

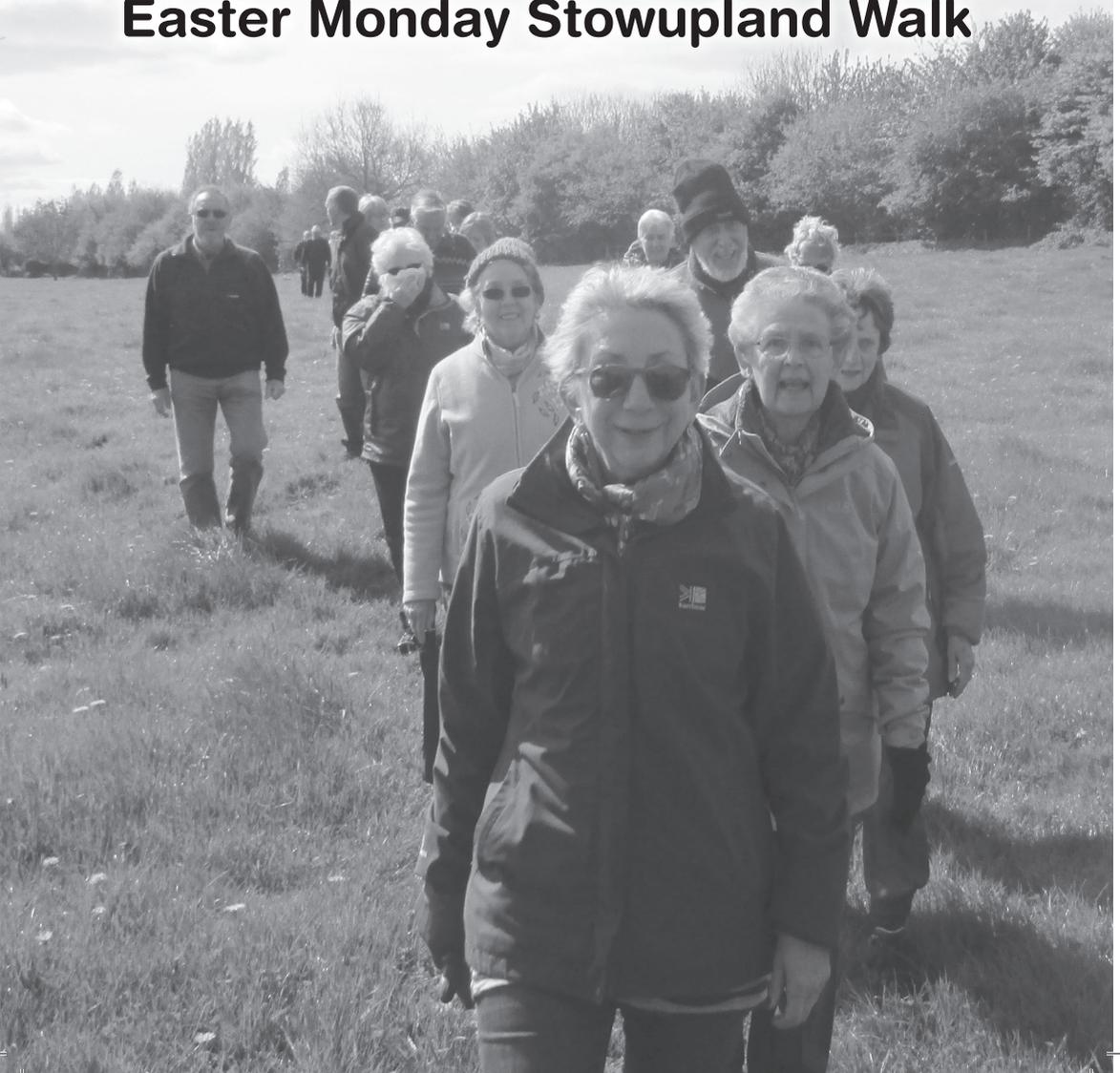
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## **Easter Monday Stowupland Walk**





# Chairman's Column

*Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council*

**May 2017**

By the time you read this, we will have held our Annual Parish Meeting and Bake Off. The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 11 May at 7.30 in the URC chapel hall. It is at this meeting that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the council will be elected to serve for the next 12 months- so this could be the last column that I write as your chairman. I believe that I have been chair or vice chair for the majority of the last 13 years so perhaps now is a good time for a change.

During May we have a number of events organised by the community events group - chocolate bingo, pub-style quiz, bingo evening and table top sale. Details are set out in the Diary Pages of this copy of Telstar. Please support these events. We are still looking for volunteers to help with our regular community events and with the Three Peaks Challenge on 25 June and the Walker Cup on 10 September.

There is no news on when the various planning applications for housing developments will be considered by committee. Details of the development on the land between Church Road and Gipping Road may well be submitted very soon so please keep an eye out and view the detailed drawing either on the Mid Suffolk website or at the Needham office. You have an opportunity to comment on the details. In due course the application will be considered by the Parish Council Planning Committee and by MSDC.

I'm sure that you are pleased that Tim Gaddis will continue as the council's mowing contractor for a further three years. Not only will he be mowing The Green, he will also be responsible for mowing the churchyard, cemetery and Play Park. The Council has been undertaking quite a lot of work in the cemetery including tree surgery, cutting back overgrown laurel bushes and a general clean-up of fallen branches. We plan to remove the tipped soil and huge mound of vegetation in the near future and we hope to extend the concrete access and provide a turning head and fenced off area for the skip. In future, all excavated soil should be placed in the skip so that there is no need for heaps of soil and vegetation in the future. The names on the war memorial are to be repainted, the benches refurbished and a path provided to link the concrete access to the war memorial.

Council members have also agreed a programme of works to trees and ditches on The Green. Two of the trees near Columbyne Close were cut

back in March and trees alongside the ditch in front of Birch Close are next in line. We will also be organising a clean-up of the pond by The Retreat and we will be seeking volunteers to help.

Claire Pizzey and Sally Reeves are continuing with grant applications for the project to upgrade the Play Park. The Parish Council agreed at their April meeting to put £14,500 towards the project. There is still a way to go with an aim for completion of the work in late summer or early autumn.

Unfortunately the meeting with SCC regarding the Safer Route to School did not take place and the council is waiting for a new date to be offered. This is unlikely to be for a while due to the County Council elections and a settling in period afterwards. Parish Council will continue to press for the scheme to be continued through to the Freeman School and for a gravel surface to the track as it crosses The Green, both of which have been deleted from the scheme against the wishes of the Parish Council.

We are always pleased to see residents at Parish Council meetings. All meetings of the council and its committees and sub-committees are open for residents 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.)***

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## Annual Report 2016/2017 by Keith Welham, MSDC Councillor for Stowupland ward.

The Council year ends with the 2017 AGM on 22 May. The last 12 months has been a period of change within Mid Suffolk, in Europe and in America. Who would have predicted Brexit and Trump? Like it or not, Brexit and decisions being made by the Trump administration will affect us all for many years to come. Decisions made locally are having and will continue to have more direct impact upon residents of Mid Suffolk.

Devolution of power from Westminster to a combined Suffolk and Norfolk Authority was very much on the cards but some Norfolk councils found the terms of the offer unacceptable and, with no compromise possible, the offer was withdrawn.

Nick Gowlrey became Leader of the Conservative administration at Mid Suffolk in May 2016. Charlie Adan resigned as Chief Executive of Mid Suffolk and Babergh councils and has been replaced by Arthur Charvonia. Staff of the two councils will be moving to Endeavour House in Ipswich around September 2017 where they will take over part of Suffolk County Council's headquarters building. The Needham Market offices will be closed and a 'call in centre' will open in Ipswich Street, Stowmarket. A complete overhaul of IT and telephone systems will be completed in time for the move. The promise is of a clear website that is simple to use for people to do a range of transactions on-line, such as pay council tax, claim benefits or order a brown bin. A single phone number will reach the council with callers then directed to the correct team. A fundamental change to the way MSDC makes decisions will come in from May 2017 with the setting up of a cabinet system of governance. Instead of key decisions being debated in Executive Committee meetings where representatives of all political parties are permitted to take part in a public debate, decisions will be made by cabinet or even by a single cabinet member. In Stowupland, the deeply felt disappointment at the decision by the Planning Inspector to allow 175 houses to be built on land owned by the Carter and Bloom families has been followed by four further applications for housing developments. No decisions have been taken on any of these yet and I have asked that, rather than they be dealt with piecemeal, they be considered by the planning referrals committee at one meeting following a visit to Stowupland. I understand Bloor Homes have purchased the Carter/Bloom land and are preparing plans for submission to the planning offices for consideration of details of the development.

There has been a review of sheltered housing, as homes in some schemes were hard to let. In Mid Suffolk there are 391 sheltered properties in 23 schemes. 145 out of 675 residents across Babergh and Mid Suffolk have signed a waiver saying they do not want or need a visit. 15 schemes across Mid Suffolk and Babergh will be de-sheltered, including the bungalows at Jubilee Court. However, no tenants will be required to move if they do not

wish to do so and those who wish to may continue to receive support and/or an emergency alarm.

14 new council homes are now completed and in the hands of the occupiers and 23 houses have been purchased in Mid Suffolk to help address the loss of council homes through the right to buy scheme. The income gained from the Solar PV panels installed on council properties is up 70% on last year and the project has reduced CO2 emissions by 3.7 million tonnes since 2014.

Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils plan to borrow £50m at low interest rate then use an incorporated structure to invest in commercial property. A motion by the Green party that 50% of this investment by Mid Suffolk District Council should be in the District was rejected as too risky.

An enterprise park has been established in Stowmarket, which could attract several new businesses and up to 1000 new jobs. A number of initiatives are making good progress to encourage businesses in the area – Open for Business and Food Enterprise Zones as well as projects encouraging schools and businesses to work together to engage young people.

The Council has set a balanced budget for the next year and there is to be a 1.6% increase in council tax (5p per week for a Band D property).

Over £300,000 in grants has been awarded to community groups across the district and represents about 12% of the total cost of the projects involved.

20 tonnes of glass is being collected for recycling each month in Mid Suffolk and there is a 6.5% increase in the business waste service.

A review of the wards across Mid Suffolk District Council is being carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. This has been triggered by so-called “electoral inequality” – in this case because 11 out of the 30 wards have a variance (in electors) of over 10%. (The ward of North Stowmarket has increased in size by more than 30% since the last review, in 2001). The review determines total number of councillors, number of wards, boundaries of each ward, number of councillors in each ward and the name of each ward. There will be public consultation on the proposals later in 2017.

*Keith Welham*

*District Councillor for Stowupland ward*

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## Coffee Morning

At Stowupland URC Chapel

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017 10am-12noon

Coffee/ Tea and Cakes





# Parish Council Report

April 2017

*A busy meeting opened with 11 members of the public including the Chair of the Creating St Peter Parish Council joining the Councillors at the April meeting.*

**County Council Report:** Cllr Green advised that because of the forthcoming County Council elections there was no activity from SCC to report; however he was able to advise that he had managed to spend all of his locality budget for the last year with his final donation being made towards the Stowupland Play Park grant appeal. The Chairman reported that the meetings called by the Parish Council with SCC have either been cancelled by a member of SCC or they were refusing to attend as they felt that there was no road safety issue in Stowupland. Cllr Green promised to chase the people involved. Before leaving he advised that it had been an honour to be Stowupland's County Councillor.

**District Council Report:** Councillor Welham's report had been circulated and can be read in full elsewhere in this edition of Telstar.

**Matters of Report:** The Clerk reported that PC Henriksen had contacted her after reading about the problems of verbal abuse that residents had been receiving from some parents when they were asked to move their vehicles. He advised that if the police were called the parents would have left before he was able to respond, however, in the event of someone being abused, he suggested that they take note of the registration number and note their description and he would look to follow up if appropriate.

The Clerk advised that Cllr Reeves had obtained information indicating that SCC had taken over responsibility for the future maintenance of the footbridge by Freeman School and the school are to be informed of this at the start of the new term. Councillor Reeves has also offered to contact Cllr Green about the purchase of horse signage.

The Clerk also reported that she and Cllr Welham had attended a site meeting with the planning enforcement officer, contractor for the new development in Grays Close and residents regarding the state of the track, but repairs had been carried out the previous day.

The Clerk has still received no response from SCC following the reporting of the subsidence in Highfield Road.

The handyman has reinstated the post in front of the butchers' shop and the fish shop owner has carried out some good work on the posts outside his shop.

Cllr Jennings has yet to receive any more updates from Francesca Clarke in respect of their earlier meeting regarding the reinstatement of footpaths. The Clerk has not had time as yet to carry out any work investigating signage and bylaws.

The Chairman reported that the ongoing saga with Morrison's and their promised repairs to The Green is still ongoing. They have told him that the new sign had been delivered to their depot and signed for by an unknown person. They have said that they will replace the sign, carry out other remedial works and provide topsoil. As nothing has yet materialised, the Chairman has written to their head office but has yet to receive a response.

He has also tracked down the owner of the commercial vehicle that has been parking on the edge of The Green and will follow this up with the company concerned.

The drainage work that needed to be done in front of the butchers' shop was able to be completed without encroaching onto the Green. The Chairman advised that he would have some scale drawings of the cemetery turnaround area ready for the next meeting. Cllr Pring voiced concerns about the close proximity of the latest graves to the driveway and this will be checked.

**Parish Council Vacancy:** Laura Johnson had expressed an interest in joining the Council and was unanimously voted onto the Parish Council.

**Public Forum:** A resident reported concern about the speed of the traffic driving through Reeds Way and feels that something needs to be done before someone is hurt. This was referred to the Transport, Traffic and Safety Committee. Another resident felt that for pedestrian safety, the footpath opposite the Freeman School needs to be fenced off to prevent cars from being parked across it. He was advised that the footpath was on private land owned by Mr Porch who was currently awaiting a response to his planning application that could affect this particular piece of land, however, Councillor Jennings is following this up. Another resident voiced the consensus that parking was a problem throughout the village and maybe all transgressors should be pursued.

**Mill Lane Development:** Paul Knowles from the development company Building Partnerships gave an illustrated presentation on the new proposed commercial development in Mill Lane to be known as phase 2, Stowmarket East. This is an area of land of some 55 acres that runs alongside the A14 and the A1120 just short of the roundabout leading towards Tesco's. He advised that they had carried out a consultation with Cedars Park residents for their preferred options and were looking to include a public house with restaurant, drive thru's, some offices and a large percentage of warehousing and industrial units with a footpath linking the site over the A1120 into Cedars Park. The units would amount to an area of 50,215 square metres and should generate 786 full time equivalent jobs. The height of the buildings on the edge of the development would not exceed 6.5m to the eaves rising to 8m further into the site. A new junction would be made into the site between the A14 and Tesco's roundabouts but later on there would be a main entrance coming off a roundabout in the phase 1 area. He advised that they expected to submit their planning application within the next month. It was queried why Creeting St Peter's residents had not been included alongside Cedars Park resident's consultation and he reported it was because they were the closest. However,

he advised that anyone still had the chance to give their views and the form for doing this is available on their website [www.stowmarketeast.com/](http://www.stowmarketeast.com/). It was also queried why this presentation was being held in Stowupland and not Creeping St Peter and he advised that this was set up by MSDC. Asked how long he thought before building work would commence, he said that he felt that it was likely to start early next year with the industrial buildings being erected around the 2019/2020 timeframe. They would take time as the units will not be prebuilt for customers; instead the customers will require their units to be built to their specific requirements so all will be different sizes and designs.

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

**Allotments** – recommendations were made suggesting that the handyman be asked to trim the weeds off vacant allotments, to look at allowing existing plot holders to take over vacant plots for a limited period and to arrange for the rubbish in an adjoining ditch to be cleared. These were all agreed.

**Cemetery and Churchyard** – the Clerk advised that the overhanging branch from a tree on Village Hall land had been removed. Recommendations from the sub-committee included that a tree survey be carried out in the churchyard; this was rejected as it only involved 2 significant trees. The remaining recommendations that a child's memorial is repaired, that the handyman should quote for sanding and varnishing the cemetery benches, repair the lettering to the war memorial and a further quote sought to clear the area at the end of the concrete path were all agreed.

**Community Events** – it was reported that the March bingo went well and that further bingo evenings were planned for April and May including a children's bingo also in May along with the community quiz and a table top sale.

**Emergency Planning Group** – a meeting is to be arranged between members of the group to take forward plans and to review what is stored in the Village Hall in the case of an emergency and to ensure that the batteries are fully charged.

**Environment** – a report was agreed for works to be carried out on The Green by spring of next year. It was felt that a number of things could be done by the handyman but quotes would be required for larger projects. The owner of The Retreat will be asked to reinstate the posts leading into the car park. Soil will also be put back on the edges of the access to Grays Close and the residents will carry out agreed works to the beginning of the track.

**Finance and Policy** – the recommendations to write an internet banking policy, to provide funds to purchase a gift for Mr Wray for completing the annual audit, to release funds for the grant commitment for the Play Park were all agreed but the deed of grant document was returned to the sub-committee for further amendments.

**Planning** – the proposed planning protocol for Parish Councillors on planning issues was referred back to the sub-committee for further work.

**Play Park** – Cllr Reeves advised that the Co-Op had included the Play Park in their token scheme but she has had no response from either Tesco or Asda as

yet. The grant applications are moving slowly but she now has some posters ready for display on notice boards.

**Transport, Traffic and Safety** – Cllr Reeves reported that she was very disappointed to have received no new volunteers following last month's request for new speedwatch members. As there are currently only 3 members remaining and each speedwatch requires 3 people, this is stretching their resources, so unless other residents are prepared to join the group, then it will have to fold leaving the village open to more speeding motorists.

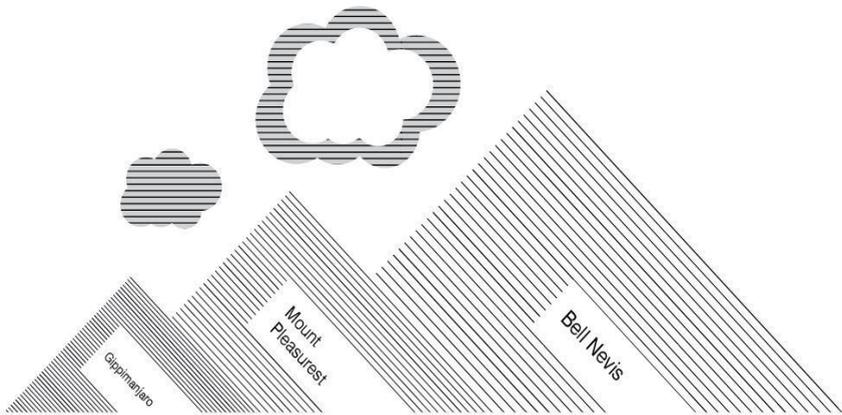
**Councillors Reports:** Cllr Pring voiced concerns about the stump by the pond next to The Retreat, He is also concerned about the reluctance of the residents to engage with events and changes proposed to the village and wondered if there was a communication problem between the Parish Council and the residents. A meeting is to be arranged to look at all aspects of this. Cllr Voden has received a number of complaints from parents about the state of the track to the rear of Trinity Walk as it can become very muddy in wet weather. As the High School would not take up the suggestion from SCC to divert the footpath onto their land there is nothing the Parish Council can do. However, with the new development of housing proposed for the adjoining land, there may be room to discuss the need to develop this footpath further with money provided by this development.

**Chairman's Report:** The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by a resident concerned about a dead elm and overhanging holly tree in the hedgerow bordering the B1115. This is to be referred to the tenant of the field. He had also been advised about damage to the footpath made by an excavator in Thorney Green Road but on inspection he felt that the footpath was still suitable for walkers.

**Clerk's Report:** The Clerk reminded members of the forthcoming Annual Parish meeting on 25th April and hoped that they would all be contributing cakes for the Bake Off.

**Correspondence:** Amongst the correspondence received was a request for a donation for the Stowupland Pre-School; this was referred to Finance and Policy. Correspondence from UK Power Networks asked for permission to cross land to provide a service to the new property in Grays Close; further clarification is to be sought as to whether this is an overhead or underground line as the original letter is not clear. Jo Churchill MP has written to advise on the forthcoming Great Get Together on 17th and 18th June in memory of the late Jo Cox. A resident has voiced concerns about a car that is being used to sleep in at the end of Mill Street and has been seen driving through the village without an MOT. This is a matter for the police and also Environmental Health will be informed about the amount of litter around the car. It was agreed to give permission for members of the URC to park on the Green on 7th May. The request from Orwell Housing to place an advertising banner on The Green opposite the Garage was refused.

The meeting closed to the public at 10.07pm.



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# Countryside Rambler

*Brian Ward*

April and May are exciting months; the woods fill with flowers, trees and shrubs are adorned with blossom and new leaf growth. Early butterflies are on the wing along with queen bees and wasps searching for a suitable nest site. Our summer visitors are arriving from far away. Normally the Chiffchaff is first to be heard and the Blackcap and Willow Warbler stake their territory with vibrant song. Look out for the first Swallows and Martins and the Cuckoo will be calling for a mate, a sure sign of early summer. I visited Minsmere in early April and observed a Dabchick catching Sticklebacks; the Dabchick would beat the Stickleback until it was dead and swallow it head first so no spines would catch on the way down. The Black Tailed Godwits were moulting into their breeding plumage, a rusty brown, and when complete look magnificent. I also spotted a female Black Redstart near the coastguard cottages at Dunwich. The highlight of the day was to photograph an Adder swimming. I have never seen this before and I mentioned it to the staff at reception and they used the photo under recent sightings blog.

I had a wonderful day out with a professional photographer friend recently. We started out before sunrise and as the sun came up we patiently waited for the Waxwings to leave their roost and feed, after a short wait they arrived and started to feed on cotoneaster berries. If you can call a bird handsome, smart and well-dressed, then Waxwings tick all the boxes. Our next stop was Shingle Street to photograph Hares chasing and boxing. The light was good so we managed some decent shots. Next stop was Sizewell to photograph Kittiwake and various Gulls static and in flight. The breeze had picked up so it was a good opportunity to get some photos of gulls in flight. Our next destination was Dunwich to track down Dartford Warblers; at times these birds can be elusive but if you listen for their call note and song and wait they will eventually appear. On our visit we were lucky and photographed several singing males on heather and gorse. It was now late afternoon and we stumbled across a herd of Red Deer and spent the rest of the day photographing them as the sun went down.

The Ospreys have returned to Manton Bay at Rutland and are sitting on eggs as I write. I hope all goes well for them this year; if you get the chance it is worth a visit to see these iconic birds.

I mentioned last month about looking out for frogspawn. Well to my surprise I have some in my garden pond; it seems later than usual but fingers crossed tadpoles will soon be swimming around.



## April Meeting

It was a great pleasure to welcome Liz and Peter Davidson and a number of visitors, some of whom spent their early years in Barnardo's care. Peter's researches began with the school records of Wickham Skeith, where he lives. Of a class of 19, eight children were labelled 'home child' and Peter was aware that there were still people in the village with a Barnardo's background.

Thomas Barnardo was born in Dublin and started medical studies, with the hope of becoming a missionary to China. He did not complete them or achieve that ambition, but adopted the title 'Doctor'. Teaching at a 'ragged school' in London's East End opened his eyes to the appalling conditions there and to the number of children who were homeless. After public appeals he was able to set up a home for boys in Stepney. He publicised his work and opened more homes but it became clear that he could not afford to continue to do so and he began to think of fostering children in rural communities.

Families were paid five shillings per week for each child fostered and the children were to be cared for as part of the family. Between 1890 and 1930, groups of children were sent from their foster homes to Canada. They did not all fare well. The girls were trained for domestic work, while the boys were often sent to isolated farms and treated as slave labour. 10% of Canadians are descended from these children.

Most of those who came into Barnardo's care did so because their mothers had died in childbirth. Risks associated with that declined steeply after about 1930 and the 1948 Children Act made it the duty of local authorities to care for any child without parental support. However Barnardo's today continues to help vulnerable children in many ways.

## Visits to Older Properties

Do you live in one of the many older properties in the village? If so, might it be possible for a small group of our members to visit and look at the architecture? We understand that this is asking a big favour. Past visits have been very successful, however, and we have sometimes been able to add to an owner's knowledge of the history of their property. If you feel you might be able to help, please contact Marion.

## July Evening Stroll

Are you interested in local history but unable to attend our meetings? Meet outside The Retreat at 6.30pm on 9th July for a summer evening stroll around The Green. We look forward to sharing something of what we have learnt and to hearing from those with memories of the village in the past. Donations will be invited but there will be no charge.

## Talking Point

Looking back over maps of our area reveals many more footpaths in the past: not surprisingly, as they were useful short cuts when people relied on their feet to get about. Roads have become more important in recent times; but part of one lane vanished long ago! Joseph Hodskinson's map of 1783 shows the northern section of Stonebridge Lane, after the bridge, continuing straight ahead to Old Newton Church, the route to Gipping being a sharp right turn just after the bridge. On the early 19th century one-inch map, the beginning and end of the section to Old Newton are shown and on the late 19th century six-inch map there is no sign of it at all, just the familiar right turn to Gipping. Perhaps this is because Old Newton was growing further west and so the old route was not needed. We hope to find out!

For our next 'Talking Point', how many great great great grandparents do we each have?

## Membership

Thanks go to all those past members who have already re-joined and a warm welcome to new members. The membership 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.

Please note that you can join the Group at any time during the year, paying a pro rata fee. Forms are available at our meetings and from Christine Williams, tel. 01449 771430.

## Programme

3rd May *Whistlecraft* by Pip Wright

Pip Wright returns to tell us about the Whistlecraft family of Rickingham, the local equivalent of Emmerdale's Dingles! Joe Whistlecraft was a notorious poacher. Pip has recently brought out a book on the family and will have copies of this and his other books for sale on the night.

7th June *Five Generations in Stowupland* by Kim Jennings

When Kim Jennings, an historian and former genealogist, moved to Stowupland in 2014, she knew that her mother had grown up on The Green but wasn't aware of the other ancestors who had also made the village their home. Over the last two years Kim has been researching her family in Stowupland. She will share her findings, be keen to hear any memories of her family or of life in the village over the last century and to hear from others engaged in family history research.

A very short AGM, starting at 7.30pm, will precede the talk.

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.



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Indeed, of all the thousands of happy memories of this place which I will take with me, the happiest are of those who have found faith, or found a deeper faith, during my time here – it's what gladdens the heart of any vicar, and is ultimately why we do what we do. In fact, my parting shot (alongside huge thanks for the kindness and friendship of the past eight years) is to say that I pray that many more of the fine people of these wonderful parishes will find that same faith in Christ: even if it's long after I've gone!

*Your friend David*

### **CHURCH SERVICES in MAY**

7th May	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	1st@4 Service - <i>church with a difference!</i>
14th May	9.30am	Morning Worship & <i>*Trinity Starz*</i>
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
15th May (Mon)	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View - <i>All Welcome!</i>
21st May	8.00am	Holy Communion ((BCP)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
25th May (Thu)	7.00pm	Benefice Ascension Day Communion at Wetherden
28th May	9.30am	All-Age Family Service
	6.30pm	Parish Communion
		<i>(BCP Book of Common Prayer)</i>

### **A PRAYER:**

O God, help me this day to use the brains you have given me without pride, the hands you have given me without sloth, and the tongue you have given me without malice; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

### **FAMILIES!**

Please come along to the '**1st @ 4' SERVICE** on Sunday, 7th May at 4.00pm and enjoy this popular '**Church With A Difference**' (with some snacks afterwards)!

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### **BEETLE DRIVES:**

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### **THANK YOU !**

The 2017 Lent Lunches have raised the sum of £345.45 for the **Diocese Kagera Appeal**. Grateful thanks to those who provided the excellent lunches and to everyone that came and supported them.

### **WEEKLY COFFEE CHURCH:**

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Wed	3	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	3	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	3	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	3	Local History Group - 'Whistlecraft' by Pip Wright	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	4	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	5	Chocolate Bingo	4.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	8	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	8	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	9	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	10	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	10	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	11	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	11	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – June issue		
Sun	14	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	15	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	15	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	16	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	17	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	17	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	17	W.I. – "Hatch, Match and Dispatch, Turkish Style"	7.30pm	Village Hall
Wed	17	P.C Transport, Traffic & Safety	7.30pm	URC Church Hall
Thurs	18	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	19	Community Quiz	Doors open 7.00pm	Village Hall
Mon	22	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	23	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	23	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	23	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	23	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	24	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	24	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	25	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.00pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	25	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	26	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall
Fri	26	Community Bingo (18+) Doors open	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sat	27	Table Top Sale Doors open for buyers	10.00am	Village Hall
Sun	28	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall

Tues	30	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	31	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church

## June Dates

Thurs	1	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	3	P.C Churchyard and Cemetery	10.00am	Holy Trinity Churchyard
Mon	5	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	6	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	6	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	7	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	7	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	7	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	7	Local History Group	7.30pm	Village Hall

- 'Five Generations in Stowupland' by Kim Jennings

## Future Events in 2017

17 June	Community Litter Pick
25 June	Three Peaks Challenge
25 June	Open Gardens
9 July	Local History Group Walk
10 Sept	Walker Cup
13 Sept	'Harbour Lights' traditional songs and music

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

## STOWUPLAND SPEEDWATCH

Your help is desperately needed. There is increasingly more traffic through our village and not all travelling within the speed limit. If you are concerned about the speed of vehicles through our village would you spare a couple of hours a month to help slow that speed. Recently some of our Speedwatch team moved away and it has left us desperately short of people to man the speedgun. We need to operate with a team of three at any one time. You would be fully trained and provided with the appropriate safety equipment. Young or old, anyone over the age of 18 yrs can apply. Weekdays or weekends, whatever you can manage it would be much appreciated. If we cannot get more volunteers then Stowupland Speedwatch may cease.

**To date I have received no offers of help. If no-one comes forward the scheme will have to cease through lack of support.**

Please contact Sally Reeves on 01449745739 or [sallyreeves195@btinternet.com](mailto:sallyreeves195@btinternet.com)

# 2016 Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with 2016 Poppy Appeal collections and to all of those who generously made donations. The total amount collected in Stowupland was £1,483.14. Your contribution helps The Royal British Legion to continue with their vital welfare and benevolent work.

We are still short of volunteers to help with the house to house collections. If you feel you would be able to spare a little of your time with the 2017 Poppy Appeal, please give me a call on 01449 612156.

Thank you once again

Hugh Blanch

## Stowupland Sports Centre

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So if you would like to be part of this growing centre why not pop in and see us or alternatively contact reception for further details:

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**Our next coffee morning is on Friday 26th May 10 to 12noon.** Come and see us at the URC Chapel and enjoy a coffee, cake and a chat. Everyone is welcome at this friendly event.

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

### **Our speakers for May are as follows:**

07th May	Andrew High
14th May	Stephen Horrex
21st May	Revd Chris Wood
28th May	Mary Durrant

### **Afternoon Fellowship**

The meetings in April were very enjoyable, especially the Primary School children who came to entertain us.

The meetings for May are as follows:

08th May	Alison Fenning
15th May	Revd Chris Wood.

The 15th May is our last meeting before the summer break. We recommence on 02nd October.

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

*Mary Clark*

## Minister's Message

### **Love the Lord Your God**

We were in a supermarket queue when I noticed that the lady in front was wearing a UEA sweat shirt with 'Physiotherapist' blazoned across the back. I couldn't resist catching her attention, and suggesting that, while we were waiting, she might care to have a look at my back as I was feeling a slight twinge. She looked at the large items that I was carrying, and suggested that, putting them down might just do the trick! (Don't you just love conversations like this?!).

When she got to the front of the queue, the cashier asked her to bear with her for a moment, as she stood up and did some gentle exercises to ease her tightening back, to which the Physiotherapist, much to our amusement said: 'Don't you start as well!'. What she hadn't taken into consideration was that her occupation was written across her back, not her front, and it was a pure coincidence that the cashier was easing her back pain in that moment! She laughed with us when we explained.

But then it got me thinking (always a worrying sign) – how do people spot a Christian when they're out and about? Now I know that some wear clerical collars, t-shirts or sweat shirts; others might have a Christian symbol around their neck or on their clothing; some drivers have a fish sign at the back of the car – although judging by the driving of some I just hope that the car belonged to a previous owner  
.....

The Apostle Paul puts it quite bluntly: it's our behaviour towards others that demonstrates where our allegiance lies. In his Letter to the Galatians he writes that anyone who behaves in an appalling manner (offering examples of indecency, debauchery; idolatry; quarrels; a contentious temper, envy; selfish ambitions; jealousies and the like) are not reflecting the values of the Kingdom of God. He then goes on to highlight those things that reflect the nature of God, which he refers to 'the gifts of the Spirit'. These are: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness, and self-control. Concluding that 'those who belong to Christ Jesus have done away with their old nature and desires (as in the first list) and must let the Spirit direct the whole of our lives (as demonstrated in the latter list - refer Galatians 5: 18ff)

That's a tall order I know – and one that I'm sure we all wrestle with each and every day, but there's no point saying we belong to Christ if others can't see the difference that He makes in our daily living. Faith is not something that we express on a Sunday in worship, but must be evident in everything that we say, think and do. James in his Letter touches on this subject when he writes: 'What good is it, my friends, for someone to say they have faith when their actions do nothing to show it – let us prove our faith by our actions!' (James 2: 14ff),

I was reminded recently that on the homes of Jewish families, there is something called the Mezuzah, which is a box that is placed on the door frame of their homes, and contains the words of the Book of Deuteronomy: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord our one God; and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength'. The command of the Lord was for them to have the words on their doors and gates, as a constant reminder, as they went out and came in, that they were in a covenant relationship with God, which should by its very nature effect their behaviour, and determine who and what they are at all times (faith revealed in action).

I believe that this is something that people of all faiths should adopt – the placing of a sign on the doorposts of homes; places of worship - wherever – as a constant reminder of our responsibility each day, not only to worship God with heart and mind and soul, but, just as importantly, to demonstrate that love through our relationship with others. Maybe it can also be extended to every street corner to prevent some of the awful atrocities that are seen through a misguided understanding of what God requires of his faithful people, for His sole purpose for all humankind is one of goodness, peace, restoration and reconciliation.

As Jesus Himself emphasised: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. And love your neighbour as yourself' (ref Matthew 22: 36ff).

God Bless

**Chris**

*(Rev'd Chris Wood – minister of Stowmarket, Stowupland  
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The new fence at the back of the club house is very good, our thanks to Sally Reeves and the locality budget grant from the County Councillor. The work by LE Fencing is excellent.

Throughout the season it is important that all club members help with the running of the club; the few need your support. Best wishes for good bowling and, above all, enjoy yourselves.

John Mollett



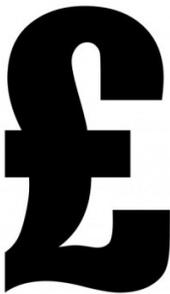
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## STOWUPLAND PLAY PARK REFURBISHMENT.

Many of you may be thinking this project has gone away as it seems to have been going on for ages but fear not we are on the home stretch. Before I go any further I must say a huge thank you to Anna Wells and her team who did the initial consultations with various groups within the village and sourced companies to provide the equipment. When applying for grants you have to prove you have asked people's opinion and that the final design matches what people want. Anna's team did a great job so thank you again and also thanks to all those of you who filled in the questionnaires.

The design of the play park has been finalised and the equipment selected. Only four pieces of the existing equipment will remain; all others are being replaced as they are getting tired and badly worn. The new equipment and new fencing will be in primary colours and should look bright and vibrant. In selecting the new equipment the aim has been to cater for the very young as well as the 8-13yrs age group. In fact an age range of children were taken around recently refurbished play parks in Suffolk to road test the equipment and score it so we are as sure as can be that we get the most fun for all. There will be picnic benches, made of a plastic material so even after rain a quick wipe and they will be dry. The basketball court is being refurbished as well; which is why you will have seen that the court is now locked to keep vehicles out. This is a play space and children need to be safe to play.

As with everything, the project needs money in the form of grants and that is where the project is at the moment. The cost of the refurbishment is in the region of £80,000 including VAT and at the moment the project has been promised £20,000. Applications have been submitted to the three big grant providers and it looks promising to get the amount of money we need. On that note those of you who shop in the Co-Op at either Combs Ford or Haughley will have seen that Stowupland Play Park is one of the participants in their token scheme. If you or a member of your family, a friend, or work colleague, shop there please vote with your token for the Play Park. The more tokens, the greater share of the fund the Play Park will get.

The aim is to know what funding we have by the end of June and start work by September. That is the aim, so fingers crossed.

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Sally Reeves

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# What's been happening at Stowupland High School

*(taken from Headteacher's Blog – March 2017)*

The early part of the month saw more sporting success as the Year 7 boys won the Area Rugby Tournament beating St Benedict's, and Horringer in the group stages and Thurston Community College in the final. The team now moves onto the County Finals where Stowupland will meet the best teams from Suffolk.

On Tuesday 28th February, we held the second "Aspire" session and this time learners from our family of schools were enjoying taster sessions in Dance and Philosophy. We received excellent reports of the standard of work being produced and on Wednesday 1st March we had confirmation that 220 students will be joining Year 7 in September, 2017. A very warm welcome to all those who have gained places at Stowupland and we look forward to meeting you all soon.

Students from Stowmarket, Hadleigh and Horringer Court Middle school joined us for the Science Faraday Challenge. The teams were presented with a range of engineering problems and asked to write code for a micro:bit which would overcome them successfully. Students were extremely focused throughout the day with comments such as:

"... I think it's quite cool how we did something that was linked to a real problem that a real company has" and "After today, I learnt what engineers do and how to code a micro:bit."

Whilst younger students were exploring Physics, the whole of Year 11 were in the Drama Studio participating in a "Walking, Talking Mock" for Mathematics. In preparation for the examinations taking place later in March, staff were modelling the thinking skills required for various questions in mathematics. The guidance provided by staff was gradually reduced so that, after several examples, students were able to tackle the questions unaided.

Meanwhile, nearly two hundred miles away, our Year 12 students spent the day at the NEC in Birmingham attending the national careers and higher education show. Leading employers and universities from around the country and across all sectors were on hand to provide information and advice on recruitment, applications and apprenticeship opportunities. Students were also able to take part in workshops including Skills for Business, CV Clinic and Using Social Media to Improve Employability and Applications to Oxbridge and US universities.

Although Stowupland has academy status, we remain closely involved with many initiatives linked to the Local Authority and, on Thursday 9th March, our musicians helped to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Schools' Music at Snape Maltings.

As the only secondary school performing during the evening, it was wonderful for the primary schools present to be able to hear what years of practice could achieve (there were audible gasps when the brass ensemble began their performance); equally, though, our students have an amazing opportunity to perform at a world-class venue, with full technical support.

This year, the brass group played Sonata in A (Opus 7, no. 4 – de Boismortier) and there was also a complex vocal arrangement of “Scarborough Fayre”. The Stowupland musicians were consummate professionals throughout the day and evening and were an absolute credit to the school.

Performance has continued to be a theme with 46 students attending the Excel Exhibition on Friday 10th March to take part in the “MOVE IT” dance convention. The day presented the opportunity to take part in classes (Stowupland choices included: “Aladdin the Musical”, “Musical Theatre” and “Diva Class”) as well as to hone acting and vocal skills.

Congratulations to the cast of “We Will Rock You” – fabulous performances were given over three nights (21st-23rd March) and students received much acclaim. Not satisfied with putting on the performances, students baked a stunning selection of cakes, brownies, buns and flapjacks raising a worthy £80.00 towards the costs of the school production.



And finally, there was a lighter moment on Friday 24th March as Stowupland went mad for Comic Relief! Students carried out a variety of fund-raising activities and the theme for the non-uniform day was: “Around the World”; a magnificent £1,459.93 was raised on the day.

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## Stowupland W.I. report

My apologies to all for putting last month's report as the March meeting where it should have been February. Here is the report for March - as usual, the meeting opened with President Colleen welcoming members along with visitors, Wendy and Sally. The singing of "Jerusalem" was followed by the February meeting record, agreed and signed. Correspondence was next and included an invitation from Stowmarket W.I. for 2 of our members to join them at their April meeting for "Punch & Judy". Alison had tickets for the April spring Group meeting at Creeping St. Mary, when Mark Mitchels will talk on the history of the lost city of Dunwich. Gift Aid forms were available to anyone who wanted one. Colleen will be attending a meeting of members from the other W.I.s in our Group to get ideas regarding speakers - both the good and those to be avoided!

With the "fish & chip" baby garments no longer needed, Marian spoke of an organization called "Knit for peace" which can provide other patterns. Stacey also has a pattern for an octopus, a small toy suitable for very young babies. Celia gave a resume of the Federation annual meeting held at Trinity Park in early April. By this time, we would have anticipated the arrival of the "Zoolab" creatures, but, sadly, this didn't happen. Colleen undertook to contact them the next day to find out why. Fortunately, this is a very rare occurrence. However, this did give us more time than usual to socialize (otherwise known as chatting).

Birthday posies were distributed, the raffle drawn and the results of the competitions announced. Exotic animals - 1st. Glenda, 2nd. Mary C., 3rd. Mary M. Flower - 1st. Mary C., 2nd. Brenda, 3rd. Claire.

In April we celebrate our 78th birthday and Judy will bring the 75 year certificates presented by Suffolk East Federation & the National, for newer members to see.

### **Outings**

#### **Southwold theatre**

Saturday, July 8th. Alan Ayckbourn's comedy

"Communicating Doors" tickets £13 Deadline end of May.

Saturday, August 5th. Ray & Michael Cooney's farce "Tom, Dick & Harry" tickets £13 & £11. Deadline end of June.

For each trip 5.00 p.m. performance. Coach fare max. £9, leave Stowupland 11.00 a.m.

Ely Cathedral Christmas Gift & food Fair - Saturday, November 18th. 1.00 - 4.30 p.m. Apparently, this is a very popular event - hence the early notice, as pre-booked tickets (£4 each) are advisable.

Coach fare max. £8.50, leaving the village at 10.30 a.m. which allows time in Ely to eat prior to going to the Fair.

For all the above, please contact Judy Clarke (01449 615386) for further details and to book seats.

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**Stowupland  
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**Friday, 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

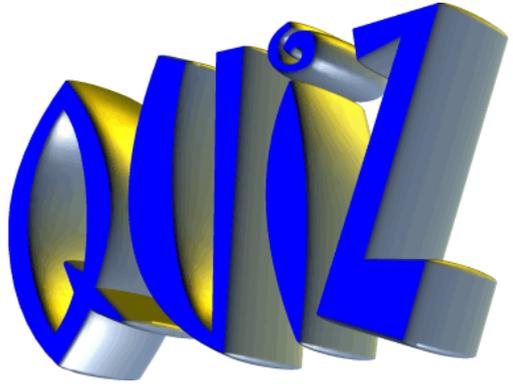
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