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EDITOR'S NOTES

APRIL 2019

Hello and welcome to the April edition of the Telstar. There are lots of activities going on in the village, and in this edition you will find details of Easter Services at Holy Trinity Church as well as dates for Lent Lunches. On a lighter note, the Events Committee have organised a Barn Dance, and at the High School an Easter Hop event has been planned. We have the first report of the season from the Cricket Club and Short Mat Bowls tell us about their club. There are also details of regular crowd pleasers such as Community Bingo, Coffee Morning, and a Jumble Sale, so no need to be bored or lonely, come and join in the fun.

Front Cover Photo was taken on the occasion of Mary Clark's 100th birthday. Mary celebrated with the Mayor of Stowmarket and friends and family.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

MARCH 2019



The meeting opened with 4 members of the public and 5 Parish Councillors present.

Council Report:

The Suffolk CC Councillor was not present at the meeting and did not submit a report. The District Councillor's report can be found elsewhere in Telstar.

Matters of Report:

No response has been received from SCC Cllr Green in respect of the drainage investigation along Thorney Green Road. The mobile Post Office van will be at the Village Hall starting on Wednesday 20th March from 2-4pm and each following Wednesday. No further updates on the fencing at the basketball court in the Play Park, or the trimming of the Steeple View hedges, although the High School have been reminded and the meeting with MSDC regarding Thradestone Meadow still has to be arranged. An inspection has been carried out of the tree root on the footpath along the B1115 and necessary repairs will be undertaken. The new bench has been installed on the half a mow. The drains along A1120 will be inspected as part of the maintenance schedule. SCC are monitoring the defect at the junction of Hornbeam and Maple Roads and will repair if the situation deteriorates. Work on the bus shelters has been completed. A meeting has been held between the Parish Council and Stowupland Falcons about a 5 a side pitch on The Green and it was agreed that this should be opposite the butchers and any matches to be held on Sundays should be finished by 12.30pm. Invitations have been sent to allotment holders regarding a meeting to be held on 20th March. Work required on the cemetery building has been scheduled for April and work on the headstones has been completed. Registration of cemetery land still has to be done and a letter has been sent to the PCC regarding registering the church land. The contact address for The Green has been changed to the present Parish Clerk's address. Following a meeting between two Councillors, the Clerk and the Rights of Way Officer a schedule of works was agreed for footpaths 62 and 39. The grass contractor will cut the ditch along Columbyne Close once the weather permits.

Public Forum:

A resident felt that Bloor Homes need to take more responsibility for the amount of rubbish that is allowed to blow off their site and pollute the surrounding footpaths and village area. They have done some

clearing but the situation is to be monitored. Also, there are serious concerns about the safety of the pedestrian exit from the Bloor site onto Gipping Road where there is little visibility and where an incident occurred recently when a dog walker stepped out into the path of a car which was luckily travelling slowly enough to stop even though legally, they could have been doing 60mph. Another resident reported some low branches on trees in the cemetery. These particular trees are scheduled to be trimmed shortly. A third resident voiced concerns about the ruts left by a vehicle on The Green but it is not known which vehicle caused the damage. He also reported that some parents are driving their cars over The Green outside Kelvedon House. His final concern was being unable to contact anyone at Stowmarket Police Station but was advised that by ringing 101 he could be put through to the SNT. Another resident reported that the bridge over the ditch near The Retreat needs to be re-wired with wire netting.

Safer Route to School:

The comments by the SCC Cabinet Member who objects to a bridleway through the school premises as part of the safer route to school were discussed, including the proposal that this route should stay as a footpath/cycle track and not a footpath. The Clerk and Cllr Welham will attend a meeting at Endeavour House on 21st March along with the school when this will be discussed further.

Suffolk's Most Active Village Award:

There has been no response to the article in last month's Telstar so it was agreed that Cllr Voden should make direct contact with the various active clubs operating in the village to gain their opinions and bring back this information to a later Parish Council meeting

Sub-Committee Reports:

Community Events – Various sums of money were agreed to be spent to facilitate the forthcoming barn dance, provision of entertainment for the lighting of the beacon on 21st June, the summer teas for both Jubilee Court and Steeple View. It was also agreed that Cllr Murton should undertake some research into whether older residents of the village who live alone would like to have a get together similar to those provided at the sheltered accommodation.

Environment – It was agreed to accept the quote for the provision of 3 new oak village notice boards and for a structural engineer's report to form a basis for a quote to repair the footbridge by the junior school. It was also agreed that the ruts in The Green near Waterworks Cottage should be filled with topsoil and re seeded and that the 2 existing notices at the Hunters Moon track should be re-mounted with new surrounds and re installed to match those at Grays Close.

Footpaths – Next meeting will be held at the beginning of April.

Planning – It was agreed to object to one planning application and to make certain comments on another application.

Transport, Travel and Safety – Once again comments made by the SCC Cabinet Member will be discussed further at the meeting at Endeavour House. However, it was felt that there is too much thought put into what is required for school children and not enough for what is required by residents of the village and that this needs to be borne in mind at this meeting. The next traffic survey will take place at the end of April and the speed watch will re-commence once the weather improves.

Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Murton was advised that the school have issued 6 parking permits to students but this does not help with the student parking along Thorney Green which has caused real problems to residents who were unable to receive oil supplies because the lorry was unable to access their driveways. A suggestion was made that yellow lines are required in order to facilitate access to residents' properties. There is also a problem with dog mess along the track behind Trinity Walk and with the amount of litter blowing off the Bloor site.

Correspondence:

Amongst the correspondence received was a request from St John Ambulance to put signs on The Green to advertise their open gardens event and a request for the Stowmarket Mayor and her consort to wear their chains of office when opening the Nutshell Café on March 29th. The request from the Mayor is to be declined on the grounds that this is not within her area of jurisdiction and felt that her office should have referred the café owner to the Parish Council when they were first approached.

The meeting closed to the public at 9.02pm.

Sandy Smith

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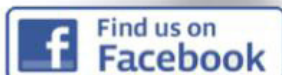
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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Budget Proposals and Council Tax for 2019/20

The final budget proposals for the next financial year have been agreed with an increase in Council Tax of 2%. The Council also agreed further borrowing of around £25 million to invest in commercial properties; this is in addition to £25 million borrowed and invested in commercial properties such as a car showroom, industrial units, a coffee shop, a restaurant and a M&S store in places like Harlow, Milton Keynes, Peterborough and Brentwood. The total is now £100 million shared equally between Babergh and Mid Suffolk.

Neighbourhood Plan

I'm sure that residents appreciate the work of Jackie Ward and her working group for completing the Neighbourhood Plan ready for a local referendum. MSDC Cabinet agreed on 4 March that the Plan can proceed to the referendum stage. This is the time for residents to vote for the Plan to become a formal planning document. This is a critical step and it is very important that every resident looks at the Plan and, if supportive of the Policies set out in the Plan, votes in favour of the Plan so that there is a defence against predatory developers wishing to turn more of the village into mass housing. Look out for details of the Plan and how to vote; it had been hoped that the referendum could take place on 4 May to coincide with the District Council Elections, but this now seems unlikely.

Planning Applications

The application to build 4 dwellings on land off Gipping Road, adjacent to the private road to Columbine Hall has been withdrawn.

An application has been submitted for a new dwelling on land adjacent to the former Land Army hostel on a site that forms part of the land attached to 2 Columbyne Hall Cottages.

An application has also been submitted for change of use of the 'Atcost' barn at Pooles Farm to a dwelling.

MSDC Funded PCSOs

Funding for two PCSO posts has been agreed and the first has been appointed and is operating around Mid Suffolk. District Councillors

can make referrals to MSDC to request a PCSO visits a particular area within their ward. There will not be an immediate response, and each visit may be for a short length of time. However, a visit to view an area of concern will help to raise an issue, especially where this may have been ongoing. If you have a particular area of concern, please let me know and I will see if I can "refer" it. A second PCSO is being allocated from April.

Development of Facilities at Needham Lake

MSDC have approved funding of £600,000 for a new Visitor Centre development at Needham Lake. It would provide enhanced catering facilities, an information centre and public conveniences and is planned to be open by Summer 2020.

District Council Elections

This is a very short factual report and my last before the District Council elections in May. We are entering a period of 'purdah' during which written expressions of Councillors' views may be printed in election literature but not in general reports. Due to the Council Ward Boundary changes, Stowupland will become part of an enlarged ward with Haughley, Wetherden and Old Newton. The ward will elect two Councillors. My colleague, Rachel Eburne, who currently represents Haughley and Wetherden, and I will be candidates for the new ward. Elections will take place on Thursday 2 May.

Keith Welham, MSDC District Councillor for Stowupland ward

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COUNTRYSIDE RAMBLER

BRIAN WARD

True spring is here with its flowers, catkins, blossom and some garden birds breaking into song. February was an astonishing month weather wise. I was even rambling in a tee shirt and was still quite hot some days. It may be only me but the crocus and snowdrops seemed to flower for longer this spring; did you think so? I had a pleasant surprise at the end of February; one evening a hedgehog came trundling into the garden. I was sure it was the one I rescued in November 2017, but it may be wishful thinking on my behalf.

I have two hedgehog houses in the garden so it may take up residence and stay; it will be most welcome as it devours garden pests. Also on our garden pond a pair of ducks have started to arrive on a daily basis; they normally nest somewhere in the garden. After hatching they stay a few days, and then wander off to the larger local ponds.

What to look out for in the coming weeks: Frog and Toad spawn may appear in your garden pond. Go out on a mild evening and listen; if you have good hearing, the low croak of a Frog may be heard. The early Butterflies will soon appear: Brimstone, Holly Blue and Peacocks may be on the wing if the weather stays fine. I have noticed a lot of winter Moths at night when I drive home; these hardy Moths are quite abundant on still mild nights and ideal prey for little Owls. We have several pairs of Owls locally.

One of the main things I look out for is the arrival of our feathered friends that overwintered on a warmer continent. The first may be a Chiffchaff or even a Wheatear, followed by a Sand Martin or Swallow. It really makes my day when I spot the first arrival. If only they could speak and tell us of the adventures they have had over the last few months. We must not forget the winter migrants that stayed with us, the Thrushes, Ducks and Geese. They seem to melt away to their respective breeding grounds quietly and probably overnight.

Make sure your bird boxes are cleaned out for the coming season as birds will often roost in them before breeding.



*photo of a Little Owl
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March Meeting

Geoffrey Kay began his excellent talk by telling us that Gypsy people originated in Kashmir and, perhaps travelling via Egypt, started to arrive in England in medieval times. The word 'Gypsy' is derived from 'Egypt'. The Green Man motif, used on their caravans, came from India. Geoffrey described the four different styles of caravan, which were often wonderfully decorated, and how he built a Reading caravan, as a project. Gypsies have a great affinity with horses and he told us about the Appleby Horse Fair, where deals would be struck for the favoured 'coloured cob' horses. After money had been handed over, a little 'luck money', would be returned to the buyer to serve as compensation if the horse was not as good as expected! Geoffrey's wife's enthusiasm for horses ensured that there was one to pull his finished caravan a short distance, to complete the picture.

Columbine Hall

Last September we greatly enjoyed a visit to Columbine Hall. Dating from 1390 and surrounded by a defensive moat, this was an important manorial hall of the area. It is now filled with fascinating objects and pictures and has gardens designed in the C17 manner. A tour takes two hours and costs £18, including tea and home-made cakes. Tours can be booked for 29 May, 9, 18, 28 July, 7, 19 Aug by phoning 01946 690 823. Enquiries to 01284 827 087. To book online, go to www.historichouses.org/tours there is no need to log in. Scroll down to 'London and East England' and click on 'explore'.

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The Building of the Village Hall: Stowupland Leads the Way - Part 2

In March 1954 it was reported that a start had been made using '*special Aircrete, bricks*' and that a man from the ministry had inspected the work that had been done and stated it would be '*a first class village hall*'. The meeting was also told that '*our hall has been carefully watched as it was looked upon as an experiment and if it was a success 16 other villages in Suffolk would follow our example*'. Progress was very slow and at the parish AGM in 1955 the Chairman reporting on the years progress stated there had been many '*snags and difficulties*' but that in another 6 months the hall may be ready.

During the war Parish Council meetings had been held at Green Farm and before that at the school so the AGM in 1956 was the first held at the now completed hall. Mr. A. G. Addison was in the chair. He said that '*The hall was there for everyone to see*' and hoped it would be fully used as that was the way to repay the loan of £700 which still remained.

The following year those at the AGM were told the village hall had had a successful year and £400 of the loan had been paid off.

In September 1957 BBC radio recorded a programme at Stowupland about the Village Hall project. Mr. B. Reid, Secretary of Suffolk Rural Community Council; Jack Carter, vice chairman of the Village Hall Committee, and Mr. Fred Longlands of Barrow, where a similar scheme had been completed, took part in the discussion, as did District Nurse Minns. Reviewing the scheme, it seems there had been an initial good turnout of volunteers but as the intricacies of the work grew the work mainly fell to three people, 2 factory workers and a farmer, none who had building experience.

By that time there were 21 such schemes in Suffolk, of which 11 had been completed, more than any other county.

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Talking Point

Bread and hot cross buns baked on Good Friday are said to have astonishing keeping properties (though that is probably a matter of keeping them dry and sealed away from mites etc). We have in our archive a small piece of bread baked in the village by Emma Catchpole on Good Friday 1899! Look online for the many myths about hot cross buns.

For our next 'Talking Point', was kersey only made in Kersey?

Programme

3rd April Suffolk Cloth Industry Dr. Nicholas Amor

South Suffolk villages such as Lavenham and Long Melford are well known as centres of wool production in the Middle Ages. The talk looks at the heyday of this local industry. Dr Nick Amor is chairman of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History and an honorary fellow of the University of East Anglia. He is author of *Medieval Ipswich: Trade and Industry* and *From Wool to Cloth: The Triumph of the Suffolk Clothier*.



1st May Inn Signs John Goodhand

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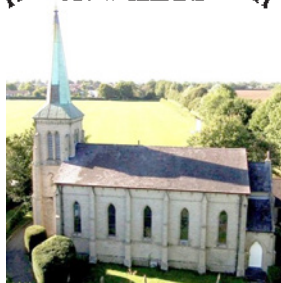
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Dear Friends:

April begins with not only the breath taking beauty of new growth after months of drab decay but also the breath taking beauty of Holy Week and Easter. I think that's a fair reflection of our worship together in these days, a secret garden of solace and delight, in which to find new life in our world subject to decay. The heart of this story is that of Jesus' Good Friday cry of abandonment, 'My God, my God why have you forsaken me'. Those who feel forsaken and abandoned in these times are particularly close to the experience of Easter.

Our questioning in loss within our Easter morning garden of remembrance may yet find us awakened from our grief by word of Christ's compassion 'Why are you weeping?', and graced to hear the call to know new life in our encounter with the risen life of Christ (John 20) A moment of breath taking beauty to all graced to witness the same. It is a joy seen through tears and experienced through pain, as our Lenten collect has it:-

'Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified; mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace;'

May our days of waiting find answer in that incomprehensible encounter with Christ, our 'Peace which passes all understanding'. The constant proclamation through all the years which patiently waits for our eyes to open to that secret garden of solace and delight, the blessing of our worship together, our Spirit given union 'one with saints in heaven and on earth.'

All grace and blessing to you this Easter.

Brin. *Brin Singleton*

Parish Priest at Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland.

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SERVICES in APRIL

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	6.30pm	Evensong (<i>BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER</i>)

Holy Week

15th Apr (Mon)	10.30am	Songs of Praise – <i>All Welcome!</i> at Steeple View
15th Apr (Mon)	9.00pm	Compline at Stowupland
16th Apr (Tue)	9.00pm	Compline at Wetherden
17th Apr (Wed)	9.00pm	Compline at Haughley
18th Apr (Thu)	7.00pm	Agape Supper at Stowupland Communion and Watch
19th Apr (Fri)	2.00pm	The Last Hour service at Stowupland
21st Apr	9.30am	Easter Family Communion
28th Apr	9.30am	All-Age Family Worship
	6.30pm	Parish Communion

A PRAYER:

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the assurance of everlasting life. Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, and make us bold to praise you and to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Service of Compline - Compline is a quiet service, held at the end of the day. It is about 15 minutes long, with no sermon (*or collection!*). There are silences for our own individual prayers and we are asked not to chat either before it starts or after it ends. We go home quietly to allow God's spirit to permeate our being.

MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE SUPPER:

Join us at 7.00pm on Thursday, 18th April in Stowupland Church Hall for a simple, informal soup, cheese and fruit supper shared within the context of Maundy Thursday prayers and communion.

LENT LUNCHES 2019:

You are invited to join us for the Lent lunches of soup, rolls and cheese followed by tea or coffee. All of the lunches will be on Wednesdays, held in the Church Hall and start at 12 noon. There is no charge, but your voluntary donations will go to help fund the **KAGERA RELIEF** project. We look forward to welcoming you. Please see page 35

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.

WEEKLY COFFEE CHURCH:

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

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 and Ann Parsell on 01449 672592. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL DATES

Mon	1	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	2	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	2	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
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: 'Suffolk Cloth Industry' by Nicholas Amor	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	4	P.C. Community Events Sub. Com.	7.30	Village Hall meeting room
Thurs	4	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	7	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – May issue		
Sun	7	Easter Hop Fun Run/Jog/Walk	start 10.00am	High School
Sun	7	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	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
Tues	9	P.C. Footpaths Sub. Com.	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
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	Jumble Sale	2.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	14	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	15	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	16	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	16	P.C. Community Events Sub.Com.	7.30pm	
Wed	17	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	17	W.I. : Birthday Party, with Harbour Lights	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	18	Short Mat Bowls	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

Wed	24	Stowmarket Wildlife Group: 'Urban Buzz Ipswich' by David Dowding	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	25	P.C. Environment Sub. Com.	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	25	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	26	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall
Fri	26	Community Bingo (14+)	Doors open 7.00pm	Village Hall
Sat	27	Cricket: home to Nowton	12.30pm	Sports & Social Club
Sat	27	Barn Dance (13+)	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	28	Cricket: home to Edwardstone	1.30pm	Sports & Social Club
Mon	29	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	29	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	30	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court

May Dates

Wed	1	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	1	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	1	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	1	Local History Group: 'Inn Signs' by John Goodhand	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	2	Election Day	7am – 10pm	Village Hall
Sat	4 – Mon 6 inc.	Flower Festival	10.00 – 5.00	Holy Trinity Church
Sat	4 & Sun 5	Craft Fayre	10.00 – 5.00	Village Hall
Sun	5	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	7	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – June issue		
Tues	7	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	7	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall

Some Future Events

June	1	Community Litter Pick
June	21	Lighting of Beacon
June	26	Stowmarket Wildlife Group 'Rural and Wildlife Crime'
July	28	Garage and Yard Sale
Sept	8	Walkers Cup
Dec	31	New Year's Eve Party

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

ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

The new season is not far away and obviously there are many preparations to be attended to. The playing surface for one, also the surrounding area and buildings. In this regard we are very busy and apart from the green, which receives priority, we are active on all important areas.

On 1st March we celebrated our first year at Stowupland with a get together of Club and Social Members who enjoyed the evening with a buffet supper and being entertained with music courtesy of "The Stowmarket Strummers". Proceeds from this event were given to the band for their charity.

On 9th March the Elmswell Fire Service hosted their fund raising presentation evening and over the past year accumulated another very large amount of money from car cleaning, shopping bag loading at the Co-op, bingo evenings etc. We handed out cheques to a multitude of local institutions. We at Elmswell Bowls Club are very proud to find we are amongst the recipients and were handed a very generous cheque. Thank you to all the members of Elmswell Fire Service for all the marvellous work you do for the community. ***Here is a photograph of Chairman Frank Boxall giving his acceptance speech.***

Our first year! Again, sincere thanks to all those concerned within the Club in whatever capacity and local organisations/ individuals, for their help and support. We are so happy to be at Stowupland and to have such a friendly close knit membership.



Speaking of members, where are all you potential bowlers? If you are interested in trying your hand do please contact either our Chairman: Frank Boxall (01359 244591) or Secretary: Graham Newman (01359 240846). They will be very happy to talk with you, there is no obligation and you will be very welcome.

David Begg

STOWUPLAND SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

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 very friendly club and welcome everyone, no matter what gender, age, or ability. We meet every Thursday throughout the year unless it falls on Xmas day or when there is a council election. It doesn't matter if you have not tried it before, we are fortunate enough to have a qualified coach in the club to help you. We start at 19-00hrs and finish at 21-30 hrs, 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. Feel free to just turn up and give us a look; we can supply the bowls, all you need to have is a pair of flat shoes. If you would like more information please give our secretary, Pam Fayers, a call on 01449-770080 or mobile 07713026696 who will be very pleased to help.

*John Paddy
Committee Member.*

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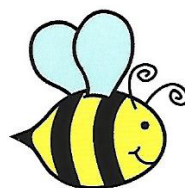
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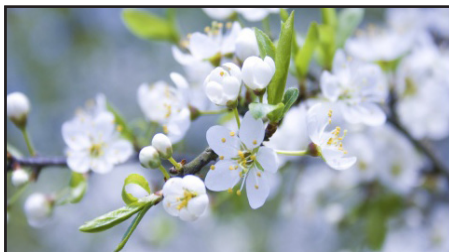


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NEWS

Church Secretary: Anne Scarff
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As we get closer to the Easter celebrations within the Chapel, it is encouraging to see the spring flowers peeping through, always a welcome sight. **Our next coffee morning is on Friday 26th April 10am to 12noon.** Please come and have a chat, cuppa, and a cake. Everyone welcome.

We are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 13th April at 2pm in the Village Hall. If you have any jumble or bric-a-brac, please let any Chapel member know and arrangements will be made to collect it or alternatively bring it to the Village Hall on the day after 12noon but before 2pm. Any contributions will be gratefully accepted, with the exception of electrical goods as the law does not permit us to sell them. We would also welcome you coming to buy.

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 April are as follows:

07th April	Veda Berriman
14th April	Revd Mary Playford
21st April	John Webb (Holy Communion Service)
28th April	Andrew High

Afternoon Fellowship

You may recall that the Women's World Day of Prayer was cancelled last year due to bad weather. Fortunately, this year, although it turned very cold on the Friday after a very warm spell, there was no snow. The organisation has changed its name and it is now known as the World Day of Prayer. The service was arranged by the women of

Slovenia and on 1st March six ladies from Stowupland attended this event. It was a very meaningful service and it was certainly worth the effort of travelling to Bacton. Next year our area service will be in Stowupland Church.

Our meetings continue on a Monday afternoon at 2.30pm and the programme for April is as follows:

08th April Keith Scarff

29th April Mary Durrant

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

Mary Clark

STOWMARKET GROUP OF CHURCHES APRIL NEWSLETTER.

Jesus read from the scriptures..... "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." (Isaiah 61:1 Luke 4:18)

My music knowledge is very limited. I don't listen to much modern music, even worse, I'm ashamed to admit, that I don't listen to much music at all, but there are some song lyrics that stick in your mind. One from my past is, "It's Good News week" by Hedgehoppers Anonymous, and the first verse goes, "It's good news week, someone's dropped a bomb somewhere contaminating atmosphere and blackening the sky." Words from the 1960's but we can wonder how much has changed. This year we have become more aware of the increasing hostility between India and Pakistan. Wars continue and today there are twenty-eight countries either involved in war or who are experiencing armed conflicts within their borders. In 2019 it is estimated that one country is dropping an explosive with a strength you can hardly comprehend once every 12 minutes.

If I turn on the news, or read the paper, there is usually bad news facing me. From persecution to fleeing refugees, from knife crime

to people suffering with cancer, and of course we can't forget Brexit (writing this before March 29th I wonder what will happen). So much bad news. Little good news, but then we often appear to be happier to hear bad news than good. One commercial newspaper that started out to give us good news was scrapped because there was no demand for it!

However, despite what we may think, there is good news out there. We can be thankful to our local free magazines such as 'In Touch' as they carry us good news about our community and its people. We can rejoice at the work Michelle does with our own Monday Community Brew with more and more people coming to share in a time together. We can hear good news from Tools with a Mission where they are enabling people to earn a living and support themselves and their families. We can hear good news from Christian Aid which works with local partners and communities to fight injustice, respond to humanitarian emergencies, campaign for change, and help people claim the services and rights they are entitled to. We can look close at home and all around the world and there is good work going on to ensure good news does exist.

At Stowmarket we have been following a Lent Course entitled "Daring to see God now" and the first session was "The Good News of God." Jesus grew up in a land occupied by the brutal soldiers of the Roman Imperial Army. He had no illusions about what the world was like, he lived in the real world and experienced life as a real person. But he had a message of good news, a message that was taken around the world. He didn't ignore the bad news around him but worked to change things and offered a better way of life for all.

This Easter we remember how Jesus died for us and rose again for us. He brought good news to the world and those who hear his news and act on it have their lives changed forever.

May you all receive and share with others the good news of our Lord and Saviour this Easter time.

Anne..Secretary to Stowmarket Group of Churches. (*The group consists of Stowmarket, Stowupland, Mendlesham & Debenham*)

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Keith Welham

BIRTHDAY THANKS

I would like to thank all my family and friends for their good wishes, visits, cards and flowers, on the occasion of my 100th birthday, on 5th March. A special thank you to the Chairman of the Parish Council for the flowers and visit and also to the Mayor of Stowmarket for her visit and flowers. I had a lovely day and one of the many highlights was receiving a card from the Queen.

Mary Clark

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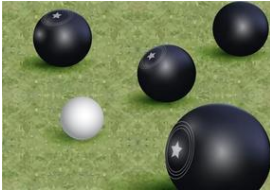
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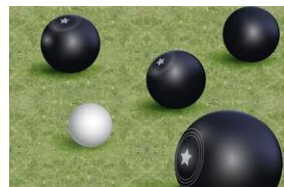
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JUNIOR PAGE

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President, Colleen welcomed all, after which we sang "Jerusalem". Then followed the business and a reminder of the deadline for buying tickets for the Group meeting at Barking Village Hall on March 4th. Having dealt with that, we saw a demonstration from Glenda Price, of Stowmarket Sugarcraft Club, of making miniature flowers from sugar paste for cake decoration. She made the process look deceptively easy, producing, amongst others, Freesias, Periwinkles, Violets and Primroses. The finishing touch was applying colour. Glenda then gathered all the flowers together, making them into a lovely spray to become a raffle prize. Following refreshments, the birthday posies were given out, the raffle drawn and the results of the competitions announced –

Decorated biscuits – 1st Margaret, 2nd Linda S., 3rd Mary C... Flower – 1st Linda S., 2nd Mary C., 3rd Sandra.

The evening then closed.

At the Group meeting a few days later we had an engaging talk from Jeanette Moser on self-defense, which she had learnt in her time in the Rhodesian police reserve. As well as telling us the moves, she demonstrated them on her husband, which made it easier to follow and, hopefully, remember them.

The day after, 8 members went to Trinity Park, Ipswich, for the annual Suffolk East Federation meeting. This year is the centenary of the Federation's formation, so we had a short re-enactment of the meeting in 1919, which founded it. We also, during the day, had two of the centenary choirs, set up this year, to entertain us. Undoubtedly, the highlight for most women was the guest speaker, Kevin Clifton, a.k.a. Kevin from Grimsby, a dancer on "Strictly", who received a rapturous welcome and rounded off the day very well.

Outing;

Saturday, June 1st. Little Bentley Hall Waterways & Garden show + Art show, trade stands and silent auction, food available all day and a specified picnic area. Entry fee £7, coach max £7. Leave Stowupland 9.00 a.m. depart venue 4.30 p.m.

Sandringham Flower Show, Wednesday, July 24th. Coach fare and entry fee £22. Early start, leaving Stowupland 8.15 a.m.

Friends & family welcome to both events. For more information, please contact Judy Clarke – 01449 615386

STOWUPLAND

EASTER HOP!

FOR MORE DETAILS / REGISTRATION CONTACT:

01449 672531

easterhop@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk



SUNDAY APRIL 7TH 2019

Starting 10:30am

A 5km and 3km run, jog or walk

Suitable for all ages and abilities

Medals and eggs to all registered finishers!

Organised by:



STOWUPLAND CRICKET CLUB

APRIL REPORT

As we head towards the middle of spring, the new cricket season will soon be upon us. With the winter weather being reasonably mild in comparison to last year's late winter snow, this has enabled the ground to steadily dry out in time for the coming season.

Unfortunately, Roy Hawes sadly passed away just before Christmas. Roy was our welfare officer and supported the committee in this role; he also spent an enormous amount of time coaching the youngsters on a Sunday morning. He will be very sadly missed by everyone at the club.



Even though there is no cricket during the winter months, the work continues behind the scenes in preparation for the coming year. Over the August bank holiday last year we celebrated our 50th year as a club. Although there isn't any event as big as this, we still have a packed summer ahead. Back in November we held our annual general meeting in the Sports & Social club; most positions have remained the same on the committee. We have two new captains for the coming season; Grant Wearing will take charge of the mid-week league and Kieran Gregory will be the captain of the Suffolk T20 cup team. I would like to wish them all the best with their respective teams.

The fundraising has continued over the winter with our monthly quiz nights. These have been an overwhelming success with the full allocation of teams being entered each month. I would like to thank everyone who has entered a team; we hope you continue to support us. It's thanks largely to Kt Browning, who continues to work tirelessly in order for us to raise the funds needed to support the club and allow us to grow in the way that we are.

This season we again have four adult teams. After just missing out on promotion, the Saturday team will again play in division 5 of

the Two Counties Championship. Our first match will take place over the Easter weekend away at Ipswich; hopefully the team will be pushing for promotion come the end of the season.

The Sunday team will again play in division 1 of the Hunts County League; there are some very good teams and exceptional cricketers in this league so it poses a good but tough challenge for the young team. George Ager will again captain the Sunday team for a third season; supported by his vice-captain Andy Parkin.

The mid-week season will start in mid-May this year. Last year the team reached the semi-final stage of the competition; so, hopefully we can go one better this year. Stowupland have also entered the Suffolk T20 cup competition for the first time this year. Some very competitive matches lay ahead but hopefully the team will be at finals day come September.

At Stowupland we are always looking for new players and, if you or anyone you know would like to get into cricket regardless of ability, then please contact myself or contact the club via the website.

Scott Gregory (07538009376)
Stowupland Cricket Club

JUMBLE SALE

at Stowupland Village Hall
Saturday 13th April at 2pm

**Cakes - Draw - Bric-A-Brac - Tombola -
Books - Refreshments etc**

Admission 20p

Proceeds to Stowupland Chapel



STOWUPLAND GOOD NEIGHBOURS

A volunteer service run by residents for residents

Helpline 07591 539 621



STOWUPLAND SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Church Road, Stowupland IP14 4BQ

The Sports and Social Club have made a change to the bar opening times over the winter months

From 28 November the new bar opening times are:-

Friday	7 - 10.30
Saturday	2 - 10.30
Sunday	11.30 - 7.30

Stowupland Village Screen!

Every **THIRD** Wednesday of every month

Have a night out at the movies!

We will bring you the very best films!

Enjoy refreshments all at affordable prices!

Check out our website for more information

7:30pm

Showing time!

£5 ENTRY!

www.stowuplandsportcentre.co.uk



Mobile Post Office

**The Mobile Post Office will be visiting Stowupland
from Wednesday 20th March 2019 stopping at the
Village Hall Car Park**

Opening hours will be

Wednesday 2pm – 4pm