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Chairman's Column

Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council

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You will have read in Sandy's report about the proposed new Allotments Tenancy Agreement. The Council felt that a new agreement was needed because methods of gardening have changed over the years and, with drier summers; the need for water is greater. The new agreement was drafted after a very useful meeting between three councillors and a number of allotment holders. It will stipulate the size of polytunnels and water collection structures and the height of crop protection mesh. Any allotment holder who would like any new structure will need to provide details to the parish council when seeking permission. We hope that, by permitting well-constructed semi-permanent structures, the appearance of the allotment field will improve. The Council has also decided to increase its membership to include three allotment holders.

The Council has also set up a Planning Committee to consider planning applications and look at proposed developments at pre-planning stage. Ray Studd has agreed to chair this committee and it will be open for any member of the public to attend. Of necessity, meetings may need to be arranged at relatively short notice. The statutory minimum is three clear working days; all councillors will be notified and a notice will be posted on the Parish Council notice board. If you are aware of an impending application and would like to be kept informed, please let one of the councillors know.

We managed to get Gary Green to witness the state of Thorney Green Road, Randalls Lane and other roads around the village before the September Council meeting because we have been far from satisfied with responses from SCC highways and the cabinet member for some months. He has agreed to speak to Colin Noble, Leader of SCC, in the hope that he can get something done before the winter.

A number of Parish Councillors are monitoring the new bus services serving Stowupland, Cedars Park and Stowmarket. Many people have complained to me about the lack of a service from Stowupland to Stowhealth in Violet Hill Road. I'm sure, too, that people from Stowmarket wishing to get to Stowupland are concerned about the new routes. The rise in cost from £2 to £3 for a return fare is a massive increase; the cost is the same for any journey on the new circular route irrespective of the length of journey. The rise has particularly hit families with children who attend Stowupland High School. There has been a considerable increase in the number of cars

dropping off pupils on The Green (literally driving on to the grass which has not recovered from the previous term and is likely to be damaged further when the weather deteriorates and even more cars use The Green as a dropping off and picking up point.) We are pressing SCC to complete the long awaited pedestrian and cycle route to the schools and look at ways of providing cheaper transport for pupils between Stowmarket and the schools in Stowupland, in the hope that more pupils will use the bus and we will have fewer cars parking on The Green and other places around the village. If nothing is done, the situation will be even worse in the winter.

The Parish Council have agreed to the request from Village Hall Trustees to provide a lockable gate to ensure that, except in exceptional circumstances, the hard play area is reserved for play and not as a car park. This will result in fewer spaces available for dropping off and picking up pupils but will return the area to the use for which it was provided and for which a grant was paid.

For those who are not aware, the community transport service is now called ***connecting communities***. Details of how to use the service can be found at <http://communities.suffolkonboard.com/my-area/mid-suffolk/>. Journeys can be booked between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday, by telephoning 01449 614271. The service is provided for journeys between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm, Mondays to Saturdays. The service is available for anyone to use, either as a paying customer or using travel vouchers. Anyone with a disabled or age related bus pass is eligible for £100 worth of travel vouchers but must hand in their bus pass in return for the vouchers. Any resident without access to a convenient bus service may use ***connecting communities*** to connect with the nearest regular bus or train service; this will normally be Stowmarket, at a cost likely to be around £1.50 single or £3.00 return. For people with restricted mobility, dial-a-ride and the community car service still operate. And Stowupland is fortunate enough to have an excellent group of Good Neighbours volunteers, one of whom may be able to assist by providing transport to a resident who would otherwise find it difficult to get to an appointment.

I'm pleased that the number of residents attending Parish Council meetings is increasing but there is room for more. Do come along on the second Thursday of every month at 7.30 in the URC church meeting room. Our county councillor, Gary Green, usually attends and these meetings are the ideal opportunity to speak directly to the person who should be able to deal with complaints about highways and verges.

Keith Welham,
(Chairman Stowupland Parish Council.)



District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Report to Parish Council, October 2016

August was remarkably quiet at the District Council but that changed as we moved into September's round of committees and briefings. We have recently been briefed on the possibilities for MSDC sharing accommodation with Babergh. The Conservative administration team favour a move to Ipswich to share part of Endeavour House alongside Suffolk County Council. This may at first glance seem a good idea from a financial point of view but if staff move to Ipswich, there will be a loss in income for shops in Needham and Hadleigh, business rates for the use of the building will be paid to Ipswich Borough Council, instead of to Mid Suffolk and Babergh, and most staff will have a longer journey to work. Residents, too, may need to travel to Ipswich for access to some services.

The consultation period on devolution of powers from Westminster to a combined authority covering all of Suffolk and much of Norfolk is over and key statistics are now available. There were more than 10,000 responses, 6080 from a telephone survey. 53% supported the principle of devolution, 52% support having a combined mayor and 58% support councils coming together as a Combined Authority. Of 250 businesses surveyed, 54% support devolution but only 47% support a mayor; 58% support the principle of a Combined Authority.

Top priorities of individuals and businesses are job creation, assistance for young people either learning or earning and road maintenance.

A report on the consultation responses should soon be available on the website: www.eastangliadevo.co.uk.

The next step will be for the Secretary of State to decide whether or not the Devolution Deal should proceed. It is possible that Philip Hammond's priorities may be different from those of his predecessor. Also, Theresa May appears not to favour directly elected mayors but for David Cameron they were an essential part of any deal.

I have received a number of comments about the proposals for housing on land west of Thorney Green Road. The proposals were displayed in Stowupland Village Hall on 15th September. I welcome more comments from residents and I will take all these comments into account when development of this land is considered by MSDC Planning Committees. Currently there is no date for a Planning Committee to consider the application for 75 houses on land to the north of B1115 and west of Thorney Green Road or the application for housing opposite the church.

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Parish Council Report

September 2016

The September Parish Council meeting opened with 8 members of the general public in attendance.

Councillor Reports:

It started with a report from SCC Councillor Green who advised that prior to the meeting he had driven around the village to see for himself the state of the roads and, as a result of this, he is going to call for a site meeting with representatives of the Highways department to obtain an explanation as to why urgently required works have not been undertaken. He stated that he has complained to the Leader of the Council about his lack of response to complaints made by the Parish Council. He is asking why the promised 'gateway' to the village that should have been installed on 4 July has still not been done and what has happened to the trial edging to The Green that should have been completed during the school summer holidays. Now that the High School has taken on Academy status, he is also trying to find out how this affects his role with the school. Councillor Carter advised that the late cutting of road verges by SCC had caused a considerable risk this summer with the prolonged dry spell when a fire raiser had set fire to the tinder dry grass lying along the verges in various spots around the village. Councillor Bruce re-iterated her frustration at the lack of visible warning signage at the Town Farm junction in Saxham Street. The District Councillor's report can be found elsewhere in Telstar and the Police had failed to offer any report for this month.

Public Forum:

Mrs Bloom queried what a mud kitchen at the Primary School was that had received a grant from the Parish Council. Mrs Reeves wanted to know if the Parish Council had been advised by Trust Maria how much money they had taken at the Music on the Green event and what donations they had made and to whom. She was advised that the Council had yet to receive the promised accounts. However, the Charity is due to attend next month's meeting so she should get her answers then. Mr Churchill asked that the residents of the village should be consulted before any future events are permitted on The Green. He was assured that people's views will be taken into account. Mr Brown pointed out that there were no definitive signs advising drivers of over 7½ tonne vehicles coming from the A140 direction that there are restrictions along Saxham Street. He also advised of road signs at Stowupland Hall and by the vicarage that are obscured by

overgrown vegetation and that the dangerous bend sign that was knocked down by a car on the A1120 close to Forward Green has never been replaced. Mrs Sharman advised that she had been let down twice in the last week by buses that failed to turn up as per the new timetable. Councillor Voden advised that he has received a number of complaints from residents in a similar vein including bus drivers not knowing the route and not enough space on buses at peak times. The change of route that now misses out the Health Centre in Violet Hill Road is also a major concern to many residents.

Planning Committee:

It was agreed to set up a new Planning Sub-committee chaired by Councillor Studd to ensure a clear separation between the volunteers who are part of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group and the elected members of the Parish Council. There will be some elected members who will also sit on the Neighbourhood Plan Group. It will be the role of the new Planning Committee to make recommendations to the Parish Council who will make the final decision on the more complex applications.

Village Hall Overflow Car Park - Gates:

A meeting between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Trustees was held recently to discuss the possible reinstatement of the gates leading into the play area. After some discussion it was agreed that if the Village Hall Trustees confirm that they want to see the hard play area used primarily as a children's play area and only used as an overflow car park at very specific times, the Parish Council will install a lockable vehicular gate with a pedestrian access alongside, and replace 1 basketball hoop.

Sub-Committees:

Allotments - A meeting has been held recently between the allotment sub-committee and some allotment holders on some changes that the allotment holders would like to see made. A number of proposals were read out and although not unanimous, a number of changes to the tenancy agreement were approved. It was also agreed to encourage allotment holders to join an enlarged Allotments Sub-committee to form a group which will be able to liaise closer with the Council.

Community Events – It was reported that the recent table top sale had to be cancelled due to lack of response which may be due to the event not being advertised in the Telstar. Coming events for September include the community quiz and bingo.

Finance and Policy – Recommendations made by the sub-committee to have the grass contractor cut the play park hedge and carry out some footpath spraying. Also that the allotment fees should stay in line with the increases agreed in 2013, an addition to the Cemetery Policy to include memorial plaques, to approve the annual return and

that no further action should be taken to claim any money back from the seller of the land in Grays Close as the money was not spent to prove the access but to get proper legal advice to defend itself.

Transport, Traffic and Safety – Councillor Brand reported that he had recently attended the Stowmarket TT&S committee and stood down as chairman, because he is due to move away from the area shortly, and will be replaced by Councillor Scarfe. There are currently 4 volunteers who carry out Speedwatch in Stowupland and he will be advertising in Telstar for more volunteers. A replacement co-ordinator will be required to take over from him when he moves. Another traffic survey of vehicular activity around school drop off and collection times will be made in September. The next meeting of the committee is due to be held in November.

Cemetery and Churchyard – Councillor Hamilton questioned the astro turf that had been placed in front of a memorial in the internment area and was advised that the owner had already agreed to remove it. He also advised that more slabs were required for a new row of memorials as there were only 2-3 spaces left on the current row. Prices for these will be obtained by the clerk. He also reported that the skip in the churchyard will soon need to be emptied.

Footpaths – Councillor Jennings reported that she is still surveying all the footpaths and putting together a register of them. She was very grateful to Fran Clarke of SCC for all the guidance that she had given her. She is due to attend a meeting at the end of the month in respect of the Suffolk Year of Walking.

Environment – The next Green Inspection will be held on 1st October. Neighbourhood Planning – With the setting up of the new planning sub-committee the working group will now be able to focus on completing the neighbourhood plan.

Playpark Working Group – The Clerk advised that she has just received the recent safety inspection report and the group will consider what maintenance work needs to be carried out.

SALC – The next meeting is due to be held on 15 Sept and included on the agenda is a talk by Bill Newman of Babergh/Mid Suffolk District Council. He will be talking about the planning needs and how to rectify the lack of a 5 year supply of land for housing development, a problem which currently has such a bearing on villages and towns in the area.

Councillors Reports:

Councillor Carter reported that the Stowupland sign was covered and this has already been reported. He queried the makeup of the post and rail fence that has been erected at the new development in Grays Close that looks to give a pedestrian as well as vehicular access to the site. The clerk will contact the contractor to clarify matters. He also asked about the ditch that is to be dug out and was advised that the neighbours were happy with

this attempt to remove excess surface water from the area. Councillor Bruce also reported the state of the 30mph sign. Councillor Hamilton was disappointed that only one resident volunteered with the village litter pick and felt that more promotion was required for future litter picks and that another one will be required before the end of the year. Councillor Brand advised that he is going to attend a meeting at the Cedars Hotel on 20 September where Tim Passmore, the Police and Crime Commissioner, will be present. He intends to discuss road safety issues with Mr Passmore. Councillor Voden voiced concerns about the report on Look East relating to the violent attacks that have been made on Village Halls and Sports and Social Clubs where axes have been used to cause maximum damage. He is urging people to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Police. Local villages who have suffered attacks include Mendlesham and Haughley.

Clerk's Report:

The Clerk requested permission to clean the brickwork on the village sign and the war memorial and also to purchase some bulbs to plant around the village sign. It was agreed that she be permitted to do this. Following an in camera discussion by the Parish Council last month, comments on the proposed development of land west of Thorney Green Road have been made known to MSDC. The list of comments was read out and included requests that properties fronting the road should be single storey, set back in large gardens, that there should be an appropriate landscaping scheme and visual impact upon the landscape should be minimized. She also advised that the sheds on the allotments were broken into again on the night of 6 September.

Chairman's Report:

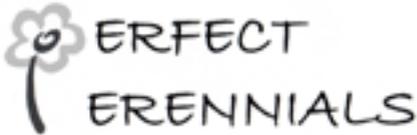
The Chairman has received reports about ruts on the half a mow and Councillor Carter will have a look at these. The village handyman has indicated that he wishes to step down from the role. There has been a further increase in litter on The Green during school lunchtimes and an increased number of vehicles dropping off and picking up High School pupils.

Correspondence:

There was little correspondence this month but it did include a request from the Woodland Trust to collect acorns from the oak in the cemetery to establish if this is a Verdun Oak. A request for a donation to the Suffolk Accident Rescue Service will be passed to the Finance and Policy Committee for consideration.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

Sandy Smith



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Countryside Rambler

Brian Ward

I really enjoy a coastal walk at this time of year, my favourites are in north Norfolk but our local coastline is quite stunning. I often walk from Orwell Country Park down through the woods towards the river with the caravan park on my left. I try to pick low tide for this as on the return you can walk along the tide line back towards the Orwell Bridge, with the smell of salt and seaweed in the air it can be very invigorating, also many waders and waterfowl frequent this area. This walk is great for children as they can play in the woods on the way down and discover all sorts of estuary life along the tide line on returning. (Not suitable for buggies). I have recently walked Aldeburgh to Thorpeness along the path behind North Warren, if you wish you can return via the beach and check out the scallop sculpture. On my walk I discovered a small colony of Pantaloon Bees, strange name you may think but these bees have golden hairy back legs that resemble pantaloons, pollen is harvested and attached to the hairs and is then stored back in their burrows. While on the subject of flying insects I have a hornets nest in a bird box in our garden, I hear you scream and say “destroy them” but if you sit quietly and watch them they are quite fascinating and will go about their daily routine of nest building and foraging for food.

My wife and I recently took our two youngest granddaughters to Pensthorpe Nature Park in Norfolk, it was a delight to see the tame wildfowl come up to them to feed, with Flamingos as a backdrop it was quite a sight. They both enjoyed the bug trail and play area, although not cheap this reserve is worth a visit and is buggy friendly. I have photographed two unusual spiders this summer one being the beautiful Wasp Spider and the other a Marbled Orb Weaver which was quite large with a white body and bold black markings on its abdomen. Recently I was in the right spot at the right time to photograph a Hobby Hawk catching dragonflies and eating them whilst on the wing and a few days previous I was walking a local lake and a fox appeared, I managed to get a shot of it looking straight at me before it disappeared into a thicket.

Every few weeks my wife and myself escape to Norfolk, we spent a few days along the coast where



we visited the usual reserves RSPB Titchwell and Cley Marshes NWT, the usual waders were spotted, Dunlin, Redshank, Curlew, Black Tailed Godwit, Curlew Sandpiper and quite a few Ruff. A Marsh Harrier hunted close to one of the hides, these predators are a pleasure to watch. I love Wells and Holkham area but with the car parks full and overflowing we did not linger long. It is a different story come midwinter, empty car parks and beaches “yippee”. Late September and October can be quite exciting as the Fallow and Red Deer start their rut; this is a spectacular sight and sound. An early start is recommended to capture a Red Deer stag bellowing in the morning mist, with the sunrise in the background it is a sight you will never forget.

Calling all children

Chocolate Bingo

Friday 7th October

at Stowupland Village Hall

4:30 till 6pm

£2 to include Bingo, drink and biscuit,

raffle and take home gift.



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Local History Group

August Meeting

Neil Langridge not only arranges our programme; he is also an excellent speaker. His talk about rural protest began with some background: how, with the rise of gentleman farmers, workers increasingly lived away from the farm houses, often in squalid conditions and with a diet of little more than bread. Poor harvests, the demobilisation of soldiers after 1815 and the introduction of threshing machines, all contributed to mass unemployment. Riots and machine-breaking followed. After the 1834 Poor Law Amendment Act, workhouses were very grim places indeed.

Stacks and barns were seen as symbols of oppression and power, obvious targets for those armed with the new 'Lucifer' friction matches. Farmers quickly saw the need for insurance. There were several significant fires in the area in 1844 and in each case the small horse-drawn fire engines from Stowmarket and neighbouring villages succeeded in saving some property. One man found guilty of starting a fire at Columbine Hall was transported to Australia. He was a shepherd, so perhaps found employment.

By the 1850s, economic conditions were improving and the formation of unions finally gave poor workers some alternative to riot and arson.

Maltings

We were very grateful to Roger Carter for getting in touch last month. Now that we know that the village definitely had a maltings, but that it was demolished in 1787, we cannot be surprised that the name has gone from living memory. It is marvellous that it survived here and there, with references to 'Maltings Lane' and 'Maltings Cottages', prompting us to try to discover more.

Malt has been produced in England since the 11th century, by one means or another, and beer was a staple drink before tea and coffee were introduced. Every market town had its specialist maltsters and while a household might produce its own beer, it was less likely to produce its own malt, unless on a farm – which must have been the case here.

We are always astonished by Ena Carter's research (it was her notes that led us to the newspaper advertisement for items from the demolished maltings). Working long before computers were in general use, she

detailed many aspects of village history. No question about the older village will be asked in future without checking her notes first!

Talking Point

Some Stowupland Ghost Stories collected by Neil Langridge (see programme details for 2nd Nov)

The first is related by Jackie Knight.

‘My husband and I moved into No 5 Felix Road early in 2002, having bought the property from the then elderly Mrs Brett. She and her husband had lived in the property since it was built in 1938. If what we were told was correct, No 5 was the second property to be occupied in Felix Road, the first one being next door at No 7 where the original couple (Vic and his wife), were still living. We’d been at No 5 for a short time when I had a dream... two young women were excitedly getting ready to go out. They dolled themselves up in 1940’s fashions and accessories and hairstyles. Then a big classic American car pulled up outside... it was open top, all fancy gleaming paintwork and chrome. Two men in suits waited in the car, the women joined them and there was chatter and laughter as they drove off... presumably to a dance or party. I wondered for a long time afterwards about that big old American car... it had seemed so out of place in 1940’s Felix Road. Some years later, my husband was chatting with Vic (No 7) before he died. Vic and Mr Brett had been in the forces during WWII. My husband commented that it must’ve been hard for the wives left behind. Vic replied that the women couldn’t manage moneywise, so Mrs Brett moved in with his wife at No 7 and they rented out No 5 to American servicemen. Is it possible that those servicemen had access to that fancy American car?’

Stowupland Hall has accumulated a few unexplained phenomena, people tell of the sound of chains and swishing skirts but the following account was printed in ‘The Suffolk Village Book’ published by The Women’s Institute, the informant seems to have been Jack Carter.

‘For some time unexplained knockings were heard in the house, at the same time every day. While some work was been done a hollow area was uncovered in a wall and the remains of a baby were found therein, the remains were given a proper burial and thence forth no further knockings were heard.’ No date is given for these events however the Carter family owned the hall from 1927 to 1945 so this may add some authenticity to the account.

For our next ‘Talking Point’, where was the Octopus Studio?

Programme

Oct 5th 'Behind the Scenes at Time Team' by Helen Geake

For twenty years Channel 4's 'Time Team' was essential viewing. For four of these years Helen was a key member of the team. No doubt she will tell us something of how the series was made with a few amusing stories of life behind the scenes. Helen qualified at York University and currently works for the Portable Antiquities Scheme.

There will be a treasure hunt game (the kind with stickers and a map) to raise funds at this meeting.

Nov 2nd 'Suffolk Ghosts and Hauntings' by Robert Halliday

There cannot be a village or town in Suffolk which does not have at least one ghost tale associated with it - Stowupland is no exception and more may well be recalled when Robert gives his talk on Suffolk Ghosts, of interest to both sceptics and believers!

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.



Stowupland W.I. report

There was no formal meeting in August. However, Colleen and Alison had decided to hold an afternoon tea party and what an enjoyable time it was. As we entered the chapel room, we saw tables decorated with posies and set out with bone china crockery, little crustless sandwiches and an array of cakes and scones - the latter, of course, with jam, cream and strawberries. Even the two members who have to have a gluten free diet were catered for. The cakes, scones and the crockery were all supplied by Mary - she must have had an extremely busy time doing all that baking. We were there for a couple of hours, during which Daphne, in a turquoise and white outfit, was judged by Colleen's granddaughters, Darcy and Phoebe, to be the best dressed lady and received a pot of flowers. Despite offers, we weren't allowed to do the washing up, which magically disappeared. Christine's thanks to Colleen, Alison and Mary was heartily endorsed by all.

Norwich trip - Saturday, November 26th.

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At Stowupland URC Chapel

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Coffee/ Tea and Cakes



Christmas Fayre / Coffee Morning

United Response is a national charity that supports people who have disabilities – in Stowupland we support people who live with dual sensory losses (they are both deaf and blind).



We are holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday November 26th at the United Reform Church Hall in Ipswich Street, Stowmarket from 10.00 am to raise funds for the people we support in Stowupland and we will be very pleased to see you. We shall have delicious home-made cakes as well as tea and coffee for sale.

There will be several stalls for you to enjoy, the Lowestoft Deaf Signing Choir, Singing and Signing Carols, a raffle and a tombola stall.

If you would like to book a stall for the coffee morning please call 01449 678329 and speak to Nigel, Jane or Daphne who can give you more details.

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CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES

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Staffed by a team of local volunteers, the Stowmarket pop-up shop is part of a network of 300 temporary shops run by Cards for Good Causes, the UK's largest multi-charity Christmas card organisation. It represents more than 250 charities including Cancer Research UK, Barnardo's, NSPCC, Alzheimer's Society and RNLI as well as selling cards from a number of local charities including East Anglian Air Ambulance and Make A Wish Foundation

Shoppers will be able to choose from hundreds of different Christmas card designs, as well as traditional advent calendars and candles, wrapping paper, gift tags, napkins and stocking fillers.

Pauline Wescombe, Shop Manager for Cards for Good Causes says: "Buying charity Christmas cards is one of the simplest ways to support good causes this festive season. Sales of the cards not only generate funds with which the charities can make a real difference, but also purchasing and sending them helps raise awareness of the vital work these charities do. Come along and find us in Stowmarket Library by looking out for our distinctive triangular red Santa sign."

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Holy Trinity Church.

Letters from Rev Chris Hood

Whilst writing this we are in the period between the end of the Olympics and the opening of the Paralympics in Rio. Thinking about them I am taken back to 2012 in London when as a family we spent a fantastic day at the Olympic stadium watching the athletics in the Paralympics. We had enjoyed the Olympics from our armchairs, much as I have the events in Rio so far this summer, yet were not prepared for the excitement and atmosphere that we would encounter at the stadium.

There was something about being in the stadium that made a fantastic spectacle even more amazing. The excitement of the crowd, the size of the arena, the amazing athleticism of the competitors close up and the option to cheer very loudly was something it appeared everyone there enjoyed. I came away from the day hoarse from cheering and with sore hands from clapping so much.

Now as much as I have enjoyed what the summer has had to offer on TV it is not the same as being there. It's the same with music and theatre – being there adds something to the experience which isn't captured in the same way through a camera. Something is lost

I often wonder what it would have been like to have been there at key events throughout history rather than simply read about them in books. How would it have felt to have been there at key moments, when something new and unexpected happened? To be in Rome as Caesar was assassinated, or at Hastings when King Harold is defeated, or in Egypt when the first pyramid was finished – the list is endless and my favourite moment to visit changes. I wonder where and when you would choose.

I often wonder what it would have been like to have been there when Jesus was teaching the crowds, healing the sick or challenging the authorities. I wonder how I would have responded to this man who challenged how we should live. With the passage of time it is easy to lose sight of the radical and countercultural life that Jesus led. In reading the bible and thinking about what he said I ask myself the question how would I respond to what he said and did. And in reading the Bible I ask myself the same question today. How do I respond to Jesus as he is described in the Bible today and I would challenge you to think about the same question. What impact does Jesus life and teaching have on your life? What are you going to do about it?

If you wish to explore this further, please come along to church or contact David or me. We are always keen to talk about who Jesus is and what he means to us.

Revd Chris

snacks afterwards)!

Also, we welcome all families and children to our Morning Worship **Service** along with **Trinity Starz** on Sunday, 9th October at 9.30am and please do stay and have FairTrade refreshments with us in the hall afterwards! Then come to the All-Age Family Shoebox Service on October 23rd when you can bring your shoeboxes.

STEEPLE VIEW & JUBILEE COURT:

The residents warmly invite you to join them for their Songs of Praise Services at **Steeple View** on Monday, 17th October at 10.30am *(followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay and to which everyone is very welcome!*

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH:

Come along on Tuesday October 18th at 12 noon in the Church Hall and enjoy our popular Ploughman's lunch. Please ask a friend or neighbour to come and experience the friendship whilst enjoying home cooking, salads and desserts. All are welcome!

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October Dates

Sat	1	P.C. Environment Sub. Com.	10.00am	Outside The Retreat
Sun	2	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	3	Afternoon Fellowship – Harvest	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	3	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	4	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	4	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	5	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	5	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	5	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	5	Local History Group – ‘Behind the Scenes at Time Team’ by Helen Geake	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	6	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	7	Children’s Chocolate Bingo Doors open	4.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	9	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	10	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	11	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	11	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	11	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	12	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	12	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – November issue		
Thurs	13	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	13	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	16	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	17	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	17	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	18	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	19	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	19	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	19	W.I. – Adventures in Beekeeping	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	20	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	20	P.C. Footpaths Sub. Com.	7.30pm	Church Hall
Sat	22	Blue Ridge Mountain Boys – in aid of Cancer Research UK	8.00pm	Village Hall

Sun	23	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	24	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	25	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	25	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	26	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	27	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thur	27	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	28	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall
Fri	28	Community Bingo (18+) Doors open	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	30	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	31	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	31	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall

November Dates

Tues	1	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	1	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	2	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	2	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	2	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	2	Local History Group – ‘Suffolk Ghosts and Hauntings’ by Robert Halliday	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	3	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	6	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	7	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall

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

Future Events in 2016

12 Nov	Jumble Sale
18 Nov	Community Quiz
25 Nov	Christmas Bingo (18+)

Stowupland Village Hall update .

Jerry Voden VHMC

The report this month starts where we started last month and that is to say that the evidence of **“Fly Typing” seems to have got much worse.**

The committee have had to deal with an iron gate, a television and a load of metal tent poles dumped in the recycling area. Whilst we welcome genuine recyclable material in our banks this is a major problem for the hall and can I remind everyone **“Fly tipping” is an offence, we will take steps to prosecute anyone caught dumping rubbish in this area.**

Our thanks go to the committee members and residents that have helped out over the last month in the removal of these items. The village hall land is left to a charitable trust and the land is private so we are not able to get help with removal without paying for it. Can I ask residents and members of the public to be vigilant and report anybody seen dumping rubbish in the area to a committee member or caretaker so that we can pass the details on to Mid Suffolk District Council.

At this month’s committee meeting discussions were held on quotes for a new set of side doors into the hall storage area. Also now that the front of the hall has been painted, several residents have asked if the whole hall can be done in the same colour. It was agreed to look at possibilities and get some quotes for the work.

With the school holidays over we welcome back our regular groups, however we are still looking to increase our weekend bookings so if you would like to know more about the hall and its facilities please contact our booking secretary Hugh Blanch on 01449 612156.



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URC MINISTER Rev'd Chris Wood

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Once again the Chapel was open for signing in and refreshments for those taking part in the Historic Churches Cycle Ride on Saturday 10th September. After all the lovely weather we have been having it rained but this didn't seem to deter the cyclist who braved the wet weather. We thank everyone who sponsored us and gave so generously.

When you receive your October Telstar Magazine we will have held the coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. This took place on 30th September and the amount raised will be reported in the November Telstar.

Our next coffee morning is on Friday 28th October, when this will also be a special one, and it is to raise funds for the St Elizabeth Hospice. Zoe Goddard, the daughter of Wendy and Kevin Goddard, is currently very poorly and is in the hospice. On Friday 9th September it was very exciting for Zoe when her idol, Peter Andre, visited her at the Hospice. It was a big surprise for Zoe she had no idea he was coming. It meant a great deal to her and such a lovely thing for him to do.

On Sunday 25th September we united with Holy Trinity Church for their Harvest Festival and we look forward to them joining with us for our **Harvest Festival on 2nd October at 10.30am.**

Advance notice, we are holding a Jumble Sale at the Village Hall at 2pm on 12th November. All donations of clothes and bric-a-brac will be gratefully received.

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

Our Speakers for October are as follows:

02nd October John Webb

Harvest Festival commencing at 10.30am, united service with Holy Trinity at the Chapel

09th October Alison Fenning

16th October Sue Liddell

23rd October Alison Smith

30th October Nichola Glasse

Afternoon Fellowship

We recommence our meetings on Monday 3rd October at 2.30pm. The Revd Chris Wood will be our opening speaker and it will be a Harvest Meeting.

17th October ----- Social Afternoon

31st October ----- Rev David Swales

We welcome anyone who would like to join us at our meetings (Male or Female). Come and enjoy the interesting speakers and the fellowship and of course tea and cake.

Mary Clark

Minister's Message

Responsible Stewardship of God's Creation

This year we were extremely fortunate in being able to spend some quality time back in Yorkshire, on a campsite 9 miles outside York. This meant that we were able to visit York on numerous occasions (one of our favourite cities) as well as explore both that part of North Yorkshire (Vale of York) and further afield (East Coast and North Yorkshire moors). This included an incredible walk along Filey Brigg and watching the waves crashing against the rocks and shooting high into the sky!

It was the day that we decided to head over the moors and visit Staithes as well as Robin Hoods Bay that will stick long in the memory. The drive over the moors was spectacular with purple heather stretching as far as the eye could see, and rugged valleys shooting off in various directions. We were impressed by the number of people that had ventured on to the moors to take photos or go for a walk.

It was when we came to the highest point that we could first admire the amazing view stretching out before us, with a small village nestling in the valley. It's no wonder that some call this 'God's own Country! While we were still basking in this delight we both reacted to something in the middle of the road that had caught our eyes – a used crisp packet glistening in the sun! Given that it seemed in pristine condition, and being no parked cars in that particular stretch, we can only assume that it had been thrown out of the open window of a car travelling the same route – not either thinking or even caring about the consequence of their actions. It was a stark reminder that some folk seem to take bad habits with them whenever they venture out into beautiful countryside.

But then it's not just discarded rubbish is it when considering folks lack of care or responsibility? We returned to a news item that highlighted the number of elephants that are being slaughtered by poachers for their tusks; another spoke of dangerous additives in some shower gels that are having disastrous effects on marine life; and the latest only this week is the worrying levels of pollutants being found in human brains.

Autumn rightly is a time for giving thanks for the beauty of creation, and its bountiful crops produced near and far for our delight, and a reminder of our dependence on changing seasons, as well as plentiful rain and sunshine (preferably at the right time) for our continuing wellbeing. It is a time to remind ourselves of the generosity of God's goodness and provisions, knowing that we are called to be co-workers to gain its rightful benefit, but scripture reminds us that a great deal of the essential work is undertaken silently and unseen in the mysterious workings of creation – and all God's creatures should benefit from the rich harvest the earth produces.

Equally, this is a time of year when we are challenged to reflect on some of the mistakes and misuses of God's created order and express sorrow and regret at the irreparable damage being done in the name of progress – from the careless dropping of rubbish, to

the bigger issues of climate change; the tragic loss of endangered species; the worrying effects of pollution and the continually taking of the world's finite resources without considering the effects on future generations.

I would like to think that humankind has the capacity to learn from its mistakes, and endeavour in all things to ensure that the world is being passed on to those who come after, in a fit state, where our children's children might express their delight that we have proved responsible stewards of this wonderful world that has been given into our care.

Maybe this vision has to start somewhere – how about with us?!

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

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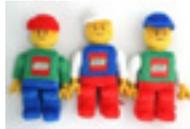
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If you are not in the “at risk” group, or not a patient of Stowhealth, private flu vaccines are available at £10.00 per vaccine. Please attend the Walk In Clinics on the above dates.

We are just about to start our new season and have 3 new teams joining our ever growing club, two under 8 teams and 1 under 13's team. Our new teams will be playing on Saturdays under the Suffolk Youth Football League, a big change to Stowupland Falcons as we have always been a Sunday league youth club. We wish them well.

Good luck also to our other 10 youth teams, their games started last Sunday we hope you all have an enjoyable season

Grass roots football starts at an early age at Stowupland. Saturday morning club is for boys and girls aged 4-11 with girl coaches helping Colin out with the training and it's free, coaching starts at 10am, more information on the Club website [Stowupland Falcons Football Club](http://www.stowuplandfalconsfc.co.uk)

Our Adult section have had a few changes over the summer and new managers have been appointed

Mark Dye moved up from assistant manager to 1st team Manager, Kevin Southgate was appointed as Reserve team manager and Norman Luckhurst appointed as A Team manager. Good luck to you all in your new roles

Our 1st team were promoted to Division 1, Reserves into League B and "A" Team into League C, all games can be found on the SIL League web site <http://www.touchlinesil.co.uk/> or the FA Full Time Web site.

Our first home game will be 17th September, we can now take over pitch A and mark it out for our games now that the cricket season has finished. I hear the cricket club had a good season hope we can match it.

I have reminded managers about making sure any litter on game day is taken home or put in the bins provided and I would then like to remind dog walkers to make sure that any dog mess is picked up and not left on the pitches. We are advising visiting teams that the school pitches are a no smoking site and no dogs allowed.

Stowupland Cricket Club

Firstly I'd like to apologise for no report last month. I left it in the hands of one of my sons and guess what? Yes you're right, he forgot!!!

Our last cricket game was played on Sunday 11th and what a game, they started play at 1:30pm and all was over by 4:30pm. Luke Abbott took 5 wickets for a total of 11 runs and we bowled them all out for 80 runs. It didn't take long for our boys to make the 81 runs for the win.

In the Wednesday League we finished runners up, well done Joe Chalk on his first season as captain.

The Saturday IX finished 2nd in their league, gaining promotion to division 6. The Sunday 1st IX also finished 2nd in their league gaining promotion to division 1 and finally our Sunday 2nd IX sadly finished bottom and will move down to division 4.

This season has seen Joe Chalk and Nick Borret get their first 50 runs and George Yardley, Jake Taylor and Grant Wearing get their first 100 runs for the club.

Tom Wray broke the club record by scoring 163 not out earlier in the season and congratulations to Shaun Langford for scoring a grand total of 10,000 runs

I would just like to say a big thank you to everyone within the club for their support and help, because without them there wouldn't be a Stowupland Cricket Club. Also, a big thank you to the people who come along and support the boys (young and old) at each game.

Jo Abbott - Chairperson

Stowupland Sports and Social Club

There has been a change of leadership at the sports and social club recently. Mark Campbell has resigned as Chairman and I am now Chairman. Old and new members will be warmly welcomed and support from the village will be much appreciated whether it is for the football or cricket club or just as a social member. To that end, it is planned to open the club every Sunday afternoon between 13.00 and 18.00 where sky football will be available to watch. Looking forward to seeing you,

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As most of you know, Community Speed Watch has been operating in Stowupland for around two and a half years and despite numerous attempts to recruit volunteers we still have a dedicated team of four. The time has come however, to let you know that CSW will cease in the village in the very near future unless we can recruit another two or three volunteers - and very quickly! We urgently need a coordinator to organise the sessions and report the findings to the police and probably two more volunteers to carry out the work. For further information on what is involved, please contact me on 07939 177967 or the Parish Clerk whose contact details can be found at the back of this issue.

As a lot of residents know Irene and I have decided to move back to our roots and with that in mind, we have had our property up for sale for a couple months. We have finally sold our house and will be looking to move in the next few weeks. Following a lengthy (32 years) service in the Royal Air Force, I eventually ended up in Suffolk in 1990 when I was posted to Wattisham. We moved into the married quarters in Stowupland and loved it so much here that we decided in 1993, when I left the Royal Air Force, to remain in the village.

We have had many happy years here and take many fond memories with us. As many of you know, I love my sport and had twenty odd years in football refereeing and when I finished that, got involved with Stowupland Football Club as chairman. We took the club up to senior football and reached the Junior Cup final played at Portman Road (our only appearance there). One of my ambitions was to amalgamate the football club with the youth section. We did that, albeit with not a lot of success initially, but it paved the way for the success that the club has today. Stowupland FC will always be special to me.

Thanks to my good old friend, Jerry Voden, I became a Parish Councillor some ten years or so ago. I have seen a number of ups and downs during my time - some happy times, some not so happy times - but all in all, it has been very good. There are trying times ahead I feel for the PC what with the large scale development due to take place on the north side of the village. We fought hard to try and stop this development but sadly lost the appeal. As we all know, there is further development planned to take place on the corner of Thorney Green Road and the B1115! My fear is that Stowupland will lose its village status and become more like a small town!

The saddest part of our decision to move is leaving our family behind. But, it's not as if we are away on the other side of the world, and it's only a few hours drive away. What it means is that instead of travelling to Scotland to visit family, we will be visiting England to visit family!

There are too many people to mention individually and say thank you to so we would just like to say a massive thank you to all our friends and acquaintances in and around Stowupland for making our stay here a very happy one. As I said earlier, we take away so many fond memories and we look forward to seeing you in the future when we visit our family we leave here.

Morris Brand

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I have been a local collector for more than 10 years now and get calls from all around the Stowmarket area. Sometimes it may be to pick up a sewing machine or typewriter; on other occasions I have been asked to take whatever can be of use from a shed full of tools and this has on occasion meant two trips. Tools need to be in usable condition; new handles can be fitted and saws and chisels sharpened. When ready to send abroad, tools are loaded into shipping containers and transported to an east African port where they are handed over to a local TWAM representative who arranges their delivery to TWAM projects.

Good, fairly recent, textbooks in key subjects, and children's and adult's reading books of good quality, are also sent abroad for schools and libraries. If you have any you could donate, please let me know.

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