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Hello and welcome to September's edition of Telstar. In this month's Telstar we are catching up with village news after taking a summer break and looking ahead to what is to come. There is a report from the Parish Council covering July and August and Chairman Sally Reeves updates us on the situation with the buses and the Parish Council's concern over safety issues with parking in the village and crossing the A1120 to get to the new Co Op. The Bowls Club and Cricket Club tell us how they are getting on and there is news of a new friendship club for the over 60's beginning in the village, look out for details in the magazine. The Walkers Cup is our next big event; details are to be found on the back page of the magazine.

On the front cover is a photo of the new bridge between The Green and the Primary School. The photo is courtesy of Sally Reeves.

Thank you from Irene Dickinson.

I would like to thank everyone in Stowupland for their condolences and best wishes after the passing of my husband Tim.

With best regards,
Irene Dickinson

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

JULY/AUGUST 2019



A quiet July meeting opened with 3 members of the public and MSDC District Councillor Rachel Eburne with 2 Parish Councillors absent. At the August meeting there were 4 members of the public present and all the Parish Councillors were present.

Council Report:

The District Councillor report can be found elsewhere in Telstar. Councillor Eburne advised that the draft local plan is due to go out for a 10-week public consultation starting on 22nd July. The bids for applications from the locality budget will be looked at in October. Cllr Green sent in a short report in his absence but it was felt that a further meeting was required in relation to the buses particularly as SCC were aware of this in February. He did not attend, nor submit a report for the August meeting.

Matters of Report: In the view of Defra it appears lawful to exercise dogs and horses on a Village Green. Work on relaying the sandbags have been agreed by SCC. MSDC are to arrange training sessions in the autumn on recognising 'county lines.' Work has been agreed with the Village Hall Committee to cut back the trees by the footbridge beside the Church. SCC has advised that it is up to the owners of the land if they wish to divert footpath 17a away from their private garden. SCC Highways are to check on traffic levels and safety by the Co-Op service station. A request has been made by SCC as part of the planning application for the new sixth form block at the High School to upgrade the footpath across The Green to a cycle path but the Rights of Way Officer has been advised that this is PC land. It has been confirmed that the correct insurances are in place for the cutting of the half a mow. Another letter is to be sent to SCC Road Safety Officer requesting further monitoring of the behaviour of students and parents in September and to report his findings back to the PC. Work has been completed on the footbridge behind the church as has work in the basketball area, climbing frame, top soiling the sunken graves and the erection of the new noticeboards. SCC has advised that it is the landowner's responsibility to maintain the stile and cut back the brambles on footpath 26. The vegetation on the footpaths at Thorney Road and Gipping Road has been cut back. The owner of Elm House

has confirmed that it was not their contractors that caused the damage but they did clear the debris from the road. The trees overhanging the footpath adjacent to the B1115 should be cut back within the next 4 months and the resident has agreed to cut back their laurels etc on the same stretch. The no cycling signs on footpath 46 needs replacing but it is suggested that this is done in conjunction with those needed when the Trinity Meadows work is completed. The overgrown verges in Mill Street have been completed and the fly tipping in the same street has also been cleared.

Public Forum:

In July a resident voiced their concerns on behalf of elderly neighbours regarding the axing of the buses in Stowupland stating that even the current service is not suitable for infirm or people with buggies. These concerns were discussed at a special meeting on 25 July and comments sent to SCC. Another resident stated the problem with a tree where the branches are so low it is difficult to avoid them and also the uneven surface caused by the rabbits on The Green. The rabbits are also grazing and destroying floral tributes laid in the cemetery. The final resident raised a number of issues including the Broomspath Road sign still being down, a lump in the surface of a path, potholes on Maple Road/Hornbeam Road junction, shrubbery overhanging the path between Maple Road and The Green and also the poor cutting back by SCC of the weeds over the Thorney Green Road path where there are stretches where only 1 person can walk. He also stated that he was not happy with the times the Police used their speed traps but this is a matter for the Police.

In August further concerns were raised about the speed of the traffic entering the village on the A1120 as elderly and infirm residents are still risking their lives crossing from The Green to the Co-Op to the extent that they are reluctant to use the shop. SCC is reviewing the safety issues at this point.

School Planning Application:

It was agreed to object to the development of the Sixth Form on a number of grounds including the impact on the Green, the increased traffic, lack of clarification on the community use, loss of trees, lack of parking for sixth formers and access off the A1120. The District Councillor is to speak to the MSDC Planning Officer over their handling of this application and lack of consultation with himself and Cllr Eburne before making their comments to SCC.

There is also concern about whether the MSDC arboriculturalist was consulted about the proposed felling of the trees to make way for the development.

SCC Green Access Strategy:

Cllr Studd has already replied to this in a private capacity and it was suggested that other Parish Councillors should do the same.

PIIP Changes:

It was agreed that invoices should be made available before any PIIP payments are made.

Village Notice Boards:

It was agreed in July that these would be placed at Dents Corner, Willow Wood and Maple Road and the work has now been carried out.

SCC Self Help Scheme:

This proposal was badly received by SALC and as the Parish Council already undertake an active role in the community, it was agreed to not enter this scheme at the present moment and to re-evaluate the situation in a year's time once 'teething' problems have been ironed out.

Footpath Project:

It was agreed to support an application for CIL funds to finance a further footpath across the Green to prevent pedestrians from having to walk on the road to access the Co-Op store.

Most Active Village:

As only 1 enquiry followed the article in Telstar relating to Stowupland entering the most active village it was agreed that there was insufficient interest by the public and not enough Councillors to take this forward.

Bench on Half a Mow:

It was agreed that the old bench should be removed and the debris from the siting of the new bench still needs to be cleared away.

SOAP Club:

It was felt that it might be useful to have a taster meeting to gauge interest in a more intimate venue and to this end the Sports and Social Club have agreed to provide their premises for this first meeting. A budget was agreed and Telstar will be used to publicise the event.

Trim Trail:

The proposed route for the trim trail was agreed on a majority vote with the footpath links to be dealt with in conjunction with planned footpath improvements.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Allotments – It was agreed that letters would be sent to tenants of 3 plots advising that they need to clean them up and cultivate. Cllr Voden apologised for the change of date for the last allotment inspection.

Cemetery and Churchyard – A quote was agreed to refurbish the cemetery building. Money received from the sale of the old grave markers will be added to the cemetery reserve. A quote will be sought to erect a post and rail fence instead of extending the hedge line along the cemetery boundary. It was also agreed to seek quotes for work to be carried out on the lime trees and the oak.

Finance and Policy – It was agreed to open a new saver account, that the security incident response policy is adopted and that the current year's grant to Telstar should not be reduced despite a reduction in the number of issues.

Footpaths – It was agreed that, rather than hold meetings to discuss concerns, volunteers should report any problems with footpaths promptly to Cllr Murton so that she can place them on the SCC portal in a timely manner.

Play Park – It was agreed that a new gate should be installed on the High School sports field boundary.

Councillors' Reports:

In July Cllr Studd reported the poor workmanship by SCC on clearing round the obstacles on the Thorney Green Road footpath. He also reported that the path running behind the hedge alongside Gipping Road on the Bloor Homes site is impassable for wheelchairs, buggies etc. He also reported that a lorry visiting Elm Farm had taken down some branches which he thanked Mr Brown for removing but that the house owners needed to be made aware of their obligations in this situation. He also enquired as to how the welcome packs are coming along. In August he reported that residents had complained to him about the thistle seeds coming off the uncultivated fields earmarked for development.

In July Cllr Deal reported some trees with low hanging branches that need to be cut back. In August he said that he was pleased to see that the give way markings has been reinstated at Dents Corner

and he suggested that it would be nice if an area could be set aside for children to build dens with sticks on the half a mow and he will research this proposal.

In July Cllr Murton advised that many children do not understand the meaning of the no cycling signs on footpath 32 and require written instruction also. She also stated that when replacing dog poo bags by the Bloor site she saw that there was dog poo left on the ground by the bin; a further reminder to dog owners needs to be placed in Telstar. She also reported that she is still working on helping older people in the village and now has Barclays on board with their technical advice but she needs people to help support her with the events.

In July Cllr Voden advised that the verges in Mill Street need to be cut back and that a motorcycle has been dumped at the bottom of the street. In August he thanked the Clerk for pursuing the cutting of the verges in Mill Street.

In August Cllr Welham asked if there was a community noticeboard policy in place and was assured that there was. He also advised that a volunteer will be required to fill the beacon with wood for the 11th November lighting.

Correspondence:

July correspondence included a letter received from Bathurst Partners about development potential of The Green. It was agreed not to enter the SALC Suffolk Community Awards and not to make any comment on the Ipswich Northern Bypass consultation which is open until 13th September; it was felt that this would be better done by individuals. Permission is to be given to the URC to park on The Green, weather permitting, for an upcoming event.

In August permission was agreed for parking on the Green for Cedars Church to hold a picnic. A resident enquiring about the ownership of land will be asked to consult their deeds as it was not owned by the Parish Council. It was agreed that the bollards stored in the cemetery building can be used to replace those damaged at the Village Hall. Gislingham PC will be advised that Stowupland PC do not contribute towards bus provision. It was agreed that a request from an allotment holder to keep bees should be refused.

Sandy Smith.

Response to the consultation on Stowupland bus service.

Route 387 and 456

Whilst we accept the need for budgetary constraints it appears that the decision to cut the village service has been made without any prior reference to the residents. A desktop exercise does not take account of current local need or any future planning for the village. We are told the decision was made in February but the first that residents or the Parish Council knew of it was a press report in June. Despite the opportunity to comment during July this is not a proper consultation but a search for a resolution to a decision already made.

The bus service in Stowupland has declined over the years to the current point where many residents are unable to use the service as opposed to don't want to. The village is served by a mini-bus that many residents are unable to use due to the steps to board. Users are also restricted because the bus company only allow 1 or 2 shopping trolleys or buggies on the bus at one time. So first come first served does not allow people to plan. Residents report that the early bus that people would use for work is full by the time it reaches Stowupland so they gave up using the bus. They also report that often those waiting at Dents Corner, the last stop in the village before Stowmarket, are left standing because the bus is full. The way the ticket numbers have been calculated is not robust as no tickets are issued. With no tickets issued and no proof of bus pass required some people could be getting a free ride rather than paying full fare. Without insisting on bus passes being shown and tickets issued to all passengers, whether or not they are paying the full fare, there is no complete picture of current use. It is also possible that the company is losing income and Suffolk County Council may be paying for passengers who should be paying the full fare. One of the complaints also was about easy access to bus timetables that were up to date other than by the web site. It seems Stowupland has been the victim of managed decline of its bus service.

Cancelling our only bus route would lead to social isolation for many elderly residents and young mums or dads. One of the financial problems we are told is that though the bus may be full it's the balance between bus pass users and fare paying users that is the problem. Whatever the problem cancelling our only bus service hardly fits with Suffolk County Councils green credentials.

It is our contention that a bus that comes up into the village from Stowmarket at appropriate times would be well used. Especially if it was a bus with drop down entry that allowed easy access for passengers. It should not be too difficult to extend a few of the town bus services a day and link it to a current commercially viable route. Any bus service to Stowupland or linking other villages to Stowmarket via Stowupland should be a drop down to kerb level service to offer access to all. This service could attract more users. Some residents, who are currently bus pass users, suggest they would be willing to pay up to £2 for a return journey for a regular bus service that was single decker with drop down access.

Stowupland is a growing village, indeed designated a core service village, with several large developments either currently being built or planned over the next few years. Our population demographic is mixed with currently a higher than average elderly population. Residents need access to Stowmarket for health services as well as adding to the economics of the town.

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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Although it feels ages since I wrote my last column it has been a very busy time for your Parish Council. Elsewhere in the Telstar you will see an open letter that I wrote and posted on the notice boards about traffic and safety crossing to the new Co Op store. Many of you have contacted us about these problems and I felt, in the absence of an August Telstar, that you needed to know what the Parish Council is doing about it.

You will also see the response the Parish Council has made to the notification from Suffolk County Council that the bus service from Stowupland to Stowmarket was to be cancelled in October. Although a decision was made at a Suffolk County Council Cabinet meeting in February of this year, the first that the Parish Council heard was via a news report in late June. A residents' meeting was hastily arranged by notices at bus stops and notice boards. Suffolk County Councillor Gary Green attended to hear first-hand the complaints and problems and look for resolutions. As I write we all await the outcome of the consultation.

I hope by now you have seen the new notice boards around the village. They are much more visible than the old ones and the object will be to keep you all updated about Parish Council activities. We have plans for another one on Trinity Meadows and it would be nice to be able to find a location for one in or near Saxham Street.

Those of you who are regular walkers around the village will by now have noticed the smart new bridge from the Village Hall field to the Primary School footpath. After much debate about ownership of the bridge and the potential for risk of closure the Parish Council seized the initiative and has taken ownership of the bridge. It is a vital link in the village and used by many especially during term time. It has been completely replaced and should now serve the village safely for many years to come.

The Parish Council, along with District Councillor Welham, are opposing the plans for an increase in the numbers of dwellings at phase 2 of the Bloor Development of Trinity Meadows. The new plan is for an increase of 19 in the number of dwellings. By the time you read this it is expected that Mid Suffolk District Council will have come to a decision on it. Over the next month the Parish Council will be putting together a response to the Joint Local Plan. Our Neighbourhood Plan has recently been accepted by Mid Suffolk District Council so it will be interesting to see if it has been considered within the Joint Local Plan.

Still on planning is the consideration of a new 6th form block at the High School. The Parish Council continue to be very concerned about the traffic and parking in the village now and look to any plans to help resolve these issues.

As you can see there has been and is a lot happening and with a Parish Council of only 7 it is very hectic, so I say yet again...come and join us. Give us just a few hours a month and be part of shaping your village.

Sally Reeves

DEAR RESIDENT

The Parish Council is receiving emails raising concerns about the safety of people crossing the A1120 to the Co Op and the suitability of the footpath access to the Co Op so in the absence of a Telstar magazine for August I thought it important to let you know what your Parish Council is doing in this regard.

When the plans for this new store were out for consultation the Parish Council were very concerned about safety, for young and old alike, and for that reason it objected to the plan. Although it was felt the new store would be an asset to the village, our concerns for safety in crossing the A1120 put the Parish Council in the position that on the basis of safety it had to object. At that time Suffolk County Council felt there was no issue with safety. Now that the store has been open for a while the Parish Council has written to Suffolk County Council to ask them to look again and report back. Suffolk County Council has been informed that their response will appear in the Telstar magazine to inform all residents of their findings.

The Parish Council has also written to Suffolk County Highways to request a traffic census on the A1120/B1115 junction area as the Parish Council's own traffic counts indicate an increase of 40% in through traffic since 2018. The Parish Council feels that this exceeds the estimated growth assumed by Suffolk County Highways when considering the planning application for the Bloor development at Trinity Meadows.

Footpaths around the village are also part of our plans for the village. The footpaths across and around the greens provide vital links to various parts of the village. The Parish Council aims to use some of the Community Infrastructure Fund for the village to enhance the existing footpaths across The Green and create a new footpath on The Green from Footpath 32 (leads from Hornbeam Rd to The Green) up to the A1120. School parking along The Green means that it is dangerous for residents to try to walk on the road to access the Co Op. Whilst, try as we may, there seems little we can do about school parking at the moment at least we can provide a dry, safe pathway. Hopefully the plans at the High School for a new 6th form block and parking will relieve the all- day parking along The Green.

I hope you will see from this that the Parish Council is being proactive in trying to find resolutions to the issues but we would welcome any help from residents. There are, after all, still 4 vacancies on the Parish Council.

Sally Reeves

Chairman Stowupland Parish Council

COUNTRYSIDE RAMBLER

BRIAN WARD

It's good to be back, with pen in hand and loads of things to tell you. I will start with the weather: heat waves, thunderstorms, balmy nights, we have had it all over the last couple of months. Personally, I love hot weather but even some days I would seek shade. Wildlife will do the same; Deer in particular are shade lovers in hot weather.

I hope you have all been enjoying the summer. I expect the tennis was enjoyed by many; cricket is very popular whether you are a spectator or player. The beaches along our coastline were very busy during the hot spells and the ice cream vendors did a roaring trade YUM!!! My favourite is rum and raisin; what's yours? I always think of my childhood during the summer months. I remember in my youth the summer holidays went on forever, it was so carefree back then. We entertained ourselves with bike rides; we would take a pack up, a bottle of pop, and return home at teatime. Yes, we would get up to mischief scrumping fruit, but to us it was a challenge not to get caught and if we did a clip round the ear was fair warning.

Over the past few weeks I have rambled close to home, seeking out wildlife in general. During the summer I mainly focus on photographing insects, not only Butterflies and Dragonflies but any creepy crawly I encounter. I ventured a little further afield a few weeks ago with a group of good walking friends; we do this on an annual basis to varying parts of the country within 3 hours drive approx. from home. This year it was the South Downs, we walked most days through countryside which was a delight; most of the area was lightly farmed with plenty of wild meadows and established hedgerows. Due to the chalky nature of the area and no intensive agriculture, the wildflower meadows were awash with butterflies. I have never seen such numbers and variety. We encountered most of the common meadow species but also saw Purple Emperor, Hairstreaks, Fritillaries and the daintily marked Marble White. One of our walks was through the Knepp estate in Sussex. This large estate has conservation in the forefront of its agenda with guided Butterfly tours. At present they are attempting to re-introduce White Storks to the U.K in collaboration with other various conservation groups. I wish them all the best as these birds are magnificent to see and reputedly last bred in the U.K during the 15th century.



*A Marble White Butterfly,
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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

Draft Joint Local Plan

The Draft Joint Local Plan is out for public consultation from 22nd July until 30th September. Some public consultation events have been arranged, including one in Stowupland Village Hall on Tuesday 27 August from 2pm to 5pm. Other events may be organised and details will be posted on the MSDC website, where you can make your response to the consultation.

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/new-joint-local-plan/joint-local-plan-preferred-options-july-2019/>

Five Year Land Supply: annual position statement

A four-week consultation period for the annual position statement on the 5-year housing land supply runs from 19th July to 16th August. The statement claims that MSDC has a 5.6-year land supply.

Climate Emergency and Biodiversity motions at Council meeting.

At the July Council meeting MSDC acknowledged a 'Climate emergency' and agreed to set up a cross party task panel to explore ways to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. The Green group also proposed a biodiversity motion which had cross party support and was agreed unanimously. The task panel will also explore ways to promote biodiversity.

CIFCO annual statement and 2019/20 business plan

The Council noted the annual report from CIFCO which stated a £3.1M loss, which includes the one-off costs of acquiring the assets and an adjustment in valuation following the year-end revaluation. 6 properties have been purchased during this year and Mid Suffolk District Council has received an income of around £1M since 2017 from the investments.

The 2019/20 business plan is slightly different to the original plan, accepting a slightly lower return and less risky investments due to changes in the market. There will be less emphasis on High Street retail investments and more on commercial properties for the second tranche of £25M made available by each council through borrowing from the Public Works Loans Board.

Equality and Diversity policy

The council adopted an Equality and Diversity Policy to ensure that MSDC complies with the Equality Act 2010.

Planning Application by Bloor Homes to increase by 19 the number of dwellings in phase 2

This application was approved by MSDC planning committee on 7 August. This was disappointing but we were able to persuade the committee to require the developer to provide an all-weather path from the site direct to the Trinity Walk bus shelter so that pedestrians and cyclists will not have to cross Gipping Road twice (from the site and back again near Columbyne Close).

Litter Awareness Poster Competition

Evie, a pupil at Freeman Community Primary School in Stowupland, has been announced as the winner of the Mid Suffolk District Council annual Litter Awareness Poster Competition. Her winning design will be displayed on a waste collection vehicle working across the district for the next year, encouraging residents to bin their rubbish.

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Calling all Stowupland Walkers

We have great walks around our village that need to be looked after and maintained. A volunteer group currently takes charge and reports issues as they arise, however, we need more.



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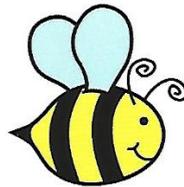
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AGM AND JULY MEETING

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2018/19 was a year full of interest and with healthy finances. The work of the Committee, the support of members, the work of the Telstar and Village Hall teams, were greatly appreciated. Sally Wray, our Independent Examiner and Dave Pring, who looks after the village website, were both thanked. Marion announced that she was standing down but able to help the Committee in any way until the end of 2019. Judy, Christine, Neil and Sandra were re-elected.

In his talk about hop growing, Neil explained that hops, necessary for beer-making, were being imported from Europe by the late 1400s, but grown in Suffolk by 1579. Stowmarket became a centre for the crop, which was grown near the rivers and could be highly profitable, though hops were prone to blight and mildew and could bankrupt growers. Now there is only a little specialist production in Suffolk but there are still some hops growing wild in our area, along Lavenham Way, for example.

Margaret Catchpole attended the Stowmarket County Secondary School and her home economics book covers the years 1913 – 1916 but contains no mention of WWI. Topics of cleaning, baby-care, laundry, cookery, keeping accounts and home nursing are covered thoroughly and it is clear how much work all this involved, particularly in a village without gas, electricity, mains water or drainage. In this talk, Marion highlighted the emphasis placed on cleanliness and ventilation, as TB was a constant threat.

Visit to Baylham Church

There was plenty to learn at Baylham, where church members had displayed their researches of the Acton family and we were able to peer down into the crypt which was made for Nathaniel Acton and his family. Jenny, the vicar, gave us a talk about the history of graves and – as a bonus – proved to be an expert in Anglo Saxon history.

August Meeting

The work of Duncan Allen and his team of expert volunteers at 'Hands on Heritage' impressed us all. With Forestry Commission agreement, the scheme manages a site in Tunstall Forest and teaches children aged seven and upwards a range of achievable practical skills suited to their ages and using real tools. Although the children using flint-tipped drills to make shell necklaces learnt about the Stone Age and the older ones

working on a building for a toilet learnt about the Romans, much more was gained from their experiences. For many urban children, the forest is an alien environment where they need to gain confidence. Pictures of young adult carers enjoying a respite stay, making their own coracles and going on the water in them were worth a thousand words. Funding is a constant problem for the scheme.

Elementary Education in Stowupland – from our Archives, Compiled by Sandra Walker

Prior to the **Education Acts** of the latter half of the nineteenth century, the only provision for educating the poor was by various church organisations in the form of Sunday Schools.

1820 – A Meeting Place, a Sunday School and a Grocer were located in the house that is now known as Pendle Cottage on the A1120. It was rethatched by a Mr Prentice.

1833 – Stowupland had a lending library and an Independent Sunday School with an attendance of 117.

Then in **1865** members of the Freeman family signed a conveyance agreement to endow Pitman's Field (next to Holy Trinity Church) to the Minister and Churchwardens of the parish of Stowupland, a parcel of land of 2 roods and 27 perches as a site for a school for the **'poor persons'** for their education **'in the principles of the established church'**.

1870 Education Act established a system of locally elected school boards, teaching in board school was to be 'non-denominational'

1875 Stowupland and St Peter's School Board was formed with T.C Carter as Clerk.

In **1876/9** the first extension to the school was built and a Teacher's residence was added. There was space for 200 children.

1880 Education Act made school attendance compulsory for 5 to 10-year olds but fees were payable until a change of law in 1891.

In **1889** another extension to school buildings.

1893 school attendance was made compulsory for 11-year olds

1899 school became compulsory for 12-year olds.

1896/7 another classroom was added.

1902 School boards were abolished, and control placed in hands of LEA's

1903 – the space in the school rooms was measured and it was recorded that each child had 116.3 cubic foot with 9.69 square feet of space.

1913 Stowupland County School took children up to the age of 12.

1922 - there was space for 216 pupils

1939 – the managers met to discuss Air Raid precautions. Mr Meakins offered the use of his garden ditch. Approval was to be sought for reimbursement of expenses to get it cleaned out and possibly provide a cover.

1949 – Concern was expressed in a local paper about lack of progress on a proper sewage system for the school. When Ron Wright took over the head masters position 6 years later the school still relied on a septic tank at the rear of the school which had to be emptied twice a year.

There was also concern that there was no transport for children (some of the youngest children are five) getting to school from Creeting. Although at that time it appears the education authority did provide 'bicycles and leggings. And everything.'

1964 – A further extension.

Did you attend Freeman School? If you can add to our collection of memories of the school, please contact Sandra: 01449 673296 or sawalker2000@hotmail.com

'Morning lessons were from 9.00 to 12.00. Children went home for lunch and were expected to return for afternoon lessons from 2.00 to 5.00.' When was this?

Talking Point

Electricity arrived here in the early 1930s. Neil Langridge's newspaper search revealed an account of the first service to be held at Holy Trinity with electric lighting, in 1933. It was an evening service, celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Church and the lights were switched on by the verger, Charles Catchpole. The Parish Council agreed to electric lighting in the 'Iron Room' in 1934 (this was in the grounds of the old vicarage and was used as a village hall until the present one was built). In 1936 an extension of the supply to Saxham Street was agreed.

For our next 'Talking Point', can you name the traditional English Quarter Days?

Programme

Wednesday, Sept 4: 'Photos from the Ivan Codd Collection' by Steve Williams

Ivan Codd photographed Stowmarket scenes over many decades and his albums are now in the Stowmarket LHG archive. Steve Williams will take a look at them.



Wednesday, Oct 2: 'Almshouses' by Sarah Doig

Almshouses have a long and rich history, stretching back to our medieval monasteries. Sarah Doig will chart the evolution of the almshouse, exploring the life of these institutions from the perspective of both donor and beneficiary. She will also take a look at the differing styles of architecture as well as dipping into the various rules and regulations the inhabitants had to adhere to if they were to keep their highly-prized place in the almshouse! 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.

ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB JULY RESULTS

Monday – Stowmarket League Division 3

1 July	v. Rookery B	Won	96-55 (Points 6-1)
15 July	v. Needham Market A	Lost	77-82 (2-5)
18 July	v. Needham Market B	Won	108-56 (7-0)
22 July	v. Great Barton	Lost	66-84 (1-6)
29 July	v. Needham Market B	Won	74-65 (6-1)

Tuesday afternoon – Stowmarket League Division 3

2 July	v. Stanton B	Lost	25-43 (0-7)
9 July	v. St Botolphs B	Won	49-19 (7-0)
16 July	v. Walsham le Willows	Lost	24-30 (0-7)
30 July	v. Bildeston B	Won	39-27 (5-2)

Tuesday evening – Area D Triples League Division 1

2 July	v. Woodfield	Lost	63-94 (1-5)
9 July	v. Risbygate A	Won	72-57 (5-1)
16 July	v. Great Barton	Drawn	67-67 (4-2)
23 July	v. St Edmundsbury	Lost	
30 July	v. Ixworth	Won	

Wednesday – Stowmarket Triples League

3 July	v. St Botolphs	Won	72-46 (7-0)
5 July	v. Old Newton	Won	78-65 (6-1)
17 July	v. Haughley	Won	77-52 (6-1)
24 July	v. Wortham	Lost	56-69 (2-5)
31 July	v. Needham Market	Lost	72-77 (2-5)

ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

(Residing at Stowupland)

Now that August is upon us, the end of the Outdoor Bowling season is in sight and it has been good for us overall.

Until the final wood has been bowled we will not know how some teams will have finally fared within their leagues with one exception whose fate is already known. Our Tuesday evening team participating in the Bury "Area D" League will be relegated to Division 2 but we are confident it will quickly return to the higher division. Strange as things can be, they reached the semi final of the League's Knockout Cup but unfortunately lost against Old Newton. This is a tournament that we won two seasons ago.

During the weekend of 13/14th July, we had the honour of hosting Suffolk County Bowls Assoc. "Area D" Semi finals and Finals. This event was well supported and enjoyed in dry warm weather. We received a very welcome letter of thanks from the Association and it was also published in the local press.

We now look forward to hosting a day with the "East Anglia Kit Car Club" when we will have a BBQ and a friendly bowls match with their Members and our Social Members. Any visitors wishing to view the cars would be very welcome during the afternoon on 22nd September.

Our July results are shown on the previous page.

More news and final results in the next issue of Telstar.

David Begg



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Friday 27th September 10am - 12noon**

Coffee/Tea, Cakes and a Draw

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER DATES

Mon 2	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 3	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues 3	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed 4	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 4	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed 4	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed 4	Local History Group: 'Ivan Codd's Stowmarket photos' by Steve Williams	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs 5	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Thurs 5	P.C. Community Events Sub. Com.	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Sat 7	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – October issue		
Sun 8	Walkers Cup	10.00am – 4.00pm	
Sun 8	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon 9	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 10	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues 10	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues 10	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed 11	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 11	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs 12	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Thurs 12	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Sat 14	Community Litter Pick	10.00am	Cemetery Gates
Mon 16	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 17	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed 18	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 18	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed 18	W.I.: Hanging Baskets	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs 19	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun 22	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon 23	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 24	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues 24	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed 25	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 25	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed 25	Stowmarket Wildlife Group: 'Buzzards' by Zoe Smith	7.30pm	Village Hall

Thurs 26	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Thurs 26	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Fri 27	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall
Fri 27	Community Bingo (14+)	Doors open 7.00pm	Village Hall
Mon 30	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall

October 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: 'Almshouses' by Sarah Doig	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs 3	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun 6	Harvest Festival (Church + Chapel)	10.30am	URC Chapel
Sun 6	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon 7	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – November issue		
Mon 7	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon 7	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall

Some Future Events

Oct 12	Conker Competition, 10.00am – 12 noon, in the Playpark
Oct 25	Community Bingo (14+)
Oct 30	Stowmarket Wildlife Group talk 'Pests and Diseases of Trees'
Nov 11	Remembrance Day lighting of the beacon
Nov 15	Community Quiz
Nov 16	Holy Trinity Christmas Fayre
Nov 23	Barn Dance with Snapdragon Ceilidh Band and caller
Nov 29	Community Bingo (14+)

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

Open Gardens in July

In July, visitors to Thorney Green Cottages open gardens, raised £401 for St Elizabeth Hospice. A big thank you to all who came and supported us.

Dog Owners – Be responsible!!



Dog fouling is increasing throughout the village, which is extremely disappointing, considering the recent additions of the new Poo bins and bag dispensers.

Please help us stop irresponsible dog owners from leaving their dogs mess behind and adversely affecting our community.

In recent months, we have had reports of:

- volunteer litter pickers having to pick up full bags of Poo from trees and ditches,
- our children walking through the mess on their way to school,
- residents picking it up off their own driveways,
- a village volunteer refilling the poo bag dispensers and having to dodge a mound of mess, within a foot of the bin.

We all love our village, so please be considerate towards the whole community – Bag it and Bin it.

Enjoy your walk!

“Date for your diary”
Village Volunteer Day and
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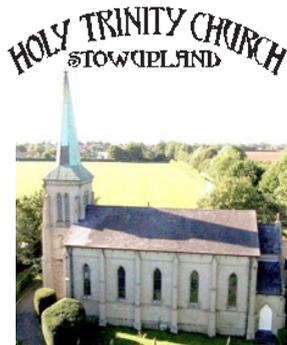
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Dear Friends,

In returning from holidays afar, our eyes are open anew to the joys and challenges our own homes and communities face, and perhaps we are able to offer new energy to improving home environment and relationships. As again the days darken and the summer heat cools, it seems each year brings more urgent reminders of the challenge we all face through the perils of climate change. Whilst we delight in the easy transport of modernity to visit near and far on vacation, our recreation has yet to address offering creation her own re-creating vacation from... ourselves.

Perhaps our travels remind us of how things have changed, whether in visiting the haunts of our childhood, or seeing once pristine getaways despoiled by the onslaught of our tourist industry. The 'wish you were here' of yesteryear's holidaying takes the more plaintive cry these days of 'Look what we've done to the place!' We need to turn around from the course we are on, to return to right ways in our travel through the years. In the Christian faith this turning from the course of our ruin is called penitence. Through our work of penitence we seek to be reconciled with our failing or falling short as is called sin.

Our return from vacation to home and workplace then is a good time to reflect on where we have been – not only in our time away, but in our journey of life, that we may turn the course of our living, our industry to creation's respite. In Judaic culture both land and commerce is offered the release of Jubilee that the fiftieth year should return a new beginning. Pray we may yet find the will to reconcile our living with creation, that we may find the ways of leading penitential lives and restore stability to our world and her peoples, that, should the next fifty years be time enough, we release creation from the burden of our industry.

Yours in Christ, Brin, Rector at Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland

SERVICES in SEPTEMBER

1st Sep	09.30am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	1st@4 Service - <i>church with a difference!</i>
8th Sep	9.30am	Morning Worship & ★ Trinity Starz ★
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
15th Sep	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
16th Sep (Mon)	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View – <i>All Welcome!</i>
22nd Sep	9.30am	All-Age Family Harvest Service
	6.30pm	Parish Communion
29th Sep	11.00am	Benefice Communion at Stowupland

(BCP – *Book of Common Prayer*)

A PRAYER:

Almighty God, Creator and Lord of all things, we praise you for the marvels of the world you have made, for the varied beauty of earth, sky and sea, and for your provision of all things needful for our bodies.

Give us as Christians such reverence and gratitude for the created order that we may conserve and not destroy our rich inheritance, and share its bounty with the needy peoples of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The **FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE** is a bright and friendly community occasion. Your gifts of food items suitable for the Foodbank or of flowers for the housebound will be greatly appreciated. And do stay and have FairTrade refreshments with us in the hall afterwards!

The '**1st @ 4' SERVICE** is a relaxed and popular, family orientated '*Church With A Difference*' with some snacks afterwards!

Trinity Starz is for children of primary school age and provides fun activities at Holy Trinity. The children join in the first part of the service and then we go through to the church hall to enjoy bible stories, prayer and crafts until the main service finishes. Parents/carers are welcome to join us with their children or stay for the main service while children enjoy the activities. Children can be collected at the end for refreshments. We hope you will join us!

HARVEST SUPPER:

We welcome you to come along and enjoy our friendly and popular 3-Course Harvest Supper in congenial company on Saturday September 21st - 6.30 for 7.00pm in the Village Hall. The supper will be followed by a short period of entertainment. See page 41 for full details. Any surplus monies will, as usual, be donated to Farm Africa.

WEEKLY COFFEE CHURCH:

Holy Trinity Church has an **Open Church Coffee Drop-In Session from 2pm to 4pm each Wednesday and which is open to all.**

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

FOOD BANK BOX:

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

CHURCH HALL HIRE:

Please remember that the well-appointed Church Hall is available for hire at reasonable rates, and would be ideal for children's parties and small groups/meetings. For more information please contact John & Ann Parsell on 01449 672592. Thank you.

CHURCH 100 CLUB:

We thank you for your support and hope you will continue. We are very grateful to our many loyal members.

If you are not a member and would like to join, please contact Kevin Stanford on 613027. Cost is £12 per year. There are three prizes each month of £25, £15 and £10. Half the income supports Holy Trinity Church and the other half goes on prizes.



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U.R.C CHAPEL

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Church Secretary: *Anne Scarff*
Telephone 01449 774792

On Sunday 22nd September we unite with our friends from Holy Trinity for their Harvest Festival. The service commences at 9.30am.

On **Friday 27h September** the coffee morning, will be a special one, for **Macmillan Cancer Support**. It will be at the normal time 10am to 12noon. Please come along and support this very worthwhile cause. In addition to Coffee/Tea and cakes there will be a draw, cake and book stall.

The Harvest Festival at the Chapel is on 6th October when Holy Trinity will join with us for a united service. Worship will be led by Mary Durrant. This service will commence at 10.30am.

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride Sponsored Cycle Ride takes place on Saturday 14th September when the Chapel will be open to sign in riders and walkers from 9am to 5pm. If anyone is interested in taking part sponsor forms and a list of which churches are open are available from **Joyce Gardiner 01449 676149**

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

Our speakers for September are as follows:

- 01st September 2019 Alison Fenning
- 08th September 2019 Jane Paterson
- 15th September 2019 Keith Scarff
- 22nd September 2019 United Service at Holy Trinity
Harvest Festival at 9.30am
- 29th September 2019 Clive Herrod

Afternoon Fellowship

We recommence our meetings on 7th October.

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

Mary Clark

Church Message

Psalm 107:27 They reel to and fro and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end. (KJV)

When I was at work (seems a long time ago now), on my office wall was the sign "When you come to the end of your tether tie a knot and hang on". How often have you felt that you are at the end of your tether or at your wits' end? It is probably something we have said, or thought, at one time or another when things have become overwhelming. Being at one's wits' end is defined in the Cambridge Dictionary as "being so worried, confused or annoyed that you don't know what to do next" – no humour/shrewdness/ cleverness left.

Before the school holidays there were teachers at their wits' end, waiting, following marking overload, for the holidays to come so they could recharge their batteries ready for a new year. For the youngsters during those 6 weeks off from school being at home may have led to some being bored and not knowing what to do with themselves. As we come to the last few days of the holidays many parents may be at their wits' end as to what to do with their offspring having used up all their ideas.

With dwindling numbers and an ageing congregation in many of our churches and chapels we may be at our wits' end trying to find a way to get our message across in the hope that people will return to our congregations and fill up those empty seats.

Psalm 107 gives a very quick resume of the history of Israel, where time and time again they turned away from God and tried to do things their own way only to find themselves at their wits' end not knowing what to do or which way to turn. Each time when they finally turned to God, he pointed them in the right direction.

Sometimes, in our own lives, we can be so overcome by our situation or the way our life is going that we don't know what to do. There are even times when we put ourselves in situations that we can't, by ourselves, get out of. When we are at our wits' end can be the place where we find God waiting for us. A time to tie a knot in our tether and listen to the word of God. And often God will come to you in the form of a friend who picks you up when you are down or who listens to you and helps you to move on.

May you know the peace of God this September.

Anne Scarff: Stowmarket Group of Churches Secretary.

(The group consists of Stowmarket, Stowupland, and Mendlesham & Debenham)

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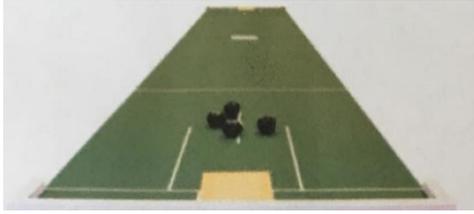
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The population of Stowupland is increasing at a fast rate, with the new builds so it is time to remind everyone about the opportunity to come to the village hall and try out Short Mat Bowls. We are a friendly club and welcome everyone whatever gender, age or ability. We meet every Thursday throughout the year unless it falls on Christmas/New Year or when there is a council election. It doesn't matter if you have not tried the game before; we are fortunate to have a qualified coach in the club to help you. We start at 19.00 and finish at 21.30, stopping for refreshments half-way through the evening. The club's priority is to provide a social atmosphere for everyone but for those who wish there is the opportunity to play in league games during the winter months. We can supply the bowls or you can bring your own. Just bring a pair of flat shoes (no tread). If you would like more information please ring our

Secretary Pam Fayers on 01449 770080 or mobile 07713 026696 or
Chairperson Nora Martin 01449 674641 or mobile 07596 708882 who will be very pleased to help.

John Paddy
Committee Member

SOAP CLUB



Stowupland OAP Club

Calling all over 60's – we are aiming to combat loneliness and social isolation within our village community.

Come along to meet old friends, new friends and enjoy a morning of company, activities and good cake in a welcoming social environment.

Our first event will be held on Wednesday 9 October-10.00-12.00 at Stowupland Sports and Social Club.

Please do join us.

If you would like any further information please do email paulamurton@stowuplandpc.co.uk or call 07906677817





OUTDOOR BOWLING AT STOWUPLAND

Have you considered playing bowls or maybe you have just moved to the village and are looking for a local club to join?

WHY NOT JOIN US? WE ARE A FRIENDLY CLUB AND OUR GREEN IS NEXT TO STOWUPLAND VILLAGE HALL. IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE GAME WE CAN SUPPLY THE WOODS AND SHOES FOR YOU TO GIVE IT A TRY. THE SEASON RUNS FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER AND A MONTHLY REPORT APPEARS IN TELSTAR. YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO COME ALONG AND SEE HOW THE GAME IS PLAYED. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED WHY NOT GIVE US A CALL, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE YOU?

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June meeting

President Colleen welcomed members, invited guests from other W.I.s and visitors. "Jerusalem" was sung, followed by the record of the May meeting, notices and correspondence. Judy gave details of a planned trip to some of the London museums on October 5th. Stowupland entered a team for the Federation Quiz on June 24. Colleen introduced Kevin Sawford, a wildlife photographer, who showed a film of some of his work. It was wonderful viewing a wide range of creatures – insects, birds, seals, deer and other mammals- as well as woodlands and wild flowers. Kevin seemed especially fond of hares as his subjects, and gave plenty of tips for filming wildlife, the main requirement being patience. After he finished, everyone partook of strawberries and cream and homemade meringues and shortbread biscuits, washed down with Pimms or orange juice. Janet Hyland received a birthday posy, and the raffle was held. Competition results wound up a very enjoyable evening -

Flower 1st Mary C., 2nd Mary M., 3rd Judy.

Wildlife - 1st Brenda, 2nd Colleen R. 3rd Janet Hyland.

July meeting

The meeting opened with the singing of "Jerusalem". The record of the June meeting was read agreed and signed. Correspondence was dealt with, including details of more celebrations of the Federation's centenary. Colleen introduced our speaker, David Webb, one of the twins appearing in the very popular TV series Hi-De-Hi. As young boys, David and his twin, Tony, went to the local cinema regularly and, from this, developed an interest in the world of entertainment, with their first break being as a singing duo at Clacton. Other work followed but then dried up. Fortunately, it wasn't too long before offers came and they worked with many stars of the day. Then, in 1979, they became part of the cast of Hi-De-Hi. This show attracted huge audiences every week of 21 million. The series finished in 1987. David now does work such as documentaries, voice overs and adverts. It was a fascinating talk and David was an excellent speaker. Following refreshments, Colleen gave details of arrangements for forthcoming events – knit and stitch evening, afternoon tea party, cream tea cruise, Group meeting and garden club teas. Birthday posies were distributed, with another member joining the " milestone club " receiving a bouquet. Competition results wound up the evening

Holiday camp - 1st Claire, 2nd Colleen, 3rd Brenda.

Flower 1st Mary M., 2nd Sandra, 3rd Judy.

Outings

Saturday, October 5th. London Museums (or shopping if you wish). Leave Stowupland 8.30 a.m., depart London 4.00 p.m. Coach Fare – adult £15, child £10.

Saturday, November 23rd. Norwich – departing the village 9.00 a.m., leaving Norwich 4.00 p.m. Coach Fare max. £8.

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STOWUPLAND CRICKET CLUB

SEPTEMBER REPORT



It is with great sadness that I start this month's report with the news of the passing of Teresa Langford. Teresa was one of the founding members of Stowupland cricket club back in 1968; she had various roles within the club and was also on the committee of both the cricket and social club for many years. Teresa was still coming up to watch games this season along with her son Shaun; she will be very sadly missed by all at the club.

The youth season has now finished for the year. I would like to congratulate all the youngsters who played this season and commend their achievements. The youth coaching started indoors at Ipswich School back in January so it has been a long season for the young players and coaches. At Stowupland we have one of the best youth coaching programmes in Suffolk; I would like to thank Andrew Blanchard and his team of coaches for their fantastic work in coaching the youth teams this season. It is so pleasing to see so many youngsters of all ages take part in the coaching. Hopefully next season will be even better.

The first team have had a mixed bag of results in the past few weeks, with two defeats to close rivals Harwich and Nowton but convincing victories against Earl Stonham and St Margaret's. In the past two months we have also lost two games to the weather, the home match against Ipswich was abandoned with Stowupland 90-5 and the match away at Maldon was cancelled before any cricket was played. Since the last Telstar report the first team have also had victories against neighbours Needham Market and Battsiford. The victory against close rivals Battsiford was one of the best team performances of the season. Battsiford bowled well to restrict Stowupland to 161-9, a score that was definitely below par. Battsiford started well in their run chase but lost frequent wickets throughout their innings. As the match began to near its end it became very tense, with the opposition needing just 14 runs to win. Stowupland took the final three Battsiford wickets to win the match by just 11 runs. An excellent performance all round and a very pleasing victory against our closest rival.

Since the last cricket report the Sunday 2nd team have withdrawn from the league and now have friendly matches scheduled for the remainder of the season. Unfortunately the club had to take the difficult decision to withdraw from the league as the standard of opposition was just too strong for our young team. The committee are now exploring the options for next season to find a league that has a suitable standard of cricket for the 2nd team. In our last match of league cricket the Sunday team finished with a very close victory against Walsham. In fact the match couldn't have been any closer with Stowupland winning by just one run. Stowupland batted first and set 167-8, thanks largely to Dan Marsh who scored 51. Stowupland bowled well

throughout the innings with Jake Taylor and Louis Blanchard taking three wickets each. It was again Dan Marsh who took a fantastic catch to win what looked like a very unlikely victory for Stowupland. A great team performance and a very pleasing way to finish the league season. Stowupland also started their friendly matches with a victory at home to Yoxford; in this match Nick Borrett scored his first century for the club finishing on 118 not out.

The mid-week season has also now finished, Stowupland again made it to the semi-final stage of the competition but unfortunately a repeat of last season's semi-final occurred with a defeat to Bardwell. Stowupland did go on to win the 3rd place match against Mid Suffolk. This season was Grant Wearing's first season as mid-week captain; hopefully next season the team can go one better and reach the final.

Scott Gregory (07538009376)
Stowupland Cricket Club

JUNIOR SECTION

Can you find the birds in the grid and add some colour to the bird in the picture



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EVENTS

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NEWS FROM LOCAL WILDLIFE RESERVES

Bonny Wood, Barking Tye

The dry weather helped us to get on well with our winter work programme and the volunteers cleared around the pond and created more scalloped ride edges to let in the sunlight. Richard Cage and his Virgin Media colleagues did a great job in widening the ride we share with James Buckle's part of the wood and now it is all done it looks fabulous.

A significant milestone was passed in February when the Mid Week Team coppiced the compartment by the field entrance: it was last done in the late 1980's and this is the first area to be recut under the Suffolk Wildlife Trust's stewardship of the wood. The hazel regrowth was really strong and it is great to see the wood really getting back into the cycle of coppice management with all the benefits for wildlife such as dormice, woodland birds and butterflies that this brings. The management plan for Bonny is now up for revision and we look forward to bringing more of the wood into coppice rotation, cleaning out the pond again and continuing to improve the rides so they are more attractive to wildlife.

By Peter Holborn.

Combs Wood

Activities in the wood included a dormice footprint tunnel survey carried out last October to try and establish if these lovely creatures are present. Sadly, no dormouse footprints were found. The Trust's view is that it is unlikely they are in residence. Work parties have done further extensive coppicing on the east side of the wood, with some heavy timber being felled. The extra light has benefited orchid numbers.

The local Sunday work groups have been well attended with up to 13 volunteers working on widening the main ride. An increase in small bird numbers is already evident in parts of the wood, due to the more diverse nature of the rides. Marsh tit and treecreeper are two of the more common residents.

The wood is not as wet as usual, due to the water table being low. The top pond has failed to rise to normal winter level. Other low damp areas are bone dry. I hope to have work done on the pond later in the year to remove much of the reed mace.

By Keven Boyce.

Bull's Wood

If you're looking for a quiet woodland walk, look no further than Bull's Wood. Giles Cawston explains what you can hope to see in this ancient fragment of wooded west Suffolk. Bull's Wood is a pleasure to manage, it quietly sits there: never too demanding and always responding well to coppice and ride edge management. This woodland has an impressive history. In fact, it features in the Hundred Rolls woods of 1279, when this part of the county had much larger swathes of woodland. Clues to its ancient past can still be seen in the wood today, particularly in its abundance of wildflowers.

A walk during spring will reveal a hidden yellow carpet of oxlips, a nationally scarce woodland flower, which thrives in the East Anglian boulder clay soil of Bull's Wood. Look out too for huge displays of wild garlic, early purple orchid and wood anemone. For those with keen eyes, there is also spurge-laurel in Bull's Wood – a species, which is actually neither a spurge nor a laurel, it just looks like one!

Bull's, located eight miles south of Bury St Edmunds between Cockfield and Great Green, is always a great place for a secluded peaceful walk. You have to go out of your way to find it but that's the charm of the site. Don't expect a huge wooded reserve, after all, Bull's is only

12 hectares and you can walk the trails in under 30 minutes, but if you enjoy a longer ramble then Bull's connects well with local footpaths.

Black Bourn Valley

Over the winter, birds have flourished at Black Bourn Valley.

Will Cranstoun looks at how life is now returning to the river too.

It has been a fantastic winter for farmland birds on the reserve. With the ex-arable land being fallow for a second winter, yellowhammer, linnet and reed bunting have had an abundant seed supply on perennial thistles. We are also now seeing a variety of pioneering plants in these fields with grasses now beginning to colonise and become more dominant in some areas.

Barn owl have been a regular sight at dawn and dusk, quartering the field's edges as they hunt, while roe deer and hare all make the most of the shelter offered by taller vegetation. But it is not just the wildlife that has returned to Black Bourn Valley. Following heavy rain the river has responded to the restoration work we carried out in early winter. Using large 'woody debris' techniques, we have been able to narrow the channel in certain parts, allowing us to speed-up and slow the flow of water at different parts of the river. This means that silt, which would otherwise overwhelm the channel, is able to be pushed to the outer edge where it will eventually form new riverbank. Over time we anticipate the river returning to something more like its natural, pre-dredged state. Kingfisher have already been spotted along the restored river channel through the wet woodland towards Norton.

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