Awards were as follows:

Saturday Batting - George Yardley
Saturday Bowling - Tom Abbott
Saturday Fielding - Tom Wray
Saturday Players Player - Gavin Johnson
Saturday Match Winner - Nick Borrett

Sunday 1st Batting - Tom Wray
Sunday 1st Bowling - Luke Abbott
Sunday 1st Fielding - Dan Marsh
Sunday 1st Players player - Rob Fox
Sunday 1st Match Winner - Jake Taylor

Sunday 2nd Batting - Jake Taylor
Sunday 2nd Bowling - Ben Mills
Sunday 2nd Fielding - Ben Mills
Sunday 2nd Players Player - Ben Mills
Sunday 2nd Match Winner - Jake Taylor

Golden Oldie - Jeff Lewis
Young Player of the Year - Nick Borrett
Most Improved - Nathan Long
Club Man - Scott Gregory
Sportsman - Trevor Scarlett
Midweek player - Kieran
Champagne Moment - Scott Gregory

We had 2 players scoring their first 50 for the club - Joe Chalk and Rob Wearing and also George Yardley, Grant Wearing and Jake Taylor - scoring their first 100 this season.

We saw Tom Wray break the club record with 163 not out and Shaun Langford reaching his 10,000 runs for the club.

Well done to all and a big thank you from me to everyone who put in a lot of hard work at the club, because without them there wouldn't be a Stowupland Cricket Club.

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There will be several stalls for you to enjoy, the Lowestoft Deaf Signing Choir, Singing and Signing Carols, a raffle and a tombola stall.

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