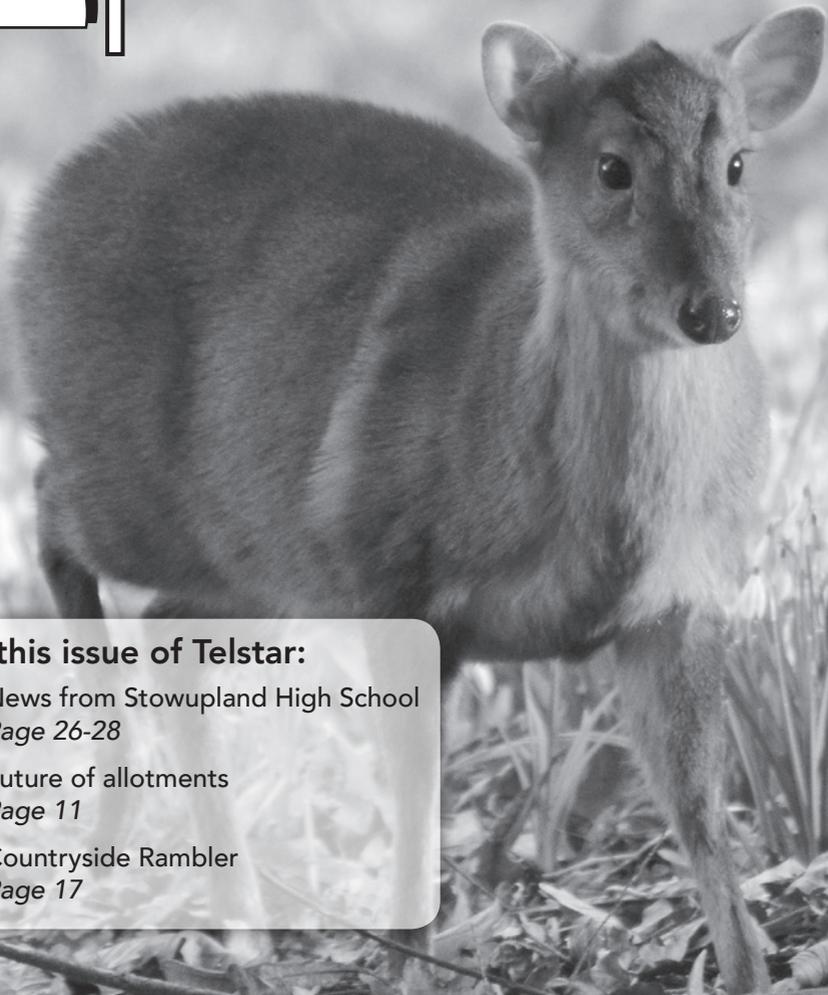


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FEBRUARY 2019

Hello and Happy New Year to all our readers; we hope it has got off to a good start. We are happy to say that all our regular contributors are with us and have sent their reports for this edition. In addition we have a report from Stowupland High School, and from the Parish Clerk concerning the allotments and a future project that you may wish to get involved in. You will also see on the back page details of Bake Off 2019.

Here at the Telstar we like to keep you informed about what is happening in the village; so, if your group or organization has an event you would like to publicise, we would be pleased to put it in the magazine. We also hope you will be inspired to take part in village events where you can. Volunteers are always welcome.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

DEC 2018/JAN 2019



The December meeting opened with 4 members of the public present and 2 Parish Councillors absent and the January meeting had 3 members of the public present and no Parish Councillors absent. Cllr Cobbold-Robertson tendered her resignation in December, and Cllr Miller tendered his resignation in January due to too many work and other commitments.

Councillors' Reports:

The Suffolk CC Councillor was absent from the December meeting and did not submit any report. In January, Cllr Green reported that it has been quiet at SCC but it is now time for parents to register their children who are due to start primary school in the autumn. The budget is due to be discussed on 14th February and he was unable to discuss anything prior to the meeting. However, he did state that organisations such as the CAB must become self-sufficient with their funding as the Council can no longer afford to finance them.

The report from the District Councillor can be found elsewhere in Telstar.

Matters of Report:

The Clerk reported that the following items were still ongoing; fencing at the basketball court, quotes for the removal of vegetation from the play park and installation of a gate behind the multisport equipment, the tree root on the B1115 footpath, the bus shelter and the benches at both the play park and "half a mow". She has reported the drains on the A1120 and the state of the road at the junction of Maple and Hornbeam Roads to the SCC portal. The Clerk also advised that Cllr Reeves has been advised by the police that the speeding concerns on the A1120 have been forwarded to the camera enforcement officer. SCC has advised that the white lining on Saxham Street has been added to their county wide list of road markings to be reinstated. She also advised that Stowupland Falcons have yet to discuss the use of the football pitch on the Green with Cllr Welham. The Clerk reported that the footpath diversion around the Bloor site will remain in place until November 2019. Cllr Welham reported that a meeting was held at short notice between himself, the primary school and the developer about the proposed school car park as part of the development opposite the school. This will be used by staff members only and will not be accessible outside school days. Cllr Welham reported back from the MSDC enforcement officer stating that he did not see any broken glass on the new footpath along Gipping Road and that the broken pottery had been picked up. Cllr Welham enquired when the article about the 'Most Active Community' is likely to be in Telstar, and that the PIIP committee has not been convened yet.

Public Forum:

At the December meeting a member of the public reported the poor road surface at the junction of Maple and Hornbeam Roads. Also, the signs have been knocked down in Rendall Lane, and Broomspath Road. He was also concerned about the fact that horse riders do not clear up after their horses. In the January meeting a resident commented on a number of flaws in the Bloor Homes brochure recently received in the post. He also reported that the Stowmarket Mercury has been combined with another publication and that Stowupland residents may no longer receive a copy. He questioned what was wrong with the bench on the half a mow other than being in the wrong place. He also reported that school traffic was now being parked at the top of Reeds Way preventing residents from parking outside their own homes.

SCC Outstanding Issues:

Cllr Green was given a list of outstanding issues that the Parish Council are still waiting for from SCC. These included the Safer Route to School as the school have plans to build the new 6th form accommodation on land that was designated as part of the route. It was felt that no recognition has been given as to where the pupils actually cross The Green and enter the school property and neither of these are where the safer route to school was proposed. A 3-way meeting between SCC designer of the route, the school and the Parish Council needs to be arranged. A drainage investigation is about to take place in Thorney Green Road but there are still some outstanding pot holes to be filled and the 30mph sign removed from Gipping Road when the new footpath was put in, still has not been reinstated. The vegetation to allow visibility to pedestrians when coming out of the Bloor site to this new footpath has still not been cut back. There are still concerns that this new footpath has not been constructed on a safe route.

Precept:

It was agreed that Council Tax for band D should remain unchanged with a total precept request of £34,886. Following discussion, the precept form was signed.

Most Active Community:

It was agreed to set up a working group to look at entering the 2019 Most Active Community award. Although the Parish Council members are currently too busy to lead this initiative, they are hopeful that some residents would like to run this group and to this end, the Chairman agreed to write an article for Telstar and to also write to local organisations and clubs to try to get their backing for it.

Safeguarding Policy:

A new safeguarding policy was agreed. It was felt that DBS checks were not required as Councillors never put themselves in the position of being alone with children or vulnerable adults but one member will be attending the SALC run safeguarding course as soon as one becomes available.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Allotments – An inspection of the allotments took place on 11 December and the results were discussed at a confidential session at the end of the December meeting.

Cemetery and Churchyard – It was agreed to obtain quotes for the replacement of gable and gutter boards and any remedial work to the roof of the cemetery building and for the purchase of top soil for any sunken graves.

Community Events – It was reported that the beacon ceremony went well and thanks were extended to all those who helped with the organisation of the event. New members of the community are required to become involved in order to bring in some new ideas.

Environment – It was agreed that quotes should be obtained for work required around The Green and that the footpath beside the pond by The Retreat should be made safe with some advice from SCC as to the best course of action.

Finance and Policy – A number of recommendations submitted from the Finance and Policy committee were agreed including cemetery fees, adoption of insurance policy, Parish risk assessment, Clerk risk assessment and Litter Picker risk assessment as well as grants for a nurturing garden for the primary school, the Men's Shed group, and Telstar. It was agreed by a narrow margin that no grant should be made to Friends of Freeman for lighting and audio equipment. It was agreed that a memorandum of understanding between the trustees of Stowupland Village Hall committee and the Parish Council regarding the responsibilities for the Play Park and multisport area should be signed.

Neighbourhood Planning - It was agreed that the comments made by the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Sub-Committee to the outline application for 70 dwellings on land south of Gipping Road be endorsed and MSDC informed. It was also agreed that the comments received from MSDC consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan be dealt with by the Sub-Committee and a letter is sent to MSDC. In January Queries from the Independent Examiner on the consultation draft were received from MSDC and it was agreed that the Sub-Committee should draft a response.

PIIP – It was agreed that a meeting should be convened in order to consider current requests.

Planning – In December it was agreed to support the Planning Committee's comments regarding 2 planning applications in the village and in January it was agreed to support the Planning Committee's objection to another application on a number of issues.

Play Park – It was agreed that 2 recycled plastic garden benches should be purchased for the play park. As they are unable to trace the company who supplied some of the original equipment in the play park that has broken, it was agreed to try and find another company who are able to replace the parts required.

Transport, Travel and Safety – Cllr Voden advised in the December meeting that he has been in contact with the Police regarding his training with the speed gun. The police will be carrying out some speed checks themselves over the next few weeks on the B1115 as they have found that the average speed on that stretch of road currently exceeds the speed limit.

Councillors' Reports

December:

Cllr Reeves reported that the drains along the A1120 outside the village hall and Belvedere are blocked and the one in the layby near the primary school is situated too high and is not letting the water drain into it. The ditch by Birdwood is full of debris and needs clearing out. She was also concerned about the part of The Green used in the land swap if the safer route to school does not go ahead.

Cllr Welham asked that there be an agenda item programmed for January to deal with all the outstanding works still not completed by SCC and no action taken by them to items agreed at previous meetings with them and that the SCC Councillor needs to be present so that he can do his bit to get the stalemate progressed.

January:

Cllr Johnson reported that she had received a letter from a resident regarding the parking of vehicles on The Green which may belong to people working on the garage. It was agreed to write to the Co-Op about this. She also advised that on walking to the garage she had to jump onto The Green a number of times which, although OK for her, it was not OK for any one pushing a push chair or anyone who is disabled.

Cllr Reeves was pleased to report how many visitors there were to the cemetery over the Christmas period. She also asked if Bloor Homes could be asked to run their road sweeper down Church Road as a lot of mud is blocking the drains. She also pointed out that SALC were offering some training on the Most Active County Competition. Cllr Pring asked if it could be mentioned at the next school meeting about some hedging outside Steeple View that needs to be tidied up.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman reported his thanks to the Community Events committee for the lighting of the beacon event with lots of positive feedback and wished all members a Happy Christmas and Happy New Year and thanked them for their support with a wish to take everything forward this year.

Clerk's Report:

December:

The Clerk proposed that Cllr Deal should attend the New Councillor course and requested that she be allowed to purchase a new laptop. Both were agreed. It was reported that the school liaison meeting went well and some small positive steps are being taken in respect to parking by school pupils along Thorney Green. Another meeting has been scheduled for the New Year.

January:

Members confirmed receipt of a copy of the allotment tenancy agreement with the Stowmarket Church Charity. The Clerk reported that further investigation was needed before she could report on the closed churchyard. She advised that the Annual Parish Meeting has been arranged for 26 March. Another 'bake-off' style meeting will be planned and Stowupland High School has agreed to host it.

It is planned that the students will welcome residents and attendees ahead of the judging and meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk should attend election training with the costs to be split 50/50 with Haughley Parish Council

Correspondence:

December:

It was agreed to continue the subscription renewal of the SLCC membership. The review of polling stations by MSDC was noted; there will be no changes for Stowupland. The Falcons football club would like to mark out a 7 by 7 pitch on The Green for the children to play football on Saturdays and Sundays. It was agreed that a site meeting should be arranged to clarify where the pitch was to be positioned and to reiterate the conditions in respect of matches on a Sunday.

January:

A resident has reported the state of the footpath opposite the Co-Op garage but as this is a highways matter, it will be forwarded to SCC. A letter has been received from Suffolk Highways in relation to the road repairs and drainage investigation works along Thorney Green Road. A letter has been received from Post Office Ltd regarding use of a temporary mobile van that they would like to visit the village for 2 hours each Wednesday if suitable parking can be provided

The December meeting closed to the public at 9.22pm and the January one at 8.48pm.

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There have also been suggestions that a water supply could be laid on; the Council will be looking into this. In the past, the Council have considered the financial viability of supplying water. In order to make this cost-effective, a significant increase in rents would be required; at the time, allotment holders preferred to maintain rents at the lower levels rather than have water supplied. As part of the council's review, we would like to hear from allotment holders. We have arranged a meeting to be held on 20 March in the URC meeting room, starting at 7.30 and we invite all allotment holders and other residents with an interest in allotments to come along.

A VILLAGE FITNESS TRAIL

Last year the Parish Council sought residents' views on new facilities and projects for consideration when Community Infrastructure levy monies became available to be spent within the village. A wide range of suggestions were put forward; one of the most popular was a fitness trail. The Parish Council supported this suggestion on the understanding that a working group came forward to design and promote the project. We would like to hear from any resident who would be willing to work with others to help with planning this new trail. Email parishclerk@stowuplandpc.co.uk

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DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Financial Monitoring

The half yearly financial monitoring report was discussed by MSDC Cabinet in November. The general fund has some significant underspends and some overspends. There is currently an overspend on the housing revenue account which will need to be considered when planning expenditure for the rest of the current financial year.

Budget Proposals and Council Tax for 2019/20

The draft budget for the next financial year has been discussed by MSDC Cabinet. Despite a projected underspend of just over £1.6 million; the Council is proposing an increase in Council Tax of 2%. The Council is also proposing further borrowing of around £25 million to invest in commercial properties; this is in addition to £25 million borrowed and invested in commercial properties such as a car showroom in Milton Keynes and Marks and Spencer in Brentwood. There are already concerns that the current value of existing investments may be below the total purchase price; the wisdom of further borrowing to invest in commercial properties outside of our district is being questioned. The Green Party opposition councillors are not in favour of borrowing further huge sums of money but would support borrowing to build homes for sale and rent. We could provide energy efficient high-quality homes to help alleviate the housing shortage, bringing in income through New Homes Bonus, Council Tax and Rents, and helping towards securing a five-year supply of housing land, meeting our commitments for housing completions, and providing homes for social rent.

MSDC Performance Outcome Report

A review of the performance of MSDC against targets for the various services provided is being considered at the December Cabinet meeting. Many of the targets are new and it is not yet possible to measure performance against them. One target which is not being met and was not met last year is the provision of facilities for disabled people to enable them to remain living at home safely. Only around £70,000 of a budget of £400,000 has been spent in the first half of 2018/19. This is particularly worrying; if people are not given the adaptations they need, they could end up in hospital or a care home solely because their home is unsuitable for their needs – or because they have been injured in a fall which could have been avoided.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Building Services (BMBS)

Concern has been expressed in the past about the business plan agreed at the time that the BMBS housing repair service was set up. The service was found to be insufficiently resourced and the plan not fit for purpose. New staff were recruited some time ago and a new business plan has been developed and agreed by Cabinet. BMBS continue to deal with responsive repairs and planned maintenance works to all the council homes across both districts. The improvement in the management of the service has seen a

reduction in the time that a council home has been unoccupied, cut by around 50% from a year ago, and is now consistently down to less than three weeks.

Five-Year Land Supply for New Housing Developments and the Joint Local Plan

Staff are continuing their work to establish that MSDC has a five-year supply of land ready for new housing. The new Joint Local Plan is still being worked on and the draft document should be ready for consideration at the Council meeting on 24 January. This will set out the preferred strategic policies and site allocations to guide the development of both Babergh and Mid Suffolk. The next step will be public consultation on the plan.

Proposed development of land adjacent to Gipping Road and Thradstones Meadow, Stowupland

The statutory consultation period for this application has ended and the development will be considered by Planning Committee on 30 January. The meeting will be open for the public to attend; if you would like to attend and/or speak, please let me know. I hope that by the time this application is set for determination MSDC will be able to demonstrate a five-year land supply.

One of the major concerns is that 'grassy meadow' as I call it has been included within the development site. Even though at this stage the developer does not propose to build houses on it, the value of the meadow as a quiet undeveloped open space will be lost. If this proposal does go ahead, I would hope that the meadow could be gifted to the parish with sufficient funds for it to be maintained as an area for peaceful public enjoyment. Such an action by the applicant would be a small recompense for the damage being done to the quiet rural landscape.

Proposal to build 4 dwellings on land off Gipping Road, adjacent to the private road to Columbine Hall

An application has been made for outline planning permission to build four houses on land presently used for the grazing of horses. Permission has been granted in recent years for single new dwellings accessed directly from Gipping Road; in each case the Parish Council objected to the development. Applications for developments of fewer than ten units may be determined by planning officers without consideration by committee: in view of local concern, I will be asking that this application is presented to planning committee for decision.

Redevelopment of the former MSDC HQ site and Middle School site in Needham Market

Planning applications showing the proposals for these sites are currently being consulted upon, and a decision should be made on each early in 2019. Together they will provide 135 new homes of which 41 will be for affordable rent or shared equity. This is planned to be a high-quality development of energy efficient homes. A new retail store is also planned for part of the former public car park site in Hurstlea Road.

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs)

MSDC is planning to finance two PCSO posts to carry out parking enforcement and other duties around Mid Suffolk. The main reason for taking this action is the delay in bringing in a countywide parking enforcement scheme. The legislation required continues to be held up due to the Parliamentary time taken up discussing Brexit.

Stowupland Neighbourhood Plan

The draft Stowupland Neighbourhood Plan is currently being assessed by an Examiner appointed by MSDC. Following receipt of the Examiner's report, Cabinet will consider whether or not the Plan can proceed to public consultation; this will be almost the last step before the Plan is confirmed and becomes a significant document to be taken into account by MSDC planners when considering planning applications in the village.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS NEED YOU!

Do you have a couple of hours a month to help organise events within the village?

Currently the Community Events Committee organise regular Bingo and Quiz Nights in the Village Hall, the Walkers Cup and arrange outings or teas for Jubilee Court and Steeple View. Recently it was this committee that organised the lighting of the Beacon for remembrance, but we would like to do much more in the way of trips and events for all age groups within the village.

At present the committee is too small to take on anything more but with a couple hours of your time we could do so much more. In conjunction with the High School we would like to organise film afternoons or evenings, a New Year's Party and outings to the theatre and local places of interest but we need your help. We have loads of ideas but not enough helping hands.

We have a pot of money funded by the Parish Council but we try to make every event at least self-funding. Any profit that is made, via ticket sales or raffles, goes back into the events pot to enable us to fund any less profitable events.

The committee meets in the evening, for about an hour and a half, once a month. You don't even need to attend the meeting every month.

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BRIAN WARD

Here we are into another year; many of us have made New Year resolutions of one sort or another. Maybe personal ones or the normal, diet, exercise, that we attempt to uphold until the next naughty indulgence is placed before us. I have a sweet tooth, chocolate, desserts, biscuits just everything I should restrain myself from eating. It is only polite to accept on social occasions and say "thank you" to your host as they pass another plate around adorned with leftover goodies from Christmas. I watch with horror at some of the nature and environmental documentaries on T V in the way the planet is being polluted with plastics at the moment. If we wish to, all of us could make a New Year resolution to improve our environment, probably with very little effort.

I hope you all had a good break over Christmas and enjoyed yourselves with family and friends. One of my special times over the Christmas period is to meet up with family and friends, go for a long walk, catch up on family life and attempt to put the world right as we stroll the country lanes. Then, to relieve our weary bodies, a suitable establishment is sought serving good food and generous desserts (sorry food on my mind). We all have our favourite times, maybe a visit to the local church with its special atmosphere at this time of year. Some of us cannot wait to get back to the gym or jog into the New Year; we all have our own expectations for 2019.

What to look out for as we enter a new year? It may sound early but Hares are starting to move onto their courting grounds, often the same field may be used year after year and Hares from miles around will congregate and jostle for a mate. The females will do the choosing and box off any unwanted males; these skirmishes can be quite violent, with fur flying and a lot of chasing around. If conditions are suitable she may have several litters in the coming months.

Snowdrops are on flower along with Celandines; look out for Primroses and early woodland flowers in the coming weeks. In the hedgerows Catkins adorn the Hazel, also look out for the Alder Catkins with their purple tinge. Starling murmerations attract many spectators; check with wildlife organisations to see if one is occurring locally. This is a sight not to be missed as thousands of birds display before going to roost. Wrap up warm as it can involve a long wait. Last of all, the Seals along the Norfolk coast are coming to the end of their breeding season but pups will still be on the beaches. With their white fluffy coats they always get ooowws and aaarrrhs when the children first see them.

"Now, I am sure there is a lonely mince pie in the cupboard."



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December Meeting

Michael Rimmer began his marvellous talk with the fact that East Anglia has the highest concentration of medieval churches anywhere and 70% of all angel roofs. Destruction at the time of the Reformation and again by the Puritans has left them without medieval imagery, rood screens and original stained glass, but inaccessibility meant that most angel roofs survived, though some were damaged.

London's Westminster Hall was the first building to have a double hammer-beam roof, which was a means of using wood to span a considerable width without supporting pillars. It was created by Hugh Herland for Richard II, with carved angels projecting the power of the monarch. In 1398 Hugh Herland was appointed to recruit labour for work on Yarmouth harbour and this may be how the skills for producing angel roofs came to East Anglia, with carpenters learning from each other at a prosperous time for the region and local rivalry spreading the techniques.

Michael showed us many examples of his photography and pointed out that some carpenters were clearly more skilled than others. The best-carved angels were truly life-like, many holding musical instruments or items relating to the crucifixion. Some were carved in the likeness of the benefactor who had funded the work.

We greatly appreciated Michael's pictures and research. Those wishing to learn more should refer to his book 'The Angel Roofs of East Anglia: Unseen Masterpieces of the Middle Ages'.

Many thanks go to all who contributed refreshments for this seasonal meeting.

Archives

We always welcome additions to our archives: documents, letters, photographs, cuttings... all are of interest. Everything will be treated with great respect and can be copied and returned to you, if you do not wish to donate them. Please contact our Archivist, Sandra Walker, tel. 01449 673296 or email sawalker2000@hotmail.com

Talking Point

Our note about the certificate sent to Emma Catchpole, thanking her for taking strangers into her home in 1939, brought a call from Janet Chisnall, whose mother was sent a similar certificate. Janet's family lived at Hillside during the

war and her mother, Edith Cobbold, worked at the YMCA in Stowmarket. Many US servicemen were stationed in this area towards the end of the war and invited to join families to socialise in the evenings. Janet remembers this and is sure that these were the strangers referred to on her mother's certificate. Both certificates give the year 1939 in the formal wording, though Mrs Cobbold's has the year 1944 hand-written at the top, probably by a member of the family.

Murna Hannah, who kindly donated Emma Catchpole's certificate to our archives, believes that the strangers to whom it referred were adults but not US servicemen. Might they have been teachers who came with evacuated children?

Margaret Rose has family memories of child evacuees in the village. She writes:

My Granma, Mrs Fanny Stannard, Columbyne Close, had two evacuees. They were named Margaret and Kenneth but I don't know surnames. My father told us of the difficult times especially about milk, eggs, potatoes etc., the children refused to have them when they realised where they came from, which wasn't 'the shop'. Night times were also difficult as the children had not been used to a regular bedtime or eating at a table. They didn't stay for very long but returned to their home when many others did.



Mummers

For our next 'Talking Point', what were the themes of mystery plays? Find out at our February meeting!

Programme for 2019

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

6th Feb Medieval Drama Dr Kate Jewell

Dr. Kate Jewell returns for her third talk to our group. Previously she has looked at mediaeval rituals and popular entertainment. Now she will be exploring drama in the Middle Ages, such as mystery plays. Ordinary folk used these performances to protest against injustice and to make social comments. Kate studied the performance of medieval plays in the area around Bury St Edmunds for her MA at the University of East Anglia.

6th March Gypsy Caravans Geoffrey Kay

The speaker has made a Reading type caravan. This illustrated lecture tells the personal story behind the research and making - and the search for a suitable horse!

3rd April Suffolk Cloth Industry Dr. Nicholas Amor

South Suffolk villages such as Lavenham and Long Melford are well known as centres of wool production in the Middle Ages. The talk looks at the heyday of this local industry. Dr Nick Amor is chairman of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology and History and an honorary fellow of the University of East Anglia. He is author of *Medieval Ipswich: Trade and Industry* and *From Wool to Cloth: The Triumph of the Suffolk Clothier*.

1st May Inn Signs John Goodhand

John Goodhand's hobby is photographing inn signs. In this introduction to the subject he looks at their meaning and origin.

5th June Where did all the Houses go? Lisa Wall

Ipswich has fewer timber-framed buildings today than in the past, because many of the old houses were dismantled and re-erected in other parts of the country and even abroad. In the early 1900s you could buy a complete mediaeval Suffolk house and have it delivered!

3rd July Short AGM and talks TBA

8th July Visit to Baylham Church

7th Aug Hands on History Duncan Allen

Created in 2009 with Heritage Lottery funding and set in Tunstall Forest, the project gives school children the chance to learn about our heritage, and experience how our ancestors lived and worked from prehistoric times through to the Anglo-Saxon period. Suffolk Archaeology outreach officer Duncan Allen will tell us about this inspirational scheme.

Later in the year we look forward to an evening with Roy Tricker and to Stuart Bowell's talk, 'Round Tower Churches'.



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Dear Friends

The telling of the Christmas story simply refuses to be packed away and boxed into the attic for next year's celebration, for Sunday by Sunday the good news continues to be celebrated as we proclaim God's love in this infant's birth grows still in the manger throne of our hearts.

The stories of Jesus' birth and childhood, sees the worship of the Wise of the nations, his presentation in God's Temple with the prophesy of his purpose, and the beginning of his adult mission in baptism for his return from the wilderness to the land promised of God. His purpose to offer fullness of life revealed in the new wine of the wedding feast. These narratives bring us to our own presentation before God for our return to the promise of God's purpose in us begun anew at Ash Wednesday.

I hope we all may take our part in recounting these great narratives of God's purpose for us, that we may rise anew to those God given gifts and talents which enliven us, that both we and others may find hope of Christ's Word dwelling among us offering fullness of life. And I hope our churches may rise anew to the blessings, gifts and talents in which we are gifted, that we may serve our communities, our workplaces and homes with the hope of fullness of life. This aspiration in service is often spoken of as our work of healing, Christ's living body in the world today continuing Jesus' work of healing in the world, that all may find fullness of life.

Christ's presence expressed in the mission and ministry of our parish churches often seems crowded out or forgotten amidst today's new-age market place of spiritualities and the virtual befriending of social media. Your church's blessing, healing and prayer is freely offered, whether through the gatherings of our fellowships celebrating Christ's presence, or blessings of homes or individuals, healing, company or spiritual counsel just a call away, we are here to share both celebration and trial, that we may reconcile all life's challenges and live in hope, in that fullness of life which God purposes for all His children.

All grace and blessing to you; *Brin Singleton*
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SERVICES in FEBRUARY

3rd Feb	9.30am 4.00pm	Parish Communion 1st@4 Service - <i>church with a difference!</i>
10th Feb	9.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship & *Trinity Starz* Evensong (BCP)
17th Feb	8.00am 9.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) Morning Prayer (BCP)
18th Feb (Mon)	10.30am	Songs of Praise at Steeple View – <i>All Welcome!</i>
24th Feb	9.30am 6.30pm	All-Age Family Worship Parish Communion

(BCP – *Book of Common Prayer*)

A PRAYER:

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

The '**1st @ 4' SERVICE** is a relaxed and popular, family orientated 'Church With A Difference' with some snacks afterwards!

Trinity Starz is for children of primary school age and provides fun activities at Holy Trinity. The children join in the first part of the service and then we go through to the church hall to enjoy bible stories, prayer and crafts until the main service finishes. Parents/carers are welcome to join us with their children or stay for the main service while children enjoy the activities. Children can be collected at the end for refreshments. We hope you will join us!

WEEKLY COFFEE CHURCH:

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

Come on in to the church hall for a free cup of tea/coffee and a chat, to wait for children coming out of school, perhaps for a quiet prayer, just to enjoy your Parish Church, or to enquire about church activities etc.

FOOD BANK BOX: If you would like to donate items for the Food Bank to help those in need of a helping hand, 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.

Stowupland PCC 100 Club

July 2018 Winners;

1st Prize	No 17	Mr M Hammond
2nd Prize	No 73	Mrs C Williams
3rd Prize	No 25	Mrs J Kirby

August 2018 Winners;

1st Prize	No 59	Mr S Hodgkins
2nd Prize	No 16	Mrs M Dierks
3rd Prize	No 102	Mrs S Ball

September 2018 Winners;

1st Prize	No 88	Mrs S Mollett
2nd Prize	No 103	Mrs C Cooper
3rd Prize	No 32	Mr J Finbow

October 2018 Winners;

1st Prize	No 47	Mrs A Parsell
2nd Prize	No 68	Mrs D Goodwin
3rd Prize	No 22	Mrs R Rozier

November 2018 Winners;

1st Prize	No 9	Mrs P Risby
2nd Prize	No 50	Mr T Wray
3rd Prize	No 14	Ms M Salmon

December 2018 Winners;

1st Prize	No 29	Mrs D Hall
2nd Prize	No 63	Mr K Welham
3rd Prize	No 55	Mrs S Ling

The 100 Club is registered with Mid Suffolk District Council

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY DATES

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: 'Medieval Drama' by Kate Jewell	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs 7	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – March issue		
Thurs 7	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Sun 10	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
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
Thurs 14	Parish Council	7.30pm	URC Chapel Hall
Thurs 14	Short Mat Bowls	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
Wed 20	W.I. : 'A Bouquet of Sugar Flowers' by Glenda Price	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs 21	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall
Fri 22	Coffee Morning	10.00am	URC Chapel Hall
Sun 24	Country & Western Dance	7.30pm	Village Hall
Mon 25	Dance Club	7.30pm	Village Hall
Tues 26	Mobile Library	9.30am	Jubilee Court
Tues 26	Mobile Library	9.55am	The Green
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
Wed 27	Stowmarket Wildlife Group: 'Creating Wildness' by Michael Strand	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs 28	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall

MARCH DATES

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: 'Gypsy Caravans' by Geoffrey Kay	7.30pm	Village Hall
Thurs 7	TELSTAR DEADLINE DATE – April issue		
Thurs 7	Short Mat Bowls	7.30pm	Village Hall

SOME FUTURE EVENTS

- March 11 Afternoon Fellowship
March 15 Community Quiz
March 29 Community Bingo (14+)
April 24 Wildlife Group
Sept 8 Walkers Cup

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

COMMUNITY BINGO

ALL CASH PRIZES

FRIDAY 29th MARCH

AT STOWUPLAND VILLAGE HALL

Doors open at 7.00pm Eyes down at 7.30

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We have had the most amazing end to the Autumn Term. On Thursday evening we enjoyed the Christmas Concert, with a wonderful and diverse range of singing, instrumental pieces and dance. The concert demonstrated the very high level of skill and talent that we have at our school. We also saw a very special Y10 conference take place this week. Eighty one Year 10 students attended, and took part in training to equip them to be able to support Year 7 students develop reading strategies. This initiative, led by Mrs Parsons and Mrs Burns, will start in the new year.

Finally, I must congratulate students and staff belonging to Edmund House, who have come top of the leaderboard this term. They will each enjoy a present from Santa and his elves on the last tutor time of the year on Tuesday!

Thank you to parents and carers for their support and well done to our students on their significant achievements this term. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming students back to school on 3rd January 2019!



HOUSE SYSTEM

The House League is up and running!

The new House system is already becoming firmly established as an important part of school life at Stowupland. Rivalries between Boudicca, Anderson, Ryder, Clarkson, Edmund and Wolsey have led to close-fought dodgeball tournaments, foodbank collections, art competitions and even staff quizzes!

Our six Houses have been regularly competing to win the school League each half term. Boudicca won our first half term and enjoyed an ice cream celebration and the winners of this half term will receive a present from our very own Santa Claus.

Pupils have said how they enjoy the competition between the Houses and they like to see where their House is each week in the league standings. There are lots of ideas for new ways of winning those all-important tokens for the New Year too. It seems the whole school is really taking to the system and they all want to win!

Mr Bartholomew



LILLE TRIP

On Friday 14th, the year 7's went on a day trip to Lille, France. We departed in the early hours on Friday morning and set off en route to Lille.



Once we had gotten through the euro tunnel, we still had a little bit further to go to our first stop - the waffle factory!

After eating waffles, we moved on to the main attraction of the Christmas market in the middle of Lille! The market was littered with little stalls selling an amazing range of gifts, food, drink and Christmas decorations.



After experiencing the Christmas market, we then went to the ferris wheel in the square where brave individuals went up and saw the fantastic views from above. This was a nice close to our trip to France.

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NEWS

Church Secretary: Anne Scarff
Telephone 01449 774792

We held a Carol Service on 16th December 2018 and this was led by Keith Scarff. There was also a Carol Service in the afternoon of 16th December 2018 and the collection from both services amounted to £226.35 and has been sent to East Anglia Children's Hospices. This helps in a small way towards their wonderful work.

On 20 January, as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we joined Holy Trinity to celebrate this occasion.

The next coffee morning to be held at the Chapel will be on Friday 22nd February 10am to 12noon. We hope to see you there.

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 February are as follows:

3rd	February	John Webb
10th	February	Nigel Crisp
17th	February	Howard Cracknell
24th	February	Rev Richard Edwards

Afternoon Fellowship

On Monday 10th December 2018 the Afternoon Fellowship arranged a Carol Service at the Chapel. This was led by Keith Scarff and lots of people were there to swell the singing. The music group and choir from Stowupland High School accompanied the singing. They also did individual pieces for us to enjoy and it gave our voices a rest. Our thanks to the High School teachers and children for once again joining us, always a highlight. The collection of £162.25 was sent to East Anglia Children's Hospices.

We recommence our meetings on 11th March at 2.30pm. We welcome anyone who would like to join us (male or female). Come and enjoy the interesting speakers and fellowship and not forgetting a cuppa and cake.

Mary Clark

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”

John 15:12 | NIV

As we welcome in the new month some may approach February with some trepidation...remember the end of February 2018? Heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures caused travel disruption as the wintry weather took over. Police reported several crashes as driving conditions worsened, schools were closed, and The Met Office warned of freezing conditions. Yes, The Beast from The East had arrived.

February is the shortest month of the year; the month of Love as it holds Valentine’s Day in its midst; and the month of whispered hopes. A time when those green tips are pushing through the soil. We know winter has still a sting in its tail but there is always the promise of new life and warmer days ahead.

When the outward signs are dull it can be all too easy to slip into a negative state of mind, so it is important that we do all we can to brighten our day and even more important, where possible, to brighten the day of someone else.

What if you turned your focus to others?

Perhaps it is time we made February a month that focused on love? Not on romantic love, but on loving the people closest to you, on loving people in our community and on loving ourselves. The kind of love which Christians throughout the world are charged with sharing the love of God, a love so freely given to us yet often kept within us. Jesus told us to love one another. So, in February let us spread a little love around our little corner of the world.

Within the calendar of February there are several days where our focus can be on others, here are just a few:

Feb 1st National Freedom from Slavery day.

Feb 7th National Send a card to a friend day.

Feb 11th Make a friend day

Feb 14th Valentine’s Day

Feb 15th No one eats alone Day

Feb 17th National Random Acts of Kindness Day

Feb 28th National Chocolate Souffle Day

Make this February a positive month where God’s love is seen in all of us.

Anne Scarff (Secretary to Stowmarket URC group of Churches)

JUNIOR PAGE

It may not have snowed where you are but you can have fun colouring in this cold and frosty picture. Look for ten words that remind you of winter.



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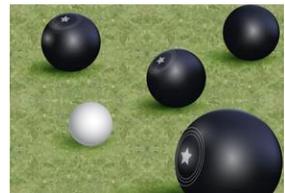
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ELMSWELL BOWLS CLUB

"We hope everyone has enjoyed a good Christmas and New Year. Work at the Club House and ground continued throughout the winter. As for the green itself, the work and maintenance is ongoing of course, but at the time of writing the surface was looking very good.

We are fast approaching the new bowling season.

This now brings us to two grants recently received which have been used in respect with work carried out in the Club House to assist with the cost of materials, labour etc. The first from Mid Suffolk District Council was arranged by Mr Keith Welham and totalled £600 and the second grant £279.65, was arranged by Mr Gary Green of Suffolk County Council. Elmswell Bowls Club wishes to express its sincere thanks.

We are all eager to start bowling during April, and it would be nice to have some new faces to play alongside us and enjoy the sport."

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Saturday 18 May - 10am

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For more details please download our programme from

www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/wildlifegroup

or contact John by email: swtstowmarket@gmail.com or ring: 01449 676471

STOWMARKET WILDLIFE GROUP - SUFFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST

COMBS WOOD

Loads of valuable work on the rides were completed by the local winter work parties on Sunday mornings. The April flowers responded by increasing their numbers in spring, a good showing of oxlips and early purple orchids in addition to wood garlic, bluebells, celandine, violets and wood anemones. A later showing of different orchids occurred in the south end of the wood in June.



The usual migrant birds were present, supplementing the indigenous species we expect to see. It was a bonus to hear two song thrushes singing. A species of butterfly, the pearl washed fritillary, which I had not seen previously in Combs Wood, appeared in June in good numbers, enjoying the thistle flowers on the rides.

LOCAL TAWNY OWL PROJECT

Our local nest boxes showed very little usage by tawny owls. The boxes at Crooks Farm, Muntons Copse, Bonny Wood (2), Dagworth and Baylham Hall were all unused. The Combs Wood box was in use by a single non breeding Tawny Owl.

Our much larger Suffolk project involving 47 nest boxes showed a similar trend with only 16 pulli being ringed. The British Trust for Ornithology is showing concern in what appears to be a decline in numbers.

EVENTS

The programme of events for 2019 is now complete. Our first event is CREATING WILDNESS with Michael Strand on Wednesday 27 February at 7.30pm. This will take place at Stowupland village hall. Admission is £2.50 including refreshments. Other events during the year include a walk at Bonny Wood. talks on buzzards, wildlife crime and diseases in trees. The complete programme can be downloaded from www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/wildlifegroups or by email

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For further information please contact our sports centre staff:

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We are a friendly group and would make you very welcome.

We have been in existence since 2003 and meet in each other's houses - usually, on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm.

These are some of the books which we will be reading during the next year – or you can suggest your own.

Two Steps Forward – Graeme Samson and Anne Buist

A Gentleman in Moscow – Amor Towles

Tess of the d'Urbervilles – Thomas Hardy

Winter in Madrid – C.J. Sanson

A God in Every Stone – Kamilla Shamsie

Why not come along to the next meeting – 6th March.

We are waiting for YOU.

Please come and join us. For more information please phone.

Chris Blanch – 01449 612156

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INSPIRING WOMEN

November meeting

At the annual meeting we had only slight changes with Irene Bugg retiring and Elaine Clark and Janet Howard joining us on the committee, Colleen was re elected as President. The Kettle Girls came to entertain us afterwards with their very enjoyable singing.

December meeting This month's choice of entertainment was in the guise of a Pantomime Dame when Horry and Sue Parsons came to visit and talk to us about their love of pantomime. (Oh no they didn't). They have been dressing up and telling daft jokes on stage for years, (oh no they haven't). Horry has written a few Pantomimes himself, (oh no he hasn't). We ate homemade shortbread, mince pies and drank mulled wine and hot chocolate, and ended the evening with a Christmas draw.

2019 The Stowupland WI has a full programme for 2019. Our speaker for February is Glenda Price; her talk is entitled "A bouquet of sugar flowers". We welcome all who would like to come and see what the WI is all about. Entry is £4 for visitors.

Colleen.

(Judy Clarke has been unwell in hospital but is now recovering at home. We wish her a speedy recovery.)

Outing 2019

Little Bentley Hall, near Colchester – waterways & garden shows – Saturday June 1st. Party rate £7 p.p. + coach fee"



STOWUPLAND SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

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The Sports and Social Club have made a change to the bar opening times over the winter months

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BAKE-OFF IS BACK!!!

This year's Annual Parish Meeting is arranged for Tuesday 26 March at Stowupland High School from 5.45pm.

The evening will begin with the students at the school welcoming residents and visitors. There will also be the chance to speak to Councillors, try the cakes and enjoy the refreshments before the meeting starts at 7.30pm.

All residents, village organisations and charities will be able to enter the competition:-

Groups

- **Under 11**
- **11-18 years**
- **Adults**

Categories

- **Victoria Sponge**
- **Chocolate cake**
- **Biscuits**

An annual Parish Meeting is organised by the Parish Council and it is an opportunity for the Parish Council, organisations and charities within the village to report on their activities during the year. It is also an opportunity for resident to ask questions and provide feedback to all these groups