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IN MEMORIAM

EDITOR'S NOTES

NOVEMBER 2018

Hello and welcome to November's edition of Telstar. This month you will find details of how Stowupland is commemorating the 100TH anniversary of WW1. There are events happening all over the country, and the Parish Council are proud to be part of this by lighting the Beacon, and honouring those that fought and died in WW1 and WW2.

There are reports from the WI, and the Bowls Club, and Cricket Club give their final reports of the season. Also, if you like to see our village looking its best, there is a litter pick planned for November 10th. Any help is welcome, just turn up on the day.

The front cover is a photo of Stowupland war memorial, courtesy of Liz Voden.

"Date for your diary"

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

OCTOBER 2018



October's Parish Council meeting opened with 6 members of the public present and Cllr Reeves in the Chair in Cllr Voden's absence

District and County Councillors' Reports:

The District Councillor's report can be found elsewhere in Telstar. He responded to questions about the lack of a 5 year supply of land for housing and how that might affect Stowupland. The clerk had sent an email to councillors with information from the County Councillor; in his absence there was no further discussion on its contents.

Matters of Report:

The Clerk reported that the options for provision of bus timetables in the shelters is still ongoing as is the provision of new litter bins and quotes for the playpark. She reported that she has written to the company who had been flyposting in the village and the offending sign has now been removed. The Clerk advised that the Neighbourhood Planning Submission Draft has been submitted to MSDC along with supporting documentation and that the 6 weeks public consultation will begin on 19th October. She thanked all those who volunteered at the community day in September but had hoped to see more residents. The Clerk reported that Onehouse Parish Council have agreed to have permanent use of the speed gun and will take over full responsibility for its ongoing maintenance. She advised that Cllr Voden has contacted Archant about the distribution of the free Stowmarket newspaper and was told that it is restricted to certain postcodes which explain why only parts of Stowupland receive it. However, it can be picked up from Stowmarket Library or Jeffries of Bacton. She reported that the work on the bench by the Primary School has been completed and that the work required to replace the sign on footpath 3 is on the SCC programme of works. There is no further news on the Post Office and she thanked Cllr Pring for updating the Council policies on the website. The action to be taken to stop through traffic on Columbyne Close from using the track across The Green is to be discussed next month. The Clerk advised that she has updated the insurance for the next year. The Chairman reported that she is awaiting comment from the football club over the wire netting that has been pulled up in the play park.

Public Forum:

A resident advised that she had been asked by several residents to voice their concerns about the bus service. The problems encountered included the fact that, as the service originates from Gisligham, by the time it reaches Stowupland the bus is often full. There is a lack of space on the bus so restricting the use of trollies and walking aids and this leaves elderly people to carry heavy bags. They are happy to pay a contribution as they understand that the bus company struggles to make money with so many people using bus passes. They had suggested the possibility of putting a questionnaire into Telstar to build up evidence for their cause. The Clerk advised that in last month's minutes it was clearly stated that all avenues have already been explored by the Parish Council with the bus company. Cllr Welham suggested that maybe the group voicing their concerns may need to

look at the problem from a new perspective. This could include exchanging their bus passes for vouchers and then to use these to pay for community transport instead which could be more tailored for their particular needs. He accepted that this would require a lot of work on their part but, should they choose to go down this route, he would be happy to meet with them to discuss further. Another resident advised that the oil seed rape had grown over the footpath close to Masons Farm and needed to be cleared.

Meeting with Gladman:

Cllr Welham reported that he and Cllr Studd had met with Gladman to discuss the brochure they had compiled to extoll the virtues of developing the land on Gipping Road and Thrandeston Meadow (affectionally known as Grassy Meadow). He reported that he and Cllr Studd had asked all the questions of Gladman voicing concerns such as lack of school and healthcare provision, the additional traffic which would impact on both the new junction onto Church Road as well as the B1115 junction and, although they had promoted the shop, café and Post Office at Allards, these services were no longer available and they had no answer to this. It was pointed out that the village was more in need of social and rental properties rather than what they were offering and they were unable to guarantee the provision of high-quality housing as this was down to the developer and not them despite stating this in the brochure. The Councillors also voiced their concerns about the further damage to the grassy meadow which has already been caused since the start of the current development phases 1 and 2. Their plan to provide ongoing maintenance to the meadow was untenable. They had no answers to these points or the drainage implications. The Councillors also felt that the provision of children's play equipment alongside Gipping Road was not appropriate. It was noted that none of the Parish Council concerns had been addressed when Gladman submitted their planning submission to MSDC a few days later.

Meeting with Boyer and Taylor Wimpey:

Cllr Pring reported that he and Cllr Welham had met with representatives from both Boyer and Taylor Wimpey about the land between Stowmarket Road and the A14 which is owned by 3 different landowners. This was described by the developers as a submission for future development with a timeline of 10-15 years and to include 2 sports pitches. Access to the site was proposed to be positioned opposite the old police station with a secondary access on to the former Stowmarket Road and joining B1115 opposite the Chinese restaurant. Concerns were voiced for the junction with the A1120 with additional traffic and the allotment holders. The developers had suggested a housing density of 37 houses per hectare which equates to between 650 – 700 houses overall. They stated that they wanted to keep a dialogue going with the Parish Council.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Allotments – It was agreed that certain plot tenancies should be terminated as no requested improvements had been made and others would be given a deadline to improve theirs. In the meantime, the ongoing tenancies would be sent out for renewal.

Cemetery and Churchyard – It was noted that new members were required on the sub-committee in order to be sure of a quorum.

Community Events – Cllr Welham reported that there will be a display of WW1 material pertinent to Stowupland in The Retreat between 2pm and 8pm on 11th November with an Act of Remembrance on The Green at 6.45pm followed by the lighting of the beacon at 7pm. Refreshments will be served after this in The Retreat. A commemorative leaflet will be given to all attendees.

Environment – Changes in members belonging to the various groups were adopted. A request was made for the nettles under the willow tree on The Green to be cut down.

Finance and Policy – The recommendation that a 95-day saver account should be opened and the SAR policy and procedure should be adopted were agreed. It was also agreed that a working group should be formed to lead on a 3-year strategic plan.

Planning – Support was given to an application for a garage at Mill Green Farmhouse. It was confirmed that there will be an open meeting to be held in the URC Chapel meeting room on 15th November at 7.30pm with displays from 7.00pm to discuss the new Gladman proposal on land adjacent to Gipping Road.

Play Park – Cllr Reeves reported that the new play equipment is currently being installed.

Transport, Travel and Safety – Cllr Reeves extended her thanks to Cllr Welham for organising the recent traffic count in Church Road, Thorney Green and at the Village Hall.

Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Murton reported that a tree needs to be cut back on footpath 32 as it is blocking the street light.

Cllr Studd reported that a hedge is overhanging blocking the visibility as you exit the village hall car park. Cllr Reeves advised that this is scheduled to be cut very shortly.

Chairman's Report:

Cllr Voden had asked that the Chairman should extend his thanks to Cllr Welham for his work on the traffic count and reported that he was horrified at the number of drivers turning their cars on The Green and in residents' driveways. Cllr Reeves reported that the Men's Shed group have been working with the primary school children to make bird and bat boxes as well as bug hotels. Many of these will be put up in the cemetery and Cllr Welham advised that he would be happy to provide some funds for information boards from his locality budget. The Men's Shed group are also helping with making a garden as part of a community project and Bloor Homes have been asked to provide some materials to help with this including some empty cable reels that could be used as tables.

Clerk's Report:

The Clerk reported that she has received details from the British Legion for the Suffolk Remembers service in Stowupland Cemetery on 8th November. Children from the Primary School will also be attending. Anyone wishing to attend must be in place by 10.50am.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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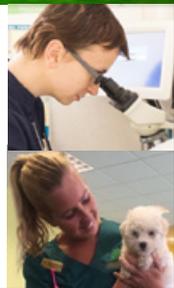
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September meeting

The meeting started with our speaker, Donald Hall, whose talk was titled "Caister men never turn back" and concerned the history of Caister lifeboats and their crews. The first lifeboat men, whose craft was a yawl, were the local fishermen. Their aim in going to rescue people was to save lives, with the secondary object being salvaging wood from any broken vessels. Disaster struck in 1901, when, in atrocious weather conditions, the lifeboat was launched and then overturned by a surge of the seas, with the crew entombed. Two men rushed to help, resulting in 3 crew being rescued, but sadly, the other 9 men drowned. At the inquest, in a reply to a question, 78 year old James Howlett, one of the rescuers, said " Caister men never turn back" and this has been their motto ever since.

During WW1, lifeboat men helped many servicemen, British or German, especially airmen downed from their single engine planes. Petrol driven boats, used from the 1930s, made the old yawl boats redundant. Caister men acquired a petrol driven boat in 1941 to continue their work. However, in 1969, the RNLI decided to close down the lifeboat station, feeling there was sufficient coverage from other lifeboat stations. Locals had other ideas and, with good financial support, were able to buy a second-hand fiberglass fishing boat to serve as the lifeboat.



Photo of Caister lifeboat station

Over the years replacement boats have been bought with generous help from the public. One particular benefactor was Bernard Matthews, in whose honour two boats were named. The Caister men, all volunteers, continue their remarkable work and over the last 150 years have saved 2,030 lives – an amazing achievement.

After refreshments, Judy dealt with the correspondence – rather a lot, as it was two months' worth. Everyone had enjoyed the tea party in August and thanks were given to the organizers, Mary C., Alison, Colleen and her 2 granddaughters. President Colleen has arrangements in hand for the October meal and there will be a sales table.

She advised members that there will be a community quiz in November, where we will hope to garner enough volunteers to enter 2 teams. The raffle was then drawn, after which, came the competition results.

Italy – 1st Brenda, 2nd Linda F, 3rd Janet H.

Flower – 1st Mary C, 2nd Linda S, 3rd Linda F.

This closed the meeting.

NORWICH trip - Saturday, November 24th. leaving Stowupland 9.00 a.m. and departing Norwich 4.00 p.m. Coach fare max. £8. Friends and family welcome.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Locality Grants

I still have a small proportion of my locality budget available to be used for any project in the village which will benefit the community of Stowupland. Please get in touch with me if you have something in mind.

5 Year Housing Land Supply and the Joint Local Plan

MSDC's assertion that they have a 5 year land supply failed to convince the Inspector at the recent planning inquiry into the refusal of an application for a housing development of 49 homes in Woolpit. Planning permission was granted with conditions. Planning permissions exist for enough housing units to satisfy far more than a 5 year supply but landowners and developers are not bringing forward the land in a timely enough fashion. Clearly the appellant put forward a worst case scenario and much of their argument hinged around the new definition of 'deliverable' given in the new National Planning Policy Framework. Further work will need to be carried out by Planning Officers if the position is to be defended at the next planning inquiry. There continues to be a shortage of experienced planning staff at MSDC and this will hamper planning policy and development management work. What effect this will have on the timescale for the Joint Local Plan will be made known shortly.

Development of 18 homes on land opposite Holy Trinity Church

This outline application gained approval from the Planning Committee on 26 September, subject to certain conditions, including completion of a Section 106 agreement. There are a number of matters to be resolved through the detailed design process and these will need to be spelt out in the detailed application and reserved matters process. Of particular interest to the parish council will be the development management plan, control of the car park, details relating to the cemetery extension and appearance of the housing units. I suggest that the developer be approached to begin a dialogue on these matters.

Developer responses to the Joint Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan

Both Boyer (on behalf of Taylor Wimpey) and Gladman (in respect of land owned by the Carter and Bloom families) have asked for land which their clients own or have an interest in to be considered for including in these planning documents as land suitable for housing development. I attended meetings with representatives of Gladman, Taylor Wimpey and Boyer; reports on those meetings will be made to the Parish Council meeting. Within a few days of the meeting with Gladman, they had submitted a planning application for developing further land adjacent to the land being developed by Bloor Homes. This calls into question whether or not they have a genuine desire for consultation with the parish council and the wider community.

Planning Application for development of land adjacent to Gipping Road and Phase 2 of the Bloor Homes site

It is very disappointing but not unexpected that further housing development on land owned by the Bloom and Carter families is being sought. They cannot argue that there is a shortage of housing for residents of Stowupland who wish to upsize, downsize or remain in the village for any other reason. The attractiveness of the site being close to the Post Office is called into question; the effect of

the development on the meadow, known as 'Grassy Meadow' or 'Thradstones Meadow' is a real concern to me and, no doubt, to others. There is also the matter of shortage of school places and lack of capacity at Health Centres to accept new patients. Details of the application are on the MSDC planning portal – **DC/18/04357**. I urge you to look at the details and comment to MSDC as soon as possible. I have been given an extension to this period of consultation to allow the parish council more time to seek the views of residents and produce a full comment to MSDC. However, residents are advised to submit a response by mid November stating clearly whether their comment is an objection or in support, and a further response at a later date after the parish council have had an opportunity for local consultation and debate.

Community Infrastructure Levy

The first round of bids has been completed, decisions taken and applicants informed. The biggest successful bid was £98,000 for increasing the capacity of Botesdale Health Centre (out of a total cost of the project of over £500,000). Bids for improvements of the village hall and sports and social club in Stowupland were successful. The bid for funds towards the cost of improving the surface of the track between Trinity Walk and the Community Wood was rejected as \$106 monies from the first Gladman permission should be available via SCC. The bid for funds towards the cost of a notice board on the Bloor Homes site has been put on hold but is unlikely to gain approval from MSDC as their CIL priority is to part-fund larger projects.

Bid round 2 is now open. The parish council and local organisations can now submit bids for funding projects within Stowupland.

Keith Welham, MSDC District Councillor for Stowupland ward
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PAULA MURTON

Hello all,

It is my turn as a local Parish Councillor to introduce myself. My name is Paula Murton and I have lived here in Stowupland for the last 5 years with my family and our two dogs, one being well known for his skills with a rugby ball.



My husband's family have lived in the village for over fifty years, and it's very interesting to hear how the village has changed over time to how we all know and use it now. From stories of cows grazing on the green, to spending pocket money in Mann's shop. A point of real interest being when Jubilee Court was built in the late 1970's, the FA Cup image was bricked into the wall to celebrate Ipswich winning!

I joined the Council about a year and a half ago as I wanted to try and help Stowupland maintain its identity over the coming years in whatever form this might take. Part of my Councillor duties is to head up the footpath committee. We have so many great walks within the village and it is important that the paths are maintained and enjoyed by everyone. As you can imagine, with two dogs, we use the paths on a regular basis, and love the time spent walking around and enjoying all our village has to offer.

Moving forward with the Council, I am looking forward to playing a part in shaping the village over the coming years. However, as has been said before, as a team of Councillors we can't do this alone. Any time that you can give to the village would be gratefully received.

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COUNTRYSIDE RAMBLER

BRIAN WARD

Autumn is here and with it comes vibrant colours, chilly winds and early frosts. All of these I enjoy; the only downside is darker evenings and shorter days. I love to walk in woodland or even a large park and pick up the leaves and study them, with various shades of reds, yellows and orange, sometimes all on one leaf. The Maple and Plane Tree are my favourites but the Sweet Chestnut is unbeatable for its yellow ochre colour on a sunny autumn day.

Wind is a bit like marmite: some love it; some hate it. For myself, it depends what I have planned. If I am bird watching most of the smaller birds stay under cover in woodland or hedgerows and can be hard to spot, but birds like the Marsh Harrier are masters of the wind and fly effortlessly whilst hunting above their reed bed habitat.

Early frosts can be a gardener's nightmare if caught unaware, with garden centres tempting us with plants that are not hardy in our climate. I have often purchased a must have plant, only to regret it after a frost has turned it to a black sad looking specimen.

Autumn brings the Deer rut depending on the temperature as to when it starts. Sometimes late September if it's cold, but normally October and into November are the best months to watch this event unfold. There are many parks in East Anglia with herds of Fallow and Red Deer both of which rut at this time of year. In Suffolk I go to Minsmere for Red Deer and Holkham in Norfolk to see the Fallow Deer. To observe two Stags fight on a still cold morning is quite a sight and, with the sound of the clashing antlers and bellowing of the triumphant male returning to his harem of females, is unforgettable. Red Deer Stags are big powerful animals, so respect their space at this time of year.

Birds and mammals are busy now feasting on the autumn glut of fruits and berries in our woods and hedgerows. Some have the foresight to bury and hoard this autumn bonanza for harder times. The Dormouse will build up a fat reserve as it will hibernate from October until April. This scarce nocturnal rodent is seldom seen but many wildlife trusts are putting up nest boxes to help and monitor this charming mouse.

As we go into autumn look for our winter visitors. You should see Fieldfare and Redwing, both members of the Thrush family. If you have time, a visit to the North Norfolk coast is a must to see the vast flocks of Geese and Waders at this time of year. Check the tide times to get the best views at coastal viewing areas.



Photo of a Fallow Deer courtesy of Brian Ward



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October Meeting

Darren Dordoy began his talk by describing the crowded and unhygienic conditions in town and city churchyards in Victorian times, when cholera was rife. As a result, local authorities were required to provide cemeteries for all. Previously only the rich had been buried in cemeteries, such as Highgate. In 1854, the London Necropolis Line took the dead and mourners to Brookwood Cemetery in Surrey. There were two stations: one for Anglicans and one for Nonconformists.

A great death is defined by the way the nation reacts. The Duke of Wellington's state funeral was provided at great expense and special trains were laid on to take people to London. Money was to be made in many ways, such as providing places for spectators and the appropriate mourning clothes. Businesses closed for the day all over the country.

After the death of Prince Albert, Queen Victoria remained in mourning (black clothes) for the rest of her life, but generally it was expected that a widow should wear mourning for two years. Crepe production was a huge industry and Whitby jet was fashionable for mourning jewellery. Funerals were significant events, with invitations, elaborate ceremonies and professional mourners. The directors were often profiteers and finally restricted.

Darren quoted from the funeral furnishing books of Turner's shop in Stowmarket, noting what was spent on black sashes, mourning bands etc. for the funerals of people of different status in the town. Although the topic of his talk was serious, it was amusingly presented and appreciated by us all.

Columbine Hall

Members greatly enjoyed an afternoon at Columbine Hall on 22 September. The oldest part of the present building dates from 1390 and was built by the Hotoft family, tenants of the de Columbers. There was, however, a large earlier building to the east, for which the 1390 part was probably servants' quarters and a gatehouse. A wall now fills the outer (west-facing) opening of the latter. The moat perhaps dates from the 11th century and its depth of 12 – 14 ft suggests defensive origins. When it was drained, shortly after the purchase of the property by Leslie and Hew Stevenson, the remains of oak supports for a bridge across to the gatehouse were revealed.

As well as telling us about the history of the house, Hew explained how much he and Leslie had done after purchasing it in a run-down state, including removing floor surfaces to reveal medieval timber or tiles. Melvyn Smith's expert fakery with modern materials added to the interest of the rooms. Hew spoke about the history of many family paintings and the collection of marvellous objects from around the world.

Gardener Kate Elliot gave us a tour of the gardens and exterior of the Hall. She has worked there for 21 years and enthusiastically showed us what has been achieved and explained plans for planting in the future. After admiring the colours in the walled kitchen garden, we enjoyed tea and cake in the West Barn and thanked Kate and Hew for a most illuminating afternoon.

Note: it is possible to book visits to the Hall over the summer months. Details will follow next year.

Remembrance Sunday

We are very grateful to have the use of the restaurant side of The Retreat for our display on 11th November. As well as Mick Jessup's research about the First World War servicemen named on the War Memorial, we have pictures and documents about recruitment and leave, poems to give an idea of what soldiers endured at the Western Front and post cards sent home. Our Archivist, Sandra Walker, has also put together a thought-provoking series of items documenting events and changes in life at home over the period from 1914 to 1918.

Do visit the display any time from 2.00pm.

Talking Point

What was Sparva? It was a viscose polyester fabric, very light 'but murder to sew', manufactured in the Midlands by Sparrow, Hardwick & Co. Many thanks to Sandra Walker, who persisted at her computer until she had the answer.

Our next 'Talking Point' is from Neil Langridge. In the 1930s a Stowmarket doctor, Hugh Gaskell, penned a poem entitled 'The Five Sisters' inspired by a group of Poplar trees which stood in a prominent position in Stowupland, visible from Stowmarket to the south.

*High up on Stowupland South-Westerns tremendous/Sweep over the tyes on
their way to the sea;/They come with great clouds for to sway and to bend
us,/but through all the years five tall sisters are we.*

*The field men around us plod, slowly our plumes we nod, /Lifting our hearts
to God, each poplar tree/Turning pale undersides to the black thunder-sides,
/Leaves all a-whispering "Sisters we be!"*

We bow to the North, to Eye, Diss and Briningham;/Wave down the valley to Stowmarket spire;/View the red Punches a-ploughing at Finningham,/Cry "How d'ye do!" to far Finborough's squire.

Call from thy mill to us, Clover! We'll send thee/A breeze from old Norwich, a breath from Bungay! /Shout to us boys, from the Shoulder at Newton/And we'll pass you the gale from down Sudbury way! The Hun in his hate with his engines a-grumble,/Came rumbling to tumble his bombs o'er the lea,/But we laughed in the moonlight, tall shapes in the moonlight,/For when he was gone, still Five Sisters were we.

('Tye' means a green or common; the word is usually found south of the Gipping Divide – though Thorney Green was recorded as Thorney Tye in some 15th-17th century documents. 'Clover' was a local milling family and of course 'the Shoulder' was The Shoulder of Mutton at Old Newton. The last verse refers to Zeppelin bombing raids in the First World War.)

Do any readers have information about the location of these Poplars?

Programme Wednesday November 7 'A History of Advertising' by Stuart Bowell

A look at the ways used to persuade people to purchase goods or services, from the displays in the market place to advertising in the media, as well as surviving traditional methods such as the use of posters. We are surrounded by advertising in its many forms and we are influenced by it, perhaps more than we think or would admit.



There will be a fund-raising treasure hunt (with a map and stickers) at this meeting.

Wednesday December 5 'The Angel Roofs of East Anglia' by Michael Rimmer

Angel roofs - elaborate timber structures adorned with carvings of angels - were often too difficult for Reformation iconoclasts to reach. As a result, they comprise the largest surviving body of major English medieval wood sculpture. Michael Rimmer's talk will show the artistry and architecture of these inaccessible and little-studied medieval artworks and explain how they were made, by whom, and why. Small contributions of festive fare will be very welcome.

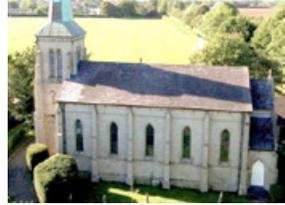
We meet at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome and refreshments are available. Admission is £1 for members, £3 for non-members. We look forward to seeing you.

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NEWS

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Dear Friends,

As the days darken leaving summer's brightness behind, our thoughts turn toward the year's close and we hear tell stories of trial and hope, applauding the endurance and courage of generations past, and remembering the sacrifice of the fallen for Europe's enduring peace.

This decade has seen Europe once again in the upheaval of mass migration and we are reminded of the migrations of our forebears, and their determination to bring healing to the wound of war in building new homes for peoples displaced and returning, and in building that brotherhood of nations whose strength is founded on seeking peace and justice. This year's centenary finds us pondering on our own hopes for the future and for our family of nations across Europe. What kind of world do we seek to gift to our children and generations to come?

Whilst rightly our Remembrance service marks the sacrifice of the nation, and brings us to silence at the appalling loss of war, this remembrance for many brings to mind the stories of those known more personally as friend and family. Before this national remembrance our church's calendar offers us opportunity to think on the lives of our own friends and family who have died, giving thanks for the good of their lives, for the love they shared by which we grew in knowledge and love of God. All Saints' Sunday applauds the heroes of our faith, sainted for the bright light of their lives amidst this world's darkness. All Souls' offers for us the remembrance of those whose light we beheld and knew, whose light nonetheless burned bright in our lives.

On the afternoon of All Saints' Day, Sunday the 4th of November, Holy Trinity Church Stowupland and St Mary Haughley will host All Souls' services from 6pm, during which candles may be lit in memory of our own dear departed. Those to whom the church has ministered to this last year across our Benefice have been invited to attend, but all are welcome to bring the names of their own loved ones who have died, to hear them read and to light candles. During the Sunday services before All Saints' Day names added to our list of departed as well any names bought immediately before the All Souls' 6pm services will all be read and candles lit. After the service we will offer refreshments. In this may we find encouragement and hope in building in this our day, at your hand and mine, God's Kingdom on earth as in heaven.

Yours in Christ 
Parish Priest at Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland.

CHURCH SERVICES in NOVEMBER

4th Nov	9.30am	Parish Communion
	4.00pm	1st@4 Service - <i>church with a difference!</i>
	6.00pm	Annual Memorial Service
11th Nov	10.50am	Remembrance Service and *Trinity Starz*
	6.45pm	Beacon Lighting on The Green
18th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Morning Worship (BCP)
19th Nov (Mon)	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View – <i>All Welcome!</i>
25th Nov	9.30am	All-Age Family Service
	6.30pm	Parish Communion

(BCP – *Book of Common Prayer*)

A PRAYER:

Lord God of the nations, whose sovereign rule brings justice and peace, have mercy on our broken and divided world. Pour out your peace into the hearts of all, that all races and peoples may learn to live as members of one family in obedience to your law, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE:

All are welcome to come and remember a loved one at our **'Memorial Service'** on Sunday, 4th November- 6.00pm at Holy Trinity. Their name can be read out, and a candle lit, if you would like.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE –NOVEMBER 11th at 10.50am

It would be good to see lots of people come to this Annual Service when the names of all those from Stowupland who served in the two World Wars and died are read. **'LEST WE FORGET'**. A poppy wreath will be laid as a mark of respect at this act of Thanksgiving and Remembrance.

We welcome the children as Trinity Starz will also run.

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

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

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH:

No Ploughman's Lunch this month, but see below!

BATTLE'S OVER



A NATION'S TRIBUTE

11TH NOVEMBER 2018

100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE



AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

On Sunday 11 November we will be marking the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War and remembering those who died in the Great War of 1914-1918 and subsequent conflicts.

10.50 - Service of Remembrance in Holy Trinity Church.

2.00 to 8.00 - display of material collated by the Local History Group, including details of residents who died in active service at home or abroad – in The Retreat.

5.30 – 6.30 Finger Buffet in The Retreat.

6.45 - An Act of Remembrance on The Green around the beacon.

7.00 - Lighting the beacon.

Followed by Finger Buffet in The Retreat.

Please bring a torch to the event on The Green.

There will be a collection in aid of The Army Charity.

On 8 November at 11.00am there will be a short Act of Remembrance in the cemetery to honour those who died in the 1914-18 war and are buried in the cemetery.

BEACON OF LIGHT

Stowupland Parish will be joining in with the 'Beacons of Light' celebration to mark the 100 years since the end of the First World War.

In remembrance of the end of the war and the millions who were killed or came home dreadfully wounded, Beacons of Light will be lit around the country at 7pm on 11th November 2018.

Our country was plunged into the darkness during the First World War, and it would be four long years before Britain and Europe would again experience the light of peace.

The event will also commemorate the huge army of men and women on the home front who, often in dangerous and exhausting conditions, underpinned the war effort - keeping the wheels of industry turning and bringing home the harvests. The beacons will symbolise the light of hope that emerged from the darkness of war.

This commemoration was inspired by a comment made on 3rd August 1914 by Britain's Foreign Minister, Sir Edward Grey. He was looking out of his office window at dusk as gas lights were being lit along London's Mall when he remarked to a friend, "The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime."

We look forward to joining over 1200 other organisations and local communities in lighting a beacon at 7.00pm to commemorate the centenary of the end of the Great War.



UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER DATES

Thurs 1	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs 1	Pudding Night (ticket only)	7.30pm	Sports & Social Club
Sun 4	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon 5	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30am	URC Chapel
Mon 5	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 6	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues 6	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues 6	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues 6	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed 7	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – Dec & Jan issue		
Wed 7	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 7	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed 7	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed 7	Local History Group: 'A History of Advertising' by Stuart Bowell	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs 8	WWI Ceremony	10.50am	The Cemetery
Thurs 8	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs 8	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri 9	Cricket Club Quiz Night (ticket only)	7.30pm	Sports & Social Club
Sat 10	Village Volunteer Day	10.00am	meet at Village Hall
Sat 10	Jumble Sale	2.00pm	Village Hall
Sun 11	Remembrance Service	10.50am	Holy Trinity Church
Sun 11	1914 – 1918 Display	From 2.00pm	The Retreat
Sun 11	Act of remembrance and lighting beacon	6.40pm	The Green
Mon 12	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 13	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed 14	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 14	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs 15	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat 17	Christmas Fayre	10.00–5.00pm	Village Hall
Sun 18	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun 18	Music	7.30pm	Sports & Social Club
Mon 19	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30am	URC Chapel
Mon 19	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 20	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues 20	PC Community Events Group	7.30 pm	V.H. Meeting Room

Wed	21	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	21	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	21	W.I. – Annual Meeting then ‘The Kettle Girls’	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	22	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	23	Community Quiz	Doors open 7.00pm	Village Hall
Sat	24	PC Inspection of Village Green	from 10.00am	meet at Retreat bus stop
Mon	26	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	27	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	27	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	28	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	28	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	28	Stowmarket Wildlife Group: ‘Red Squirrels’ by Dougal Urquhart + wildlife quiz and sale		
Thurs	29	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	29	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	30	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall
Fri	30	Community Christmas Bingo (14+) Doors Open	7.00pm	Village Hall
Fri	30	Wine Tasting (ticket only)	7.30pm	Sports & Social Club

December Dates

Sat	1	P.C. Cemetery & Churchyard Sub. Com.	10.00am	The Churchyard
Sun	2	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	3	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30am	URC Chapel
Mon	3	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	4	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	4	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	4	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
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: ‘Angel Roofs of East Anglia’ by Michael Rimmer	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	6	P.C. Environment Sub. Com.	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	6	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	7	Cricket Club Quiz Night (ticket only)	7.30pm	Sports & Social Club

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

STOWUPLAND PARISH COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING
THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER
APPLICATION FOR OUTLINE PLANNING PERMISSION –
DC/18/04367

Outline Planning Permission (All matters reserved).
Erection of up to 70 dwellings.

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Plans will be available to view at 7.00pm with a planning meeting at
7.30pm

Full details of the application are available to view on the MSDC
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Please submit your response using the online comments facility stating
your SUPPORT or OBJECT in this response. Alternatively pass on
your comments to the clerk including your name and address on any
correspondence. Comments to be submitted by Friday 30 November

Claire Pizey Parish Clerk

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parishclerk@stowuplandpc.co.uk

Coffee Morning

At Stowupland URC Chapel

Friday 30th November 2018

10am-12noon

Coffee/ Tea and Cakes



Neighbourhood Plan Submitted

Following the Parish Council meeting on 13th September the amended Stowupland Neighbourhood Plan has been submitted to Mid Suffolk District Council. By the time you read this Mid Suffolk will have started the statutory six-week consultation on the amended Plan. This allows everyone who commented on the pre-submission draft that we consulted on in June and July to see how we considered their responses and to make further comments. When that is complete Mid Suffolk will send our Plan, all the Supporting Documents that we submitted with it, and all the responses they receive to an independent Examiner. The Examiner will consider our Plan and the comments passed on from Mid Suffolk, and will make any recommendations for changes that would make the Plan more compliant with national and local policies, and then publish a report indicating whether the Plan is sound. The next step will be for Mid Suffolk to arrange a referendum of everyone in Stowupland to see if you want this Plan to be adopted. We are hoping that this will take place before Easter next year.

It has been a long slog for the volunteers who have stuck with it over the last three and a half years, but we are pleased so many people in the parish came along to our various events and commented on drafts, and we are pleased with the final result. We hope that it will be passed by the Examiner and then be supported in the referendum. We feel the Neighbourhood Plan will give us a real say in where growth will occur and how we can influence what it looks like. Maybe the new Gladman planning application will be the first test. Let's hope that our Plan will be a long way through the process by the time a decision is made, and that Mid Suffolk can establish and maintain a five-year housing land supply.

Thanks to everyone for your support so far – I will keep you all updated as we progress through to Examination.

Jackie Ward

Chair, Stowupland Neighbourhood Planning Sub-committee

FROM TELSTAR COMMITTEE

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The support we received, for the Macmillan Cancer Support coffee morning on 28th September was great and people were so generous. Thank you. The amount raised was £380.00 and a very enjoyable morning was had by all. Our thanks to all those who helped and worked so hard, and those who gave draw prizes and made cakes.

The results of the October coffee morning, for St Elizabeth Hospice, will be reported in the December Telstar.

Our next coffee morning is on Friday 30th November 2018 10am to noon. This is the last one until January 2019.

Friends from Holy Trinity joined us for our Harvest Festival on Sunday 7th October and the collection has been sent to WaterAid.

We are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 10th November at 2pm in the Village Hall. We will be grateful for any contributions, with the exception of electrical goods, which I am very sorry we are not allowed to sell. Please contact any Chapel member or bring it to the Village Hall from 12 noon onwards but before 2pm thank you. Please come and support us if you can. In addition to jumble there will be bric-a-brac, a raffle, tombola and cake stall.

Our Speakers for November are as follows:

04th	November	Derek Ames
11th	November	Keith Scarff (Remembrance Service)
18th	November	Jim Spencer
25th	November	Stephen Horrex

Afternoon Fellowship

We recommenced our meetings on Monday 8th October when we had a very interesting talk by Revd Chris Wood. Sadly, this will be the last time Chris will be the speaker as he is retiring at the end of October. We wish him well as he continues his journey of life.

Our speakers for November are as follows:

05th	November	Salvation Army Major
19th	November	John Webb

We welcome anyone who would like to join us for our meetings (male or female). Come and enjoy the interesting speakers and the fellowship and of course a cuppa.

Advance notice, we shall be holding a Carol Service, arranged by the afternoon Fellowship on Monday 10th December at 2pm; everyone welcome.

Mary Clark

Minister's Letter

'A Time to Say Goodbye!'

There is a wonderful section in the Book of Ecclesiastes that says: 'There is a time for everything under Heaven'. The words are extremely realistic in its portrayal of human life and living, saying such things as 'A time to be born and a time to die' as well as 'A time for mourning and a time for dancing'. The passage, which can be found in Chapter 3, concludes with this delightful advice: 'There is nothing good for anyone except to be happy and live the best life they can while they are still alive' (vs 12).

This passage is very much to the forefront of my mind, as my family and I prepare to say our fond farewells to our many, many friends in Suffolk and the Eastern Regions. We are soon to head back to West Yorkshire, our home county. It is amazing to think that we left Yorkshire over 19 years ago, not realising that we would spend thirteen years in Clacton-on-Sea, and then, just over six years ago, venturing across the border into Suffolk as we responded to the Call of Christ to serve through the United Reformed Church in these parts.

During our time here, we have witnessed many beginnings and endings in which we have both cried as well as laughed. We have known the unity and peace that Christ seeks to offer, but equally known times of tension and uncertainty. There have been times when we have seen growth and transformation in the life of local churches and communities, but equally times of resistance to change which I know only too well is a necessary part of living together. I know there have been many times when our relationship has brought great joy and blessings, and for these I give my humble thanks, but, equally, for the times when things haven't quite worked out as planned, I can only acknowledge, along with St. Paul, that 'I am but a cracked pot' (2 Corinthians 4: 7)

But, as with many endings, these things are beyond our control, and there is the realisation that 'Now is the time to say goodbye'. Given that my retirement has been put back twice, I am extremely grateful to those who have expressed surprise at my age! But retire I must, and, within the United Reformed Church, there is the requirement to move away from the pastorates which a minister has served – hence our return to West Yorkshire.

We leave with hearts that are heavy, knowing we have made many dear friends in our time 'down South' who have blessed, sustained, encouraged, supported and cared for us as a family, and enabled us to serve the Lord faithfully and obediently in our time among you. We take with us many wonderful memories, that will sustain us as we venture 'From the old to the new'.

We can say without a shadow of doubt that we have been extremely happy living amongst you, and have considered it a great honour and privilege to have been given this time to live among you all. We hope that we have

managed to repay your trust and goodwill by living 'The best life that we have been able' – all to the greater glory and praise of our God.

Many of you will know that I have a great passion for all things that are Celtic. Let me leave you with one of my favourite blessings:

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

The rains fall soft upon your fields

And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand

From the bottom of our hearts, we want to say a big THANK YOU for walking with us on this part of our journey of faith and service.

God Bless.

Chris

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

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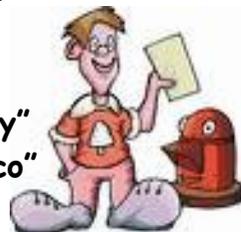
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ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

Now that our green is closed for another season we are soon to start the winter maintenance necessities, which will be dealt with by those willing or able to assist and will cover a few days of hard graft. Some of our members will be taking part in indoor league bowling matches, or roll-ups to keep their eye in so to speak, ready for next spring and a new outdoor season.

On 6th October we held a "quiz night" in the club house which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by one and all with a lot of laughter, proving that we are a happy club. Both full and social members took part and we wish to thank our social members for their valued and generous support.

As for our in-house bowls competitions held over the season, here are the results:-

ABSENT FRIENDS TROPHY:

Winner: Leonie Whitehead
Runner Up: Graham Newman

MIXED PAIRS TROPHY:

Winners: Joan Davies and Michael Waspe
Runners Up: Pam Riches and Trevor Clarke

MENS SINGLES TROPHY:

Winner: Michael North
Runner Up: Ian Tullett

LADIES SINGLES TROPHY:

Winner: Linda Waspe
Runner Up: Janet Sparrow

LADIES TARGETS:

Winner: Janet Sparrow
Runner Up: Joan Davies

MENS TARGETS:

Winner: Nick Chamberlin
Runner Up: Frank Boxall

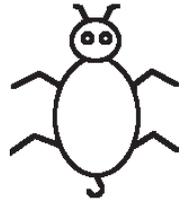
DRIVE COMPETITION:

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Runner Up: Ian Tullett

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STOWUPLAND CRICKET CLUB

NOVEMBER REPORT

The cricket season has now finished and again this season was a fantastic success for the club, even though none of the four adult teams won promotion in their respective leagues. This is somewhat unusual as the club has won many promotions in recent seasons. At this point I must give a huge thank you to everyone involved with the cricket club. Without the tireless hard work of the committee and volunteers we would not have a great club and the enjoyment that goes with it.



The end of season renovation has now taken place, and the wickets have been re-laid and seeded ready in time for the winter. At Stowupland year on year the groundsmen led by Jon Wray continue to produce top class cricket pitches throughout the season. Even though there are no wickets to prepare, the work continues to manage the pitches through the autumn and winter months ready for the start of the 2019 season. Thanks to Jon Wray, Paddy Stephens and the team of groundsmen who helped complete the renovation in late September.

The final three matches for the Saturday team were overall successful, with the team winning two and one finishing in a tie. A very unusual result in league cricket. The 1st team finished in fourth place missing out on promotion by just 9 points. Although a respectable place in the table, it does somewhat feel like a missed opportunity. The two victories came against Hadleigh and away to Kelvedon on the last game of the season. The first match of September was against close neighbours Earl Stonham which finished in a tie with both teams finishing on 131. Stowupland bowled well to restrict Stonham to 131 all out, a score that we felt was within our grasp at the half way stage. The opening partnership began well for Stowupland putting the team in a strong position. The tide began to turn and the Stonham bowlers took control of the match picking up Stowupland wickets frequently. From the final over Stowupland required 3 runs for victory; again Stonham bowled well and left Stowupland needing 2 runs for victory from the final ball of the match. The batsmen could only manage a single from the final delivery, which meant the match finished in a tie, a share of the points for both teams. As captain of this team I must thank all those who played for me, and those who supported me both on and off the field throughout the season.

The Sunday 1st XI also finished the season with a very hard fought victory against local rivals Battsford. The team finished in an excellent 3rd place in Division 1 of the Sunday cricket league, the best finish for the team in this

league for many years. The final game was at home and captained by Kieran Gregory in his 250th game for the club. He won the toss and decided to field first. Stowupland bowled well for long periods of the Battsford innings with no success. Stowupland finally restricted the opposition to 212-8. The team saved one of their best batting performances for the final game of the season. Trev Scarlett (73), Kieran Gregory (46) and Luke Abbott (35no) all batted superbly to bring home the victory for the team. Stowupland won the match from the penultimate over with Luke Abbott smashing a huge six to win the match and finish the season in fine style. The captain of this team, Tom Abbott, is stepping down as captain after 4 seasons. Tom has led the team to back to back promotions and two successful seasons in the top division of Sunday Cricket. At times it has been challenging for Tom to get enough players, but he can be very proud of his and the team's achievements under his leadership.

The Sunday 2nd XI also finished the season with a win and again this came against Battsford 2nd XI. The team narrowly avoided relegation from Division 4 with victory on the last game of the season. This is a good achievement as the team included some very young players during the year. Stowupland batted first and set 201-6 from their 40 overs. In reply Stowupland's young team bowled well and restricted Battsford to just 97 all out. A great way to end the season for Captain George Ager and his team. A mention must also go to Dave Long. At the end of the season Dave decided to retire from playing cricket. He has played for the club for many seasons and also captained the 2nd XI leading the team to an unbeaten season and promotion to division 4. Dave, like Tom, can be proud of the victories and successes; hopefully he will be up to support the team and watch his son Nathan in the 2019 season.

In September the annual golf day was held at Cretingham Golf Club. This was a fantastic day for all those that took part. The day was excellently organised by Joe Chalk and hopefully there will be another golf day at the end of the 2019 season.

Please join us and enter a team in our quiz nights which are held at the social club. The September Quiz was very well supported by club members and village residents alike. Thanks goes to Kt and Tom Wray for all their hard work making these events a success. The remaining quiz nights will be held on Fri 9th Nov and Fri 7th Dec. On each of the quiz nights food is included within your entry fee of £5 per person. The quiz starts at 19.30hrs, maximum 6 players per team. Please register your team at stowuplandcc@gmail.com.

Answer to last month's quiz; **"What is the oldest cricket ground in the world still in current use?" Mitcham Cricket Green, Surrey**, is the oldest cricket green still in current use.

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