

# Telstar

## Stowupland News

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# EDITOR'S NOTES

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Hello readers welcome to the July edition of the Telstar. My name is Liz and I am temporary editor of the Telstar. If you have time to spare and think you would like to join the Telstar Team as Editor, or in any capacity we would love to hear from you. I hope you all had a good Jubilee, the village certainly did and we have photos in the magazine to prove it. If you are a fan of the outdoors or gardening there are articles from Brian Ward, (Countryside Rambler) and advice from Kate Elliot in Down to Earth. If you have concerns about the future development of the village you will find details of how you can help in "Revision of The Neighbourhood Plan". You will also find reports from the Parish Council, the County Councillor and District Councillor, Freeman County Primary School, Holy Trinity Church and the URC.

*The front Cover is courtesy of Keith Hyland and is of Sally Reeves, (Chairman of the Parish Council) and friends, with the Platinum Jubilee Torch. The torch was passed from towns and villages in Suffolk.*

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# COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

JULY 2022

## **SCC Full Council meeting 19 May**

The Green, Lib Dem and Independent Group proposed a motion for greater commitment towards improving rivers in Suffolk. Currently, all Suffolk rivers have been reported by the Environment Agency to have failed government standards. Increased pollution comes from a rise in sewage discharges, as well as chemicals used in agriculture that run off into waterways.

Our motion committed SCC to improving rivers, investigating what more can be done to enhance waterways, and increase engagement and support with farmers and environmental groups in any future strategies. Our motion was passed unanimously.

## **Bus Services**

SCC provided details of new services to run on Mondays and Thursdays and these were advertised in Telstar. Unfortunately, SCC appear to have been unaware that the services hadn't received the appropriate approvals, so the bus didn't run on 6 June. Dan's Coach Travel intend to run the Thursday timetable from 9 June but will not be able to charge fares or accept bus passes until approval is received. All necessary clearances should be received shortly for both services.

## **Resurfacing works, Saxham Street**

Carriageway repairs along C408 Saxham Street, Stowupland (from Bells Lane to Debenham Lane) are programmed to take place between 27 June and 1 July 2022. The road will be closed between 9am and 4pm. Surface dressing of the same length of road will be carried out at a later date.

## **Highways Vehicle Fleet**

Current leases of 50 highways vehicles are due for renewal in mid-2023. If these and other vehicles owned by or leased to SCC are to contribute towards the target of net zero by 2030, an electric vehicle charging infrastructure will be needed. SCC plan to spend £2,600,000 to install around 40 Fast Chargers and 12 Rapid Chargers. Additionally, 21 charging points are being provided at Fire Stations.

## **Highways Property**

SCC plan to spend £2,170,000 to upgrade properties which will be used by the company selected to carry out works under the new highways contract; this will be awarded next year to commence in October 2023.

### **Vehicle Activated Signs**

SCC have provided some useful information and Councillor Voden and I will be taking further advice. In the meantime, contact has been made with two parish councils for details of their devices, including routine management and maintenance carried out by their volunteers.

### **SCC Highways works to Thorney Green**

SCC highways have been in contact with the Clerk regarding the length of sandbags remaining. This length is well-established with vegetation growing over the bags. It had not been included in the original quotation provided. To remove the bags would disturb the vegetation and could prove costly. It may be better to allow this length of sandbags to remain.

### **Public Utility Works**

The green telecoms box at the end of Saxham Street was damaged before Easter. Openreach have repaired it but have not yet connected it to a mains power supply. At the moment it relies on battery power and the battery needs to be changed twice a day. Openreach have requested a partial road closure for 5 July to 7 July to allow works to be carried out under multiway lights. I have requested that, in view of the difficulties arising from lack of secure broadband, SCC work with Openreach to carry out the works at an earlier date.

### **New Primary School opening in Chilton in September**

I met with officers recently to plan walking routes from Kipling Way and Shakespeare Road through the landscape area to the new Grace Cook school; details and costs are being finalised. Sufficient funds are available unless there are serious unforeseen problems during construction. I have asked for completion by early July so that parents have opportunities to try out the routes during the school summer holidays.

### **Crown Street Roundabout**

It is disappointing that two trees were so badly vandalised that they have needed to be felled. Nevertheless, progress is being made with design of a scheme to improve the whole area around the roundabout with new footpaths, improved crossing points, removing many of the concrete slabs and new landscaping. Some tree surgery will be required to allow the trees to flourish. Work on site is not imminent but it is good that progress is being made.

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# **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

**JULY 2022**

## **Annual Council Meeting 26 May 2022**

Once again, the Green and Liberal Democrat group put forward suggestions for working together with the Administration. We remain a group of 17; the Conservatives have 16 and there is one independent. The Conservative leader refused all our requests and decided not to accept our offer to cooperate. This will result in the Chairman needing to use his casting vote on many occasions. We feel that this is undemocratic and the rejection of our offer will continue to hamper our desire to improve services to residents.

## **Proposal from National Grid for overhead cables through Mid Suffolk**

This proposal for grid reinforcement cables from Norwich to Tilbury is in the pre-consultation scale; councils, businesses and residents have an opportunity to give their views on the scheme. The route passes north-south through Stowupland on 50-metre-high pylons which cross Saxham Street and A1120 and will be clearly visible from parts of Stowupland. In Nationally Designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), the cables will be laid underground. There are no AONBs in the Mid Suffolk section of the proposed route; the nearest is the Dedham Vale.

There have been calls for the whole of the route to be laid underground, but this has significant problems, not just due to the higher cost. In particular, the works would cause disruption along the whole of the route for many months and the swathe of land which would need to be disturbed in order to lay the cables would take many years to return to its present condition. A far better solution may be to lay cables undersea with connections from the various windfarms to Tilbury. It is the view of Green Councillors that the consultation is flawed because very little information is readily available in respect of alternatives to the proposed route; also, no details of an undersea option are available for comparison. Clearly, the environmental and visual effects of an undersea option would be much less than the current proposal.

Rachel submitted written comments to Cabinet and Keith spoke at the Cabinet meeting on 6 June. Cabinet resolved to object to the proposals.

## **Cost of Living Crisis**

On 6 June, Cabinet approved a 5-point plan to help residents deal with the problems arising from the cost-of-living crisis. The proposals are as follows:

1. Co-ordinating Government Support to ensure it reaches those people who need it.
2. Exercising discretion when providing welfare support and advice to support those people who could potentially fall on hard times.

3. Maximise partnership working and established systems to provide targeted support in localities where there is a particular trend and need, implementing a targeted family-first approach.
4. Helping people maintain good health.
5. Ensuring everyone has access to food and nutrition – whether that be participating in healthy eating exercises/initiatives, organising a community garden to grow produce, setting up of a Community Larder or providing extra support to local food banks to meet any unmet need.

### **Stowmarket Health, Education and Leisure Facilities (SHELF)**

Mid Suffolk District Council have produced plans for developing outdoor and indoor sports facilities and a wellness hub on land off Chilton Way. Proposals include grass pitches for cricket football and rugby, artificial turf pitches, a mini athletics track, a Park Run track, a multi-use games area and sports hall. There will be limited on-site parking so we are pressing for walking and cycling routes, and public transport to be provided.

### **Local Planning Issues**

A Memorandum of Understanding has been agreed between Crest Nicholson (Diapers Farm), St. Philips (Ashes Farm) and Taylor Wimpey to complete the construction of an improvement to the A1120/B1115 junction prior to occupation of the 75th dwelling across the three sites. Crest Nicholson will take the lead in the design and construction of the improvement.

### **Locality Funding**

We would welcome applications from any local club or organisation in need of funding towards the cost of a local project.

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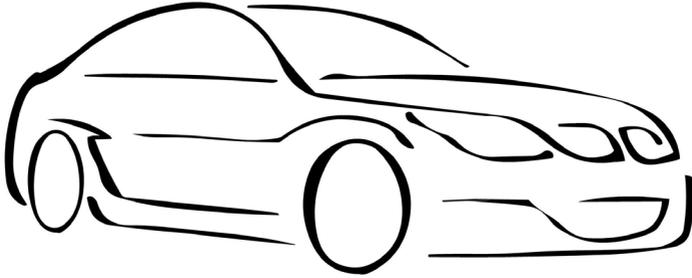
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# CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

From the feedback your Parish Council has received it would seem everyone enjoyed the Big Picnic on The Green for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It took quite a bit of planning and I must say a public thankyou to some people without whom it wouldn't have happened. Firstly, to Claire Pizzey, Janet Hyland and Linda Freeman who arranged the raffle and helped with the day in general. There is a list of those who donated raffle prizes elsewhere in the Telstar and thankyou to all of them and especially Bloor Homes who donated £500 that allowed us to buy a gazebo that we can use for future events. Stowupland Ladybirds and especially Mary Coltart for the beautifully decorated cake for the guess the weight of the cake competition. To Matt Pizzey for filling and lighting the beacon and being on watch until the flames died down. Believe me you need to be very nimble to fill the beacon basket. Our own private transport firm in the shape of Jon Johnson of Colne Roofing who ferried equipment back and forth for us and along with others provided the muscle to get the gazebo up. It was a bit like a puzzle from the Krypton Factor but we got there. Thank you to the Local History Group for the display in the URC which took a lot of residents back in time. When I visited I heard lots of "ooh look it's grandad" and exclamations of "well I never knew that" so I hope some of those visitors think about joining the group as members. Thankyou to Holy Trinity Church who kindly moved the date of their Flower Festival to coincide with the Jubilee celebrations and to all those who did a flower display. I am amazed at the skills that there are in our village not least the cake bakers who provided the tea and cake at the church.

The picnic event was funded by your Parish Council and designed to be a free event that would bring the village together to celebrate so thankyou to councillors and their partners for all the help on the day. My final thanks go to you.... our village residents who turned up on the day. There were all ages there and without you it would have been a damp squib so thank you for supporting us.

On the Sunday morning, after a service of thanksgiving, a commemorative tree was planted on The Green by District Councillors Welham and Eburne. It is a Malus (Crab Apple) Royalty that hopefully will brighten that area of The Green with Spring blossom and Autumn fruits. There will be a new bench, kindly funded from District Councillor Welham's Locality Budget, alongside it but unfortunately it didn't arrive in time for the tree dedication.

I hope you will support your Parish Council with any future events. The Community Events team is up and running again and looking to organise events for our community. If you would like to help or have any ideas for any future event, please let us know.

Just one bit of other news and that is about the A1120/B1115 junction and the proposed development of Ashes and Diaper Farm and the proposed Taylor Wimpy site. As you know your Parish Council has been very worried by the impact on that junction from the developments and have been pressurising anyone and everyone to find a solution fit for the future. There is now a Memorandum of Understanding that is to be signed by St Phillips, Crest Nicholson (developers of Ashes and Diaper Farm) and Taylor Wimpy that is designed to provide the funding for a roundabout at the junction that will mitigate the impact of traffic from all three sites. The roundabout must be completed prior to the 75th occupation across the three sites. Crest Nicholson will lead on the development of the scheme and the costs are to be shared by the three developers. It seems that pressure from District, County and Parish Councillors has paid off in this instance even if we have not been able to halt any development.

*Sally Reeves*

## ***The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Draw***

**The draw took place on Thursday 2nd June 2022  
during the festivities taking place on the green.**

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**The Parish Council would also like to thank Bloor Homes  
for their donation which paid for the gazebo.**



**A friend of mine was recently victim to a WhatsApp phone scam, and ended up sending money to someone. I always thought "I'd never fall for it" but the messages the scammer exchanged with her seemed so plausible. It's made me feel a little nervous, as I feel it could so easily have been me. How can I keep myself safe from scammers?**

Phones and computers are a brilliant resource for staying connected with family and friends. However, they are also an opportunity for scammers to hide behind a screen and try to trick people in parting with their money. There are still plenty of phone call scams, such as pretending to be from the victim's bank, as well as newer scams like on WhatsApp and Facebook.

An increasingly common scam on WhatsApp is a scammer messaging someone claiming to be a loved one, who desperately needs some money to get home or another urgent need. As the scammer will use a generic term like "it's mum, I need help" or "dad, can you help me", people can often get caught in trying to help and are tricked into transferring money. If you get a message like this, call the number you already have for that loved one to hear their voice and speak to them. You can then confirm whether the request is legitimate.

There are many other scams similar to this, so if your unusual contact does not fit this example, it does not mean it is legitimate.

### **This checklist can help you decide if something is a scam:**

- You don't recognise the individual or organisation. If you do recognise them, have they contacted you in the normal way?
- You can't confirm their identity. If they say they are calling from a trusted source such as a bank, contact your bank directly to confirm their identity. Be aware that scammers can stay on the line after you have hung up, so do this from a different telephone or go into the bank.
- You've been asked to hand over money or personal information. Don't give out pins, passwords, or seemingly random information. Never send money to someone you don't know
- It seems too good to be true. "Get rich quick" often means "lose money fast"!
- You've been asked to pay in an unusual way. Such as online vouchers

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# COMMON-TATER

KATE ELLIOTT

Harvesting potatoes is one of the most fun and exciting things to do in the garden. Your green plants on top of the soil hide incredible riches beneath. It is like digging for treasure. First early potatoes can be harvested when the plants are still flowering and the potatoes are the size of a large hen's egg (gently rummage around in the soil to check) or you can leave them a little longer - just when the flowers are beginning to fade to get larger potatoes. Gently prise the plants out of the ground with a fork - being careful to try not to spear any (don't worry too much - I always do!). New potatoes don't store well, so dig them up as and when you want to eat them.

Second earlies are harvested in July and August, again when the plants are flowering. Harvest in the same way as first earlies.

Maincrop potatoes are harvested from August to October, when the leaves on the plants have turned yellow and died down. Choose a dry day to dig up your crop so that they store better. Dig up your potatoes - discarding any that are bruised or have been attacked by pests. Store in a dark, frost-free place in paper or hessian sacks. If growing any potatoes in a container, just simply tip the contents out.

Growing your own potatoes is an absolute treat. The taste of your own home-grown potatoes, freshly dug and taken straight to the kitchen then boiled in their skins and eaten still steaming, sprinkled generously with butter, mint and sea salt is what gardening is all about.



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# COUNTRYSIDE RAMBLER

BRIAN WARD

We have left spring behind and are now into early summer. At this time of year our gardens should be looking their best, the foliage is still fresh on the trees and vibrant colours are appearing in our borders. The wildflower meadows are full of bloom with ox eye daisies, poppies and buttercups at the moment. These will be followed by the summer blooms like yellow rattle, cornflower and vetches, also the striking teasel plant. On the woodland fringes you can expect to see foxglove mullein, orchids and the bramble flowers that the woodland butterflies adore.

The lakes and rivers at this time of year are rich in wildlife, the water lilies are in full bloom and if you are lucky a kingfisher may come flashing past. The swans have cygnets with their grey fluffy down and will often follow the parents in an orderly line for the first few days. They are always a joy to see and will often be ooooww and aaared at as they gracefully swim by.

Dragonflies and damselflies are prominent near any water course, one of our largest dragonflies is the emperor, this dazzling blue and black beauty can be observed flying the same route and patrolling its territory and will attack any intruding males. They are quite vicious, when the males fight for territory they will try to bite each other's wings to disable one another. Other large dragonflies are the Norfolk, brown and migrant hawkers that we may see in this region.

Most butterflies are on the wing at this time of year, it is sad but most of our butterflies are in decline and if nothing is done to reverse this the next generation will miss out on this summer spectacle. Whilst on the subject of butterflies I have recently visited Strumpshaw Fen to see the swallowtail butterflies. I believe this is our largest butterfly and if you see one you will not be disappointed, they even fly with elegance and a definite buoyant, floating flight.

The last of the summer migrants have arrived, probably the swift and nightjar are the last and they will waste no time in finding a suitable nest site and rear their young. The cuckoo will soon be returning to its winter quarters after spending a few brief months with us. I hope they have had a successful season and look forward to hearing them next year.



Swallow Tail Butterfly

There is so much to do and see at this time of year in the wildlife calendar. Keep safe and well and enjoy every sunny day.

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# DOWN TO EARTH

KATE ELLIOTT

July is peak flowering time for most gardens. Bedding plants are at their absolute peak and containers and hanging baskets are in full swing.

I love July most for its harvests. And right now I am enjoying harvesting and eating our courgettes. For all their size, pumpkins and squashes can be sensitive plants. In a cold summer they can refuse to grow and sulk in the vegetable plot. However, their smaller cousins, courgettes are generally more robust and will reliably produce fruits throughout our unpredictable summers. Courgettes are in fact a type of squash. Their thin skins mean they do not store, but on the other hand, unlike winter squashes, can be eaten as soon as they are a few inches long. Leave them to grow and they become marrows - although confusingly a young marrow is not a courgette. A true marrow needs to ripen and when cooked the flesh becomes watery and to my mind tastes of nothing much at all.

Another difference is that the flowers of courgettes are a delicacy. It is almost impossible to buy these so they are the many advantages of growing your own. They are delicious dipped in a light batter and deep fried, either as they are or filled with cream cheese held in place by twirling the end of the flower over. I sow my courgettes in pots in the greenhouse in mid-April and harden them off well before planting out after the last risk of frost. They thrive in very rich soil with lots of heat and water so add plenty of compost before planting. I often grow courgettes in with sweetcorn. They make a good combination and a good use of available space. The young sweetcorn, planted in a block, do not shade out the courgettes and even when they are fully grown - and by now they are 6/7 feet tall - you can still get between them to cut the courgettes. The secret of harvesting courgettes is to cut the fruits as soon as they are big enough to handle - approximately as thick as a pencil - small ones taste better and also stimulate the plant to produce more.

The most dramatic of all late-season annuals - and one of my favourites - is the sunflower. They are fun to grow, especially for children and I love them. 'American Giant' is an old favourite and guaranteed to grow exceptionally tall. 'Velvet Queen' remains my favourite. Each flower is not huge but the size of a good saucer and comes in colours ranging from deep crimson through to a burnt orange to brown with golden blobs (lovely word) of pollen dotted in the centre. If grown in shade the flowers are darker and can seem to be almost brown. On the other end of the spectrum, I like the pale varieties such as 'Vanilla Ice' and 'Moonwalker' and the perennial sunflower 'Lemon Queen'.

Sunflowers respond to dead-heading by providing waves of smaller flowers. 'Velvet Queen' is naturally multi-headed, like a great set of candlesticks, but others that produce one dominant huge flower will produce extra shoots at the junction of the leaf and stem if you keep cutting off the flowerheads. I stop dead-heading from September so that the birds have something

to eat. Finches love them, clinging to their centres and greedily pulling out the seeds from their individual compartments. I have seen a crow trying to copy this to the sunflowers in our walled garden here at Columbine, balancing with all the grace of a drunk walking a tightrope.



Helianthus, "Velvet Queen"

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

- Hoe and hand-weed borders often, so weeds don't have time to set seed.
- Water thirsty vegetables regularly such as courgettes, tomatoes, pumpkins, beans and peas.
- Damp down the greenhouse floor each morning on hot days to increase humidity.
- Feed tomatoes, chillies and cucumbers with high-potash tomato fertiliser every week to encourage fruiting.
- Top up ponds, bird baths and water features during hot weather.
- Water hanging baskets and containers daily in the morning or evening.
- Trim lavender after flowering to keep plants compact but avoid cutting into old wood.
- Continue to make sowings of lettuces, radishes, salad leaves and rocket.
- Keep an eye out for pests such as snails, lily beetles, aphids, slugs and vine weevils and remove before they do too much harm.
- Feed and dead-head roses.
- Sow biennials such as foxgloves, honesty, forget-me-nots and wallflowers for blooms next spring.
- If you are growing your own veg then all this bounty unquestionably tastes best eaten outside in the garden in the warmth of a July evening as the light gently fades. So, make time to sit and eat a meal in your garden enjoying a glass of what most tickles your fancy.



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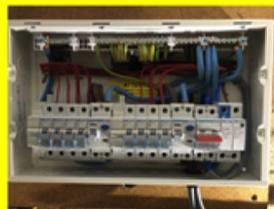
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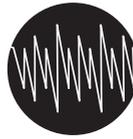
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# FREEMAN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are now onto our last half term of the 2021/2022 academic year. The year has flown by and it has been lovely having a 'normal' year. Our Year 6s have got their leavers' activity week coming up which we will hear more about in the next issue, and we are starting to meet the families and children who will be joining us in September.

In this month's article we are going to catch up with our Year 4 class, Hazel Class.

## **Hazel Class News**

Our Hazel class teachers are Mrs Briggs and Mrs Kydd who have been sharing a class for over 5 years. Mrs Kydd is also our Forest School leader.



## **Farm and Country Fair**

Each summer, our Year 3 class attends the School Farm and Country Fair at Trinity Park. However, as the event hasn't been able to take place for the last two years due to the pandemic, both Year 3 and Year 4 were invited this year.

It was lovely to see the children going on school trips again and they were very excited to go. They learnt about many different aspects of agriculture, including how rape oil seed is produced, where game meat comes from and how bees live in a hive and produce honey.



As usual the highlight of the day for many children was getting close to farm animals they normally have to be content with seeing from a distance. This year they were lucky enough to meet a very rare Suffolk Punch foal.

The children had a brilliant time. A big thank you to Suffolk Agricultural Association for putting on such a fantastic event.

## Geography

Hazel class have been learning all about Ordnance Survey maps and how to use them in their Geography lessons.

They also tasted Mediterranean food as an introduction to their Geography topic, A Mediterranean Climate Study, which they linked to their persuasive writing work where they were tasked with producing a holiday brochure on Sicily. They enjoyed tasting the food although there were definitely some mixed reactions!



## Biscuit Making

As part of their Design and Technology lessons, Hazel class worked in groups designing their own biscuits.

After deciding on a recipe, they worked together to come up with a name and designed their own packaging. They then cooked the biscuits and some lucky staff members got to judge the final results.

The winning biscuit was a 'Star Paradise' biscuit which was designed by Amelia, Georgina, Ava, Zara and Lily L. It was made with fudge and smarties and topped off with icing sugar frosting. The judges said it was delicious!

## Jubilee Celebrations

Freeman CP School finished the Spring term with a Jubilee celebration day. The children were invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue, and spent the day participating in Jubilee-related activities, including their own street party in the playground at lunchtime.

Hazel class made party crowns to wear for their Jubilee street party. They also created their own bank notes and made a collaborative display of Buckingham Palace complete with the Queen's Guards using stamp printing. The finished result looked amazing and was even featured in the East Anglian Daily Times!



We hope you have enjoyed reading about what Hazel class have been up to. We will be back in August with our final article from the 2021/2022 academic year!

*'From tiny acorns do might oaks grow'*



# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

## NEWS

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Dear Friends: -

Among the heroes of faith, those sainted inspirers of service to God, July's saints days bring us, between the Sainted of the Gospels - Thomas Apostle, Mary Magdalene, Anne and Joachim parents to Mother Mary, and the family of Mary Martha and Lazarus - priests, monastics, teachers, bishops, visionaries and reformers. I shouldn't wonder that future years would include our Queen amidst this roll of faith's greats, for she too has lit our lives with the hope of faith, as apostle to Christ in encouraging the faithful across all the nations and peoples of her realms, and in teaching the faith in enduring service and steadfast love to her peoples. Who can say what July will face us with day to day, week to week, but surely we will need to find and be given reassurance in such inspiration and hope as our Queen offers.

Among the roll of the sainted too we find Bridget of Sweden, Visionary and Pilgrim, and one Bartolome de las Casas Apostle to the Indies. Whether to Sweden or the Indies, or even within our Home Nations, I hope many will be able to get away if not attending to holy days as pilgrims, then as fellow travellers seeking refreshment and perspective on life in these troubled times. May your rest bring you recreation, vision and purpose for your return to the service of your families' households' and communities'. I hope this year of Jubilee will remind us, as our Queen's broadcasts have sought to do, that *'although the contribution any one person can make is small, it is real and important'* and as she further spoke the good news of our Gospels, *'in everything do to others as you would have them do to you'*. To close then these words, again from our Queen's broadcasts *'The teachings of Christ have served as my inner light, as has the sense of purpose we can find in coming together to worship, Let the spirit of selflessness, love and above all hope – guide us in the times ahead.'* Amen!

Your servant in Christ *Brin,*  
Rector @ Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland.

## SERVICES IN JULY 2022

3rd Jul	9.30am	Parish Communion
10th Jul	9.30am	Worship for All
17th Jul	9.30am	Morning Prayer
24th Jul	6.30pm	Parish Communion
31st Jul	11.00am	Benefice Communion at Haughley

### A PRAYER:

Give peace in our time, O Lord: peace and reconciliation among the nations; peace and unity within the churches; peace and harmony in our communities and our homes; peace and love in all our hearts; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

### JUBILEE FLOWER FESTIVAL:

Our grateful thanks must go to all those who supported the Jubilee Flower Festival which raised the sum of over £700 for the upkeep of the church. We also wish to record our thanks to all the flower arrangers and to those who worked so hard and contributed in so many ways to make this event such a success. **THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!**

### FOOD BANK BOX:

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

### CHURCH HALL HIRE:

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

## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, STOWUPLAND 100 CLUB

We will be running our 100 Club again this year and will be contacting existing members soon to invite you to renew your membership.

We did not run it last year to protect people from Covid when collecting subscriptions. A few members paid for last year including those using Standing Order. We will be giving you an additional entry in this year's draw so you do not lose out.

If you are not a member why not consider joining? It costs £12 a year. We have a monthly draw with prizes of £25, £15 and £10. Half the income covers prizes and the other half supports the cost of running the church. Please contact Kevin Stanford 01449 613027 or kevinstanford@btinternet.com

*(Please note if we have more than 100 entries, extra prize(s) will be awarded).*

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

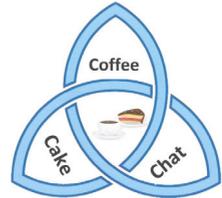
## Holy Trinity Flower Festival Platinum Jubilee - Theme 70 Glorious Years

We would like to thank everyone who created wonderful personal displays of flowers, showing events through the 70 years of Queen Elizabeth's Reign. Alongside the flower displays we felt and saw her Love of Horses, the Queen's Racing Silks, her little Corgis, photos of her visit to Stowmarket and her joy at handing the World Cup 66 to Captain of England, Bobby Moore. We also saw Her World Tours to far countries and Decimalisation, remember those coins! Thank you to the Stowupland Sports & Social Club, Cricket, Falcons, Bowls, History trophy to Joan Scarlett. PC.

There was a Grand Buckingham Palace, built by Freeman Community Primary School and The Mighty Oaks pre-school created a beautiful parcel of paper Hand Flowers, all on show in the hall. Refreshments were available also in the church hall with a wonderful selection of cakes all served with a big Welcome. Jennifer from Oxlip Way managed to get closest to the correct number of Crowns in the display "Crown Celebration" Congratulations Jennifer, we hope you enjoy your teeny Crown.

The correct number was 33!

**Come and join us in**  
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**Saturday 16th July 10am-12**



**There will be tea/coffee, cakes, raffle and good company**

**Everyone is welcome**

**16th July**

**20th August**

**17th September**

**15th October**

**Not in November – this will be the Church Christmas Fayre  
at the village hall**

**17th December**

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## **Parish Council Website**

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[www.freeman.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.freeman.suffolk.sch.uk) - 01449 612067

## **Vets**

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Stowe Vets - 01449 613130

# DIARY DATES

## JULY

FRI 1	7.30 pm Cricket club	Quiz night
SUN 3	7.30 pm Village Hall	Country & Western music – Ryan Payling
MON 4	evening Village Hall	Dance club
WED 6	9.30 am Village Hall	Mother & Toddler Group
WED 6	2 - 4 pm Village Hall car park	Mobile post office
WED 6	7.30 pm Village Hall	Local History Group – “Women’s Land Army in WWII”
THURS 7	2 - 4 pm Village Hall car park	Choose Refills mobile shop
THURS 7	1.45 pm Bowls Club	Roll-up
THURS 7	7.30 pm Village Hall	Short mat bowls
THURS 7	7.30 pm URC Hall	Parish Council meeting
SAT 9	1.45 pm Bowls Club	Roll-up
SUN 10	Various locations	Stowupland Open Gardens
MON 11	9.30 am Village Hall	Baby & Toddler Group
MON 11	evening Village Hall	Dance club
MON 11	7.30 pm Village Hall	Village Hall trustees meeting
TUES 12	9.30 Jubilee Court 9.50 Green	Mobile Library
WED 13	9.30 pm Village Hall	Mother and Toddler group
WED 13	2 - 4 pm Village Hall car park	Mobile post office
THURS 14	1.45 pm Bowls Club	Roll-up
THURS 14	7.30 pm Village Hall	Short mat bowls

SAT 16	1.45 pm Bowls Club	Roll-up
SUN 17	7.30 pm Village Hall	Country & Western Music Club – Martin Jay
MON 18	evening Village Hall	Dance Club
WED 20	9.30 am Village Hall	Mother & toddler group
WED 20	2 - 4 pm Village Hall car park	Mobile post office
THURS 21	1.45 pm Bowls Club	Roll-up
THURS 21	7.30 pm Village Hall	Short mat bowls
SAT 23	1.45 pm Bowls Club	Roll-up
SUN 24	7.30 pm Village Hall	Country and Western Music Club – Steve Layne
MON 25	evening Village Hall	Dance Club
WED 27	9.30 am Village Hall	Mother & toddler group
WED 27	2 - 4 pm Village Hall car park	Mobile post office
THURS 28	1.45 pm Bowls Club	Roll-up
THURS 28	7.30 pm Village Hall	Short mat bowls
FRI 29	10.00 - 12.00 URC chapel	Coffee morning

## AUGUST

MON 1	evening Village Hall	Dance club
WED 3	9.30 am Village Hall	Mother and toddler group
WED 3	2 - 4 pm Village Hall	Mobile post office
WED 3	7.30 pm Village Hall	Local History Group
THURS 4	7.30 pm URC Hall	Parish Council meeting
FRI 5	7.30 pm Cricket Club	Quiz Night
SUN 7	7.30 pm Village Hall	Country and Western Music Club – Chris Mezza

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## LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

It was lovely to meet so many people over the Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend, and especially to hear

memories of Stowupland over the last 70 years. With so many of us being **'Johnny come lately'** to our village (and yes that definitely includes me) I think it is the stories of ordinary folk that make the difference between a village simply being a settlement of separate housing estates or a thriving community.



By the time you are reading this the Local History Group should have uploaded the images from our display of **70 Glorious Years of Stowupland's Pastimes** on to our website ([www.atowuplandlocalhistorygroup.org](http://www.atowuplandlocalhistorygroup.org)), or at least made a start. You may have seen Neil out and about recording the event for the benefit of future historians.

On **Wednesday June 1st** we welcomed Dr Nick Amor who took us back some 700 years when he spoke to us about **Keeping the Medieval Peace**. See next month's Telstar for Jerry's report, whilst below is his report on our May meeting

Our next meeting is on Wednesday **July 6th** when Nicky Reynold's from the Suffolk Record Office will share with us some of her research into the Women's Land Army, or the **'Soil Sisters'**. This is very relevant to Stowupland as during WW2 we welcomed several young Soil Sisters into Stowupland, many staying with Mr and Mrs Potter in the houses adjacent to Columbine Hall.

### Jerry's jottings of "The Worlingworth 1810 Jubilee Feast" - a talk by Geoff Robinson.

In May we had an interesting take on the painting in the above title. The original can be viewed in Worlingworth, hanging in the nave of the church.

Geoff took us back to October 25th 1809, which was the Silver Jubilee of George III. As he started his talk, I wondered what memories we would have of our June 2nd 2022 picnic on The Green, and joining in with the nationwide lighting of beacons at 9 15pm, as Stowupland celebrated our Queen's Platinum Jubilee. I thought maybe there would be plenty of digital images of the events but probably not a painting. As there was no camera on the day in 1809, the artist must have taken a great deal of time to sketch so many people. Let's hope there will be a permanent record for the village records. Keep an eye out for the July Telstar. Images of these events provide a unique record of us all joining together to celebrate. Worlingworth have brought George III's Jubilee into the digital age by having a facsimile created which allows for a more detailed study of what was going on the feast!

The artist was John Henrick-Major (1758-1821), and he was 58 when he painted the picture which took in the scenes of celebration on the day. In the picture we see the outbuildings, scenes of the ox roasting, people enjoying food and drink on the green, bunting and flags up in celebration of the date, and the local military yeomanry arriving to take part in the activities on the green. There were various games and teams taking part in a programme of events for the day.

Similar events were happening all over the country with bells being rung and church services held throughout the land. The Royal family celebrated at Windsor Great Park and, after the festivities in the castle, they went for a walk about in Windsor, to be seen by the thousands of people who were celebrating around the castle and in Windsor. In those times it was rare that the Royals went out and about to meet the people. However, as the King was unwell on the day, he remained indoors during the celebrations, but the family went out and about to represent him.

The Jubilee was greeted by the people and the press as a great success. It was interesting to note the painting was given provenance of 1-11-1810. It has been in the church for 80 years, at first hanging in the bell tower. We had our Q and A session and refreshments provided by Annie and Liz; thanks to them both for this. This painting is most certainly a unique look at events of the day at the Jubilee and gives a good insight into life in England at this special time.

**July and August have traditionally been the time for Stowupland's Flower Festivals** so I thought we might have a look at what our archives tell us about Stowupland's Flower Show and Fetes. Whilst there are gaps in our archives, the photos, press reports, minute books and show programmes that we have give an intriguing insight into changing social habits through the last century.

The **43rd Annual Flower Show** and Fete, which was held in 1936, probably marked the midpoint between the first Cottagers show and the last years after the Flower Show and Fete moved to the Village Hall.

This 1936 show was held on Tuesday, July 21st in the grounds of Stowupland Hall. 3 years later, having amalgamated with the Stowmarket Farmers Club Show, it was subsequently held on Saturdays. It continued to be held in the grounds of Stowupland Hall until 1965, when it moved along the road to our Village Hall. Even back then there were concerns that there was insufficient car parking space at the village hall to host an event of this nature. According to contemporary press reports, the move had been mainly prompted by the need to save money as the cost of hiring a marquee was making the show unviable.

The programme for this show really suggests it had something for everyone. There were over 60 different classes for competitors to show their home-grown fruit, flowers or vegetables. 12 classes for baked goods, usually bread or cakes, handicraft classes and, in the evening, competitive sports events for all ages.

All with the added bonus of potentially winning prize money of a few shillings.

Although throughout its time at Stowupland Hall the type of classes was always similar, the organising committee did make slight variations from year to year. Does anyone still use lard for cake baking? In 1936 plain cakes were to be made using 1lb flour, ½-lb sugar, 6ozs lard, 2oz butter, 2 tsp baking powder, little salt, 3 eggs, mix with milk, any flavouring to taste. And class 62, which was only open to **cottagers** offered a 1st prize of 4 shillings for a loaf of homemade bread using unspecified ingredients but class 77 which was open to anyone stipulated that the loaf of bread was to be made using flour from Albert Mills; however, 1st prize was 5/-. By 1965 the homemade bread class had gone but McDougall's flour was specified for the cake classes.

School children had their own classes, such as showing a bouquet of wildflowers, a pastel drawing, a page of handwriting (which had to have been completed at school) or classes of needlework. Have you made a dress using Sparva or done a piece of wool embroidery on crash?

Adults had 12 needlework craft and 2 amateur photography classes.

The fancy dress parade was probably worth entering with a 1st prize of 8/- or 1/- for 5th place, with an additional prize money being offered for the best hat trimming.

In the evening from 5.00pm sports events were held. There were the usual flat races though for children entry was restricted to local school children. Women as well as men were catered for but with some restrictions. Women had an 80 yard balloon race, although only married ladies could enter!

There was also a veterans, flat Race for ladies. Lady parishioners over 30 ran a distance of 50 yards, but for every year they were over 50, they were given a 1 yard head start. The men's veterans race was over 100 yards, but it was only for men between the ages of 30 and 50. Men over 40 got one yard start for every year they were over 40.

The only mixed event seems to have been a Blindfold Derby with the lady driving and the gentleman blindfolded, presumably this was horse and carriage not car. There were musical chairs on bicycles for the over 15's, though this did not specify if it was for men and boys or mixed.

Aside from the more athletic events there was also a Blindfolded Hitting the Gammon for which the prize was bacon and an Open Quoits Tournament. 1st prize was the Challenge cup and £1, 2nd prize was also £1 but without the kudos of the cup.

Any comments or questions, please contact our Secretary **Jerry Voden**, **01449 703717**; **secretary@stowuplandlocalhistorygroup.org** or **voden@btinternet.com**

# DOWN MEMORY LANE

This photo shows Land Army Girls dressed for doing heavy farm work during WW2. I wonder what farmer's wives made of the Land Army girls?

Women were frequently recorded on census forms as 'doing unpaid domestic duties' but country lasses throughout the generations have been expected to 'get their hands dirty' both outside the house as well as inside.



Land Army Girls - Stowupland ?

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# PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

JUNE 2022



*The meeting opened with 5 members of the public, 8 Parish Councillors and Councillors Eburne and Welham present.*

**Councillors' Reports:** The full SCC and the District Council reports can be found elsewhere in Telstar. Cllr Welham advised that a meeting had been held yesterday regarding the pylons which were 50m tall and would be positioned on high ground making them even more visible over a large distance. The National Grid were being pressed to consider putting the cables underground through the Gipping Valley between Creeting and Badley and if this happened, it would require a large building at either end of the underground cable. SCC are pressing for the undersea option as is happening on another line from Sizewell. Cllr Reeves advised that the new bus service being organised by SCC did not start when they should have done because Department of Transport had failed to provide the operators with the necessary licences. In fact, Dans Coaches has run a service free of charge today as they were so embarrassed about the delay to the approval of the service.

Cllr Eburne advised that MSDC are also objecting to National Grid's proposed overhead power lines at the consultation on landscape and local heritage reasons. She also stated that the only local MP's who are objecting are Dan Poulter and Bernard Jenkin from Essex so they may like to hear local residents' views.

**Matters of Report:** The Queen's Jubilee tree was planted after the civic service on 5th June. All other items are awaiting quotes or action.

**Public Forum:** One member of the public queried paragraph 7 of the Green policy and procedures regarding the misuse of driving along the track leading from Columbyne Close. This point was discussed later in the meeting. Another resident advised on the date of the Walker Cup which is to be on 11th September and felt that some thought needed to be given as to how we were going to manage it at the Stowupland end. He also voiced concerns about the machinery being used to cut the Green as it appears that the blades are at an angle so that they cut into the ground one side while on the other side, the grass is left long. A third resident felt that the PC had not done enough to inform the residents about the height and overall size of the pylons that National Grid are proposing to position alongside Church Road and crossing Saxham Street. He felt that people were not aware that they were tall enough to equate to 10 London buses on top of each other. The PC advised that they had publicized it in Telstar, on the website and via social media so felt there was little else that they could do.

Another resident who had applied for planning permission for a wind turbine wanted to make the PC aware that he has already spoken to his neighbours about it and believed that others are also thinking about applying for one. The final resident reported that the tap at the cemetery was dripping and required some maintenance.

**Annual Governance and Accountability Return:** The Councillors noted the return which was read out in its entirety and they approved the responses.

**Parking on the Green:** The Parish Council felt that they had done as much as possible to make everyone aware that there was no parking on the Green and tracks for use by residents only by their new signs. Some felt that not everyone understood that the tracks were also part of the Green. There was talk many years ago about placing a bollard between the track and Columbyne Close but was dismissed because of the need to let the dust cart and emergency vehicles through. The Chairman is going to speak to both MSDC and the Emergency Services to establish whether this is still necessary. The Police will not undertake enforcement because it is private land so it would require the PC to take out private enforcements.

**Sub-Committee/Working Group Reports:** Bio-Diversity and Wildlife - The working group have proposed arranging a pond dipping exercise and also suggested the halting of the contractor mowing the area which is to be used as a wildflower area by the Retreat pond. The Cllrs decided that it would be more appropriate to start this next year when it could be left out of the cutting contract and explore who would cut and remove the grass at the end of the season. It was also requested that any dead trees that were being taken down around the pond should be cut up and left as a log pile.

**Finance and Policy –** It was agreed to accept the quote from SP Trees to remove the tree by the footbridge at the Retreat pond, backfill and seed the eroded green at Forge Cottage and remove and stump grind the root of the tree by the footpath leading to Corner Farm.

**Neighbourhood Planning –** The Parish Councillors were asked whether they wanted to update the Neighbourhood plan and after much discussion it was decided to see if there may be residents who would be willing to work on it. This will be done via an article in Telstar and in the meantime, Cllr Eburne will find out from Mendlesham who have just reviewed theirs, how many they had on their working group and how long it took them.

**Planning –** Among the planning applications received was one for an extension in Church Road which they supported, an extension and garage and replacement doors and windows in Mill Street and would not comment on as this was a listed building so would be closely monitored and an erection of a wind turbine in Mill Street which gave 2 options for its siting and the PC supported the one furthest from the neighbours.

There was also an application for 258 dwellings with infrastructure etc north west of Stowupland Road, Stowmarket (Ashes Farm) and although outside Stowupland, traffic from the development would affect the village. A Memorandum of Understanding has been drawn up whereby the developers of Ashes Farm and Diapers Farm along with Taylor Wimpey, who have not as yet submitted a planning application, would fund the building of a substantial roundabout at the junction of B1115 and A1120.

**Councillors' Reports:** Cllr Beeson advised that she would report back once the Green meeting has been held.

Cllr Voden has had a lot of information through on various speed indicator devices but is keen that they decide on the right one for Stowupland so is waiting for information from other villages as to how well their devices are working. He thanked everyone for the work undertaken to put on the Jubilee event on the Green and also felt that the flower festival at the Church went well. Now that we are coming out of Covid, he is keen to start up the community events group again and he will also arrange an allotments meeting as there is a lot to do there.

Cllr Melhuish advised of a footbridge which had a hole in it and that the footpath beside the school was in a poor state.

Cllr Reeves thanked everyone for the Jubilee event and felt it was now time to build on it.

**Chairman's Report:** The Chairman proposed that a donation of £40 should be made to the Ladybirds for making the cakes for the Annual Parish Meeting. She also advised that she thoroughly enjoyed the festival torch ride in the rickshaw.

**Clerk's Report:** The Clerk advised that she had arranged for the graffiti to be cleaned up in the play park. Footpath 17 has now been cut and she has still not heard anything from Bloor Homes regarding the new footpath to be put in from their site to the bus shelter in Trinity Walk. It is believed that they are waiting for details from SCC about the bridge that is required.

**Correspondence:** MSDC have advised on the annual playground inspection and a new model code of conduct. The Police have sent a copy of Constables County and 2 pieces of correspondence have been received from residents regarding the track around the Green and parking on the Green and comments on a planning application for which Cllr Studd apologised as he had completely missed the height of the extension in question.

*The meeting closed to the public at 9.06pm.*

# PLATINUM JUBILEE PHOTOS



# REVISION OF THE STOWUPLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

When the Neighbourhood Plan for Stowupland was formally adopted by Mid Suffolk District Council, advice was received that it should be reviewed and revised within 5 years of being made. The plan was formally adopted in June 2019 so it is now time to look at it again.

Further advice received from MSDC Planning Department suggests that a review and revision may take 18 months to 2 years to complete, depending on the amount of revision that is required and the type of modification.

Stowupland Parish Council, together with the local community, is responsible for preparing any revision of the Neighbourhood Plan and it is strongly advised that one or more Parish Councillors are members of the Working Group and also to recruit parishioners to the Working Group.

Grant monies, in the region currently, of £10,000, are available to help achieve the work necessary and this money could be used (partially) to employ an external consultant to help.

Some fundamental questions need to be asked of the current Neighbourhood Plan to decide the level of work to be done.

## **For example**

- What do we want to do?
- Is the Neighbourhood Plan working the way we thought it would work?
- Is there anything in the Neighbourhood Plan which is irrelevant now and can be deleted?
- Is there anything now that needs to be added?
- Should new development sites be proposed? If so, where?
- What information is required?
- What Policies need updating?

If you would like to be part of this working group and help shape future development in your village, please email the Parish Clerk with your details. It is estimated there will be approximately 4 meetings a year and we would ask that you commit to attend where possible.

We want your help and input with this project please.

Sally Reeves, Chairman  
Stowupland Parish Council  
parishclerk@stowuplandpc.co.uk

The following is taken from  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2>

## Updating a Neighbourhood Plan

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2#updating-neighbourhood-plan>

### In what ways can a neighbourhood plan be changed?

There are 3 types of modification which can be made to a neighbourhood plan. The process will depend on the degree of change which the modification involves:

- Minor (non-material) modifications to a neighbourhood plan or order are those which would not materially affect the policies in the plan or permission granted by the order. These may include correcting errors, such as a reference to a supporting document, and would not require examination or a referendum.
- Material modifications which do not change the nature of the plan or order would require examination but not a referendum. This might, for example, entail the addition of a design code that builds on a pre-existing design policy, or the addition of a site or sites which, subject to the decision of the independent examiner, are not so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the plan.
- Material modifications which do change the nature of the plan or order would require examination and a referendum. This might, for example, involve allocating significant new sites for development.

Paragraph: 106 Reference ID: 41-106-20190509 Revision date: 09 05 2019

### When will it be necessary to review and update a neighbourhood plan?

A neighbourhood plan must set out the period for which it is to have effect (section 38B(1)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004). Neighbourhood plan policies remain in force until the plan policy is replaced.

There is no requirement to review or update a neighbourhood plan. However, policies in a neighbourhood plan may become out of date, for example if they conflict with policies in a local plan covering the neighbourhood area that is adopted after the making of the neighbourhood plan. In such cases, the more recent plan policy takes precedence. In addition, where a policy has been in force for a period of time, other material considerations may be given greater weight in planning decisions as the evidence base for the plan policy becomes less robust. To reduce the likelihood of a neighbourhood plan becoming out of date once a new local plan (or spatial development strategy) is adopted, communities preparing a neighbourhood plan should take account of latest and up-to-date evidence of housing need, as set out in guidance.

Communities in areas where policies in a neighbourhood plan that is in force have become out of date may decide to update their plan, or part of it. The neighbourhood area will already be designated, but the community may wish to consider whether the designated area is still the most suitable area to plan for.

*Paragraph: 084 Reference ID: 41-084-20190509 Revision date: 09 05 2019  
See previous version*

### **How are minor neighbourhood plan or Order updates made?**

Minor (non-material) updates to a neighbourhood plan would not materially affect the policies in the plan. A local planning authority may make such updates at any time, but only with the consent of the qualifying body. Consultation, examination and referendum are not required.

*Paragraph: 084a Reference ID: 41-084a-20180222 Revision date: 22 02 2018*

### **How are more substantive neighbourhood plan updates made?**

If a qualifying body wish to make updates (modifications) that do materially affect the policies in the plan, they should follow the process set out in guidance, with the following additional requirements:

- the qualifying body must (at the pre-submission publicity and consultation stage and when the modified plan is submitted to the local planning authority) state whether they believe that the modifications are so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the plan and give reasons
- the local planning authority must (when sending the modified plan to the independent examiner) state whether they believe that the modifications are so significant or substantial as to change the nature of the plan and give reasons. The local planning authority must also submit a copy of the original plan to the independent examiner
- the qualifying body must decide whether to proceed with the examination after the examiner has decided whether the modifications proposed change the nature of the plan

*Paragraph: 085 Reference ID: 41-085-20180222 Revision date: 22 02 2018  
See previous version*

### **Do neighbourhood plan updates require a referendum?**

Where material modifications do not change the nature of the plan (and the examiner finds that the proposal meets the basic conditions, or would with further modifications) a referendum is not required. A local planning authority will be required to make the modified plan within 5 weeks following receipt of the examiner's report, or such later date as agreed in writing between the local planning authority and the qualifying body.

Where material modifications do change the nature of the plan, the local planning authority would publicise and consider the examiner's report in line with the procedure for making a new neighbourhood plan. A decision may be made whether to proceed to referendum so that, if the referendum

is successful, the neighbourhood plan becomes part of the development plan. A decision may be made whether to proceed to referendum so that, if the referendum is successful, the neighbourhood plan becomes part of the development plan.

*Paragraph: 085a Reference ID: 41-085a-20180222 Revision date: 22 02 2018*

### **How is the decision on whether modifications change the nature of the plan made?**

Whether modifications change the nature of the plan is a decision for the independent examiner. The examiner will consider the nature of the existing plan, alongside representations and the statements on the matter made by the qualifying body and the local planning authority.

Neighbourhood plans can shape and direct sustainable development in their area. If the original plan primarily shapes growth through measures such as design policies, then modifications seeking to take forward these policies through design codes would be unlikely to change the nature of the plan.

*Paragraph: 086 Reference ID: 41-086-20190509 Revision date: 09 05 2019*  
See previous version

### **Is it possible to modify a neighbourhood plan to correct an error?**

Yes. Section 61M(4) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, (as applied to neighbourhood plans by section 38C(2)(c) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004) enables a local planning authority to modify a neighbourhood plan or order they have made for the purpose of correcting errors. The relevant qualifying body (if it still exists) must consent to the modification.

*Paragraph: 087 Reference ID: 41-087-20160519 Revision date: 19 05 2016*

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# STOWMARKET ECO FUTURE GROUP



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Greetings from Stowmarket Eco Future Group.

**Email:** [stowmarketecofuture@gmail.com](mailto:stowmarketecofuture@gmail.com)

**Website:** <https://stowmarketecofuturegroup.co.uk>

**Collections:** Our market stall collecting hard to recycle items\* on the **4th Thursday** each month is on **28th July 9:30 to 11.30 am**. We now also collect on the **1st Sunday at Red Gables 3rd July 2-4 pm**. Stowmarket Town Council has now responded to our request for a tetra Pak recycling bin in town. It is next to the John Peel Centre. (\* *coffee pods, pet food pouches, medicine blister packs, pens, dental products – see website for details*).

Our fantastic exhibition **"Every Garden Matters – How to save the world one garden at a time"** continues in Abbots Hall at the Food Museum. It is being very well received by all ages. Please come and see it. Free entry to Abbots Hall.

## **Have you been to see our exhibition yet?**

Our market stall collections are going from strength to strength. As you can see above, we have increased our collection days. Since we started, supermarkets have set up recycling facilities for plastics too so there are plenty of opportunities to do your bit. Recycling is vitally important and we give a huge THANK YOU to everyone that comes with stuff. Feel good for what you do!



It's also made us think though. The quantity of items brought to the market stall is amazing but we know we must be only scratching the surface of what is being used. Ideally, the focus needs to be on avoiding and reusing items, with recycling being the last resort. Several national eco groups worked together in May to do the Big Plastic Count. The data collected will be used to persuade governments and manufacturers to reduce the amount of single use plastic being produced. Too often consumers do not have enough choice about what they buy.

Until that happens, please keep doing what you can. It is hard, especially these days when food is getting so expensive. Buying fruit and veg from markets makes it easier to buy unwrapped goods. If possible buy from a refill shop, even if you just choose one item, doing something is better than doing nothing. Upcycling, charity shop buys, sharing and swapping items are all great for the environment. Lobbying your MP is free. There are plenty of environmental organisations to learn from, join or support.

Caring for Planet Earth is on a very tight timescale now. For thousands of people life has already been changed. It's scary knowing that globally, we only have about ten years to change our practices and turn things around. It's a hard message, but with effort and action it can be done. What each one of us does and the choices we each make will really make a difference to our future together.

# STOWUPLAND WILDFLOWER AND BIODIVERSITY GROUP

Members met on 30th May to review the work of the group since its formation a year ago and look at future projects. It was suggested that a written and photographic record be kept of the group's work so that this could be displayed at future events in the village hall.

It is hoped to produce some small signs to notify residents that the the areas of The Green allocated for "wilding" are being managed and are not neglected. These areas will be mown this year, but it is hoped that they can be left to become established in future.

The owl boxes are to be sited in the cemetery where several species of owls have been spotted and also at suitable sites in the trees around The Green.

The next event hosted by the group is being planned for 2023 and will possibly be held during the Feb/March half term.

Several members of the group attended a guided walk at Gallowsfield Community Woodland in Haughley recently.

If you are interested in caring for the environment you may like to visit the exhibition "Every Garden Matters" at Abbots Hall in Stowmarket. The exhibition has been put together by Stowmarket Eco-Future Group and runs until 8th October. Entry to the Abbots Hall is free. The Eco-Future website is at <https://stowmarketecofuturegroup.co.uk/>

Anyone who would like to be involved in the group or to share information should get in touch with Kay Easter email - [kay.telstar@gmail.com](mailto:kay.telstar@gmail.com) or Keith Welham, email - [keithwelham48@aol.com](mailto:keithwelham48@aol.com)

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## **Stowupland Wildflower and Biodiversity Group by Sandra Walker.**

This month's meeting started with a review of what had been achieved in the group's first year and what we could do better. One key matter was sharing to the wider community not just what we had done but also what we were planning to do, so people would be aware that our green spaces were being managed and not simply neglected.

The group's walk around Haughley's Gallowsfield Wood seemed to have sparked plenty of ideas of what it is possible for a small group of enthusiastic volunteers to achieve. We may not have a wood, but we do have plenty of diverse areas around the village which are valuable habitats and of course we have our Green.

The Retreat Pond is an important resource for biodiversity and whilst it is the responsibility of the Parish Council it has a wider bio-significance for the Green.

Whilst local people value our Green as an open, green space, it is also home for much wildlife. It may be at the heart of our community, but the smaller green spaces of gardens and verges are also vital corridors linking the fields within which our village sits. Whilst over the past century we may have lost many fields we can each do our part to ensure valuable wildlife habitats are maintained.

The Group is looking forward to our second fun day early in 2023. Our first fun day saw families sowing wildflower seeds, building bird boxes and bug hotels but we want to build on that, providing an event that will encourage young and old, green and non-green fingered to share or learn more about biodiversity within our village community. Watch this space!

My bug hotel is currently awaiting visitors but if yours had been visited or if you have photos of your bird box being used or maybe your seed has flowered, please let us see your photos.

The Group's next meeting is planned for Monday Aug 8th. If you are interested, why not join us; you do not need to have any specialised knowledge, just enthusiasm.



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# U.R.C CHAPEL

## NEWS

Picnic on the Green and the lighting of the Beacon on Thursday 2 June was enjoyed by lots of people including many children and it was a joy to watch everyone enjoying themselves. Also, a very interesting display of Local History was held in the Chapel Hall and not forgetting the flower festival at the Church where many beautiful and innovative arrangements were on display. Well done to everyone who worked so hard to make this day such a great success.

We united with Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 5 June for a service of thanksgiving for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. What an amazing achievement for the Queen, seventy years on the throne. Her dedication has been second to none. We have been so fortunate to have a person with such loyalty to the Country and Commonwealth.

After the service a commemorative tree was planted on The Green.

**Our next Coffee Morning is on Friday 29 July 10 to 12noon give us a visit for a cuppa and cake.**

Services will be held at the URC Chapel each Sunday at 10.30am and you are cordially invited to join us in worship. A warm welcome awaits you.

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

03 July	Revd Robert Sheard
10 July	Andrew High
17 July	Revd Lythan Nevard (Eastern Synod Moderator)We unite
24 July	Norman Tharby
31 July	Veda Berriman

*Joyce Gardiner*

## MINISTERS MESSAGE

### **Psalm 121: 1-2**

**1 I look to the mountains; where will my help come from?**

**2 My help will come from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

As we start the summer, we find our thoughts turn to holidays, a time to refresh ourselves, (if we are not stuck at the airport with our flight cancelled), to unwind and forget our worries and to do something different.

With perhaps less things going on in the churches it is also a good time for the churches to reflect on their work, but also to remind ourselves that God never takes a holiday and in churches there is still some work to be done even though at times things seem to stop for a while. Churches still need to be cleaned, sermons written, summer fairs happen, church garden parties happen whether it rains or the sun shines! But most of all the mission of the church still happens, whether we are on holiday or not people still want to hear the good news that Christ came to show, and we still meet with others and have the opportunity to speak to them, not in a pushy way but in a caring way. We may not attend our own church, but when on holiday many of us attend other churches, (some will now join via Zoom whilst on holiday), it is still a chance to share with other Christians the love of God.

If you are on holiday or not, even if things in church go quiet for a bit, remember the work of God still goes on.

But if you are away on holiday have a good one.

Yours in Christ, Robert

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

## **COFFEE MORNING**

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# VILLAGE WALK

A very big thank you to all those who supported our May Day walk from "Crowstone". The weather was kind allowing 44 people, between the ages of nine and eighty-six, to walk around the fields and return to join others at "Crowstone" for refreshments. A total of £294.70 was raised for Christian Aid. A magnificent sum --- thank you.



If you would like to join us on another walk, we will be hosting an afternoon walk on Wednesday, July 13th followed by afternoon tea, for a good cause. Meet on the drive at "Crowstone" at 2.00 for the walk or sit in the garden until tea is ready!

*Jane and Dan Gurney*

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**It's not just about local pride, it also helps raise money for the St Elizabeth Hospice – there's a minimum £2 donation when you register but you're welcome to give more if you can.**

**And you get a lovely footpath walk between the two villages. At a gentle pace it should take a couple of hours from The Retreat in Stowupland to the Sports and Social Club in Old Newton, and back again.**

**Register at the Retreat from 10.00 a.m. onwards and complete the walk by 4.00 pm at the latest.**

**The village with the most walkers completing wins the cup. Couldn't be easier!**