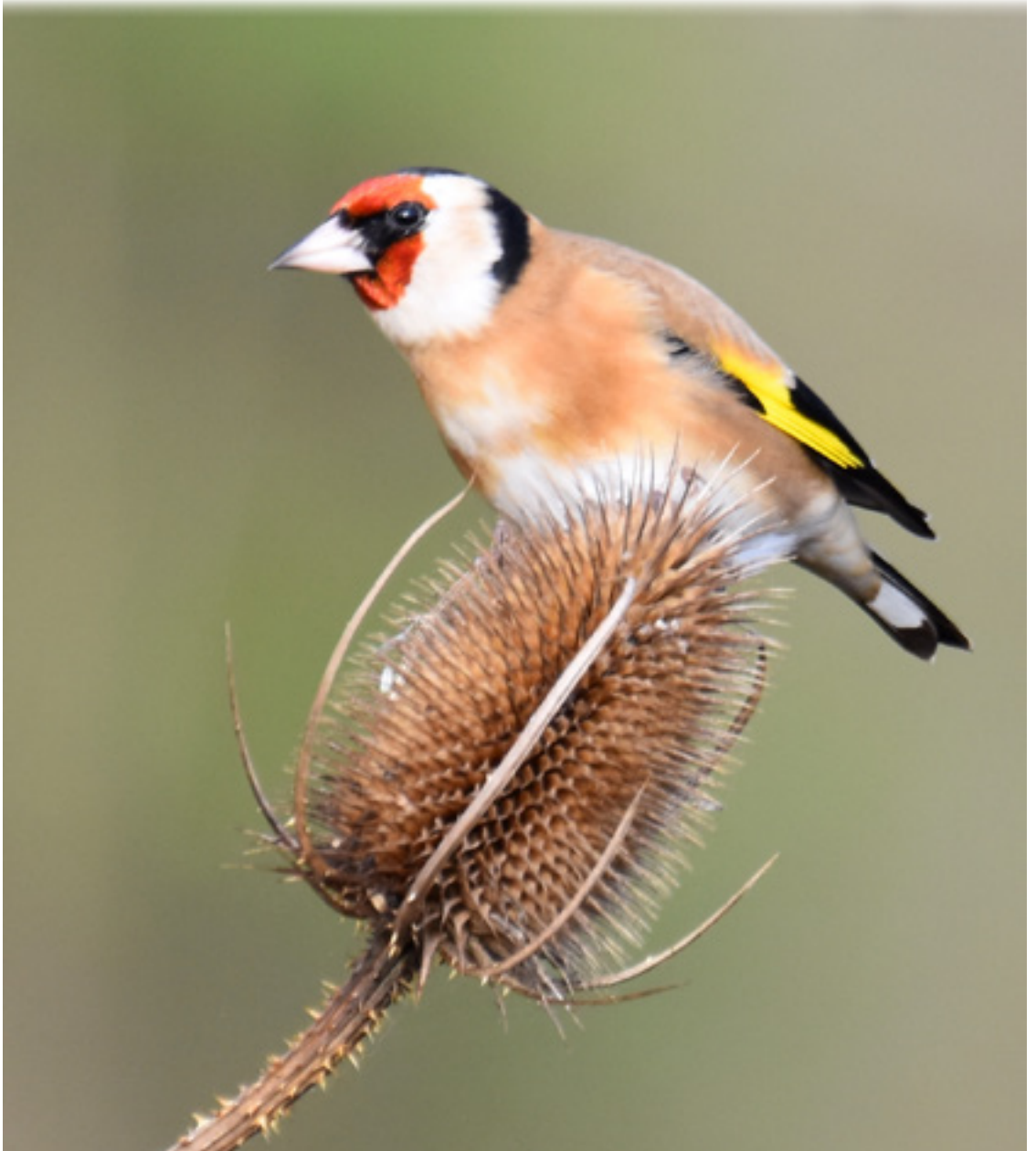


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Chairman's Column

Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council

April 2016

Two weeks in April and May may prove to be a most crucial fortnight for Stowupland. If the Planning Inspector finds in favour of the application for 175/190 houses on fields stretching from Gipping Road to Church Road, Stowupland will change forever. Not change in a good way, most residents would say. It is true that a few will gain in a big way but most of us will feel let down, badly let down. And Gladman, perpetrators of the destruction of the countryside, will be long gone back up to Cheshire before the Inquiry decision is known.

Now is not the time to wait for others to act. If you feel that this development would be bad for Stowupland, let everyone know. Come along to the Public Inquiry and let the landowners, Gladman and the Inspector see what depth of feeling there is. Do you want to see a large swathe of countryside disappear under a mass of brick, concrete and tarmac? If not, I'll see you at the village hall at 10.00 on Tuesday 26 April for the start of the Inquiry.

Some readers may say that I am just giving my own personal views about this application. To those people I say, 'Yes, these are my views but they accord with the views expressed by well over 200 people to each of the Gladman applications.' My views have been challenged by two people. Yes, just two people have argued with me in favour of the development.

Councillors had another housing proposal to consider at their March meeting. An application has been submitted for 75 homes on land to the west of Thorney Green Road, with a single access direct from B1115. This proposal has the merit of being on the 'right' side of the village for access to Stowmarket railway station and town centre without the need to drive through the centre of the village. However, the development, as proposed, raised a number of concerns and the Parish Council voted to object on the grounds of size, closure of the gap between Stowupland and Stowmarket, damage to the countryside and highway safety. The full objection letter can be viewed on the Mid Suffolk Planning website, along with other comments. If you have not already commented, it is not too late to do so if you act quickly. You will need to write or send an email to Planning Admin at MSDC,

Needham Market. Make it clear whether you are supporting, objecting to or just commenting on the application. MSDC have not yet set a date for the planning committee to decide this application but it may well be during April. The meeting will be open to the public to attend. Please contact Claire or me if you wish to do so, especially if you wish to speak at the meeting.

The proposal for 18 homes on land fronting A1120 opposite the church is much more modest in size and offers a car park for the school and extra land for the cemetery. Porch Builders, who own the land, displayed drawings of their proposals in the village hall on 8 March, but there has not yet been a formal planning application submitted and the Parish Council did not discuss the proposal at their March meeting. I believe that an application is being prepared and may well have been submitted by the time the Council meets on 14 April. Please take a look at the application documents when they are available and let Claire or me have your views on the proposal so that the Parish Council can take them into account when deciding how to respond to MSDC.

Don't forget all Parish Council meetings are open for any resident to attend and a part of each meeting is set aside for anyone to speak. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month from 7.30 in the URC meeting room. Agendas are posted on the notice board at the village hall at least 3 days before each meeting.

Keith Welham



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District Councillor's Report

Keith Welham

March 2016

Applications for housing developments are still major concerns for most residents of Stowupland. Mid Suffolk planners are preparing for the Public Inquiry into the refusal of permission for the development between Gipping Road and Church Road. We have a very experienced barrister putting forward the case for refusal. The inquiry starts at 10.00 am on Tuesday 26 April and is likely to sit Tuesday to Friday for 2 weeks. It is open for the public to come along to listen to the arguments put forward by both sides. You can come along for part of a morning or part of an afternoon; there are frequent breaks in the proceedings so that you can come and go. You might like to come along for the first session on 26 April to hear what the programme for the inquiry will be. If this development were to go ahead, it will affect a wider area than just Stowupland. You don't have to be a Stowupland resident to attend.

As a result of the village hall being used for the Inquiry, the polling station for the Police and Crime Commissioner election will be the Sports and Social Club, behind the village hall. You will be notified of this on your polling card and your way to the polling station will be signed from Church Road.

An application (0195/16) for 75 houses on land west of Thorney Green Road, with an access on to B1115 between Dents Corner and the A14 bridge, is being considered by District Council planners and is likely to be decided at a planning committee meeting in April or May. It's not too late to make your views known if you act quickly and write to the planning department in Needham Market. Details of the application are on line or may be viewed at MSDC head office.

There has been concern expressed to me by a number of tenants whose homes have not received solar (pv) panels. The initial contract for installations was due to be complete by 31 December but overran slightly. The reduction in the feed-in tariff – the payment for electricity fed into the National Grid – was less than anticipated and further installations may be considered in the future. One of the reasons for failure to complete all the planned installations was the lack of UK Power Network infrastructure; in some areas, unless cabling and transformers are upgraded, the infrastructure cannot take any more electricity fed in from separate properties. Also, some properties earmarked for solar panel installations require maintenance work to the roof (in some cases complete re-roofing) before they can be re-considered.

The District Council has agreed its budget for 2016/17 and has set a precept 1.9% higher than the current year. This will mean a total council tax bill of £1531.77 for a band D property in Stowupland, compared with £1503.45 for the 2015/16.

I am happy for residents to contact me by phone or by emails with any issues or concerns, or just requests for information.

Keith Welham

District Councillor for Stowupland Ward

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Parish Council Report

Claire and Keith

March 2016

Unfortunately Sandy Smith was unable to attend due to illness so these notes have been put together by Claire and Keith.

Reports to update members on action taken since the February meeting were as follows:

Thorney Green Road ditch - The chairman reported that the vegetation in and beside the ditch has been cut by brush cutter. It looks much tidier but will need to be monitored to see if silt will need removing from the ditch to ensure a gradual gradient along the bottom of the ditch. There has been a report of a dog picking up a bramble in its paw after the work had been carried out.

Churchyard Car Turn Around Area – The clerk reported that tenders to carry out the work have been sent out to 3 contractors.

Churchyard Maintenance agreement – The clerk reported that she had been sent a further revised agreement. She advised that she will contact the PCC in due course to resolve the remaining issues.

Cemetery Tree work - The clerk reported that the work to the trees in the cemetery went well. The contractor noticed some dead wood on the large oak tree which was located above the bench and stone cross. They removed this as they felt it was a danger to anyone visiting the cemetery. They did not charge for this work. The clerk also reported that she and the chairman would be contacting the Arboricultural Consultants as they felt the survey hadn't been satisfactory.

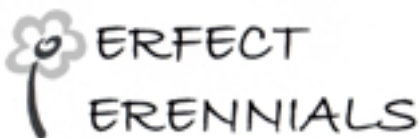
Pedestrian Markings on footway in front of The Crown – The Clerk reported that Councillor Brand and Councillor Bruce had met with the owner of The Crown to discuss the parking problem. They felt there was not too much of a problem with parking at The Crown, although on a Friday or Saturday evening when they are very busy cars have parked outside the fence but not on the pavement. Cllr Brand felt that a possible solution to the problem would be to approach The Village Hall for permission to be given for staff to park in the car park there. Cllr Brand agreed to send a letter to The Village Hall Committee for their next meeting on Monday 14 March.

Thorney Green edge protection trial – The clerk reported that she has not heard anything more from Phil Wright, SCC Highway Engineer, about this, having chased him again this month.

Horse Rider signs – The clerk reported that she has not heard anything more from Phil Wright about this, having chased him again this month.

Site meeting at Thorney Green – The Clerk reported that an email has been sent to David Daw, the road safety officer, who attended the site meeting. No response has been received to date.

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Extra Signage at Junction on Saxham Street near Town Farm – The Clerk reported that she had sent an email to Phil Wright regarding additional signs. No response has been received to date.

Overgrown hedge B1115 – The Clerk reported that the work had been completed.

Cemetery Shed – The Clerk reported that the work on the cemetery shed was being started this week.

Footpath along Thorney Green Road – The Clerk reported that she had received a response from SCC and they advised that no action is necessary at this time and they will continue to monitor this location as part of their routine inspections and works will be carried out in the future.

Grass verges Mill Street - The Clerk reported that she had received a response from SCC and they advised that a highway technician has inspected the site and concluded that, while this area looks untidy, there is no danger to the public at present. Therefore, they will carry out work when the grass cutting programme begins in June.

Vehicle Activated Sign – The clerk reported that SCC removed the vehicle activated sign to display it in another village. Stowupland will have the sign in place on The Green about 4 times a year for up to 3 weeks.

Pot Hole on Rendall Lane – The Clerk reported that this had been logged on the SCC portal, to date no decision on any action to taken has been made.

Building works in Columbyne Close – The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to the owners of the property. No response or action to erect a safety fence has been taken.

Letter to the cabinet member – Cllr Brand reported that he and Cllr Welham had spent some time taking pictures of all the areas of concern around the village. They will be drafting a letter to the cabinet meeting in the next few weeks.

Public Forum

A resident raised his concerns over the Vehicle Activated Sign. He was worried that a village of our size did not have sufficient traffic calming signage around the village. The Chairman advised that this was one of the concerns that will be included in the letter to the cabinet member. Mr Bloom – raised his concerns over the condition and parking problems on the green.

Neighbourhood Plan Preparation

Jackie Ward, Chair of the Neighbourhood Planning Sub-committee addressed the council. Jackie referred to the report that had been sent to the members. The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has decided to suspend the timetable for preparation of the plan and is no longer intending to publish a consultation draft of the plan in April. Work will continue with evidence gathering and preparation, but recent government indicates a need to revise the timetable to fit in with the preparation of a new joint Babergh and Mid Suffolk local plan.

Chairman's report

The Chairman reported that he had been contacted by a resident concerned that a property on The Green had not collected all the hedge clippings that had fallen on to The Green after cutting back a hedge. It was agreed to write a reminder for the next edition of Telstar.

Clerk's report

Ditch Clearance – The clerk reported that she had received some correspondence from the business manager of the high school who had advised that a contracted company has pressure jetted the offending ditch and have removed 2 skip-loads of silt from both the top end (by flooded ditch area) and also at bottom end (into pond behind The Crown). The report back was that there are still tree roots affecting the covered drain, but that water should run away much better. Kes Cullimore has asked the Council to let her know if this has not resolved the problem. The Clerk is to write to the High School to advise that the Council were still concerned about the area. They felt that the water was able to flow more quickly along the ditch to the start of the pipe near the transformer at the back of Steeple View. Since the ditch had been cleared and following recent rainfall the flooding was still ongoing.

To consider a response to Planning Applications received:

Land west of Thorney Green Road, Stowupland - Outline application for residential development of up to 75 dwellings and a new vehicular access off the B1115. All matters to be reserved with the exception of the main site access. Following a discussion, members agreed to object to the application. A draft letter of objection had been prepared, based on responses to previous applications and taking into account the views of residents from comments sheets completed at the recent display of drawings, comments made at the public meeting and comments sent by residents to MSDC. Councillors considered the draft and those eligible to vote agreed that the letter be sent as the Council's formal objection to the proposal. **64 Reeds Way, Stowupland - Erection of a single storey rear extension.** Councillors voted to object to the proposal due to its size and potential effect upon neighbours.

To consider the following items of Correspondence and decide on action required.

A letter from a resident requested that conifers in the cemetery be lopped.

The clerk was asked to write to the resident to advise that the Parish Council will maintain the conifers in a safe condition and to ask the resident to consider putting forward a proposal for reducing the height of the conifers or removal, should he be willing to carry out the work at his own expense.

Stowupland Falcons requested permission to use The Green for parking for their 5 a-side football tournament on 4 and 5 June 2016. Permission was agreed. The Clerk to contact Stowupland Falcons and advise conditions to apply as in 2015.



March Meeting

‘Who lived in your house?’ was the intriguing title of Pam Walker’s talk. To pursue this theme, she, with help from her husband, delved into the history of Fyfield, a village in Essex. Using census returns and tithe maps, the latter being very, very large documents (25” to the mile) she discovered much about the village, its buildings, the inhabitants and their occupations. Fyfield Hall, dating from 1538, showed many changes of tenant over the years. This included, at one time, a wealthy farmer who employed two live-in servants. In 1851, a miller occupied the nearby Fyfield Mill and, as the years progressed, the census showed how the power for the milling was updated, going from wind to water and then steam. A 1687 building, endowed by the church, incorporated the church house and a school. The 1881 census showed the church house empty – apparently, the church clerk had done a runner! The poor house, owned by the church wardens, had two rooms of agricultural workers and their families, while the other two were occupied by a shoemaker who earned his keep through his profession. At times, paupers were accommodated there too. Space must have been at a premium sometimes, as a two-up-two-down dwelling housed the blacksmith and 12 other people. Typical rural activities were wheelwright, carpenter and harness maker. Other businesses included the baker, tailor, post master and a grocer whose premises were sold and are now a private house.

Innkeepers, such as those at the Black Bull, all seemed to have a second occupation and also kept lodgers. Opposite the late 15th century parsonage, the rector’s mother lived in a cottage. The cottage is still there, but encased in a Victorian building which was a ladies’ school and, in 1881, became the residence of the G.P. Pam finished her search through the village with a walk, matching buildings and paths as shown on the tithe map. Altogether this was a very interesting talk.

Anybody who wishes to find the history of their house and its inhabitants, not only needs census returns and tithe maps, but patience, too.

Judy Clarke

Membership

Our membership year begins on April 1st and we hope that last year's members will feel able to continue their valued support. We look forward to welcoming new members. The membership fee will again be £12 for 2016/17 and entry to our monthly meetings will be £1 for members. Some of our visits are for members only; members are able to use our archives for research, get involved in the running and future direction of the Group and also attend Suffolk Local History Council events. Forms will be available at our meetings and from Christine Williams, tel. 01449 771430.

Visit to Otley Hall

We shall be visiting Otley Hall at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 6th July. It is an impressive Grade 1 listed 16th century hall with a moat and extensive gardens and was the home of Bartholomew Gosnold, who was a prime mover in early voyages to the New World. Martha's Vineyard was named after his baby daughter. This visit is open to non-members and costs £15, including refreshments. We plan to arrange lifts for those without transport. If you would like to join us please contact Judy Clarke on 01449 615386.

Neil's Notes

One of the first tasks that children were employed on in the countryside was known as bird-keeping or bird-tending i.e. keeping the birds off the crop by spending hours in the fields. Armed with rattles or clappers they could earn a few pennies to supplement the family income.

Under a Tudor act of Parliament churchwardens were empowered to pay a bounty per head on birds (mainly sparrows) destroyed or for their eggs taken from the nest. This was being paid by Stowupland's churchwardens when the account book begins in 1803 up into the 1850s or 60s. It seems it was mostly young boys who claimed this reward, a few entries are show below -

- 1808 27 July paid Thomas Webb for killing 13 dozen of sparrows
- 1811 10 June paid Jon Syrett for killing 13 dozen of sparrows
- 1812 10 July paid Syrett for killing 12 dozen of sparrows
- 1813 14 June Boy Welham 6 ½ dozen sparrows eggs

1814 11 Oct Gould and Tricker for 7 dozen sparrows
1815 10 June boy Stebbing for killing sparrows
1815 10 Oct boy Colthorp for killing 6 dozen sparrows
1817 29 Jun boy Leathers 4 dozen sparrows
1818 27 Mar T. Southgate 12 dozen sparrows
1818 27 Mar T. Sadler 11 dozen eggs

1820 was a bumper year with John Southgate, John Wilden and the boy Sutton claiming payment for 49 dozen sparrows and 16 dozen eggs between them.

In 1843 Stowupland gained its own parish church and expenses detailed in the churchwarden's book, were no longer shared with Stowmarket. In 1952 with only a few remaining empty pages in the book left, the entries come to an end, the book having been used continuously for 149 years.

Talking Point

We asked when chimneys originated. The Romans had tubes inside walls to draw smoke out of bakeries but chimneys did not appear in Northern Europe until the 12th century, with the earliest English example being in the Conisbrough Castle keep (1185 AD). Chimneys were not widely used in houses until the 16th and 17th centuries. Smoke hoods helped to direct smoke into a chimney and built-in ovens made baking possible. Early wattle and daub chimneys often caught fire; bricks and later, tile liners, were improvements.

Before chimneys, a fire would be lit for warmth and cooking on a central hearth, with openings high in a building for the smoke to escape. Open hall homes accommodated a lord of the manor and his retainers in the Middle Ages. Windows were unglazed and doors often left open for essential ventilation. Our village has some examples of open hall farmhouses, with timbers darkened by medieval soot. Chimneys were added at a later date.

For our next 'Talking Point', how many listed buildings are there in the village?

Programme

Apr 6th

'Ransome Sims and Jefferies' by Brian Bell

Ransomes & Co. was founded in 1789, in Ipswich, by Robert Ransome, an iron founder from Norwich. The company was well known for its ploughs, agricultural implements and machines and was later one of the first to produce lawnmowers.

May 4th

'The Cupola House and the Macro Family' Pat Murrell

Built in Bury St. Edmunds In 1693 by Thomas Macro, and for many years used as an apothecary shop, this Grade 1 listed building was a wine merchants in the 19th century and then a pub. From the mid-1990s onwards it was a restaurant. It was severely damaged by fire in June 2012. Work began in January 2014 on a rebuilding project. Pat Murrell looks at the house and the Macro family.

Meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome and refreshments are available. Admission is £1 for members, £3 for non-members.

We look forward to seeing you.

Save Our Stowupland: POSTERS for protest!

Thank you to everyone who has helped to show our objection to the various planning applications by displaying posters. Together we have made it very clear to any visitors or officials that we are against the applications for MASS housing, which have already been lodged.

We need plenty of posters up again from the beginning of April, when we expect both the application for 75 houses off the B1115, to be discussed by MSDC and the Public Enquiry resulting from the appeal made by Gladman, to take place starting April 26th.

If you still have a poster, which has not been destroyed by wind or rain, do put it up again after Easter, so that they are on show. If you need another poster to put up, please ask the Parish Clerk, Claire Pizzey: clairepizzey@outlook.com or the SoS person who gave you a poster last time.

It was pleasing that President Colleen, was able to welcome another new member, Pat, to the February meeting. "Jerusalem" was sung, business dealt with and notices given out. A photo of the "fish & chip" baby garments brought to the previous meeting was shown to members.

With the garden club teas sorted, our speaker, Pip Wright took the floor. His subject was John Hyam Steggall, a late 18th.century man, who had many careers. At about 8 years of age, he took up briefly with gypsies after he ran away from boarding school because he was being beaten by the teachers. The gipsy leader changed his clothes, darkened his skin and told him to act deaf and dumb as his voice and grammar would have made him obviously not of gipsy origin. Through his life he became a soldier, a sailor and a surgeon, not remaining very long at any of them. His final career of over 50 years was as a priest in the village of Great Ashfield. Pip thought that the original 19th.century book on John's life, edited by a member of the wealthy brewing Cobbold family, may have been tweaked a bit to make it more marketable. Even with some anomalies removed, Pip gave us a fascinating talk. Refreshments followed, with Christine running the sales table.

Competition results –Suffolk scene – 1st. Linda, 2nd. Mandy, 3rd. Christine. Garden flower – 1st. Christine, 2nd. Mary C., 3rd. Pam. Irene then spoke briefly about a fashion show on Thursday, April 21st. at Great Finborough. With the raffle and the presentation of birthday posies, the meeting closed.

Outings 2016

Saturday, May 7th. Beth Chatto gardens – depart village 1.00 p.m. Fare max. £7.50

Block booking admission £6.45 DEADLINE for numbers, April 9th.

Saturday, June 4th. Hampton Court Palace - depart village 8.00 a.m. Fare £15

Block booking admission – adult £17.10, child £8.55, concession £13.95

Wednesday, July 27th. Sandringham flower show - depart village 9.a.m.

Fare –£12. Admission adults £10 (no concessions), children free

Saturday, July 30th. Southwold summer theatre – "Murder by the book" a comedy /thriller

Saturday, September 3rd. Southwold summer theatre – "The old country" a story of betrayal & retribution by Alan Bennett

For both Southwold trips; 5.00 p.m. performances - tickets £13, fare £8.50.

Departing village 11.00 a.m.

To book & for further information, please contact Judy Clarke 01449 615386

Holy Trinity Church.

Greetings from your curate.

Spring is my favourite season of the year. The signs of new growth are all around. Daffodils brighten up the days and the hedgerows and trees give off a subtle green glow which speaks of what is to come. Gradually the evenings draw out and bit by bit the temperature rises. The potential of what will be is all around. It is hard not to think of what we always hope will be a glorious summer, with long balmy evenings, being outside enjoying the late evening sun and marvelling at the swallows, swifts and house martins as they swoop for food.

It is a time where in our family we often plant seeds, which will become plants, which will bring joy later in the year. We often plant seeds that will hopefully develop into vegetables which will fill our plates in the summer and autumn. The job of preparing the soil, planting the seed, labelling, watering and tending gives me great joy. The thought that when I plant that seed it contains all the potential for the plant to develop, given the right conditions, fills me with a sense of awe and wonder.

Planting seeds and waiting for them to grow teaches me something about patience. I create the right conditions for the plants to grow but I then have to wait. Patience though is not something that comes easily to me. I have been known to check the seeds daily and express disappointment they have not grown quickly enough. I need to learn to be more patient - and I need to learn it quickly!

In the church season after Easter I am led to think of the patience that was required of Jesus followers. They had seen the risen Jesus yet were instructed to wait in Jerusalem. It must have been tempting for this small group to either head back to their previous jobs or attempt to start things off on their own. Yet they were told to wait in Jerusalem for the gift of the Holy Spirit. This would enable them to go out from Jerusalem to the ends of the world and transform the world with the message of love that Jesus proclaimed. It is this same message of love that the church continues to share with those in our communities. If you would like to find out more about how we seek to do this then come and join us in church, or give David or myself a call.

Revd. Chris

CHURCH 100 CLUB:

Congratulations to the following winners of the March draw:

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3rd No. 88 Mrs S Mollett

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Church Services in April 2016

3rd Apr	9.30am	All-Age Mothering Sunday Service
	4.00pm	1st@4 Service – <i>church with a difference!</i>
10th Apr	9.30am	Morning Worship & ✧ <i>Trinity Starz</i> ✧
	6.30pm	Evensong (<i>BCP</i>)
17th Apr	8.00am	Holy Communion (<i>BCP</i>)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (<i>BCP</i>)
18th Apr	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View <i>All Welcome</i>
24th Apr	9.30am	All-Age Family Service
	6.30pm	DEANERY COMMUNION SERVICE with Bishop Martin

A PRAYER:

O God, in whose providence we are closely bound together in the bundle of life, help us to remember how much our lives depend upon the courage and industry, the honesty and integrity, of our fellow men and women. May we be mindful of their needs, grateful for their services, and faithful ourselves in our responsibilities towards them; for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen**

FAMILIES!

Please come along to the **'1st @ 4' SERVICE** on Sunday, 3rd April at 4.00pm and enjoy this popular **'Church With A Difference'** (*with some snacks afterwards*)! Then please come to our bright and friendly **ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE** in church on Sunday, April 24th at 9.30am. Do stay and have FairTrade refreshments with us in the hall afterwards!

STEEPLE VIEW:

The residents warmly invite you to join them for their Songs of Praise Service

Holy Trinity Church (continued)

on Monday, 18th April at 10.30am which is followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay.

FLOWER FESTIVAL CONCERT.

The competition-standard **Castleton Brass Band** will be giving a concert in the Village Hall on Friday, April 29th at **7.45pm**. Tickets are £8.00, (which include a buffet and free glass of wine), are now available from David Hall 01449 675828, Christine Williams, John Parsell - 672592, Ann Doubtfire - 770363. Please see the back page for details.

2016 FLOWER FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAYRE:

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BEETLE DRIVES:

We welcome everyone to come along, have a laugh, and enjoy some fun in a friendly atmosphere at the Beetle Drives which will be held on Tuesdays, 5th and 26th April at 2.30pm in the Church Hall.

WEEKLY OPEN CHURCH:

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

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

FOOD BANK BOX:

If you would like to donate items for the Food Bank to help those in need of a helping hand, 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 John & Ann Parsell on 01449 672592. Thank you.

SPRING TO IT

STOWUPLAND OPEN GARDENS, SUNDAY, JUNE 19TH 2016

Spring has sprung and gardens and gardeners are springing to work. So why not show other people just what is happening in your garden this year? Join the village garden open day in aid of Holy Trinity Church and make Stowupland famous.

If you would like to open your garden for the first time or return to the scheme after a gap, please contact John Parsell on 01449 672592 or Kate Elliott on 07730 922530. Please do let us know early so we can be sure that a picture and description of your garden will feature in the 2016 brochure.

If that is a leap too far, make a Crazy Container to put where it can be seen from your road and add to the fun. All you have to do is choose your container (obviously the crazier the better) and fill it with plants. Or, of course, you can do both.



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

www.stowupland.com

CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

Book Group:	Patricia Hodgkins	01449 672127
Baby and Toddler Group:	Dawn Lovitt	07766 661396
Bowls Club:	Susan Boorman	01449 614673
Country & Western Dance:	Winston & Janet Adams	01206 501866
Dance Club:	May & Paul Durham	01449 672601
Local History Group:	Marion Harris	01449 770895
Short Mat Bowls:	Pam Fayers	01449 770080
Sprts & Social Club:	Mark Campbell	01449 614390
W. I.	Judy Clarke	01449 615386
Community Events	Keith Welham	01449 673185
Mobile Library:		07721 879855

April Dates

Sun	3	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	4	Afternoon Fellowship	2.00pm	URC Chapel
Mon	4	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	5	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	5	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	6	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	6	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	6	Local History Group - 'Ransome Sims and Jefferies '	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	7	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	9	Jumble Sale	2.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	10	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	11	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	11	Music on the Green, Public Meeting		URC Hall
Tues	12	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – May issue		
Wed	13	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	13	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	14	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	14	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	16	Litter Pick	10.00am	V.H. car park
Sun	17	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	18	Afternoon Fellowship	2.00pm	URC Chapel
Mon	18	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	19	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	20	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	20	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	20	W.I. – 'Sausage, Cider and Song'	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	21	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	22	Community Bingo (18+ Doors open	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	24	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	25	Afternoon Fellowship	2.00pm	URC Chapel
Mon	25	Village Hall A.G.M.	7.00pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Mon	25	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall

Tues	26	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	26	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	26	Gladman Public Inquiry Arrive early for (continuing until May 6th)	10.00am start	Village Hall
Tues	26	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	26	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	27	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	28	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	28	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	29	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel
Fri	29	Brass Band Concert	7.30 pm	Village Hall
Sat	30	Flower Festival & Craft Fayre		Holy Trinity Church & Village Hall

May Dates

Sun	1	Flower Festival & Craft Fayre		Holy Trinity Church & Village Hall
Mon	2	Flower Festival & Craft Fayre		Holy Trinity Church & Village Hall
Tues	3	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	3	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	4	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	4	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	4	Local History Group - 'Cupola House & the Macro Family '	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	5	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall

Future Events in 2016

27 May	Community Bingo
19 June	Open Gardens

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Countryside Rambler

Brian Ward

The Rooks are busy building or adding to their original nests in the village. A Rook's nest from below looks a messy twiggy affair but the cup is lined with fine grasses and often roadside rubbish like paper, plastic and baler twine. As a boy I can recall large rookeries in most villages and even in Stowmarket Church grounds, a large rookery thrived. People often confuse the Rook with the Carrion Crow but on closer observation the Carrion Crow is cleaner cut in appearance with a distinct call note "kraah" as opposed to "caw" of the Rook, also the Carrion Crow is a solitary nesting bird.

The Hares have been very active in the fields surrounding Stowupland. Often several males will chase a female and she will select the strongest male and fend off the undesirable suitors by turning round and standing on her hind legs and appear to box them. This is quite a spectacle to witness, even better on a cold frosty morning when they are more visible.

I have been fortunate to observe the Great Crested Grebe performing their courtship ritual at several locations this year. If you have never seen this bizarre courtship I will attempt to describe it. Normally one or both of the Grebes will get a bill full of weed and approach one another with much head shaking, they then tread water and face one another with an almost upright stance. This will conclude with the pair swimming side by side mirroring each other's moves and finally both diving under the water. Words cannot do this elaborate ritual justice; you must see it for yourself

I spend a lot of time in the Redgrave fen area and at this time of year in particular the Siskin population is at its highest. They are mainly feeding on the alder tree cones. Often, quite high up, along with the Siskins, are Redpolls and Goldfinches, I have witnessed flocks of up to one hundred birds. A delight to see with their constant twittering as they go about their busy feeding routine only disturbed if a sparrow hawk passes nearby.

Minsmere is still producing some unusual birds, on a recent visit I watched at least three Firecrests in the Rhododendron tunnel near Scotts Hall area. Apparently they have been there for several weeks. I also met some fellow bird watchers from Stowupland and we all enjoyed these tiny birds as they flitted about searching for insects. On the same day I saw eight Bittern, of which some were starting to grunt and boom in typical bittern fashion. Also the Otter was seen and a Water Pipit, along with the usual ducks and waders. Look out for your first Swallow and listen for the Cuckoo as we go through April. I hope I bump into many more Stowupland people on my rambles.

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MUSIC ON THE GREEN

The Parish Council have teamed up with Trust Maria to hold the music and fun weekend on Saturday and Sunday 25 and 26 June this year. On the Saturday the event will commence at 12 noon and run until 11pm. Plans include live music, refreshments, children's entertainment and a number of side shows, craft stalls and stalls run by various village and charity organisations. There will be an open air church service on the Sunday afternoon.

Concordia Events Limited will be organising and running the event in aid of Trust Maria. Trust Maria is a small, independent, highly personalised direct-aid, registered charity (No.1154902) based in Stowmarket, Suffolk. Trust Maria works with hospices throughout East Anglia providing them with facilities and equipment not normally supplied by the statutory authorities. This can include specialist beds, medical equipment, flooring and chairs etc. Trust Maria relies on the financial contributions or fundraising events organised by the local community. There will be a public meeting about the event on 11th April .

Trust Maria was established in 2013, with the principal aim of **'Helping Our Hospices'**

More details will follow for information on how to book a stall for the event.

Parish News

The Parish Council have adopted a cemetery policy. If you would like a copy of this policy then please contact the Parish Clerk.
clairepizzey@outlook.com or 01449 677005.



‘LAUGH, AND THE WHOLE WORLD LAUGHS WITH YOU!’

URC MINISTER Rev'dChris Wood

I do like to engage with people in a way that generates laughter, believing that it's good for the soul. For example, on the operating theatre table, while being prepared to have a lump removed from my forehead, I was asked by the surgeon to frown (so she could mark the line of the cut). I insisted that, since a child it had been impressed on me that I should never ever frown and therefore hadn't got it in my nature. She replied: 'I've never come across a man yet that doesn't frown regularly – so frown!' We laughed and then I frowned.

Given that the family will inevitably seek to catch each other out on April Fool's Day, it got me thinking, is there humour in the Bible? Interestingly, the first question that popped up in the search engine was 'why is there no humour in the Bible?' Well, on the face of it, that might appear to be the case, but it's a misconception, as it's very much in evidence to the discerning reader. Let me offer a few examples:

There's that lovely scene in the Book of Genesis where Abraham and Sarah are informed that she will bear a son in their old age – despite the fact that both are considered to be 'worn out' physically and sexually. It was no wonder they laughed out loud at the prospect and its reading should bring a smile to our faces – as well as a warning that all things are possible with God! (Genesis 18: 10ff)

Or how about the Psalmist who had the ability to see God in every human experience and writes: 'People without mercy make plots against good people, and grind their teeth, but the Lord laughs and knows their time is coming soon' (37: 12 – 13). What a lovely image of God laughing out loud, reminding us that when we laugh, He laughs with us - and sometimes probably at us!

It's likely that we should laugh through the Book of Jonah, especially at Jonah's open disobedience in going west when he was being encouraged



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to go in the opposite direction. The idea of being incarcerated in a large fish for three days to ponder his misdemeanours only to be vomited out onto dry land to ensure he fulfilled God's purpose – and even then he does it reluctantly and then becomes horrified at his success. Surely it can only be read as a humorous story that makes a very serious point about God's generous love for all!

One commentator maintains that Jesus must have used humour given that He kept 5,000 men so enthralled all day long with His teachings that they forgot about eating and drinking. Jesus for instance used a humorous illustration of the impossibility of a camel getting through an eye of a needle to highlight the difficulty of the wealthy getting into the Kingdom of God (Mark 10: 23), He also used the image of an aggrieved widow who makes a nuisance of herself by constantly bombarding an unjust judge with her demands until he finally gives in, 'before he was worn out with her demands' (Luke 18: 1 – 7). This was to illustrate a good model for successful prayer and never losing heart! The audience must have roared with laughter at the image. And what about how ridiculous the tax collector Zacchaeus must have looked climbing a tree to see Jesus?

We can only chuckle at times when we read scripture as we reflect on the predicaments that the people of God got themselves into, and recognise ourselves in its pages. I understand that there are about 30 humorous incidents in the Gospels alone, so it would be interesting to know what you came up with, and why they make you smile. The important thing, though is to recognise that humour is a God-given gift, and we are being encouraged to immerse ourselves in its joy and laughter – sometimes to relieve the agony and sadness of human life and living,

So try to remember – especially on 'April Fool's Day' - that the writer of Ecclesiastes suggested that there was a time for everything under Heaven, including 'a time for weeping and a time for laughter'! (3: 4) and both are a necessary and essential ingredient in life. But a word of warning: be on your guard if you happen to be in my company on the morning of 1st April!

God Bless

Chris Wood

U.R.C. Chapel

Minister: Revd Chris Wood
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Our next coffee morning is on Friday 29th April 10am to 12noon. Please come and have a chat, cuppa, and a cake. Everyone welcome.

We are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 9th April at 2pm in the Village Hall. *If you have any jumble or bric-a-brac, please let any Chapel member know and arrangements will be made to collect it. Or alternatively bring it to the Village Hall on the day after 12noon but before 2pm. Any contributions will be gratefully accepted with the exception of Electrical Goods as the law does not permit us to sell them. We would also welcome you coming to buy.*

Afternoon Fellowship

On 4th March the Women's World day of prayer service was held, at Old Newton Chapel and those who attended enjoyed an inspiring service based around the title 'Receive children, Receive me'. The speaker for our first meeting of the new session was John Webb and he gave a very interesting talk about his many years of involvement with Stowmarket Carnival.

The speakers for our April meetings are as follows:

04th April - Social Afternoon

18th April - Kathleen Stevenson

25th April - Mary Durrant

I am sure these speakers will be most interesting so please join with us if you can at 2pm in the Chapel

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The Reserves continue their fantastic season and continue to sit top with 4 games left. We have a 4 point cushion over second place now and should be assured of promotion looking at the run of fixtures they now have. Fingers crossed.

Our third Adult team the, A team continue to battle on and a very young side is showing some great promise for the future.

From a youth perspective we have some great stories emerging this year. Starting with our Under 16 team, they have had a great season and should finish in the top 2 of their league. Under 15's are in to a Vase Cup final. Under 14 Yellows have potential to do well in their league as well as in a KO Cup final. Under 12 Yellows are in the KO Cup final, Under 12 Blues are into a Vase Cup final. Our U13 Girls team are in to a Cup final as well as sitting 3rd in their league with games in hand. We will bring a full round up of all the youth in May/June when all the mini seasons have completed.

Our BIG 5 a-side is now in planning and will be held on the 4th and 5th June. If anyone is interested in a concession at the event, please get in touch. We have more than 2000 visitors so it is a great opportunity.

This year we are introducing Walking football, so anyone interested in entering a team please look at our website. It's a great way to enjoy football with none of the running around. All ages welcome!

Our Ability team start back playing in April and are looking for new players, so if you know anyone who is interested please get in touch. Our team has a broad spectrum of players and all are welcome. We play every Friday through the summer at Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre on the astro0turf.

Just a reminder that fixtures are on our website, as well as up to date news and events...

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As always, come along on a Saturday afternoon, from 2:30pm, or a Sunday morning 10:30am to support your local club.



Stowupland Bowls Club

Sun 17th April Opening Drive

Stowupland Bowls Club invites you, your friends and family, on Sunday 17th April at 2.00pm. Opening Drive is an opportunity to meet club members have some fun and plan for the coming season. All you need to bring is a pair of flat-soled shoes! Refreshments are available and the bar will be open.

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Bowling is considered to be a healthy pastime, with relaxed pace and comparatively light physical demands. The 1st year membership is free and the green is open on Saturdays 2pm for those who just want to roll up and try it out.

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FROM TELSTAR COMMITTEE

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