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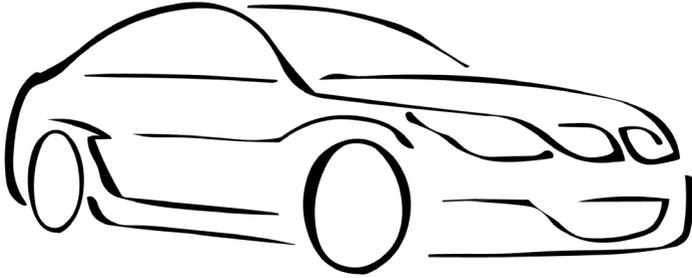
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EDITOR'S NOTES

APRIL 2020



As I write, lockdown measures are being eased, although some areas have to remain in quarantine, which only leads us to remember that we are still living with Covid rather than having seen it off. The holiday season is upon us but many of us have had vacations cancelled and plans disrupted.

On August 15th we will be celebrating VJ Day, 75 years after the actual event! Our plans for VE Day Celebrations were muted by the lockdown but hopefully we can have more of a celebration for this auspicious occasion, which signifies 75 years since WW1 ended. At Telstar, we had plans to celebrate VE Day with a special quiz but, since we were out of print at the time, we held it back until now. The quiz covers every one of those 75 years and I hope it gives some entertainment when you are on your 'staycation'.

With 'staycation' in mind, there are some articles to remind you to take a break from your new 'normal' and enjoy yourself. There are some great suggestions for a good book in 'Summer Reading' and Stowupland Local History Group have been delving into the archives and have an article 'Ena's Summer Holiday' which is an interesting read.

However you decide to take your summer break, don't forget to stay alert and stay safe.

I have to say that I am pleased to be back in print! Although we have kept going online, it's not quite the same as leafing through the magazine at your leisure. By way of a celebration we are launching our 500 Words Competition. So, to all young budding writers out there, I'm looking forward to reading your entries. The winning entry will be published in the October issue. There will be a panel of judges but in the event of a tie, I will have the final say. There is a £25 voucher up for grabs so get your thinking caps on! Concentrate on the story rather than the correct grammar (although that would be nice too), as we will be judging it on the most engaging story or verse. The details are on the poster on the back cover of the magazine.

I can't be back in print and not acknowledge those who have helped me keep Telstar going through the past three months. Dave Pring at Stowupland.com has been a tremendous help sorting out my technical issues and getting the newsletters online. For those of you that missed them, all the back issues remain online.

Some of our contributors kept with me all the way through, I am very grateful for their input. Without our contributors there would be no Telstar! And finally, to those people who walk our streets delivering Telstar, thank you so much.

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PLANNING YOUR STAYCATION

After a very disruptive few months some of our holiday plans have gone up in smoke! There has been lots of uncertainty about travelling abroad, flights cancelled and never ending claims to get our money back. Of course, for those die hards amongst us, the risk of disruptive travel is far outweighed by the draw of a sun-bleached beach, albeit a pre-booked taped off square. For the rest of us, the prospect of El Backyardo beckons. Whether you plan to book a UK getaway or simply stay at home, you can still have a taste of the paradise of your choosing.

If you were planning a City break or a fortnight on a sun-kissed beach, there are still some things you can do to bring the essence of your chosen holiday to your home. Of course, English weather is the downside to these plans so it's always best to have some contingency for days that aren't so nice.

Cook your way around the world: From Paris to Madrid, Athens to Rome, you can conjure up a feast from every location. A Salad Nicoise from France and Paella from Spain can soon get you in the holiday mood. Greek salad and homemade Pizza can whisk you off to the further reaches of the Mediterranean. If you fancy something a little more exotic, then why not Lamb Tagine from Morocco? Combine your food with some of the local wines or even mix a few cocktails and you could nearly be there.

Add some Culture: Were you planning to see the delights of Rome or visit the Opera at La Scala? You will be surprised what tours and concerts you can find online. See the Sistine Chapel on YouTube or tune in to an Opera from the Royal Opera House online. Watch the wonders of the world on one of the myriad of TV channels that are available now. See the Yellowstone National Park or learn about the Pyramids – it's all there at our fingertips.

Read a Good Book: Some of us need nothing more than a comfy deckchair and a good book to put us in the holiday mood. Take a look at the Summer Reading article for some great ideas for books to transport you to a far off place. Choose a place to sit and quietly read, from your back garden to our Village Green, or one of the lovely Suffolk beaches just a few miles away (socially distant, of course).

How About a Festival? If your planned break was to be knee deep in mud at Glastonbury then perhaps you can't quite replicate the atmosphere but you can still enjoy the music. Lots of the old festivals can be streamed and there is plenty of music available. To get in the mood, don your wellies, pitch your tent and get in the mood for a party.

Your Garden at Centre Stage: Dress the garden for your staycation. Put up some bunting and festoon with lights for a party atmosphere. Get out the disco lights for your personal Festival. Use scented candles that remind

you of your favourite places. If you really want to go for it, paint a wall in white and blue for that Mediterranean feel. Add some outdoor rugs and complimentary plant pots with comfortable seating. Get the barbecue/pizza oven at the ready and make sure you have some fresh herbs at hand. Throw some rosemary and thyme on the barbie for that exotic aroma.

Whatever staycation you choose, make sure you spend it doing something that you would have done on holiday so you really get the benefit of a break. Enjoy!

SUMMER READING...

Thinking of 'Summer Reading', one imagines endless hours lying on some distant, glorious, golden beach with the gentle ripple of the sea lapping on the shore, while a waiter trips along offering a refreshing cocktail, or maybe not? In my case certainly not; having travelled a lot for work, and never having taken a conventional beach holiday, there is no way that thought comes into my head. My preference is often, to take some reading matter that corresponds with the destination.

When we went to Venice, some years ago, a cousin had kindly sent me Donna Leon's Acqua Alta. It became a wonderful and surprising travelogue. The detective, Commissario Brunetti's favoured bar, became our favourite, and his hidden streets and cafes showed us his private Venice. We had not only a detective story, but also a terrific city guide.

Likewise in Spain, which is a country I adore, loving to return there, I have found that in many ways it is easier to absorb the psyche and mood of the people through novels, than through drier histories. Victoria Hislop's The Return, was a wonderful and gripping read but it also led to a much clearer understanding of the political complexities of 20C Spain, with Fascists, Nationalists, Republicans and Anarchists. C.J Sansom's Madrid in Winter is civil-war-come-detection, with its links to the UK and British involvement further adding to my understanding.

If you are still very much obsessed with the current Covid 19 pandemic, you might like a sideways look at it, by reading either the more optimistic History of Bees by Maya Lund or the horrifically scary Station Eleven by Emily St John Mandel. The narration of the History of Bees comes from three different periods, 1851, 2007 and 2098, with three different first person narrators; it ends much more optimistically than many dystopian novels. Several of us found that Station Eleven was a bit too far-fetched for our liking, with a mad scientist creating a population limiting drug, but we didn't know what was round the corner, in 2020.....

However it's possible you'd prefer something lighter. In the last decade or so several well established writers have re-written 'classic' stories. In Vinegar Girl, the great Anne Tyler retells Shakespeare's Taming of the Shrew; it is delightfully hilarious and yet really touching.

It is set, not in Europe, but in academia in the USA. Katherine's suitor becomes a scientist needing a green card to remain researching in the US, so forced into a marriage. Now I'm reading Jo Baker's excellent view of the servants' lives in Pride and Prejudice in Longbourn; we learn about life below stairs and see the Bennet family, from the perspective of the servants who have to clear up their mess and muddy boots. It is as gentle and entertaining a read as the Jane Austen it mirrors.

Of course you could always, do as my great friend from the 70s has done: read War and Peace, or my husband read endless tomes about the Spanish flu, but maybe not?

*The Return by Victoria Hislop p2008

Alan Johnson biographies: This Boy, *Please, Mr Postman and The Long and Winding Road p2013

Longbourn by Jo Baker p2013 + *Vinegar Girl by Anne Tyler p2016 + Jane Austen

*Winter in Madrid by C.J Sansom p2006

*The History of Bees by Maya Lund

Acqua Alta by Donna Leon 1996

* denotes book read by the Stowupland Book Group

P.J Hodgkins



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ENA'S SUMMER HOLIDAYS IN STOWUPLAND

For many of us a holiday is not a proper holiday unless it is spent abroad or at least staying in accommodation we have paid for and eating meals prepared by strangers.

In the 1920's, the teenager Ena, who was to be the future Mrs Jack Carter, spent many summer holidays staying with relatives at Stowupland Hall. We know this because shortly before she died in 1986, she noted down some memories in a piece she entitled **'Like Topsy it just grewed.'** Presumably because once she started, she found she could remember more about those days of 60 years earlier than she thought she might.

Together with her mother and older sister, she would travel from their town house in Lincoln by train to Stowmarket. She recalled the excitement of riding in a motor taxi that took them and their luggage to catch a steam train for a three-and-a-half-hour journey, before riding in a pony and trap up to the Hall.

On these family holidays it seems as if the sun always shone and no cross words were spoken. Routine jobs that might have been chores if they had to be done every day, come rain or shine, she relished.

She recalled collecting her own breakfast egg, warm from the hens, marking hers with her name so she would eat the egg she had collected. Then being allowed to help churn the butter to make a pat of butter which she stamped with her name for her tea. Even shelling peas was enjoyable as the family sat around on the lawn chatting.

She loved the freedom of being able to pick her own apples (possibly Beauty of Bath or early 'Worchester'(sic) fresh from the tree and then settling onto a rug in a haystack with a book to read.

No doubt there must have been downsides to spending holidays in the country. In Lincoln she was used to running water and gas lighting.

The Hall did have its own water piped in from its own well. But she recalled how scary it was going out in the dark, with only a flickering candle to light the way through the courtyard, down a shrub lined path, to reach the 'the little house at the bottom of the garden'. It was usually only something to be done in pairs. She remembered it as a 2 ½ seater but at least it had an ante-room where a paraffin light permanently burned.

Ena's father would join them for the last week of their holidays and together they would enjoy doing some weeding. If she heard him get up early in the mornings to go out with his gun, she would rush to dress to accompany him. But she says she never remembered him shooting anything when she was with him!

When Ena married and moved to Stowupland, Stowupland Hall became the home of the 'in-laws'.



DOWN TO EARTH

By Kate Elliott

Butterflies are at their busiest in August, flitting from flower to flower - and there is no plant in the late summer garden that attracts them like buddleja. I believe that buddlejas are much undervalued - perhaps because you see them growing so freely on railway sidings, waste ground and even in the mortar in brick walls. They make superb cut flowers and the scent is heavenly too.

There are around 100 species of buddleja but it is *Buddleja davidii* that is grown most of all in our gardens - full of nectar to intoxicate butterflies. We have them growing along the outside of our walled garden and in our wilderness where they are left to self-seed. The seeds are light and winged so are blown large distances in the wind. We adore butterflies at Columbine and so we encourage and grow as many buddlejas as possible. It's like having a huge honey pot giving off a waft of fragrance that draws in all kinds of butterflies: peacocks, red admirals, small tortoiseshells and painted ladies. Every garden should contain at least one buddleja.

Hopefully, packets of vegetable seed will be widely available for sowing next year. For best results I would always recommend buying fresh seed from a garden centre, nursery or seed supplier if at all possible. But just in case they are not, or you just fancy doing this for fun, let me tell you about the best crops you can grow yourself for next year, without any packet seeds.

Potatoes are easiest. Save small egg-sized tubers from the healthiest plants growing in your garden and keep them in a dark, frost free place - buried in a tin is ideal until you're ready to plant them out around Easter. Garlic is simple - just store in a cool, dry place ready to plant out the individual cloves in autumn.

Peas and beans are so easy. Just pick mature pods and store in a dry, dark, rodent-free place.

Tomatoes will produce seed that will come true. Halve the tomatoes, shop-bought or home-grown and scoop the seeds out into a shallow jar of water. Put the jar aside for four to five days, after which mould will have developed - this helps to remove the gelatinous coating on the seed, which can prevent germination. Pour the seeds into a sieve and wash them thoroughly to remove the mould. Arrange the seeds on a piece of kitchen paper to dry out. Once dried, store them in a paper envelope in a dark, cool place until spring, making sure they are clearly labelled.

Carrots, parsnips and most other root crops are not too difficult. Allow them to bolt, flower and go to seed, then save that seed in paper bags to dry. Onions, leeks and celery can also be treated in this way.

You can also save your own flower seeds - go around snipping off not quite ripe seedheads into a paper bag, write the name on the front and hang the bag up in a cool, dark airy place to finish drying. Easy things to save include sweet peas, nasturtiums, nigella and poppies.

Here are some more jobs you can be doing this month:

Continue to deadhead annuals, roses and dahlias.

Water and feed plants frequently particularly those in containers and in the greenhouse.

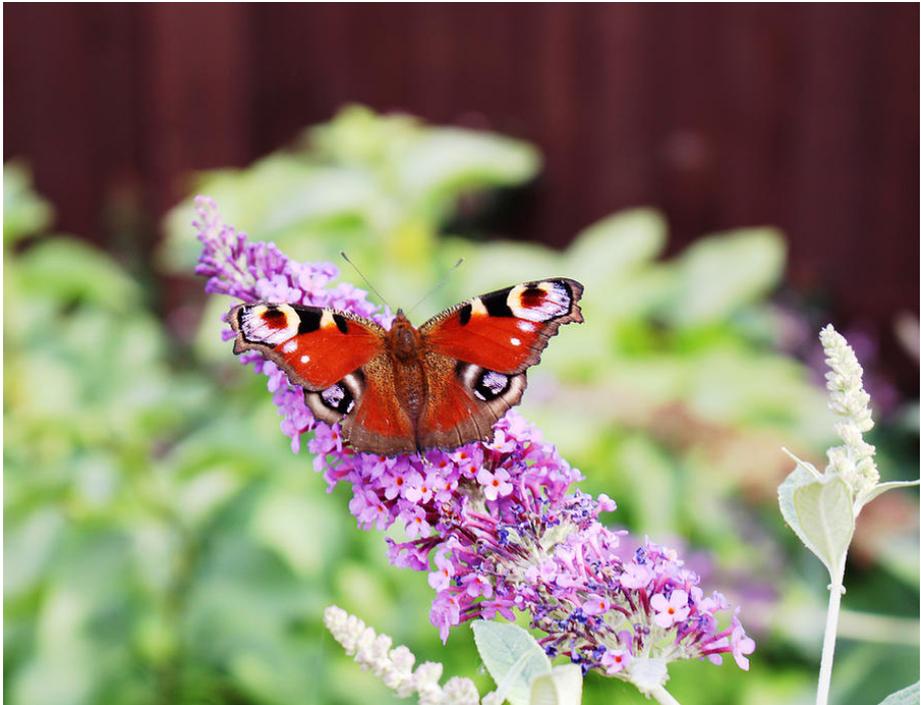
Harvest runner beans, lettuce, courgettes, tomatoes, sweet-corn, cucumbers, potatoes, squashes and summer fruits.

Clear out yellowed or decomposing water lily leaves from your pond.
Plant autumn crocuses.

Cut back lavender after flowering being careful not to cut into old wood.
Lift and pot up rooted strawberry runners.

Top up bird baths regularly.

Until next month - enjoy your garden.



COUNTRYSIDE RAMBLER

BRIAN WARD

Brian Ward

July from the birdwatching point of view can be difficult, with dense foliage and most birds being secretive around their nesting territories, I turn my attention to the insect life that abounds in our woods and hedgerows. We all love searching for fish and crabs in rock pools and you can do the same at many of our nature reserves, but instead of a rock pool a pond can reveal fascinating creatures. Sticklebacks frequent most ponds also newts and dragonfly larvae are often present, all types of weird looking creatures can be found; water scorpions, large water beetles and pond skaters. It is best to attend an organised pond dip for safety and all the equipment is provided as well as a vast amount of knowledge from the organisers. I have a garden pond at home and I am lucky to have frogs, toads, newts and many aquatic insects that inhabit this watery part of the garden. I have watched tadpoles turn into froglets and patiently witnessed a damselfly nymph crawl up onto a water-lily and the adult damselfly emerge, dry its wings and take to the air. The pond attracts many birds and I even had a visit from a water vole a few years back. A small pond in a garden can attract wildlife of all kinds.

Our local little owl had its roosting tree blown down a few months ago, it was old and rotten but the little owl had used it for many years, I felt I must do something, so out came the carpentry kit and within an hour or so I had constructed a suitable nest box for this homeless wide eyed little owl. Permission was granted from the farmer and the nest box was securely attached to a nearby tree of its original home. I attentively watched and after a few days I saw it perched next to the box, so fingers crossed it may use it as a roost or even better it may be home to some owlets next year. This time of year is for the wild flowers, the spring blooms are a distant memory and now we have the sweet scented wild honeysuckle and the subtle pink dog rose adorn the hedgerows and the bright yellow of the evening primrose, chicory has delightful pale blue flowers and will flower into early autumn, we must not forget the stately foxglove always a welcome sight found on the edge of woodland and always seem to attract bumble bees, rosebay willow herb is often found in great swathes on wasteland this also attracts bees and insects of all types.



Photo courtesy of Brian Ward

Keep safe and keep well also enjoy the wildlife that surrounds us.

SAM'S CHAT

Hello, Hope you are all good and getting outside. We have been doing more now that some things are getting back to a bit normal.

We have been decorating and planting more rocks for our Facebook group SMR (Stowupland Mountain Rocks). As well as us, other families have been decorating rocks too so there are lots all around the village. It is good to see photos up on the Facebook group too. If you see one with SMR on the back take a photo and hide it somewhere else if you want. A lot of the rocks have been found by Dotty the Dog so we made four rocks specially for her to hunt for that are decorated like dogs. We have a poem to draw the dogs with 'Once there was a man with no arms. He got chased by some bees so he jumped into a lake. He climbed up two mountains, got shot twice, went to heaven and grew two wings.'



Earlier this week pubs and other facilities have reopened. We went to the seaside and lots was open, even the arcades. There are hand sanitizers all over the place. You do need to use the hand sanitizers and if you are over 11 you should wear a mask. In the arcades everytime you touched or played on a machine there was a hand sanitizer. Even the crazy golf was open and the clubs and balls were cleaned before we touched them.

Pubs during the coronavirus are much different to what it used to be like as you need to social distance and you have to go one way around the pub and we got served at the table. If you wanted to go to the toilet you had to go all the way around to the entrance, walk in, use the hand sanitizer, go to the toilet, wash your hands use the hand sanitizer again and then go through the pub. Daddy went the wrong way and I told him off.

One of my friends from school showed me an app called Tinkercad to use with 3d printers. I have designed lots of strange characters like an elephant with a spear and a kitty with a spade. If I ever get a 3d printer I am going to create them for real and use them to battle each other like a crazy chess game.

In June it was my nanna's and my grandad's birthdays so for each we went to their house and had cake and spent some time with them. We couldn't hug them as we had been to school and we didn't want them to get the coronavirus.

Every morning in July I am running a mile with Mummy to make up a marathon. So far I think I am doing quite good. Every day I am getting a bit faster although when Jessica comes we are slower. I wanted to get to a marathon. If everything was normal I would have got to my marathon miles for Junior Striders by now by doing parkruns and training and races. A mile a day is OK though and we do it before school each day.

School breaks up soon. Normally in the summer holidays we do trails set up by Wild In Art which have big models of animals or chairs or other things painted different patterns and designs. We do the trails to visit different cities and towns that we have never seen before so it is a great idea to explore. This year we can't do any because they've all been postponed to next year. Instead we are doing a staycation. We might try camping for the first time as a whole entire family. I have done camping with school and so has Jessica but we haven't with Mummy and Daddy. We will need to practice in the garden first to see if we like it. We do need to get a tent too.

I hope you have something nice planned for the summer holidays. I hope it stays sunny.

Love Sam

VE DAY, 75 YEARS QUIZ QUESTIONS

HOW MANY YOU CAN REMEMBER BEFORE LOOKING UP THE ANSWERS?

- 1945: The 1945 surrender was signed in which city?
- 1946: What is the nickname given to the post war babies (up to 1964)?
- 1947: What British industry is nationalised?
- 1948: Where were the Olympic Games held this year?
- 1949: 1984 is published, who wrote it?
- 1950: A British Royal baby is born, what is the baby's name?
- 1951: Dennis the Menace arrives on the scene, In what publication?
- 1952: Which monarch died on February 6th 1952?
- 1953: The first James Bond novel is published, Name it.
- 1954: A Briton breaks the four-minute mile, who was it?
- 1955: Princess Margaret's wedding was called off, who would have been the bridegroom?
- 1956: Hound Dog tops the charts, who sang it?
- 1957: The Soviet Union launches a satellite in October, called what?
- 1958: What famous market comes into operation on January 1st
- 1959: Elizabeth Taylor marries for the fourth time. Guess who?
- 1960: 'Fings aint wot they use to be' opens in London. Who wrote it?
- 1961: The first person to orbit the earth was?
- 1962: The Beatles release their first record. What was it called?
- 1963: November 22nd, probably the most famous assassination of all time.
Who was killed?
- 1964: Jeff Bezos is born on January 12th, by 2018 he is the richest man in the world.
Founder of what company?
- 1965: January 30th. State funeral for which British leader?
- 1966: General Election in the UK, who is re-elected?
- 1967: Sir Francis Chichester arrives home after nine months sailing around the world
singlehanded. Name his yacht?
- 1968: Gardeners World comes to BBC, who was the presenter?
- 1969: Who first stepped onto the moon from Apollo 11?
- 1970: A shock election result in the UK, which party won?
- 1971: Big change on the British monetary system on February 15th
What happened?

- 1972: May 22nd, Ceylon is renamed as what?
- 1973: November 14th which member of the Royal family marries
In Westminster Abbey?
- 1974: The Eurovision Song Contest is held in Brighton. Sweden wins
What was the winning song called?
- 1975: The first Inspector Morse novel appears. The writer is?
- 1976: Anita Roddick opens the first branch of her chain of iconic shops. They are called?
- 1977: April 2nd. What famous horse wins the Grand National for the third time?
- 1978: Which two teams played in the FA Cup Final?
- 1979: August, the provisional IRA kill the Queen's cousin in a bomb blast.
Who was the cousin?
- 1980: A toy puzzle made up of small movable squares becomes a global craze.
What was it called?
- 1981: The Prince of Wales gets married this year, in what religious establishment?
- 1982: Argentina invades a British territory. War is declared. Name the territory.
- 1983: Just before Christmas the IRA explode a bomb outside a well known British
departmental store. The store was?
- 1984: Who was the Indian Prime Minister assassinated in October?
- 1985: Which US President was inaugurated in January?
- 1986: In April the worst nuclear power accident happened when the reactor blew up.
Where did this happen?
- 1987: The Great Storm of October 1987, who was the BBC weatherman who gained
fame for his inaccurate forecast?
- 1988: Which UK banknote ceases to be legal tender?
- 1989: FA Cup semi-final, tragedy strikes and 94 people are killed.
At which stadium did the accident occur?
- 1990: Which well known political activist was released from a South African prison after
27 years?
- 1991: What is the name of the war that GB and the coalition forces were involved in
during August of that year?
- 1992: Summer Olympics, Barcelona, which rock star performed the BBC's title song
with Montserrat Caballe?
- 1993: Female star of Breakfast at Tiffany's dies. Who was she?
- 1994: What Anglo/French collaborative build opened for traffic on May 6th?
- 1995: Nick Leeson was responsible for bankrupting one of the UK's oldest banks.
Can you remember the name of the bank?

- 1996: The first sheep was cloned, what was her name?
- 1997: Which English Rose, the candle in a wind, dies in a Paris car Crash in August?
- 1998: Oh dear! President Clinton has been a naughty boy.
Who was the woman?
- 1999: A well-known TV crime programme presenter is shot on the doorstep of her London home. Her name?
- 2000: Who is elected as London's first mayor?
- 2001: Which member of the Beatles died in February?
- 2002: Guess what is Britain's best-selling car for the fourth year In a row?
- 2003: February. What was the name of the US Space Shuttle that disintegrates upon return to earth killing all seven astronauts?
- 2004: What outdoor 'sports' pursuit is outlawed in the UK?
- 2005: Another UK Royal wedding, who are the bride and groom?
- 2006: Who won the Football World Cup this year?
- 2007: Which company introduces the Iphone in June?
- 2008: Due to the global financial crisis the government nationalise which British Bank, formerly a building society?
- 2009: Which British driver wins the F1 world Championship this year
- 2010: The world's tallest building Burj Khalifa opens. Where is it?
- 2011: April 29th Westminster Abbey, what special event took place?
- 2012: London Olympics, what nickname was given to August 4th when GB won three gold medals in short succession?
- 2013: The world mourns the death of the President of South Africa
What was his name?
- 2014: A deadly disease breaks out in West Africa and requires an International response.
What was the disease?
- 2015: Terrorists storm the premises of a French weekly newspaper. Twelve people are killed. What is the name of the newspaper?
- 2016: Oh dear! Who won the 2016 US Presidential Election?
- 2017: Who becomes the 13th Doctor Who?
- 2018: The FIFA World Cup is held in Russia. Who were the winners?
- 2019: April, what famous Parisian building is partly destroyed by fire?
- 2020: The transition period for Brexit is set to end on what date?

Please find the Answers on Page 30



LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

I know for many people the last few months have not been easy. Our Hon. Secretary, Judy Clarke, has decided that the time has come for her to take things easier. So, regretfully, she has resigned her position on the committee. She has been a stalwart of Stowupland Local History Group and many other village organisations for many years so her input will be sorely missed.



Judy Clarke

The role of secretary has changed in the years since Judy first volunteered to be on the committee. Nowadays, we have less contact by 'snail mail' and far more by email or social media, but a secretary is crucial if your Local History Group is to continue in its present format. Neil, Christine and I can cover some of Judy's roles temporarily but we urgently need a secretary. It does not need to be a big commitment, so if you have basic computer skills and like talking to people and would like the Group to continue, then please talk to Neil or Christine about what is involved.

For those of you who have been reading SLHG's newsletter in the digital copies of Telstar.

First, a couple of further notes on Stowupland's water supply. I understand from Roger Carter that Saxham Street had its own 'tin pond.' It was on the left-hand side of the road just past the turning to the A140 (this road may be called Debenham Lane although Google isn't sure). We are just not sure if it is still there or has been filled in. And, if you remember the fantastic display Mr Bird had in his garden near the garage, it seems he had a pump in amongst all the other wonderful collection. We just are not sure if this is a lost village pump or where it is now. And, finally, I understand there is a new house being built that is called Pump House. Does anyone know if this relates to Stowupland's water supply history?

Telstar Ed. Note; I understand from information I have been told that Pump House was built a few years ago on land previously owned by Mr Bird and the name comes from his collection of pumps, however I can't corroborate this.

Kay

And did you get the answers to July's Quizzicals?

1. Meek Albert embraces decapitated chicken was ---MILDENHALL
2. Is she buried here...HENGRAVE

.....

Personally, I have found the 'Lockdown' months a bittersweet experience. On the one hand, having joined a few local groups, I was just starting to feel I was making new friends and learning about Stowupland, but on the other hand, I have really enjoyed having the time to (attempt) organise and understand the information held in our Local History archives. I have definitely missed the talks on local history that Neil organises and whilst I can email him and Christine with queries about Stowupland's past it is not the same as chatting at our monthly committee meetings.

At the time of writing this the 'lockdown' restrictions are being eased so the committee have been discussing (via email) when the group might be able to meet again and what changes we will need to make to ensure we stay safe. Our membership secretary, Christine, will let members know when and how meetings will take place when a decision can be made.

In the meantime, it got me thinking about the fate of some clubs that used to exist in Stowupland but for various reasons no longer have an active membership. The following are a few that we have details about in our archives. Some of the 'facts' come from local memories; others from hand written notes in the archives or from press cuttings. The probability that I have misread or misunderstood exists and I am sure Kay Easter (Telstar Editor) would love to hear from you.

The last date I have relating to **Stowupland's Girls and Boys Brigade** is 1984 when 100 boys and girls attended an enrolment service at Stowupland's United Reform Church. Stowupland boys did have their own meeting hall nearly one hundred years ago when, in 1921, T.A.Harwood assisted with the purchase and relocation of a disused gun site shed from Creeting St Peter to a roadside site on Crown Farm land. However, it was not until 50 years later when, instead of being a separate wing of the 1st Mid Suffolk in Stowmarket (?), Stowupland Boys Brigade became the 9th Mid Suffolk, captained by Lieutenant L.Hart. I don't know whether girls attended meetings in the BB Hut before it was demolished in 1979. It was certainly made good use of by the local community, both before and after the completion of the Village Hall in 1956.



Stowupland Girls Brigade

Perhaps someone can tell me if the BB Hut was the same as the Iron Room or if these were separate structures with their own histories?

The first meetings of the **Over 60's Club** or, as it was known then, **The Old Peoples Welfare Club** were held in the BB Hut. These first meetings were organised by a local nurse, Nurse Minns, and were held in the afternoons from July 1950. There was no heating or water so Dykes of Stowupland brought a tea urn.

Contrast those early meetings with the 21st Anniversary Party, which was held in the evening in the Village Hall in May 1971. Over a hundred people attended and refreshments included cake and sherry!

In 1978 a pavilion was erected for the **Stowupland Bowls and Tennis Club**. I assume this was on the land where today's bowls club is but whether it is the same clubhouse by a different name I am unsure.

Certainly, shortly after we moved here, Elmswell were looking for a Green after Stowupland Bowls Club ceased to exist. I believe they took over the bowling club in 2018, but I have no information about when tennis stopped being played. The archives suggest there was a strong interest in tennis amongst some 20th century Stowuplanders.

In the 1970's Stowupland Community Council had plans drawn up for creating a sports area on land adjacent to the Village Hall, where the bowling green and children's play area are today. As well as a bowling green and clubhouse there was a tennis court, a short golf course and a putting green. Do you know what happened?

Twenty years earlier, when a plan for the Broomspath Housing Estate was published, it enticed prospective buyers by showing that a stretch of land, facing Elm Farm, had been reserved for tennis courts and a bowling green. Was land reserved for these when the first houses went up or did they not survive past the planning phase?

It seems in the 1920's and 30's **Tennis** parties were popular, both as a physical activity but also for socialising, an activity where young ladies and gentlemen could meet. These photos came from Margaret Catchpole's archive and on the back of one photo it says 'The Firs'.

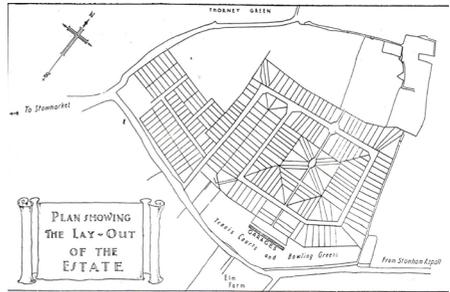


Image taken from the 1950 Brochure for Broomspath estate showing tennis court and bowling green



Perhaps a rather less genteel activity was to be seen at the **Stowupland Swifts Cycle Speedway meetings**. They had a speedway track on a field behind 'Little China' at Dents Corner. In 1954 they won the Stowmarket Speedway Cup and held a social and dance at the BB Hut. I wonder if ladies raced?



A more sedentary activity was reported in 1960 concerning three married Stowupland ladies from Felix Road. They got together to make soft toys because, according to the press cutting, toy making was **'Better Than Bingo'**. In the following decade a press cutting revealed that some 18 men had got together to form a Men's Club where men could gather to smoke a pipe and chat. One of the rules was that the men were to use their Christian names. According to an anonymous O.A.P. whose letter was published the following week, this was not the first 'Men's Club', **'we had a Men's Club as far back as 1900...it was started and run by Mr Spencer Boby, son of Robert Boby of Columbyne Hall. It was held in the Iron Room...we had all kinds of card games, dominoes and a bagatelle table...in the winter we paid a few pence for coke, using a tortoise stove for warmth.'** He adds in a p.s., we called him Nic Boby.



If there are any mistakes or you have memories of other clubs, or have any photos, please don't be shy.

A message from Neil Langridge SLHG's programme organizer

At the time of writing with things beginning to open up again we at the local history group need to start looking towards the future even though the date of the return of monthly meetings is still uncertain. By the time you read this we may have a date for our venue at the village hall to reopen.

Due to the Covid situation we had to cancel meetings from March to July and have missed what would have been some very interesting talks. The good news is that your committee have not been idle during this period! Sandra has been compiling a newsletter for the monthly online Telstar and our Facebook page has seen some increased activity lately. I have also been able to rebook all the cancelled speakers to reschedule their talks for the early part of 2021 as listed below. We also had to cancel our group's visit and guided tour of Woolpit in July but we very much hope this can still happen later this year possibly, if not we will rearrange for 2021.

As to the immediate future, when the village hall is open again we will resume meetings complying with the government guidelines in force at the time. I cannot give a date but please visit the local history group page on the Stowupland parish website for up to date information, we will also post notices on the village noticeboards. We look forward to welcoming you when we meet again.

2021 meetings:

- Jan No Meeting
- Feb 3 Parish Workhouses by Ray Whitehand
- Mar 3 Behind the Scenes at "Who Do You Think You Are" by Gill Blanchard
- Apr 7 Suffolk Witches by Pip Wright

MEMORY LANE

The photograph is from 1904 of the Rev Atken's wedding to Mabel Howard. He was Stowupland vicar from 1890 to 1898. Obviously, nobody would remember the day but perhaps you were related to the happy couple or one of their bridesmaids?

We are at the prime time for weddings but, unfortunately, so many have been cancelled because of the Covid restrictions. Do you have memories of weddings at Holy Trinity Church? Perhaps you were married there yourselves or you attended as a guest? It would be lovely to hear some of the happy memories made here in Stowupland.



Wedding of Reverend Atkens vicar of Stowupland 1890-98

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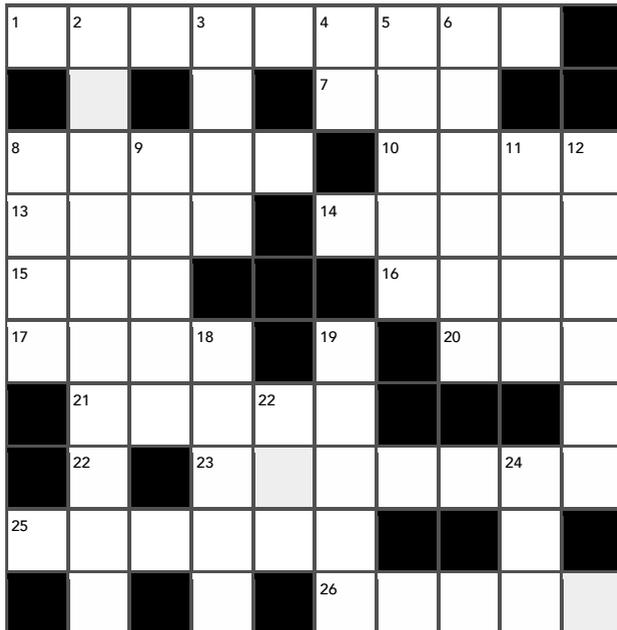
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD CLUES

ACROSS

1. THE STATE OF SOMETHING PLACED IN A MASS (9)
7. WE ALL GO THERE REGULARLY, WITH LUCK (3)
8. THESE ARE WORN, AND CAN BE UNHELPFUL (5)
10. THESE PINS GET HIT IN THE ALLEY (4)
13. SIGNATURE OF A PERSON UNKNOWN (4)
14. IRISH WRITER VERY EXCITED ABOUT GETTING ONE (5)
15. INITIALLY THE FIRST CHALLENGER TO THE BBC'S MONOPOLY (3)
16. EXPLOSIVE LADY WHO KICKS UP A DUST OCCASIONALLY (4)
17. THE "ENDS" GET TOGETHER IF THE BOOKS BALANCE (4)
20. D,D,D, d,d,d, D,D,D (3)
21. OUR STRENGTH BECOMES THIS WHEN WE REALLY NEED MAXIMUM POWER (5)
23. CIVILIAN WORD FOR BILLETED (7)
25. A STUDENT GAINING UNPAID WORK EXPERIENCE IN A BUSINESS OR HOSPITAL (6)
26. SOUNDS LIKE YOU COULD GET OVER THIS IF YOU WERE DRESSED THIS WAY (5)

DOWN

2. OLD ENGLISH WORD FOR A SWINDLER (10)
3. ANCIENT RIGHT OF OWNERSHIP (4)
4. INITIALLY LOOK OUT FOR (2)
5. WORRIED OR GRAMMATICAL VERBAL FORM (5)
6. ORDERS FROM THOSE IN CHARGE (6)
8. IN DRAMA IMPORTANT INJURY COULD OCCUR (4)
9. THIS BIRD COULD LOSE ITS HEAD AND BECOME VERY AMOROUS (5)
11. GRANDMOTHER WITH NOTHING IS VERY SMALL (4)
12. MADE TO DISAPPEAR WITH EFFORT (6)
18. THICKENED UNDERGROUND PART OF A RHIZOME OR SPUD (5)
19. STAPLE DIET ON THE RANGE PARDNER (5)
22. TAKE A POINT FROM RIP TO GET A GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURE (3)
24. --- PIE AND MASH, A FAVOURITE EAST END MEAL (3)



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DIARY DATES

At the time of writing this in early July there is no information on the village hall reopening date or of the restarting of the regular club and group activities in the village. Hopefully in September there will be something to include in the events diary. If you organise any of the events and activities that regularly appear in the Telstar diary please do get in touch with me as soon as you have any information on when you will be resuming your activities and I will be happy to include them.

When the diary does reappear in The Telstar it will be in a simplified form but will still contain all the information you need on local events. I would also like to feature one of our local groups and societies each month telling us a bit more about what they do and how people can get involved.

Neil Langridge

STOWUPLAND W.I.

Like other organisations, the W.I. has had to cancel the monthly members' meeting, beginning in March. Since then, we have had to miss the celebration of our 81st birthday in April, while in June, an open meeting had been planned, complete with strawberries and cream to share with visitors. Also, for the moment, there is no monthly walk or a "knit and stitch" evening. Neither has the weekly visit to "Steeple View", the very sheltered accommodation, with our trolley of goodies, been possible. Usually, all these social activities are part and parcel of the W.I.'s calendar, so will have been much missed by the participants.

The logo for the W.I. features the word "the" in a lowercase, green, sans-serif font, followed by "W.I." in a much larger, bold, green, sans-serif font. Below this, the words "INSPIRING WOMEN" are written in a smaller, bold, black, sans-serif font.

Fortunately, we still all receive the "W.I. Life" magazine, which is posted regularly to every member in the country. The current issue advises that, although the National annual meeting at the Royal Albert Hall in June had to be cancelled, it has been able to be booked at the same venue again for April 2021. Hopefully, we shan't have to wait that long to restart our own meetings. All being well, and observing any safety measures as per the P.M., we are looking at September to welcome the members return.

ODD JOB PERSON REQUIRED

We at Stowupland Preschool are currently on the 'look out' for a volunteer to help us with some odd jobs in our garden! This will range from planting, trimming, a bit of painting and general maintenance. We are asking someone who has some free time to give an hour a week to assist us in this job. We have a wonderful garden that just needs a bit of love and care! As this job is working in and around children we do require our volunteer to complete a DBS check (at no cost to the volunteer).



We do hope we find someone who's enthusiastic about gardening, children and has ideas they can put forward to make our garden the best it can be for our little learners!

Please call Kayleigh or Hannah on 01449 678550
or email admin@stowuplandpreschool.org.uk

STOWUPLAND BOWLS CLUB

Hello Stowupland. We are pleased to say that during the week starting 21st June club members were able to begin playing friendly in-house games (roll ups in bowls language). It has been good to hold a wood again and try one's hand. The green is bowling very well thanks again to our Greenkeeper Nick and his Team.

One thing is missing so far though. Where are those potential bowlers in Stowupland itching to see if bowls is for them. Surely there are folk out there who could spare just one hour to try bowling without any obligation, amongst those who are temporarily working from home, retired, whatever and it is one sport whereby men and women play on equal level. Call our Chairman, Frank Boxhall on 01359 244591 who will fix you up with a game and we will be pleased to meet up with you.

Our thanks are extended to Mr Keith Welham and MSDC for the money we recently received from the council's "Locality Fund".

On a sad note, our thoughts are with Barbara and Family for the recent loss of her Husband Thomas (Tom or Tommy) Clark. A much loved Member.

See you all next month and until then, KEEP SAFE.

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Stowmarket Wildlife Group – John Thompson

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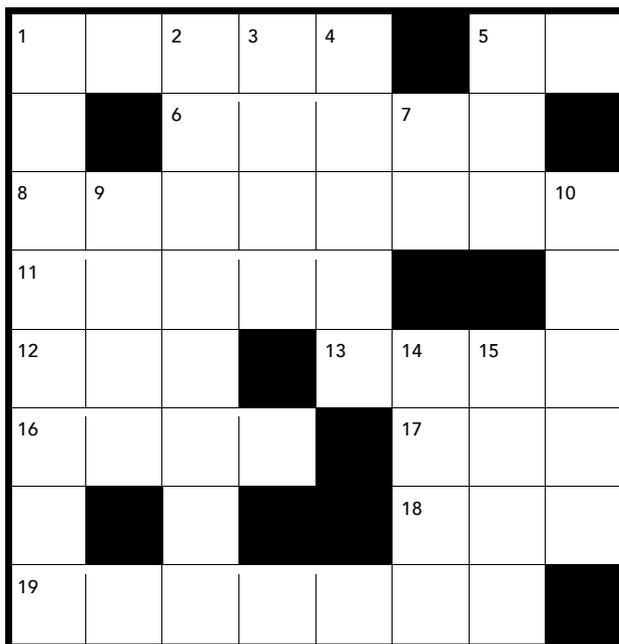
QUICK CROSSWORD CLUES

ACROSS

1. Honourable title given to a mountain rescue dog (5)
5. Letters used to denotefor instance or such as (2)
6. The vikings were of this tribe (5)
8. Proof required by criminal courts (8)
11. Missionaries were often worried about being this by African tribesmen (5)
12. Pressure measurement abbreviation (3)
13. A challenge? (4)
16. Christian name of Italian/American crooner (4)
17. French word for their best export (3)
18. 10th of the 12 abbreviation (3)
19. If not on the mains, then houses will need one of these perhaps (7)

DOWN

1. They are never found guilty at trial (8)
2. Often on documents when there is small space (8)
3. A protuberance on a plant stem from which leaves grow (4)
4. A movement in fashion or thought perhaps (5)
5. Initials of something we have left behind recently (3)
7. Take 2 points from the compass and get what's left (2)
9. A blooming receptacle (4)
10. Something that will happen (5)
14. The character in Blakes 7 or an English river (4)
15. Christian name of a fishy chef (4)



Find completed grid on page 32

VE QUIZ. THE ANSWERS

1945: Reims (North West France)
1946: Baby Boomers
1947: Coal
1948: London
1949: George Orwell
1950: Princess Anne
1951: Beano
1952: George VI
1953: Casino Royale
1954: Roger Bannister
1955: Group Captain Peter Townsend
1956: Elvis Presley
1957: Sputnik 1
1958: European Common Market
1959: Eddie Fisher
1960: Lionel Bart
1961: Yuri Gagarin
1962: Love Me Do
1963: John F Kennedy
1964: Amazon
1965: Sir Winston Churchill
1966: Harold Wilson
1967: Gypsy Moth 1V
1968: Percy Thrower
1969: Neil Armstrong
1970: Conservatives (Edward Heath)
1971: Decimalisation
1972: Sri Lanka
1973: Princess Anne
1974: Waterloo
1975: Colin Dexter
1976: The Body Shop
1977: Red Rum
1978: Ipswich & Arsenal
1979: Lord Mountbatten
1980: Rubik's Cube
1981: St. Pauls Cathedral
1982: The Falklands

1983: Harrods
1984: Indira Gandhi
1985: Ronald Reagan
1986: Chernobyl
1987: Michael Fish
1988: £1 note
1989: Hillsborough
1990: Nelson Mandela
1991: The Gulf War
1992: Freddie Mercury
1993: Audrey Hepburn
1994: The Channel Tunnel
1995: Barings Bank
1996: Dolly
1997: Princess Diana
1998: Monica Lewinsky
1999: Jill Dando
2000: Ken Livingstone
2001: George Harrison
2002: Ford Focus
2003: Columbia
2004: Foxhunting
2005: Charles & Camilla
2006: Italy
2007: Apple
2008: Northern Rock
2009: Jenson Button
2010: Dubai
2011: William & Kate marry
2012: Super Saturday
2013: Nelson mandela
2014: Ebola
2015: Charlie Hebdo
2016: Donald Trump
2017: Jodie Whittaker
2018: France
2019: Notre Dame Cathedral
2020: December 31st



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AN ODE TO SILVER LININGS

The virus came and scared us all,
 From Stowupland to Senegal,
 Hugs and kisses were forbidden
 In case in these a bug was hidden
 Stay indoors we were all told
 Just keep family in the fold
 Boredom started to be problematic
 But then the games came from the attic,
 Ludo, draughts and Buckaroo
 Cribbage, dommies and puzzles too
 Anything to keep things sane
 Families start to chat again
 Phones and iPads were laid to rest
 As families found new interests
 Conversation came back once more
 Behind many a closed front door
 And when restrictions are finally eased
 Let's carry on talking to each other
 Please!!
 ANON

PUZZLE PAGE ANSWERS

Cryptic Crossword
 Page 24

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Quick Crossword
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S	A	I	N	T		E	G
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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Quick banana ice cream sandwiches

By Cassie Best

Bake peanut butter cookies and blitz frozen bananas with cream and vanilla to make this impressive speedy dessert. Kids will think they've hit the jackpot

Ingredients:

- 200g peanut butter (crunchy or smooth is fine)
- 175g golden caster sugar
- 75g dark chocolate, chopped into chunks
- 1 large egg
- 3 bananas, peeled, chopped and frozen in advance
- 2 tbsp double cream
- 1 tsp vanilla essence

Bananas (tip)

Make sure the bananas are frozen solid before blitzing. If the ice cream consistency is too soft to scoop, put it back in the freezer for 10 mins.

Method:

1. Heat oven to 180C/fan 160C/gas 4 and line two large baking sheets with baking parchment. Put the peanut butter, sugar, ¼ tsp fine table salt and chocolate chunks in a bowl and mix well with a wooden spoon. Crack in the egg and mix again until the mixture clumps together and forms a dough.
2. Break off chunks of dough (about the size of a cherry tomato) and arrange them, spaced apart, on the sheets. Press the cookies down with the back of a fork to squash them a little. (The cookies can be frozen for up to two months – to cook from frozen, add an extra 1-2 mins to the cooking time.) Bake for about 12 mins until golden around the edges and paler in the centre. Leave to cool on the trays for 5 mins.
3. Meanwhile, put the bananas, cream and vanilla in a food processor and blend until they make a thick ice cream. Scoop into balls with an ice cream scoop, and sandwich between the cookies. Serve immediately.

Recipe courtesy of BBC Good Food



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FROM SUFFOLK POLICE

Police are urging vigilance after two reports of fake banknotes being used to buy games consoles advertised on online platforms.

The incidents took place in the Stowmarket area on 26 and 27 June and involved a Playstation 4, worth £160 and an X-Box gaming console and headset etc, worth £260 advertised on online secondhand sites. When the purchasers arrived to pay and collect the goods they did so using fake banknotes and left before the victims were able to check the money used.

The main suspect is described as a white man, in his 30s, unshaven who spoken with a local accent. He was wearing dark shorts and a white T-shirt in one incident and black top in the other. He was driving a dark vehicle, thought to be a Mercedes, possibly an A-Class model. The second suspect is described as a woman aged 35-40 years of age, brown medium length hair, with a heavy build. She was wearing grey pyjama trousers and a pink pyjama top with a tattoo on the underside of her right wrist.

Police would like to hear from anybody who recognise the people involved to get in contact, quoting reference 35893/20 or 36030/20 via

Website – <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/existing-report-update>

Email – Rachel.Gibson@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Phone – Call 101

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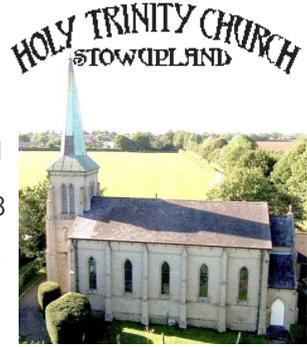
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NEWS



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Jesus said to the crowds 'Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest'. And today we give thanks for 72 years of our National Health Service, lifting the heavy burden of health care, as we offer our demonstration of thanks across the nation at 5pm. Looking back we see plainly the wisdom of sharing the load, yet the yoke of welfare provision has been an election issue throughout and before these 72 years, affordability and access ever subject to the wisdom of democratic debate.

We might mark Jesus' frustration at the crowds who, though the flute played did not dance, who though heard the cry of wailing yet did not mourn. For we have been no friend of the burden of taxation to pay for NHS and Care provision, nor emergency planning, as now we scramble to catch up with the heavy demand this Pandemic has placed on our Health and Care services. Wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.

Jesus' word of rest, is not offered without cost, indeed there is no offer to remove the load from us, for Jesus offers us but a yoke, a way for us to carry our burdens, he asks not that we lean on Him but learn. What are we to learn, gentleness and humility. The heavy burden we bear then, when divided on the yoke of gentleness and humility of heart, these offer to ease and lighten the load. My yoke is easy my burden light.

Where we seek to throw off the burden of ill health or social care, through meanness of heart or purse, through some notion that in our well-being we don't deserve the burdens of those who are not well, through hardness of heart to think those less able to bear such burdens deserve to bear them,... here our deeds are not found vindicated.

Our present mood of social volunteering, is not driven by policy or free market economics but by lifting the load from those less able to bear and sharing the load more widely, by taking on our social conscience, our yoke of gentleness and humility of heart. Gentle and humble to our fortune we become open hearted toward the needs of those

un-fortunate, the vulnerable the poor, those who by our neglect have become susceptible. Will we remain open hearted in gentleness and humility to wisdom? Pray our deeds at this time will offer society the vindication of policies going forward wisely made. Say Alert, Control the Virus, Save Lives.

Revd. Brin 



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9th Aug 9.30am Worship for All

16th Aug 9.30am Morning Prayer

23rd Aug 9.30am Private Prayer – phone to book with Churchwardens

30th Aug 11.00am Benefice Holy Communion



U.R.C CHAPEL

NEWS

Minister: Revd Robert Sheard
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Another month has gone by and I am still shielding until the end of July, along with many others. Things are changing all the time so let us hope we will gradually get back to some sort of normality, all be it very different.

On Saturday afternoon our new minister, Revd Robert Sheard, was Inducted virtually and those of us who were able, viewed it via Zoom. A quite different type of induction but in these unprecedented times we once again relied on technology to help us out. We extend a very warm welcome to Robert in these challenging times.

We are looking at the possibility of recommencing some form of Sunday worship in September, providing the situation with the Covid-19 pandemic continues to improve. It will only happen when all the risk assessment, under the government guidelines, has been completed and we feel it is safe to do so.

Joyce Gardiner

AUGUST NEWSLETTER FROM STOWMARKET GROUP OF URC CHURCHES

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." *Hebrews 11 v 1*

When I was teaching I came to expect that in August when school was out and I was on holiday the weather would deteriorate. I expected that most Mondays would be a church meeting, face to face with others and that Wednesdays I would always try to keep free and go bird watching with friends. I also expected that the cherries on my tree would ripen with little help from me but even if I put a net over them I expected the birds to find a way to get at them and eat them just half a day before I planned to experience the treat of that lovely fruit. When I needed something new I would just pop to a shop, or shops, and get what was needed. Friday night I would walk to see my friend and have a glass of "orange" juice before walking home again. And, of course, on Sunday I would go to church. Now these, to me, are the normal events, the things I came to expect in life, things that were typical.

Now I am regularly being told that we've entered a new "normal". I'm not sure I can come to terms with this. How can new be normal? It can be different but for it to be normal it should conform to a standard, be usual, typical, or expected and I'm not sure these days can be called that. New or different I have no problem with. I know that some of the things

in life that I've come to expect will not happen in the same way for some time, if ever, but we will come to find a way through the difficulties. There will be new or different ways of doing things but it will be a long time before we are able to call them normal.

At this time when things are starting to open again, we do wonder what the future will hold. Will there be a vibrant high street? Will I continue to use Zoom (other media are also available)? As days start to fill with some of the "old" things will I miss the carefree days when I had the time to go for long walks and sit in the garden and just read (or doze). I must admit I don't know what will be my "normal" way of life in the future but, perhaps I have learnt that it is good to take time out, to sit or walk and reflect on the day ahead or the day to come.

While things are changing and we may not know what the future holds we, who have a belief in our Lord God, know that there is a future for us. We can never be assured of knowing exactly what lies ahead and there are things ahead that we cannot even imagine. But, if there is such a thing as a new "normal", then our faith will assure us and keep us true to whatever is there.

Anne Scarff: Secretary to Stowmarket Group of URC Churches (the group consists of Stowmarket, Debenham, Mendlesham, & Stowupland)

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Improvement of the track between Trinity Walk and FP46

The Chairman of the Council has been keeping you updated about this in her Chairman's Column.

I can now let you know that the Parish Council have agreed the following works for these improvements.

They will be constructing a separate 1.2 metre wide footway between the existing track and the High School playing field with no improvement to the existing track.

The footway will be kerbed to prevent overrun by vehicles and timber edging.

The removal of scrub vegetation and a mature oak tree, roots and soil would also be required.

The footway would be for pedestrian use only. Vehicles and cyclists could use the existing track.

They are looking forward to completing this work for the residents of the village.

Claire Pizzey
Parish Clerk

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CHAIRMAN'S COLUMN

It is lovely to have the Telstar back in print and again accessible to all. I am sure a lot of you have missed having it drop through your letterbox. I must say a big thank you to Kay, our editor, and the Telstar team for keeping an on-line Telstar presence going. The Telstar is the Parish Council's way of getting information to residents as well as sometimes asking for help.

During the Covid 19 pandemic your Parish Council has been meeting as usual via an on-line platform. We only had to cancel one meeting at the very start of lock down before we all became techno whizzes...well almost whizzes but we have got to grips with it now. Any member of the public is welcome to join the on-line meetings by contacting the clerk for details.

Life is beginning to return to a sort of normality now and as I write the pubs are re-opening as well as people being able to expand their family and social bubbles. Currently, despite the Government announcement about the re-opening of playparks, our playpark remains closed. The basketball area is open but not the play park. The conditions required for opening the playpark are not able to be met at present so it must remain closed for a bit longer.

The improvements to the footpaths around The Green are complete and the new path from footpath 32 to the Co-Op installed. I hope you are pleased with them as it enables accessibility for all to various parts of the village in a safe way. This is one of the projects financed by the Parish Council from Parish Community Infrastructure Funds. This is money that comes to the Parish Council as a result of any new build in the village. The next area we will look at is a link from the bottom of Trinity Walk to the primary school footpath and onwards to meet the footpath at Trinity Meadows. No matter what the weather you should then be able to access all areas of the village without getting muddy shoes.

To date your Parish Council has not received the feasibility study for a crossing at the Co-Op. Obviously Covid 19 has impacted Suffolk County Council's workforce but it seems a long time since we paid for it.

The Safer Route to School that runs across The Green was due to be top surfaced in May but is now scheduled to be completed at the same time as the contractors develop the route through the school to the A1120.

We have received several complaints about people parking on The Green, picnicking and eating their fish and chips. People are welcome to picnic on The Green as long as they park vehicles on the highway, not on The Green, and they take all their litter home with them. They should take account of the current social distancing rules. Our Green is there to be enjoyed and used not misused.

I will end with a big thank you. We have all said thank you to the NHS workers but I want to keep it local. To all those residents who have helped and cared for their neighbours during these difficult times, shopped and kept in contact ...THANK YOU. To the businesses in the village who have risen to the challenges of the past few months and provided us with brilliant local service...THANK YOU.

Be aware and stay safe

Sally Reeves

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

JULY 2020



The 3rd Zoom meeting opened with 8 Parish Cllrs present and the 9th joining later. Also, in attendance were Mid Suffolk Councillor Rachel Eburne and 4 members of the public.

Council Report:

There was no report from SCC Cllr Green but the MSDC report can be found elsewhere in Telstar.

Matters of Report:

The majority of tasks are still awaiting action once the Covid-19 measures have been lifted or a response from SCC. The Chairman will be chasing the contractor to find out when he can complete the work on the ditch along Columbyne Close. MSDC have agreed that the PCC are able to receive funds for a new carpet for the Church and they have been advised accordingly. Roger Carter has agreed to cut the half a mow this month. The work on the track at Hunters Moon has been completed. Submissions for the PIIP list are to be sent in over the next month.

Public Forum:

I asked if any further thought had been given to the provision of a dog poo bin to be placed at the end of the track leading from Thradstones Meadow onto Gipping Road as this had been proposed about 2 years ago. As the track is privately owned, the PC are unable to place one in this location.

Annual Governance Statement:

The content of the annual statement along with the accounting statement were read out by the Chairman and both agreed and signed off. The public will be able to inspect the Parish Council's accounts as from 4th August for a period of 30 working days.

Post Trial Project:

It was agreed that one of the two quotes received should be accepted subject to clarification of certain points.

Cemetery and Churchyard: The churchyard's forthcoming maintenance schedule was agreed. It was agreed to seek quotes for the maintenance of the hedges, ditch and shaping of the 3 yew trees at the churchyard on a 4-year contract. Clarification of whether the PCC will wish to fund a brown bin for the flower arrangers will be sought and from what month the

daffodil bank will receive its first cut. The Cllrs agreed the quote for the cutting of the churchyard hedge. It was agreed to site a renovated bench in the cemetery on the side where the latest graves are situated with a budget of up to £100 for a concrete base on which to place it. Advice will be sought from SALC in respect of the expansion of the cemetery.

Environment: It was agreed to purchase a dog poo bin for Trinity Meadows at a cost of £157 + vat with an annual cost of £42.23 for MSDC to empty it.

Finance and Policy: On recommendation from the sub-committee it was agreed to accept the proposed risk assessment for the community litter picker which includes additional Covid-19 requirements.

Footpaths: Following a site visit to the track from Trinity Walk to the top of the school and Bloor's site, there were 2 proposals for its improvement. Option 1 was for the whole track to be tarmacked and the space shared between vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians and the other option was for a completely new footpath to be put in alongside similar to the ones across the Green but this would involve the removal of a mature oak tree. After much discussion, the majority view was that option 2 was the only safe option bearing in mind that this was a route used by small children.

Planning: An amended outline planning application has been made for the erection of 80 dwellings on land to the south of Gipping Road and now includes provision for a Toucan crossing on Church Road by the Co-Op, a £50,000 contribution to improve the B1115/A1120 junction, a commitment to replace pockets of grass/dirt verge along Church Road with suitable hard surfacing and to include the transfer of Thradstones Meadow to the PC with a maintenance dowry of £70,000. It was agreed that this application was totally against the neighbourhood plan and could not be supported. There was doubt also voiced regarding any crossing near the Co-Op being acceptable to SCC as they had indicated in their initial feasibility study response that no satisfactory engineering solution had been found. Also, a Toucan crossing would not be appropriate as this involves 2 cycle paths being linked with the crossing and there are no cycle paths in that area. The money quoted for the road junction was unlikely to cover the cost of a right-hand turn. There is to be no change in the previous comments against the application by the Parish Council.

Transport, Travel and Safety: The risk assessments have been completed and the speedwatch is ready to start again. The PC is to keep copies of these.

Correspondence:

The following correspondence was noted – SCC regarding ditch maintenance at the cemetery which was already underway when Covid-19 hit, update on the climate emergency and the consultation event on a joint fire and police station in Stowmarket, Elmswell Hall regarding purchasing land for the cemetery extension, Highways England on resurfacing of A14 which will mean additional traffic along Church Road between 13th July and 4th August, from SALC regarding the Code of Conduct consultation.

Linden Homes had contacted the Parish Council regarding their proposed development west of Thorney Green Road regarding the community orchard, skylark mitigation, the name of the development at Thorney Green Road and the location of the site office and material storage. It was felt that the PC could offer to maintain the community orchard with a commuted sum of money to the Parish but not the skylark mitigation area. The PC will send comments on the location of temporary site offices and accesses to MSDC. The MSDC Street Naming Dept has enquired about names for the development. It was proposed that the roads should be named Acorn Way, Oak Apple Close and Burr Close with a spare name of Holm Close.

A resident has contacted the PC regarding access from Thorney Green to Green View Cottage. Councillors felt that any delivery vehicles would have to either park on the road and the driver walk to property or to park in the owner's current access on A1120. Another resident voiced concerns regarding horses being ridden on the footpath at Birch Close/Hornbeam Road junction and there is also a problem of them being ridden in Chapel Lane. AWA have confirmed that the manhole on Church Road is not loose and the noise made overnight by lorries when the A14 was closed was due to tyre noise and the fact that they were empty and therefore rattled as they went over the manhole.

Clerk:

Thanks was given to the Clerk for all the additional hours that she has put in on looking at the safety issues in respect of the Play Park whilst the pandemic is on and the research on the risk assessment for the litter pickers.

The meeting closed to the public at 9.07pm with a reminder that the next meeting will be held on 20th August via Zoom.

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT

AUGUST 2020

Covid-19

Staff are continuing to work from home, making use of Microsoft Teams to hold virtual meetings with colleagues, councillors and residents. Non-urgent site inspections are not taking place. Some officers are beginning to return to their normal jobs having been seconded to different duties arising from the pandemic. The Home but not Alone emergency line continues: 0800 876 6926.

Meetings

All District Council and Committee meetings are now being held as virtual meetings using the Microsoft Teams platform. They can be viewed on YouTube. The full Council meeting on 23 July will be the Annual Council Meeting where the Chair of the Council will be elected for the year and appointments to committees and outside bodies will be confirmed.

Joint Local Plan

We still don't know when the Joint Local Plan will be available and ready to be considered at a meeting of the full Council. We will soon be provided with a timetable for the remaining steps that need to be followed; the JLP timetable is expected to be an item on the Council agenda for 23 July. The next version of the Plan, when we see it, may well be very different from the consultation draft of July 2019. If, and when, Council approves the Plan, it will be subject to further consultation and an Inspector's Examination before it can be formally adopted as planning policy.

Environment and Climate Change Task Force

Proposals from the Cross-Party Task Force of Mid Suffolk and Babergh Councillors are due to be considered by Cabinet on 6 July. They contain a number of environmental measures, which could form the councils' first Carbon Reduction Management Plan, setting out how they aim to fulfil their ambitions of becoming carbon neutral within the next ten years.

The proposed actions are the first steps in achieving the long term objective to reduce the councils' current emissions of approximately 5,452 tonnes (Mt) of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) per year, looking into how best to invest in order to reduce this to nett zero.

Gateway 14

MSDC and the Greater South East Energy Hub (GSEEH) will be jointly funding a study into low carbon opportunities for Gateway 14, the commercial development site bought by MSDC in 2018. Green Party councillors have been pressing for the site to be developed sustainably making

use of green energy technology and we welcome this study to look at how low and zero carbon initiatives can be integrated into new developments. It is hoped that the findings of the study can be used to share learning and best practice across the region.

Cycling Strategy

MSDC is commencing work on rewriting the Cycling Strategy that is out of date. We have asked for clarification of what provision is proposed for cyclists between Stowupland and Stowmarket, within the town of Stowmarket and between neighbouring villages to improve links to schools, local retail outlets etc as well as for leisure.

MSDC out of county investments

Three years ago, MSDC and Babergh set up an investment company (CIFCO) and have so far borrowed around £60 million which they have loaned to CIFCO to buy commercial properties, almost all of which are outside Suffolk. The scheme was set up to make profits to improve services for residents of the districts. A recent revaluation of the portfolio shows a loss in the last 12 months of around £3 million; with fees of some £500,000. In recent months only 50% or so of the rental due to CIFCO has been paid. A recent scrutiny of the CIFCO Business Plan for 2020/2021 raised many concerns that need to be considered before full Council is asked to approve the Business Plan at the meeting on 23 July.

Business grants

Another round of business grants has just been launched; Early Years Settings will be eligible, amongst others not covered by previous grant schemes.

Locality Awards

A reminder that Locality Awards have been launched for 2020/21. We have £14,700 available across the Ward – Stowupland, Haughley, Old Newton, Gipping and Wetherden. So far there have been one bid from a Stowupland group. If you know of a community group in need of some funding, please put them in touch with us.

Disabled Facilities Grant

In the recent Performance Reporting we raised concerns, again, that the grant available is not being spent. If you know anyone who needs any kind of adaptation to their home, from a handrail to a wet room, please ask them to get in touch. The application process is very straightforward.

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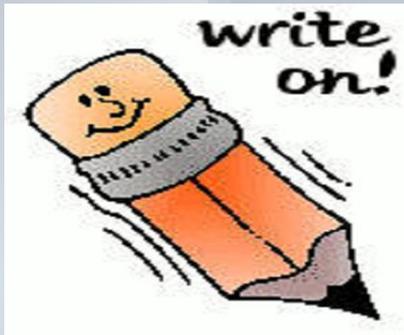
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