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# EDITOR'S NOTES

JUNE 2021



June will see us enter another phase of the Covid road map and hopefully we will be free from all restrictions very soon. The last 18 months has seen us in a constant state of change, some good and some bad, but affecting us all. I'm sure we have all had personal changes, but our village is changing even more than ever.

In recent years we have seen the evolution of the garage into a proper supermarket and filling station, very different from the days of the garage featured in Memory Lane a couple of months ago. We hear, from our Parish Council, that a new crossing is to be built which will be a blessing. The A1120 is a difficult road to cross especially at busy times.

There is new housing going up as I write, and more planned and even more seeking permission to build. The village is changing rapidly. Our schools are getting filled, our roads even busier. Gateway 14 will bring different challenges, but we can't stand in the way of progress; the development has been included in the 'Freeport' centred on Felixstowe and Harwich. This will boost the local economy and there will probably be additional traffic and more freight trains through Stowmarket. But, as George Bernard Shaw wrote, 'Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds, cannot change anything'.

In this issue you will find the very first Telstar, which has been replicated. Much has changed from those days back in 1963 but a lot remains the same. We hear from the then editor's son as he recalls the days of printing and delivering Telstar. Freeman Community Primary School tells us about the changes and challenges they have had to overcome. Stowmarket Eco Future Group speak of the changes in our climate taking us back to the Industrial Revolution. Kate talks about the changing season in Down to Earth. The Village Hall has big changes on the way, and I hope many of you will take an interest in the improvements they are planning. As I write, our County Councillor has changed and we welcome Keith Welham to that position.

It is up to us to embrace the changes in our village, welcome new people with open arms and preserve the heart of our village. We can make changes ourselves; we can improve our environment, we can ask for considerations to be made when approving housing, we can keep our village tidy and only we, the people who live here, can make it a great place to live.

Kay

Cover Photo by Ace Photographer, Keith Hyland

P.S. If you want a feature about your club, just invite me along – I'll do my best to come and support you.

Ed.

The logo features the word 'STOWUPLAND' in a large, outlined, sans-serif font at the top. On either side of this word is a stylized illustration of a radio tower with jagged lines representing signal waves. Below 'STOWUPLAND' is the word 'TELSTAR' in a similar outlined font, followed by 'RELAYS' in a larger, outlined font. Horizontal lines are drawn behind 'TELSTAR' and 'RELAYS'. At the bottom, the text 'NEWS FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE PARISH' is written in a smaller, solid, sans-serif font.

# STOWUPLAND

## TELSTAR RELAYS

NEWS FROM ALL CORNERS OF THE PARISH

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Edited by R.W. Gamage, 2 Highfield Road, Stowupland

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### THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

This magazine, something new in Stowupland, is sponsored by the Parish Council and as its Chairman I would like to greet all our readers.

Mr Gamage has gallantly taken on the job of Editor, but for the success of this venture we must be dependent upon how much in the way of news and views is fed to him by the various corporate bodies in the Parish. We hope we shall be able to 'appear in print' quarterly.

Stowupland is a growing Parish, and there are signs that in the next few years we shall increase in population by some 50%. This is a healthy form of growth and should help to make our Parish strong and prosperous. It will however mean more in the way of public work which, all too often, is left to the few to carry on. May I appeal to anyone, particularly among our younger newcomers, who feel they would like to share in some form of public work, whether it be with one of the churches, running a club, helping with the village hall, or anything at all, to get in touch with the appropriate body. If you do not know who to contact then please approach myself or the Clerk of the Parish Council, Mr Foord and he will put you in touch.

You've probably noticed that we've done certain work in an attempt to improve the appearance of The Green. Please help us in this by not dumping rubbish there, or any other odd corners. Our Parish has a charm of its own and this would improved still further if we could eliminate the one or two black spots.

In future issues we shall try to keep you in the picture with what we are doing. If you have any suggestions to make concerning the work of the Parish Council please come along to our meetings. Notices detailing them are published

on the various notice boards; and after each meeting we allow time for members of the public to make comment.

A.G. ADDISON  
Chairman

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THE TABLE TENNIS CLUB

As the Table Tennis Club only runs during the winter months this report is based on last season's activity.

Attendances were reasonable when one remembers the very bad winter we had. Two teams again played in the Stowmarket and District League; one in the "A" League and one in the "B". It was the first season in which the "A" team had played in the top league so, not surprisingly, they did not do too well and only finished 8th in the League, having won the same number of points as the team finishing 7th but without such a good average in games. The "B" team did very well indeed and came second. In the knock-out tournament held in March Stowupland "A" reached the final, when they were beaten by a Constitutional team. Our juniors played two friendly matches, both of which they won.

During the season one Social and one dance was held to assist the financial position and both were well attended.

We hope to be starting again in September and would welcome anyone interested in table tennis. Any male member of the community interested enough to help out with our juniors from 6.30pm until 7.30pm would be extremely welcome. Our grateful thanks go to Mrs. Stannard, Mr Gamage and Mr Scarlett without whom we could not have carried on, but if one or two more who are to help would come forward it would perhaps only mean an hour every five or six weeks.

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SOMETHING LIKE IT  
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Once upon a time there was a Parish Council. They were a good lot, for the only one who was paid was the clerk, he was paid about £1000 (less tax), for fifty years service, so he rode about in a car and everyone addressed him as mister.

Now one night there was a Council meeting, and the clerk, arriving five minutes late, as usual, was surprised to find that he could still see across the room (it was just after the first scare connecting smoking with lung cancer), and this enabled him to see that, apart from the Councillors, there was a member of the public present.

The minuets were taken as read (the Clerk had forgotten the minute book), and matters arising were dealt with. Among items discussed were the burial ground's accounts, which was loosing money owing to the village having such a healthy climate; the village green which needed cutting but it happened to come just as all the local farmers were busy; and a request to the Rural

District Council to put in a sewerage system before the turn of the century.

By far the most interesting item of the evening was the last one. The footpath committee had met, and all five hundred and thirty one paths were in order except one - No. 85c (Sec. D) - on the official map.

"Shocking state," said the committee convener.

"Here, hold on, that runs over my ground and I've only been in three days," said the member of the public.

"Sorry" said the Chairman, "The public cannot take part in the Council debate."

The committee convener continued, "As I was saying the path was overgrown and a disgrace....."

"Let me explain," interrupted the member of the public.

"Sorry," said the Chairman.

After debating the path for two hours, or the time taken to smoke through half a pound of tobacco, the Council decided to request the owner of the path to put it into proper condition immediately. This was followed by a hush as if the members were expecting the Benediction to be pronounced and the meeting was declared closed.

"Now," said the member of the public, "What I was going to say over two hours ago, and what I came to tell the Council, was that I entirely agreed with their remarks and it is with the greatest of pleasure that I am going to put the path No. 85c (Sec. D) into perfect order tomorrow.

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#### STOWUPLAND OVER SIXTY CLUB

The Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the village hall.

On 9th July 19 63 we had our annual all day outing. Leaving Stowupland by coach at 9.00 am going via Thetford to Swaffam where a halt was made for coffee. From Swaffam on to Sandringham and then to Ingoldsthorpe Manor Hotel where a very good lunch was enjoyed by the 74 members and friends. After lunch our coaches toured leisurely through Hunstanton and along the Norfolk coast for tea at Cromer. From Cromer we returned via Norwich and arrived home at 9.0p.m. A wonderful day's tour abd enjoyed by all.

The Club is open to anyone over 60. There is no membership fee and new members are always welcome and will I'm sure enjoy the friendly "get together" once a month and the really wonderful teas provided by the committee members.

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#### STOWUPLAND AND CREETING ST PETER W.I.

The W.I. of our village consists of approximately 70 members under its very capable president - Mrs E Stearn

The meetings are run to a pattern viz - business matters, followed by a half hour's talk, demonstration or film. Tea and biscuits are served then all members can join in a 'social half hour'. This may take the form of games,

competitions or an entertainment done by one group of members.

Each year on the anniversary of the formation of our W.I. we hold a party. We also try to have a day's outing each year - also an evening outing to a theatre or show in Ipswich.

At each meeting we run a Trading Stall. Mrs Allard is in charge of this. Members may bring any surplus garden produce, home made jam, cakes etc or outgrown clothes to be sold. Members price their own goods and 2d in each shilling goes to Institute funds.

During the last three months we have had talks on First Aid in the Home by Mrs Merry; Mrs Iron-Side Wood gave us some fresh ideas on the uses of our language and Mrs Cutting brought slides of places she had visited in America.

A Bring and Buy stall held in June and resulted in £5. 5. 0. being sent to the Freedom from Hunger effort and a house-to-house collection was run by members for the Cancer Campaign; £18. 15. 9 was sent to this good cause.

D. LAY  
Hon. Secretary

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#### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Having said farewell on the last day of 1962 to the Rev R. R. Lark, who had for seven years in spite of persistent ill health, faithfully served as Vicar of our Parish.

We started off 1963 with no Pastor for our flock. However with the splendid co-operation of the Rural Dean, the Rev A. Maxlow and the Rev Michael Howard the ever helpful Prebendary Page, Mr F. W. Finbow and Mr W. W. Hennessy, Lay Readers, we carried on the services as usual.

The appointment of the Rev G. G. Whitefield, M.A. was welcomed by all. For six years a schoolmaster and until his appointment here, Curate of St Mary's Bury St Edmunds, a Cambridge Soccer Blue. Married with four young children, he found a warm welcome at his institution and induction. May God richly bless his work among us.

The arrival of the Rev. Whitefield coincides with the return of the first Vicar of Stowupland, not in a ghostly form, but in an oil painting, carefully renovated by Mrs Page.

There are still several pews needed before our church is reseated and the greater part of the proceeds of our successful fete will be devoted to this cause, part going to help re-robe the choir.

We were pleased our voluntary care of the churchyard was not unnoticed by last year's judges for the Best Kept Village.

The missionary work of our village is growing with vigour and we hope nearly

to double our ..... (unreadable text on original)

We have a happy group of workers and much enjoy planning for future events. We have two new events for Stowupland coming later this year.

A warm welcome awaits all newcomers to our Parish to join us in worship and work for God.

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#### STOWUPLAND FLOWER SHOW AND FETE

The event was held at Stowupland Hall on Saturday 27 July 1963 by kind permission of Mr and Mrs F. E. Chaplin. The weather was ideal for such an occasion and there was quite a good attendance of spectators. This was the 63rd show and though the number of competitors were slightly lower than last year, competition was keen, especially in the fruit and vegetable classes, which were very well supported.

The winner in these classes was Mr Ron Melhuish, with 38 points, followed by Mr Cyril Bloom, last year's winner, with 37 points. These were closely followed by Mr Walter Rampley of Mickfield (making a welcome return re showing at Stowupland) and Mr V Peart, who each gained 35 points. In the flower classes, Mrs Yvonne Alexander was a clear winner with 46 points, with Mr Percy Southgate as runner up with 8 points Mrs Alexander also won the 'Garden News' Shield - a new trophy this year, awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in the vegetable, flower and fruit classes. Mr Cyril Bloom was runner up.

In the cookery and needlework classes, Mrs D. M. Salmon was the winner with 26 points with Mrs Ruth Pring as runner up with 14 points, The school children's classes were well supported, but the small number of entries in the photography classes was disappointing

This year, the committee, always in search of something new to attract and entertain the spectators had asked Bob Wellings of Anglia Television to open the fete, but as he had already accepted an engagement elsewhere, John McGregor deputised for him.

The jumping and gymkhana events in the ring were well organised by Mr. & Mrs. Tew of Great Blakenham and the combined bands of the Stowmarket Boys Brigade and the Girls Life Brigade were enjoyed by all. Also during the afternoon the Kerrison School Boys gave a P.T. display. There was also a fancy dress competition and Tug-of-War. This was won by the Police team from Halesworth, who beat Benhall Badgers in two straight pulls. The events in the ring ended with musical cars, won by Mr Chaplin and his lady passenger, Mrs Pat Kerry.

There was Punch and Judy for the children and the usual grand draw, with the usual good prizes-ably organised by Mr John Scarffe, and the sideshows which were manned by members of the Women's Institute, helpers from the Village and committee members.

The results of the garden competition were announced at the Flower Show, the winner was Mr George Wade of Columbyne Close (who incidentally fifty years

ago won second prize for his garden). received the very fine George Carter Memorial Trophy from Mrs Chaplin. The runner up was Mr Percy Southgate, also from Columbyne Close. This competition was judged at the end of June by Mr. Hammond of Ipswich. There were seven entries, rather fewer than last year, but as this will be an annual event, and the competition is open to the whole of Stowupland, the committee are hoping for rather more next year.

It is hoped that the people who came to our show this year enjoyed it and will come again next year and those who could not come this year will next year also support an event which in so many villages is fading away through lack of interest and support.

The Committee for 1963 is:-

CHAIRMAN: Mr A.G. Addison SECRETARY: Mrs C. F. Bloom

FLOWER SHOW SECRETARY: Mrs J. Carter TREASURER: Mr J Carter

COMMITTEE: Messrs P. Carter, F. Cooper, S. Denny Edwards, W. Hennessy, B. Hill, Foord, P. List, H. Nunn. G. Rampley, J. Scarffe, T. Salmon and Wright

Mr & Mrs T. Chaplin, Berridge, E. Stearn, and R. Thrower.

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#### STOWUPLAND CHAPEL

Christening - On 9th June we were pleased to see friends of Miss Tee who brought there lovely baby Anne-Marie Bowker to be christened.

Choir Sunday - The choir took over the afternoon service on 16 June, when there were two anthems and community hymn singing. Mr C. Foord was a very able chairman and gave details of the origin of some of the hymns.

Mother's Meeting - The outing to Woburn Abbey on 25 June was enjoyed by all, despite the wet day. An excellent high tea was much appreciated before starting home again. A brief visit to Mr and Mrs Ronald Carter was made on the return journey, when members and friends were made very welcome with light refreshments.

Sunday School - Our Anniversary was held on 30th June. In the afternoon the juniors gave a demonstration call "the Magnet". Honours in the Scripture Examination were gained by Shirley Hollis, who was presented with a Bible and the remaining seven successful candidates received certificates. At the evening service the senior scholars elaborated on the theme "What Shall I Be." Mr Mickleburgh, B.A., gave an interesting address at both services before a large audience of parents and friends.

Sunday School Outing - The Sunday School outing to Lowestoft on 13 August was much enjoyed by the children, parents and friends. The high tea arranged for scholars and their teachers was very good and made a perfect ending to a happy day.

G. L. B. Cadets and Life Boys - A successful new venture last Autumn was the formation of the Stowupland G.L. B. Cadets under the leadership of G.L.B. Officer Mrs Janet Hart of Stowupland, and a Life Boy team under the leadership

of Mr John Garrod, also of Stowupland.

ADVANCED NOTICE - Our Harvest Festival services have been arranged for Sunday 29th September. Mr Mickelburgh, B.A. is taking our afternoon service and Mr. Ray Prentice of Ipswich the evening service. A warm welcome is extended to all.

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EDITORIAL

As the Chairman of the Parish Council has stated elsewhere, this magazine is a new venture, the success of which depends upon you, the residents of Stowupland. Some will like it, others will laugh at it and yet others will say the Council and myself are wasting our time. YOUR opinion will be valuable - letters can be published on the subject if you wish, but you have got to write them and send them along to me. The contributions from the various organisations for this first issue have come along wonderfully. Can we hope to have something from any that are missing for the next - Footballers, Gardeners etc. (Hints to the ignorant on gardening would be most useful if someone cares to contribute). East Suffolk County Constabulary are welcome with anything they might think will interest us!

I can print it, publish it and distribute it (I hope!). I have the most wonderful feeling that I can blue pencil you, tear you up and throw you into the waste paper basket, make editorial comments on letters you may write, accept adverts if you want to put them in - but only if I approve! - But there is just one thing I cannot do - WRITE THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND SEND THEM TO MYSELF IN THE FIRST PLACE - that is your department. In the words of a very well known television compare, this magazine is in fact 'MOSTLY YOURSELVES'.

Your support or otherwise will indicate to the Council and myself whether the venture is worthwhile. We hope it will be worthwhile.

EDITOR

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CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE, WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER, SHOULD REACH THE EDITOR NOT LATER THAN 31st OCTOBER 1963

# MERVYN GAMAGE REMEMBERS...

I only lived in Stowupland for 7 years and it was more than 50 years ago that I left for university, but they were my "formative" years and I remember the village fondly. So it was interesting to see recently on a village Facebook group that Telstar is still alive and well. My Dad was Reg Gamage, the first editor. Dad was Postmaster in Stowmarket and was a member of the Rotary Club and a member and later Chairman of the Stowmarket Carnival Committee. My Mum, Kath, was in the village Women's' Institute and the Mothers' Meeting at the Chapel. She also went door to door selling National Savings stamps. My brother, Roger, and I went to Sunday School at the Chapel and he was in the Life Boys, where I helped out too. At first, on Sunday nights, I went to the Youth Club at the Church after evening service, but later started going to the URC in Stowmarket, where the minister was the lovely Rev Edmund Banyard. I also remember a table tennis club in the village hall and whist drives at the primary school.

When Dad took on editorship of Telstar, named after the satellites that brought us those first shaky TV pictures across the Atlantic, it was inevitable we would all be involved. Incidentally Telstar, by the Tornadoes, was also my first record, and at the last count the satellite, though no longer working, is still up there somewhere.

Dad would have been thrilled to know Telstar is still going and amazed how it was developed from the original duplicated version. Dad would have to type all the copy onto wax stencils, with any mistakes corrected with bright pink fluid. The stencil was then placed on a hand-cranked Gestetner duplicator. It was an arm-tiring business so we took turns on the handle. And very messy, with black ink in tubes to be squeezed into the drum, and everywhere else too! That first machine was not very reliable, with sheets of paper mis-feeding or sticking together. It was a day for celebration when the Parish Council supplied a new, electrically operated duplicator.

Next was collating the sheets, all by hand, carefully checking there were no blanks thanks to the dodgy machine. Then stapling and finally distribution. There was a team of helpers each covering their own area. So we put some through letterboxes near us but most were delivered in batches, maybe 10 here, 50 there, sometimes by car but often on our bikes. And that was it for another quarter until the new copy started rolling in.

Being re-united with Telstar has brought back many memories. Keith Welham was a friend of mine back then and it was great to find he had been involved in keeping the magazine going. We spent a while on the phone catching up recently. He lived in Broomspath Road, while we were at 2 Highfield Road on the corner. We had no central heating so ice on the inside of the windows was common on a winter morning.

We had a lean-to on the side of the house, accommodating a garage for the Ford Anglia I learnt to drive in, my Dad's DIY workshop, and a conservatory where Mum kept dozens of geraniums.

We played cricket on what was then a patch of rough ground on the corner of Broomspath Road and Devon Road. An incident with a greenhouse led to the introduction of our "out over gardens" rule! We also ventured as far as the village green to play football with piles of jumpers for goalposts. In the summer I earned a few pounds picking beans at local farms, or apples at the village orchards. They were certainly great times. We do return occasionally to visit friends in Stowmarket, so if anyone in the village remembers me from those days I would love to hear from you. I am on Facebook or my email is mervyngamage@hotmail.co.uk. So thank you Telstar for bringing back memories. Here's to the next 60 years!

*Mervyn Gamage*

**Footnote from Keith Welham:** The greenhouse incident referred to by Mervyn is indelibly engraved in the memories of Joyce Gardener and me. I am under threat of a legal injunction which prevents me from giving details; suffice it to say that I scored six runs and was given out.

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# FREEMAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



When Kay, the Telstar Editor, mentioned this issue's theme was 'change', the first thing that sprang to mind was the change at Freeman Community Primary School when lockdown ended at the beginning of March. Although we have been open throughout lockdown, we were only open to keyworker and vulnerable children so it was lovely to see (and hear!) all the children back at school on the 8th of March when we fully re-opened. The children's feelings regarding lockdown were eloquently summed up in a Haiku poem written by one of the children as part of a Key Stage 2 Haiku project;

*Echoes in my school  
Teachers and my friends on screens  
Missing playground fun*

Now they were all able to see each other in person and the only echoes in the school were ones of excited chatter and laughter as the children caught up with friends who they hadn't seen since before Christmas.

Since then the weeks seems to have flown by and when you read this we will already be half-way through our summer term. Here are some of our highlights so far;

## **Victorian Day**

Our Year 1 class, Cherry Tree, enjoyed a Victorian day where they could come into school in Victorian clothes and followed Victorian Classroom rules



throughout the day. They practised handwriting with chalk and slates, recited times tables, tried gruel, made Victorian toys and played Victorian games outside. They even experienced the dunce hat! Here is Imogen trying out the dunce hat and Thomas who doesn't look too impressed with his gruel.



## **Crime and Punishment**

Year 6, Oak class, have been learning about Crime and Punishment. They really enjoyed getting into character and having a debate to decide if the guilty party should face an Anglo-Saxon punishment (such as trial by ordeal, branding or death) or a modern British punishment (a fine or prison term).

Hayden, below, is nervously waiting to hear his fate after being accused of stealing some sheep.



### **Freeman Artists**

The children have been producing some fantastic art work this term. Year 5 experienced with water colours, trying different techniques. Below is Rorey with his finished watercolour. We also have some examples of the sea landscape collages Year 1 have been making, investigating different textures to create a seaside landscape painting.

### **Red Nose Day**

Thanks to the generosity of our parents/carers, children and staff we raised £285 for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. The children were invited to come to school in non-school uniform and enjoyed fun activities throughout the day including Year 5's 'Willow Class has Got Talent' show.

The children also got to 'Share a Smile' by sharing their favourite joke with their class. The best joke from each class won a Red Nose. Here are a couple of the winning jokes.

How did the hairdresser win the race?

They took the short-cut!

(Peter – Cherry Tree Class, Year 1)

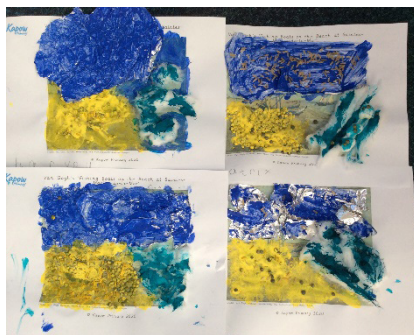
Why are teddy bears never hungry?

Because they're always stuffed!

(Esme – Beech Class, Year 3)

And on that happy note, that is all the news from us this issue. We hope you've enjoyed our article and we will be back with more news next month. Freeman CP School

*From tiny acorns do mighty oaks grow*



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# **BOWLERS IN THE MAKING!**

You will see elsewhere in the magazine that Terry and I have joined Stowupland Bowls Club.

For some time, I have been corresponding with David Begg who writes the news for the Bowls Club. We have a monthly little email banter, as I do with all our correspondents. It was in these monthly emails that the subject of trying out bowling was raised.

We went along to the Bowls Club on a sunny April afternoon and were met by the Club Chairman, Frank. We were a bit early (keen, you see), and there was no ceremony, Frank was taking in the bins! As people arrived, they were all very friendly towards these two novices and quickly kitted us out with some woods (bowls) so that we could join in.



Having never been on a bowling green before we stepped on with some trepidation. It looked a very long way to the other side. We were worried that we might dent the green or stand where we shouldn't, but all these worries faded away as we were met with open arms. Nobody minded playing with us two no-hopers and everyone was quick to give us guidance and congratulate us when we did well. We had a fun afternoon and met some lovely people. If we wanted to go again, we were offered some tutoring, which we quickly took up. Another nice afternoon was had and we both felt a bit more comfortable going out onto the green.

The thing we didn't expect was the aching of muscles that haven't been used in a while! Bowls looks so genteel it's hard to think of it as exercise – but it is! After our third foray the muscles seem to have got the idea and it's stopped hurting. I think this is just testament to how unfit we are. A walk around our local footpaths clearly doesn't use the same muscles as bowling does!

The last time we went we both played with a team for a friendly match. Terry started very well with his first bowl very close to the cot (AKA jack) and I took a while to warm up but got there in the end! We decided that we would both like to join the club and they were very pleased to have us.

We were not allowed inside the Pavilion due to Covid restrictions and I understand from the Village Hall notice in this magazine that a new Pavilion may be on the cards. Stowupland Bowls Club was set to close completely just a few years ago but it was saved by a group absconding from Elmswell. Thank goodness for that and may the Club have a glorious future ahead of it!

It is the same old saying for every club and facility in our village, if you don't use it, you could lose it. If you fancy trying bowling, I can reassure you that you will be met with the warmest of welcomes.

*Your Editor and Himself, Kay & Terry.*

## **STOWUPLAND BOWLS CLUB**

Hooray! Outdoor bowls is rolling at last. The various league programmes commence week of 17th May but as with other clubs the usual pre-season roll-ups are already being played. At our club they began on 20th April.

Even more encouraging news (local residents take note); we have two more very welcome Members. None other than our famous Editor of this Magazine no less, Kay Easter together with her husband Terry. We wish them happy bowling hours for many years to come.

Our green is ready for the official "OFF" and we are all getting ourselves mentally prepared as it will be strange to a degree due to the Pandemic; although restrictions have been somewhat relaxed there are still many Covid rulings to adhere to and respect.

Next month we will be issuing details of the first league matches. Let us all enjoy a forthcoming safe summer, KEEP SAFE.

*David Begg*

# STOWUPLAND CRICKET CLUB



Wrapped in multiple layers and bobble hats, Stowupland 2nd XI opened the season with a replay of the abandoned Division 2 Two Counties Final from the end of last season against Woolpit 4th XI.

Battling the elements, the team rose to the occasion, scoring 235 from the 40 overs (K Roche 60, A Parkin 56). This was followed by superb display of bowling from the team topped by 5-29 from Joe Marsh to dismiss the home team for 147.

*The victorious team is pictured below:*



The following week (17th April) the 1st XI travelled to Hadleigh and the 2nd XI played at Stowmarket. Unfortunately, both teams lost the first game of the season but with snippets of brilliance along the way including a fabulous 56\* from Charlotte Oaster against Stowmarket.

On 24th April the 1st XI played their first home game of the season against Ipswich. Highlights included an innings of 39 from Tom Wray on the way to 187. The visitors were unable to match this, being bowled out for 183 in the 44th over.

Saturday 1st May was hampered by the weather, meaning the 1st XI game at home was abandoned early in the second innings. The 2nd XI completed their very low scoring game but lost to Stradbroke.

Plenty more matches are scheduled over the coming weeks with junior matches beginning this coming week.

Our Junior training programme began on 9th April and continues each Friday until 27th August. **Timings are as follows:**

- Ages 5-11, 5:30pm to 6:15pm. Softball cricket. This will include the ECB All Stars and Dynamos Cricket, including a Girls only group for 2021.
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# HOW TIMES CHANGE

On more than one occasion recently I have been asked 'Would you write a short piece for 'Telstar' about how you became involved in being a 'Telstar' distributor?' Well, I thought about it and also got to thinking about my time as booking secretary for the Village Hall.

I knew that the Village Hall needed a booking secretary and, having just retired from 44 years full time employment, mostly in large office environments, I thought this would be a good little job for a couple of years to ease me into retirement. The couple of years ended up as 15 years. Now that I think back, I am quite surprised as I reflect on the changes which took place in that time.

Documents – the booking form consisted of one A4 sheet plus a couple of pages of MSDC licensing conditions. These and other documents such as invoices, receipts etc., were sent in the post, or if the hirer lived in the vicinity of Stowupland or Stowmarket, were hand delivered by me on my bicycle. Nowadays, there is a 3-page booking contract, several pages of terms and conditions and fire instructions and almost all of it sent by email. Likewise, payments made by hirers were in the form of cash or cheques. This is now almost a thing of the past and has been replaced by over 90% being made by BACS electronic transfers.

The hall building has changed too, for now there is a meeting room which can be used quite separately from the main hall and also recently the kitchen has been refurbished.

Last but not least are the people. I have seen many changes in the people who run the hall and of the trustees, committee and club representatives involved. Of those people only two trustees and the caretaker are still there from when I started. Had I been writing this a few weeks ago I would have been able to include Life President Mary Bloom, who passed away earlier this year and who was there before any of us, or in fact before the hall itself.

Now if I go back to the original question 'How did you become involved with being a distributor?' The answer is, one day some years back, somebody asked me and my wife Chris if we would like to help with the Telstar distribution. We said 'yes' and have been delivering Telstar ever since.

With growing numbers of new properties being built in Stowupland it is quite likely that somebody will be saying again, 'Would you like to help with distributing Telstar?' If they do so, then say 'yes' because it is good way of meeting other villagers and is an invaluable service to the residents of Stowupland.

*Hugh Blanch*

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*To you All*

As Her Majesty The Queen's personal representative in Suffolk, I would like to thank you for the outstanding contribution you all have made to the County during the extraordinary and difficult circumstances caused by the Covid-19 crisis. Your selflessness and sense of duty are a credit to you.

The innovation, collaboration, courage, and generosity shown by so many across the County during this time has been truly inspirational and uplifting. You have been nominated by the team at Community Action Suffolk for your tireless work providing support to the elderly and vulnerable in your area during the past year. Thank you for being such a positive force, you have made a significant difference to so many people.

The High Sheriff of Suffolk and I feel privileged to award you today the Lord Lieutenant's special Certificate of Merit for your remarkable contribution. You are a shining example of all that is best in this county.

With very great gratitude,

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## STOWUPLAND GOOD NEIGHBOURS

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### Good Neighbour Scheme – A big ‘Thank You’

Throughout the Covid pandemic, Stowupland Good Neighbours, with the unwavering support of its volunteers, has worked hard to respond to residents who requested our help. We were grateful for the offers of help from new volunteers who wanted to help during the pandemic. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered – we may not have used you all, but it was reassuring to know that such offers of help from all ages and corners of the village were forthcoming. It was therefore especially nice to receive the following letter from Clare, Countess of Euston, acknowledging the part our Good Neighbour Scheme played in helping the local community through these difficult times. The Certificate of Merit mentioned in the letter will, I hope, eventually be displayed in the Village Hall for everyone to see.

Whilst we continue to feel positive, going forward, Good Neighbours relies on the availability of a small number of volunteers who give up their time to help with a variety of requests. These requests will no doubt increase in the next few months as we hopefully take a few more steps on the road map out of lockdown restrictions.

So, is there anyone out there who would like to become involved in the Good Neighbour Scheme? Reasonable requests for help are considered – we are not painters and decorators, landscape gardeners or chefs. If anyone would like further information on how to become a volunteer, please ring me, **Cathy Welham on 01449 673185.**

### ATTENTION STOWUPLAND RESIDENTS

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# **STOWUPLAND VILLAGE HALL**

## **A Reminder about the Agm and Redevelopment Plans**

Just a brief reminder that plans for the redevelopment of Stowupland Village Hall are moving forward. We have drawn up plans and these will be available to see before our AGM on 21 June 2021. Please come along to the Village hall at 6:30pm to 7:00pm on Monday 21 June 2021 to see the plans. This will be followed at 7pm by the Village Hall GM which you are welcome to stay for.

### Redevelopment Plans

The Village Hall was built in the 1940's and is starting to look its age. The roof keeps leaking and the layout is not ideal for all the modern day uses. The Bowls Club Pavilion is also reaching the end of its life and in desperate need of replacement. As a result, the trustees have drawn up plans with a local architect to redevelop the Village Hall to include:

- A new Pavilion for the Bowls Club.
- New and expanded changing rooms for the Football and Cricket Clubs.
- More storage in the Village Hall for chairs, tables and clubs.
- Improved toilets and kitchen facilities.
- Improved bar for the Social Club and Village Hall.
- Redecorating and refurbishing the Village Hall and Social Club areas.
- New improved outdoor storage facilities for the Football and Cricket clubs replacing the current mixture of sheds and storage compound.
- Completion of the Safely to Schools route across the Village Hall land filling in the missing link from the High School to the Primary School.

### The Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Also don't forget that as a registered charity the Village Hall must hold an AGM. It normally takes place in April but due to the COVID restrictions it has been delayed until Monday 21 June. The meeting will take place after the presentation on the redevelopment plans.

During the meeting we will elect new officers for the following year, approve our annual accounts and hear from the regular users of the hall about their activities and plans. Please do come along and support the Village Hall if you can.

## Recipe of the Month

### *Rhubarb Muffins*

175g caster sugar  
175g rhubarb – diced into 1cm pieces  
2 tbsp sunflower oil  
1 egg  
1 tsp vanilla essence  
125ml buttermilk  
200g plain flour  
1 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

### **Method**

Heat the oven to 200C fan or gas mark 7.  
Line a 12-hole muffin tin with paper cases  
Stir the rhubarb and sugar together and set aside while the oven heats.  
Stir the oil, egg, vanilla and buttermilk into the rhubarb and sugar mix.  
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# MEMORY LANE UPDATE

Following on from the photo of the Red Ore Pits we have some answers but many more questions...

The photo was supplied by Cheryl Taylor's Mum and shows Cheryl's grandad Jimmy Southgate with Honey Sheldrake (in the middle) and Bertie Todd (on the right). Jimmy Southgate would cycle from his home near The Green to the pits which were where the Charles Industrial Estate is today. In the 1940's Peter List remembered workers walking past him when he was working at Oak Farm (Gipping Road), past the Black Barn down a cinder dirt path to reach Creting Road. The pits could be seen from the gardens of houses in Victoria Road and part of the wall can still be seen surrounding the industrial estate. John Law remembered Sand Martins nested there, do they nest anywhere in Stowupland now?

Peter added that the pit was filled with rubbish from the old Suffolk Iron Factory (now Atco). Once dug out it was loaded into trucks and taken away to make bomb trolleys and possibly lawn mowers. Part of Jimmy's job was to send off samples of the ore to be tested, but for what?

My thanks to everyone who has supplied memories by phone, Facebook or email. Every detail has been filed away and helps to complete other stories of Stowupland's past.

## MEMORY LANE

I'm sure lots of you remember the Post Office in Church Road but how many post offices have there been and where were they in Stowupland?



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# DIARY DATES

At last, there are enough events resuming to be able to present them in diary form. There are still a few of the pre-Covid regular events missing as they may not have resumed yet or I do not have the information. Hopefully, the diary will increasingly fill out in the coming months.

If you have details of any events in the village, please get in touch and I will include them in the diary.

One new addition is Choose Refills pop-up shop that will be calling at the village hall car park on the first Thursday of each month. People are increasingly becoming aware of the waste produced by discarded plastic containers most of which is not recycled. Choose Refills sell a range of household cleaning and other items.

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WED 2	2-4 pm	Village Hall car park	Mobile PO.
WED 2	9.30 pm	Village Hall	Baby and Toddler Group
THURS 3	2-4pm	Village Hall car park	Choose Refills pop up shop
FRI 4			
SAT 5			
SUN 6			
MON 7	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Dance Club
TUES 8	7.30 pm	Bowls Club Pavilion	Parish council meeting
WED 9	2-4 pm	Village Hall car park	Mobile PO.
WED 9	9.30 am	Village Hall	Baby and Toddler Group
THURS 10			
FRI 11			
SAT 12			
SUN 13			
MON 14	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Dance Club

TUES 15	9.30	Jubilee Crt. 9.55 The Green	Mobile Library
WED 16	2-4 pm	Village Hall car park	Mobile PO
WED 16	9.30 am	Village Hall	Baby and Toddler Group
THURS 17			
FRI 18			
SAT 19			
SUN 20			
MON 21	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Village Hall AGM everyone welcome
TUES 22			
WED 23	9.30 pm	Village Hall	Baby and Toddler Group
WED 23	2-4 pm	Village Hall car park	Mobile PO
WED 23	7.30 pm	Village Hall	W.I – Strawberry and Cream Tea
THURS 24	7.00 pm	Village Hall	Short Mat Bowls
FRI 25			
SAT 26	10.00 am	Village Hall Car Park	Community Litter Pick
SUN 27			
MON 28	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Dance Club
TUES 29			
WED 30	9.30 pm	Village Hall	Baby and Toddler Group
WED 30	2-4 pm	Village Hall car park	Mobile PO
WED 30	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Suffolk Wildlife Trust “Wasps”
<b>JULY</b>			
THURS 1	2-4pm	Village Hall car park	Choose Refills pop up shop
FRI 2			
SAT 3			
SUN 4			
MON 5	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Dance Club
TUES 6			
WED 7	9.30 PM	Village Hall	Baby and Toddler Group
WED 7	2-4 pm	Village Hall car park	Mobile PO
WED 7	7.30 pm	Village Hall	Local History Group Charlie Haylock (see back cover)

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# PUZZLING

I am sure some of you have missed our regular crossword but as with all content in the magazine, the contributors are voluntary. Our regular compiler has been busy on other commitments so if anyone fancies having a go please do get in touch with the editor.

We are open to all sorts of puzzles and quizzes so if you want to contribute just send it in to me [kay.telstar@gmail.com](mailto:kay.telstar@gmail.com) or post it to 16 Oak Road.

Thank you.

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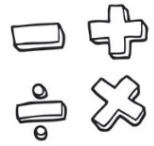
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## 2021 VISION MATHEMATICS MATTERS



You've started school and you're excited.

You might have to solve a small sum.

You're allowed to use coloured counters,  
Some fingers, perhaps an odd thumb.

Later at school when you progress,  
In tables and patterns are led.

You're given not sums but equations,  
And have to work them out in your head.

Exams will arrive, but don't worry,  
The questions you'll need to select.

Write down your numerical thinking,  
The answers can be incorrect!

If maths is your love, then that's splendid,  
You'll find calculations get cuter.

Together with some early learning,  
Your answers come from the computer!



*The Really Lovely Poetry Company. R.R.G.*

### REG PRYKE

I would like to thank family and friends for all the cards and kindness shown to me on the passing of my father Reg Pryke who passed away just short of his 94th birthday in March. Reg lived his whole life in Stowupland except from 1944 to 1948 when he served in the REME division of the army.

He was married to Rene for 67 years, sang in Stowupland church choir for 77 years and was a founder member of the original Stowupland bowls club serving as President and Captain during over 40 years membership of the club.

*Malcolm Pryke*

# DOWN TO EARTH

KATE ELLIOTT

The British garden - and countryside - is at its very best. So much is still yet to come even though the garden is brimming with beauty. Although trees have all their foliage and the garden is in its best finery, everything still has the freshness and glow of Spring.

One of my favourite joys of this season is the range of scents and one of my favourites of all is honeysuckle. Walk through a garden - especially at dusk - and you'll smell honeysuckle before you see it, filling the garden with a sweet, fruity and warm fragrance. Yet it never becomes overpowering in the way that jasmine or even lilies can.



The botanical reason for this strength of smell is to attract the moths that pollinate it - hence its increased power at night. They can apparently detect it up to a quarter of a mile away. Our noses may not be that sensitive, but the lovely scent of honeysuckle is enough to draw anyone into the dusk of their garden on a summer's evening and the lovely flowers earn their keep well enough in the brightness of the midday sun. A perfect plant - right around the clock.

It is wonderfully good for all wildlife. The flowers start white but turn yellow after they have been pollinated by bees and eventually bear round red fruits that are important food for songbirds. The tangle of stems makes excellent cover for nests.

Most honeysuckles flower on the previous year's wood so should be pruned if necessary immediately after flowering. Nearly all honeysuckles will grow in shade but if the flowers can have sunshine for half the day so much the better - the fragrance will be noticeably stronger. So, to keep a garden honeysuckle in tip top condition you must provide the roots with rich soil and plenty of shade and the flowers with some sunshine - preferably in the evening.

There are many different varieties of honeysuckle, but my all-time favourite is the wild honeysuckle *Lonicera periclymenum*. No garden should be without one - which has got me thinking.....I rather fancy getting another one and twining it up an apple tree in our orchard here at Columbine.

Parsley is not difficult to grow but what it does need is plenty of space. There is nothing wrong with parsley in a pot as such. Go into any supermarket and the chances are that you will have the opportunity to buy parsley in a little pot. But this will not give you anything like the amount that a plant grown by seed and planted in your garden will give you.

If you look closely, you will see that your supermarket parsley is comprised of perhaps dozens of weedy seedlings giving the appearance of one bountiful plant. But each of these little plants is desperate for space. Take a snip or two of your herb and the whole thing gives up the ghost. This means - and perhaps one might be justified in being a tiny bit cynical here - that you must go back and buy another pot from those nice folks at the supermarket.

Grow some yourself from seed and each tiny seedling will last from 6-9 months and give a harvest more bountiful than the biggest pot that mass production will supply.

I make two or three sowings a year, the first in January, then May and finally August. This ensures a limitless supply right through the seasons. We grow flat-leaved parsley, which I think has a better flavour and texture, although the curly-leaved is good and decorative too.

Parsley is not a Mediterranean herb and thrives in well-drained but fertile soil, with plenty of moisture. It will also tolerate some shade. Give each seedling space to develop its true root system and it will regrow a new flush of leaves whenever you cut it for the first nine months of its life, until the urge to develop flowers becomes overwhelming and it must be dug up and added to the compost heap. When you do this you will be astonished at the size of the root.

### **Here are some jobs you can be doing this month:**

Water, feed and deadhead plants regularly.

Bring out planted containers and hanging baskets from under glass if you haven't already.

Mow lawns regularly.

Continue sowings of lettuces, rocket, spring onions, radishes, peas, carrots and salad leaves.

Keep tying in and pinching out side-shoots of tomato plants and feed once a week.

Harden off any remaining tender bedding plants and plant out.

Keep on top of weeding.

Pinch out the tips of fuchsias to encourage bushier growth and more flowers.

Damp down your greenhouse floor on hot days to increase humidity and deter red spider mites.

Keep bird baths topped up.

Take cuttings from pinks and carnations, selecting non-flowering shoots, which should root easily.

Put houseplants outside for the summer to enjoy the fresh air and extra light.

Midsummer's Day - June 24th - is the high point of the year. The most important thing is to enjoy your garden as much as possible in every way possible. Do not let a moment slip by.

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## ***In the Meadow***

Watch the rabbits in the lea,  
Eating clover for their tea,  
Meadow springs gently flow,  
Where watercress and kingcups grow.

Cows are grazing on wet grass,  
Whilst in the air, wild ducks fly past,  
Sweet springs where minnows swim,  
A large green frog has just jumped in.

Children with their fishing nets,  
Quietly play with feet all wet,  
On the rug, their mother sits,  
All the time she sits and knits.

Oh! It's such a lovely day,  
In the meadow to come and play,  
The dragonflies are flying past,  
Childhood dreams are meant to last.

Elves just hide in the grass so green,  
Fairies sometimes are not seen,  
Hiding in the fairy ring,  
Fairy rings are made of grass,  
Just step gently as you pass.

*By Grace Sochacz*

### **CHILDREN'S SOCIETY UPDATE**

Thank you all for your continued understanding about the collection of the boxes during these troubled times. It has been decided to postpone the collections until February of 2022 in the hope that things will have settled down by then. Please contact me on 612394 if you have any queries. Keep safe.

*Dr. David Rose.*

# COUNTRYSIDE RAMBLER

BRIAN WARD

WOW !!! Yes, it was a wow, I am talking about the blossom this year; the cherry, in particular, was festooned with flowers. Whilst on the subject of blossom we always admire the big blousy blossom and overlook the more demure flowers that some plants produce, one being the holly.

We admire the bright red berries of autumn but overlook the small bunches of white flowers at this time of year. The spindleberry is another shrub that has wonderful flowers but is often missed in the hedgerow. Check both these plants out along with other fruit and berry bearing plants; you will be surprised at the small but ornate flowers that adorn them.

The summer birds are here now. A few weeks ago, I saw a cuckoo, hobby and swift with most of the warblers being here well before them. Now we can travel it is worthwhile visiting RSPB Bempton Cliffs. I know it is a trek but the spectacular sea birds you can observe are worth the effort and even non birders are impressed.

May and June will see the woodland butterflies emerge; look out for the hairstreaks, fritillaries and holly blue butterflies. Many of the hairstreaks, along with purple emperor, can be found in or on the edge of woodland. It is worth the time just to stand under a mature oak or hedgerow and wait; often a butterfly will take to the wing to defend its territory when another butterfly encroaches on its space.

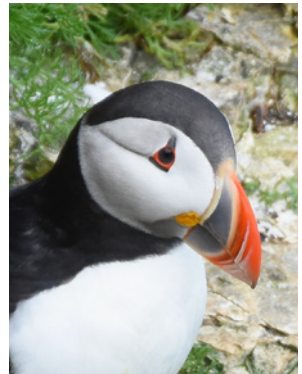
Other winged beauties to look out for are the damselflies and dragonflies. Normally the first damsel you see is the large red, and the four-spot chaser and hairy dragonfly are the first dragonflies to be observed.

We have talked about birds and insects but must not forget our mammals. If you are lucky, you may see the offspring of some of the following: foxes, squirrels, deer and hedgehogs. Badger cubs are harder to see as they are nocturnal but may venture out of their sett on a warm evening to get some fresh air.

As I mentioned earlier it is amazing what you see if you just sit quietly, whether it is in woodland or heathland, by a lake or river. I take a small rucksack with a seat incorporated and a snack and drink is all that is needed for the day. Try and find the correct habitat for the species you intend to see and with a bit of luck you will be rewarded.

Enjoy all the wildlife that abounds at the moment as we move into early summer.

Please stay safe and well.



# SAM'S CHAT

Hello everybody,

Kay, the lady that looks after Telstar, must be getting fed up with me. I keep meaning to get my Telstar done before she asks for it but I always end up doing it really late, as when I get time to go on my device I like playing with my friends and lose track of time. I also had lego for my birthday and I keep doing that too.

Boris rules are letting us do more and more now. We can now do karate inside again. This is much better than doing Zoom meetings. We have been doing that in the village hall at the moment. The floor is a bit slippery and it's hard to do some things because of that. Soon we are going back to the school hall that isn't slippery and I'm happy about that. We did it outside on the grass too which was like last year when it was lockdown. That is OK when it isn't so cold, but it seems really cold outside at the moment.

We have started swimming lessons again too. I thought I might forget how to swim but I am ok. We only have a half hour lesson which I don't think is quite enough time. I would like more time, but I have a lot to do already.

We have been back to the pub a few times since they opened again. We have to sit outside, and it has been really cold but me and Jessica play so keep a bit warmer. We have to go home though when mummy and daddy start shivering. We know exactly the day when restrictions are lowered again, and the pubs open for going inside as it is the same day as Jessica's birthday. I said we can go to the pub all day, but mummy said we have to go to school. I think we can hug our grandparents on that day too.

Soon I will be finishing school for the summer and then I go to high school. I am sad as I have been at my school since I was 2 or 3 but a lot of my friends have already gone to other schools. Not many people wear masks at my school right now and we don't really social distance.

I haven't seen inside my new school yet as they couldn't let us in because of the Covid but mummy did drive us past it and I have watched videos and the new teacher sent us a video too and a questionnaire to find out about me. She said she was going to video chat with my teacher to find out more about me. Arghh! I hope I will be able to visit in July for a morning.

Sam



# STOWMARKET ECO FUTURE GROUP

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Thank you for asking me to write about **CHANGE**. I hope it will be useful to share some feelings around the climate emergency.

It is worth saying up front that I wish with all my heart that there was no need for an Eco Future Group and that the natural world was as safe as it used to be. As a child I was taught that the Industrial Revolution was a very good thing, and there is no doubt that my life has been easier, more comfortable and more interesting because of human discovery and invention. However, we now know that the industrial/commerce led world we have created has enormous consequences for the future of our planet and it is essential that we reduce our carbon output – and quickly!

There is a famous piece of research called the Kubler-Ross Change Curve which describes the feelings that people experience when any difficult and unwanted changes are forced on them.

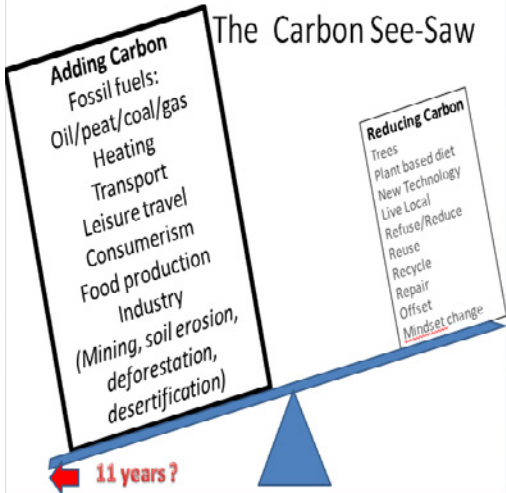
To begin with there is SHOCK. It is truly horrible to discover that our beautiful planet is in trouble, and that our children and grandchildren will not be able to enjoy the things that we have perhaps taken for granted. Our natural reaction is to want to DENY that it is happening, especially when we are all dealing with a whole set of changes that Covid has already brought. Next, there is ANGER. Lots of people have reason to feel angry. Children and young people often wonder why many adults are not taking Climate Change seriously. It is generally true that the bigger your house, car, budget for travel etc - the more carbon damage you cause. People who have these things feel resentful that their lifestyle is under threat, and people who do not have them feel angry that their lives have been affected by the actions of others. This applies on a local, national and international level and is a complex problem. All these stages happen as we take on board what is happening to the earth, what it means for us, our children and grandchildren, and the scale of the changes that need to happen urgently. This can easily lead to DEPRESSION, sometimes called Climate Anxiety, and is the lowest point when making a change. A lot more work is beginning to happen around supporting and encouraging people through this and helping them to start to take positive action. From this point though, the only way is up, and we begin to feel more positive about what can be done. This is the stage of EXPLORING/DISCOVERING/INFORMATION.

At this point in time - early Summer 2021 - there is still time to reverse the worst effects of Climate Change. The current estimate is that we have about 11 years to change, by which time the world must be living very differently. There are lots of ways that new technology, new ways of living,

working, eating, travelling, shopping, farming and gardening can protect our planet, and these are the changes that people worldwide must make. This is FUNCTIONING in the changed way. The solutions need to be local, national and global – acceptance and change at every level is needed. It is not going to be easy, but we cannot afford to stay as we are. I never want to be in the position where a younger person asks me “Why didn’t you do anything once you knew what was happening?” and I have no answer for them.

Humankind’s job now is to tip the See-Saw the other way so that the carbon “blanket” that has been building up since the Industrial Revolution disappears, and we succeed in putting a stop to the destruction of our natural world. Stowmarket Eco Future Group is committed to working locally to help this happen. Please join us.

Written by Stella Davis for SEFG



# **SUDOKU PAGE ANSWERS**

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## LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Neil Langridge is putting his series on Stowupland's Vicars on hold for now, as with the re-opening of the village hall he has been busy with plans to resume Stowupland's Local History programme of speakers. In future Telstar's he will keep you up to date with his ongoing projects and our events.

He writes –

We haven't been able to meet since February 2020. Our talks usually attracted a good-sized audience and have been missed by members. For newcomers to the village these meetings are on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm and feature a speaker on aspects of Suffolk History and often have a relevance to Stowupland's own history. We also mount displays at meetings and organise occasional visits. Membership is usually £12 a year and then members pay £1.00 per session, whilst visitors pay £3.00. However, for the remainder of 2021 we will take each month as it comes, with details published for each session and all events will be subject to Covid safety measures.

Our first meeting is planned for Wednesday June 2nd. It will be something of a warm-up. Committee members will talk about research that has been going on into Stowupland's history since we last met. We will also look at the future of the group and at up-coming speakers and events. For our meeting in July, we have lined up a well-known local speaker.

He will talk about his involvement with the recent film on the **Sutton Hoo Burial** excavation - "**The Dig**". See the back cover for details.

### **Archaeology in Stowupland**

Cotswold Archaeology who carried out the investigative dig ahead of the Thorney Green Road development have agreed to give a talk in the village when an assessment of their findings is complete, this probably will be in early 2022. Oxford Archaeology who has been looking at the site of Phase 3 of the Bloor development regret that a public site visit won't be possible this time. However, they have offered to let the group have a copy of their video diary that was recorded throughout the dig and will give a talk and display of finds when the assessment of their findings is done.

*Neil Langridge*

As we look forward to welcoming friends back to the village hall for a resumption of our meetings, I am looking back 10 years to when the Group was set up. Marion Harris, Judy Clarke and Jerry Voden have provided me with valuable insights.

15 years ago, the 2005 Parish Plan had given the Parish Council some ideas as to what the local community wanted. Then in 2010 a drop-in event was held in the village hall, residents were encouraged to meet, discuss and volunteer to help set up some new activities.

One activity that people were keen on was belonging to a group where they could learn about the past, whether that was the history of the local area or of their families. The next step was for a small group to get together to discuss the practicalities of setting up a history group that would appeal to paying members.

On Saturday July 5th, 2011 an Inaugural meeting was held at the Village Hall. Sue and Steve Williams were invited to share their experience of doing local history. Marion Harris described it as so 'inspirational' that 9 people signed up to form a steering committee. Sue and Steve remained good friends with our group and were regular and popular speakers. Steve's unexpected death last year and Sue's poor health has left a massive hole in the Local History Community. They will be sorely missed.

Following on from the July meeting, regular meetings were held round Judy Clarke's dining table. It must have been very cosy with the 9 trustees squashed together to discuss plans for the future of the group. Marion, who had been elected chair, must have had her work cut out ensuring discussions were to the point! There was much to organise.

One priority was raising funds. Until the group could hold public meetings, they could not rely on membership subscriptions to provide an income. And without an income they could not afford public liability insurance to hold public meetings to build a membership! Thankfully, the Parish Council were able to help with financial assistance to cover some start-up costs. By November the steering committee were ready to face their public, more on that later.

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## Stowupland Local History Group opens up to Zoom for an introductory meeting for our Members.

5/5/21 will go down as a "first" for the group as we tried out the technology that has come to the fore during the Covid 19 emergency. Members have really missed face-to-face meetings in the village hall and Christine, had asked around to see who was interested in trying this form of meeting for the first time. The committee have been meeting this way since January 2021 and we were keen to share with our membership what we had been doing while we have not been able to meet.

Dave our IT specialist had worked with Sandra to produce an agenda and a power point display, which they had both rehearsed and things had run smoothly. The question was would it all come together and be "All right on the Night". With members joining in, Sandra welcomed all to a "First" for the group. Things did not go to plan however and we soon turned to "Tales of the unexpected" as Sandra's computer misbehaved, and we lost the power point. However, Sandra was able to revert to manual and go to the last item on the agenda which were notes from Neil on his research on Thorney Manor. The meeting continued while Dave worked to resolve all the computer problems. We also had to keep in mind the time factor as we only had a 40-minute Zoom slot.

### **Summary of subjects discussed. (Thorney Manor).**

Neil had left Sandra notes on his recent research into Thorney Manor, this had come about from a document that had recently been discovered dating back to 1291. From this document Neil had learnt that the building had been built around this date and had occupied the present car park where Stowmarket railway station is now located. Discovering documents from this period is very rare. It had been a manor house for about 550 years, and it was known to have been modernised in the 19th century. It was known that Stowmarket railway station had opened in 1847 so the history of the house from then on needed some more research. Neil was hoping he would be able to have a speaker on the subject in one of our meetings later in the year.

### **Power point presentation**

Dave had worked his magic and the computer was now working again, Sandra updated everyone on the research into the evacuee's that had come to Stowupland on the 1st September 1939. War broke out on the 3rd September 1939, we had an entry in a resident's diary that war had started, evacuees had arrived in the village, and the Sunday evening church service had been suspended. The evacuees had arrived from Ilford. With the help of long-term resident John Hill who had been in touch with the evacuees since they had left the village, Sandra had been able to speak to one of the evacuees to get some information and provided some pictures.

John had also kindly provided some pictures and Sandra was able to put these into a power point display. Thanks were expressed to John for his help with this interesting subject, Sandra was hoping to do more research and combine in a full article for Telstar at a later date. It was noted that some of the evacuees had stayed on in Stowupland after the war as they enjoyed village life here.

In connection with this research Sandra asked our members if they remembered any "Strangers" coming into the village as a result of the war, perhaps Americans coming in early 1942 and may have been accommodated in Stowupland. We were, as a group, keen to research this area as well, it would be interesting to find out if anybody has any further knowledge of evacuees in the village, please get in touch with any of the committee if you have any information.

Sandra finished the notes and the presentation with 3 minutes to spare, members had time to thank Sandra and Dave for their efforts in this "First" for the group. We were hoping to return to face-to-face meetings in the village hall and our first meeting would be held on Wednesday 2nd June at 7.30 pm. Details to follow. We hope to have a full and interesting agenda for our first face to face meeting since February 2020 and discuss the format for future meetings over the next six months. Sandra signed out of our first Zoom meeting with a "That's All Folks" Logo.



## **U.R.C CHAPEL**

### **NEWS**

***Minister: Revd Robert Sheard***

***Telephone 01449 678173***

The subject, as is often the case, is the weather. As I write this for the June magazine the weather is still quite cold with a bitter wind. However, the rain has been very welcome for the gardens. We have had our first service since December 2020. This was held on 16 May and hopefully we will now be able to continue. Most people have had their second vaccination.

Services will be held at the URC Chapel each Sunday at 10.30am and you are cordially invited to join us in worship. A warm welcome awaits you. Please note this may change if the situation with the virus alters.

### **The Speakers for June are as follows:**

06 June	The Rev Robert Sheard
13 June	Michael Topple
20 June	Mary Durrant
27 June	Nichola Glass

Our Minister continues to stream Sunday Services on Zoom each week at 10.30am for those who are not able or don't feel safe mixing with others. Also Pause for Prayer is on a Thursday morning each week at 9.30am for half an hour of devotion which is also on Zoom. The code for both is 878 9703 9806 password 269834 if you would like to join with us you are most welcome.

*Joyce Gardiner*

## **MINISTERS MESSAGE**

### **Psalms 121**

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup> He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand.

<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. <sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

Can you believe it we are now halfway through the year? And we are into our 17th month of the pandemic, and we only now have some signs of getting back to "normal life".

I used to work as an enabler, with people living with learning disabilities. One of my clients asked me what normal was; I could not answer him, as everyone's normal is different, from the way we live our lives to our daily routines. Certainly, over the last 17 months, our "normal" has changed a lot, and it depends on who you listen to, we could never get back to normal again, or we get back to a new normal.

But if you think about it, our normal constantly changes, when you move school, start a new job or retire, move house, take up a new hobby. In fact, the list is endless, so in every part of our lives, our normal never stays the same, which at times can seem very scary.

So, as we start to do more things, see more people and travel further afield, we may feel anxious of what the future holds. As long as we remember that Jesus walks with us in all that we do, and God is ever present to comfort and uphold us, it may make our life journey a little easier to bear, knowing that we do not walk it alone.

Yours in Christ  
*Robert*

*Reverend Robert Sheard Minister of the Stowmarket group of Churches.  
The group consists of Stowmarket, Debenham, Mendlesham, Haughley & Stowupland)*

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

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Dear Friends:-

May closes with family visits for catch up and sharing good news and sets us up for the gradual unfolding and growth of hope and optimism, we can be better, there is a new beginning, but not yet fully seen, the hope of a hope, should we but believe.

Well I'm not talking here about our release from mitigations and lockdowns, nor re-emergence of business & hospitality, liberation from furlough or beginning new trades, but the pilgrimage of our faith as recounted in the pages of our Gospels, and here Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth bearing news of their pregnancies, as told the last day of May.

Luke's Gospel Chapter 1:39-56 in the story of Elizabeth's baby leaping in her womb at the call of Mary's greeting, gives reminder of hope and joy such as Mother's still anticipate and celebrate today. Luke wants for his readers a connection between the old promise of God's Word in the prophets and the new promise of God's living Word in the Son. So, we have this intimate and joyous leaping in the womb of the babe to be called John, Baptist, at the greeting of Mary bearing in her womb the babe Jesus, Messiah.

Just as we hear again and look to hearing all the more the Summer long, the song of festival, Elizabeth rejoiced in song of blessing that God's Word be fulfilled in their babe's meeting. Mary too shared her song, a song of blessing for the lowly and the hungry, to lift the oppression of the nation.

What song are we to sing? Will our emergence from lockdown, closures, and mitigations be a blessing for the lowly the hungry and the oppressed? We too carry in our hearts the hope of a hope, a new promise for our nation, for our children, for our world. What will it be, for you and me, for neighbour and community, for creature and creation? Pray our song will be a song as Jesus' Word to us, to give life, to live life, life in all its fullness.

Yours in Christ *Brin*

*Rector of Haughley with Wetherden & Stowupland*

**PLEASE NOTE:** All services may be subjected to change by government rules in force at that time.

## **Services in June 2021**

6th Jun 9.30am Parish Communion

13th Jun 9.30am Worship for All

20th Jun 9.30am Morning Prayer

27th Jun 9.30am - 10.30am Church Open for Private Prayer

Our own parish webpage AChurchNearYou-Stowupland is getting over 150 views a week, and across our three churches – Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland, over 400 of you take a look each week. So, we hope we will be able to get our plans online whatever our haste in the changes of these coming weeks.

AChurchNearYou – Stowupland  
<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2086/>

## **CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN**

The sun is shining, the birds are busy with their nests and the roadmap out of lockdown is on track, so it's all about looking forward with the hope that we will be able to meet up with family and friends and get out and about more.

The big news this month I suppose is that Mid Suffolk District Council have approved plans to build phase 3 of Trinity Meadows. The upside to that is that Thradstones Meadow has been gifted to the Parish Council along with a sum of money for its future maintenance. This means we have managed to save a valuable green open space in the village from development in the future. Also, as part of the planning application, is the requirement for a controlled pedestrian crossing at the Co-Op, something your Parish Council has been fighting for since plans were first mooted for the expansion of the Co-Op. The planning statement for phase 3 states that the development cannot start until a highway safety audit has been passed and the controlled crossing must be completed prior to occupation of the site. Although the plans have been approved and we are assured that the highway safety audit has been completed neither the Parish Council nor your District Council have yet seen the drawings that passed the highway safety audit. I find it very odd that planning has been approved without sight of this important document, so we need to wait to see the exact location of the crossing once the safety audit is released.

The playpark has been very busy during the sunny, if chilly, weather and I am pleased to tell you that a new large piece of equipment has been ordered to replace that which was removed. Your Parish Council is investing in a bound rubber surface under it to ensure it is dry, not muddy, and level. There will inevitably be some disruption to that end of the playpark during installation, but the result will be worth it. Could I just remind you all that under Covid regulations food and drink are not to be consumed on the playpark. Unfortunately, the police had to be notified recently as it became obvious that some drinking parties were happening on the playpark at night. They were leaving behind bottles and broken cans that could be dangerous to playpark users. Your Parish Council is monitoring the situation and the police have said they will send officers to check on the playpark at night when they have a police car in the area. If you see any activity in the playpark at night, please report it to the police immediately.

We have met with the Public Rights of Way Officer to try to find a permanent solution to cycles being ridden down footpath 32. I know many residents have complained about it being a problem especially at the end of the school day, so we are working to try to find a solution.

By the time you read this the posts will be in at the butchers to protect The Green from traffic that had eroded it. Large areas of The Green are being badly damaged by parking and your Parish Council has a duty to protect The Green. We are looking at installing posts, to include the area by the fish & chip shop, and no parking signage to The Green.

Mid Suffolk District Council, as part of their biodiversity initiative, are planning to increase wildflowers by changing the mowing regime, in the areas they are responsible for cutting, to let the grass grow longer and overseed with yellow rattle or wildflower seed. If you have any suggestions for areas you would like to see wildflowers or a more relaxed cutting regime within the village please let me know. They are also offering free trees and hedgerow plants regardless of whether they are planted on council, parish or private land. These will be for autumn planting. If you have any ideas for either of these initiatives, please let me know. Your Parish Council can then liaise with Mid Suffolk District Council for a co-ordinated approach for the village.

Just a reminder that our June Parish Council meeting is going to be the first face to face meeting for a very long time and you can find details of where and when elsewhere in the Telstar.

Finally remember to come along to the Community Litter Pick on 26th June if you can. There will be bacon rolls afterwards to reward you for your hard work.

*Sally Reeves*

# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

MAY 2021



The final Zoom meeting of the current and hopefully final lockdown opened with 8 Parish Councillors, both District Councillors and 3 members of the public present. The meeting started with the reading of a letter of resignation from the Parish Council by Cllr Welham. The PC were sad to lose such a wealth of experience and thanked him for all his contributions over the years. This was followed with the re-election of Cllr Reeves as Chairman and Cllr Studd as Vice Chairman.

## **Council Report:**

Once again there was no report from Suffolk CC but the one from MSDC can be found in Telstar.

## **Matters of Report:**

SCC Cllr Green has been asked to request that the sandbags on Thorney Green should be removed and a contribution should be made to the PC for the cost of posts. The posts have been installed in Gipping Road but the Contractor did not keep to the specification on those installed alongside the access to the Butchers. However, it was felt in hindsight that visually it was a better finish and it was decided to keep it as it is. This means that a further 7 posts need to be purchased to finish the part beside the road. The incorrect markings at the bus stop and the track at Mill Cottages are all to be included in the Safer Route to School works. Work on the cemetery gates should start on 7th May. The new Jubilee bench has been ordered and awaiting delivery and the one opposite Willow Wood has been fitted. Advice from SCC has been that any extension to the 30mph speed limit on Gipping Road would not meet the spending priorities and if it does not meet all the criteria for a change of speed limit a report may need to be sent for adjudication by the Cabinet Member for Highways and the Head of Transport Policy. The PC will need to complete the proforma to apply for the new ANPR trial which may take some time to become operational as it is a new scheme. Bloor Homes have agreed to lower the bin at Oxlip Way. Everything else is still awaiting action.

## **Public Forum:**

2 members of the public gave their opinions on a planning application which has been submitted for Saxham Street. Their concerns included the implications for the capacity of the sewerage system, the positioning of the tree on the plans which has a TPO on it and its actual proximity to a proposed wall. Also, the potential for flood risk on the road. There was concern from a resident that the molehills on the Green have not been dealt with by the grass contractor. He also felt that if footpath 32 was extended to the fish shop it would allow people to have access to a footpath across the length of the Green to the garage.

The plaque still needs to be added to the new bench on the Green. It was noted that the traffic and heavy machinery being used on the new Bloor site on Gipping Road has caused an awful lot of damage to the track and cars are also blocking the footpath along Gipping Road.

### **Statutory Business:**

As this is the start of a new year for Parish Councils, Councillors need to decide on which committee they are able to serve their time for the coming year. Due to the lack of Councillors, it was agreed that the Green and Environment committees should combine. They also confirmed the continuation of the appointment of the Clerk to the Council.

In the review of expenditure, a grant donation of £3000 was made to Telstar, £50 for a donation to the Stowmarket Christmas Tree Festival and £26.55 was returned to the PC as not having been used.

### **The Green:**

The Green Sub-committee submitted their thoughts for the protection of the Green from illegal parking and traffic eroding the edges following the unsuccessful sandbag trial which need to be removed (see Matters of Report). It was felt that the continuation of the smaller posts from outside the butchers to join up with the larger posts on Thorney Green and along this stretch of the road should be on both sides. All of this will be dependent on the funding that can be achieved. In the meantime, it was felt that it was important that there should be clear signage stating that there is no parking on the Green so that there is not a repeat of the vehicles parking on the Green on Good Friday. They were asked to collect further information on numbers of posts required etc. There is also still a litter problem on the Green which may necessitate more frequent litter picks which will therefore involve further costs to the Parish Council.

### **Facebook:**

The PC Facebook page is ready to go live, and it was agreed that it should be free for anyone to join.

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

**Allotments** – The Clerk reported that an allotment recently allocated has an awful lot of rubbish on it that had been left by the previous tenant including in the adjoining ditch which is difficult to clear out as it is so overgrown. A skip will be required to dispose of the rubbish. It was also agreed that the tenancy of plots 49 and 58 should be terminated as they have not been renewed by the current tenant who has also not responded to any enquiries from the Clerk.

**Cemetery and Churchyard** – The old slabs have been removed and payment received for them. The PC approved the proposal to offer an additional 10 hours of work per year to the current Cemetery Caretaker for works in the Churchyard.

**Environment** – Bus shelters have been cleaned. The posts have been completed by the butchers. It was agreed that the £100 application fee for the installation of bollards at Trinity Walk is completed. The Clerk advised that there has been a good response from volunteers for the litter pick day in June and there will be a need for further pick sticks. District Cllr Eburne has kindly agreed to lend the PC some.

**Finance and Policy** – It was agreed that there were no matters to review between the actual and the budget accounts. The statement of accounts for the year ending 31st March were approved along with the reserves for the same year, the asset register, the bank reconciliation and the annual return figures all for the year ending 31st March 2021. The CIL report for 2021-22 was also approved.

**Footpaths** – The resurfacing of footpath 62-34 has been completed. It was agreed that the quote for £387.60 for the annual footpath clearance programme for 2021 should be accepted.

**Planning** – The planning application for a new house in Saxham Street was objected to on the grounds of risk of surface water flooding and risk of significant damage to a tree with a TPO. The proposed application for 3 properties in place of the grain store in Rendall Lane and listed building consent application for a property in Debenham Lane were both supported.

**Play Park** – Tree surgery work has been completed. Signage has been put up in readiness for re-opening. It was agreed that Proludic should supply and install a new piece of play equipment at a cost of £19,709 and that the PC should apply for PIIP funding to cover this cost.

### **Correspondence:**

Amongst a lot of correspondence received this month there was a request for a dog poo bin from Stowupland High School, a request for information on the cemetery by the Valuation Office Agency, the notification of the closure of the Barclays Bank branch in Stowmarket which will have implications for the PC and from MSDC the offer of free trees and hedging, notice of the submission of the joint local plan, the April CIL payment and the Spring Clean Suffolk. There was an update from the Pegasus Group on queries submitted at an earlier meeting to a representative from Bloor Homes. Information on progress of Gateway 14 and an update on the community speed watch. There were 3 queries from residents about the molehills in the cemetery, the rubbish on the allotments and the lack of fencing around the drainage pond on Trinity Meadows and need for new road signage in Mill Street.

The meeting closed to the public at 9.40 pm and the next meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 8th June at 7.30pm.

*Sandy Smith*

# CHANGES – 20 YEARS AS A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Cathy and I moved to Stowupland in January 2001, from Oxfordshire. For me it was moving back to the village where I was born (in Columbyne Close) and lived (in Broomspath Road) until I left for University in Durham. I then worked in Kent for 6 years and Oxford for 25.

We attended a parish council meeting soon after we moved in. I was surprised how little discussion there was about anything and the meeting was over in an hour. A month later it was much the same; councillors said very little. Some months later, a vacancy occurred on the council, a by-election was called; I was elected in November 2001, defeating Jerry Voden. A month or so later another vacancy occurred; I proposed that Jerry be co-opted to the council and this was agreed.

By the time of the next parish council election, a number of the councillors did not seek re-election and the parish clerk resigned. Several major projects were undertaken in the village including the PlayPark (planned and managed by Andrew Edwards), winning Suffolk Village of the Year, the Parish Plan – which prompted the setting up of the Good Neighbours Scheme and Stowupland History Group – and Music on The Green.

Rachel Godbold became Clerk in 2002 and left in March 2014; Claire was appointed and has now served the village for 7 years. Both Rachel and Claire have been excellent Clerks and I worked with each of them as Chairman for a number of years.

The regulations under which parish councils operate have become more and more rigorous over time and the financial regulations more stringent. We now have risk assessments for every aspect of Parish Council operation, GDPR, Freedom of Information, Community Infrastructure Levy and so on.....and an increasing number of homes and residents.

Throughout the 20 years there have been many recurring themes: vehicles on The Green, dog poo, litter and traffic. There have been highs and lows. Completing the Neighbourhood Plan was a significant achievement, but it wasn't given full weight by MSDC Planning Committee, and this was a real blow. Seeing people enjoying The Green, especially the first lighting of the beacon, makes me glad to be part of a village community.

Huge thanks to everyone who has supported me and worked with me during my time on the Parish Council. I urge anyone reading this to give serious thought to filling a vacancy on the Parish Council.

So, from a determination not to get involved in local politics to District Council and now County Council..... how did that happen? It'll be all change again for the next 4 years.

# DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

JUNE 2021

## **No MSDC Meetings in April**

Due to the elections, no MSDC Council meetings have taken place during the purdah period other than regulatory committee meetings.

## **Future format of Council Meetings**

The legislation allowing virtual meetings for local government expired on 7 May, but the COVID regulations do not allow meetings in person until after 17 May. There has been a High Court appeal about extending the legislation for virtual meetings, but this has been dismissed so we await further instructions about how meetings will be conducted from June month. The MSDC Annual General Meeting is being planned to be held at Wherstead Park on 24 May because the Council Chamber cannot accommodate all councillors and officers within the COVID regulations.

## **Planning – Bloor Phase 3**

The Reserved Matters which the Parish Council considered recently were approved by the Planning Committee meeting on 28 April. We both expressed our concern regarding the status of the controlled crossing scheme. Despite our attempts to see a copy of the revised layout drawing, we have not been provided with any further information; we therefore queried the status of the design and asked that a decision on the application be deferred; this was refused. During the course of the meeting, the applicant's representative stated that the safety audit check had been completed and the design was approved. MSDC did not seem to be aware of this. We queried whether the planning conditions already applied were sufficient to ensure the scheme is provided; we were told that no homes could be occupied until the crossing is fully operational. We also asked for a more satisfactory surfacing material to be used for the footpaths on site and for Chamomile Close to be prohibited as a route to the phase 3 site.

The Case Officer explained that Bloor were prepared to construct a length of footpath as far as their phase 2 site boundary and that MSDC Assets Team had agreed that the Parish Council could construct the remaining length as far as the bus shelter. We intend to take this up with MSDC as it was the planning department's error in failing to include the footpath on a previous decision letter that has caused the delay to completion of the footpath and failure to secure construction of the full length by the developer.

## **Linden Homes Site**

Keith continues to receive emails and telephone calls from residents expressing various concerns. In response, Linden have taken action, including the erection of extra signage to direct deliveries to the B1115 access. We have also asked for a further repair of the damaged footway in Thorney Green Road.

## **Development opposite the URC**

In response to concerns about dust and lorry use of the track opposite the chapel, Keith has spoken to Landex and damping down of dust will be put in place.

Delivery companies will be reminded that drivers should drive very slowly on the track.

The access road direct from A1120 is under construction and, when complete, the track will no longer be used for deliveries to the site. However, closure of A1120 will be needed to complete construction of the access road and it is hoped that utility connections into the site will be laid during this closure. Timing of road closure(s) is a matter for SCC; the County Councillor should become involved in discussions on any traffic restrictions on A1120.

### **COVID community testing**

The first phase of COVID community testing ended on 31 March, and an altered programme is now in place until the end of June. Local testing sites at Elmswell, Needham Market, Eye and Debenham closed on 16 April. Lateral flow testing kits are now available in many libraries and pharmacies and people should be able to get twice weekly tests to do at home. Testing kits are also available free online via [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)

### **Business Support Grants**

A significant new grant fund has just been launched by Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils. This is to support the recovery of local businesses reopening after lockdown but unable to access the Government's Restart Grant scheme.

The grant will be a one-off payment of up to £18,000 for eligible businesses depending on the scale and size of business, impact of Covid, permitted opening dates and anticipated reopening costs. More details are available on the website.

<https://www.babergh.gov.uk/business/business-rates/grant-funding-schemes/>

### **Council support for members of the public**

Now that lockdown is easing, more face-to-face appointments will be available to book such as at the Stowmarket office in Ipswich Street. Perspex screens have been installed and staff will be regularly tested.

### **Locality Awards**

We are expecting a new round of locality award funding at Mid Suffolk but are awaiting final details. We assume this will be available from 1st June.

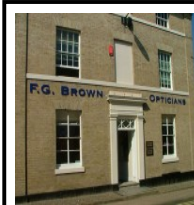
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A 'Thank You' from Keith Welham, newly elected to represent Stowmarket North, Stowupland and Creeting St Peter at Suffolk County Council

I'm grateful to everyone who voted for me on 6 May. I spoke to many people in the run up to the election but, with over 10,000 potential voters, I have met only a minority of you. I have been elected to represent you all, including those who slammed the door in my face. Please get in touch with me to discuss any immediate concerns and, also, what you think priorities should be for the area.

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**CHARLIE HAYLOCK**



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