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EDITOR'S NOTES

MAY 2019

Hello and welcome to May's edition of Telstar. This month there is a report on the Ron Ames memorial fund. This fund is in commemoration of Stowupland resident Ron Ames, a long time supporter of young people in sport. Their aims are to encourage and support the youth of Stowmarket in their chosen sport. There is a meeting for those who want to get involved. Do you know about CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)? There is information and details of how to be a part of this if you have a project or idea that you think would benefit the village or residents. In Stowupland you could take part in football, cricket, yoga, aerobics, badminton, and bowls. There is also a book club, knit and stitch with the WI as well as guizzes, bingo and many opportunities to serve the community, such as, Good Neighbours, Community Speed Watch and Community Events. You will find details in the Telstar on how to get in touch with these organisations and any clubs and groups that may be of interest to you.

Front cover is of entrants for the "Bake off" competion held at this year's Annual Parish Meeting in March at Stowupland High School.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

APRIL 2019

A busy meeting opened with 10 members of the public and 8 Parish Councillors present with 1 Councillor absent.



Councillor Reports:

There was no report from the District Councillor this month due to the forthcoming local election and the County Councillor was not present and did not submit a report in his absence.

Matters of Report:

The drains along A1120 have been cleaned but, as another problem was identified, they will return again at end of May. The strimming contractor found a lot of debris at the bottom of the ditch along Columbyne Close which will need to be removed before he can finish the job. Remaining matters of report are still awaiting action.

Public Forum:

A number of residents attended the meeting to reinforce their concerns outlined in a letter to the Parish Council regarding the damage being done to the entrance to the track to their properties being done by parents collecting and dropping off their children in Thorney Green road. They were looking for solutions to prevent further damage to both the track and The Green. Concerns were also voiced about the aggressive nature of some of the parents towards residents who are trying to either access or exit their properties with many residents feeling intimidated. It was also noted that they could see no difference in the number of cars parked all day on the road despite an extra 12 parking places being allocated at the Village Hall. Cars parked opposite the track also make it extremely difficult to get out onto the road. It was agreed that a site meeting with all Councillors present will be held at 6.30pm prior to the next Parish Council meeting to ensure that all Councillors are aware of the problems. Another resident asked why the agenda no longer shows the amount of money paid to whom. She was assured that this information is still shown in the minutes available on the village website. Another resident wrote in with his concerns as to the contents of last month's Telstar report which he felt did not reflect his opinion. He also advised that the contractors working on the new Co-op store are still parking on The Green and that a dog bin post has been knocked over.

Pension Scheme:

It was agreed that advice will be sought from an Independent Financial Advisor in respect of a pension scheme for any future employees.

Safer Route to School:

It was a majority agreement to accept that a 2.5 metre footpath across The Green should be implemented as part of the original safer route to school scheme. This could then be upgraded to a cycle path at a later date as this will be the only way that SCC will start the work without lengthy delays. The upkeep of this route will be down to SCC.

Footbridge:

A meeting between Cllrs Welham, Reeves and a contractor had been held to discuss the quotation received for replacement of the footbridge behind Holy Trinity Church. It was agreed that money should be applied for from the Parish Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund to cover the cost of the works, and, once agreed, the works should be carried out.

Thradstones Meadow:

Following a meeting with MSDC, Gladmans, the Clerk and Cllrs Studd and Welham, it was agreed that, should planning permission be granted for the land between Gipping Road and Thradstones Meadow, prior to the start of any development the meadow should be gifted to the Parish Council at zero cost with access for machinery to maintain the land. Councillors agreed that further discussions should take place to establish a suitable maintenance regime and likely costs.

Cemetery Land Ownership:

It was agreed that a quote should be obtained to get the cemetery land ownership registered.

Notice Boards:

It was agreed that Parish CIL monies should be sought to add to the funds secured from a successful MSDC CIL bid to provide parish notice boards, including one for Trinity Meadows to match the ones on order for the rest of the village.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Allotments – Following last month's allotment holders' meeting, when they requested that the Parish Council should approach the current landowner of the allotment site for a price for purchasing the land, the matter was discussed and when put to a vote this request was rejected. There was disappointment that the allotment holders

were not keen to form an association to take on responsibility for the allotments themselves.

Community Events – It was reported that 3 new members have joined the community events sub-committee. The Easter Hop organised by the school has been cancelled as only 3 people entered. There are still tickets available for the barn dance on 27th April. A children's entertainer has been secured for the Lighting of the Beacon on 21st June and a church service to celebrate village life is to be held at 9.30 on 26th May. The trip to Felixstowe has been postponed until next year and, due to lack of interest, the New Year's Eve party has been cancelled.

Finance and Policy – It was agreed to adopt the 2019/20 financial risk assessment and to purchase a £100 voucher for the internal auditor.

Footpaths – The High School have still not removed the tree by the bridge and there are a large number of footpath signs down, which have been reported on the SCC portal.

Planning – It was agreed to object to the planning application for the demolition of a grain store at Rendalls Lane and erection of 3 properties in its place.

Play Park – It was agreed to fund the completion of the 2nd multisport unit and replacement fencing at the play park.

Transport, Traffic and Safety – Cllr Voden has completed his first speed-watch and reported that all went well.

Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Murton has done some research to see what event could be arranged for older residents living in their own homes, she feels that a tea dance may be a nice idea and is to advertise in Telstar.

Cllr Welham suggested that some thought should be given to organising a maintenance plan for the half a mow. He also wondered if the Clerk could pay invoices more than once a month in order to avert delays to suppliers and contractors. She is to check with SALC. He felt that it would speed things up next month if Councillors could give some thought to what committees they would like to sit on and e-mail their preferences to the Clerk prior to the May PC meeting. He had spoken to a horse rider on The Green to ask why a horse was being exercised on the small football pitch. It was agreed to investigate as to who has the right to ride on The Green and how the football pitch could be kept clear of all riders. He also voiced

concerns that the grass mowing contractor had been verbally abused by a member of the public for moving some pots so that he could strim in the cemetery, and also for grass clippings on headstones. Cllr Reeves will try to be present the next time he is working in the cemetery. The contractor had also reported that there was an awful lot of dog poo alongside the school hedge on The Green. It was agreed to consider a rolling programme to reinforce the necessity for dog owners to clear up after their dogs.

Cllr Reeves asked whether the S.C.C. Road Safety Team will be reporting back on their findings and what they have done following the earlier meeting. The Clerk will write to the Road Safety Manager to request feedback.

Cllr Pring was not impressed with the remedial work carried out on the sandbags. It was agreed that Cllr Welham would write to Paul Gant and Gary Green to request a meeting to discuss the shortfall in what was expected of them, and to chase up on other outstanding highway repairs.

Clerk's Report:

The Clerk thanked Cllrs Reeves, Deal and Welham for putting up the birdboxes in the churchyard. She also reported that SCC has only provided a purchase order for one maintenance cut of the footpaths. She was told that this was due to budgetary restrictions and there are, therefore, concerns that a second cut will not be funded.

Correspondence:

Amongst the correspondence was a note from Stowupland Falcons regarding the 5 a side tournament, a report that the sign at Columbyne Close has been knocked over, a request from the URC to park on The Green on 28th April, a letter of thanks from the Royal British Legion, and, from MSDC, a parking plan consultation that Cllr Reeves will respond to. Correspondence regarding parent parking problems was noted in Public Forum and the problem with cyclists using Footpath 32 could be alleviated once the new route to school is completed with perhaps some clearer signage in the meantime and the District Councillor will ask for some help from the MSDC funded PCSO. Concerns raised about the danger of crossing the A1120 to the garage had been referred to SCC some time ago but they responded that there would be no danger crossing A1120 and no problems for traffic at this point.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Sandy Smith

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

I am happy to collect tools, typewriters, sewing machines and books or give me a ring (673185) and drop them off at TWAM headquarters or at our home.

Keith Welham

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

For every new home completed in Stowupland, the builder or developer is required to pay a sum of money to Mid Suffolk District Council (MSDC). This is referred to as the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The Parish Council receives a proportion of that sum. These monies are allocated to the parish twice a year in April and October and become the Parish Council CIL Fund. The object of the Parish CIL Fund is to make improvements to benefit both our current residents and people who move into the village.

If you are a village organisation with a suitable project or an individual with an idea which the parish could develop into a suitable project please let us know and complete an application form. All applications received are considered twice a year after April and October. There are two deadlines to get your applications in by; these are 30 April and 31 October each year. Before filling in an application form, you may wish to discuss your potential project with the Parish Clerk or a Parish Councillor who can also give you further details and an application form. These are also be available on the parish web site: www.stowupland.com

Claire Pizzey Stowupland Parish Clerk parishclerk@stowuplandpc.co.uk

Our fffff needs You

The Parish Council needs local clubs and organisations or individuals to come forward with community projects for funding from the CIL fund. If you have a suitable project in mind, please email parishclerk@stowuplandpc.co.uk

A member of the Council will be happy to talk with you and assist with the application process.

THE NEXT ROUND OF BIDS WILL OPEN IN MAY AND CLOSE ON 31OCTOBER 2019

Closing date for current round of bids: 30 April 2019

POOLUTION!

Dog Fouling in our Village

Many of the footpaths, as well as the roads and The Green have a problem with irresponsible people not picking up after their dogs. Dog mess is smelly, anti-social and potentially dangerous (toxicarasis). Rather than ignoring the problem, let's tackle the issues and try to clean up our village so it is the beautiful and pleasant place it should be.

There are various ways to address the problem and I have been doing a bit of research on the subject. There are all sorts of measures we could take like:

- Decorating a tree with filled poop bags, such as British Waterways did in West Yorkshire
- Start a 'dog database' like they did in a small town in Spain.
 Parishioners identified offenders and then had their deposits delivered back to them as lost property. A 70% drop was reported.
- Or what about in Taiwan where Officials gave out a lottery ticket for every bag of poop delivered to them.
- We could hire officers/wardens to carry out stakeouts to catch offenders in the act.
- How about employing a specialist firm to issue penalty notices.
 In Gwent 2000 fines were handed out as a result of this.
- Invest in a 'poover'.

These are all rather extreme not to mention expensive and not really appropriate for Stowupland so perhaps we should stick to more simple methods. We could:

- Put flags on or spray paint the offending deposits to highlight the problem.
- Leave a message at the deposit for the returning offender.
- Provide official signage asking people to pick up and making it clear there will be a fine.
- Provide 'unofficial' signage promising to name and shame the offender.
- Supply more dog poop bins.

Supply dog poop bags.

So, why don't some people pick up after their dog?

- They think they can get away with it.
- They forget to bring a bag.
- They don't believe they have a responsibility to pick up their dog's mess.
- They don't want to do it because it's 'horrible'.

Apparently, there are two types of offenders; the 'thoughtless' and the 'mindless'. The 'thoughtless' are the people who pretend it isn't happening by looking the other way and acting obliviously. 'Mindless' offenders don't care about what their actions are doing to others. These people are usually known to other responsible dog walkers for their bad behaviour.

Let's Make a Start

Before we take matters more seriously perhaps we could all do a bit better. Please pick up after your dog. You DO have a responsibility to do so. We have supplied two dog poop bag dispensers, one is at the beginning of Footpath 31 on Thorney Green Road, and the other will be at the entrance to Footpath 52 at the top of Church Road. Should we invest in some more?

If you're not going to pick up after your dog in the more rural areas of the village, you could think about the 'Stick and Flick' idea. Find a stick; pick a spot, flick into the bushes so it can rot. The Forestry Commission appears to support this idea. In rural areas, people argue, there are natural deposits from wild animals and this is much better than flinging a plastic bag in to the bushes. It's not the best solution to the problem, but it's better than leaving deposits on the path where people, particularly children can come into contact with it more easily.

One celebrity said that he tries to pick up one extra poo each time he takes his dog for a walk. Is this something you would be willing to do?

Please make sure that you don't act 'thoughtless' or 'mindless' and let us keep our village clean and safe.



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COUNTRYSIDE RAMBLER

BRIAN WARD

The next few months are possibly my favourite time of year; everything bursts into life. The woodland flowers and early Orchids are in bloom, Bees and Butterflies are enjoying the seasonal flowers, busy hunting for nectar. The tree buds are opening into fresh leaves of various shades of green. The local Rook colonies are noisy and bustling with life as the hungry new chicks need constant attention and feeding. Frog spawn is now evident in some local ponds, although many have been filled in. When I was a boy Frogs, Toads and Newts were common, but sadly no longer. The largest Frog and Toad colony I knew of is now under the Tomo trading estate. It held hundreds of amphibians. Reed Warbler, Reed Bunting and every year a colony of Redpolls nested in the old Silver Birches; even Cuckoos deposited their eggs in the Warblers' nests. Sadly all have gone in the march of so called progress and development. Some of the older generation may remember this reedy mere; it appeared overgrown but was a wildlife haven.

I was speaking to a local gentleman recently, he had quite a surprise as he opened his curtains early one morning and in his garden looking back at him was a fox. The most astonishing thing is he lives in the centre of a large estate with no nearby countryside.

So do we have urban Foxes in Stowupland? I have photographed Red Deer in Stowupland so nothing surprises me.

No doubt by the time you read this Swallows will be twittering in the sky and possibly you may have heard your first Cuckoo. There is an abundance of nature reserves within easy driving distance and at this time of year always plenty to see. Travel alone, with a friend, or family and



Photo, courtesy of Brian Ward, is of an Adder sunning itself

depending on what you hope to see, there is normally a friendly guide to give you advice and information. Suffolk Wildlife Trust sites often have a board displaying what's been seen recently so always check these out. RSPB reserves will often have knowledgeable staff in their hides at given times, so don't be afraid to ask any questions as they are most helpful.

I have recently had the privilege to see a pair of Garganey near the River Deben. This small but very smart Duck is our only summer visiting Duck. They migrate from Africa and spend a few months with us to breed and rear their young, then return to Africa in August. On my recent rambles I have observed Red and Roe Deer, Marsh Harriers displaying and also the wonderful Great Crested Grebe performing its graceful weed dance (Torvil and Dean eat your hearts out). You will know what I mean if you have witnessed the full display. The Adders were showing well on my last visit to Minsmere; a large dark coloured female came out to bask at 8.30 am. This is early even for Adder standards. Once they have heated themselves they will either go hunting or retreat into the undergrowth as the sun's intensity increases.

Now we are in British summer time enjoy the lighter evenings with a ramble in the countryside.

Coffee Morning

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STOWUPLAND LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

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APRIL MEETING

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April Meeting

Our speaker, Nick Amor, began with a surprising fact: by 1500, Suffolk was the most industrialised part of England. This was because of the level of wool processing and cloth production. Suffolk sheep had coarse coats, poorly regarded and not highly valued, but useful for ordinary cloth, while finer quality wool, from the Cotswolds and Herefordshire, was brought to be processed in Suffolk.

Medieval Shepherds worked with dogs and the manorial lords had rights of 'fold course': the sheep would be grazed in pens, leaving manure on the field, then moved to another area.

Wool was processed in stages, which were all hard work: sorting, carding, washing, fulling, stretching and napping (on a frame, a tenter, held by tenterhooks), spinning (by spindle and whorl or by spinning wheel), weaving and dyeing. Fulling was probably the most unpleasant job, as the fullers worked naked, in with the wool, in vats of stale urine and fuller's earth. Dyers needed flowing water, so worked beside rivers like the Brett at Hadleigh, using such dyes as madder and woad.

Clothiers bought wool, turned it into cloth, sold the cloth and then, having paid their workers, had a good profit. In the late 16th century, Suffolk had the greatest concentration of clothiers in England, with most in the south of the county but a good number in Stowmarket and Needham Market too. Cloth was taken to London by boat for a busy export market but some was also sold locally. Most workers were employed as outworkers, sometimes well beyond the towns. Spinning was usually a job for women, who were paid less than the men. Many clothiers became wealthy, living in fine homes and able to make generous bequests in their wills, often for the good of the local area and church. We greatly appreciated Nick's talk and the level of research that had gone into it.

Displays

Our Archivist, Sandra Walker, is putting the new display boards to good use with a display at each meeting, often appropriate for the month. Do have a look and if you have anything to add to the information, or perhaps recognise someone in a photograph, please let us know. One member spotted her younger self!

Archaeology

Exciting discoveries were made during the archaeological survey of the fields adjacent to Thorney Green Road. The report is, at present, confidential but once it is released we shall be notified and may be able to have a talk on the topic.

Talking Point

Kersey was a thick and strong woollen cloth. It must have originated in the region of Kersey but its manufacture was mentioned in records from Hampshire in 1262. It was also made in Yorkshire, Devon and Somerset.

For our next 'Talking Point', why was Stowupland's church dedicated to The Holy Trinity?

Programme

1st May Inn Signs John Goodhand

John Goodhand's hobby is photographing inn signs. In this introduction to the subject he looks at their meaning and origin.

June where did all the Houses go? Lisa Wall

Ipswich has fewer timber-framed buildings today than in the past, because many of the old houses were dismantled and re-erected in other parts of the country and even abroad. In the early 1900s you could buy a complete mediaeval Suffolk house and have it delivered!

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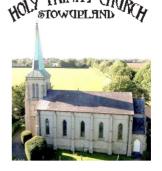
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Dear Friends



Our Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is inviting Christians around the world to pray as one for more people to know Jesus Christ; you might like to check out ideas for this global wave of prayer through using the link above. Between Ascension and Pentecost, May 30th – June 9th, all who follow Christ are asked to keep eleven days of prayer for God's Kingdom come. St Edmundsbury Cathedral will then, on Pentecost Sunday 9th June at 4pm, hold a special service, lighting and distributing candles for every place of worship from parish churches to fresh expressions of church. Our Bishops Martin and Mike, writes 'This kindling of flames and recommissioning will include the inauguration of our new county-wide fresh expressions community – 'Lightwave' – and we invite you to hold this exciting new initiative in your prayers'. Please see the above link to find out more about becoming part of this global outpouring of the Holy Spirit in prayer 2019.

How then do you talk to God? Do you find somewhere quiet and private and whisper, or do you climb a mountain and shout into the clouds? May's celebration of Ascension might be encouragement to us to shout to the clouds! And ongoing crises, international tensions, our incapacity to secure peace, to care for our world or each other, to feed our poor, or even to hold in common our children's future with our European neighbours; all this gives us plenty to rail against. Yet, whilst the direction of our prayer is indeed Godward, it is we who speak the prayer and, if we don't pray, we are not in touch with our own wants or needs nor able to do for others as we would have them do for ourselves, that golden rule of Christian discipleship. As God surely hears us, so should we listen to what we say and in speaking of our hopes, in speaking of our thanks, so we, in God given grace, find strength to make our prayer a reality both for ourselves and for others.

The daily prayer of Christian discipleship as the text of our website link 'thykingdomcome' is derived from Jesus' Judaic heritage, the Kaddish prayer, 'May He establish His Kingdom during your life and during your

days, and during the life of the whole household of Israel, even speedily and in a near time!' Attentive to Jesus' call on His disciples to be doers of His Word and teachings, we might helpfully add – the Kingdom at your hand and at mine, quickly and speedily may it come'. So our prayer helps us to realise that hope, God's Kingdom come in our day, even at our hand. Voicing that prayer we determine with God's help to make it real, a kingdom of blessing in peace and justice for all.

Do join our global wave of prayer however you feel able from this Ascension Day, 30th May.

All grace and blessing to you this Ascensiontide and Pentecost; Brin. Parish Priest at Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland. www.achurchnearyou.com

SERVICES in MAY

5th May		Parish Communion 1st@4 Service - church with a difference!
12th May	9.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship & *Trinity Starz* Evensong (BCP)
19th May		Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP)
20th May (Mon)	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View – All Welcome!
26th May	9.30am 6.30pm	Community Celebration of Village Life Parish Communion

(BCP – Book of Common Prayer)

A PRAYER:

May the God of all love, who is the source of our affection for each other formed here, take our friendships into His keeping that they may continue and increase throughout life and beyond it. In Jesus Christ our Lord.

William Temple

2019 FLOWER FESTIVAL & CRAFT FAYRE:

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UPCOMING EVENTS MAY DATES

Wed 1	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 1	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed 1	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
	Local History Group: 'Inn Signs' by John Goodhand	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs 2	Election Day	7am – 10pm	Village Hall
Sat 4 –	Mon 6 inc. Flower Festival	10.00 – 5.00	Holy Trinity Church
Sat 4 &	Sun 5 Craft Fayre	10.00 – 5.00	Village Hall
Sun 5	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 7	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – June issue		
Tues 7	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues 7	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed 8	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 8	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs 9	Parish Council AGM	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs 9	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sat 11	Cricket vs. Maldon	12.30pm	Sports & Social Club
Mon 13	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon 13	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 14	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed 15	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 15	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed 15	W.I. Poppy's Crèche: Hedgehog Rehab Centre	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs 16	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun 19	Cricket vs. Mellis	2.00pm	Sports & Social Club
Sun 19	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon 20	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon 20	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 21	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues 21	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues 21	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues 21	P.C. Community Events Sub. Com.	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Wed 22	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 22	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church

Thurs 23	P.C. Environment Committee	6.00pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs 23	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sat 25	Cricket vs. Hadleigh	1.00pm	Sports & Social Club
Tues 28	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues 28	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed 29	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed 29	Cricket vs. Battisford	6.00pm	Sports & Social Club
Thurs 30	P.C. P.I.I.P sub- committee	7.00pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs 30	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs 30	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall
Fri 31	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall
Fri 31	Bingo	7.30pm	Village Hall
	JUNE DATES		
Sat 1	Community Litter Pick	10.00am	Cemetery gates
Sat 1 a	nd Sun 2 Falcons 5-a-Side competitions		
Sun 2	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon 3	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 4	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues 4	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed 5	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed 5	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed 5	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed 5	Cricket vs. Mid Suffolk	6.00pm	Sports & Social Club
Wed 5	Local History Group: 'Where did all the Houses go?' by Lisa Wall	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs 6	Short Mat Bowls	7.00pm	Village Hall

SOME FUTURE EVENTS

- June 21 Lighting of Beacon
- June 26 Stowmarket Wildlife Group: 'Rural and Wildlife Crime'

Fri 7 TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE - July & August combined issue

- July 28 Garage and Yard Sale
- Sept 8 Walkers Cup
- Sept 14 Community Litter Pick

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

ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

We hope that the weather will be kind for us to open our green to members on 13th April, which of course, will be long before this magazine is received. Our green is looking extremely good and that is thanks to Nick and his team for their preparatory work. We are all eager to start bowling. Our first league match will be on 23rd April (away to Haughley B) Our first cup match will take place on 17th May away to Risbygate. That leaves our first league match at home which will be against Bildeston on 24th April.

Results of all matches will appear in the June edition and each month thereafter.

On 29th March we held a games night for members which included games from Scrabble to Shove Ha'penny to Crib and Darts. An evening enjoyed by all participants, taking part and eating a pizza and salad supper.

By the way, it is not too late for anyone interested in playing to come along and see us or contact our Secretary, Graham Newman, on 01359 242846. Roll-ups take place on Thursday afternoons starting at 2pm (arrive by 1.45) for which the rink fee is £1.50 for members and £3 for non-members. Roll-up days are held also on those Saturday afternoons when no competition is taking place. Someone will always be there to offer guidance and we would love to see you.

David Begg

COMMUNITY BINGO

ALL CASH PRIZES

FRIDAY 31st MAY

AT STOWUPLAND VILLAGE HALL

Doors open at 7.00pm Eyes down at 7.30

EVERYONE WELCOME (OVER 14'S ONLY)



Inaugural Meeting for The Ron Ames Memorial Fund

Ron Ames was no less than a local hero, recognised posthumously by being awarded the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at the prestigious Stowmarket Town Awards. He was the founder member of Stowmarket Volleyball Club (still competing in the Nat. Lge division 2 after 40 years) and, when he retired from volleyball joined the Striders running club and rejoined Stowmarket swimming club, culminating in him being selected to represent the UK in his age group at the world triathlon championships. All of these achievements pale into insignificance when compared to what he did for the development of the young volleyball players in Stowmarket. A group of his friends from the volleyball, running and swimming clubs have been working to set up 'the Ron Ames Memorial Fund', a fund intended to continue the great help that Ron gave to sporting youngsters in Mid Suffolk.

So - what is the fund and the meeting all about?

The idea behind the memorial fund is to establish a sustainable legacy to a much loved and respected person who was an active and successful member of the running, swimming and volleyball clubs in Stowmarket and who, for many years, helped and encouraged people of all ages in their chosen sport. The fund will be managed by a legally constituted charity, the Ron Ames Memorial Fund.

The aims of the charity will be to encourage, motivate and support young members of the three stated sports clubs to enhance their involvement and opportunities in their chosen sport. Small grants (up to £200) will support individuals for any aspect of his or her involvement at the discretion of the trustees, including, for example, items of equipment, help with transport and access to specialist coaching.

So, where and when is this meeting that will put in place, not only a lasting legacy to such a great local hero, but will also provide financial help to sporting youngsters for years to come? It will be held at Stowmarket Football Club, Monday 20 May, 7.30pm start.

Interested - but don't want to get 'roped in' to committee meetings and fundraising events? That is not a problem, please come along to listen to the plans. Obviously, for those who wish to get involved further, the door will be wide open, and all positive ideas and offers of involvement will be gratefully received. But there will be no pressure put on those attending to involve themselves further.

Really hope to see you there - the first step of a very exciting journey!

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U.R.C CHAPEL NEWS

Church Secretary: A

Anne Scarff Telephone 01449 774792

By the time you read this the spring flowers will be over and we will be thinking about planting our bedding plants. The regrowth of everything is such a happy sight as the seasons evolve, and we put our faith in God that the Chapel will continue to flourish and grow. Everything looks different when the sun shines and it becomes warmer. It is often said that if the winter is severe, we shall have a good summer but as the winter has been quite mild, who knows what is in store for us as we progress through the year.

The next coffee morning at the Chapel will be held on 31st May 2019. Everyone is welcome at this friendly event. Come and have a cuppa, cake and a chat.

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

Our speakers for May are as follows:

5th May Clive Herrod
12th May Keith Scarff
19th May Nigel Crisp
26th May Michael Topple

Afternoon Fellowship

Our meetings in April were very enjoyable. The meetings for May are as follows:

13th May Richard & Mary Watson

20th May To be arranged

The 20th will be our last meeting before the summer break. We meet again on 7th October 2019.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us at our meetings (male or female). Come and enjoy the fellowship, and a cake and cup of tea, at 2.30pm on the above dates.

Mary Clark

Matthew 24 verse 42. "Therefore be alert, for you do not know on what day the Lord will come."

May, the fifth month of the year. How time flies. But at least it is one of the months which has 31 days in it. While this year has already brought some lovely weather, we always hope May will give us an insight into the summer ahead. Well, I hope so as my first holiday of the year is already booked in anticipation that the weather will be suitable for long walks and sitting outside in the Norfolk countryside. While I can search the internet for the weather forecast, I am often confused as to what is really going to happen as, if I look at different sites, I can get different forecasts. Not to be dismayed, I always go prepared and I have a full set of waterproofs which allow me to be hermetically sealed against anything that the weather can throw at me.

Being prepared is one of my things. I hate being caught unprepared, so I like to know what is happening, so I am ready. My pantry is ready for most eventualities, even if some of my store of goods have far out lived the use by date on the tin (comes from being old fashioned when we did things by taste not date!). My seeds for the year were in early so that if some didn't germinate then I have a chance to sow again so I don't miss a tasty crop of goodness. And then there is my garage. In there you will find all manner of things to meet so many needs - just in case I need them. I often plan ahead so I am ready for what I want to do and to make sure I make the right choices, my car being one example where I study the brochures and go on test drives to ensure the car I end up with is what I want and will fit in my garage. Currently, I am planning to buy a shed so I've been looking at the difference between shiplap and loglag and between apex and pent to name just some of the options and of course I have already planned where it will go and have a base already prepared for it to go on.

Perhaps I just have "compulsory preparedness syndrome" as I wasn't brought up as a Scout who have the motto "Be prepared".

Although there are also lots of examples in our lives when we should have been prepared but got caught out, there are many times in our lives when, if we can, it is good to be prepared and plan ahead.

As Christians we don't know the time when our Lord will come again. We also don't know how our lives will pan out, so it is important that we make the best of every day that we have. We should do our best to live the life that God would have for us and be prepared to deepen our understanding of our Faith. This does mean that we shouldn't just let our lives pass by, but we should make sure we do all we can to live lives which are faithful to our God

May God bless you.

Anne Scarff...Secretary of Stowmarket URC Group of churches.

(The group consists of Stowmarket, Stowupland, and Mendlesham and Debenham)

A date for your diary GARAGE N' YARD SALE. SUNDAY 28TH JULY

For details contact; Dave and Julia Brown. 01449 675184 (evenings)



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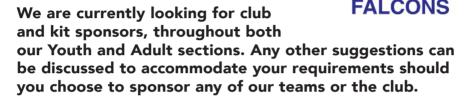


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<u>Urgent Appeal</u>



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

If you would like to drop by and have a chat with us, we are running BIG 5 a-side event on the 1st and 2nd June at the Club.

If you would like to discuss sponsorship opportunities, please contact us. 07867397382/sophieearlandx@outlook.com.

FROM TELSTAR COMMITTEE

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ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

Have you considered playing bowls or maybe you have just moved to the village and are looking for a club to join?

Why not join us? We are a friendly club and our green is next to the Village Hall.

If you are new to the game we can supply the woods and shoes for you to give it a try. The season starts in April but keep an eye out for our report in Telstar for further details or give us a call now.

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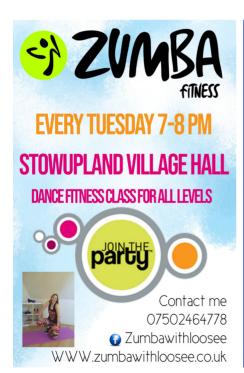


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JUNIOR PAGE

The children are having fun baking with mum, can you find the ten cakes hidden in the grid.



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STOWUPLAND W.I.



After the singing of "Jerusalem", President Colleen advised members of a sewing day to be held on May 18th in the chapel room, to make shopping bags, with guidance from Janet Howard. Details of the garden club teas on March 23rd were finalized. The community quiz of the previous week was much enjoyed. Congratulations were given to Linda P. who won the ten pin bowling at Martlesham. Judy gave details of five forthcoming outings. Colleen, having been our delegate at the SEFWI centenary meeting at Trinity Park on March 5th, gave a brief synopsis of the day.

We then heard from our speaker, Carol Creasey who told of her experiences bringing up her son, Philip, who has autism, severe learning difficulties and doesn't speak. His teenage years were difficult as he became aggressive and bit everyone, including himself. When he was 21 she decided to write about her experiences with Philip, intending to pass them on to Mencap, to help other parents in similar situations. However, she was advised it ought to be made into a book. She spent 6 weeks, typing 2 hours each morning, before sending it to the publishers. Looking ahead to when she will no longer be around, she sent Philip to Hastings, where he lives with another autistic man, visits his family often and leads a full life. Carol has written more books and her original one has sold out in hard back and is now available in paperback. It was a fascinating talk, receiving well deserved applause.

Re our August informal get together the possibility of a 4 hour cruise, with food – about £35. Any other suggestions welcome. The raffle was held, birthday posies given, with a bouquet to a member for her recent golden wedding anniversary.

Competition results – piece of china – 1st Mary C., 2nd Penny, 3rd Mandy.

Flower competition – 1st Mary M., 2nd Brenda, 3rd Mary C.

This finished the meeting.

Outings-

Through Stowmarket W.I. - Friday, July 19th a trip to Cromer, leaving Stowmarket at 10.00 a.m. coach fare – max. £20. Optional extra - A matinee performance at the "End of the Pier" show – cost £24. Deadline May 4th.

Through Mendlesham W.I. - Sandringham Flower Show. Wednesday, July 24th. Coach fare & entry fee - £22 inc. Pick up at the Village Hall 8.15 a.m. Deadline May 31st.

Southwold summer theatre – Saturday, August 3rd. 5.00 p.m. performance – a comedy "A Bunch of Amateurs". Ticket £13, coach fare £9. Coach leaving Stowupland - 11.00 a.m. Deadline June 15th.

For more information or to book, please contact Judy Clarke on 01449 615386

STOWMARKET WILDLIFE GROUP - SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST



COMBS WOOD

Activities in the wood included a dormice footprint tunnel survey carried out in October to try and establish if these lovely creatures are present. Sadly no dormouse footprints were found. The Trust's view is that it is unlikely they are in residence.

Work parties have done further extensive coppicing on the east side of the wood, with some heavy timber being felled. The extra light has already benefited the orchid numbers. The local Sunday work groups have been well attended with up to 13 volunteers working on widening the main ride in the centre of the wood. I am hoping for increased numbers of butterflies, flowers and birds. I have already seen two comma butterflies on 25th February. An increase in small bird numbers is already evident in parts of the wood, due, I believe, to the more diverse nature of the rides, with MarshTit and Treecreeper adding to the more common residents.

The wood is not as wet as usual, due to the water table being low. The top pond has failed to rise to normal winter level. Other low damp areas are bone dry. I hope to have work done on the pond later in the year to remove much of the reed mace. Keven Boyce, Warden.

EVENTS

Saturday 18 May - 10am BONNY WOOD WALK

Join us on a walk led by Peter and discover the wonders of Bonny Wood at Barking Tye. You may see wood anemone, woodruff and herb-paris. Orchids are also typical, including early-purple orchids, lesser twayblade, and common spotted orchid. Birds are also plentiful at this time of year with melodies from summer migrants, such as blackcap and willow warbler, mingling with the song of resident species. Free - donations welcomed - Booking is essential.

Wednesday 26 June - 7.30pm RURAL AND WILDLIFE CRIME

Wildlife crimes can take many forms and it can be difficult to know what constitutes a crime. They can range from organised crimes (such as the trade in endangered species) to people shooting at birds with air guns. The talk will explain the role of Suffolk Constabulary's Rural and Wildlife Crime Team and how they are dealing with the challenges.

The talk will take place at Stowupland village hall. Admission is £2.50 including refreshments. The complete 2019 programme can be downloaded from www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/wildlifegroups or by email.

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STOWUPLAND CRICKET CLUB

MAY REPORT

At the time of writing this there are no cricket results to report on. The first two counties match takes place on 20th April away at Ipswich; reports on this game will come in next month's edition of the magazine. A lot of the ground preparation has now been completed in time for the start of the new season.



generally the weather has been much kinder this spring which has meant we have been able to cut and roll the pitches more frequently. On Saturday 6th April, we held our annual workforce day; this allowed all club members to get involved and help complete any outstanding jobs that needed to be done in time for the new season. At Stowupland we are very lucky to have a fantastic ground maintenance team that put an enormous amount of time and effort into preparing not just the wickets but the whole area around the club. Our head groundsman, Jon Wray, will be supported by Andy Parkin, Trev Scarlett and Paddy Stephens, and, as a result of their tireless work, we have some of the best pitches in Suffolk.

Our pre-season preparations are well underway again this year we have been practicing at Wattisham alongside the army air corps cricket team. At Stowupland we have a valuable partnership with the army team which allows us to use their indoor facilities during the winter and early spring months. In return the army team play their home matches at Stowupland which provides them with better facilities and pitches for their national cricket competitions. A special thank you to Lee Murrell for arranging the pre-season nets, hopefully we will be able to continue this again next year.

The indoor youth coaching has now finished at Ipswich School and the youngsters will soon be starting their outdoor sessions. This year the youth coaching will be taking place on Friday evenings; the number of boys and girls signing up for the coaching has again been very encouraging. If you have a child or grandchild that you think might like to get into cricket, please contact our head coach, Andrew Blanchard (07738199150). Without the time and effort put in by Andrew and his fellow coaches we would not have such a fantastic coaching programme; this provides a great platform into adult cricket for the youngsters.

You can keep up to date with what is happening at the club via our social media pages. This allows you to see the latest results and events within the club online as well as the monthly Telstar report. You can also follow our Twitter page @stowupcc or visit our Facebook page; both of these have links to our website and are regularly updated.

At Stowupland we are always looking for new players and if you or anyone you know would like to get into cricket, regardless of ability, then please contact me or the club via the website.

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Ploughman's Lunches Sat & Sun Hot 'Filled' Potato Meals Mon

Refreshments all day

Further details from Ann Doubtfire (01449) 770363

101Y TRINITY CHURCH STOWUPLAN



STOWUPLAND GOOD NEIGHBOURS

A volunteer service run by residents for residents Helpline 07591 539 621





STOWUPLAND SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

Church Road, Stowupland IP14 4BQ

The Sports and Social Club have made a change to the bar opening times over the winter months

From 28 November the new bar opening times are:-

Friday 7 - 10.30 Saturday 2 - 10.30 Sunday 11.30 - 7.30





An invitation to all living and working in Stowupland

Community Celebration of Village Life 26th May 2019, 9:30am Holy Trinity Church 1714 4BQ

Our village faith communities, the United Reformed Church and the Anglican Parish Church share with the Parish Council in hosting an annual act of worship celebrating village life, and we at Holy Trinity will be hosting this year's celebration.

Speakers have been invited from the Parish Council, Education, Business, and Leisure to speak briefly about their organisation's involvement in the life of the village, their achievements and their hopes for the future. After the service refreshments will be served and there will be opportunity to meet and greet.

We look forward to sharing this celebration of village life and hope you will be able to join us.

With thanks for your consideration

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