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# Chairman's Column

*Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council*

**July 2017**

I'm sitting indoors on a lovely sunny June morning wishing I could be outside. The rain of last week followed by several sunny days has made everything in the garden much greener. So too The Green; it was mown yesterday and looks especially good this morning. I am particularly blessed as I can gaze across The Green whilst I do the washing up.

I have been able to arrange a meeting with two members of the Suffolk County Council cabinet to discuss the terrible state of our roads and the lack of progress on the Safer Route to School scheme. We are still in a stalemate position regarding that scheme; the parish council will not accept a scheme which has no link to the Freeman School and we have strong objections to a black tarmac surface across The Green from Maple Road to the high school kissing gate. I hope the meeting does go ahead this time. Meetings with SCC members are often postponed at short notice; it is nearly 12 months since we first scheduled a meeting to discuss the route to school and it has been postponed and re-scheduled many times since.

You will be able to read elsewhere in this edition about the ongoing works to the cemetery. For the longer term, we have to consider extending the cemetery. We have enough space for several years more but, with a likely large increase in population, we must plan ahead. Also, we are finding that many families prefer to bury their loved ones in Stowupland cemetery, rather than in Stowmarket or other cemeteries.

I hope many of you are in training for the Walker Cup. Our Community Events group is taking a leading role in the organisation of the event this year. In previous years it has been run entirely by Roger Stearn from Old Newton; we still have not seen any records of those from Old Newton who actually walked the full course. Nevertheless, Roger determined that they

had 'won' and removed the trophy from The Retreat. We are determined to win it back fairly this year and we need the help of everyone who is able to walk just three miles on Sunday 10 September, starting from The Retreat. Invite friends over for the day, using bribery if necessary. There will be food all day, bouncy castle etc. Please put the date in your diary now.

We hope to co-opt a new member on to the parish council on Thursday 13 July. We have heard from one resident who would like to fill that vacancy. However, we would still like to hear from anyone who is considering whether they might join the council. Vacancies occur from time to time so if you think this is something you might be interested in, please contact Claire or me, or just come along to a meeting. All meetings of the council and its committees and sub-committees are open for members of the public to attend and you will be given an opportunity to speak on any topic relevant to council business. Dates, times and venues are given in the Diary Pages.

*Keith Welham,*

*(Chairman Stowupland Parish Council.)*

## **Coffee Morning**

At Stowupland URC Chapel

Friday 28th JULY 2017 10am-12noon

Coffee/ Tea and Cakes





## District Councillor's Report

The first meeting of the MSDC cabinet was held on Monday 5 June. Although open to the public, members of cabinet did not discuss in any detail the issues contained within the agenda papers. A number of queries were raised by the Green Party and Lib Dem members of the Cabinet. No councillor other than a cabinet member is permitted to speak. Portfolio holders, who are also members of cabinet, had held a pre-meeting, not open to anyone else to attend, just prior to the cabinet meeting.

District Councillors will this year be able to make one-off grants towards projects having a community benefit. If you are involved in a club or organisation which might benefit from some financial help, please get in touch with me before the end of August.

In respect of planning applications:

1. Application for housing on land west of Thorney Green Road. This may be decided at the Development Control Committee on 28 June or one of the July meetings. However, no date has been set for a site visit but members may well ask to visit the area, and other application sites in Stowupland, before determining the application; this could lead to a deferment.
2. Application on land opposite the church: some information from the applicant is still awaited so the application has not been timetabled. There are remaining concerns about parent parking within the new development at the beginning and end of the school day which would necessitate crossing the A1120. The Parish Council are looking carefully at the feasibility of providing a link from the existing cemetery into the land offered for an extension to the area for burial of ashes.
3. The application for housing on land opposite the URC is the subject of a re-consultation due to design changes, including provision of an off-site flood storage pond. MSDC have not timetabled a committee date for determining the application.

4. Applicants seeking to build a new house on land near Pooles Farm have lodged an appeal but have not supplied all the required information for a valid appeal. The Parish Clerk, neighbours and the District Councillor will be told when there is a valid appeal in place.
5. Land between Church Road and Gipping Road – I have received no information regarding the submission of details for a reserved matters application.

**Keith Welham**

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## Parish Council Report

**June 2017**

*The meeting opened with 5 members of the public present.*

### **Councillors' Reports:**

SCC Councillor Green did not submit a report this month but a copy of the MSDC report from Councillor Welham can be found elsewhere in Telstar.

### **Matters of Report:**

The Chairman reported that with the help of 3 members of Trust Maria, 2 Parish Councillors and a willing volunteer the damage to the Green left by the Music on the Green event has now been remedied. The only outstanding work is the reinstatement of the sign damaged by the BT Open Reach contractor and the Company have been reminded of their obligation.

The Chairman advised that he has contacted SCC and arranged a meeting with Cllr Gordon Jones and Cllr James Finch on 19th July to talk through the ongoing concerns about the safer route to school and highway maintenance issues.

The Clerk reported that SCC Cllr Green will inform her when he has some news regarding the placing of some more sandbags to prevent further damage to the Green alongside Thorney Green. He will also advise her when he has more news on the horse signs for Saxham Street. She will chase him again.

The Clerk advised that she and Cllr Welham have met with the school and shown them archived correspondence confirming that the footbridge by Freeman Primary School is the responsibility of SCC and not the Parish Council. The school are to contact SCC Highways.

She also reported that she had been in contact with Elizabeth Mooney, Clerk to the Trustees, Stowmarket Church Charity, in respect of the rubbish in the ditch by the allotments and Elizabeth has agreed to take this matter to the next meeting of the Trustees.

The Clerk advised that the contractor has agreed to clear the rubbish from the end of the Cemetery path by the end of next week.

She reported that she has still received no response from the owner of The Retreat in respect of the posts at the entrance to the pub car park. She will chase with a 2nd letter.

The Clerk advised that following her reporting of the fire hydrant on the SCC portal, officers from Suffolk Fire and Rescue have been seen testing fire hydrants around the village.

She advised that a letter has been sent to the new occupants of Fairfield Cottages in respect of no parking on The Green.

Following an enquiry from a resident about organising a neighbourhood watch area, the contact details are to be placed in Telstar.

She also reported that the first cut of the rights of ways clearance programme has been completed.

### **Public Forum:**

A resident advised that the top gate in the Play Park is overgrown and difficult to open. She was advised that this is due to be blocked up and the hedge line to be reinstated. It was agreed that the gate needs to be sealed with a notice advising that this gate is no longer in use. She also advised that the moles have returned to The Green.

## **Annual Return:**

The annual return for the year ending 31st March 2017 was read out to the Council and then signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

## **Sub-Committee Reports:**

**Allotments** – Cllr Voden advised that the next meeting is to be held at 6pm on 14th June.

Cemetery and Churchyard – Recommendations made by the Cemetery and Churchyard sub- committee were discussed and it was agreed to accept the quote for £2,390 for the tree work as detailed in the specification, to seek a quote for the new turning circle in the cemetery and to adopt the revised cemetery policy with the inclusion of the Exclusive Right of Burial section.

**Community Events** – The recent community quiz was very well attended and £350 was raised for the Play Park from the event. Further money will be raised from the grid which has been taken to a number of events as well as the quiz. The last bingo session was not as well attended as usual but the quiz was very well supported. The table top sale only had 10 residents attend which was really disappointing for those who had put all the work in. There is real concern from the community events team that Stowupland residents are really not engaging with the events that are being arranged. There is another bingo session at the end of June and the 3 Peaks Challenge on June 25th. The Stowmarket Scorpions will be entering the challenge and it is hoped that the army will also put in a team. All money raised from this event will go to EACH.

**Emergency Planning Group** – Cllr Voden advised that he had met with David Eade at the village hall and reported that all emergency equipment is in working order and John Cummins has donated a number of board games to keep any evacuated people amused.

**Environment** – Cllr Pring feels that there should be more frequent meetings so that things can be regularly reviewed.

**Finance and Policy** – The recommendation made by the Finance and Policy Committee to add Cllr Johnson to the bank mandate, following the resignation from the committee by Cllr Hamilton, was agreed.

**Footpaths** - It was felt that they would ask SCC Cllr Green to meet

and further discuss the lack of action from SCC over the Trinity Walk footpath. The path at the back of the millennium wood needs to have the hedge cut back. Clerk to contact the school as they own the hedge.

**Neighbourhood Planning Advisory Sub-committee** - The Clerk reported that the scheduled meeting had been postponed until 25th June.

**Planning** – During discussion it became clear that residents living near the application site for the proposed housing development in Church Road have not been informed by MSDC of an amendment to the application to include a drainage pond. It agreed to the recommendation by the Planning sub-committee that the Parish Council should continue to object on the original grounds and the additional items.

**Play Park** – The Clerk reported that she and Cllr Reeves had attended a meeting with Viridor and the grant application will be going to their committee this month. They have also received an offer from MSDC from the section 106 monies towards outdoor sports equipment. Unfortunately, there was insufficient money in the pot to purchase the equipment for the basketball area as the money from the Parish Council is already committed. MSDC will not release money until they have a copy of the receipt for equipment to prove that the expenditure has already been made which means finding £4,258 + vat in order to do this. Monies have been received this week from the Co-Op to purchase a metal bench set for wheelchair access and new bins for the play-park. They hope to hear by the end of the month if they have been successful with the Awards For All grant. Once they have heard back from both Viridor and Awards For All they will be in a position to complete the final grant application for the remainder of the money.

**Transport, Traffic and Safety** – Cllr Reeves submitted a report in her absence advising that the speed monitoring device is only in Gipping Road and not in Thorney Green Road. Thorney Green Road is being considered as a speed watch location which the Police are scoping. The meeting held in May with SCC Highways was in relation to pot holes and parking. The Police have been contacted since the traffic count and have said that they would not attend unless there was an obstruction but if this was the case, it was likely that it would

have been resolved by the time they could attend. It was suggested that vehicle details are taken and passed to the Police. Three new members have been recruited to the speedwatch team and will be trained once Cllr Reeves returns from holiday.

**SALC** – Cllr Pring agreed to attend the next Stowmarket North SALC meeting with Cllr Voden in September.

### **Councillors Reports:**

Cllr Carter advised that the travellers camped at Combs Ford are likely to move at any time. He also commented that the High School were able to park the cars attending the football tournament at the weekend but are not able to allow parents to park on their grounds. It was noted that there was no congestion on the roads during the 5-a-side event and the Chairman is to contact the football club to thank them for this.

Cllr Studd reported that a resident had complained about the overhanging hedge between Birch Close and the bus stop. He also reported that several mothers with pushchairs were having to walk on the road because of the overgrown footpath along Thorney Green Road. This issue is to be reported on the SCC Highways portal and to SCC Cllr Green.

Cllr Pring reported that vegetation is obscuring a number of signs including the 30mph sign and the 20mph school advisory speed sign. The school sign has already been reported to SCC who have refused to clear the sign as they do not see this as being a priority to them. Clerk to report it again to SCC and also to campaign Cllr Green to do something.

### **Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk will be setting up a series of meetings, roughly midway between Parish Council meetings, with SCC Cllr Green once he has recovered from some recent surgery. In the past he has often advised that he is unable to attend meetings in the evenings due to other commitments so it is hoped that these scheduled daytime meetings will allow Parish Councillors to put various matters to him and give him time to provide a written response for the next Parish Council meeting. He is aware of the 5 outstanding topics of the Safer Route to School, the Highways maintenance issues, Highway implications of proposed

developments, infrastructure improvements required as a result of planning decisions and Trinity Walk footpath that all require resolution. It will also include items such as the cutting back of vegetation that have arisen in tonight's meeting. The first of these meetings will be on 27th June.

He also reported on a meeting requested by a neighbour of the new development in Grays Close and attended by a MSDC Planning Enforcement Officer in respect of the builder having left the site without carrying out repairs to the track on The Green. He had given an undertaking before commencement of work that he would do so and he repeated this agreement at a site meeting on 28th March. He has also constructed a ramp outside the boundary of the new dwelling to enable a pedestrian access to be provided to the front door from The Green which contravenes the planning permission and the Council's Green policy. There were a number of other concerns raised. Attempts are being made to contact the purchaser to discuss these issues before completion of the purchase.

### **Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk reported that with the help of Cllr Pring, who was able to convert the document, the footpath information leaflet can now be updated. A copy of the leaflet was given to all members and asked if they were happy for her and Cllr Pring to contact all organisations in the village for updated details and permission. This was agreed and once this information has been received, it will be updated and brought back to the Council for consideration. She also requested that she should attend some upcoming training courses and this was agreed.

### **Correspondence:**

A request has been received from a non-resident requesting permission to bury the ashes of a 3rd family member in an existing grave. Permission was granted with certain caveats.

A letter of explanation was read out from a resident following a complaint received over a small bonfire held on the edge of The Green.

The meeting closed to the public at 9.20pm.

*Sandy Smith*



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# Countryside Rambler

*Brian Ward*

My rambling took me further afield in May. I travelled to Wales not once but twice. My first occasion was purely a birdwatching break with a friend of similar interests i.e. birdwatching and photography. We enjoyed it so much a plan has been hatched for a return trip next year. We visited some well-known reserves the three main RSPB reserves, Carnhafallt, Gwenffwd Dinas, and Ynis-Hir, also Gilfach Farm, Elan, Llyn Briane and many more. The main birds we went to see were Pied Flycatcher, Wood Warbler and Redstart, all of which we found and had good views of. We also spotted Gannets, Whimbrel and Sanderlings on the coast. Also Cattle Egret, Greenshank, Whinchat and Grasshopper Warbler along with many more. Some of the valleys we explored were stunning with moss covered sessile oak and fast, boulder strewn streams.

My second trip was with my wife, brother in law and his wife. We travelled by train and enjoyed the ever changing scenery en route, notably as we travelled up the coast to Barmouth, our destination. One of our walks consisted of walking across foot/rail bridge over the estuary of Barmouth Bay and headed into the hamlet of Fairbourne via open pastureland. On reaching Fairbourne we then boarded the narrow gauge steam train and chuffed along until we reached the peninsular end. From then on our journey was by ferry boat back to Barmouth harbour. A very enjoyable experience and if you are in the area with children or grandchildren this is a must trip to do. One thing I must mention was the jellyfish washed up at high tide. I have never witnessed jellyfish of such proportions in the U.K, probably twice the size of a football with trailing tentacles. I believe they were Barrel Jellyfish.

Summer is a time to hear the purr of Turtle Doves. Although they are in decline due to habitat loss and being shot at various locations on their migration route, a few make it back to us each year and what a joy they are to see and hear. Look out for them as there are some local to Stowupland. Also seen frequently in Stowupland are Barn and Little Owls and Tawny Owls are often heard with their hooting call.

On my rambles I have come across several orchids mainly purple orchids but often I see Bee Orchids. Look out for these as you walk the dog or stroll with the children.

The local reserves are producing all the usual birdlife. At Minsmere the Bitterns and Marsh Harriers are showing well. A Savi's Warbler is calling near Island Mere hide. Lakenheath Fen Hobbies and Cuckoos are there in numbers and a Marsh Warbler is singing. On my last visit there was an abundance of Dragon Flies and Damselflies, the staple food for Hobbies, a magical sight as they catch and devour these, all whilst flying with great agility.

Last but not least we had a Mallard hatch six ducklings in the garden. They stayed for a day then disappeared, I believe, to the local pond. Also the Robin raised her first brood and is now sitting on eggs in another nest box.



## **June Meeting and A.G.M.**

2016/17 was a busy year for our group and the work of the Committee, the support of our members and the Telstar and Village Hall teams, made this possible. Our finances are in good shape and we are again grateful to Sally Wray for acting as our Independent Examiner. Last year's five Committee members were re-elected and joined by Sandra Walker, who was co-opted to the Committee earlier this year.

Kim Jennings began her talk by explaining how she had come to live in the village, where she has so many roots, almost by chance, and how she became curious about her family history. She described how she discovered as much as she could about many branches of her family tree, with photographs and documents for illustration.

The meeting was well-attended by many born and bred here and ended with an entertaining discussion about life in the past. Many thanks go to all who took part and, particularly, to Kim for this really local history.

## **Some Saxham Street History, by Sandra Walker**

Do you remember the derelict, corrugated eyesore that used to sit half-way down Saxham Street; supporting or supported by trees and bushes?

During the middle part of the last century it had been the garage, workshop and store room for Gyford's Shop - and until the end of 2016 this rickety relic was the only visible reminder of the last Saxham Street shop. The shop itself, which had traded through both World Wars, was demolished around the 1970s.

The Gyford family who owned the shop moved to Stowupland in 1909, having moved to Stowmarket from Norwich in 1897. William Gyford (christened Thomas William but known as William) had been born in Stowmarket but his work as a hawker took him to Norwich where he met and married Mathilda. Charles George Gyford was the youngest of 3 children born to them in Norwich. On their return to Stowmarket Charles gained a younger sister Daisy and started his career as a tailor, working in a shop as a clothier.

Their 1909 move was into Saxham Cottage on Saxham Street, next door to what became Gyford's Shop. We don't know if the family took over an existing business or decided that Saxham Street and the surrounding area needed its own tailors. The 1911 census shows William Thomas as a licensed Hawker and Charles as a shop assistant, 'fancy and tailoring'. Later press reports tell us that the family business was established by the time

Charles left Stowupland to fight in WW1 (initially in the Suffolk Regiment but in 1916 he transferred to the Royal Air Corps).

By 1927 Gyford's Shop was described as 'an outfitters, boot fitters, cycle dealer, wireless factor and general merchants' with a phone number of Stowmarket 263. By 1966, the number had changed to Stowmarket 2863, indicating the increasing demand for phone lines. The Gyford's phone was not in the shop but sited in Saxham Cottage in a small room off the Gyford's sitting room, and was available for the use of local residents.

Following the death of his parents, Charles (or Chas as he was known) kept the business going by employing 4 shop assistants. In 1934 one year after his mother's death he married Elsie Florence Margaret Garrard. The marriage only lasted 4 years before Charles sadly committed suicide. He was found by Mary Moore, one of the shop girls. The coroner's report showed that he had been depressed for some time but Elsie reported that there were no business worries. Chas is buried in Stowupland cemetery, under a rose bush and sycamore tree.

The 1939 War Survey lists Elsie Gyford as proprietess of a 'Ladies and Gents Outfitters' and shows that following the death of her husband, Jean Brooker, another of Gyford's shop assistants, had moved into Saxham Cottage as a companion to Elsie. The war survey gives her occupation as domestic duties but whether she still worked in the shop we don't know. Subsequently (presumably on Jean's marriage) Jean Hawes moved into Saxham Cottage but she did still work in the shop. She remembers the shop did adjustments to the uniforms of American Soldiers and she had to press the trousers.

What Gyford's shop was like before the 1950's we don't know. Its footprint was larger than Saxham Cottage (as it was then), so possibly around 75 sq metres. Photos from Jean Hawes show the shop had large plate glass windows which were dressed to display ladies' outfits, men's suits and coats. The shop front is protected from the road by a substantial barrier suggesting that even then Saxham Street was not a quiet street but a well-used thoroughfare with the potential for traffic accidents.

At some point Elsie stepped back from the family business and members of the Scarlett family took on a greater role. The large Scarlett family had been brought up in the neighbouring picturesque thatched Cottage. Sidney managed the shop whilst his elder brother Rufus, sometimes accompanied by his wife, took over the delivery driving. They delivered finished garments collected weekly payments, picked up and returned charged accumulator batteries to outlying farms, so that families without electricity could use their battery powered radios to keep up-to-date with national events.

It seems that until the 1960s or 70s Gyford's Shop served Stowupland and the surrounding area with a bespoke men's and women's tailoring service;

as well as selling additional items such as Salvation Army uniforms, cycles, boots, including wellington boots and in its declining years it sold items of furniture.

I am grateful for the memories of several local people for what we have learnt so far but there is so much we would like to know. Can you help please? I can be contacted on 01449 673296 or by email: sawalker2000@hotmail.com

### **Evening Stroll around The Green**

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

### **Programme**

*5th July 50 Years of the Museum of East Anglian Life* by Lisa Harris

Occupying over 80 acres of countryside in the heart of Stowmarket, the land was part of the home farm for the Abbot's Hall estate. After many owners it was purchased by the Longe family in 1903. Huge changes in agriculture in the 1950s and '60s meant that long established skills, equipment and buildings were at risk. Individual collectors, chiefly Stowupland farmer Jack Carter and the Suffolk Local History Council, worked to collect, preserve and display objects from rural East Anglia. After several years of temporary exhibitions, 70 acres of farmland, Abbot's Hall, its gardens and 18/20 Crowe Street were left in trust by the Misses Vera and Ena Longe, to be used as a museum. Lisa Harris, who looks after the museum's collections, will look back at the achievements of its 50 years.

9th July                    *Evening Stroll on The Green* Meet outside The Retreat at 6.30pm (see above)

2nd August            *The Worlingworth Regiment* by Geoff Robinson

Geoff Robinson and Worlingworth Local History Group have researched The Loyal Worlingworth Volunteers, a body of some 90 men raised in the parishes of the region. From 1798 to 1802, they were prepared to defend the district in the event of a possible French invasion during the Napoleonic War. Geoff has found a surprising amount of physical evidence of their brief existence including medals and a painting of their Commander Lord Henniker.

Except for the stroll on 9th July, we meet at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome and refreshments are available. Admission is £1 for members, £3 for non-members.



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The residents warmly invite you to join them for their Songs of Praise Service at Steeple View at 10.30am on Monday, 17th July, and which is followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay.

### **SUMMER CONCERT:**

We invite you to come and enjoy a truly wonderful evening with *'The Linnet Ensemble'* on Saturday, July 29th at 7.30pm in the Church. Tickets are £6 per person, (under 16's free), and includes light refreshments. You'll be entertained by a wide range of music; classical, light classical and popular pieces ranging from piano quintet and string quartet to solos and duos, including some vocal numbers, all performed by some of Suffolk's exceptionally talented musicians and vocalists. There will be something for everybody, so please come along and enjoy! Please see back page.

### **BEETLE DRIVES:**

Come along to enjoy a chat and have some fun in congenial company at the Beetle Drive which will be held on Tuesdays, 6th and 27th June in the Church Hall. All are most welcome to join us!

### **WEEKLY COFFEE CHURCH:**

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

Come on in to the Church Hall for a warm welcome, a free cup of tea/coffee and a chat, or to wait for children coming out of school.

Perhaps to look around and enjoy your Parish Church, maybe for a quiet prayer or just to enquire about church activities etc.

### **FOOD BANK BOX:**

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

### **CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS:**

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### **CHURCH 100 CLUB:**

Congratulations to the following winners of the April Draw;

1st No.23 Mr D Frodsham : 2nd No.92 Mrs J Clarke

3rd No.75 Mr R Montgomery

# STOWUPLAND CEMETERY

Over the next few weeks there will be a lot of work going on in the older part of the cemetery. Indeed by the time you read this it may have already started. Along the left hand side of the cemetery the shrubs have encroached to such a degree that several graves have become hidden in the midst. The Parish Council have authorised a sum of money to enable this to all be cleared back to the original hedge line. When the shrubbery has been cleared and the hedge line found it is sure to be very thin and scrappy and even dead in places. The plan after all has been cleared away is, in the autumn, to reseed the cleared areas and plant young whips of mixed hedging to bring the hedge back to become a lush boundary line.

There will also be some clearance beyond the line of conifers in the centre of the cemetery again where shrubbery has covered graves and in a couple of cases taken root in the graves themselves. The spoil heap and greenery at the end of the cemetery will be taken away along with the accumulated rubbish behind the Memorial Wall. When it is all cleared the gravediggers will be instructed to place all spoil in the skip provided. We also plan to provide a turning area in the newer cemetery area and a gate and hedging to hide the skip.

Two of the existing benches are being repaired and re-varnished. Hopefully we will be able to provide a couple more all-weather benches when all the work is done.

It may be a case of things looking worse for a little while before they get better but please bear with the Parish Council while the work is ongoing because it will all be worth it in the end.

Churchyard and Cemetery Committee

## **IN AID OF THE SAINT ELIZABETH HOSPICE**

There will be Open Gardens on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 2 Thatch Cottage, Caxton Cottage and Walnut Cottage in aid of The Saint Elizabeth Hospice. OPEN from 1pm-6pm



## Stowupland W.I. April

The meeting on May 17th. opened with the singing of “Jerusalem”. No record was read as the secretary hadn’t put it in the book (you can’t get the staff nowadays!). However she did manage the correspondence. President Colleen then asked for volunteers for the community quiz on the Friday and for the Federation quiz in June. A cruise on the Deben has been booked for August 16th... Judy then spoke of the outings that are happening – Southwold theatre in July & August & Ely Cathedral Christmas Fair in November.

Following tea & biscuits, Colleen welcomed the return of Jennifer Gibbs. She entered the Hall in traditional Turkish costume and proceeded to tell us how a wedding in Turkey – her village home for 6 months of the year - is held... It follows a set pattern, lasting from Thursday to Sunday. A young man goes to his father and says he wishes to marry. There is a “go-between” who sees if the girl is willing to marry the young man. So both families then meet – the men in one room, the women in the other. The men discuss how much gold, in the form of medallions, rings, bracelets and earrings, should be offered to the girl. This is the traditional dowry and will be the brides to keep whatever happens in future years. Preparations then take place, with the whole village involved. There is an exchange of rings for the bridal pair and then each of them has a separate day and a separate ceremony.

For her wedding, the bride wears a traditional Ottoman costume in red & gold. Throughout both occasions music is played non-stop. Finally, at Sunday lunch time, the groom, with a convoy of minibuses, comes to fetch his bride, who, in the meantime has been given advice by other married women on how to please her mother-in-law. Everyone then sets off for the groom’s house, with singing, flag waving, whistles & hooters continually played. As Jennifer said a very raucous event!

Back down to earth, birthday posies were given, the raffle held and the competition winners announced.

For the flower Mary C. 1st. Judy 2nd. and Brenda 3rd.

The craft competition - 1st. Marian, 2nd. Sandra, 3rd. Pam.

The meeting was concluded with best wishes for the team for Friday’s quiz.

**Outings** – Southwold Theatre, Saturday, August 5th. the farce “Tom, Dick & Harry”. Tickets £13 & £11. coach leaves the village at 11.00 a.m. – fare £9. Deadline June 30th.

Ely Cathedral Christmas gifts & Food Fair. Saturday, November 18th 1.00 – 4.30 p.m. Admission tickets £4. coach fare £8.50. Leave Stowupland 10.30 a.m. Names ASAP. please, to ensure I get sufficient tickets.

Queries & booking to Judy Clarke please – 01449 615386

# International Left Handers Day

## W & M SMITH

The Pightle Barn, Blacksmiths Lane, Middlewood Green

For some time now I have wanted to arrange an event to celebrate International Left Handers Day. Being left handed myself along with two members of staff I have arranged for the most popular products like pens, scissors and knives to be on sale, along with mugs, sweatshirts and various other items. I do believe this is the first to be held in Suffolk and I intend it to be an annual event on August 13 here at the Pightle Barn.

### **August 12 & 13**

Craft and Flower Festival 10.00am to 4.00pm

A Competition for the best craft display depicting Suffolk to be judged by the visitors. Celebrate National Left Handers Day, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Craft and Trade Stalls, Refreshments. Booking form and prices for stall and craft competition required.

### **August 12**

Summer Disco 7 – 11 pm £5.00 ticket. Children free. Bring own food etc.

### **August 13**

Flower arranging demonstration and workshop. Limited spaces so pre booked only.

For more information on the craft competition, flower arranging demonstration and workshop or if you would like a stall then please email:- [sales@wandmsmith.co.uk](mailto:sales@wandmsmith.co.uk)

A Christmas themed Flower Demonstration by Smithers Oasis is also being planned for mid-October, the date is yet to be finalised. This will incorporate ideas using their seasonal products with a workshop the following day so you can try your hand at making a 'masterpiece' of your own.

Hopefully you will be able to come along as a stall holder or a visitor. I will be pleased to see you all.

Wendy Smith

# July Dates

Mon	3	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	4	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	4	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	5	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	5	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	5	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	5	Local History Group	7.30pm	Village Hall
		- '50 Years of the Museum of East Anglian Life' by Lisa Harris		
Thurs	6	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	9	Local History Evening Stroll on The Green Outside The Retreat	6.30pm	
Sun	9	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	10	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	11	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	12	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	12	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – August issue		
Thurs	13	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	13	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	14	Sixers Night	6.30pm	Cricket Club
Sun	16	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	17	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	18	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	18	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	18	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	19	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	19	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	19	W.I. – FEPOW & VJ Day	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	20	P.C. Footpaths Sub. Com.	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	20	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	21	Sixers Night	6.30pm	Cricket Club
Sun	23	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	24	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall

Tues	25	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	25	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	26	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	27	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	27	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	28	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall
Sun	30	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	31	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall

## August Dates

Tues	1	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	1	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	2	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	2	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	2	Local History Group	7.30pm	Village Hall
		- 'The Worlingworth Regiment' by Geoff Robinson		
Thurs	3	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	6	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	7	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall

## Future Events in 2017

10	Sept	Walker Cup
13	Sept	'Harbour Lights' traditional songs and music
16	Sept	Community Litter Pick
22	Sept	Community Quiz
29	Sept	Community Bingo (18+)

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# What's been happening at Stowupland High School

*(taken from Headteacher's Blog – May/June 2017)*

## **Budding Entrepreneurs and Home Grown Talent**

May saw the fruition of the Year 9 project “Grow Your £2.00”. Part of the tutorial programme, this project has been a challenge of enterprise, creativity and teamwork. Forms have certainly risen to the challenge and congratulations to 9AH for securing victory.

Congratulations also to one of our Year 7 students who, with the help and support of his form, 7JC, worked hard to organise a cake sale in order to raise money for Cancer Research UK. This was a huge success and the magnificent sum of £70.00 was raised!

Year 11 food Technology students have created some wonderful products for their GCSE examination. The brief was to design an item suitable for a celebration and there were some superb examples. Wedding buffets and cakes feature prominently and photographs will be included in our July newsletter.

Not to be outdone, the Year 10 “Choux” challenge has been equally successful and I know that Miss Howlett is really looking forward to seeing what all these students will do next year.

## **Quality Assurance**

On Friday 12th May, we worked alongside an independent consultant to undertake a book scrutiny looking at work completed by students from Years 7 – 10. This work was carried out as part of the school's programme of quality assurance and we were really impressed with the depth of learning being achieved by many of our students across a range of subjects. High standards of presentation were also much in evidence and it was very pleasing to see the new national grading system of 1-9 operating effectively from Year 7 onwards.

## **Debatable**

Literacy is one of the most important skills students need to develop in life. Beyond subject lessons, we have cross-curricular literacy initiatives (including word of the week) and, last term, Mrs Parsons started the Stowupland Debating Society. The group presently comprises mainly Year 10 and Year 11 students and debates follow the Cambridge Union structure with debaters working in teams to present their arguments. Meeting in A05 each Friday lunchtime, students have engaged in several heated, but purposeful exchanges and the topics have included: Should crime dramas be aired on T.V? Are feminist ideas pro-equality? and Who are the greatest superheroes? As Year 11 students will be fully occupied with exams for the remainder of the term, the Society is keen to recruit enthusiastic Year 9s!

We have also been running a Year 7 project this academic year called “Accelerated Reader” which encourages independent reading throughout the secondary phase. Miss Curtis reports that over 3 million words have been read as a result of the project and the current “champions” are 7JC with over 701,000 words. Keep up the good work!

## **Option Choices for September**

Year 9 students have all received letters regarding their option choices for next academic year. Blocks are being finalised and timetabling for 2017/18 is well underway. Any queries or questions about options can be sent to: [upperschool@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk](mailto:upperschool@stowuplandhighschool.co.uk) for the attention of Miss Neal.

## **Activity Days**

With the onset of summer, our thoughts are turning to Activity Days which will take place on 19th and 20th July. Progress Leaders are drawing up programmes and Year 7 parents/carers have already been consulted on a proposed trip to Colchester Zoo. We also hope to be trying some new destinations and further details will be forthcoming.

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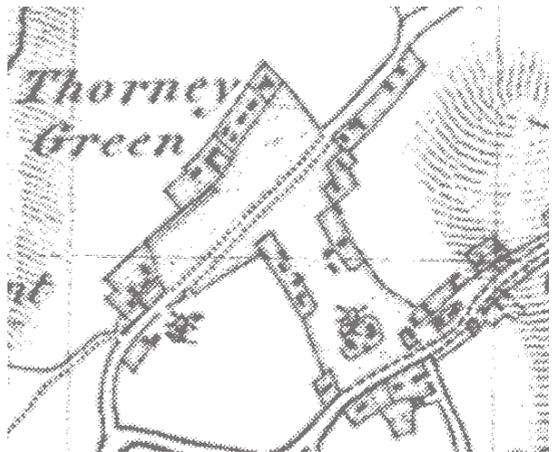
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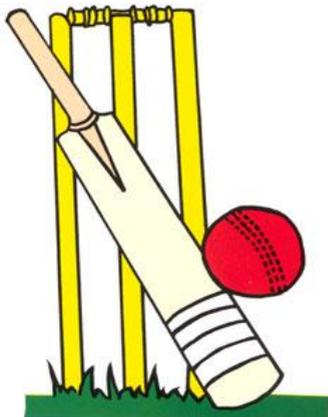
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# **DiABETES UK**

## **KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.**

A Day to Remember Robbie Warner Memorial day –  
Saturday 22nd July 2017. Mr J Warner

I write in connection with the above event. This is an annual charity day taking place in memory of my son, Robbie Warner. Robbie passed away in February 2015 unbeknown to us, due to Diabetes type 1 aged 19. Robbie lived in the local area, attending school in Stowupland, as well as participating in other local activities such as playing for Bacton Football Club. Robbie was attending Northampton University at the time and was studying Drama and Sports Science.

It is because of Robbie's interest in such activities that we have decided, as a family, to organise such an event in his memory that also reflected his personality. The 22nd of July, will consist of football, music, socialising and raising money for Diabetes UK. It will take place at Bacton Football Club.

I am writing to enquire, as to whether you would like to provide us with funding in order to sponsor the event. The sponsorship money would go towards hire of bouncy castle, staging for the live bands, BBQ etc.

Should you feel that you would like to sponsor this event or donate a raffle prize, we will advertise your company by way of putting your organisation's advert in our leaflet that is handed out on the day and you will also be advertised on general posters that will be all around the local area advertising the event.

I would be most grateful if you could contact me on 07553 922255 should you wish to discuss this further, or should you decide to sponsor the day. Thank you for your time and attention to this letter.

Yours faithfully Justin Warner E-mail: [Jwarner081@btinternet.com](mailto:Jwarner081@btinternet.com)



**A Day to Remember**

# *Robbie James Warner*

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We remember the friends and relatives of the Chapel who are poorly and wish them a speedy recovery.

Our sincere thanks to a very kind member of our congregation who has generously donated fifty new cups and saucers for use in the Chapel.

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

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

- |         |                      |
|---------|----------------------|
| 2 July  | Veda Berriman        |
| 9 July  | Irene Martin         |
| 16 July | Jim Spencer          |
| 23 July | Revd Richard Edwards |
| 30 July | Mary Playford        |

## Afternoon Fellowship

Just to keep you in the picture we recommence our meetings on the first Monday in October. We welcome anyone who would like to join us at our meetings (male or female).

Mary Clark

# Ministers Message

## Fair Share

An interesting sight caught our eye as we were walking alongside the river in Sudbury: a father with his two sons (probably 5 and 3) feeding bread to the swans, cygnets, ducks and their ducklings. The activity had naturally attracted plenty of birds, and others were heading there at speed.

Both boys were enjoying the experience. The younger clearly intent on sharing his bread – taking a number of good bites first, before peeling off a little bread and throwing it as far as he could, which wasn't very far.

The older, wiser brother threw himself into the morning's task with relish, mindful of avoiding the more aggressive mallards and sensitive to the needs of the younger or more vulnerable birds.

It was also fascinating to observe the antics of the birds: a swan soon positioned herself by the bank, immediately under the younger brother, and picked up anything that he discharged, but also aggressively removing any mallard that sought to venture into her space. She clearly was impatient as well, getting ever closer to the younger sibling and almost appeared at times to attempt to take the whole slice out of the boy's fingers ('don't bite the hand that feeds you' came to mind!).

The other birds were clustered together, and fighting one-another for any bread that came within their vicinity, while, at the same time, trying to create territory for themselves that they could control. There was definitely a pecking order within their number .....

I'm sure there was plenty of food to go round – they appeared to bring a whole loaf of sliced bread – but that didn't seem to matter, it was every bird for themselves, and some got a lot while others got little or nothing.

To me this was a kind of Parable of Life being played out before our very eyes, and is, sadly, reflected within humankind as well. One of the things we are being constantly reminded in our own country is that the rich appear to be getting ever richer and the poorer even poorer – and yet, there is sufficient for everyone (including within our world village). It also brought to mind the many TV footages of aid being distributed to the refugees, where too easily the weaker become the greater victims as they are muscled out of the way by their stronger companions.

I'm reminded of the Gospel story of the young person who, having recognised the great need in his midst was prepared to give up his own lunch and offer it for general distribution. Lunch blessed and shared fed the hungry multitude.

I'm also reminded of the Parable of the rich person eating abundantly at their table, totally ignorant of the needs of the poor and desperate soul at their gate. Then Jesus offers a stark warning that those who have had their fill in this life will be under the judgement of God at the end of their lives, whereas the poor and the destitute will be warmly welcomed into the Kingdom of God.

Let us continue to pray and work for a fairer distribution of God's generous creation, for He has given enough for all.

God Bless

**Chris**

*(Rev'd Chris Wood – minister of Stowmarket, Mendlesham, Stowupland and Debenham URC's)*

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## Thank you, from Mary Bloom.

Recently I had a fall and unfortunately broke my hip. I spent two weeks at West Suffolk Hospital and five weeks at Hartismere Hospital. I am now at home, but mending very slowly. Through Telstar I would like to thank all the people who sent cards, visited me in hospital, sent flowers and enquired after me. I would like you to know how much I have appreciated all these things and hope that I may see some of you soon. Yours sincerely,

Mary Bloom.

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

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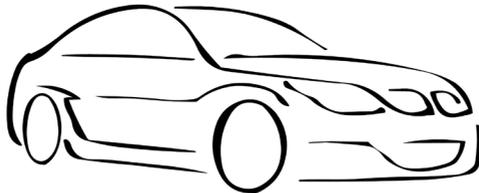
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# Stowupland Cricket Club

The weather has been kind to us this month with lots of sunshine. This has made watching the games much more pleasurable.

Saturday XI has won all 5 games played since the last report. These were against Long Melford, Tendring, West Bergholt, Braintree and Bury. Notable runs in these games were Tom Wray 78 against Braintree, Tom Abbott 70 against Long Melford and the clubs 1st 100 of the season from Grant Wearing 125 not out against Tendring. A few notable bowling performances too coming from Kieran Gregory and Luke Abbott whose 3 wickets in the last over give us maximum points.

Sunday 1st XI have won 1 game against Walsham and lost 3 against Acton, Bury and Woolpit. Proving a step up to Division 1 and playing the best teams in the area, is going to be a challenge. Only 2 50s scored this month both against Woolpit with these being from Tom Wray 60 and Tom Abbott 57.

Sunday 2nd XI have won 2 and lost 1. A good month for our second team, picking up back to back wins against Battisford and Elveden. But unfortunately suffered a defeat to locals Earl Stonham. Andy Parkin scoring 110 against Elveden and getting the clubs 2nd hundred of the season. The youngsters are progressing well and improving with every game they play, which is good to see.

Wednesday XI has played 2 games and won both, this is another opportunity for the youngest to have a game.

Stowupland sixes are now upon us with the other dates being Friday 14th July and 21st July. These are a fun, quick paced, friendly 6 a side game for beginners to get a taste for cricket. See advertising on our twitter page @stowupcc or on our website if you are interested. A BBQ and bar also available throughout the evening, so more of a reason to pop down!!!

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The season is well underway and members are enjoying the bowls, win or lose. We have had two very good events - Reg Pryke's President's Day and the Roy Gynn Trophy. After a close contest the President's Cup was won by Brian Winfield. The Roy Gynn Trophy was kept in the family with son Kevin winning and Barbara coming second. The club was fortunate that both events featured an excellent tea. Many thanks to all involved.

I will mention the green. Thanks to all the hard work the green has received many favourable comments from our visitors. Help is always needed around the club.

We wish Richard Paddy a speedy recovery, and hope to see Janet Burton at the green soon.

Please remember the Open Triples Tournament on 8th August; get your names in soon. On July 12th is the Silver Jubilee Vase, starting at 1pm, it is a county game.

John Mollett.

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