



**Stowupland News** 

Stowpland Parish Council Christmas tree at Stowmarket's Christmas tree display



# Chairman's Column

Keith Welham, Stowupland Parish Council

#### December 2017

We are still involved in discussions over the Bloor site. The Reserved Matters application covering

details for Phase 1, the first 75 homes and the access on to A1120 are close to being approved by MSDC. The Parish Council's request for amendments to the details of the housing units were rejected by the MSDC Planning Committee. This was very disappointing; all we were asking for was for more of the dwellings to be fully rendered and for their finishes to be a range of colours. Our request for an area of children's play with play equipment to be included in Phase 1 was also rejected. However, we have had useful discussions regarding the construction management plan and have secured agreement that there will be no traffic movements into or out of the site at school start and finish times.

We expect to see details of phase 2 in early December and a Reserved Matters application may well be lodged with MSDC before the end of the year. Please look out for an opportunity to make comment on the application; check the District Council's website or ask one of the Parish Councillors if you would like help.

The Parish Council has seen a revised drawing for the application for 18 homes plus car park for the school and parish church and an extension to the cemetery. In response to the consultation from MSDC, the Parish Council made an objection on highway safety grounds, expressing concern about the proposed local narrowing of A1120 to enable the footway to be widened on the opposite side of the road. We have also asked for flashing amber warning lights and an enforceable 20 mph speed limit to take effect at start and finish of the school day. We have not been given a date for the application to be heard by Planning Committee. Due to the move from Needham to Endeavour House, anyone wishing to attend will need to travel to Ipswich.

I hope to go with Linda and Gordon Freeman, and Roger Stearn from Old Newton, to take the sponsorship money from the Walker Cup to St Elizabeth Hospice. The total raised should top £1000 with reclaimed tax.

Linda and Gordon have been the mainstays of the Community Events group for the last few years but resigned from the group in November. We urgently need two or more volunteers to help run events such as bingo and quizzes in the village hall. We will also need people to help run the 3 Peaks Challenge and the Walker Cup. All of these events are very much enjoyed by people in the village and farther afield, and raise money to pay for events such as Christmas Tea Parties for residents of Steeple View and Jubilee Court, and make donations to charities such as EACH and St Elizabeth Hospice. If you could give just a few hours a month, it could make a real difference. If you think that you might be able to help, please get in touch.

We will soon be setting the Parish Precept. This is the sum of money which the Parish Council needs to raise in Council Tax payments from residents of Stowupland to provide services. These include maintaining The Green, the cemetery, the churchyard and the play area. You may have noticed a great deal of work being carried out in the cemetery and there are plans to improve the PlayPark with new equipment. We would like to hear from anyone with views about what our priorities should be for the future. The budget will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 14 December and MSDC need to know our Precept figure so that they can collect our precept amount at the same time as the Council Tax for Suffolk County Council, MSDC and the Police Authority.

We still have a vacancy on the council for another active member. Please let Claire or me know if you would be interested in filling this vacancy or just come along to a meeting. All meetings of the council and its committees and sub-committees are open for members of the public to attend and you will be given an opportunity to speak on any topic relevant to council business. Dates, times and venues are given in the Diary Pages.

#### Keith Welham, (Chairman Stowupland Parish Council.)

### **Firework safety**

There have been complaints from residents about the careless letting off of fireworks in the village. There have been incidents of children aiming fireworks at people's property without thought for the damage that can be caused. Fireworks are colourful and fun provided they are properly supervised, so be responsible and keep people, pets and property, safe.





### **District Councillor's Report**

**Simultaneous Cabinet Meetings –** I attended the meetings in Endeavour House of the two separate cabinets held in the same chamber but with two chairmen. The two meetings had separate agendas

but some of the items were common to both. The two chairmen were sitting next to each other and, in turn, they addressed their cabinet members sitting opposite them across the chamber. The most important item – identical to both agendas – was the recommendation in respect of public consultation on the proposal to dissolve both councils and form a new council covering the Mid Suffolk and Babergh districts. After a presentation from the Chief Executive, it was the turn of cabinet members to ask questions, and then other councillors (non-cabinet members) were permitted to ask questions. Then members of both cabinets debated the recommendation and, in due course, separately the two cabinets voted in favour. When the meeting reached confidential items, each cabinet in turn debated and voted for members of the public and press to be excluded. Members of Mid Suffolk Council were excluded from Babergh items and vice versa. A few days later details of one of the confidential items, each cabinet were leaked, possibly by a councillor who had not attended the meeting.

**Merger with Babergh –** Following the cabinet meetings, a group of Babergh Councillors called-in the decision to carry out consultation on a possible merger. The call-in was debated by the BDC Scrutiny Committee and the decision was referred back. An attempt by a group of MSDC councillors to refer the decision to MSDC Scrutiny Committee was refused. Although details of the form of consultation were not agreed, a telephone poll was commenced but stopped when the BDC call-in deemed the decision was not implementable. We await next steps. The Conservative administration's preferred option is to dissolve the two councils and elect a single new council following a further boundary review. They propose that there will be full public consultation about the merger but no public referendum is planned. In the light of the BDC Scrutiny decision, which took note of the rejection of the previous attempt at a merger by 60% of those voting against the proposal in the referendum held at the time, there is likely to be pressure for a referendum to be held. MSDC and BDC have full Council meetings toward the end of November and the way forward may be clearer after those meetings.

**District Council Office Move –** The last of the staff who will be based in Endeavour House have now moved to their new offices. Many will be working from home some days each week. Those who have not been <sup>4</sup>

required to move will be based at Stowmarket – either the access point in Ipswich Street or the depot in Creeting Road – or other locations around the two districts.

**Boundary Review** – Consultation on the Boundary Review Commission's draft proposals ends on 11 December. One of the proposals is a new ward consisting of Stowupland, Old Newton with Dagworth and Gipping. In terms of number of electors, this will be a large ward with some 10% more electors than the average and is expected to grow in numbers more quickly than most. The new wards come into effect for the May 2019 district council elections.

**Planning Applications –** We still do not have a date for determination by Planning Committee of the application for housing opposite Holy Trinity Church. A revised layout for the development has been put forward, along with proposed highway works which include signing, road markings, a short length of narrowing of the carriageway to allow a widening of the footway at a suitable crossing point, and two lengths of skid resistant surfacing. I am continuing to press for a localised 20mph speed limit at school start and finish times.

I and other residents who attended the Planning Committee meeting in Needham Market were very disappointed that only one of the committee members voted against the detailed housing designs and layout proposed by Bloor Homes for the first 75 units. Some of the statements made by some of the members were beyond belief. In response to the request for more of the units to be fully rendered and finished in a range of appropriate colours (to be more in keeping with other dwellings near this edge of village site), one of the committee members suggested that purchasers could change the colour of their house after they moved in.

**Locality Awards –** I have now allocated almost all of the grant money to a number of organisations in Stowupland and Creeting St Peter. If there is still a club or organisation within Stowupland or Creeting St Peter which has a project, new or existing, which aims to have a local community benefit, I will be pleased to hear from you – by mid-December at the very latest as I need to allocate the remaining funds before the end of the year.

**Best Wishes –** It seems a bit early but, as this is the last edition of Telstar in 2017, I would like to wish all readers a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous 2018.

Keith Welham District Councillor for Stowupland ward Keith.Welham@midsuffolk.gov.uk



# Parish Council Report

#### November 2017

The meeting opened with just 4 members of the public present.

#### **Councillor's Reports:**

The District Councillor's report can be found elsewhere in Telstar and the County Councillor did not submit any report but he had met with the Clerk and Chairman during the month since the last meeting.

#### Matters of Report:

The Chairman reported that a total of over £1000 was raised by residents of Stowupland and Old Newton as part of the Walker Cup and arrangements have been made to hand over cheques to St Elizabeth Hospice on 17 November. He advised that MSDC have removed the dead tree and arranged for the fly-tipped vegetation to be collected from land alongside 47 Trinity Walk. The Chairman advised that he has spoken to the Enforcement Officer about the failure of the builder to comply with the planning condition to reinstate the track in Grays Close and that the new owner has already moved into the property.

The Clerk reported the signs for the private roads have now been received and are due to be erected shortly. The handyman has completed the work to reinstate the bus stop sign and bin and a resident has grass seeded the area where the stump was on the Green. She advised that she has reported the street light in Trinity Walk and a contractor has removed the asbestos from the allotments. She has contacted MSDC about the hedge in Devon Road but has heard nothing back as yet. The overgrown hedge by Willow Wood has been cut back. The Clerk reported that she will action the purchase of dog bag dispensers and there are two volunteers to help erect them. The timber posts at The Retreat still need to be sorted.

#### Parish Council Vacancy:

There has still been no interest from anyone to fill the vacancy.

#### Public Forum:

No one wished to make any comment.

#### Sub-Committee Reports:

**Cemetery and Churchyard –** Cllr Reeves reported that half the hurdles have been erected and the spoil has been removed. The sub-committee asked for a budget for the purchase of mixed native species hedge whips with rabbit guards and canes and this was agreed. It was also agreed that one

of the quotes should be accepted for the supply and erection of 64 metres of chestnut fencing. After some discussion it was agreed that the unused part of the cemetery should be used immediately for all forthcoming burials with the rows being horizontal from the driveway to the hedge and that the current line should be left for small burials due to the limited space available.

**Community Events –** Mrs Freeman had submitted a report in her absence advising that the Halloween Bingo had been very successful with many participants suitably attired in scary costumes. The Christmas Bingo is scheduled for 24 November and the quiz on 1 December. The Steeple View Christmas Party is on 5 December with pupils from Freeman Primary School to sing carols. Alder Carr Farm afternoon tea for residents of Jubilee Court is to be held on 14 December. Mr and Mrs Freeman are resigning from the committee at the end of the year so new committee members will be required for 2018.

**Environment –** Some work has been carried out around The Green and the next litter pick will be on 18th November.

**Finance and Policy –** It was agreed that money should be transferred from the general reserve to the Cemetery, Community Projects and Environment reserves and that the banking policy should be adopted.

**Footpaths** – Cllr Murton is currently following up previous queries made with SCC.

**Neighbourhood Planning** – It was felt that the recent meeting with MSDC in respect of the proposed joint plan was a shambles with the District Council failing to explain its aims or objectives. Cllr Welham is to follow this up with MSDC.

**Planning –** As a response to the application for the proposed development opposite the primary school, it was agreed to object on traffic safety grounds, in particular the road narrowing, and to request amber flashing lights with a 20mph speed limit operating at start and finish school times. Cllr Reeves voiced concerns about the issues of car parking, increased traffic congestion as well as the width of the roadway.

**Play Park** – The Clerk reported that due to the sheer volume of work involved, the current application for a grant from Biffa for equipment for the play park would be the last that they would undertake. This grant has now been completed and, once looked at by MSDC, will be submitted. The Rainbow fencing and basketball equipment is scheduled to be erected in February.

**Transport, Travel and Safety –** The speed gun has currently been sent in for repair.

**SALC** – Councillors Voden and Welham were at the recent well-attended SALC AGM meeting where there were talks from the Deputy Town Mayor for Lowestoft and a representative from NALC. SALC are losing their Chief Executive who is to become the new Town Clerk for Lowestoft. The winners of town and village magazines were announced at the meeting and Telstar was awarded the runner up position in the large village section with a special mention of the youth content within the magazine. Elmswell came first in the same group; this is the 7th time in 10 years that they have won.

#### Councillors' Reports:

Cllr Reeves reported that, following a clear out of the cemetery shed, there were 4 substantial reflector bollards which could be useful for installation somewhere in the village. This will be given some thought when the next Green inspection is undertaken.

Cllr Carter advised that he may have found someone to clear out the Birch Close ditch in the New Year but will need to have the dead tree removed first. He also observed that a section near Corner Farm may also need to be done at the same time. He also offered to put the wreath on the war memorial for Remembrance Sunday.

Cllr Pring reported that the sign at the bottom of the drive leading to Green Farm has been repaired.

Cllr Voden reported that a bicycle frame has been dumped by the bridge leading to Maple Road.

#### **Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Studd have completed the drafting of a response to be sent to MSDC in respect of the Babergh and Mid Suffolk joint local plan. It was agreed by all Councillors that this should be sent to MSDC. He advised that a local resident had offered to trim vegetation from around signs in the village as part of his desire to become involved in community work. He has been added to the volunteer register and will be asked to sign a risk assessment. The Chairman suggested that he and Cllr Pring should meet with the grass contractor to review the work he has carried out during the season. He advised that Cllr Voden had offered to carry the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the Remembrance Service and also to read one of the lessons. A new vicar has been appointed and is to be inducted on 16 January 2018. It is hoped that once the new vicar is in place, he may consider holding a service on The Green in 2018.

#### **Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk reported that she has received correspondence from the contractor undertaking some minor work on a protected ash tree. The officer at MSDC has asked the contractor to liaise with the Parish Council about the work to be carried out. She also reported that the site visit

made to the archaeological excavations in Gipping Road had proved very interesting. The excavation had found a medieval rural settlement dating back to the 12th/13th centuries. There was evidence of ponds, possible quarry pits and a metalled track as well as some pottery, pieces of a brass belt, bell and coins.

#### Correspondence:

Amongst the correspondence received was an email from a resident requesting permission to repair a grave in the old part of the cemetery; this was agreed. There was another email from a resident seeking confirmation of the size of an ashes internment plot in the cemetery. A resident has also reported that the hedge at the bottom of the playing field needs to be cut; exact location to be established. Holy Trinity Church invited all members of the Parish Council to attend the Remembrance Service. MSDC have requested suggestions for 4 road names for the Bloor Homes site. After much discussion it was agreed to suggest Oxlip Way for the main road through the site, this being the Suffolk county wild flower. Staying with the agreed theme of wild flowers and plants, they also suggested celandine, clover, poppy, cornflower and buttercup. The meeting closed to the public at 9.06pm.

Sandy Smith



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# **Countryside Rambler**

#### Brian Ward



Autumn is a wonderful season with its rich colours, deer rutting, fungi in the woods and the arrival of our winter visitors. The main two you are likely to see locally are the Fieldfare and Redwing. They are both types of Thrushes and start to arrive here in late October and depart in April. They fly to us to escape the harsher weather from their breeding grounds in northern

Europe. The Redwing is similar to our Song Thrush but slightly smaller and with a distinctive eye stripe and, as the name suggests, it has a tawny red underwing. The Fieldfare on the other hand is a large Thrush with bold markings. It has a slate grey head, chestnut back and black tail. You may come across these Thrushes feeding on berries, mainly hawthorn or if the weather is really harsh windfall apples are a favourite.

Whilst you are rambling in the countryside look out for our Wild Clematis, it is known as Old Man's Beard or Travellers Joy. You cannot mistake the seed heads of round white whorls, they look stunning as the light filters through them on a crisp autumn morning.

Once a week my wife and I join a small group of friends for a 4 -5 mile walk around our Suffolk/ Norfolk villages. At this time of year the woodland walks are favourite. Over the many months we have seen some wonderful village churches, met many friendly dog walkers and village characters and we have eaten in some truly varied pubs and restaurants throughout the area as the finale of our ramble.

A sight not to be missed is the Grey Seal colony at Blakeney or Horsey on the Norfolk coast. During the next few weeks the Seal pups are born and can be seen quite close, especially at Horsey. So, take your children or grandchildren and witness this marvellous event. Warm clothes and a full flask are essential as the Norfolk coast can be a chilly place if a north easterly is blowing.

During late autumn a lot of our wildlife disappear and go into hibernation. Probably one of the best known for its deep sleep is the Dormouse. Hedgehogs also pass most of the winter curled up in their nests in thick scrub or even under a garden shed. Frogs and Toads also find a place to call home for the harsher months and we must not forget our bats that look for a hollow tree or building and hang upside down until early spring.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy festive season and hopefully bump into you on one of my rambles.



# Local History Group

Marion Harris – Tel. 01449 770895 or email: marion@astronomer.plus.com

#### **November Meeting**

Alan Bickerdike's fascinating talk took us back to 945, when a verv large abbey was built at Beodicsworth - later known as Bury St. Edmunds. The abbot had power over West Suffolk and was often falling out with the townspeople. This culminated in 1327, when the abbev gate was destroyed by rioters protesting over onerous taxes imposed by the abbot. The king gave limited rights to the locals and the gate was rebuilt in 1347. Leading townspeople formed the 'Candlemass Guild', where elected aldermen representing the town communicated with the abbot. Jenkyn Smith, an extremely wealthy man, owning a lot of land and properties, set up the beginning of the Feoffment Trust charity. The townspeople and St. Mary's church benefited from his generosity in many ways. He had Jesus College built, paid the 100 marks on behalf of the locals whenever a new abbot was appointed and gave gifts and grants, the revenue from which brought in income to pay the taxes. He paid for repairs to the Guildhall and for a strong room, which had 12 locks, with a key each for 12 people. He made the second of two wills in 1480, which he stipulated should be read out each June 28th, St. Peter's Eve. As the Trust became richer, more land and money were granted. Further land was bought with the proceeds from St. Mary's silver plate, sold to keep it from voracious hands, following the Reformation in1539. In the late 1500s, times were hard, so food was given to the poor and feoffees' land had cheap rent. In 1830, almshouses and hospitals were built and coal and bread given to the poor. The Trust also built schools - one each for poor boys and girls, where the education covered only the basics, and a third one for children of the feoffees, whose education was much broader. While the girls' school closed in 1936, the boys' school continues to flourish under the name of the Guildhall Feoffment School. Jenkyn Smith is remembered every year when a toast is drunk by the Trust members, who continue to support the hospital and other town projects.

Feoffee – a trustee invested with a freehold estate to hold in possession for a charitable purpose.

Feoffment - a grant of ownership of freehold property to someone.

Judy Clarke

#### Thrandestones

This research began with a request for information about the Meadow (often called Grassy Meadow), with its distinctive triangle of footpaths. Several members contributed information but the bulk of the research was by Neil Langridge.

The Meadow is one of four fields between Gipping Road and Church Road, which were Earl Stonham Charity land. Income from the renting of the land was used to benefit the poor of Earl Stonham. Part of the area is now to be developed for housing. Earl Stonham Trust sold the land in 1924 (see below) but continues to use its assets for educational purposes or temporary financial need.

The earliest deeds are among Earl Stonham Parish records and dated 1427. In these deeds, the whole area of the four fields is called Thrandestones. Many variants of this spelling follow. Neil had a look at a subsidy return (tax list) from 1327 and under Thorney found Willmo (William) de Thrandiston xviiid. This locative name may mean that William (or his family) was of the parish of Thrandeston (near Diss) or possibly of Thrandiston Farm here in Thorney. The figure probably means that he paid 18 pennies for the land, per annum. (Pennies, then, were small silver coins.)

It is interesting to note that, on the 1839 tithe map, Grassy Meadow is named as Meadow or Town land, so it must have sometimes been referred to as a meadow or The Meadow at least as long ago as that. The three other fields of the Thrandestones group are named as Barn Field, Little Town land and Causeway Field, the latter two now to be built on. Until relatively recently, a barn stood near the Gipping Road end of Footpath 54A. Late 19th century maps name it as Thardstones Barn. Amounting to 23 acres, the land had been leased to the Parish Council from at least 1897 and that lease continued after the Earl Stonham Trust sold it to George Carter for £500 in 1924.

It was seen as being useful for cottagers to be able to hire an acre of land to grow crops. Many villagers kept a pig or two, as well as hens, and the land would enable them to grow food for their livestock.

As time went on, a decreasing number of villagers kept livestock and the one-acre plots became grouped, with farmers as the main tenants. In 1975, with an increase in rent and difficulty in finding tenants, the Allotment Committee recommended that the area be handed back to the Carter family (George Carter died in 1962), with all tenancies ceasing at Michaelmas 1976. The land was known, at that time, as Thradstones Farm.

#### **Christmas Tree**

Please look out for our 'Golden Harvests' Christmas tree in Abbot's Hall, inspired by the produce of village farms in the 19th century.

#### **Talking Point**

We asked what an Elizabethan lady would have worn under her white linen smock. The answer is: nothing. Briefly (sorry) underwear is a relatively modern thing, with pantaloons dating from the early 1800s and initially only for the wealthy. Although the Elizabethan kirtle could be tightened at the back, it was not an undergarment. Corsets date back to the French court of the 1500s, while Herminie Cadolle of France is credited with the invention of the first bra in 1889.

For our next 'Talking Point', we would like you to settle down after a Christmas lunch to do some remembering for us. Dent's Corner is one of the names in our collection from the past. What were the shops? What did they sell? Who worked there? Do you have any particular anecdotes? Please email your memories to Marion or have a chat with one of our members – and have a Very Happy Christmas!

#### Programme

6th December Stowmarket's Hidden Gems, by Sue and Steve Williams

Walk around Stowmarket and you will find little sign of old timber framed buildings. Villages such as Lavenham are full of such buildings dating back to mediaeval times. However, similar old buildings do exist in Stowmarket. The prosperity brought to the town in the early 1800s by the new Gipping Navigation meant



STOWMARKET'S HIDDEN GEMS' A Look at some of the timber-framed buildings BY SUE AND STEVE WILLIAMS

that there was wealth to modernise what were seen as old fashioned buildings and many were given a makeover hiding their ancient origins. Steve will reveal what lies behind these later facades with some surprising examples.

Small contributions of seasonal fare will be most welcome.

We meet at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Visitors are always welcome and refreshments are available. Admission is  $\pounds1$  for members,  $\pounds3$  for non-members.

Please note that we do not meet in January. Our first meeting of 2018 will be on 7th February, when Robert Halliday will be speaking about Unusual Gravestones in Suffolk.

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Keith Welham





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From your new Vicar.

I and my family are very much looking forward to joining you all at Haughley with Wetherden and Stowupland. Marion, myself and our son Gregory will be moving into Haughley Vicarage with our cats and dogs and chickens and fishes. Our eldest son and our daughter are married and beginning their own families, son and daughter-in-law in Bramford; daughter and son-in-law in Bath, and we look forward to the arrival of our second grandchild. As I consider what I might write by way of introduction I reflect on the church families which have supported and nurtured my faith through the years.

My journey of faith, indeed my ministry in discipleship, began at my baptism in childhood at St. Editha's Tamworth, and I was pleased to confirm my baptism in my mid-teens at St. Chad's Lichfield where Marion and I also celebrated our marriage. We began our family at St. Mary's Hemel Hempstead, celebrated the arrival of our youngest as we had his elder siblings before, by promising him to the treasure of our faith in baptism at St. Andrew's Northwold. Through these four church families I grew in the blessing of our church and as Marion and I began our own family we journeyed toward that peace of God beyond understanding in whom we seek to keep our hearts and minds and those of our children in knowledge and love of God.

It was at St Andrew's Northwold that I began to discern my calling to priesthood, that is to say after one more observant than myself - my wife suggested God may have such a purpose for me. Discernment of our calling is rarely a quickly trod path and often has many turns along the Way. Perhaps you feel called to fulfil a particular gift in your discipleship - I hope I may be a sure companion to you in your journey and share your gift in the family of faith. Once the call to priesthood had been tested, the journey to this benefice has been shared in a curacy at Soham and Wicken, in first incumbency with Capel St Mary and Great Wenham, and lately in the Bansfield Benefice. Whilst the groupings of our church family have grown in number through the years, with more parishes added to larger benefices, commonly the number of our brothers and sisters in worship has fallen and I return to my earlier reflection as family growing in blessing that Peace of God beyond understanding keeping hearts and minds in knowledge and love of God. Our Diocesan family calls us to grow in this knowledge and love of God, in number, in depth in influence and youth. I hope, whatever the future holds for the partnerships of our parishes, benefice and deanery, we may treasure and celebrate such wider belonging by the promise of each disciple's baptism to grow in knowledge and love of God.

Rev Brin Singleton.

#### **CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER**

3rd Dec	9.30am 4.00pm	Parish Communion 1st@4 Christingle Service		
10th Dec	9.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship & <b>*</b> <i>Trinity Starz</i> <b>*</b> Evensong ( <i>BCP</i> )		
11th Dec (Mon)	10.30am	Carols at Steeple View - All Welcome!		
13th Dec (Wed)	2.00pm	Carols at Jubilee Court - All Welcome!		
17th Dec	9.30am 6.30pm	Communion Service Carols by Candlelight		
24th Dec	9.30am 4.00pm 11.30pm	Parish Communion Crib Service Midnight Communion		
25th Dec	10.00am	Christmas Family Service followed by Communion		
31st Dec	11.00am	Benefice Service at Haughley		
CHURCH SERVICES in JANUARY				
7th Jan	9.30am 4.00pm			
14th Jan	8.00am 9.30am	Morning Worship & <b>*</b> <i>Trinity Starz</i> <b>*</b> Morning Prayer <i>(BCP)</i>		
15th Jan (Mon)	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View - All Welcome!		
16th Jan	7.30pm	Licensing of Rev Brin Singleton at Haughley Church		
21st Jan	8.00pm 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Christian Unity Service		
28th Jan	9.30am 6.30pm	All-Age Family Service Parish Communion		

(BCP – Book of Common Prayer)

#### A LICENSING OF REV BRIN SINGLETON

Rev Brin Singleton will be licensed as Priest in Charge of Haughley, with Wetherden and Stowupland, in Haughley Church on Tuesday 16th January. The service commences at 7.30 and will be followed by refreshments.

#### A PRAYER:

O Prince of peace, whose promised birth the angels sang with "peace on earth": grant peace to us all, peace in the world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts, this Christmastide and evermore.

#### THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY:

Come and enjoy our Christingle Service, in aid of the above, to be held in Holy Trinity Church on Sunday, 3rd December at 4.00pm. A warm welcome is extended to you all!

#### SHOEBOXES:

Thank you for the generosity of everyone who filled shoeboxes for Romania. We sent off 98 boxes from the three churches. Many thanks, Nancy.

#### CAROLS by CANDLELIGHT:

The collection at the Carol Service will again go to **The Church Housing Trust.** The **CHT** is dedicated to the rehabilitation and resettlement of homeless people of all ages and backgrounds on a long term basis, supporting over 60 projects including hostels, day centres, winter shelter, women's refuges and mother & baby care. Please come along, bring your friends and families, and give as generously as you can.

#### **CAROLS & MINCEPIES:**

Come along and sing your favourite Carols & Christmas Songs at the Annual Carols & Mincepies evening on Friday 15th December at 7.00pm in Church Hall. There will be mincepies, sausage rolls, tea, coffee and squash also a Raffle and retiring collection. All proceeds from the evening will be donated to The Ipswich Night Shelter. See page 19

#### CALLING MUMS, DADS & CHILDREN:

You are all warmly invited to the following events :- The **CHRISTINGLE** on 3rd December at 4.00pm ; The **CRIB SERVICE** is on Christmas Eve at **4.00pm** where the children hear the Christmas story and help make the Crib: and the **ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE** on Christmas Day at 10.00am which is followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay.

#### **STEEPLE VIEW & JUBILEE COURT:**

The residents warmly invite you to join them for their Carol Services, at Jubilee Court on Wednesday, 13th December, and at Steeple View on Monday, 11th December at 10.30am (*which is followed by a short Communion for those who wish to stay*).

#### CHRISTMAS PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH:

The popular annual – Christmas Ploughman's Lunch will be held on Tuesday, December 12th in the Church Hall from 12 noon – 1.00pm. This will be 3-course lunch, in the Church Hall; there will be a seasonal raffle. Tickets and further information from Ann Parsell on (672592).

#### **BEETLE DRIVES:**

Come along and enjoy some fun in a friendly atmosphere at the Beetle Drive that will be held on Tuesday 23rd January at 2.30pm in the Church Hall. All are very welcome to join us!

#### FOOD BANK BOX:

If you would like to donate items for the Food Bank to help those in need of a helping hand over Christmas, there is a box at the back of the church for you to leave your items. Thank you!

#### **CHURCH HALL HIRE:**

Please remember that the well-appointed Church Hall is available for hire at reasonable rates, and would be ideal for children's parties and small groups/ meetings. For more information please contact John & Ann Parsell on 01449 672592. Thank you.

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

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#### CLUB CONTACT DETAILS

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Local History Group:	Marion Harris	01449 770895
Short Mat Bowls:	Pam Fayers	01449 770080
Sports & Social Club:	Shaun Langford	07934 194486
W. I.	Judy Clarke	01449 615386
Community Events	Keith Welham	01449 673185
Mobile Library:	07721 879855	
Country & Western:	Pat Murphy	01449 677405

## **December Dates**

Fri	1	Village Hall Christmas Quiz - Doors open	7.00pm	
Sat	2	Churchyard and Cemetery sub -committee	10.00 am	Church yard
Sun	3	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	4	Afternoon Fellowship – Social Afternoon	2.30pm	URC Chapel
Mon	4	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	5	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	5	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	5	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
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
		- 'Stowmarket's Hidden Gems' by Sue and	d Steve Willia	ams
Thurs	7	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	11	Afternoon Fellowship - Carols & mince pies	2.00pm	URC Chapel
Mon	11	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	12	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	13	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	13	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	13	W.I. – Christmas meal (members only)	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	14	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	14	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	17	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	18	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	19	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	20	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	21	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Wed	27	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	28	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall

## January Dates

Tues	2	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	2	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	2	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	3	Book Group	2.00pm	
Wed	3	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	4	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun	7	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	8	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	9	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	10	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall

Wed	10	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	11	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs	11	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sat	13	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE - February issu	le	
Sun	14	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	15	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	16	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	16	Licensing of Rev Brin Singleton	7.30pm	Haughley Church
		as Priest in Charge		
Wed	17	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	17	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	17	W.I. – The History of Magic	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs	18	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	22	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	23	Cofefe Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	23	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	24	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	24	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Thurs	25	P.C. Finance & Policy Meeting	7.30pm	V.H. Meeting Room
Thurs	25	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri	26	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall
Sun	28	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	29	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	30	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues	30	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
Tues	30	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Wed	31	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	31	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church

### **February Dates**

Thurs	1	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon	5	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues	6	Coffee Morning	10.00am	Jubilee Court
Tues	6	Beetle Drive	2.30pm	Church Hall
Wed	7	Baby & Toddler Group	9.30am	Village Hall
Wed	7	Open Church	2.00pm	Holy Trinity Church
Wed	7	Local History Group	7.30pm	Village Hall
- 'Unusual Gravestones in Suffolk' by Robert Halliday				

#### 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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# thew INSPIRING WOMEN

# Stowupland W.I. October report

Our Members' meeting opened with a talk from Richard Humphries on silk weaving. He has been involved in the business, in Sudbury, for over 50 years, so has a wealth of knowledge. The world's main producer of silk is China, the country having kept the production and weaving a secret many centuries. In the 1500s, Italy and Lyons, in France, were the main European producers and silk weaving didn't get to England until 1685, when 150,000 Huguenots fled from the persecution of French Catholics and brought with them their knowledge of silk weaving. The cities couldn't cope with these numbers so they were sent to special areas to set up their own settlements.

They weren't always welcomed by the wool weavers, who saw them as rivals for trade but, when woollen cloth went out of favour, the Huguenots started teaching silk weaving. The woollen cloth, known as baize, was only beige in colour and, to get it dyed, the cloth was sold to the Dutch, but even those colours were limited. In contrast, the Huguenots silks were two or more colour patterns, in blue, pink, red and green. Richard had wonderful samples to show us from the range that his company produces, different colours and patterns, all being used in royal residences and by the nobility. The final sample was a square of red silk velvet, absolutely gorgeous, such as is used to line the Queen's crowns. This particular material is a very time consuming process and costs £800 per metre. – Not for everyday use!

After refreshment, we were back to earth with the correspondence. Members were asked for help for the forthcoming garden club teas, reminded that the order forms for calendars and diaries were circulating. Stowupland can send a delegate to the 2018 National AGM in Cardiff. Congratulations were given to the "apple" team, who were runners up in the recent community quiz. Will they do as well on December 1st? Watch this space!

Birthday posies were distributed and the competition results announced Flower of the month – 1st. Judy, 2nd. Mary C. 3rd Linda Stuart. Autumn photo – 1st. Mandy, 2nd. Linda Stuart, 3rd Christine. With a reminder that the November meeting includes the Annual Meeting, the evening was closed.



## A Little Archaeology

In early November a few of us were given a guided tour of the site off Gipping Road where the archaeologists had been working. They had begun with a geophysical survey and then 80 sample trenches across the whole area down to Church Road, where houses are to be built. The results of this initial work determined that two areas towards Gipping Road would be of greatest interest.

In the NW corner near the road, part of the present field was a small field called Old House Pightle on the 1839 tithe map. That map shows a number of ponds and ditches and, although there is now only one pond in the far NW corner, it is possible that it was part of a moat. Drainage had clearly always been a problem in the field but, as well as attempts to improve that, the archaeologists found a flint cobbled surface and suggestions of trackways. Older maps show two footpaths crossing the field. Frustratingly, although all these signs of human activity suggest a 12th or 13th century farmstead, further exploration was prevented by the power lines, where archaeologists cannot dig.

The second region of interest was near the NE boundary of the main field. Here digging revealed a midden of pottery (an astonishing 5.3kg) and some



animal bone in soil that was blackened by charcoal, almost certainly suggesting another 12th – 13th century farmstead beyond the field boundary.

From the two regions, items were recovered by metal detectors and hand excavation. As well as some of the pottery, we were shown parts of buckles, a smooth stone spindle whorl and half of a silver penny.

What an exciting afternoon! We are very grateful to Oxford Archaeology for the opportunity to see all this. Please have a look at the Local History Group page of <u>www.stowupland.com</u> for a link to the photographs taken by Keith Hyland and Neil Langridge during our visit. These will no doubt be of great interest to the 21st century people who come to live on those fields.

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### U.R.C Chapel Minister: Rev'd Chris Wood Telephone 01449 678173

This year has passed so quickly, and we are now thinking about our Christmas celebrations within the Chapel and at home.

The money raised at the Jumble Sale, held on 11th November, was £900.80. What a wonderful result. A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this event such a success, and to those who came and supported us and spent.

# Our Carol Service is on Sunday 10th December at 10.30am please come and celebrate with us on this day.

We start 2018 with a coffee morning on 26th January 2018 and then the last Friday in the month until November.

On Sunday, 21st January 2018 Holy Trinity Church join us for a united service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This service starts at 10.30am.

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

#### Our speakers for December & January are as follows:

03 December	Veda Berriman		
10 December	Mary Durrant – Carol Service		
17 December	Irene Martin		
24 December	John Webb		
31 December	To Be Advised		
07 January	Veda Berriman		
14 January	William Glasse		
21 JanuaryKeith ScarffUnited service with HolyTrinity at the Chapel for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at 10.30am			
28 January	Mary Durrant		
Afternoon Fellowshin			

#### Afternoon Fellowship 4th December Social Afte

Social Afternoon 2.30pm

#### 11th December Afternoon Fellowship Carol Service at 2pm.

This service will be led by the Revd Chris Wood, with the choir and music group from Stowupland High School accompanying the singing, followed by tea and mince pies. Please join us for a very enjoyable afternoon. There will be a collection for St Elizabeth Hospice.

The carol service will be our last meeting until 5th March 2018. We welcome anyone who would like to join us at our meetings (male or female). Come and enjoy the fellowship also a cuppa.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Mary Clark

### **Minister's Letter**

#### In Your Way and in Your Time

There are many popular hymns sung in our churches written by Graham Kendrick, a contemporary singer-songwriter, such as 'Beauty for Brokenness'; 'From Heaven You Came'; 'Jesus put this song into our hearts' and 'Shine Jesus Shine'. Indeed, there are 30 worship songs written by him in Hymns Old & New! Yet one of my favourites sadly doesn't often get a mention. It's entitled 'In Your Way' and the lyrics include the lines 'In Your way and in Your time, that's how it's going to be in my life' - then goes on to make the bold statement 'and though some prayers I've prayed may seem unanswered yet, You never come too quickly or too late .....' How true these sentiments are to anyone who is constant in their prayer-life – and equally to those who turn to prayer only when the need arises.

I know of its truth but, if you're anything like me, you can't wait for the Lord's time, as I have a tendency to prefer an answer as of yesterday and in a way that I can cope. Even when we get an answer to prayer, have you ever responded by saying 'surely not that way' or 'you got to be kidding' or something to that effect? It's only in hindsight that we realise that God knows best – as the Prophet Isaiah was to discover: 'The Word of the Lord came to me: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways. Just as the heavens are high above the earth, so are My ways high above your ways and My thoughts above your thoughts". *(Isaiah 55: 8 – 9)* 

This is certainly borne out in the period between Isaiah announcing that 'A young woman is with child, and she will give birth to a son and call him Emmanuel' (Isaiah 7: 14) and the eventual realisation that God had finally appeared in the world in a tiny place called Bethlehem. Every year since the announcement, God's people would have been praying earnestly for this promised child to appear among them, but had to accept in the end, that 'it would be in God's way and time' – however hard they found this truth. To add to the difficulty, when God finally did appear it wasn't necessarily in a way that His people had expected – although there are hints in the scriptures to the reality of 'Emmanuel – God with us'.

Advent and Christmas are opportunities to remind us of what happened when God made an appearance in the world: coming with the help of an unmarried mother; born in a borrowed barn because there was nowhere else available; adored by shepherds and foreigners but rejected by the authorities; and becoming a political refugee – and all this at the beginning of His life!

I have to smile at the knowledge that Mary would have offered a prayer that the Messiah (God's appointed One) should come to rescue His people – but wouldn't have expected for a minute that she was to be requested to be the mother of God's child, and bear both the joy as well as the pain; the fulfilment as well as shame. It all reinforces this belief that we should be careful what we pray, as God may surprise us by His response 'as God's ways are not our ways ......'

As I was composing this Pastoral Letter, I was fascinated by a new record that came on the radio by an artist called Sam Smith entitled 'PRAY' with the following lyrics: 'You won't find me in church (no!) reading the bible (no!) - I am still here and I'm still Your disciple. I'm down on my knees, I'm begging You please. I'm broken, alone, and afraid. I'm not a saint; I'm more of a sinner ...... That's why I am stood here today and I'm gonna pray, pray .... for a glimmer of hope ..... '

He then pleads for a 'one-to-one' with God, so they might have a conversation about freedom, knowing that 'everyone prays in the end'. I find the words quite incredible in an age which is often seen as disbelieving and secular, but one in which God seems to be inspiring an international star to promote the power and promise of prayer and the hope it contains for his life. I sincerely hope that he finds what he's looking for, but want him to heed the warning that, by seeking God in prayer, he must be open to the possibility that God may respond in ways and at a time when he least expects – for that's at the heart of the Christmas message.

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

## Final Community Litter Pick of 2017

All the dates for our community litter picks are made at the beginning of the year. Details for today's litter pick were the same as before, we will meet at the village hall car park for 10.00am. I was hopeful for a good turnout, well the sun was shining.

As I approached the village hall car park I was met with the young ladies of the W.I waiting to go on a trip to Ely Christmas Market, the setting up of the Christmas Craft fair and members of Stowupland Falcons arriving for training. I wanted to scream!!!!

So, after struggling to get the equipment out of the cemetery shed I decided to stay by the cemetery gates and hope that those joining in would see me, or if not, hear Betsy (my dog) barking and see where I was standing.

It wasn't a great turn out but I'd like to say a big thank you to my litter picking posse for coming today to help keep the village looking clean and tidy.



Here they are shouting "rubbish" whilst I took the pic.

Look out for details of the 2018 community litter picks in Telstar and the village website. www.stowupland.com








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# **Christmas** Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword. Each word is only used once.



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## The Jubilee Ladies Choir

The Jubilee Ladies Choir is a long established choir. We are a group of 40 or so friendly, sociable women who like to sing. Would you like to join us? Being able to read music is an advantage but many of us don't and it's surprising how quickly you learn to sight read!! It's very therapeutic both mentally and physically.

Although we practice in Stowmarket at the United Reformed Church, we are not affiliated to the Church and simply use the hall because the acoustics are excellent. We are lucky to have a talented and enthusiastic Musical Director and Accompanist.

Just before our summer break we did a very successful concert in Blackbourn Community Centre in Elmswell on a hot July evening, and on our return in early September, went straight into Christmas music! We have 4 upcoming performances in December including one in Hitcham Church with the Stowmarket Concert Band on 9th December. We have another in St Mary's Church, Bury St Edmunds on 13TH December as part of a fundraising event for Alzheimer's research.

We like to give something back to our community and last year were able to give  $\pounds1000$  to EACH and  $\pounds500$  to the Wolverstone Wish appeal. Our members are drawn from several surrounding villages so transport need not be a problem.

Come along to a practice on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm for a 'taster'. You will be made very welcome.

For more information and bookings, phone Di Balaam on 01449 736374 or me, Avril Hunt, here in Stowupland on 01449 774833.

# Lost and Found

In the earlier winter months this year while out walking my dogs, I came across a pendent and chain; silver in colour. I only re-found this a few days ago when it was time to get the winter coat out again, dug deeply in a pocket. If you can describe this little gem, please feel free to call me on 01449 77310. It calls to be returned to its rightful owner.

Regards Lucy Mudd

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## Success for the Telstar Team

The Telstar was again entered in this years' Suffolk Association of Local Councils News Letter of the Year competition. Our magazine is entered in the larger village category and again this year we won joint runner up.

The photograph shows Keith Welham and Jerry Voden receiving the award on our behalf. We are delighted that the high standard we try to maintain in our village magazine has again been recognised and it is a great tribute to the editor and the Telstar team all of whom add to our success. Well done Telstar! Maybe next year we will hit the winning podium. That is something to aim for.



This year has seen a change to the Telstar team. After many years looking after the Telstar finances Joyce Gardiner has stepped down from the committee and we are grateful to Sally Wray who has kindly volunteered to take on this role.

A big thank you goes to our contributors, advertisers and distributors without whose valuable input and hard work there would be no magazine and finally thank you to Stowupland Parish Council who continue to support us with grant funding every year and to Mid Suffolk District Councillor Keith Welham who has awarded us a grant from his locality budget. These grants help greatly towards our production costs.

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Thursday 14th Dec	14.00 - 17.00				
Friday 15th Dec	14.00 - 17.00 & 18.30 - 20.00				
Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th	13.00 - 16.00				
There will be Christmas Refreshments					



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#### TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PART OF FOOTPATH 50 The footpath behind the Primary School

Please be advised that Suffolk County Council intends to make an order closing Footpath 50, Footpath 49 to the junction with Footpaths 51 and 54 for safety reasons to enable construction traffic to cross the construction site. Other coordinated works may also take place during this period. The diversion route will be provided on site.

A map detailing this can be found on Stowupland website. www.stowupland.com

It is intended that the closure will operate from 27/11/2017 - 27/05/2018 but if necessary the order may remain in force for longer if extended by the Minister.