

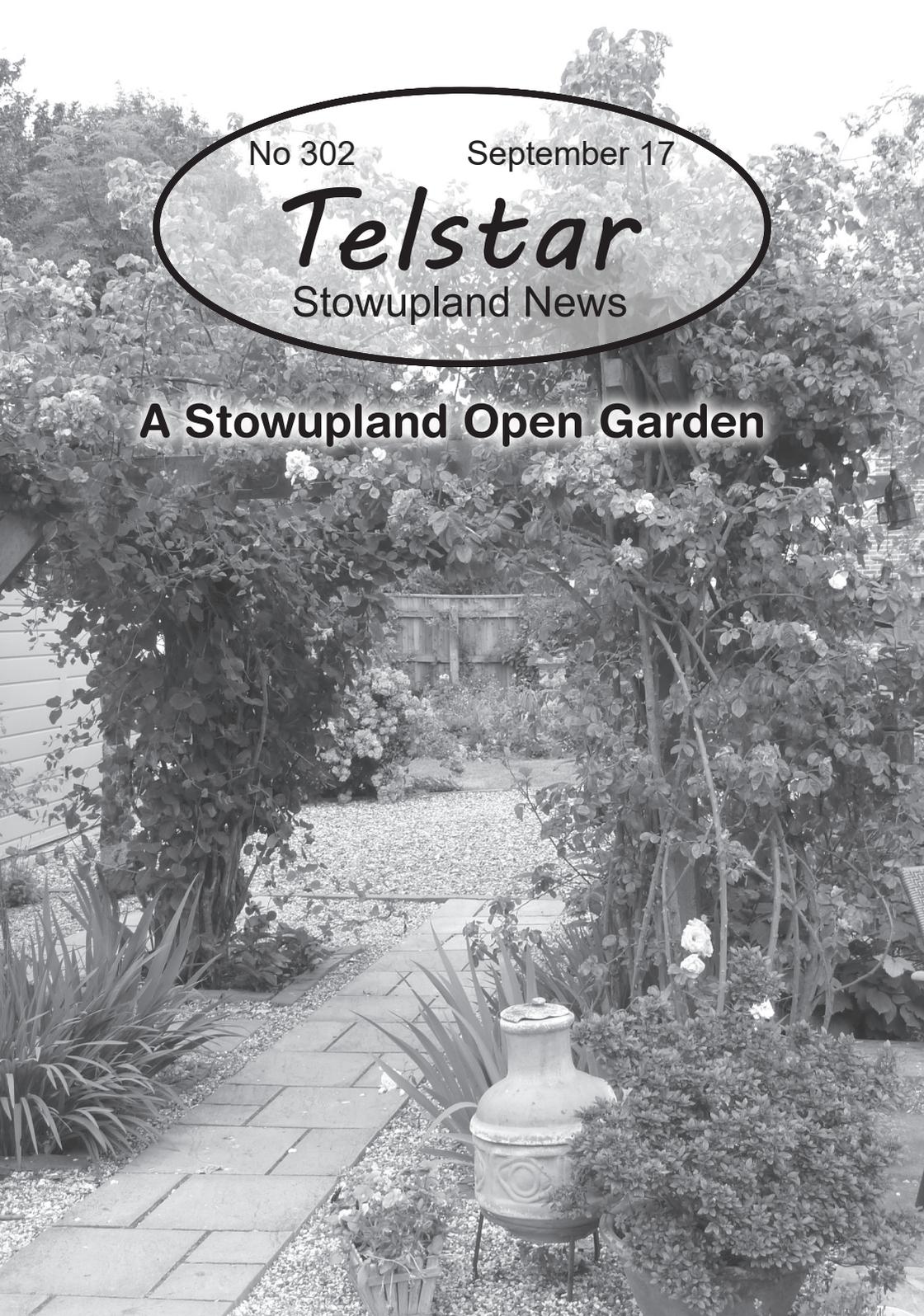
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A Stowupland Open Garden





Chairman's Column

Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council

September 2017

Consideration of planning applications and preparing for MSDC planning committee meetings have taken up a great amount of time since I wrote my last column. The planning committee on 19 July deferred both applications for housing on land to the west of Thorney Green Road for a site visit, which was held on 8 August. The planning committee reconvened on 9 August and rejected both applications. I am grateful to Ray Studd and Jackie Ward who prepared and delivered to both committee meetings representations on behalf of the Parish Council, and to Claire Pizzey who prepared the Parish Council's written objections to the applications and attended the site visit.

The display of plans and public meeting to consider the detailed planning application for the first 75 homes on the 'Gladman' site on 26 July was well attended. The Parish Council Planning Committee took account of comments made and Claire prepared a detailed objection to the application. This was sent to MSDC and can be read on their website. The Parish Council hopes to discuss further with Bloor Homes (the new owner of the land and prospective developer) to see if changes can be made to the proposals so that the development could be more acceptable. There are a number of inconsistencies between the drawings submitted as part of the application, particularly the drainage details. Also, the detailed housing layout is not in line with the Inspector's decision. No date has been set for MSDC to decide the application. If you have not already commented to MSDC and wish to do so it is not too late, but you need to make your views known by mid-September if you can. The application number is 17/02755; details can be accessed via the MSDC website or by visiting the Needham office.

In September we have a number of Community Events. I hope that everyone able to walk to Old Newton and back will join our team for the Walker Cup on Sunday 10 September, starting from The Retreat where there will be lunches and other refreshments. It is important that we win back the trophy, preferably by fair means. You may recall that there was no accurate record of the number of walkers starting from Old Newton who completed the course last year. We felt that we had retained the trophy; nevertheless an Old Newton resident removed it

from The Retreat. We need to regain it this year. An added attraction will be a Selfie Station which Claire Pizzezy will be setting up near the midway check-in point on Stonebridge Lane. Use your mobile phone to take a photo and submit it for a chance to win a prize; details of how to enter will be given when you register at The Retreat.

Please join the Litter Pick on Saturday 16 September – 10.00 at the village hall; all equipment will be provided. If you have unwanted items, please consider taking part in the garage/yard sale on 17 September; you can still register. Everyone can take a walk around the village to visit the yards – you just might pick up a real bargain. We have the next pub-style quiz on 22 September and bingo starts again on 29 September. There are details of all these events elsewhere in this edition of Telstar and posters on notice boards around the village.

A group of residents are putting together a proposal for a music event on The Green for 2018. There will be an opportunity for residents to comment on the plans for the event before the Parish Council takes a decision on whether or not it should go ahead.

A reminder – we still have a vacancy on the Parish Council. Please get in touch with Claire or me if you feel that you might be able to fill this role. Also, the Council encourages every resident to come along to our meetings on the second Thursday of every month in the URC chapel meeting room. We start at 7.30 and you will be given an opportunity to raise any issue which you would like the Council to consider.

Keith Welham,

(Chairman Stowupland Parish Council.)

Editor's notes

Firstly, Telstar wishes to apologise to its readers for the mix up with the diary dates in the August issue. It was a printer/editor error and won't happen again.

Then there is the question of the mystery picture, where was it? At least one person identified it correctly as being Saxham Cottage with the shop known as Gyford's next door. It is not known when the picture was taken.

Acknowledgements

Margaret Hurl and family would like to thank friends and neighbours for their sympathy and support received by way of cards and donations.



District Councillor's Report September 2017

Extraordinary District Council Meeting - Review of Ward Boundaries - An extra meeting was held

on 8 August to consider the MSDC response to the Boundary Commission. A number of options had been put forward by political groups; all of these indicated a preference for an enlarged Stowupland ward made up of Stowupland, Earl Stonham and Creting St Peter. However, as Members arrived in the Council Chamber it became clear that the Tory group were putting forward an option which placed Stowupland in Stowmarket which would then be split up between 7 District Council members but no indication given as to how that would be done. Clearly this would place the village in a multi-member ward most likely with Cedars Park and, perhaps, the area around the railway station. This option would result in the number of electors for each of the 7 elected members being above the top of the range given by the Boundary Commission of 2,435+or- 10%. Opposition members spoke against this option and the haste with which it had been produced. They argued that other options which had been drawn up and consulted upon in the weeks prior to the council meeting should be sent to the Boundary Commission along with the new option. Tory members outvoted opposition councillors and only the hastily produced version was approved to be forwarded to the Boundary Commission. Opposition groups will be forwarding their own suggested warding arrangements; both should keep Stowupland separate from Stowmarket. It is worthy of note that all Stowmarket District Councillors who were present voted in favour of subsuming Stowupland into a Stowmarket ward but not one of them offered any reasoning for doing so.

The Boundary Commission will consider all submissions and publish their preferred option for consultation during the autumn; Parish Councils and individuals will have an opportunity to comment on that option. The new boundaries will come into effect for the 2019 District Council elections.

Thorney Green Road Planning Applications - Both applications were refused by MSDC Planning Committee on 9 August. I'm grateful to Jackie Ward and Ray Studd for speaking at committee and to the Parish Council Clerk, Claire Pizzey, who prepared the Parish Council's response to the two applications and attended the site visit on 8 August.

New Joint Local Plan - Consultation on the draft plan has commenced and arrangements will be made for the Parish Council to be briefed on the proposals by the Corporate Manager whose team has drawn up the plan.

Locality Awards - I have so far received only one bid for a grant and there remains around £5,000 to be allocated. Bids need to be made by 30 September. I will be happy to speak to a representative of any club or organisation within Stowupland or Creeting St Peter which has a project, new or existing, which aims to have a community benefit.

General Caseload - In the last few months I have received many more queries, requests for help and comments and complaints about services provided by the District Council than during the corresponding period last year. In many ways this is a good thing as I am pleased to be able to help more people. However, there appears to be a trend developing and I fear that when staff of the two Districts move to Ipswich, residents may find more difficulty in accessing services.

Please let me know - if you have concerns about MSDC services or are having difficulty contacting officers or making payments. There have been problems with the brown bin service; if emptying bins is delayed, please let me know. It is important for me to be told when service provision is less than satisfactory.

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Parish Council Report

August 2017

The meeting opened with just 5 members of the public joining the Parish Councillors.

Councillors' Reports:

The District Councillor's report can be found elsewhere in this magazine and although the SCC Councillor was not present, he had held a meeting with the Clerk and Chairman earlier and the details of that meeting are referred to in matters of report.

Matters of Report:

The Chairman reported that he had completed his submission on behalf of the Parish Council in respect of the District Council ward boundaries, urging that Stowupland should join with Creeting St Peter and Earl Stonham to form a new ward.

The Clerk advised that following a meeting with Cllr Green, he was able to confirm that section 106 monies from Bloor Homes would be used to complete the footpath between Trinity Walk and the Community Wood.

She advised that she had received a report from the surveyor on behalf of the church charity in respect of the rubbish in the ditch by the allotments. It was his considered opinion that a lot of the content was from the allotment holders themselves and any outside infill was due to the unsecured access onto the allotments and therefore the responsibility for cleaning it out was down to the Parish Council. It was agreed that members of the allotment sub-committee would meet on site in order to look at the various options to get the site cleared. The allotment holders are to be informed of their responsibilities to keep the site clean and tidy.

Councillors Pring and Johnson reported back on their meeting at The Retreat to look at the options for sorting out the posts bordering the driveway into The Retreat. It was agreed that some kind of definition needed to be in place to keep vehicles off The Green when entering the pub but it is impossible for lorries to get into the driveway when cars are parked on the opposite side of the road outside the fish shop. It was agreed that 2 posts on each side of the driveway nearest the footpath should remain but a more suitable type of definition is required closer to the road. Topsoil also needs to be placed alongside the driveway to tidy up the area.

The Clerk reported that there is likely to be a delay in the County Council sorting out the overhanging hedge in Birch Close.

She also reported that she and Cllr Reeves had attended a meeting at Constantine House with representatives from SCC, the High School and the

Village Hall in respect of the Safer Route to School. Confusion seems to have been brought about by Peter Horne, who has led on the Safer Route to School since 2014, only being asked to look at the Cycle Route and not the footpath section between the High School and Primary School. SCC have now agreed to the PC's original request that the surface for the cycle route should have gravel chippings rolled into the tarmac which, once worn in, will show as a gravel finish. They have also agreed that they will continue with the footpath as phase 2 of the project but that all parties will need to contribute to its costs. The High School are happy to provide the route through their grounds onto the village hall property and eventually over the footbridge to the Freeman School. The Parish Council agreed to this with the provision of a crossing across the High School entrance by the caretaker's bungalow to be provided in phase 1. It is likely to be around 9 months before the work will be carried out.

The Clerk advised that emails have been sent to Cllr Finch about the poor state of the work carried out by the footpath on Thorney Green Road and the condition of the same road. He was also informed of the dirty and obstructed road signage around the village and he has replied to say that he is awaiting reports from his officers before he can respond to the various queries.

She also reported on the meeting with SCC Cllr Green and he had advised that Sycamore Road met the criteria for Highways to resurface it. The horse signs have been ordered and once they are available, residents will be asked to remove the temporary signs that they have erected themselves.

The Clerk advised that hedges behind the Freeman School and by Stowupland Hall have both been cut back. She has chased Bloor Homes about the hedge bordering their land which has still not been cut. They apologised as they thought that their contractors had already completed the work but have agreed that the work will be carried out in the next couple of weeks.

Cllr Reeves reported that, following investigation, there was no need for any additional signage at Mickfield Cross Roads to inform drivers of 7.5 tonne vehicles that there was no route available to them via Saxham Street.

Parish Council Vacancy:

There has been no expression of interest to fill the current vacancy.

Public Forum:

A resident advised that the moles have returned with a vengeance on The Green and the PC agreed to get the grass contractor to deal with them. Another enquired whether there had been any further contact from the builder in relation to his obligations to reinstate the access to Grays Close. He was advised that nothing has been heard from the builder but it was believed that the Planning Officer will not sign off the site until these works have been completed. It was reported that the footpath across The Green between

The Retreat and the chapel has become overgrown and he was advised that it was due to be treated next week. A new resident reported that there has been some fly tipping in one of the passing points along Rendalls Lane and she was informed of how to contact the Clerk if she has any further concerns that she wishes to report. She was also concerned about the withdrawal of bus services into Stowmarket. She was advised that the service from Wickham Skeith is still available from outside The Crown.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Allotments – Cllr Voden reported that they had met in pouring rain the previous evening and found that the majority of the allotments were in good order.

Cemetery and Churchyard – The Clerk reported that although she had sent out 3 tenders, only one contractor had submitted a quote for cutting the hedge in the churchyard. It was agreed to accept this quotation. She also advised that she has received back 2 of the 3 quotes sent out to carry out works on the turning circle in the Cemetery. She has earmarked £5000 worth of funding from community reserves and is hoping to secure the remainder from County and District Councillor locality budgets. Parish Councillors will meet with the chosen contractor to clarify all aspects of the work.

Community Events – Mrs Freeman reported that they had been organising the Walker Cup which is to be held on 10th September. There is to be ‘selfie station’ situated at Stonebridge Lane with photo’s being sent back to the Retreat. Dave and Julia Brown are organising the garage sale which is to be held the following weekend on 17th September with proceeds being donated to EACH. Permission was requested for parking on the Green if necessary. This was agreed. The community quiz is scheduled for 19th September and bingo for 27th. Plans have also been put in place for the Christmas Parties at Steeple View which will follow the normal format of tea, bingo, raffle etc. but there will be a change for the residents of Jubilee Court. It was decided to hire a coach and take them for tea at Alder Carr Farm. The PC agreed to fund the cost of the coach etc. Mr Cooper has suggested a return to the old format of a music on the green for the residents of the village to take place in 2018. This would take the form of a marquee on the Green with some kind of vintage style music in the afternoon with a 2-hour break before a ticket only classical music event in the marquee in the evening. The quiz could also be held in the marquee on the Friday evening. There would be a b-b-q and bar available. Numbers involved would be kept down to fewer than 500 in the afternoon and a maximum of 200 in the evening. The PC were happy for a business plan to be put forward and a public consultation to take place to see if the residents would be in favour of such an event being organised and if so for all arrangements to be agreed by the Parish Council before anything is booked.

Emergency Planning Group – A meeting is to be held between Cllrs Voden, Pring and David Eade to arrange how a village emergency will be recorded on the website.

Environment – The Clerk reported that she has received 2 of the 3 quotes tendered for works to be carried out on The Green and one of these was agreed.

Finance and Policy – Recommendations were made that there should be no changes to the audit plan and some money held in general reserves should be moved into the cemetery, environment and community budgets in order to fund the various projects. They also recommended that the pedestrian footbridge be removed from the asset register now that its ownership has been established and for the adoption of the deed of grant document. These recommendations were all agreed along with Cllr Studd being added to the bank mandate following the resignation of Cllr Jennings.

Footpaths – Cllr Murton has agreed to join the footpath sub-committee.

Planning – The planning sub-committee needs a new member and this will be decided at the next meeting. A member of MSDC has agreed to brief the Parish Council on the new joint draft local plan on 19th September. It was agreed to invite members of Creeting St Peter, Old Newton and Earl Stonham Parish Councils to hear the briefing.

Play Park – The Clerk reported that she and Cllr Reeves had met with Chris Knock the external funding officer for MSDC and he has encouraged them to re-apply for grant applications to Awards for All and Biffa. He is also going to contact Viridor to find out if they could also re-apply to them as well. This has made them feel more hopeful of getting funding for the play park equipment. It was also agreed to go ahead and get the handyman to cut the play park hedge.

Transport, Travel and Safety – The PC agreed to fund the cost of 2 Hi-Viz motorway jackets and 2 Hi-Viz sleeved waistcoats for the new members of the speed watch. A new location for the speed watch is to be opposite M&M butchers which will be particularly useful during term time. The police set up speed enforcement cameras for a week along Gipping Road between Trinity Walk and the Post Office and did not record anyone breaking the speed limit.

Councillors Reports:

Cllr Voden offered his thanks to the Chairman for sorting out the problem with a dead tree on the Heights estate.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman reported that, following concerns from residents about the withdrawal of the bus service into Stowmarket, he had contacted Galloways who confirmed that they had given notice of the withdrawal of the service to Suffolk CC. SCC confirmed that the notice had been served and that they were pursuing options for a replacement, although reduced service.

However, these discussions are currently confidential.

Holy Trinity Church was unable to accommodate the civic service this year. However, the URC have offered to arrange the service for 20 May 2018 and members agreed for the Chairman to discuss this further with representatives of the URC.

Clerks Report:

The Clerk asked if she could attend a social media training course and this was agreed.

Correspondence:

Amongst the correspondence received this month was an application form from St Peter and St Mary Parish Church, Stowmarket for Stowupland to take part in the Christmas tree festival again this year. This was agreed.

A thank you was received from EACH for the £200 donation from the 3 Peaks Challenge.

A resident had been concerned about the tank seen driving around the village on 3 August. It was found that this was for a film with Guy Martin being made for Channel 4 to be aired in November and the necessary permission had been obtained from SCC Highways.

Another resident had raised concerns about an overgrown hedge belonging to an elderly resident. It was agreed that, as this was overhanging the highway, it should be referred to SCC.

The meeting closed to the public at 9.46pm.



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Countryside Rambler

Brian Ward

Overall the weather has been kind to us this summer, as I write this in early August the sun is shining outside with bright blue skies and puffy white clouds, a typical summer sky. I have had two trips to Rutland Water recently, my first was a family treat actually on board a boat that specifically goes out to find and observe the Ospreys out on the reservoir. It was a bright calm evening and several Ospreys were seen along with other birds pointed out by our guide. This trip is worth booking up if you have the chance as the skipper can intercept birds as they cross the reservoir and it allows a completely different perspective from being on land. My second and most recent foray was a brief one but very successful, most of the common wildfowl were spotted along with Grebe, Heron and roosting Gulls, the less common birds seen were Great Egret, Green Sandpiper, Common Sandpiper and in the insect world a Southern Hawker Dragonfly.

A few weeks ago my wife and I joined a group of friends to stay and walk in the north-west of Norfolk; we experienced some outstanding walks along riverbanks with rising Trout and Damselflies galore, through dappled shaded woods and heathland with a hint of purple emerging as the ling comes into bloom. The farmhouse where we stayed had abundant wildlife, with Tawny Owls in the trees just outside our room. TWIT- TWOOOO is a lovely sound as you drift off to sleep after a good walk and a hearty meal with good company. One unusual bird in the farmhouse garden was a fledgling Albino Blackbird; it was quite a sight as the adults fed their two offspring, a normal Blackbird chick and a pure white one side by side. Nearby was Goydon and Grimston Heath, this is an excellent area for wildlife. Stonechat, Woodlark and Nightjar are present and some rare Dragonflies. I spotted a Black Darter, Keeled Skimmer and Emerald Damselfly on my visit. This is also a special place for plant life only found on wet/boggy heathland with several types of sundew present. These plants have plate shape leaves covered with hairs and these are tipped with sticky droplets. An unsuspecting insect lands on the leaf and is instantly glued to the sticky substance, the leaf then closes and traps the insect which in turn is absorbed by the plant and helps to provide it with extra nutrients. What do you think? Yuk, ingenious or are you glad these plants are only tiny? Two other plants on site are Bog Asphodel and Alder Buckthorn, along with many more.

A recent surprise in the village was a White Stork; it stayed for a few days on a field along Rendell's Lane. This bird is synonymous with nesting on chimneys and rooftops in Eastern Europe and is often depicted carrying a baby swathed in cloth in its bill. Whether this bird is an escapee or of true origin I don't know as it has got no rings on its legs and has been spotted from north Norfolk to Suffolk.

On my rambles I have seen Humming Bird Hawk Moths flitting from flower to flower. These migrant moths are always a pleasure to see. On a coastal ramble a friend and myself came across a loose flock of Corn Buntings; the male was still in good song and several young were seen in the area. Fortunately the local farmer leaves plenty of wild headlands which are why these scarce birds are thriving in this place. These birds along with the Yellow Hammer were once a common sight throughout our countryside.

We still have plenty of summer in front of us and school holidays are a time for exploring the woods, pond dipping and discovering nature that's all around us.



August Meeting

It was a great pleasure to welcome Geoff Robinson and to hear about his extensive research into The Loyal Worlingworth Volunteers. He began by explaining how the French Revolution had caused worry in Britain that such trouble might spread. In 1794 the Government invited ‘gentlemen of weight or property’ to come forward to form companies to defend the country. Some three years later, 14,000 French troops landed at Fishguard but surrendered at the sight of the local militia and were taken prisoner.

In 1798, John Henniker-Major called a meeting to form the Loyal Worlingworth Volunteers. Their purpose was to be ready to defend Worlingworth and nine surrounding parishes. Each area had its own band of volunteers, the Stowe Volunteers, led by Captain Tyrell, for example. Napoleon Bonaparte had a huge army assembled, ready to invade, but he was impressed and deterred by the level of defence. The French called the English ‘A nation of shopkeepers’ to which the reply came ‘We shall melt our weights and scales and return the compliment in bullets!’

John Henniker-Major was an M.P. and heir to a considerable estate; his funds would have supplemented those from the government. When the Volunteers were reviewed on Saxtead Green, the Chief of Army declared them to be ‘of very military appearance’. Apart from their military training, they were involved in social events and the band played at the Aldeburgh Theatre.

By 1802 the threat of invasion had faded and the Volunteers were thanked by John Henniker-Major and disbanded. Each was presented with a medal, picturing a Volunteer with Worlingworth Church, the Hall and Poor House in the background. Geoff has been able to track down some of these 90 medals and brought one for us to see, along with a tunic button, found in a field by a detectorist, and the minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Volunteers. He continues to follow-up the histories of the individual Volunteers and to try to raise funds for the conservation of a huge painting of John Henniker-Major, which remains rolled up at Ipswich Museum.

We were joined for the evening by John and Robert, who belong to The 44th East Essex Regiment of Foot Re-enactment Group. They were dressed as heavy line infantry of the Penninsular War so their uniforms were not



quite like those of the Worlingworth Volunteers, though there were many similarities, and their explanations about them and the workings of the infantry were greatly appreciated.

Harbour Lights: a Special Fund-Raising Event

Our last evening of traditional songs and music was so much fun that we decided on a similar event, as many people had missed the first. Harbour Lights will be playing a range of instruments and providing everything from music hall songs to sea shanties on 13th September, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Admission will be £5 per person (pay at the door) and there will be a Stowupland Treasure Hunt (with a map and stickers). You could win 100 chocolate silver sixpences!

Names

A couple of years ago, Neil studied a document dating from 1668, 'A Perambulation of the Manor of Thorney Hall', which is in the Court Book of the manor, now in Suffolk Record Office. He could recognise some of the names and deduce some of the places, but there were many mysteries: Cobletts Corner, St. Ann's Cross, Hatchcroft Brook, Dedmans Lane, Dodds Way and Bacons Hill, for example.

Names of places or buildings can vanish from living memory and be gone for good if they have not been recorded. Maltings Lane is an example: without Ena Carter's notes, we might not have tracked it down. The name Preston's Hill (see below) may only be known to older residents. 'Grays Close' is in current use; but will that always be so?

Sandra Walker has been puzzling over names such as Reynolds Ditch and Debenham Lane (might that have been Dedmans Lane?). She would love to find out more about them and is keen to record local names of the past and present, to put on a map. This will be possible at our meetings or by contacting her directly on 01449 673296 or by email: sawalker2000@hotmail.com

Talking Point

This was not really a trick question because the boundary between Stowmarket and Stowupland changed in 1935. Before that, Stowupland extended right down to the River Gipping. The Mission Hall is still standing, next door but one to the shop in Creeting Road West. It is a smaller version of the tin tabernacle that you can see at MEAL and is now privately owned. The fittings were donated to MEAL and the building is used for storage.

For our next 'Talking Point', the steep road that connects the village to Stowmarket is known by some residents as Preston's Hill. Who was Preston?

Programme

6th September *Miss Grimwade and the girls of Hope House* by Linda Sexton

Hope House orphanage trained girls for domestic service in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. As with Linda Sexton's talk about St John's Home, last year, many Suffolk families have connections to Hope House.

13th September *Traditional Songs and Tunes with Harbour Lights* (see above).

4th October *Mrs Fyshe and the Queen's Wardrobe* by Julia Barrett

Walter Fyshe was one of the young Princess Elizabeth's first recorded tailors and on her succession to the Crown became her official Master of the Royal Wardrobe. Privy to the innermost secrets of one of England's greatest monarchs, he ruled over the Queen's entire image. Julia Barrett, dressed as Mrs Fyshe, will share those secrets of the Wardrobe, exploring how Elizabeth I's image developed through her lifetime and what life was like within the Royal Wardrobe itself. She will bring some of 'Her Majesty's clothes'.

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Obviously, though, community doesn't just happen by itself. It takes commitment, from people willing to give up their time and make all kinds of sacrifices. But what makes a community-spirited person?

Well, it's someone who understands instinctively that life is better when we do it together. A life spent just for oneself is not the life we are called to by God; and it can never satisfy. The life of the community, however, offers space to grow and mature, out of ourselves and into the bigger and broader life that is the life of the whole family of God. It's where we learn to care genuinely about the needs of other people, not just for what we can get out of them. And it is where we discover who we truly are, by discovering where we belong in the bigger life, and what part we can play, to make it bigger and better still.

And, just perhaps, being a community in our own little patch can make a difference on a wider scale, like the ripples that spread outwards when a stone is thrown into a pond. God's vision for humanity is for it to be all one community, peaceful, harmonious, fair and inclusive; and just as our Church grew from a community two thousand years ago that fostered that vision and spread it throughout the world, so our village community must turn its face outward and know itself to be part of an even bigger life still. We exist, not in isolation from the rest of the world, but as part of it, linking with it, influencing it, fostering the idea of community that embraces all people of all cultures, because we are a global family.

When we read the news, a vision such as that may seem totally unrealistic. But if we do community well, and we do, we can be a ripple in the global pond, and spread the spirit of co-operation and harmony and peace outward and onward, to do its work in the world, which is nothing less than to make the kingdom of God on earth.

Revd. Margaret Wainwright

CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

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	4.00pm	1st@4 Service - <i>church with a difference!</i>
10th Sep	9.30am	Morning Worship & *Trinity Starz*
	6.30pm	Evensong (BCP)
17th Sep	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30am	Morning Prayer (BCP)
18th Sep (Mon)	10.30am	Harvest Praise at Steeple View - <i>All Welcome</i>
20th Sep Wed)	2.00pm	Harvest Praise at Jubilee Court - <i>All Welcome!</i>
24th Sep	9.30am	All-Age Harvest Festival
	6.30pm	Parish Communion

(BCP Book of Common Prayer)

A HARVEST PRAYER:

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labours of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in want, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

FAMILIES!

Please come along to the **'1st @ 4' SERVICE** on Sunday, 3rd September at 4.00pm and enjoy **'Church With A Difference'** (with some snacks afterwards)!

Also, we welcome all families and children to our **Morning Worship Service** on Sunday, 10th September at 9.30am along with **Trinity Starz** for the children, and please do stay and have FairTrade refreshments with us in the hall afterwards!

FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE:

We warmly invite you to our All-Age Family Harvest Festival service of Praise and Thanksgiving on Sunday, September 24th at 9.30am with a very special welcome to all parents and children and our friends from the URC.

Gifts of fresh flowers to be distributed to the housebound will be most appreciated.

HARVEST SUPPER:

There is no Ploughman's Lunch in September, instead we welcome you to come along and enjoy our friendly and popular 3-Course Harvest Supper in congenial company on Saturday, September 23rd - 6.30 for 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

The supper will be followed by a short period of entertainment. See page 34 for full details.

Any surplus monies will, as usual, be donated to Farm Africa.

STEEPLE VIEW & JUBILEE COURT:

The residents warmly invite you to join them for their Harvest Praise Services at **Steeple View** on Monday, 18th September at 10.30am (*followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay*). The **Jubilee Court** Harvest Praise will be at 2.00pm on Wednesday 20th September to which everyone is also welcome!

BEETLE DRIVES:

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

WEEKLY OPEN CHURCH:

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

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

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CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

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	John Mollett	01449 775269
Dance Club:	May & Paul Durham	01449 672601
Local History Group:	Marion Harris	01449 770895
Short Mat Bowls:	Pam Fayers	01449 770080
Sports & Social Club:	Shaun Langford	07934 194486
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Mon	4	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	5	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	5	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	6	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	6	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	6	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	6	Local History Group	7.30pm	Village Hall
		- 'Miss Grimwade and the Girls of Hope House' by Linda Sexton		
Thurs	7	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	10	Walker Cup		
Sun	10	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	11	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	12	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	12	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	12	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	12	Fund-raising talk about E.A. Air Ambulance	7.00pm	Village Hall
Wed	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – October issue		
Wed	13	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	13	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	13	P.C. Allotments Sub. Co.	6.00pm	The Allotments
Wed	13	Harbour Lights – traditional songs and tunes	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	14	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	14	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	16	Community Litter Pick	10.00am	Village Hall car park
Sun	17	Garage/yard sale in aid of E.A.C.H.		
Mon	18	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	19	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	20	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	20	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	20	P.C. Neighbourhood Plan Sub.Com.	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Wed	20	W.I. – 'It shouldn't happen to a Vicar'	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	21	P.C. Environment Sub. Com.	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	21	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	22	Community Quiz Doors open	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sun	24	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	25	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall

Tues	26	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	26	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	27	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	27	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	28	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	28	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	29	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall
Fri	29	Community Bingo (18+) Doors open	7.00pm	Village Hall
Sat	30	Cemetery and Churchyard sub committee	10am	Churchyard

October Dates

Sun	1	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	2	Afternoon Fellowship	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	2	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	3	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	3	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	4	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	4	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	4	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	4	Local History Group - 'Mrs Fyshe and the Queen's Wardrobe' by Julia Barrett	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	5	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall

Future Events in 2017

Oct	27	Halloween Bingo (18+)
Nov	24	Christmas Bingo (18+)
Dec	1	Community Quiz

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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ALL CASH PRIZES

FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER

AT STOWUPLAND VILLAGE HALL

Doors open at 7.00pm Eyes down at 7.30

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(OVER 18'S ONLY)

Stowupland W.I. report

The July meeting opened with the usual formalities - "Jerusalem" was sung and the record of the previous meeting and the correspondence was read. Arrangements for the September garden teas were finalized. Members were advised that tickets for the autumn Group meeting will be available at the September meeting. Those going on the river cruise in August were told Waldringfield "Maypole" cannot accommodate us for lunch so we shall be going to the nearby Newbourne "Fox" instead. The recent Officers' meeting at Framlingham was attended by Colleen, Alison and Penny, who enjoyed a very good speaker from Scarlett & Mustard, producers of chutneys.

We then heard from Mr. Wheatley, who was booked at the last moment to replace our original speaker, on his "Journey with Jemima". This was his Vespa, which was loaded down to the gills with camping equipment, a large box containing dehydrated food, cooking equipment and other necessities, while water and petrol containers were stored on the floor, all to allow him to be as self sufficient as possible. This was September 1958, when Mr. Wheatley was 24 years old. His travels began in Belgium, after he and Jemima were flown from Southend. The overland route took him through many European countries and into Asia, with the ultimate destination being Bombay (as it was then known). At that time, most of the roads were little more than rough tracks – hard on him and the Vespa, resulting in several mishaps, including punctures and shredded tyres, but, whatever happened, he was treated by everyone he met with the greatest courtesy and, when needed, helped. This included when the weather was extremely cold and, having omitted gloves from his luggage; he was wearing socks on his hands to try to stave off the very real threat of frostbite. A motorist overtook him, stopped and gave him his sheepskin gloves. His three month journey gave a fascinating look into the world of nearly 60 years ago. After refreshments, Judy spoke of the outing to Ely Cathedral and plans for 2018 - London museums and the RAF centenary celebrations.

Birthday posies were distributed, the raffle held and then competition results. Flower – 1st Carolyn, 2nd Shirley, 3rd Yvonne. Wartime memorabilia - 1st Glenda. 2nd Judy, 3rd Christine, The evening then wound up.

The trip to Southwold theatre on August 5 while the weather was not too kind, the play, "Tom, Dick & Harry", was brilliant. The usual farce of locked doors, open windows and misunderstandings depends so much on timing and this was perfection and had the audience in fits of laughter.

Apologies – In the August Telstar, I attributed the award winning celebration cake at the Bake Off at the annual parish meeting to Linda Platt, where it should have been Linda Stuart. My apologies to both.

Judy Clarke

1st@4 is 5

So we are having
a party!!

In the last five years we have shared a lot of stories, sung some great songs, said lots of prayers and ate lots of yummy tea!

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What's been happening at Stowupland High School?

(taken from Headteacher's Blog – July 2017)

Proms, results and plans for the future

The school can seem quite different once Year 11 and Year 13 students depart and their “proms” held on the 29th June and 4th July respectively were a fitting celebration for all that these year groups have achieved and contributed to Stowupland. Particular congratulations go to the organising committees. We look forward to seeing students again during August when GCSE, AS and A Level results are published (AS and A Level on Thursday 17th August, GCSE on Thursday 24th August).

Our older students are not the only ones making plans for the future; 224 Year 6 students spent Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th July with us, getting to know the school and experiencing a variety of lessons. There was also the opportunity for parents/carers to meet key members of staff and we trust that everyone now feels prepared for the year ahead. In keeping with previous years, the first day of the new term, Wednesday 6th September, is for the new Year 7 and the sixth form only. The whole school will return on Thursday 7th September.

Although our new Year 7 student intake is larger than usual, we have worked closely with Suffolk County Transport services and Ipswich buses and are very pleased to confirm that arrangements have been put in place to provide additional transport where possible, reducing the need for parents to drive their children to school.

Other sustainable methods of getting to and from school are still being discussed and we are hopeful that a major step forward will be agreed in the near future.

The school's Open Evening for new students joining the school in September 2018 will be held on Wednesday 27th September 2017 from 6pm to 8.15pm. If you have a child due to move to High school next year, please do come and visit us to get a flavour of the school, its staff and what it has to offer. Further details will be published on the school's website during September.

Sporting success

PE activities have thrived in the warmer weather and on the 13th July, 11 students from Year 9 participated in a 4 team “Round Robin Tournament” against Stowmarket High School. We may not have won the trophy, but the teams embodied the spirit of the game and contributed magnificently to the principle of fair play.

We are also delighted that the Sports Council has been re-formed, providing students with the opportunity to share ideas and voice opinions. Each year group is represented by members of the council; these students will continue to meet with Ms Wardley throughout next year and will be joined by new Year 7 representatives in September.

Health and well-being forms an important and integral part of the school’s personal development curriculum and we are continuing our work to provide opportunities and experiences for students to develop a range of skills and attributes in addition to academic attainment.

And finally ...

On behalf of staff and governors, we would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers for their support throughout 2016/17 and to wish everyone a safe and refreshing summer break.

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Garage/Yard Sale

Sunday 17th September

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Stowupland Community Quiz

What a terrific evening we had on May 19th at our last community quiz. The hall was full and the atmosphere was buzzing and how lovely it was to see lots of new faces as well as welcoming regular friends and visitors to the village all coming along to have a really sociable evening. So good to see a whole new range of age groups represented and with this in mind I know for the future we must widen the range of questions to be fair to all, although the quiz will still be aimed for Mr & Mrs Ordinary.

It certainly isn't a game for the village geniuses but if you roughly know the recipe for a pancake and if you know or could hazard a guess that Westies and Bedlingtons are dogs, well you are in. That is not to say that there are never sparks of brilliance amongst our quizzers. I was flabbergasted that Chris Hood's team had such an amazing knowledge of musical productions and they deservedly romped home as the winners that evening. Well done to them and the fifteen runners up, we don't have losers at this quiz.

So after a jolly evening of questions, eating, drinking, laughter and a heck of a lot of noise we called it a night just after 10.00pm and said thank you so much for coming, we so enjoyed your company.

If you think you would enjoy a very sociable evening with a not too serious quiz thrown in please join us for the next quiz on Friday September 22nd and if at all possible please book your table with Keith or Cathy on 01449 673185 so that we can ensure there are enough tables, chairs and quiz sheets available.

See you there, Glenda Willmot. Quizmissus.

Community Challenge

Stowupland

Village Hall

Friday, 22nd

SEPTEMBER

At 7.00PM

Quiz commences at 7.30pm

£2.00 per person (Teams of up to 6 persons)

Please bring your own drink and nibbles.

To enter your team phone Cathy or Keith
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A Stowupland Community Event



HARVEST at HOLY TRINITY

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Stowupland Village Hall

Saturday 23rd September

6:30 for 7:00pm

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On Sunday 24th September we unite with our friends from Holy Trinity for their Harvest Festival. The service commences at 9.30am.

On **Friday 29th September** the coffee morning will be a special one, for **Macmillan Cancer Support**. It will be at the normal time 10am to 12noon. Please come along and support this very worthwhile cause. In addition to Coffee/Tea and cakes there will be a draw, cake and book stall.

The Harvest Festival at the Chapel is on 1st October when Holy Trinity will join with us for a united service. Worship will be led by our minister Rev'd Chris Wood. This service will commence at 10.30am.

Suffolk Churches Ride and Stride Sponsored Cycle Ride takes place on Saturday 9th September when the Chapel will be open to sign in riders and walkers from 9am to 5pm. If anyone is interested in taking part, sponsor forms and a list of which churches are open are available from **Joyce Gardiner 01449 676149**.

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 September are as follows:

3rd September 2017	Alison Smith
10th September 2017	Keith Scarff
17th September 2017	Nichola Glasse
24th September 2017	United Service at Holy Trinity at 9.30am Harvest Festival

Afternoon Fellowship

We recommence our meetings on 2nd October when our speaker will be Rev'd Chris Wood.

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

Mary Clark

Ministers Message Righteous Living

Minister's Letter

I recently attended a Memorial Service for Ernest Hall, a very dear friend of mine, which was held at a Friend's Meeting House to which he had belonged for most of his life. He decided to become a Quaker on returning to this country following the end of WWII. It was while living among people in the local town where the camp was based that he discovered they were no different to the people back home, who equally had no say in the conflict between their nations. He learnt what German and Russian he could to help him communicate with those around him – he was known throughout his life as a great communicator and pacifist!

Years later he returned to the town in which he had been held captive, having discovered a press article saying they had failed in their attempts to locate important artefacts that had been removed during the War. He made contact to say that he'd been one of the prisoners of war that had been used to transport these items to a cave which had subsequently been sealed. He returned and took them to the location, where there was much rejoicing especially in the discovery of important tapestries from the local church. He made many friends and visited often, as a sign of reconciliation and peace between our great nations.

Although embracing and appreciating the silence that Quaker worship offered, Ernest would also attend the morning mass at the local Anglican church ('high Anglican' at that); attend mid-week Celtic Prayers at the URC, as well as lead worship on a Sunday morning – introducing silence within the hymns, readings and prayers. He not only engaged in conversations with those of other traditions, but participated fully within the diverse expressions gathered around. He developed such strong ties that local clergy would often make their way to the Friends Meeting House if they had a Sunday off! (ecumenism at its best!)

We all knew that he was a person of amazing faith and commitment, with the ability to live his life by reflecting the example of His Lord, but doing so with a quiet humble presence, accepting and affirming every person he met with the same respect and value irrespective of background, colour, kind or circumstance.

The service was conducted, as you would expect, in silence along the Quaker tradition, but those attending were encouraged to stand and speak if so moved by the Spirit to offer a word. Many did to confirm what everyone else present knew: how fortunate we all were to have known and been blessed by his love and friendship.

One lady stood up and, holding back tears, recalled that she had grown up within the local Quakers having been taken by her mother from the earliest of years. She recalled how the family hit on extremely hard times with the loss of their father, and she and the family experienced a depth of poverty that others would find hard to imagine. One particularly difficult week, she found her mother in a desperate state, because she had not the means to feed her children, only years later discovering that mum had contemplated suicide. The children encouraged mum to approach Ernest and his wife, as they knew them to be caring and kind, and would surely help her put a meal on the table. Mum was persuaded to swallow her pride and so wrote a note and posted it through their door explaining their desperate circumstances and asking for their help. An hour later an envelope was popped through their letterbox with no note, but containing a large amount of money to help them in their stricken state. Sometime later, when their circumstances improved, mother took an envelope with money enclosed – again with no note - and popped it through their letterbox to repay what she saw as a debt owed.

That expression of generosity, 52 years previous, she knew, had been the saving of their family – but no words of acknowledgement had ever passed between them. But the daughter thought now was the time to say publically what had been known privately throughout their lives as a testimony to a couple who constantly put their faith into practice and were sensitive to the needs of others. Such quiet generosity had made an indelible mark upon her life, and she had endeavoured to live her life following this incredible example.

As she spoke I couldn't help bringing to mind the words of Jesus from His Sermon on the Mount: 'So, when you give to others, do not announce it with a flourish of trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the streets to win the praise of others. Truly I tell you: they have their reward already. But when you give, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing; your good deed must be secret, and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. (Matthew 6: 2 – 4).

God Bless, **Chris**

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



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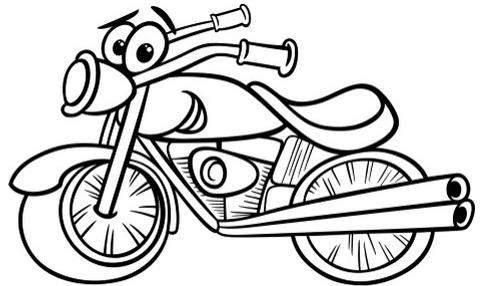
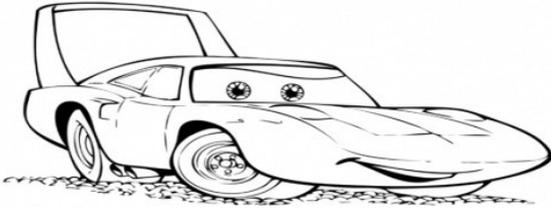
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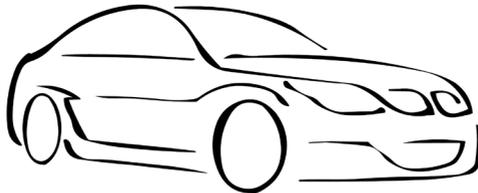
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Stowupland Cricket Club

Another mixed month for the Saturday team although fortunate results elsewhere ensure that they remain top of the league. They picked up comfortable wins against Easton and 3rd place St Osyth. But the following week was a story of the great British summer; after batting first against Long Melford in glorious sunshine, the game was later abandoned halfway through their innings due to heavy rain! With the rain persisting throughout the week and all local pitches still showing signs of dampness, they fell to a shock defeat away to mid table West Bergholt. With 3 games remaining one more win will see the team promoted for the 3rd consecutive season.

Now onto the Sunday teams. Only 2 games for the Sunday 1st team since the last report. Unfortunately failing to win either game, the first against a very strong Woolpit side and secondly a closer game against Acton. The 2nd team results have been a bit up and down, winning 2 and losing 2 of their 4 games. Beating Elveden and also an impressive victory against 2nd place Hadleigh. On the other hand they fell to a defeat in the reverse fixture to Hadleigh and also to local rivals Earl Stonham.

The Midweek team also fell to a defeat against a very strong mid Suffolk side that got their own back after Stowupland beat them 2 years ago in the 2015 final.

26 of the club's players and spectators embarked on our 3rd tour down to the south coast to play Hailsham CC. Hailsham, as always, were very welcoming, up for a laugh and more importantly, a beer! After beating them last time, it wasn't the case this year, with Hailsham putting out a stronger side in both games and also playing their Indian overseas professional. Although the cricket didn't go as planned everyone enjoyed themselves and all managed to make it home!

On the Saturday 9th September it is the annual club president's day, with many players past and present coming together. Bar is open all day along with a BBQ, raffle and other stalls. So feel free to pop in and join us.

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After the doubts about whether the club could function next year there is some good news. Sue Boorman is willing to continue as secretary as is Pam Ward as treasurer for the coming season. Other posts remain to be filled, e.g. Chairperson and Green Keeper.

Please remember Finals Day – come along and give your support.

Soon it will be time to do the necessary winter work (yes it never stops). Help will be needed to put the club “to bed” so please be prepared to help when the call comes.

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John Mollett.



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