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Chairman's Column

Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council

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It seems that proposals for housing developments are like London buses – they come in threes. The two applications on land between Church Road and Gipping Road were refused and will be the subject of an appeal hearing in the village hall starting on Tuesday 26 April. The hearing takes the form of an inquiry heard by an independent inspector and is open to the public. Anyone can attend any of the sessions. I would particularly recommend coming along to the first morning session at which the inspector will set out the programme for the inquiry. The parish council has set up a small working group of councillors and residents to plan how best to get over the message that just about every resident who has made a comment to MSDC on the two applications is strongly against the plans put forward by Gladman.

In mid-February the parish council were notified of an application on land fronting B1115 and Thorney Green Road, with a proposed access from B1115 part way between the A14 bridge and Dents Corner. The number of houses indicated on the layout drawing is 75. Residents have until 11 March to make comments to MSDC. Councillors at the parish council meeting on 10 March will decide upon their response to the application.

The parish council is arranging a display of plans which form part of this application. This will be in the village hall on Friday 4 March from 4.00 to 7.00. Members of the parish council will be there to hear your comments on the proposal. From 7.00 there will be a meeting to discuss how residents can get involved in fighting the Gladman application and also to seek views on the more recent application. Please come along if you possibly can.

More recently we have heard that plans have been prepared for development of land alongside A1120 on the field opposite where the post office used to be. There has been no direct approach to the parish council so we have no details at present. If a planning application is made, the council will need to consider how best to hear the views of residents.

It is very unfortunate that these three areas of land have been put forward for housing development before the Neighbourhood Plan has been approved. The Neighbourhood Planning Working Group has done a huge amount of work and the final draft of the Plan is nearly ready for submission to MSDC. As soon as the final stages are complete, the Plan will become a formal

document which planners will need to take fully into consideration when determining planning applications for developments in Stowupland.

Everyone who drives within or through our village will know that the state of our roads has deteriorated very badly in recent months. We have reported many highways issues over the last year or more that have not been addressed. We have all sorts of stalling responses from the county council and we no longer have any faith in the current system of reporting via the highways website. The cracks along Thorney Green Road, the potholes on Thorney Green and the state of Church Road between Maple Road and A1120 have been reported to SCC many times but little has been done. The post for the vehicle activated sign was erected on The Green alongside A1120 around two years ago and when the sign was finally fixed to the post it was facing the wrong way. Councillors agreed at the February meeting that all the outstanding issues should be escalated to the cabinet member responsible for highways. I hope that he will be able to get some action taken urgently.

We are holding a litter pick on 16 April; this is an opportunity for as many of us as possible to get involved in tidying up the village. All necessary equipment, including gloves, will be provided. Further details will be in next month's Telstar.

It is no exaggeration to say that decisions taken in the next few months could change our village for ever. Make sure your views on how our village should develop are made known and get involved.

Keith Welham

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District Councillor's Report

Keith Welham

March 2016

I am sure most readers will already know that the Gladman public inquiry will be held in the village hall from Tuesday 26 April for 2 weeks. As a result the polling station for the Police and Crime Commissioner election on Thursday 5 May will be the sports and social club at the back of the village hall. The village hall committee are reserving parking spaces for people coming by car to the inquiry and I hope that there will also be a few spaces for voters too.

MSDC have appointed an experienced barrister to put forward their case to the Planning Inspector. I have asked District Planning officers to arrange a meeting so that Parish Council and Neighbourhood Plan WG representatives can meet with the barrister to discuss how best the village can support the case against the development.

A planning application for 75 homes on land fronting B1115 and Thorney Green Road has been received. I have asked for an extension of time for responses to be made to MSDC to allow residents to view plans and discuss the proposals at the display of plans and public meeting arranged by the Parish Council on 4 March. Please ensure that any comments you wish to make are with MSDC by 11 March and make sure that you make it clear whether you are objecting to, supporting or just commenting on the application.

The District Council meets next week to set their precept. It is likely to rise by 1.9% and therefore that part of your council tax bill paid to MSDC will also rise by the same amount. This is due to the government's directive that council house rents must be reduced by 1% this year and next and also cuts being made to the funding received from central government. The cost of some services is bound to rise and new sources of income will need to be found.

I have been able to award funds in respect of all six bids received for funding through the District Councillors Award Scheme. In Stowupland, help will go to the Preschool, Bowls Club, Telstar and towards the cost of new equipment for the PlayPark.

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District Councillor for Stowupland Ward

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Parish Council Report

from Sandy Smith

February 2016

The meeting opened with 13 members of the public present. It was decided to change the order of business in order that the Police and County Councillor could deliver their reports at the beginning of the meeting to allow them to get away early if they wished.

PC Henriksen reported that they had arrested 3 men in relation to a number of burglaries from sheds and outbuildings in the area and although they were unsure that this included those committed in Stowupland, it was felt that they may well be linked. A member of the public asked whether the Police could do anything about the parking in the village during school leaving times and was advised that they could only become involved if they were causing an obstruction preventing other vehicles from passing.

County Councillor Green reported that following a budget meeting, Suffolk CC were not going to raise their part of the council tax this year, however, there would be a 2% levy for adult care in line with Government guidelines. He reminded everyone that the Fire Service consultation was open until 22nd February and a new consultation has opened online for the public to record how they feel SCC is doing. He advised that Ofsted had awarded SCC Children's Services a good rating and that the A level results were moving in the right direction. He also reported that the 'gateway' had been ordered but no delivery date is known as yet. He was informed by the Councillors about the state of the roads in Stowupland with ever increasing numbers of potholes.

In matters of report, the Chairman advised that the container in Birch Close had been removed and that the ditch in Thorney Green Road has still to be cleaned out by the landowner. A new post has been erected in Mill Street for the footpath sign and the dog bin replaced. He also offered to re-measure the area and prepare a new drawing for the turn around area in the churchyard so that quotations can be sought. The Clerk reported that the Public Enquiry Action Group had met and a public meeting has been arranged for 4th March to cover both the Gladman planning appeal and also the new planning application for 75 houses at the corner of the B1115 and Thorney Green Road. Flyers are being prepared to deliver to all residents to inform them of this. The churchyard maintenance agreement has been amended by the PCC and the Parish Council is still awaiting the signed copy from the PCC. The tree work at the Cemetery is due to commence on 26th February. SCC has suggested using the bollards from the old Post Office to alleviate the parking problems outside The Crown, however, the site will need to be checked to see if this is feasible. The Clerk reported that the site meeting with the High School, Road Safety Officer and



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Councillors to look at the parking problems on the Green held in January, had gone well but were now awaiting a response from SCC. The insurance claim following the break in of the cemetery shed has been approved and new steps to improve the security are to be implemented. Although the vehicle activated sign has finally been erected by SCC, it has been positioned the wrong way round and SCC is due to reposition it on 12th February. All other reported problems to SCC Highways are still awaiting action.

In the public forum, a resident raised concerns about possible damage to the track across The Green once building work starts on the plot between Walnut Cottage and Caxton Cottage. He also asked whether or not there is a right of access to build and occupy a house on the plot. He was advised that the vacant plot has had right of access for in excess of 20 years and the Council, in 2014, confirmed that access to and from the plot would not be hindered. Any damage to The Green caused by construction vehicles would be dealt with at the time.

Members then considered a request for an easement to the plot, made in a letter from the solicitor acting for the owner of the land, and decided that there is no advantage to the Council in granting the easement and, in any case, the established right of access is sufficient.

The Clerk reported that all Parish Council policies are to be reviewed on an annual basis and the first one up for scrutiny is the policy relating to accesses across The Green. The Chairman explained that the policy had not kept up with custom and practice and had therefore been reviewed. He referred to suggested amendments required to bring the policy approved in November 2010 up to date. After debate, these changes were agreed.

The state of the potholes in Rendalls Lane was also discussed and in particular the very deep hole in one of the passing places that currently has two traffic cones in place. This is to be followed up again by the Clerk with SCC.

Reports from committees and sub-committees included a recommendation from Finance and Policy Committee that an extra full council meeting should be held on 17 March to make a decision on the draft document for the Neighbourhood Plan. The Transport, Traffic and Safety Sub-committee met yesterday and reported that after a wait of over two years the vehicle-activated sign has finally been erected, but facing the wrong way. A member of the public queried as to whether this was in the right place. He was advised that although it is well known that much of the traffic approaching the village from the A14 is travelling far too fast as they come round the corner by the garage, SCC stipulate that there has to be adequate visibility and they were only prepared to see it positioned at this point. The member of the public also felt that a sign giving the actual speed of each vehicle would have been preferable; he was advised that the cost for such signs is prohibitive and Police still have use of SID at times.

Although speedwatch had taken a back seat over the last two months, it was due to start up again next week. Councillor Brand was not happy with the lack of response from SCC over the parking on The Green and will be pursuing this further. The Footpaths Sub-committee will be replacing footpath signs reported in Barley Close and Saxham Street. The next Green inspection will be on 2nd April but the brambles will need to be cut down before the first grass cut. The Emergency Planning Group are still working on the emergency plan and the next SALC meeting will be attended as it falls outside of a Parish Council meeting date. The Neighbourhood Planning Sub-committee has drafted a manifesto with ideas to take forward projects that will enhance the environment and wellbeing of residents. These will promote walking within the village, speed management, broadband at the village hall, and extension to the cemetery amongst other things. This is to be forwarded to Councillors for them to consider and provide any additional suggestions. The Playpark Working Group has been awarded £1840 for new equipment.

Councillor Spitzer felt that parents need to be made aware of the fact that they should not be parking on The Green and Councillor Bickerdike suggested that the High School should be approached about becoming more active in encouraging parents to refrain from parking on The Green. Councillor Hamilton reported that the water that is flooding across A1120 as you approach the A14 is coming up from the drain and is extremely dangerous in frosty conditions. The Chairman reported a request for extra signage to prevent cars from failing to stop at the give way sign at Saxham Street near Town Farm. One car has recently overshot this junction and ended up on the verge on the other side of the road and there have been many near misses in the past. The Clerk reported that the joint Councillors training with members from three other villages has been booked and that she will order copies of the 2016 Good Councillor Guide for each of them. The current practice of sending copies of the Telstar to other parishes will cease due to the increasing cost of postage and instead the parishes will be advised to view it online via the village website. It was decided that the new planning application for 75 homes will be discussed at the next meeting as not all the documents are available on the MSDC website as yet and there will be the public meeting on 4th March.

Amongst the correspondence were requests from both a circus and a fun fair to hold their events on The Green, both of which were refused. MSDC will assist with funding for a litter pick as part of the Spring Clean Mid Suffolk initiative. This is likely to take place on 16th April. MSDC are also promoting their Suffolk Year of Walking where they will provide a walk leader providing the village provides 2 people to assist with arranging the walk. This is to be followed up for a date yet to be arranged but likely to be in September.

The meeting closed at 9.48pm.

Sandy Smith



February Meeting

Having read books on the origin of street names in Sudbury & Southwold, Steve Williams thought he would do the same for Stowmarket. Tithe maps, census papers, Harry Double's books and N. Langridge & B. Southgate's book on local pubs all helped in the research.

The Margaret & Gowle Roads were named for Margaret Gowle, a C16th benefactress, who set up the Stowmarket charities. Another benefactor was William Kent – hence Kent Road - who died in 1712. One of his bequests financed the rebuilding of the parish church tower which had been destroyed in a great storm 37 years previously. Another was for coats to be given to 5 poor men of the parish annually. Curwen Road is named for John Curwen, who devised the tonic sol-fa during his brief residence in the town. Pages Close is named for Samuel Page, who farmed 150 acres at Chilton Hall. He was very active in the town, with interests in the Farmers' Club, the parish church & Stow Union. More recent names, on the Cedars Park estate, are Guncotton Way & Mortimer Road. Guncotton Way commemorates the factory of that name which suffered a massive explosion in 1871. Mortimer Road honours Elizabeth Mortimer, who was awarded the Military Medal (unique at that time for a woman) for her exceptional bravery at RAF Biggin Hill in 1940. Chilton Avenue, a development begun in 1939, was built in Chilton, a hamlet of Stowmarket. The Clover milling family, whose smock mill was situated on Finborough Road was the inspiration for Clover's Court. Childer Road was named for Childer Hall, as that road, as well as Walnut Tree Walk, was built on part of the Hall's large garden.

Aldis Avenue remembers the family butchers: patriarch Wilfred was much involved with organisations in the town. Nearby Baldwin Road and Champion Crescent are both named for farmers, the former at Edgar's Farm, and the latter at Valley Farm, Combs Lane.

The 2005 development, Victory Court, remembers that it was 200 years since the Battle of Trafalgar with Nelson's flag ship the "Victory" – also 60 years since the finish of WW2. Edgar Avenue was named for Edgar's mid C14th farmhouse, while Edgecomb Road, it is assumed, indicated the edge of Combs. Maltsters, Thatchers & Chandlers Walk, Weavers & Millers Close, Tylers Way & Farriers Road were all trades of yesteryear, most only making work for one or two. However, the malting industry of the 19th and early 20th centuries, using locally grown barley for the beer, was very important and reckoned to be second only to Burton-on-Trent. Brickfields was the site of a brickworks compulsorily closed at the start of WW2, never re-opened

& left derelict until the development of the 1990s. Recent small estates are Thurlow Court, remembering George Thurlow, proprietor of a leather belting works & Tydeman Court, the Tydeman family being owners of a furniture store established in the 1850s

Weston “Wessie” Howard was a well-known figure in the town, particularly associated with swimming. Weston Court commemorates him. Iliffe Way is named for A.W Iliffe, a one-time chairman of Stowmarket Urban District Council. Hamilton Way was built after the demolition of Ham Row, a terrace of late C18th cottages. Ham probably referred to the pigs brought to market and kept in the pound, in nearby Pound Lane, prior to being sold. Danescourt Avenue - a nod to occupation by Danes. Viking Road – no evidence of Vikings in this area, indeed it was settled by the Angles & there were battles between the Angles & the Danes.

Many names have disappeared, as have the buildings, such as Pigstye Square, Cabbage Square & Rope Walk.

There is much more to be explored in the book. It is available from the Tourist Information Office (opposite ASDA), price £8.

Thanks go to all who supported the raffle at this meeting and to all who donated prizes.

Judy Clarke.

Would you like to be the Local Recorder for STOWUPLAND?



The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Local Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the ‘present’ is adequately recorded at local level for the ‘future’.

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If you are interested, please look at the Recorders Pack by visiting www.slhc.org.uk, click on Recorders, then click on Recorders Pack in the text on the left hand side to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme. You do not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders. To volunteer to help in this important work, please contact recorders@slhc.org.uk

We are hoping that someone will come forward to continue the excellent work of Jen Perks.

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. 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.

Saxham Street

Did you live in Saxham Street at any time from about 1950? If so, Alexandra Cobbold Robertson would love to hear your memories. She can be contacted on 01449 677389.

Neil's Notes

Today we tend to welcome wild birds into our gardens, encouraging their visits by putting out a variety of bird food. However for many years the flocks of birds in the countryside were seen as a threat to the agricultural economy. Flocks were larger no doubt than those we see today and keeping them off the growing crops was vital.

The arch enemies were crows and particularly rooks -

Four seeds in a hole:

One for the rook, one for the crow,

One to rot and one to grow.

Farmers would frequently go out with their shotguns to shoot as many as they could.

Charles Rayner Freeman records in his diary in September 1826 '**Mr. Stearn and Mr. Freeman came shooting, bagged 29 birds**' Later his son William mentions going shooting with neighbouring landowners – In May 1851 he '**went shooting at Mr. Hall's and shooting 4 dozen rooks**', later that week shooting at Mr. Barkers at Ashfield and the next day rook shooting at Mr. Pyman's in the village. This was a social and sporting occupation but also seen as very necessary to try to keep the population of scavenging flocks down.

Membership

March marks the end of our membership year. We have been very grateful for the support of present members, hope they will renew their memberships next month, and look forward to welcoming new members too. Details will follow in April.

Talking Point

Rendall Lane. The name Rendall has many variations and is of Anglo-Saxon and Scottish origin (use Google to discover more). Our Rendall Lane runs close to a likely Anglo-Saxon burial ground. Neil has been looking at an estate map of 1806 which shows fields called Upper Randals and Lower Randals on the right hand side of the lane past Water Run Farm, going towards Old Newton. These are called Lower and Middle Randal on the tithe apportionment (about 1839), with the next field being Upper Rundle. The land was owned by Major General Rebow. The Old Newton tithe mentions Randall Lane. One Edmund Randall is mentioned elsewhere as having lived in Stowupland in the 17th century, though not in this area. Many thanks go to Neil.

Felix Road. After naming Broomspath Road and Highfield Road, two Hopgood estate roads were still not named. We might guess that the fall-back of holiday places was considered: Devon and Felixstowe; but 'Felixstowe Road' sounded awkward, while 'Felix Road' was neat. Felixstowe is generally accepted to have been named in the 13th century after Felix of Burgundy who became Bishop of Dunwich in 631. Saint Felix is credited for bringing Christianity to East Anglia and several churches are dedicated to him. His feast day is March 8th: maybe a bit cold for a street party!

For our next 'Talking Point', roughly when did chimneys originate?

Programme

Mar 2nd 'Who Lived in Your House?' by Pat Walker

Most people must have wondered who lived in their house in the past. Even if it is not that old, what was there before? Who owned the land? What was it used for? Pat Walker will look at a number of resources to help you explore the history of your property.

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.

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.

President Colleen welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the New Year, with an especially warm welcome to the two new members, Linda and Carolyn. Following the singing of “Jerusalem” the record of the December meeting was read, agreed and signed. The raffle from that meeting raised £51 for the Suffolk Accident & Rescue Service.

Suggestions for the “Clean for the Queen” project - in honour of Her Majesty’s 90th. Birthday in April - were the cleaning of the village sign and road signs. Names were taken for members who wished to attend the Suffolk East Federation council meeting at Trinity Park, Ipswich on March 3rd. As usual, donations to the British Humanitarian Aid will be most welcome and indeed, all the Institutes are very generous each year. Following a majority vote, there was no meeting in August 2015, but suggestions were put forward to have an informal get together this year. The choice was afternoon tea. Several members have been knitting tops for “fish & chip” babies – these are for babies in Africa whose parents are so poor that their new born babies go home from hospital, literally wrapped in paper. Colleen brought some copies of the pattern – a very simple one – for anyone to take, and a goodly number of finished articles were brought to the meeting.

Sandra McGlinn then took the floor and spoke of the difficulties she had had over the years trying to keep down her weight. However, it wasn’t until she joined Weight Watchers that she gained control and has been with the organization ever since, even becoming a Leader and helping others. After refreshment, Colleen sorted out the volunteer helpers and bakers for the Garden Club teas for the next three months. This activity has been a good source of funding from which all the members benefit.

The winners for the two 2015 competitions were announced, with Mary C. sweeping the board as top scorer for both competitions. She received the Linda Bewey salver, to keep for a year, and 2 Boots’ vouchers. Mary then continued with her winning ways, coming first in the evening’s flower competition, with Judy 2nd and Christine 3rd. The plate competition was won by Mandy, 2nd was Linda (one of the new members) and Colleen 3rd.

Birthday posies were given out and the meeting closed with the chocolate tombola, at which everyone received a chocolate goody, matching their drawn ticket against the one on their prize.

Holy Trinity Church Letter

From Rev David Swales

Dear Friends,

In a former church I once spoke in a sermon about times in my life when I have moved on from one place to another. I was told afterwards by several people that they were convinced that I was about to announce my departure!

In fact, I had no plans to leave at the time: but I was interested to notice how quick folk were to pick up a hint which they thought I may have been dropping.

‘The Son of Man must suffer’

What a contrast with Jesus’ disciples! Jesus did all he could, over a long time, to warn them that he was going to be taken from them, that he would suffer and die, yet they wouldn’t take the hint. So, when Jesus was betrayed and arrested, when he was beaten and falsely accused, when the unthinkable happened and he was led off to die, carrying his own instrument of torture on his back, and neither man nor God lifted a finger to stop the terrible business; what could they think but that it was the most awful disaster: that everything had gone horribly wrong?

Surprise!

Three days later they were stunned and disbelieving yet again. But this time because they hardly dared believe their joy! Jesus was back: and what had seemed a terrible defeat was suddenly shown to be a great victory. Death and evil had not beaten Jesus: he had beaten them!

Suddenly, everything looked different: everything made sense. From this new point of view they could see that God had been in control all the time: had been working his own purposes out; even through the evil events of Good Friday.

Ever since, Christians have looked at the world, and at life, from this new point of view. The sadness in our own lives, and in the world, are not always taken away, nor always understood: but Jesus’ resurrection is our guarantee that the final victory is God’s. He can bring good out of evil; even life out of death.

Remembering - and Celebrating

There is no better way of keeping that perspective than by going through the events of Holy Week in our special services, and sharing in the joy of the Resurrection on Easter Day (see ‘Church Services’). Can I offer you a very warm invitation to come to any of our special services in your parish church this Holy Week and Easter.

Your friend and vicar,

David

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Church Services in March 2016

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13th Mar	9.30am	Morning Worship & ✧ Trinity Starz ✧ (Sunday School)
	6.30pm	Evensong (<i>BCP</i>)
16th Mar (Wed)	2.00pm	Easter Service at Jubilee Court – All Welcome
20th Mar	8.00am	Holy Communion (<i>BCP</i>)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (<i>BCP</i>)

Holy Week:

21st Mar (Mon)	10.30am	Easter Service at Steeple View- All Welcome
21st Mar (Mon)	8.00pm	Service of Compline (15 mins: Stowupland)
22nd Mar (Tue)	8.00pm	'The Passion' - led by our Drama Group (Wetherden)
23rd Mar (Wed)	8.00pm	Service of Compline (15mins: Haughley)
24th Mar (Thu)	7.00pm	AGAPE SUPPER & Communion (Stowupland)
25th Mar (Fri)	2.00pm	Good Friday 'Hour by the Cross'
27th (Easter)	9.30am	Festival Family Communion
	6.30pm	Communion Service

(*BPC – Book of Common Prayer*)

AN EASTER PRAYER:

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the assurance of everlasting life. Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, and make us bold to praise you and to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Holy Trinity Church (continued)

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:

The Housebox collection has now been completed for 2015 and your donations have raised £591-03. Many Thanks.

It has been my pleasure to be the Parish Co-ordinator for the Children's Society for the past eleven years. But regretfully, I feel I can no longer continue. May I take this opportunity to say a heartfelt "thank you" to all box holders who have been extremely generous with their donations over so many years. It is hoped this will carry on in the future. Best wishes.

Janet Burton Parish Co-ordinator

MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE SUPPER:

Join us at 7pm on Thursday, 24th March in Stowupland Church Hall for a simple, informal soup, cheese & fruit supper shared within the context of Maundy Thursday Prayers & Communion. All are welcome.

FAMILIES!

We invite you to join us for the All-Age Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday, 6th March at 9.30am. Also, in the afternoon, come along to the '1st@4' SERVICE at 4.00pm and enjoy this popular 'Church With A Difference' (with some snacks afterwards)!

Then please do come along on Easter Sunday 27th March to the joyful Family Festival Communion. Stay and have Fair-Trade refreshments with us in the hall afterwards!

STEEPLE VIEW & JUBILEE COURT:

The residents warmly invite you to join with them for their Easter Services. At Jubilee Court on Wednesday 16th March at 2.00pm. Also at Steeple View on Monday, 21st March at 10.30am and which is followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay.

LENT LUNCHESES 2016:

You are invited to join us for the Lent lunches of soup, rolls and cheese followed by tea or coffee. All of the lunches will be on Wednesdays, held in the Church Hall and start at 12 noon. There is no charge, but your voluntary donations will be donated to the local charity We look forward to welcoming you! Please see back page.

BEETLE DRIVES:

We welcome everyone to come along and enjoy some fun in a friendly atmosphere at the Beetle Drives which will be held on Tuesdays, 1st and 22nd March at 2.30pm in the Church Hall.

CHURCH 100 CLUB:

Congratulations to the winners of the February draw:

1st No. 17 Mr M Hammond: 2nd No. 83 Mrs P Metcalfe: 3rd No. 65 Miss S Hayter

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 over Christmas, 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.

PARISH REGISTERS

FUNERALS.

Our love, sympathy and prayers to the families of those who have recently died:-

21st January Eric Jones

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

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CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

Book Group:	Patricia Hodgkins	01449 672127
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Short Mat Bowls:	Pam Fayers	01449 770080
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Countryside Rambler

Brian Ward

As I am writing this (early Feb) the Snowdrops are in full bloom and the Celandines are looking radiant as the sunlight falls upon them under the woodland canopy. The Primroses will soon be flowering along the shady banks and woodland flowers like Oxslip and the Wood Anemone along with Ransoms and Bluebells will lead us into late spring. All of these flowers are abundant at Bradfield Woods run by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. The flora of our countryside appears to flower earlier each year. This year the Cherry Plum blossom was exceptionally early with its bright white blossom seemingly lighting up the hedgerows and look out for the red leaved variety which has subtle pink blossom. The Blackthorn should be next to flower followed by the Hawthorn, Wild Cherry, and then Crab Apple. A true wild Crab Apple will have thorns on its branches and is probably the ancestor of our cultivated apples of today.

The Hazel catkins have been a sight to behold this spring, look out for catkins on the Birch, Alder and the largest catkins of all, the Grey Poplar. With the seasons coming earlier it is difficult to gauge from month to month what will happen next. I have seen Black Headed Gulls in full breeding plumage in January this year. Our garden birds are in full song and the Skylarks have been singing all winter. On clear sunny days you can watch their slow ascension into the blue winter skies until only a dot is visible but the song is still loud and vibrant.

I will briefly describe what I have encountered over the past month at various places. I have seen several Guillemots at different locations around our coastline, even at Languard Point. At Dunwich a raft of common Scoter were feeding although the sea was quite choppy with white horses on the waves, (old seafaring saying). It was nice to see a large flock of Twite, constantly on the move, feeding in the rough grass between the sea and marshlands at Dunwich. Locally I have frequently seen Barn Owls, and they almost always follow the same ditches to reach their favoured rough pasture hunting grounds. I have also been watching four Roe Deer; I believe there are three does and a buck. At the moment his antlers are covered in velvet. I hope to follow their progress through the year and hopefully see them with their young (kids) in May/June.

I hope most of you with garden bird feeders got involved with the RSPB's big garden birdwatch. I had a fair number of birds during my allotted time but some of the regulars did not appear. They probably got diverted to someone else's a-la-carte feeder and decided to give my humble Sunflower hearts a miss.

With the winter watch now long gone I can't wait to enjoy more of their insights into our great British wildlife. There was amazing film footage even in the harshest of weather, also terrific questions and photos from the public. Hopefully we have the worst of the weather behind us and can look forward to seeing the early butterflies and the first migratory birds of the summer in a few weeks' time.

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Stowupland Village Hall update

Jerry Voden VHMC

This month I am pleased to say that we have had offers of help for the committee vacancies that were advertised in last month's Telstar. Sally Reeves has volunteered to take on the role of secretary and will join us at the March meeting.

Since then I have had another phone call from a new resident in the village who is interested in joining the committee and has also volunteered to come to the March meeting to find out what happens in the day to day running of the hall. This is very good news indeed and will ease the work load of the existing committee members. Thanks to both for their offers of help.

Please note a date for your diaries; **Monday 25th April 2016 at 7pm is the date the committee have set for this year's AGM. All those organisations using the hall will be invited to give their annual reports and the management committee will be elected for the coming year. All residents are invited to attend the AGM, please come along and see how the hall is run and give your views for the coming year.**

Many residents will be aware that the Gladman Housing development has gone to the appeal stage. The committee have now been notified by MSDC that the appeal will be held at the village hall starting on Tuesday 26th April and will last until Friday 6th May 2016. Apologies in advance to our regular daytime hirers, this does mean that the hall will not be available for you to use over this period. We are contacting village organisations to let them know and Hugh Blanch our booking secretary will be in touch soon to let you all know what is happening and have details of the alternatives available to you over this period. The weekend and evening bookings should not be affected by the appeal hearing.

For school times please note there will be a lot of extra cars using the car park as we have to provide for MSDC officers, planning inspectors, members of the public and residents coming in for the appeal. We are trying to obtain a list of the extra numbers and you will see that a number of car parking spaces will be reserved. Please respect these areas at peak parking times. Thank you in advance for your patience.

We now have a page for the hall on the Stowupland village web site and all the hall details are shown. Thanks to Margaret Gough and Kim Jennings for completing this work.

If you would like further details of what the hall has to offer please call our booking secretary Hugh Blanch on 01449 612156.

March Dates

Tues	1	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	1	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	1	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	1	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	2	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	2	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	2	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	2	Local History Group - 'Who Lived in your House?'	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	3	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	6	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	7	Afternoon Fellowship	2.00pm	URC Chapel
Mon	7	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	8	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	9	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	9	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	10	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	10	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE for April issue		
Sun	13	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	14	Afternoon Fellowship	2.00pm	URC Chapel
Mon	14	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	15	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	16	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	16	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	17	W.I. – 'Knickers: what do you wear underneath and why?'	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	17	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	17	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	18	Coffee Morning	10.00pm	URC Chapel
Fri	18	Community Quiz	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	20	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	21	Afternoon Fellowship	2.00pm	URC Chapel
Mon	21	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	22	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	22	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall

Wed	23	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	23	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thur	24	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	25	Community Bingo (18+) Doors open	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	27	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	29	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	29	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	29	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	30	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	31	P.C. Footpaths Sub.Com.	7.30pm	Church Hall
Thur	31	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall

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

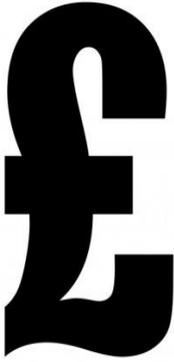
If you wish to attend one of the events listed, and would like help with transport, please contact Good Neighbours on **07591 539621**

Future Events in 2016

April	9	Jumble Sale
April	22	Community Bingo

Diary Dates

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For contact details for clubs / groups etc. See page 19



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A Stowupland Community Event



“Yes, we do still need a Neighbourhood Plan!”

Firstly, thank you to everyone who completed the Questionnaire. We had a tremendous response again. Work on the Neighbourhood Plan is getting very intense now. We have a great bunch of volunteers who have worked hard on a character appraisal of the parish and on analysing the questionnaires. By the time you read this we will have had our Update and Next Steps meeting at the Village Hall on 23rd February, and we will be putting the final touches to a draft of the Plan for Parish Council approval before we start a six-week period of consultation later in the Spring.

As I write this piece in the middle of February a new planning application has just been registered at Mid Suffolk for land between Thorney Green Road and the A14. This proposal is for up to 75 dwellings. It is so disappointing that neither the landowner nor the developer has sought to engage with the community either through the Parish Council or through the Neighbourhood Plan Group. We are not anti-development, but we do want to see the village grow at the right pace, with developments of an appropriate size, and in the right location. A quick look at the responses to the questionnaires reveals how strongly residents value and cherish the village character, the environment, open countryside, footpaths and biodiversity, and the fact that we are distinct and separate from Stowmarket.

So, despite the upcoming public inquiry into the two planning refusals (for 190 and 175 dwellings respectively) and this new proposal for up to 75 dwellings we are not giving up. We are working hard to make sure the wishes of Stowupland are heard in time to influence decisions that could have a huge and permanent impact on the character and appearance of the village, and the capacity of the parish to cope with such a huge scale of growth.

So, thank you again for completing the questionnaires, and for supporting our displays and drop-in events, and to the volunteers that are working so hard to get the Plan drafted. Watch out for more updates and ideas about what should be in the Plan, and please continue to support your plan as it goes through the process of consultation, revising, examination, and referendum.

Jackie Ward

Chair, Stowupland Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

A message of thanks

"I would like to thank friends and neighbours for the numerous cards, kind messages and floral tributes on the death of my dear husband, Eric. All our family gained great comfort from the many kind words".

Mary Jones

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The exhibition will be held at the Village Hall, Stowupland on 8th March between 4pm and 7pm.



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‘CLAP YOUR HANDS ALL YOU PEOPLE’

URC MINISTER Chris Wood

Recently I took an assembly at a local school and spoke about Noah having the courage of his convictions to do what God called him to do – even though on the surface it seemed crazy, and despite probably having to face a lot of scepticism from family and friends. At the conclusion of my talk, the children burst into spontaneous applause – surprising both myself and the head teacher who’d never witnessed such a reaction previously. I’m not often lost for words, but I was on this occasion, yet equally delighted that they had clearly appreciated my take on this important Old Testament reading.

It reminded me of an incident in my home town of Brighouse involving my elderly Aunt and her husband Bert. They’d gone to a Salvation Army band concert at the local Citadel with another couple and she recalled how they’d thoroughly enjoyed themselves and clapped enthusiastically after the last item. The Major then got up to give thanks, and rounded off the evening with prayer. At the end of the prayer, everyone present said the usual ‘AMEN’ (‘Let it be so’), except Bert and his close friend. Much to the amazement of my Aunt, they started to clap! Naturally they were dug in the ribs and told that it wasn’t the done thing to clap for a prayer. Bert replied: ‘Nay lass, if I can clap when I’ve enjoyed the band, I should be allowed to clap when I’ve appreciated a good prayer’. Different – but how right!

I was also present with over 300 other people at the funeral of James who I referred to last month. His Grandfather spoke very movingly – both sharing tears as well as laughter – but captured James’ life perfectly. When he concluded, again the congregation burst into spontaneous applause, both for a Grandfather who had offered memories from the heart in deep love and gratitude, but also I’m sure for James’ life whose presence had lit up every room and relationship he blessed in his short life.

During this time of Lent, many churches up and down the country are using study material from the York Courses entitled this year: ‘The Psalms – Prayers for Today’s Church’. In the first session the participants are encouraged to reflect on expressions of thankfulness, making the point that adults’ prayers usually begin with the word ‘please’, whereas children’s prayers usually began with the

words 'thank you'. Although it might be a bit of generalisation, the point made is that adults are likely to ask God for things in prayer, but children are more mindful of the things that bring comfort and joy, thus expressing an appreciation of what is, and taking delight in those who provide, nurture and support them along the way.

We are reminded that thanksgiving is a constant theme within the Book of Psalms. Psalm 136 for instance contains a long list of 'thank you's'; Psalm 18 is a beautiful and heartfelt song of adoration and thanksgiving; and Psalm 150 is just one short, sharp burst of praise and thanksgiving. The Trappist monk, Thomas Merton, is quoted as saying: 'If we have no real interest in praising (and thanking) God it shows that we have never realised who He is'.

We are therefore encouraged through the Psalms to thank God for the gift of each day, each meal, each friendship, each expression of care and support, each breath - knowing that we are totally dependent upon Him for all the blessings of this life as we journey towards the next. This may include giving God a spontaneous clap as a thank-offering for all that He has done for us and the promise of eternity given that the Psalmist encourages with the words: 'Clap your hands, all you peoples, shout to the LORD with a joyous shout!' (Psalm 47: 1). Certainly different – but I'm sure the Psalmist is right. If we can clap when we've enjoyed an offering of talents, then surely we ought to do that to a God who has given generously for our delight and enjoyment. Maybe we should try it sometime, but it's better if it's spontaneous

God Bless

Chris

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

U.R.C. Chapel

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Our next coffee morning will be on Friday 18th March 10am to 12noon.

Please note this is a week early as the last Friday in March is Good Friday.

Come and have a chat, cuppa, and a cake. Everyone welcome.

A date for your diary, Saturday 9th April, Jumble Sale 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. Unfortunately Electrical Goods cannot be accepted, as the law does not permit us to sell them. We would also welcome you coming to buy.

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Our speakers for March are as follows:

06th March United Anniversary service at Stowmarket
URC

No service at Stowupland

13th March Mary Durrant

20th March Derek Ames

27th March John Webb (Communion service Easter
Sunday)

Women's World Day of Prayer

Women's World Day of Prayer is a global, ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action, organised and led by Christian women who call the faithful together on the first Friday in March each year to observe a common day of prayer. This year the service has been prepared by women from various churches in Cuba and on 4th March 2016 men, women and young people in over 170 different countries will be united in prayer as they bring the needs of the people of Cuba before the Lord through the theme 'Receive children, Receive me'. Our local meeting will be held at Old Newton Chapel on 4th March at 2pm. The service will be followed by refreshments.

Afternoon Fellowship

We recommence our meetings on Monday 7th March at 2pm and our speakers are as follows.

07th March Revd Chris Wood

14th March The children from Freeman Primary School will
entertain us.

**It would be great to see any parents who
felt they could join us. You will be made most
welcome.**

21st March Irene Martin.

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As I write this article in mid February I can report that both our First team and Reserves are sitting top of their leagues. The First team have a tough March and April to come and with a bit of luck should be in with a good shot at the top 2 spots but it will need some results going our way. The Reserves on the other hand only need another 3 wins to secure their championship, so an unbelievable performance by them this season. Well done lads, keep focused!

I was going to give a fuller round up of the youth as well this month but instead I am going to turn my attention to 2 problems which are now getting to the point where I have to make people aware.

The first of the problems is dog mess. I know this is a subject most of you do not have anything to do with but the field is being used by a very inconsiderate dog owner. I will keep it to the singular as I am convinced that the majority of dog owners, which includes myself, would be horrified to learn of an irresponsible owner leaving dog mess where children play on a daily and weekly basis. It seems that this person thinks it is OK to walk their dog on School and Village Hall land and just not have to clear up after their dog. The areas mainly around the outside of the field seem to be the favourite areas not to clear up, but please be aware these areas are used by children aged 4-7 at our very successful Saturday morning club as well as the School at break times. It is not OK for these youngsters to have to deal with this problem and go home having fallen or trodden in something unpleasant. Please be vigilant of this problem and if anyone witnesses the reckless dog owner, please take a description of the dog and owner and get in touch with me. I will happily deal with the individual via the appropriate authorities.

The second of my problems is car owners who think it is OK to drive on the fields. We have had 3 incidents this season which have caused damage to the pitches. We have reported these to the Police and we will be taking number plates of cars using the Village Hall car parks. Again, if you witness such vandalism please do not put yourself at risk, just take the details and get in touch with me. Again, I will happily deal with the individuals via the appropriate authorities.

So just a reminder that fixtures are on our website, as well as upto date news and events...

www.stowuplandfalconsfc.co.uk

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

Sam's Chatter

Gong Xi Fa Cai. Welcome everyone, to the Chinese Year of the Monkey. Mummy is very happy it is the Year of the Monkey. Mummy loves anything to do with monkeys. Her favourite is the Orang-utan, which technically is not a monkey but an ape. She has monkey (and ape) soft toys, monkey games, monkey clothes, monkey ornaments, monkey plates, monkey pictures, monkey puzzles, and this year an orang-utan calendar. I have lots of monkey T-Shirts. We have been to Monkey World, Monkey Forest, and visited the monkeys in many zoos in England and Scotland, including Twycross Zoo, which has the largest collection of monkeys and apes in the Western World. I remember there being some very noisy howler monkeys there. Before my sister and I were even thought about, Daddy and Mummy went to Borneo for their honeymoon to see the orang-utan sanctuary. I think Mummy's favourite job would be to work with monkeys and apes, but she has the next best thing - me and Jessica (and Daddy)!

Easter is early this year. My sixth birthday is right bang in the middle of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Mmmm lots of lovely chocolate then for me. Last year Mummy and Daddy gave up chocolate for Lent. That meant they couldn't eat any chocolate birthday cake, including mine and Daddy's. Jessica and I also didn't get to eat much chocolate so I hope they find something else to give up for Lent this year. Plus Daddy has a BIG birthday so we need to get him a BIG chocolate cake.

Mummy is letting some of her monkeys out to play this Easter. We are helping her with a charity Easter Funday to raise money for the Walk Breast Cancer charity and St Elizabeth Hospice (oops I meant raise money). The monkeys are going to be part of a special Easter egg hunt. There will be a raffle and tombola and a bouncy castle from Stowupland's own kartsandcastles. That should be lots of fun. I'll be helping Mummy put out posters on the notice boards with the details. It starts at 12:30 on March 26th at Bacton Scout Hall. That is on my birthday! It snowed once on my birthday. Hopefully it will be sunny this year. I must go. I am going to bed to dream about chocolate monkeys. **Sam xx**



Stowupland Bowls Club

Be inspired and enjoy this coming season of Bowls!

When you want to spend your weekend outdoors but don't have the energy for a hike or bike ride, lawn bowling offers a nice, relaxing alternative. And at the Stowupland Bowls Club beginners can enjoy free sessions every Saturday at 2 p.m., so there's no excuse not to give it a try. All you need to bring is a pair of flat-soled shoes and a few friends, if possible; you can generally play singles games or with teams of two to four players.

Maybe you have just retired this year or retirement is getting closer, it is important to keep active, make new friends and have some fun! Bowling is considered to be a healthy pastime with a relaxed pace and comparatively light physical demands. It is also a low-impact, therapeutic form of exercise. For the competitive bowler we have league games on most days of the week and competitions. For the bowler who prefers less competitive games, we have organised roll-ups, or you can play with your friends anytime that the green is not in use.

Any social activity that brings groups of people together is good for a person's mental and physical wellbeing, and often spouses and friends turn up just to keep in touch, have a cup of tea and a chat. There is always more going on at the club for those that do not bowl, and want to be involved. We hold social events throughout the year.

A good way to get started is to join the club and start playing socially. The 1st year's membership is free and the green is open on Saturdays at 2pm for those who just want to roll up and try it out.

Stowupland Bowls Club extends a warm invitation to you, your friends and family. Visit us and experience the camaraderie and friendly atmosphere of our club.

For more details of our lawn bowls competitions, membership information or any other enquiries about the Bowls Club contact;

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providing a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon for visitors, and gardeners alike, but also supporting your local Church, Holy Trinity. If you are interested (and perhaps want some helpful advice about opening) contact John Parsell on 01449 672592 or Kate Elliott on 07730 922530.



If you hesitate about showing the whole garden, why not join in the Crazy Container celebration? Started last year, gardeners planted up old dustbins, mobility scooters, milk churns and poultry feeders. Containers were left out at the roadside for all to see on the day. Start thinking of your original idea - you'll enjoy the challenge.

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Once again - thank you - Hugh Blanch - 01449 612156

Spring

Spring is here,
Let's give some cheer!

Flowers bloom, trees grow,
Water falls, winds blow.

Bees buzz, kids play,
Say hooray! Spring is today!

- *Author unknown* -



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