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Chairman's Column

Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council

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Another month, another application for housing development. Most readers will already be aware that the owner of the land opposite the URC chapel has submitted a planning application for 10 dwellings with a new access from A1120. I guess we shouldn't be surprised that, after the application for 175 homes on land owned by the Carter and Bloom families was given permission on appeal; other landowners are seeking permissions for new housing on their land. Should we be angry with the landowners or with the district council for failing to plan ahead? It is disappointing when permissions are granted against the wishes of residents. But perhaps we should be just as disappointed that the district council failed to maintain a supply of land available for house building.

Those of us who were on the parish council at the time will recall our then district councillor assuring us that Stowupland would have no new housing except for infill sites for the foreseeable future. She told us we didn't need a Neighbourhood Plan but all the time the supply of housing land was slipping below the threshold level. Thanks to the efforts of a small group of individuals, we are now making very good progress with our Neighbourhood Plan and much of the data and analysis will be valuable information as the parish council seeks to protect the village from a huge influx of new homes and all the problems that they bring with them.

A special meeting was held to discuss the two applications for housing development fronting B1115 and Thorney Green Road and the parish council agreed to make formal objections to both proposals. Many residents have sent in their individual objection letters – there appears to be very little support for the application – and it is not too late to let MSDC have your views, whether for or against the proposals, but you need to write as soon as you can.

Another special meeting is planned for 13 March in the URC meeting room to discuss the application for 10 houses on land opposite the chapel. There will be a public session at the start of the meeting and I hope that a good number of residents will come along to give their views. The application will then be debated by councillors and a decision taken on how to respond to MSDC.

That same meeting will consider the application for a new farmhouse next to Pooles Farm. Although the application is for a single four-bedroomed property, it is causing a great deal of concern. Rather than deal with the application during the regular parish council meeting on 9 March, it will be

considered on 13 March. Please come along to give your views and listen to what others have to say. You have until 14 March to send your views on this application to MSDC. If you have already written, you may write again, if you wish, after hearing the debate at the meeting.

I am very pleased that David Pring has agreed to join the parish council and will take his seat at the meeting on 9 March. We still have a vacancy and Claire or I would be grateful to hear from anyone willing to consider joining the council. The last few months have been very busy for the council, so I am especially grateful to the small number of councillors who have taken on extra work in the areas of planning, traffic and safety, footpaths and playpark planning, to the community events group, the neighbourhood planning group and to Claire, who has had a very heavy and, seemingly, ever increasing workload.

Don't forget that all meetings of the council and its committees and sub-committees are open for residents to attend and you will be given an opportunity to speak on any topic relevant to council business. In these days of Catch-up TV and video recording, there is no excuse for not attending.

Keith Welham,
(Chairman Stowupland Parish Council.)



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District Councillor's Report

District Councillor's Report to Parish Council meeting
on 9 February 2017

It will surprise nobody to hear that the move to Endeavour House has been put back to September. I am optimistic that the Public Access Point in Stowmarket will be open well before then. It will be at 54 Ipswich Street, the present home of the Realise Futures Learning Centre. There is parking for cycles and blue badge holders very close by; bus stops and public car parks are reasonably convenient.

You may have read that Parking Enforcement is to be handed over from the Police to District Councils. From April 2019 enforcement will be managed from three offices – East Suffolk, West Suffolk and Ipswich – Mid Suffolk will be covered from one of these three.

The Administration has published their draft budget for 2017/18 and this will be debated at the February meeting of Council. The precept will also be set at that meeting and then we will know what our increase in council tax will be – what is being proposed is an increase of 5p per week for a Band D property, more for Band E and above and less for Bands A, B and C. Council House rents will reduce by 1%, as required by Government legislation; the average rent reduction will be 84p per week. Garage rents will go up by 74p per week; sheltered housing service charges will go up by a maximum of £4 per week.

Spending on Capital Projects will be cut by £1.5 million in 2017/18 and for the following 4 years. For many years the Council has failed to meet its capital spending targets and there have been large underspends of revenue expenditure. As an example, the large underspend on housing adaptations to assist disabled residents has been blamed on the shortage of Occupational Therapists to undertake checks and plan housing adaptations. We must find a way to speed up this work.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S SURGERY

Keith Welham will be pleased to meet any resident either to discuss a concern or just for a chat

On Thursday 9 March

**between 6.00 and 7.00pm
in the URC meeting room.**

Green Party Councillors have prepared an alternative budget; a key theme of the budget is to regenerate and enhance Stowmarket, making the town an inspiring place for residents, visitors and businesses. We would like to see an introduction of 30 minutes free parking in town car parks and free parking one day a week after 3.00pm. A local history sculpture trail, with sponsorship from local businesses, will encourage visitors in the same way as 'Pigs Gone Wild' in Ipswich during 2016. These initiatives should bring more money into shops and businesses in Stowmarket.

We are also pushing for the Council to build new homes and to work with landowners, developers and builders to unlock land that has planning permission but is not coming forward. Currently there are permissions for 2,300 homes granted but they are not being built. Housing completions are way below the numbers needed and there is a desperate shortage of affordable housing and private rental homes. £2 million could be used to get homes built; besides the obvious benefit to residents who need to be able to upsize, downsize or buy or rent their first home, New Homes Bonus and Council Tax income from the new homes would show a return on the investment and improve the Council's financial position.

Let's Walk – a programme of walks around the Stowmarket area is being developed to encourage walking in the town and surrounding villages. I have suggested a route around part of Stowupland and walks are planned for 4, 12 and 25 April. Councillor Jennings will accompany the walkers to give information, especially historical facts, at points along the route. A leaflet will also be produced to encourage people to come to the village and, perhaps, enjoy refreshment at the start or finish of their walk. Make a note of these dates and hear about the history of our village.

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 District Councillor for Stowupland ward
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Parish Council Report

February 2017

8 members of the public joined the Parish Council for their February meeting. The County Councillor was unable to attend and did not submit a report. The report from the District Councillor can be found elsewhere in Telstar.

Matters of Report:

The Chairman advised that shortly after the installation by SCC of the 'gateway' on the A1120, he received an e-mail from them stating that they were going to have to remove it in order to rebuild it as it was 8" too short. He contacted them asking that it should remain and for them to spend their time and money repairing potholes instead. He received no reply to this suggestion and they did carry out the modification and have now reinstated it. The Chairman has met with Steve Cannon of Morrisons who has agreed to replace the damaged sign and to complete the remedial work on The Green.

Despite the Chairman arranging with Roger Stearn from Old Newton to formally hand over the Walker Cup to him on 7 February, Mr Stearn removed the cup from the Retreat before this date so no formal handover could take place. Roger is no longer able to produce any stamped sponsor forms as he says that he has passed them on to EACH. An amendment had to be made to the grass mowing contract in order to increase the number of times that the cemetery is strimmed to align it with the number of cuts. It is expected that the tenders will be received in time for the next meeting. The drawings and specifications for the cemetery turn around area are expected to be ready for the April meeting.

The Clerk reported that two individuals were offered a position as village handyman but one of them has been offered full time work so has declined the position. However, the remaining appointee has started his duties.

The letter voicing concerns about the lack of information on police incidents within the village has now been sent to the Chief Constable.

The Clerk advised that the ash tree on The Green had been included in the quotes for work to be carried out to the trees on The Green. Despite being chased, only 2 quotations have been received and it

was agreed to accept the lower one of these.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Mr Wicken advising him that the Council had turned down his suggestion for the modification to the access to Grays Close.

The meeting with the Primary School has been arranged for the week after half term.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor:

Mr Dave Pring has been co-opted onto the Parish Council and will start his duties next month.

Public Forum:

Amongst the comments made by the members of the public present at the meeting were that perhaps the Parish Council could write to the Co-Op suggesting that they time their deliveries to the garage outside the times when the parents are dropping off or picking up students from the school as it is causing traffic mayhem. It was queried whether or not MSDC were guilty of maladministration with their handling of the 5-year supply of suitable land for housing and although the Parish Council agreed that there had been a free for all, only a member of the public would be able to bring this matter to the attention of the Ombudsman. It was also pointed out the atrocious condition of the roads throughout the area and that many of them were extremely dangerous and likely to cause a serious accident. Another resident recounted a situation where a lady had taken a fall in one of these potholes where she had sustained serious injuries making it difficult for her to socialise. Despite photos being taken of the pothole and a hasty repair being made by SCC, they had denied that there had been a pothole there in the first place. Although the Parish Council are continuing to keep up the pressure on SCC, the criteria adopted by SCC of the extreme size of a pothole, makes it difficult to find potholes that are round rather than elongated. Another resident reported that she was unable to drive along Thorney Green as parents were parked on both sides of the road and another just stopped in the middle of the road blocking traffic completely. People were also still parking in the basketball court at the village hall. This will be closed off before the end of the month. Another resident had received verbal abuse from a parent who was asked to move her car from the resident's private driveway. This proved to be something suffered by other residents. It was suggested that she should be

asked to attend the Transport, Traffic and Safety meeting later this month to discuss this further.

Safer Route to School:

A final detailed design has been received from SCC outlining their proposed safer route to school across The Green finishing at the entrance to the High School. After some discussion, it was agreed to inform SCC that the Parish Council would only agree to it if the surface was changed from dense bitmac to give the appearance of a gravel finish, the concrete edging should be deleted and a commitment from SCC that a pedestrian path should be continued to the Primary School and a new bridge built with a timescale given when this work will be completed.

Sub-Committees:

The Community Events sub-committee reported that they had purchased all the prizes for the forthcoming quizzes and bingo events and that the take up of tables for the table top sale and craft event was so good that there would be an overspill into the bowls club pavilion which has been kindly offered free of charge. It was also hoped that residents would attend the open meeting on 20 February with their ideas for future events in the village. Refreshments will be available at this meeting.

The Emergency Planning sub-committee will be attending a county wide meeting on 17 February where a table top exercise will take place featuring a snow scenario. There will also be a guest speaker in attendance.

Councillor Jennings advised that she is to meet Francesca Clarke to discuss landowners' failure to reinstate footpaths across their land that they have ploughed up.

Copies of the landscape appraisal have now been received by the Neighbourhood Planning Group for them to use in drafting the neighbourhood plan. It will be available online for residents to look at before long. The group have come up with some extensions to the village settlement boundary to include the Gladman development and some properties that have already been built outside of the old boundary. They will also identify distinct areas for business and leisure uses. They will have this on display at the Annual Parish Meeting in April.

The Environment group advised that they had arranged four litter picks with help from Stowupland Falcons and the High School to take

place on 18 March, 17 June, 16 September and 18 November.

The Planning Committee have agreed to object on a number of grounds to both planning applications proposed to the west of Thorney Green Road and the District Councillor, Councillor Studd and a resident will speak at the MSDC planning meeting. An extraordinary Parish Council meeting is to be held at the URC meeting room on 13 March to discuss the planning applications for housing opposite the URC and at Pooles Farm. There was also a discussion on road safety features that need to be included before any development is built opposite the Primary School. It was felt that these should include a splitter island on the A1120 with a mandatory 20mph speed limit to cover both school entrances and flashing amber lights at start and finish school times.

Response to Consultation on Stowmarket East:

It was decided that Councillors Studd and Reeves should meet to discuss the response to the consultation on the forthcoming Stowmarket East development particularly that traffic to and from the site should be directed away from the A1120.

Playpark Working Group:

The group presented their plans and costs for the regeneration of the play park area. They have now received quotations for the cost of the equipment that will be in the region of £80,000. They have consulted with young people and have decided on equipment that will appeal particularly to 8-13 year olds. They aim for a brightly coloured newly fenced area that will appeal to children and brighten the area. There will also be equipment that can be used by wheelchair users and children with disabilities as well as some interactive games. In order to apply for grants, some financial and joint working commitment will need to be made with both the Parish Council and the Village Hall Committee. It was agreed to refer this to Finance and Policy Committee.

Clerks Report:

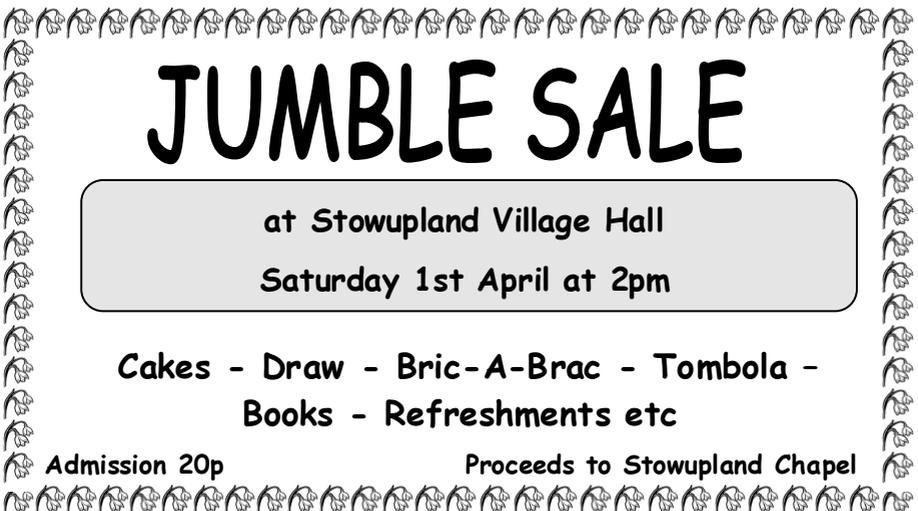
The Clerk reported that Palmers Bakery have agreed to judge the bake off entries at the Annual Parish Meeting. The WI has agreed to provide the refreshments. She has also requested that the History Group, Community Events and Neighbourhood Planning Group be asked if they would like to provide some display materials for the event.

Correspondence:

Letters from Suffolk Age Concern and Citizens Advice requesting donations are to be referred to Finance and Policy Committee. Anglian Water have also advised that business, public sector and charity customers are now able to transfer to other providers for their water and wastewater needs.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Sandy Smith



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at Stowupland Village Hall

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Local History Group:	Marion Harris	01449 770895
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Community Events	Keith Welham	01449 673185
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Stowupland Annual Parish Meeting does Bake off!

On behalf of the Parish Council I am writing to invite you to the Annual Parish Meeting which is to be held on Tuesday 25 April 2017.

The evening will start with the bake off competition, which is being judged by Palmers Bakery.

Groups

- Under 11
- 11-18 years
- Adults

Categories

- Celebration cakes
- Cupcakes and muffins
- Miscellaneous.

The village hall will be open from 6.00pm and judging will start at 6.30pm. The Parish Council will be there to talk to residents and display boards and reports from our village organisations will be available at this time.

The W.I have kindly offered to help with refreshments.

The meeting will start at 7.30pm and we hope that some of you will stay and join the Council for the meeting.

If you have any questions then please contact the clerk:-

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Countryside Rambler

Brian Ward

As I write this (12/02/17) the snow outside has just thawed and the forecast promises to become milder. Spring seems to be a long drawn out affair these days, a few mild days followed by harsh inclement weather. Perhaps in retirement I notice it more. I must admit in retirement my daily agenda is controlled by the weather and often even the wind direction. For example, if there is no wind after a dry night the Barn Owls will hunt well into early morning as they can hear their prey rustle in the dry grass, making them easier to catch. I recently watched a Barn Owl in these conditions and within the space of fifteen minutes it caught three Voles. If it was wet or windy the owl would possibly go hungry until the weather is good for hunting.

I also observe Kingfishers regularly and they have a preference to fish into shaded water without too much ripple. As we all know, water has a harsh glare on the surface when facing the sun and they will have their favourite perches depending on the angle of the sun and shadow. They are quite simply a jewel of a bird and a joy to watch.

Marsh Harriers require wind to hunt efficiently as do most large raptors. I have sat patiently for hours waiting to photograph Marsh Harriers in flight and with no birds in sight you think the day is wasted. But as soon as the first early morning breeze picks up they lift from the reed beds and perform their aerial ballet to the delight of all onlookers. Now is the time of year to observe these magnificent birds as they stake out their territories and choose a mate.

Over the next few weeks lookout for frogs and their spawn in your garden pond. So many farm and natural ponds have been filled in so these amphibians rely a lot on our garden ponds to reproduce. They are a pleasure to observe in your own garden. The adults hibernate hidden on land or more commonly in the muddy pond bottom. Listen carefully and you will hear the male croak to attract a mate. They mature when two years old and can vary in colour quite considerably. It takes about two weeks for the tadpoles to emerge from the spawn depending on temperature and they quickly develop legs and lose their tails. By June/July they are tiny froglets heading for dry land, this is why nature is so fascinating.

It will not be long now and the early summer migrants will be with us and the woodland glades will be carpeted in flowers. I just can't wait.



Local History Group

February Meeting

Kate Jewell explained that ‘minstrel’ derived from an Old French word meaning a minor court official and that minstrel groups travelling from town to town would include many different entertainers: oral poets, jugglers, fools, acrobats, puppeteers and exhibitors of performing animals, as well as musicians. Minstrels brought news as well as entertainment but churchmen feared that they would lead people astray.

Town waits were night-watchmen but also musicians. In Kings Lynn they were expected to perform a ‘wake-up call’ through the darker months, except on Sundays. This involved loud instruments (trumpets, trombones and shawms). Waits also played quieter music, on viols, flutes and fiddles at day time events.

Minstrels employed by royalty could be greatly rewarded; often privy to secret conversations, they were sometimes spies.

When, in 1296, Edward I's youngest daughter Elizabeth was married in Ipswich, East Anglian craftspeople made the robes and hangings and local minstrels performed between the many courses of the sumptuous banquet, all arranged by the king's herald. There were harpers, fiddlers, lutenists, tabourers and fools, the latter dressed in motley and bells which seems to have been traditional over the centuries.

Kate's talk was, as ever, beautifully illustrated, not only with paintings of the time, but also with recordings of shawms and viols and clips from films in which minstrels and heralds were portrayed. It was a delight.

Neil's Notes

We have looked at a couple of the parish's landowners in previous articles. Over the centuries individuals have bequeathed land in Stowupland, the income arising from the rent of the land being dedicated to benefit of the parishioners of both Stowupland and other parishes. Often these charities have been consolidated and the capital invested elsewhere other than in land, but in the middle of the 19th century the following charity land, administered by trustees of other parishes, existed in Stowupland.

Bramford Farm

In 1717 with money left by John Acton of Bramford Hall, the overseers of the poor of Bramford purchased a farm in Stowupland consisting of a cottage and 14 acres for the benefit of the poor of that parish ‘the rents and profits of the said premises shall be distributed Quarterly among such of the poor of Bramford as are most in want by the Overseers’. The cottage (now replaced by a more modern bungalow) and fields lie in Mill Street.

Earl Stonham School Charity

In the early 17th century, George Reeve left 20 acres of land in Stowupland along with further land in Earl Stonham to maintain a schoolmaster to teach the poor children of Earl Stonham. The school has recently been the subject of a book by Pip Wright 'The Class of '63'. Pip gave a talk to our group about this in 2016. The land consisted of three fields and an access lane to the east of Saxham Street and to the north of Bell's Lane. The fields have since been subsumed into larger fields.

Another 20 acres and a barn known as Thradstones or Thardstones were settled upon the poor of Earl Stonham. This consisted of four fields lying between Gipping Lane and Church Road; the fields generally still retain their original boundaries.

A part of this area is allocated to the new housing development recently granted planning permission. This land and the rest of Earl Stonham Trust estate was sold in 1924.

Fyrmages Charity

Nicholas Fyrmage a London merchant, by his will dated 20 Feb. 1621 gave land in Hackford Norfolk and £300 to pay for a lecturer to preach sermons in Great Ashfield Church, a sexton for ringing the great bell for each sermon and for the purchase of bell ropes. The £300 was laid out in the purchase of 44 acres of land called Hoo Wood in Stowupland. This land is in the vicinity of Mount Pleasant Farm, overlooking Stonebridge Lane. It consisted of six fields with a barn. The fields still form a discrete unit surrounded mainly by larger fields. More will follow about Hoo Wood next month.

Talking Point

'Neil's Notes' gives details of what was charity land in the village. For our next 'Talking Point', which of the place names in 'Neil's Notes' are Old English (Anglo-Saxon) in origin?

Programme

Please note that there was an error in our six-month programme in the last issue. Kim Jennings' talk and our A.G.M. will be on 7th June.

1st March The Lost Aerodrome Peter McGee and Graham Mack

It is well known that the East Anglian countryside was scattered with many airfields during the Second World War but it is often overlooked that during the First World War a number of airfields were established here. One of these was at Elmswell and has been thoroughly researched by Peter and Graham along with other members of the Elmswell History Group, both in documentary sources and on the ground.

5th April *Ups & Downs: Barnardo's Foster Children in Suffolk 1890 – 1950*
Peter Davidson

It's a little known fact that over this 60 year period thousands of children from Dr Barnardo's Homes were boarded out with families in rural East Anglia. The talk explores the stories of these children, some of whom ended up a long way from Suffolk while others still live close to where they were brought up.

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

In memory of Zoe Goddard

My name is Gemma Porph and in April this year I will be running my first marathon, gulp! Although I am a keen runner, 26.2 miles is a very long way to run and “a distance to be respected”.

I am going to be running The Virgin London Marathon in memory of our dear, close friend, Zoe Goddard. Zoe lived all of her 27 years of life as a resident of our village and was my childhood next door neighbour. Sadly, Zoe lost her fight for life at the end of September last year. She was such a beautiful, giggly, happy and inspirational YOUNG lady, who we miss so much.

While our close friend was a patient at St. Elizabeth’s hospice, I discussed with her how I would run the London Marathon for her, if I gained a ballot place. She asked if she could join me on a training run at a local Park Run. We planned that I would push her around the 5K course in her wheelchair wrapped up warm with blankets and her oxygen cylinders in tow. Sadly, less than two weeks after this happy, exciting conversation Zoe passed away.

To keep putting one foot in front of the other in April, I’m asking for your support. I would like to give something back to the amazing charity that cared for Zoe and her family so dearly in the final weeks of her short life. I’ve set up a ‘Virgin money giving’ page that you can find here:
<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/GemmaPorph>

It’s very simple and safe to donate via this. I and Zoe’s family will be immensely grateful of any donation you could make.

This is a photograph we took while I was visiting Zoe in the St. Elizabeth’s Hospice. I had just plaited her hair and painted her nails, of course pink!

I’ll write again after the marathon to inform you of how it went. In the meantime any encouragement while I’m out training in the sleet, snow, ice, hail, rain, wind or even sunshine is very much appreciated.

Gemma Porph.



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March	15th
March	22nd
March	29th
April	5th

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Community Events

Up coming events:

Bingo

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Over 18's only

Next Event

Bingo

Friday 21st April

Chocolate Bingo

Friday 5th May

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Dear Friends,

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return;

Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

So declares the priest on Ash Wednesday, as he marks an ash cross on the forehead.

What a gloomy thought - we're all sinners and we're all going to die! And I thought Christianity was about joy and hope.... Roll on Easter! Joy, celebration – and chocolate eggs!

Face the facts

The reason we don't jump straight to Easter, missing out Ash Wednesday, is because **the Christian faith faces up to reality**: it is honest about life, and about people.

Nothing is more certain about life than that it will end; yet we pretend that won't happen to us. Another certainty is that, as the Bible says, "All have sinned, and fallen short of God's glory"; yet how often we assert that we're "not so bad really" (and certainly not as bad as some we could mention!).

Yes, at Easter we will remember, with joy, that Christ died for our sins, and rose to bring us Eternal Life. **But what good is that if we don't face the fact that we are sinners, and that we will die?** The starting point of the Christian life is recognising our **need**: without that, God can offer us nothing. This is what Ash Wednesday is about.

Lent

Following Ash Wednesday, we have Lent: a time for **drawing closer to God**, finding hope in him in the face of the realities of life. This is the origin of giving something up for Lent. It's not that there is some special virtue in 'going without' in itself. Rather, 'fasting' can help turn the mind away from 'stuff' and towards God.

Giving up: Taking up

But another kind of fasting is to use Lent for taking something up. When I worked at a homeless night shelter we had a regular volunteer who had originally started by helping out one Lent: he had 'given up' one evening a week.

Another example might be taking up a daily period of Bible reading and prayer. These, too, may well involve you in giving something up: some time in bed, or in front of the telly!

Together

Besides these individual actions, it's also good to take up some of the opportunities to come together during this time:

- We begin Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service (Holy Trinity, 7.30pm on the 1st). Communion with the (optional) imposition of ashes.
- Every **Wednesday evening** (7.30pm) and Thursday Morning (10.30am) from the 8th/9th we will have our Lent Meetings on '**The Beatitudes**' – Jesus' radical words about a whole new way of being and living. Full details on a leaflet available in church – or contact me or Rev Chris, who will be leading these groups in our homes. All welcome.

Your friend and Vicar,

David

PS My next contribution to these pages will sadly be my last, as I move on to pastures new in May: I am going to be Priest-in-Charge of Pott Shrigley, a village in Cheshire. My last day as your vicar will be 23rd April. I'm sure I'll want to take the opportunity of that last 'vicar's letter' to express huge appreciation of the people of this wonderful corner of Suffolk, which I have been grateful to call Home for the past 8 years.

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	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
19th Mar	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
20th Mar (Mon)	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View - <i>All Welcome!</i>
26th Mar	9.30am	All-Age Family Service
	6.30pm	Parish Communion (BCP – Book of Common Prayer)

A PRAYER:

Almighty God, lover of all men, giver of all grace, look mercifully upon us who acknowledge our sins; create in us a pure heart and a steadfast spirit; and lead us in the paths of righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

FAMILIES!

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STEEPLE VIEW:

The residents warmly invite you to join them for their Songs of Praise Service at Steeple View at 10.30am on Monday, 20th March, and which is followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay.

LENT LUNCHESES 2017:

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 go to a charity. We look forward to welcoming you! Please see page 39

BEETLE DRIVES:

Come along to enjoy a chat and have some fun in congenial company at the Beetle Drives which will be held on Tuesdays, 7th and 28th March in the Church Hall. All are most welcome to join us!

WEEKLY COFFEE CHURCH:

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

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Wed	1	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	1	Local History Group – ‘The Lost Aerodrome’	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	2	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	6	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	6	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
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	District Councillor’s Surgery	6.00pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	9	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	9	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	12	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – April issue		
Mon	13	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	13	Parish Council – Extraordinary meeting	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
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. – Zoolab (interesting creatures)	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	16	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	18	Community Litter Pick	10.00am	Village Hall Car park
Mon	20	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	20	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	21	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	22	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	22	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	23	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	24	Community Bingo Doors open	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	26	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	27	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	28	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	28	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	28	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	28	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	29	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	29	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church

Thurs	30	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	30	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	31	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall

April Dates

Sat	1	Jumble Sale	2.00pm	Village Hall
Mon	3	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	3	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	4	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	4	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	5	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	5	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	5	Local History Group	7.30pm	Village Hall
		– ‘Barnardo’s Foster Children in Suffolk, 1890 – 1950’		
Thurs	6	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall

Future Events in 2017

21 April	Community Bingo (18+)
25 April	Annual Parish Meeting does Bake Off!
5 May	Chocolate Bingo
19 May	Community Quiz
9 July	Local History Group Walk
13 September	‘Harbour Lights’ traditional songs and music

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

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Stowmarket URC Anniversary will be on 5th March and we will be joining them on that day. There will not be a service at the Chapel.

Our next coffee morning at the Chapel will be on Friday 31st March 10am to 12noon. Come and have a chat, cuppa and a cake; everyone welcome.

A date for your diary, Saturday 1st April, Jumble Sale 2pm at 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 received. No electrical goods please as the law does not permit us to sell them. Please come and support this event.

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 March are as follows:

05th March Anniversary at Stowmarket URC
(No Service at the Chapel)

12th March Revd Richard Edwards

19th March Barbara Challis

26th March Clive Herrod

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 The Philippines and men, women and young people in over 170 different countries will be united in prayer as they bring the needs of the people of the Philippines before the Lord through the theme 'Am I Being Unfair to You?' Our local meeting will be held at Old Newton Chapel on 3rd March at 2pm. The service will be followed by refreshments.

Afternoon Fellowship

We recommence our meetings at the Chapel on Monday 6th March at 2pm and our speakers are as follows.

06th March Revd Chris Wood

13th March 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.

20th March Irene Martin.

We welcome anyone who would like to join us at our meetings (male or female) Come and enjoy the fellowship also a cuppa.

Mary Clark

Minister's Message

Sitting on the Veranda!

Rev Hugh Neems, my home-church minister, often recalled the time when he was a missionary in the South Sea Islands, where he relied on rowing boats to take him from one island to another. Given that most islands were atolls (small islands with an outer coral reef that creates protection from the Pacific Ocean), it was necessary for the helmsman to wait patiently until he saw a decent wave heading their way, and then give instructions to the drummer who would beat out the pace that the oarsmen needed to row. Together they would head for the coral reef, and, if it was timed correctly and they'd gained sufficient speed, the boat and occupants would be transported over the reef and on their way. Exactly the same procedure was necessary at arriving at their destination, the helmsman waiting again for a decent wave before giving instructions, allowing the boat and its cargo to enter safely into the lagoon.

But the account doesn't end there. Having arrived safely at the destination, each person would be thanked for their contribution, knowing that, by pooling their various God-given gifts, and by pulling together, they were able to arrive at the destination in one piece.

I've found this works well in a school assembly, where volunteers are encouraged to act out each stage of the teaching to demonstrate what was involved, and then for them to express their thanks at the end of the activity (*usually done very loudly!*). I then emphasise that this translates into any

situation, thus, for the school to be successful, there is a need to recognise and appreciate the different skills, to create an environment that enables everyone to play their part, and to remember always to express thanks to one and all. So we take time to thank teachers; teaching assistants; support staff and children for the way they support and encourage one another and create a good learning environment.

At the last retelling, I nearly came unstuck when one bright spark suggested that there was no point thanking the minister as he'd done nothing! It provided an opportunity to remind the assembly that the minister had offered prayers before they set off, and was a source of encouragement to them on their journey. Added to which they also viewed him as a precious cargo because he was taking the Good News of God's love to the many islands, who were eagerly anticipating his arrival. I suggested that it was only right and proper that the minister should be thanked for his contribution – although the young lad still didn't seem convinced!

It reminds me of some wise words of Bishop Anand Samuel who was from the Church of South India, and spent some time teaching at Westminster Theological College, Cambridge. On one occasion he expressed dismay that the church often determined its success by what it was 'doing' and expected the minister to be actively busy. By contrast, he drew on his own situation and culture, saying they laid great importance on 'sitting on the veranda' – believing that time spent in prayer and quiet contemplation was an essential element to the life of a disciple of Christ.

This is demonstrated in an incident in the Gospels, where Jesus is invited to the home of Mary and Martha, in which we discover Mary sitting at Jesus' feet listening to His Words, while Martha is 'distracted by her many tasks' (Luke 10: 40). We are thus reminded that 'Mary has chosen best' (vs 42). This is not to suggest that everyone should cease their activities (*that would get me into serious trouble!*), but there is a time for work, a time for rest and relaxation, but there is also a time to 'wait upon the Lord' in prayer and quiet reflection in order to refresh our inner spirit.

How right it is to take every opportunity to encourage the sharing of God-given skills, to pull together for the benefit of all, and to express our appreciation for every contribution – especially for those who take time to wait upon the Lord as a blessing to one and all.

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Neighbourhood Plan – Preparing the Draft Plan



The Group has started to put the framework of the plan together now. We had a good second meeting in February and started by considering how we can use the evidence in the Landscape Appraisal to formulate our policies. We hope to get the Landscape Appraisal added to the parish council's website for all to see.

We are looking at re-drawing the 1998 settlement boundary to include planning permission that has been granted, and to incorporate land that is regarded as part of the built-up area of the village and visual changes to the appearance of the boundary in some areas. We also think it is probably sensible to designate a separate settlement boundary around the existing houses at the village end of Saxham Street.

The group is actively considering compiling a “local list” of buildings of character interest – we do have a number of traditional small cottages, and Victorian brick buildings that are not listed but which are part of the essential character and attractive village appearance of Stowupland. If we do get such a list together we will consult homeowners and publicise it widely for consultation.

We are also working on policies that aim to protect our environment, including the rights of way network, hedges and trees. Identifying and protecting our facilities and amenities is also an important part of the plan, e.g. the allotments, village hall, and recreation, play and sports facilities.

Housing growth and Neighbourhood Planning has been in the spotlight lately with publication of the government's Housing White Paper in early February. The joint Babergh Mid Suffolk Local Plan is being prepared at the moment, and anything we want to include in our plan has to be in conformity with the local plan, so we will be keeping in close contact with officers at Mid Suffolk as we start drafting the plan.

I don't want anyone to get the idea that our Neighbourhood Plan is about stopping housing growth. It isn't and wouldn't get through the examination process if it tried to do this. What we are hoping to achieve is a plan that recognises and encourages housing growth, but at a scale that suits the village, and that doesn't destroy the character or fit with the countryside setting or lead to the village merging with Stowmarket. We've seen some good examples of Neighbourhood Plans both locally and from communities in the south of England, so we know it can be done.

We are aiming to get something together for the Annual Parish Meeting on 25th April – so watch this space for progress on the plan, and as ever the group would welcome anyone who wants to come along to one of our meetings and help draft the plan.

Jackie Ward
Chair, Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee

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More Development Proposed for Stowupland.

Since my article in last month's Telstar on MIND THE GAP, yet more planning applications have been received.

The first one is for 10 properties between Brecklands and Crown Farm Barn on Church Road opposite the United Reform Church. It would consist of 3 Bungalows (Two 2 Bed and One 3 Bed) and 7 Houses (Two 2 Bed, One 3 Bed and Four 4 Bed). The Application number is 0117/17.

The second is for the erection of a new farmhouse style dwelling at Pooles Farm. The application number is 0426/17.

You can view these applications on the Mid Suffolk Planning Portal or at their offices in Needham Market. If you want to comment on these plans you can make your views known via the Portal, email planningadmin@midsuffolk.gov.uk or by post.

It seems to me that developers have looked at the community questionnaire undertaken by the Neighbourhood Plan Group. This sought to elicit views about areas around the village that could be brought forward for housing development. Which doesn't include either of these sites. Are landowners putting forward sites which residents feel are unacceptable in the hope that they can develop these sites first and any others will be a push over?

There will be an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council in the URC meeting room at 7.30pm on 13th March to discuss these applications and formulate Parish Council comments to Mid Suffolk. Members of the public are welcome to attend and make their views known.

Even if you can't attend the meeting, you can still send comments to MSDC and/or to Keith Welham your District Councillor.

Cllr Ray Studd

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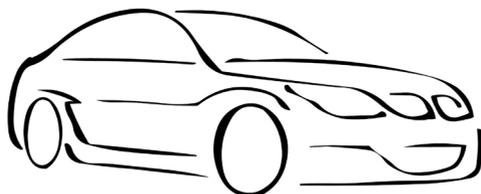


STOWUPLAND BOWLS CLUB

It seems that every time I write these notes for Telstar I appeal for help at the club. The green is looking very good and it should provide an excellent playing surface. Here is the but: other areas need some attention; the benches need rubbing down and painting or oiling, the building is going to be pressure- washed and there is always other things to be done. It will not be too long before the start of the season. Why don't you come along for a cup of tea, a laugh and a chat? We would be very happy to see you.

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Quiz Nights

Walking around the village with my little dog I often get into conversation with fellow walkers who tell me that they have thought about joining the quiz nights but for one reason or another they feel unable to. The two usual reasons are:-

“ We don't know anything” or “We cannot get a team together”. So let's see if we can help. Firstly, being a genius for the Stowupland community quiz is not necessary. Indeed if you consider yourself a clever clog then you might consider Mastermind as a better outlet for your talents. Our quiz is designed for Mr/ Mrs Ordinary. Last year we gave the quiz a revamp, making the questions more user friendly and creating an environment in which socialising and having a fun evening was the primary reason for being there and where else can you have a good night out for £2 per person? And you can bring your own nibbles (or proper picnic if you wish) so you don't have to worry that there will be too much or too little good food and drink.

On the subject of making a team, we know that this can be difficult especially for people new to the village or for folk who live on their own or perhaps because friends and family are at work etc. So starting this year we are inviting singles, couples, and small families to come along and join with other like minded folk to form one or two teams on the night without any ongoing commitment. Please don't be left out just because of a shortage of numbers.

The quiz is held in the village hall about three times a year. Doors open at 7.00pm and finish at around 10.00pm. The next quiz is on Friday May 19th and we would love to see you there. There is of course a winner at the end of the evening but there are no losers just lots of runners up who have enjoyed themselves. If you would like to know more please feel free to ring Keith, Cathy or myself or see the advert in this magazine.

Thank you, Glenda Willmot.

Dog Mess in Oak Road

There have been some recent incidents of a dog owner allowing their dog to wander up driveways in Oak Road and leave dog mess in the vicinity of our front doors. This is in addition to mess left on the grass verge and pavement. May I remind all dog owners that the Kennel Club advise all dog owners that their dogs are supervised at all times, either kept on a lead or walked to heel in an area such as Oak Road. The incidents seem to happen early in the morning. There is a fine of £1000 for people who allow their dog to mess without clearing it up.

To Whom It May Concern, please understand that it is upsetting to find dog mess on your property and clean up after a dog that doesn't belong to you. On the driveway between our property and our neighbours' there have been three occasions when this has occurred. This is totally unfair on our elderly neighbours who aren't in the best of health.

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Stowupland W.I. January meeting

President Colleen welcomed members old and new and our visitor, Linda. Business was dealt with; Colleen advised that anyone can become a 200 Club member by paying the fee. The Federation quiz is scheduled for June 26th. Details were finalized for the garden club teas on January 28th.

Our speaker Hattie Bennett was then introduced. With her father a cellist in the Halle orchestra and her mother also a musician, the double bass being her instrument; it's no wonder that Hattie has had a life long love of music. She had been taught the piano, but at 10 years old opted for the cello. She was married at the age of 20 after a whirlwind courtship of 3 months to a trombonist whom she met while in Dunfermline. They went where the jobs were, such as at theatres in Manchester, travelling on a motorbike and sidecar, their precious instruments in the sidecar and Hattie on the pillion. They set up home in Rattlesden, with their 3 children and a large menagerie of animals including goats, a pig and even a cow, given as a Christmas present. Orchestral work continued to be sketchy, so in between Hattie gave music lessons. Her husband being a keen sailor, the family moved to Felixstowe, where she found other musicians and set up one or two concerts. These became so popular that a programme is now run through the year. While Hattie was telling us of the ups and downs in her career, she played pieces of music to illustrate these times.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable hour.

After refreshments, the winners of the 2016 competitions were announced – Mary C. won the flower and Mandy won the themed. Both were given shopping vouchers, with Mandy also receiving the Linda Bewey salver, to keep for the year.

2017 January competition results were - for the flower 1st. Mary M., 2nd Christine, 3rd. Brenda.

For the music themed competition – 1st. Mary C., 2nd. Sandra, 3rd. Glenda. The meeting then closed.

Outing - Saturday, May 13th, Kensington Palace exhibition – Diana; her fashion story. Admission – to include the exhibition, palace & gardens - £14.67, concession £11.74 (slight increase due in March) Coach to leave the village 8.00 a.m., depart palace 4.00 p.m. Fare max. £15.

Names by the end of March, please to Judy Clarke – 01449 615386

Stowupland Open Gardens 2017

Sunday June 25th



There's plenty of time to get your garden ready for the Open Day this year and we're aiming to beat the round dozen that were open last year.

We'd like all sizes and types of garden to give visitors plenty of ideas for home: cottage flower gardens, vegetable plots, Japanese style gardens, water gardens. We would be happy to call to offer advice and information, if it would help.

Additionally, our Crazy Containers will feature again this year – anything from old prams to giant flower pots, planted with eccentricity. Even if you don't have a garden you can join in the fun - the crazier the better.

For further information, or to put forward your garden, please contact Kate Elliott on 07730 922530 or John Parsell on 01449 6725092.



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Saturday 18 March 2017

Village Hall Car Park – 10.00 am

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