



STOW BUGLE

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE
RESIDENTS OF STOW PARISH

Welcome to our Summer 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 and on our website.

We try to circulate 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.

If you know of someone new who has moved into the Parish (Stow, Normanby, Coates and the surrounding rural area), please let the Parish Clerk know on stowparishclerk@gmail.com and we will arrange to deliver a Welcome Pack to them.

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PARISH COUNCIL

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

After serving 8 years as Chairman, Paula Justham, decided to step down from the role at our May meeting although she continues to serve as a councillor. Our heartfelt thanks to Paula for the commitment she has shown to the community in her service as Chairman. Pam Duncan has now taken on the role. Pam has been a councillor for two years and is also involved in the Neighbourhood Planning Group

The Council meetings are no longer on zoom. The next meeting is scheduled for **7pm Monday 12th July** in St Mary's. The agenda will be posted on our website, on Facebook and a copy will also be on the village noticeboard.

VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer to be more involved in village activities, please contact the Clerk to the Council on: stowparishclerk@gmail.com.

During the pandemic a number of local residents came forward to act as volunteers to help those who needed emergency food shopping or collecting prescriptions. In the event we were only called on a few times early on. However, we would like to thank all those who came forward – it was much appreciated.

All the Parish Councillors are volunteers. Have you ever thought about being a councillor? If you would like to know more about what it entails, please get in touch via our Clerk for an informal chat.

Play Park

The play park will be temporarily closed while the old piece of equipment is removed and the new equipment installed.

STURTON BY STOW YOUTH CLUB

Sturton by Stow Youth Club is a local, community funded youth organisation situated on the site of Sturton by Stow Primary School.

Open to anyone aged 11 - 18 years old, the aim is to provide a broad range of activities for young adults and teenagers from Sturton and the surrounding areas.

Stow Parish Council has supported the youth club through an annual grant.

At present they are open 7 - 9.15pm Mondays and Fridays, but you have to book a place. Details are available on the website:

<https://www.sbsyc.com>

To book a place contact:

07497 856557 or sbsyc2012@gmail.com

Message from West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) – lateral flow testing

Supervised COVID-19 Lateral Flow Testing is still available at Festival Hall, Market Rasen and West Lindsey Leisure Centre, Gainsborough for all members of the public to attend and is open 9am-5pm. From Tuesday 6th July – home testing kits will be handed out in the Market Place in Gainsborough and in Marshall’s Yard on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July. Public Health are asking us to encourage people to use the sites and to encourage people to get into the habit of testing twice a week.

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

Mobile Library Click & Pick Service



Delivering the Library outside the Old Post Office in Stow Village 11.30-12.00am on the following Wednesdays;

| April | May | June | July | August | September |
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| 14 th | 12 th | 9 th | 7 th | 4 th | 1 st 29 th |
| October | November | December | January | February | March |
| 27 th | 24 th | 22 nd | 19 th | 16 th | 16 th |

Adult & Junior Books, Talking Books & DVD's, access to the complete Lincolshire Library online catalogue to reserve items

For further information please contact the Lincolshire Mobile library Service on 07483017085 or email: graham.owen@gll.org



Thank you

A big thank you to Nick Chambers, who has kindly painted the cemetery gates for us. Thanks also to the Wauby family for helping us clear the dyke in front of the cemetery.



**STURTON AND STOW
AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION**

2ND OCTOBER 2021

Covid regulations permitting, we will be holding the 133rd Annual Show on 2nd October this year. It will be slightly different from previous Shows as we will be taking all the necessary safety precautions to minimise any Covid risks, but we will be aiming for a good afternoon out for all visitors as well as competitors.

All the usual popular classes will be available to enter, so if you got the gardening bug last year why don't you think about entering some of your fruit or veg? Or what about your cake baking (see below for more details on some changes), photography, jams and pickles, painting, Floral Art, wine making, handicrafts, needlework, flowers and more? There are plenty of classes to choose from including classes specifically for children.

Following the popularity of the Scarecrow competition last year we are holding it again. There will be a class for a traditional (standing) scarecrow and a class for a scarecrow with a Hollywood theme. We will be asking for scarecrows to be displayed on Saturday 25th September for judging that day with the prizes being announced on 26th. We want the scarecrows to be kept in place until 3rd so people can see them on Show Day. At the Show, a cup will be awarded for the best overall scarecrow.

Schedules with more details will be on the website: www.sturtonandstowshow.com or on Facebook nearer the time.

Contact the Secretary on 07960101199 or rebeccaandrews60@gmail.com

In the baking classes, there is a new class for a decorative cake, one tier and maximum 8", which will be judged on its decoration only and the gluten free cake is replaced with a vegan cake (recipe of your choice, but the recipe must be displayed on the day).

The Show recipe for this year for children is for honey and raisin oat cookies:

Honey & Raisin Oat Cookies

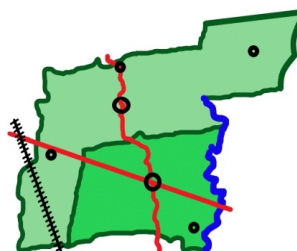
Ingredients:

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| 150g | Plain Flour |
| 90g | Porridge Oats |
| 200g | Caster Sugar |
| 90g | Raisins |
| 70g | Ground Almonds |
| 125g | Butter |
| 2 teaspoons | Cinnamon |
| ½ teaspoon | Bicarbonate of soda |
| 2 teaspoons | Boiling water |
| 2 tablespoons | Honey |

Method

1. Pre-heat oven 150°C/130°C fan/gas 2. Line 2 baking trays.
2. Combine flour, oats, cinnamon, sugar, raisins & ground almonds.
3. Melt butter. Combine boiling water, honey & biker. Add to butter.
4. Stir butter mixture into dry ingredients. Roll a level teaspoon into ball and press down lightly with spoon on baking trays. Leave room to spread when baking.
5. Bake for 20mins then cool.

Neighbourhood Plan Update



The final revisions are being made to the Regulation 16 draft Plan. The draft Plan, with other supporting documents, will be submitted to West Lindsey District Council. In due course there will be a referendum when you will be invited to vote on adoption of the Plan.

MESSAGE TO DOG WALKERS

There are some lovely walks around the area and they are particularly important to people's health and wellbeing. They are enjoyed by lots of people.

Please remember to clear up after your dog so that everyone can continue to enjoy their walks.

Crossing point

During the walkabouts in 2019 as part of the Neighbourhood Planning process, people pointed out that the lowered pavement for a wheelchair crossing on the main road through the village is in an unsafe place, given the traffic. The Parish Council has lobbied for sometime for it to be moved and has had meetings with Highways. We understand that the work is now scheduled for the week beginning 2nd August. It will involve temporary lights while the work is being done and is scheduled to take four days.

Our thanks to David Justham, who, on behalf of the Parish Council, has been looking into the history of ownership of Parish land. This is what he has discovered about the Parish Field:

Parish Field

In addition to the Play Park and the Cemetery, both on Stow Park Road, the Parish Council also owns a field on Fleets Lane. The history of how it came to be in the Parish Council's ownership begins with the 1803 Enclosure Act related specifically to Stow, Sturton and Bransby. The purpose of the Act was to enable the enclosure of common land surrounding the villages and to allocate to whom it should belong. The subsequent 1808 Enclosure Award map and details confirm that the land, now known as the Parish Field, was awarded to the Surveyor of Highways for Stow. The Surveyor of Highways was awarded the land "for the purpose of getting stone sand gravel and any other materials for repairing the public and private roads and highways within the said township of Stowe" and further grants to the surveyor the right to rent the field via a process of public auction to raise income. The Highways Act of 1835 required the surveyor to be elected annually at the Parish Meeting. At this time the Parish Meeting was held each year, and its principal purpose was to elect not only the Surveyor of Highways for the village, but also the Overseer for the Poor and the Churchwardens for the Parish.

In 1839 the field was recorded as still belonging to the Surveyor of Highways. It was then called "Stone Pit Close", and its state of cultivation as "grass". The Annual Parish Meeting was a long established process for community decision making and, prior to the Local Government Act 1894, was managed by the established church.

Lincolnshire Archives holds the minute book for 1894 to 1921 for the Stow Parish Meeting. One of the earliest entries records the meeting held on 15th April 1895 when a public auction was held at which Mr. Milns made a successful bid of £2 2s 6d to rent "Stone Pit Field" - and follows the Enclosure Award's prescribed process. The minute book shows that the field continued to be rented on an annual basis by the Parish Meeting.

The 1894 Local Government Act created Gainsborough Rural District Council, and allowed for Town and Parish Councils to be created, though Stow, being a small village, appears to have retained the option to manage its public affairs through the Parish Meeting until sometime after 1921 when the creation of Stow Parish Council eventually occurred. The Enclosure Award gave the field to the surveyor and to "successors for ever". For this reason the Parish Council inherited the field from the Parish Meeting, who had control of the field once there was no longer a parish appointed surveyor

SPEED LIMITS

After lobbying by the Parish Council for sometime, the County Council has changed the speed limit between Stow and Sturton to 40mph instead of 50mph.

We are still looking for Speedwatch volunteers and some online training is now available. If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk on: stowparishclerk@gmail.com

Need help or advice?

The Parish Council makes an annual grant to **Gainsborough Citizens Advice**.

If you need advice visit their website:
<http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/lindsey>

Contact 0808 278 7904 for initial advice
01754 761141 for ongoing clients/to cancel appointments.

They also run Adviceline: 0808 278 7904 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) (Freephone)

--- Provides a first point of contact for information and guidance on a wide range of matters.

If you need more in-depth advice (e.g. debt or welfare benefits) advice staff will book an appointment with an adviser specialising in that area.

Consumer service: 0808 223 1133 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) (Freephone)

--- We can help with: Advice on issues with goods and services you've bought, Reporting problems to Trading Standards, Etc.

Help to Claim (Universal Credit support): 0800 144 8 444 (Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm) (Freephone)

--- We can support you to make a new claim for Universal Credit, from opening your account to receiving your first full payment.

Get help with online scams: 0808 250 5050 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) (Freephone)

Polish Helpline: 03444 847 6128

Webchat: <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk> (Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm)

You can use Relay UK with an app or a textphone. There's no extra charge to use it. Find out how to use Relay UK on the Relay UK website.

Litter Picking

If anyone 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.

Potential community litter pick on 12th September.
Details nearer the time from Clare on:

clare_ella@hotmail.com

Or visit Stow Fun Raisers' blog;

www.stowfunraisers.wordpress.com

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