



STOW BUGLE

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE
RESIDENTS OF STOW PARISH

Welcome to our Spring 2021 online edition. We hope that you are all keeping safe and well. Please circulate this to anyone you know in the Stow area and, if you know someone, who does not have access to a computer, please print them off a copy.

There will be a copy placed on the Stow village noticeboard.

We are circulating the Bugle and also periodic Stow updates via email as well as publishing it on our Parish website and on the Stow Community and Event page on Facebook. If you did not receive this directly and would like to be on our mailing list, please send your name and email address to Clare on clare_ella@hotmail.com as she has kindly offered to co-ordinate the list for us. Your email address will be kept securely and will not be disclosed to third parties.

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The Annual Parish Meeting

is scheduled for
6.30pm on Tuesday 4th May
to be followed by the **Parish Council meeting.**

The Council meetings are currently on zoom.

If you are interested in attending, you will find the link on the agenda, which will be posted on our website, on Facebook and a copy will be on the village noticeboard.

The Parish Council website can be found at: <https://stow.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

SPEEDWATCH VOLUNTEERS

Our thanks to all those who have come forward to be part of Stow Speedwatch team. We are still looking for more volunteers, so if you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk at: stowparishclerk@gmail.com

We are hoping to arrange training for later in the summer/early autumn.

Welcome Pack

The Parish Council realized there were a significant number of new residents in the area and we wanted to welcome them and to provide them with useful information about the area in to which they have moved. We decided to put together a small Welcome Pack of information.

So far we have delivered eleven packs to new households. If you have received a pack, do let us know if you found it helpful and if there is other information you think should be included. If you have moved into the area, but not yet received a pack, do get in touch and we will arrange for a pack to be delivered to you.

Contact: stowparishclerk@gmail.com

Stow Parish Council Objectives

At their meeting on 15th March 2021 the Parish councilors agreed the following high-level objectives at the start of the 2021/22 financial year:

1. Keep the precept as low as we can whilst continuing to provide an appropriate level of services.
2. Complete the Neighbourhood Plan, and propose it for acceptance in a referendum of those eligible to vote on it.
3. Review the 'Community Aspirations' in the Neighbourhood Plan, make plans for fulfilling those that we are able to, and publish explanations for those, which we are unable to.
4. Appoint individuals to monitor various areas of Stow Parish Council's (SPC's) responsibilities, develop proposals and draw SPC's attention to the need for action when necessary. By doing this, expand the participation of parishioners in SPC's activities
5. Monitor performance of the service provision to the Parish by local authority service providers, and take action to improve same as appropriate
6. Establish the extent of land ownership by SPC, and grey areas. Create a plan for resolving the grey areas.
7. Form a plan for the use of the space and renewal of the Playground equipment with input from parents and children, and renew those items for which we have the funds
8. Expand the use of digital communication between SPC and Parishioners
9. Conduct our own activities, and respond to planning consultations, in line with the relevant aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan
10. Issue 'The Bugle' newsletter approximately 4 times per year.

It is appreciated that realising these objectives will take some time, and that the Council may need continued and/or additional support from parishioners to do so.

COMING SOON TO A PLAYPARK NEAR YOU.....

We are delighted to announce that we have ordered a fabulous new piece of equipment for the playpark. It will replace the piece that has become rather tired and worn. We have been able to fund it using grants plus a donation from local residents. We very much appreciate their contributions. When it arrives we will need to close the Playpark for a short while, but the equipment should be in place for the summer holidays.

We hope you will agree with us that it will be a real asset to the playpark and will be enjoyed by many children.



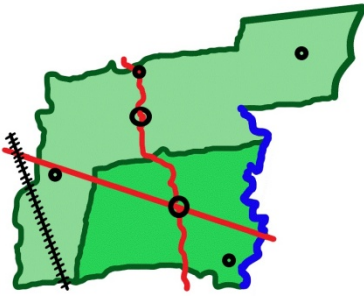
Litter Picking

Being one of the many people in Stow who occasionally walks around and picks up litter I mentioned to someone that it would be nice if a piece could be put in the 'Bugle' to say how good it is that so many people are obviously doing this in order to help keep our village looking tidy. Of course, I immediately found myself with the job!

I know that most people make the effort to keep the area around their own house clear of litter and the people who help keep the other areas clear are doing a really good job. Great to think that we have such community spirit, and very encouraging to realise that so many of us care about the environment we live in and are prepared to do something about it.

Carolyn Turner.

If anyone else would like to do some independent litter picking when taking their daily exercise, there are bags as well as some litter pick sticks and hoops for the plastic bags that you can borrow. Contact Anne on: 07836671938.



UPDATE FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

The creation of the first Sturton By Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Plan has reached a momentous stage. After much dotting of Is and crossing of Ts in recent weeks, the planning group has submitted the draft plan, supported by a myriad of other evidence-based documents, to the 2 parish councils for approval. As the planning group has included parish councillors in its membership from the outset, we are confident that we have met all the requirements and that the draft plan is ready for submission to West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) as the local planning authority. They in turn will engage an independent planning inspector who will ensure that we have indeed dotted all the Is and crossed all the Ts and, importantly, check that our proposals comply with higher level planning policy and national legislation. The Planning Inspector will be experienced in reviewing these kinds of submissions so will be able to advise us on what final

amendments will be required to translate the plan to Final Plan status ready for a public referendum. Although the Government's Coronavirus legislation allows public referenda to re-commence from 6th May there is a considerable backlog to be worked through, so we have set our sights on holding our referendum following the School summer holidays which will allow everybody to participate. It has been an over-long journey thanks to the pandemic, but the small neighbourhood planning group has stuck to its task on behalf of you, our friends and neighbours, and we hope that you will support the plan when it comes the time to vote.

ST EDITH'S

Enjoying your daily exercise? Want a new place to visit and learn about? There is a new facility at St Edith's Church, Coates.



St Edith's with medieval moat to the foreground

St Edith's is recognised for its outstanding historical value as well as its peaceful tranquillity. Over the years many visitors have come to Coates, by cycle, car and even by walking; it is part of the pilgrimage trail as well. Throughout the Covid lockdown it came apparent that people were still visiting Coates to sit quietly for personal worship or even discovering St Edith's for their first time. Seeing an article in the local Dioceses News Letter about a church near Grantham installing an information point, a case was made for Heritage Lottery funding to install one at St Edith's.

We are delighted to inform you that the information point is now fully installed and operational at St Edith's Church, Coates. So how does it work? It is similar to an intranet, but self-supporting, so has no internet connectivity. The area it covers is inside the Church and most of its grounds; so even when the church is locked you can still have a virtual tour; hence brilliant in lockdown situations.

So how do you access the info point? Placed on the Church door and near to the entry gate there are laminated sheets with two QR codes on them, simply scan both following the instructions with your phone and the site will appear automatically, giving a main menu. From the menu you can chose your options, from News, Services & Events to History

of Coates, internal or external. In due course, this will be updated and added to.

So, we do hope you enjoy your visit to Coates even more so now and in the future. Please support St Edith's with a small donation when visiting to help us maintain this valued old church.

*Thank you and take care
Coates Parochial Church Council*

LOCAL WALKS

One of the Policies in the Neighbourhood Plan concerns the promotion of walking and cycling in our area. This was something of keen interest to those who participated in the walkabouts in Spring 2019. One of the things we now want to do is develop a series of leaflets that recommend different routes for people.

During lockdown there have been a lot more local people using the Public Rights of Way (PROWs) and quieter lanes for their daily exercise. Have you found a particular footpath, which you and your family have enjoyed and would recommend to others? Would you be prepared to help in preparing a short leaflet giving the route and things to look out for, for example: the pollarded oak, which used to act as a waymarker, on Green Lane (see the Neighbourhood Profile page 85, which was written up after the walkabouts: www.sturtonandstowplan.co.uk); or which verge has a particularly good display of wildflowers or where you will find a seat for a well earned rest?

If you would like to help, please get in touch with our Parish Clerk at: stowparishclerk@gmail.com or on 01522 704687

Update from Stow Recreation Fund

A third flashing speed warning sign has been purchased and will be used with the other two in rotation on the 4 roads entering the village's 30mph speed limit.

We are still waiting to hear back from Lincs highways department for approval of the locations and draft designs for the decorative village signs.

Clare Ella Secretary - Tel 07805 057583 or email StowRecreationFund@outlook.com

Bus Services

Information from Lincbus

Due to the Government roadmap for unlocking restrictions between now and summer, there are many bus service changes up and coming in the next few months. Our team are working hard on roadside information and online updates for these service changes however, due to the volume of revision and updates, we are unable to send individual parishes notification of individual service changes to your area. Please keep an eye out on www.Lincbus.info (<https://lincbus.info/bus-services/lincs-bus-updates/>) for all service updates in Lincolnshire, as this is where all changes will be listed and updated. For help and advice regarding public transport, please call the Lincolnshire Transport Helpline- 0345 456 447

Advance notice

Not perhaps as in previous years, but the annual village bike ride is back. It is a great local event so put the date in your diary.

STOW FUN RAISERS ANNUAL VILLAGE BIKE RIDE

2.30pm SUNDAY 29th AUGUST 2021

starting from Stow Village Green down the lanes and on some tracks not normally open to the public.
Maps will be available.

Unfortunately this year we will not be able to provide the mid point refreshment stop, so please bring a drink with you.

All welcome, but children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Followed by:

PICNIC ON THE VILLAGE GREEN & IN THE PLAY PARK

at 3.30pm

Bring your own food and drink (or treat yourselves to a Cross Keys picnic box, which must be booked in advance).

We will have a few plastic chairs available, but if you can bring your own rugs or chairs that would be great.

for more information nearer the time go to:

www.stowfunraisers.wordpress.com

or

follow Stow Fun Raisers on Facebook



STURTON AND STOW AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

at 2pm SUNDAY 23rd MAY 2021

in STURTON VILLAGE HALL

Face masks must be worn and social distancing observed.

www.sturtonandstowshow.com

or follow us on Facebook

ALL WELCOME.

Do come along and help us plan the 2021 Show.

Getting in touch

If you want to raise an issue with the Parish Council, to volunteer, suggest a topic for the Bugle or nominate a local talent whom you think we should feature, you can do so by contacting the Parish Clerk at:

stowparishclerk@gmail.com or on 01522 704687

And the usual reminder to dog owners.....please clean up after your dog. There are bins by the cemetery, the footpath adjacent to the playpark, the north-east corner of the churchyard wall at the junction with Normanby Road, at the crossroads on Ingham Road and the entrance to the footpath off Ingham Road.