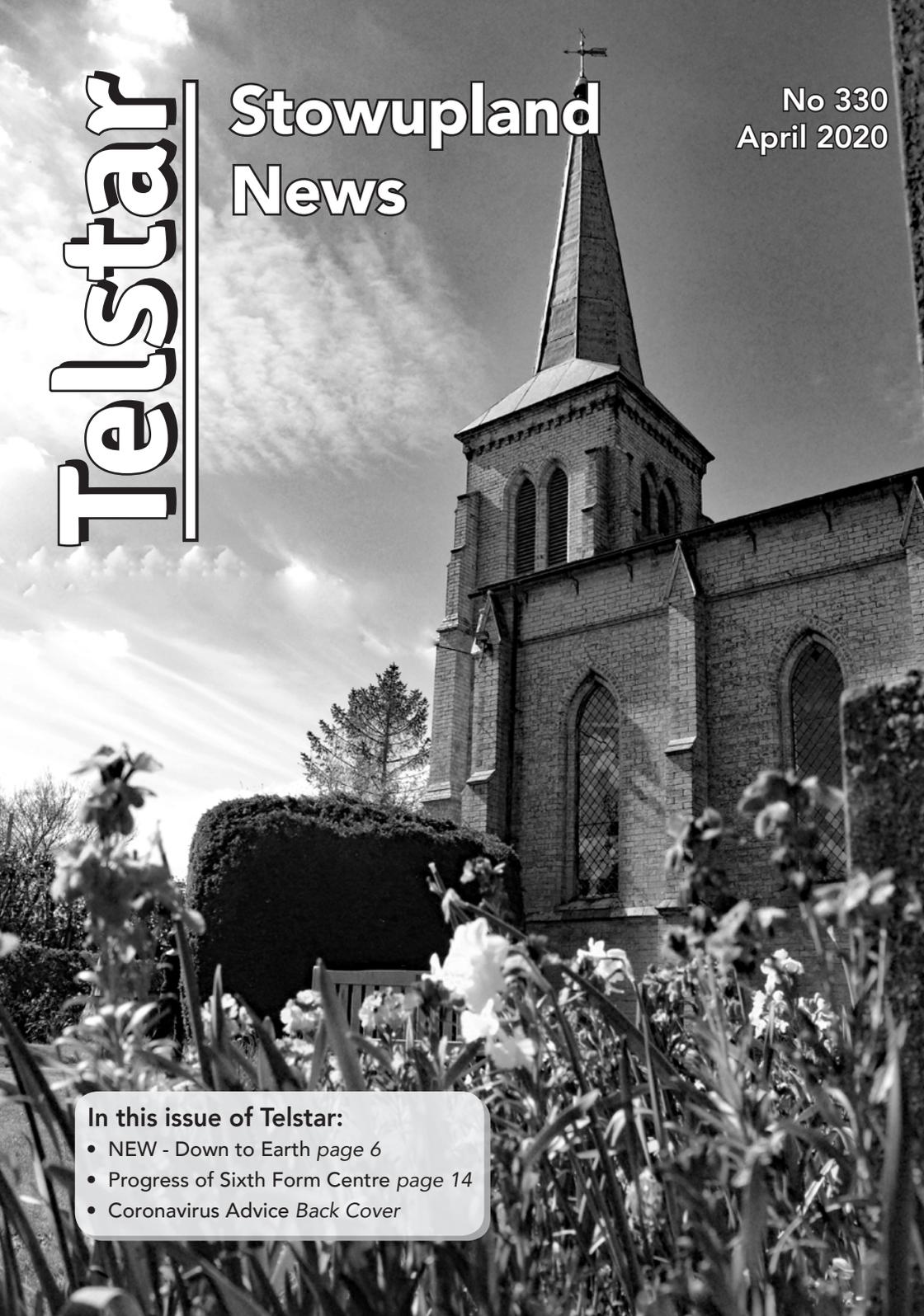


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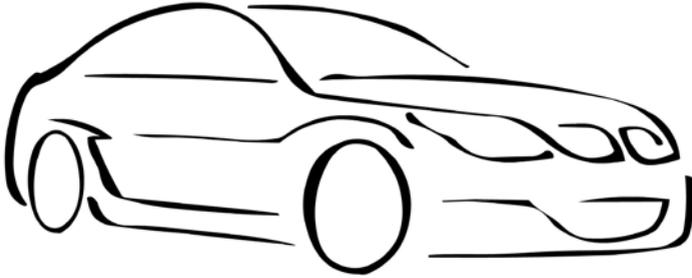
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EDITOR'S NOTES

APRIL 2020



Hopefully we will be seeing the last of the relentless rain by the time you read this. Many gardeners will be waiting to get the big spring tidy up done, if they haven't started already! There is some very handy advice for jobs to do in April from Kate Elliott in our new column, Down to Earth. A very warm welcome to Kate, who will be well known to many village gardeners, especially those that have taken part in the Village Open Gardens. Of course, we used to have a column from the allotments, which gets me wondering if anyone would like to share news from the allotments again?

We have a welcome return of the Stowupland Falcons Football Club. The bad weather has prevented some games being played but some future events have been highlighted. Also, Stowupland Cricket Club are getting ready for the new season, there is a full report on their preparations in this month's magazine.

Another new appearance is the Consumer Advice Column that I hope will be useful to many of our readers. I have penned the column this month but hope that someone with enthusiasm for the subject will take over. Please let me know if you fancy a go at this. It's not too daunting and there are a lot of resources online.

That leads me nicely to asking for more contributors to the magazine. There is plenty of room for more content so if you have an interest that you would like to share with your fellow villagers just let me know. I am very willing to help or discuss your ideas with you.

Some subjects I have thought about are:

- Book review (I know there are a lot of keen readers in the village)
- Pet's Corner (We are certainly very dog friendly judging by the dog walkers)
- Health and Wellbeing (Any aspect of this, be it medical or alternative therapy)
- Crafting – it seems there are lots of crafters in the village – maybe they should get together?
- Astronomy – we have such wonderful night skies

If there are any topics that you would like to see in your magazine, please let me know. All new ideas are most welcome and even if you prefer not to write about it yourself we can always ask the village for help.

Another new item that you will find is our Memory Lane feature. The Local History Group Archives are providing old photos that might stir some memories. Please let me know if you spot yourself or remember any of the events.

Next month we will be having the beacon lit for the VE day anniversary. Can you remember where you were on VE day? I would love to hear from you so that I can put together some memories from this time. Please give me a call or drop me a line, I am more than happy to listen to your wartime memories and hear about the VE day celebrations that you remember.

We also have a Recipe of the Month that I hope you will try. Please send me your favourite recipes (especially vegetarian and 'free from' recipes as they are often hard to find) and send a photo if you can. We will only publish one per month but keep them coming, as they will all get published eventually.

Finally, an appeal. I would love to see something more than text in the magazine and have already asked for photos. Are there any graphic designers out there? We would only need occasional logos, it wouldn't be an excessive amount.

Please don't think 'they are always trying to get me involved'. Without your involvement this magazine simply does not exist, so please get in touch.

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Contact Kay by email, kay.telstar@gmail.com, by phone, 01449 677261 or, at the door, 16 Oak Road. Or find me out and about in the village!

Cover photo of Holy Trinity Church courtesy of Keith Hyland – thank you.

NB. Due to the changing circumstances surrounding the coronavirus outbreak, many events have, and will be, cancelled or deferred. Please check with the organizer before you attend. I have updated the diary as I've been informed but it may not be up to date when it reaches you.

These are challenging times, please be kind and careful.

Kay

DOWN TO EARTH

Welcome to Telstar's new monthly gardening column. I'm Kate Elliott, head gardener of Columbine Hall, Stowupland and I will be letting you know what's happening and what I've been doing in the garden, alongside some jobs that you can do each month.

Nothing in gardening is so exciting or encouraging as the lengthening days of April. It is the month of growth. After a long and dark winter, we all yearn for spring and we must celebrate every little sign. The vibrant fresh green of the newly emerging leaves, the blossom that is out in force this month with everything from flowering cherries to garden fruit trees, plus the first real blaze of colour of the year, from wonderful tulips. Although the weather is still unpredictable, on those perfect early spring days, when the sun is shining, get out in the garden and enjoy it.

Here at Columbine I am busy cleaning up the beds and borders. I'm cutting away any old dead growth from last year's herbaceous plants, pulling out any weeds and then giving the soil a light forking over, just the top couple of inches or so. I like to spread a layer of compost on the surface first and tickle this in as I fork. If you have no compost or well-rotted manure, spent mushroom compost is the next best thing, except around acid-loving plants. Never, of course, use peat. We must do all we can to stop the destruction of our precious peat bogs. This is also the perfect time to plant new herbaceous plants.

April is the prime month for bulbs. Late flowering daffodils are at their peak and tulips are in full bloom. In order to channel their energies into flowers for next year, I prevent them from forming seedheads by pinching off the flowers as they fade.

After pruning roses earlier in the year, I am now giving them a good feed and mulch. You can use a standard rose fertiliser, but I like to use blood, fish and bone and then dress the plants with a good mulch of garden compost or well-rotted manure, 2-3 inches deep.



Traditional Apple Blossom

I am planting out my sweet peas sown earlier in February, up obelisks in our walled kitchen garden. Sweet peas are hungry plants, so I dig in some organic matter around the base first. I pinch out the leader - the growing tip - when three or four pairs of leaves have formed, to encourage more flowers and bushier plants. As the young plants start to grow, tie them to the support and then I just leave them to get on with it. I start to pick the flowers in a few weeks' time.

April is one of the busiest times in the garden. Here are a few other jobs to do.

Plant out first early potatoes.

Keep weeds under control by regular hoeing.

Sow hardy annuals such as marigolds, poppies and cornflowers straight into the ground.

Tie in climbing roses.

Sow tomatoes and cucumbers in a greenhouse or a sunny windowsill.

Direct sow lettuces, radishes, runner beans, beetroot, carrots, peas and salad leaves.

Plant out onion sets.

Spring clean your pond.

Sow bedding plants under glass.

Until next month - happy gardening.

Kate Elliott

Ode to Tuesday Dustbin Day

On a winter Tuesday the winds do blow,
And over many dustbins go,
To scatter rubbish down the streets,
Blowing into gardens and under feet,

At the mess I often stare,
thinking does anyone really care?
Do our roads need to look such a mess?
Could people really not care less?

This does not really need to be,
The problem's easily solved you see,
With a little care and thought
The solution is so simply taught.

Point the hinge of the lid into the gale
And over the dustbin lid won't sail,
To spill the rubbish here and there,
And show folks that you really do care.

Anon.

MEMORY LANE

Those of us who use our village hall today must thank those Stowuplanders of the 1950s, whose enterprising spirit completed this self-build project. The idea of building a new village hall was first suggested in 1935 but the need to raise funds and the Second World War meant that it was not until 1953 that work commenced. To be entitled to a council grant towards the cost, the hall was built entirely by village labour, and it was not until 1956 that it was officially opened on 3rd March 1956. The photo shows those connected with the scheme assembled on stage.

Those identified are as follows:

1st and 2nd on left probably Lady and Lord Tollemache, chairman of the Suffolk Rural Communities Council Village Halls committee, 3rd left G.C. Lighfoot, clerk to East Suffolk County Council, the man standing is Denis Vosper MP, parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of education, to the right behind the table Alfred Addison, chairman of parish council, next right Jack Carter, the man smiling is Bertie Reid, secretary of the Suffolk Rural Community Council.

Others known to be present but not identified are: Mr Beaty, National Council of Social Services; Mr Missen, chief education officer, Mr Fiske chairman of Gipping Rural District Council; Mr John Adam, architect; Mr Sarjeant, who supplied the building materials; Robert Black, chairman of village hall committee and John Scarfe, secretary.





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LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

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On the 13th of February Sandra Walker and myself were privileged to be welcomed to Stowupland Hall for a tour of the house and workshops by Sue Wildman. The Hall is now home to Plain English, manufacturers of hand made kitchens. The company that originated in Combs employs some 50 people. The hall itself is used as offices but is quite unspoilt, the barn and outbuilding have been adapted as workshops. We hope to be able to arrange a group visit here later this year. This will probably be a members only event.

You may have noticed that there has been some archaeological activity on the site of the proposed development on Thorney Green Road. Cotswold Archaeology have been carrying out a dig, we hope to arrange a site visit when this is complete and possibly a talk in the village hall. An investigation was also done in advance of the high school extension.

Report of March Meeting

Unfortunately, Jill Wright, our advertised speaker, had to cancel her talk, but we are grateful to Dr. Kate Jewell who agreed to step in at short notice. Kate's two previous talks to our group were on her special area of interest, mediaeval entertainment and ritual. This time she extended that theme looking at the various celebrations and rituals that the mediaeval rural villagers would use to try to ensure the health of the land and the good harvest on which their livelihood depended. In pre-Christian times it was important to appease the various gods who could influence such things as the weather and the fertility of the soil. After the coming of Christianity these rituals remained but the focus shifted to the importance of remembering and celebrating local saints such as St. Walstan, a Suffolk agricultural worker who became associated with Bawburgh in Norfolk. A number of miracles associated with him after his death ensured his popularity among the farming community. Special holy sites were also important including the holy well at Woolpit, whose waters were believed to be especially good for the eyes. Annual rituals such as Plough Sunday continued into modern times. A plough was taken into church and blessed and afterwards taken around the village, and a collection being made from householders for the church. Rogationtide, held on three days before Ascension Day meant parishioners processing around the fields praying for a good harvest that year. In later times this developed into the ceremony of Beating the Bounds when a procession would follow the parish boundary, so that all knew the boundaries of the parish, important when the parish became the unit of local government, including responsibility for the poor.

We have a few accounts by people writing about their memories of these rituals in pre-reformation times, such as Roger Martyn of Long Melford, who recalled the bonfires that were lit on St. John's or Midsummers Day.

Roger Lark

We had an email from Roger Lark, son of Rev. Lark who is keen to hear from old friends by email. If anyone wants to contact him, we could pass on their details to him. Roger was prompted to get in touch having read Paddy's memories on the Local History webpage. Roger wrote

"I found John Paddy's articles so interesting, I delivered groceries from Disneys, his shop was exactly like open all hours, he even had a stutter, a lovely man. On Saturday I would take the weeks takings in a biscuit tin to National Provincial bank, hundreds of pounds in 1957/59! On the way back I picked up the tobacco and cigarettes from a shop just up from Charlie Codd the cycle shop, another lovely chap. We Stowupland kids would leave our bicycles in a shed behind the shop when going to the pictures. We loved it in Stowupland, but the powers that be persuaded father to move to Worlingham near Beccles, I hated leaving as all my friends were there and my teenage sweetheart Barbara Horrex (Wilding), we still send Christmas cards. Another fond memory is helping to run the clay pigeon shoot at the flower show run by a farmer, I think it was Barker, he had a collection of vintage tractors. We paid £1/10 shillings for a bottle of Tolly brown ale and fish and chips for tea. Happy days. Anyone who would know me, I'd love to share memories via emails.

1st April

Becoming a House Detective

Our speaker for April has changed, Ray Whitehand will be coming in August now but our April talk will be –

"Becoming a House Detective" by Stephen Poulton.

Have you ever been curious about the history of your house? Stephen will look at some resources and methods that will help to trace its past life.

6th May

Witches in Suffolk by Pip Wright

Belief in the existence of witches was very real in the middle ages, and persecutions of those suspected of dealing with the devil culminated in the infamous witch trials initiated by self-appointed witch-finder general Matthew Hopkins, He was invited to come to Stowmarket where he duly discovered a number of witches, However his services didn't come cheap and the town had to raise a special rate amongst inhabitants to pay him.

Suffolk cryptic place-name quiz

Last month's correct answer was Cotton. This month's clue is - 'Nothing north east in front of this residence'

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. We look forward to seeing you.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Ginger Cake

A buttery, delicately flavoured ginger cake – serves 12

Ingredients:

1lb plain flour
2 tsp baking powder
8oz caster sugar
4 eggs
8 oz softened butter
pinch of salt
4oz stem ginger in syrup plus extra for decoration
A little milk



Method:

Pre-heat oven to a moderate temperature (160 fan).

Grease and line a large cake tin (9").

Finely chop the ginger.

Cream the butter and sugar together and beat until light and fluffy.

Add the eggs one at a time and beat to combine.

Add a little of the flour to prevent curdling.

Sift the flour and baking powder and salt together and gently fold into the mix.

Add some of the syrup from the ginger and a little milk to loosen the mix to a stiff dropping consistency.

When the mix is nearly combined add the chopped ginger and combine in the mix.

Put mix into the prepared cake tin and bake for approx one hour Test the cake by inserting a skewer into the centre, if it comes out clean the cake is done.

Allow to cool in the tin for five minutes and then carefully turn out onto a wire tray to cool.

While still warm, drizzle a little of the ginger syrup on top and add some more chopped ginger as decoration.

Enjoy!

This recipe is from a collection of recipes that have been handed down through the Rush family. Some of the recipes date back to 1913, hence the imperial weights.

If you have tried and tested recipes to share, please send them to kay.telstar@gmail.com.



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Progress of the Sixth Form Centre at Stowupland High School

Works to construct a new sixth form Centre at Stowupland High School are underway. This exciting and much anticipated development will involve constructing a new sixth form centre housing four class bases, a specially designed media suite, a performing arts studio, a common room, and a food room. A car park with spaces to accommodate additional cars and a coach park to drop off and collect students will also be created. Concertus Design & Property Consultants are working with Suffolk County Council, The John Milton Academy Trust and the main contractor S.E.H French to design, manage and build this exciting new development. Completion is targeted for summer 2020.

The archaeological dig has unearthed some interesting finds in the vicinity of the new car park and as such further investigation is required. This work is being planned to ensure the correct management, processing & recording of any artefacts. As a result work to construct the new car park is on hold until the archaeological investigations are complete.



To help mitigate the impact of the construction work on the school and local community, delivery restriction times are in place and a temporary car park built to help ease congestion during the build process.

Once complete this project will provide the school with a wonderful new facility that will not only benefit the school but also the local community in the years to come.

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COUNTRYSIDE RAMBLER

BRIAN WARD

I look forward to this time of year; buds are bursting open on the trees and hedgerows giving them a fresh green glow. The blackthorn blossom is giving us vibrant white flushes in our hedgerows. This will be welcomed by the queen bees as they come out of hibernation. Many of our spring flowers are in full bloom in the woods, now is the time to see wood anemone and oxlip. Along the pathways look for comfrey, alkanet, stitchwort, violet and cowslip. Ponds and rivers also hold their own flowering plants. The water crowfoot and marsh marigold are worth noting, crowfoot with its brilliant white flowers adorn pond surfaces, the marsh marigold, being a marginal plant, is a joy to see with its bright yellow flowers and dark green foliage. Many of our garden birds are starting to sing and look for a mate. Robins and blackbirds are early nesters so take extra care when cutting the hedge at home.

Roe deer bucks are in velvet at the moment. The does will congregate in small groups normally from 2-7 and will often be seen in the same area; we have several small groups quite locally, but they are wary and difficult to approach. The buck will shed his velvet in late April or early May and soon after will seek out the females when they are in season.

Not everyone is into snakes but by the time you read this, adders should be out of hibernation and sunning themselves. Minsmere is a good place to see them; follow the adder trail and often a friendly guide will point one out for you. A sunny day from 9 am is best. You may be lucky to see two males battling it out over a female's affections; they entwine and normally the strongest opponent wins his lady. Look out for the early butterflies as they come out of hibernation; it only takes a few warm days and they will appear.

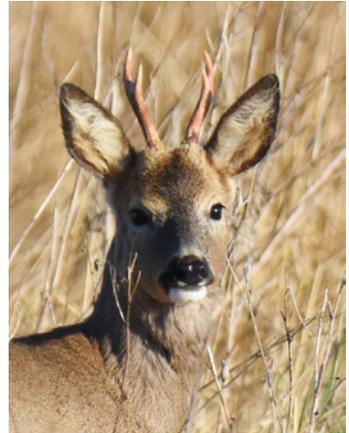


Photo courtesy of Brian Ward

I have been on my usual trips out trying to avoid the rain and wind mainly on birding trips but always on the lookout for deer and hares at this time of year. I have been fortunate to see the elusive hawfinch and find woodlark, also a great grey shrike. Birdwatching and nature in general is becoming so popular these days the once quiet corners of East Anglia are definitely becoming busier. In my youth it was a quiet relaxing pastime, just natural reserves and occasionally greeting a fellow enthusiast. Now visitor centres are becoming shopping centres, and queuing to use a hide is out of my comfort zone but I must move with the times and accept it. I feel nature is becoming a commodity and not a free pleasure we can enjoy. SORRY, moan over, back to my ramblings.

It won't be long and we will be hearing the twittering of swallows, and the monotonous but welcome call of the chiffchaff as they visit us for the summer.

Stowupland Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

This meeting is an opportunity for the Parish Council, organisations and charities within the village to report on their activities during the year.

It is also an opportunity for resident to ask questions and provide feedback to all these groups.

Thursday 7 May 7.00pm

Stowupland Sports and Social Club

The evening will begin with refreshments and it is a chance for residents to talk to the council and other village organisations that will be at the meeting.

A short meeting will follow at 7.30pm and we look forward to welcoming you all.

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CONSUMER ADVICE

We have all probably received phone calls that are trying to trick you. One of the favourites at the moment is a recorded message from HMRC (or so they say) offering you money to help with coronavirus, so be on your guard.

It is always a good idea to be prepared so here is some advice from Suffolk Trading Standards:

Scammers will:

- contact you out of the blue
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- put you under pressure to respond quickly
- ask you to keep their offer a secret
- make promises that sound too good to be true

You should:

- verify their identity
- look out for grammatical or spelling mistakes
- never give out your bank details
- never send money to someone you don't know
- say no to persuasive sales talk

If you are not sure about anything, whether you have been contacted by phone, or by post or email, contact our local Citizens Advice Office in Stowmarket on 01449 676060 or check their website www.midsuffolkcab.org.uk.

To report a scam you can call the Consumer Helpline on 0800 111 6768.

Suspected fraud and Internet crime should be reported to the police through Action Fraud on www.actionfraud.police.uk or on 0300 123 2040.

If anyone would like to continue our consumer advice column, please contact kay.telstar@gmail.com. All contributors are most welcome.

Help Keep the Village Tidy

Litter Pick

Saturday 16 May 2020

Cemetery Gates at 10.00 am

Hope to see you there!



SAM'S QUICK CHAT

Hello,

By the time you read this I will be 10. I have lived in Stowupland since I was born. That makes me a proper Stowuplander. Jessica is too. Mummy and Daddy moved here a few years before we were born so they are "outsiders"



Mother's Day would have been and gone by now too. Daddy told me I'm old enough to plan a surprise for Mummy myself now. I would if I was allowed to buy things on the Internet but I don't know mummy and daddy's passwords.

So what have we been up to in the last month? I have run another parkrun so I am now 4 ahead of Daddy. Mummy and me were going to go to Framlingham but it got cancelled because of the rain and the fields were waterlogged so we went to Christchurch Park in Ipswich instead. It had a big hill in it that we had to do twice. I didn't like it the second time around and had to walk a little bit. But I did get a PB (my Personal Best time).

Have you heard of Pokemon Go? It is a game on mummy's phone where you explore places. There will be little creatures scattered across pubs and statues and places you can stop at and explore the area or have a nice drink. Each Pokemon is based on an animal or animals mixed together. The other day when I was doing it I found an elephant Pokemon and he kept on spinning around and wouldn't stay still. So me and Jessica had to keep on running around Mummy in circles to try to catch him. We took a few pictures and then moved to find more. They are all over the village. We found a flying rabbit outside the Chinese.



Last week I did a grading in karate and I got a new belt which is a yellow belt / 11th kyu. Daddy got the same belt as me. My sister Jessica got a white and black stripe belt. I am trying to get yellow orange next.

This year is the 10th birthday of the BBC 500 words and I am 10 so I was born around the same time as 500 words came out. Every time I have had the opportunity to do it I write a story although I haven't got very far in the competition. I am already planning my story now for next year so I can improve it and I hope I will get further. In fact I have just thought of another character to add.

Enjoy the daffodils and Easter eggs and hopefully less rain.

Love Sam

STOWUPLAND FALCONS FOOTBALL CLUB

We are a grassroots team that welcome everyone.

The base for our teams is Stowupland Sports & Social Club, off Church Road.



Urgent Appeal

We are currently looking for kit sponsors, for some of our Youth and Adult teams. Any other suggestions can be discussed to accommodate your requirements should you choose to sponsor any of our teams or the club.

We offer a FREE football introduction which runs every Saturday (weather permitting) for boys and girls 4-7. No need to book, just turn up and have fun!

If you would like to drop by and have a chat with us, we are running a Family Race Night on the 17th April, as well as our BIG 5 a-side event on 6th and 7th June at the Club.

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STOWUPLAND CRICKET CLUB

April Report

With spring now upon us the new 2020 cricket season will soon begin. The previous season was overall another successful one for the club. There were no promotions on the pitch with the first team just missing out on promotion from division 5 and the mid-week side losing at the semi-final stage for the second consecutive season. Hopefully both teams will go one stage further this year.



The fundraising and monthly quiz nights continue to bring a steady and healthy income for the club. This is thanks largely to Kt Browning and her team of helpers who do a tremendous amount of work for the club all year round. The monthly quiz remains a huge success with a full allocation of teams each month. Thanks to the people that support and come along to this event.

The club is also now seeing a return of the investment spent on the pitches over the past five years. Although it has been very wet through February and March, a renovation programme is carried out all year round and at Stowupland we have some of the best pitches in Suffolk.

Since the last report in Telstar, the Cricket Club held its annual general meeting at the end of January. This year Jo Abbott has decided to step down as chairperson after 5 years. Jo has done a fantastic job during her time as chairperson. She took over from our longstanding Chairman, Bob Moore, who could no longer fulfil the role after his wife became ill. Whilst Jo has been chairperson the club has made significant progress and has continued to develop throughout. A lot of the work that Jo has done was often not seen by most and was some of the more tedious jobs, such as chasing up membership and finding people to do teas. Jo will remain on the cricket club committee and, on behalf of the club, I would like to thank Jo for everything she has done during her time as chairperson.

At the AGM we elected a new chairman: Shaun Langford. Shaun has been with the club for over 30 years and his late mother and father were part of the committee that formed the club back in 1968. Shaun will be working with the rest of the committee to continue to take the club forward and bring new ideas to the committee. The rest of the committee has remained largely unchanged from last year.

For the 2020 season we will again be running four adult teams. This year we have two teams in the Two Counties Championship with all fixtures being played on Saturdays. The first XI will play in division 5 for a third consecutive season and the second team will play in division 9. The lower division for the second team is the perfect platform to introduce many younger players to adult cricket; this will help them learn and develop their game with the support of some of our older players.

Grant Wearing will again captain our mid-week team. Grant had a respectable first season as captain, but lost to Stowmarket who were the eventual winners of the competition. Kieran Gregory will again be our captain for the Suffolk T20 plate competition. The team just missed out on the semi-finals and Kieran will be hoping to take his team to the next stage this season. This year we have been placed with Battisford and Stradbroke and we will play each team home and away in this year's competition.

The numbers of under 16s within the club continues to be healthy. As a result of the hard work put into the youth structure we continue to see a steady number of young players progress into the adult teams. The youth coaching started back in January at Ipswich School. Andrew Blanchard will again be running the coaching programme along with his many coaches.

We have a new member helping our grounds team this year; after moving down from the North East, Bill Parkin will be supporting the ground maintenance.

We are continuing to look for new players so if you are interested, regardless of your age or cricketing abilities, please contact either myself or the website. You can also keep up to date with results and events at the club via our social media platforms which are regularly updated. Please also visit our website stowuplandcricketclub.co.uk.

Scott Gregory (07538009376)
Stowupland Cricket Club

STOWUPLAND BOWLS CLUB

The season is fast approaching and our programme for the forthcoming months is nearly complete and will include some interesting events.

Details will appear in the relevant monthly issues but to whet one's appetite we will have again "East Anglia Kit Car Club" exhibiting their characterised vehicles, lined up for anyone who wishes to view. This will be in September and before that our annual friendly match against Mendlesham Bowls Club. More importantly perhaps and for anyone who has read our leaflet and/or has an interest in trying their hand at bowling, an open day will be held and, details yet to be finalised.

But before all of that, the ground is to be readied and work on the green finalised. All hard graft but worth it when playing with friends under sunshine on a summer's day! (Hopefully).

For any enquiries, here are the contact details again: Frank Boxall (Chairman) 01359 244591.

PUZZLE PAGE

Quick Quiz

- 1) Rapa Nui is more commonly known as what?
- 2) How many marzipan balls decorate a Simnel cake that is traditionally eaten at Easter?
- 3) When was the first Cadbury Creme Egg produced?
- 4) What is the record for eating Cadbury Creme Eggs in one minute?
- 5) When is Maundy money given?
- 6) How much Maundy money is given?
- 7) Who gets Maundy money?
- 8) How many Faberge eggs were created for the Russian Imperial Family?
- 9) The Easter Act of 1928 is for what?
- 10) The idea of the Easter bunny originated in what country?

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1				5			3	
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			1	3	5		7	
8			9					2
		3		7	8	6	4	
3		2			9			4
					1	8		
		8	7	6				

See page 48 for all puzzle solutions

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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Village Clubs

Baby and Toddler Group – Kelly Woolnough

07776 206430

Book Group – Patricia Hodgkins

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DIARY DATES

APRIL DATES

Wed	1	Baby & Toddler Group - CANCELLED	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	1	Lent Lunch - CANCELLED	12.00	Church Hall
Wed	1	Book Group - CANCELLED	2.00pm	
Wed	1	Stowupland LHG "Becoming a House Detective" by Stephen Poulton - CANCELLED	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	2	Short Mat Bowls - CANCELLED	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sat	4	Jumble Sale in aid of URC - CANCELLED	2.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	5	Pre-school Playgroup Easter Fayre	2.00-5.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	5	Country & Western Music	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mo	6	Afternoon Fellowship - CANCELLED	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	6	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tue	7	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tue	7	Beetle Drive - CANCELLED	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	8	Baby & Toddler Group - CANCELLED	9.30am	Village Hall
Thurs	9	Short Mat Bowls - CANCELLED	7.00pm	Village Hall
Thurs	9	Parish Council Meeting	7..30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	13	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	14	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	15	Baby & Toddler Group - CANCELLED	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	15	W.I. "Bee Keeping"- CANCELLED	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	16	Annual General Meeting	7.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	16	Short Mat Bowls - CANCELLED	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	19	Country and Western Music	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	20	Afternoon Fellowship - CANCELLED	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	20	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	21	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	22	Baby & Toddler Group - CANCELLED	9.30am	Village Hall
Thurs	23	Short Mat Bowls - CANCELLED	7.00pm	Village Hall
Fri	24	Coffee Morning - CANCELLED	10.00am	URC Chapel

Fri	24	Bingo - CANCELLED	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	27	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	28	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	28	Beetle Drive - CANCELLED	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	29	Baby & Toddler Group - CANCELLED	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	29	Stowmarket Wildlife Group - CANCELLED "Hedgerows, Herbs & Medicines" by Martin Sanford	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	30	Short Mat Bowls - CANCELLED	7.00pm	Village Hall

Please check all events before you go.

Circumstances are changing all the time, so please check with the event organiser before you attend.

You will find all the village contact numbers on the reverse of this sheet.

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

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Dance Club – Mary Durham – 01449 672601

Local History Group – Judy Clarke
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Short Mat Bowls – Pam Fayers – 01449 770080

Sports and Social Club – Andy Parkin
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Stowupland Cricket Club

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Stowupland Falcons Football Club
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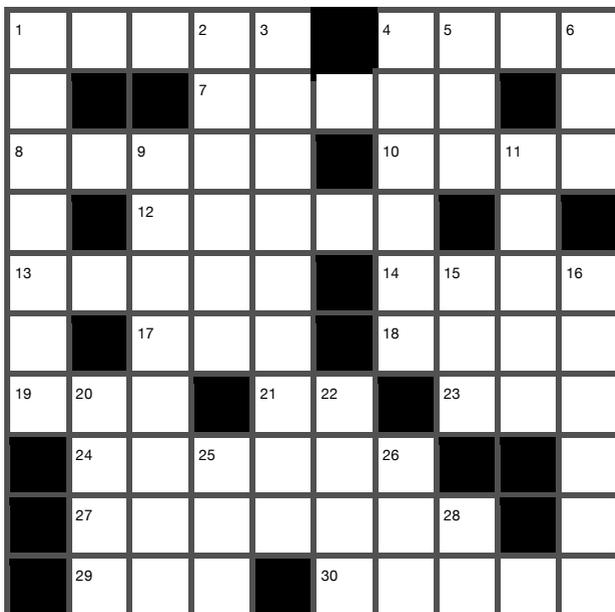
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W.I. – Judy Clarke – 01449 615386

*Parish Council Minutes of meetings and
agendas are available on the village website
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PUZZLE PAGE



ACROSS

1. and 18. Royalty and a famous sweetheart for the name of this town (5,4)
4. Sounds like you should stop at this Norfolk Town (4)
7. Fragrant essential oil (5)
8. Dance of passion (5)
10. A mature eft (4)
12. Mythical giants (5)
13. Fit and supple (5)
14. A needle case (4)
17. French word for dry as in wine (3)
18. See 1 across.
19. Initials of a wartime undercover group (3)
21. "- -" you like it (2)
23. Nice with bacon (3)
24. Maggie did not do these (1,5)
27. Sporting/ entertainment venue (7)
29. The round starts here (3)
30. Brittens partner (5)

DOWN

- Pack 'em all up in these (7)
2. A Gander may be the boss of this (6)
3. A shopping temptation (9)
4. Gretels sibling (6)
5. Metal in it's crude form (3)
6. Spirits can come in this form (3)
9. A small round piece of meat (8)
11. Old time laundry had to be this (5)
15. There is one of these at Barking (3)
16. When 5 is processed it may come in this form (6)
20. Get rid of (4)
22. A bargain haircut (4)
25. Initials of group of seven Middle Eastern countries including Abu Dhabi and Dubai (3)
26. Take to court (3)
28. Letters after a graduates name (2)

See page 48 for solutions

STOWUPLAND W.I.

FEBRUARY REPORT

The meeting opened with a welcome from president Colleen. The usual business was then conducted. Names were taken for members wishing to participate in the community quiz in the Village Hall on March 20th. and the SEFWI spring quiz on April 6th. Colleen then introduced our speaker, Chris Turland, whose talk was entitled "Stowmarket to the sea". His first picture was an 1838 sketch of the River Gipping at Stowmarket where could be seen the malting buildings. At that time, the river was the boundary between Stowmarket and Stowupland and would remain so for nearly another 100 years. We followed the Gipping as it passed through the many locks, with several recognisable buildings still surviving near them, such as Hawksmill at Needham Market, the mill at Baylham, which had a water wheel for power and Barham workhouse, which was used to house German nationals during WW2. The river carried many cargoes such as grain and coprolite. The railways were just starting and gradually took over the transport of materials. Until that time, boats were being built by Paul's at Ipswich. The boats played quite a part in the two world wars.



In WW1, ammunition was carried on the boats and the river was wide enough then to accommodate sea planes. We ended at Harwich where the river had, along the way, become the Orwell, and where boat building had been a thriving industry.

It was a fascinating talk from Chris, who then took on the unenviable task of judging the "river" competition - with so many entries it must have been very difficult. Birthday posies were given out and, as it was going to be Colleen's 60th birthday, members of the committee gave her a party balloon, a small bowl of spring flowers and everyone shared a tray bake of chocolate cake.

The raffle was held and then the results of the competitions given: flower of the month – joint 1st Mary C. and Brenda, 3rd Claire. "River" – 1st Brenda, 2nd Claire, 3rd Daphne.

The meeting then closed.



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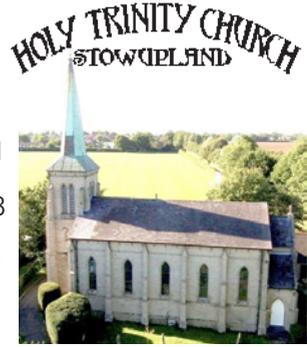
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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

NEWS



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Dear Friends;

April brings the celebration of new life, and amidst our church's worship we find our spirits uplifted in the familiar joyful refrain of Jesus seen again 'He is risen; He is risen indeed, Alleluia!'

Whilst fear and anxiety seem to be the watchwords among us this Spring, we may reflect that the mood of society that first Easter morn would not have been so different to today, certainly among Jesus' followers in their hiding for fear of their lives. That in His rising again Jesus stood among his followers, is the joyful proclamation and experience of those who follow in His risen life today, indeed each Sabbath we gather to celebrate just that, His standing among us.

Jesus' resurrection appearances offer us the assurance of His standing among us in all our fears and anxieties today. Particularly He is near to those most bought low by the challenges and exclusions of modern life, this proclaimed in the Churches work and championing of the poor and marginalised, the sick and bereaved of our world today.

Creation too proclaims the Easter story's new dawn as field and leaf green and bloom once more. The Church has ever looked to the constancy of the natural world in telling anew the promise of resurrection life, and for us today this story of new growth is more profound and urgent. We hear again the prophetic voice of our age warning us to turn our ways from blindly consuming creation's blessing to returning to creation her capacity of abundant provision for all creatures. We can only do this when we recognise we ourselves stand among this world's creatures, all of us dependent on our part in sharing the blessing of fullness of life instead of taking it all for ourselves.

That Jesus stood among his followers in His resurrection life, reminds us, we who follow, that we stand among those blessed of God's Kingdom today, the poor, the innocent, those outcaste even creation's natural world. And as Jesus's Easter Greeting to his followers in their fear spoke 'Peace be with you', we today need to speak again His peace to each other and to creation.

Peace be with you this Eastertide; Speak peace, Be the peace, Do peace!

A Happy and Blessed Easter in peace and new life to you all.

Vicar, *Brin.* 

CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL ARE SUSPENDED

A PRAYER:

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

1st@4 SERVICE:

This service, on the 1st Sunday of each month at 4pm, takes place in Stowupland church with the use of the projector so no hymn books or service sheets to juggle. This is a family orientated service with hymns and songs, a bible story and application, simple and interactive prayers and crafts followed by a time of fellowship. It is very informal and fun. There will be a warm welcome waiting for you so come along and join in.

If you would like more information, please contact Revd. Brin on 01449 770921 or Alison on 01449 613037

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

WEEKLY COFFEE CHURCH:

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

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

FOOD BANK BOX:

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

CHURCH HALL HIRE:

Please remember that the well-appointed Church Hall is available for hire at reasonable rates, and would be ideal for children’s parties and small groups/meetings. For more information please contact Sue Hayter on 01449 613710. Thank you.

CHURCH 100 CLUB:

The Lucky Winners: January to February 2020

1st Prize	2nd Prize	3rd Prize
50 Mr T Wray	4 Mrs P Hodgkins	29 Mrs D Hall
0 Mrs W Parris	49 Mrs I Dickinson	9 Mrs P Risby

Holy Trinity Church
Annual General Meeting
7pm Thursday 16th April 2020

You are all very welcome to join this public meeting to review the church’s activities for 2019.

In addition, if you are on the Church’s electoral role you can also be eligible to be elected onto the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

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STOWUPLAND U.R.C CHAPEL

NEWS

Church Secretary: Anne Scarff
Telephone 01449 774792

As we get closer to the Easter celebrations, it is encouraging to see the spring flowers peeping through, always a welcome sight.

CHAPEL SERVICES SUSPENDED

Our Speakers for April are as follows:

5th April	Keith Scarff
12th April	Revd Richard Edwards (Holy Communion Service)
19th April	Michael Topple
26th April	Jane Patterson

Afternoon Fellowship

This year the World day of Prayer was held at Stowupland Church on 6th March. The service was organised by the ladies of Zimbabwe. About 40 people attended from various villages. Following a very meaningful service, refreshments were served by the Stowupland Ladies.

Our meetings, unfortunately, have been cancelled for the foreseeable future.

Joyce Gardiner

STOWMARKET GROUP OF CHURCHES APRIL MESSAGE FOR EASTER

When you think about Easter as a child, Easter eggs probably come to mind. As an adult, flowers like daffodils or crocuses may spring to mind, though often these days they may well have ceased flowering by Easter. For Christians Easter is a key Christian festival celebrating, as it does, the death and resurrection of Jesus. Commemorating the anniversary of the birth or death of famous individuals of the past is a common part of life, but when we celebrate the death of Jesus it is different because we believe his death affords us the opportunity of a new relationship with God. In the traditional Good Friday hymn "There is a green hill far away" we sing

"He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by His precious blood"

CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

Let me start with some good news. Suffolk County Council Transport Team have confirmed that the current mini-bus service on a Thursday will continue until August 2020. Whilst this is not an ideal service it will give the Parish Council and the Transport Team time to try and work on an alternative service with First Buses. The current service and any future service from First Buses will need to be funded, as neither are commercial operations. We have found a pot of money to start with but it will be an on-going theme to keep finding the funding for a long-term resolution.

The fee for the Feasibility Study regarding a crossing at the Co-Op has been paid and we are advised by Suffolk County Council that it will be a minimum of 10 weeks before the Parish Council receives the report.

The contractor for the footpath works across The Green has been selected and the funds approved from the Parish CIL Fund. This is an expensive piece of work but will make the village more accessible for everyone. Work will start as soon as the temperature is suitable for the works to proceed. The air temperature must be over a specific temperature for the top coating to be applied. This is exactly the reason the final coating is not yet on the Safer Route to School.

The Parish Council are looking at other projects around the village that can be funded by CIL Funding so if you have any ideas and are willing to help deliver them please contact the Parish Clerk.

You will have noticed, I hope, tree and hedge maintenance going on around the village. Sadly I have to report that the contractor carrying out this work has been subject to verbal abuse from a member of the public on more than one occasion. This is not acceptable. Contractors are working on behalf of the Parish Council and any complaint about their work or behaviour should be made directly to the Parish Clerk. No one working or volunteering on behalf of the Parish Council should be subject to verbal abuse.

This seems a short report this month but that's the way it goes. Lots of preparation work and then we wait for it all to come to fruition. I would echo the new editor's comments in that doing a bit for your community is rewarding and we welcome anyone who has a few hours to spare to help organise events in your village.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter. If the weather is fine try and get out and about in your village and see what's going on.

Sally Reeves

TRAFFIC COUNTS

at School Start and Finish Times

We have been carrying out traffic counts twice a year at various points around the village for a number of years. Counts are taken by volunteers and collated to show where the amount of traffic has increased or decreased. The main changes between April 2019 and February 2020 are as follows:

20% increase in the number of vehicles turning into the entrance to the High School.

77 vehicles (compared with 17 in 2019) dropping off or picking up in the Maple Road/Hornbeam Road area.

50% increase in vehicles dropping off or picking up near M&M butchers.

5% increase in through traffic on A1120 in the morning; 15% decrease in the afternoon.

Many thanks to our band of volunteers. We are hoping to carry out another count after Easter to give us a direct comparison with the April 2019 data. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, please contact Jerry Voden on 01449 770334.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

MARCH 2020



A very quiet meeting opened with only 1 member of the public and 6 Parish Councillors present.

Councillors' Reports:

The District Councillors' report can be found elsewhere in Telstar and SCC Cllr Green gave his apologies for his absence and provided a generic SCC report with nothing pertinent to Stowupland included.

Matters of Report:

The Clerk and Chairman should be attending a SALC website training session later this month, but it has been cancelled. SCC has advised that the flooding in Thorney Green Road has been added to an inspection programme. The contractor dealing with the works required to trees on The Green has had to postpone the trimming of hedges around the edges of The Green until September as the ground conditions are too bad and the bird nesting restrictions prevent the work from being carried out until then. Suffolk Highways have confirmed that there was no provision made on the plans for a dropped kerb at Maple Road and that markings for the bus stop along Maple Road are correct, however, passengers are having to dismount onto the uneven sandbags so it will be explained once again to SCC that they need to provide a flat surface for passengers to step onto. The drain in Gipping Road has been cleared and the pothole in Rendall Lane has been filled. The letter, along with copies of all documents relating to the closed churchyard, have been sent to the PCC in readiness for the next meeting. The contract for the Thursday bus service has been extended until August. Although First Buses have provided a price for a service to run off the back of the school bus, it was felt that this would not be useful for concessionary pass users, so discussions continue to look for a better option. The drain outside the village hall is due to be cleared within the next 3 weeks. All other items are still outstanding.

Public Forum:

The only resident present wished to once again give her thanks to Cllr Voden who had managed to retrieve the cards and card holders that had been removed from her daughter's grave.

Community Litter Picks:

It was agreed that the community litter picks should be scheduled for 16th May and 19th September this year.

Annual Parish Meeting:

It was confirmed that the Sports and Social Club has been booked for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Thursday 7th May with a 7pm opening ready to start at 7.30pm.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Cemetery and Churchyard - Following a site visit, the members agreed the plan for a gate for the second entrance to the cemetery and to seek quotes for the work. They also agreed for quotes to be sought for the removal of the ash tree and shrubs from the front of the cemetery and for a ranch style fence to be erected in their place.

Environment - It was agreed to investigate a possible trial of a series of wooden posts on both sides of the road between Mill Cottages and the A1120 in order to protect The Green as the sandbags have proven unsuccessful, and to seek quotes accordingly.

Footpaths - It was agreed to think about the future of the original footpath between Maple Road and Thorney Green which is currently flooding but would link in with the new footpath and the bus stop.

Planning - A response to the Linden Homes planning application will be decided after a meeting scheduled with the developer next week where among other things to discuss will be the long-term management and responsibilities for the green spaces and skylark meadow. It was agreed not to oppose the request for erection of a single dwelling in Saxham Street.

PIIP - It was agreed to accept the PIIP sub committee's recommendation for provision of £56,444 for the footpath project and to inform all other applicants after the end of April of the outcome of their bids.

Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Murton suggested a change of the cycling signs on footpath 32 to the 'dismount' sign, which she felt would cause less confusion to cyclists. Cllr Voden wished to extend his thanks to everyone who took part in the recent traffic count.

Cllr Welham reported that there would be a meeting of those working on the trim trail planning on 18th March. He also advised that The Green outside M&M's is getting worse. He also requested that an agenda item should be scheduled to discuss PIIP and for Councillors to give it some thought before the next meeting and to come forward with some ideas on how the money should be spent. Cllr Welham also felt that it was critical that another meeting should be arranged with the SCC Highways portfolio holder regarding all the outstanding issues and works that neither the SCC Cllr nor the Authority itself are taking any responsibility for, and this includes the deteriorating state of the footpath that runs

alongside Gipping Road leading to Nutshells that has been an ongoing issue for over a year. He was also concerned about the amount of debris that has been left behind by the contractors who have been working on the footpath that comes out at the end of Columbyne Close. As the Parish Council have been unable to get any response from Bloor's for some time, Cllr Welham agreed to attempt to do so instead. He asked that the Maple Road/Hornbeam Road tree should once again be added to the SCC Portal. He asked that a further request should be made to SCC Cllr Green for him to take responsibility to report back to the PC on Stowupland issues and for a meeting to be arranged to take forward the idea of a den building area to be constructed.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman apologised for the delay in undertaking the 'topple test' in the cemetery but the ground has just been too wet. She reported that the Village Hall had received a letter from the school following the one sent to them advising that 6th formers would no longer be able to park their cars at the Village Hall. The school advised that provision will be made on school premises for 18 car parking spaces for them.

Clerk's Report:

The Clerk reported that there had been a productive meeting with Freeman School that is to become an academy; this will allow them more flexibility to take over ownership of the Community Wood. She felt that the Council has a good relationship with the school and that they are looking to make some contributions to Telstar.

Correspondence:

Amongst the correspondence received is an acknowledgement that the street lighting maintenance costs were incorrect and have now been corrected. A resident has voiced their concerns that the moles on the Green are to be dealt with, but this is a Health and Safety issue and must be addressed. Another resident has again voiced their concerns about dogs being off their leads on The Green and requested that owners should be compelled to keep them on leads. As there have been no incidents with any dogs this would not be an option. He also felt that there should be more street lighting around The Green and that there was a lack of events in the village at weekends. Another resident wanted clarification as to which of the blank plaques on the memorial wall belonged to their family. There was also a notification of the Old Newton with Gipping and Dagworth Neighbourhood Plan area and an update on the coronavirus.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Sandy Smith

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

APRIL 2020

Budget and Council Tax

The budget and financial strategy was discussed at the Council meeting on 27 February. A Council Tax increase of 1.66% was agreed; this equates to a £2.76 pa, 5p per week, increase for a Band D property. Some of our group's proposals to make Mid Suffolk more sustainable - from housing to transport to biodiversity – were accepted by the Conservative Administration but some were not. Among those rejected were suggestions to make Stowmarket more accessible by providing much improved bus services from nearby villages and offering free parking one afternoon per week. Our group's suggestion to borrow in order to build low energy council homes and the proposal to run a house design competition were also rejected by just one vote.

Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre

Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre and Stradbroke Swim and Fitness Centre have recently been named as some of the country's best following a national industry assessment. Their GP exercise referral scheme was assessed by Quest and awarded the status of 'excellent'. The assessment looked at all aspects of performance, and the final report praised the high level of coordination and effort that goes into the exercise referral schemes at both centres.

Needham Market Rail Station Improvements

Needham Market railway station is set to receive £380,000 in government funding to improve accessibility including an access for wheelchairs to the Ipswich-bound platform. The funding from the Department of Transport Access for All programme will benefit Needham Market, giving it a further boost to plans to regenerate Needham Market station and providing access for all to both platforms.

Council and Cabinet

The Leader of the Council has cancelled a number of Council meetings in the coming months, reducing the opportunities for Councillors to hold the Administration to account. Also, portfolio holders' reports will in future be presented to Cabinet rather than to full Council; this will mean that any Councillor wishing to put questions to a portfolio holder will need to make an extra trip to Ipswich.

Locality Awards

The payment of grants from our locality budgets should now have been completed. In Stowupland we allocated funds towards equipment for the short mat bowls club, glass washer for the Sports and Social Club, Telstar magazine, Falcons Under 14s football kit, notice board to be sited at the village hall, Freeman School Sensory Garden, equipment for the baby and toddler group and fencing at the bowls club.

Public Realm Green Spaces

We were given a tour around the four parishes by Peter Garrett, Corporate Manager of Public Realm. He suggested that the crown of the tree at the junction of Hornbeam Road and Sycamore Road should be lifted; that there may be opportunities for tree planting on grassed areas in Oak Road, Reeds Way and Barley Close. A wildlife corridor alongside FP38 from The Green to the football pitches could be considered – perhaps this could be a project involving students from the High School. Trees and funding for stakes etc could be sought from MSDC.

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Thank You to Liz and Marion

The Telstar team met for afternoon tea at The Nutshells to express our gratitude to Liz and Marion for all their hard work. After our tea, Jerry Voden, our Chairman, presented Liz and Marion with a bouquet of flowers each. Liz was the editor and Marion was in charge of the diary dates.



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Quick Quiz Answers:

- 1) Easter Island
- 2) 11, representing the Apostles minus Judas who betrayed Jesus
- 3) 1971
- 4) 6, set by Peter Czerwinski from Canada on 11th April 2014
- 5) The Thursday before Easter
- 6) The same amount of pence as the sovereigns age in specially minted silver coins in a white leather pouch, as well as ordinary coins in a red leather pouch
- 7) Recipients are elderly people who have shown Christian service to the Church and the community, with as many people for each year of the sovereigns age
- 8) 50
- 9) To fix the date of Easter but it has never been enforced
- 10) Germany.

Answers for Crossword:

Across,

- 1 and 18, Kings Lynn
- 4, Holt
- 7, Attar
- 8, Tango
- 10, Newt
- 12, Ogres
- 13, Agile
- 14, Etui
- 17, Sec
- 18, See 1 across
- 19, SOE (Special Operations Executive),
- 21, as
- 23, Egg
- 24, U Turns
- 27, Stadium
- 29, Tee
- 30, Pears

Down

- 1, Kitbags
- 2, Gaggle
- 3, Storecard
- 4, Hansel
- 5, Ore
- 6, Tot
- 9, Noisette
- 11, Wrung
- 15, Tye
- 16, Ingots
- 20, Oust
- 22, Snip
- 25, UAE (united Arab Emirates)
- 26, Sue
- 28, MA

6	5	9	3	1	4	2	8	7
1	8	7	6	5	2	4	3	9
2	3	4	8	9	7	5	1	6
4	2	6	1	3	5	9	7	8
8	7	1	9	4	6	3	5	2
5	9	3	2	7	8	6	4	1
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