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STOW BUGLE

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF STOW PARISH

Stow, Normanby by Stow, Coates by Stow, and the surrounding rural area.

Welcome to our Autumn 2021 online edition.

Welcome to the bumper Autumn edition of the Bugle - our most interactive edition ever! There are lots of village activities and plans and proposals included in the articles, to which we would really appreciate **YOUR** response. Please take a few minutes to express your opinion/ vote/ sign up etc. and play a part in your parish community.

You will notice that we have, belatedly (for which we apologize) credited Brenda Langton with the photograph of the village sign, which we have been using. Brenda lived for over 30 years on Ingham Road and was well known to many people in the village.

Please circulate the Bugle 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, in St Mary's 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 stowvillage@outlook.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.pariah.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

The next meeting is scheduled for **7pm Monday 22nd November** 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 see something in the parish you think needs doing and would like to volunteer, please contact the Clerk to the Council on:

stowparishclerk@gmail.com.

Would anyone be interested in volunteering to do minor repairs to play park equipment as and when required? If so, please contact the Clerk.

STOP PRESS

FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER (to be confirmed)
CAROLS ROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE
Check Stow Community page on Facebook and
www.stowfunraisers.wordpress.com for updates.

Planting a tree

Some of you will be aware that a tree was taken down on the Village Green opposite St Mary's.

The Parish Council was to replace the tree in that position, but at the Parish Council Meeting on 6th September, there was a debate about this as some councillors expressed the view that they rather liked the open aspect this now gives. There were, however, strong views we should, in some way, replace the tree even if it was not in that exact position.

Before we decide on what best to do, we would like your views and there are three options:

1. Do nothing
2. Replace the tree on the Village Green
3. Plant a tree in replacement, but at another location. This could be:
 - a) In the meadow adjacent to the cemetery or
 - b) on the Parish Field.

(We already have several trees in the Play Park and would want to maintain the space for play).

Please let the Parish Clerk know your preferred option (including, if voting for 3, whether you prefer a) or b) or have a different option) by emailing her on: stowparishclerk@gmail.com or phoning 01522 704687

Please let us have your comments by **Thursday 18th November** so we can consider all your views at the next Parish Council meeting.

MAINTENANCE OF FOOTPATHS

The responsibility for the maintenance of public footpaths lies with the County Council. If you find a fault with a footpath you can report it to the County Council via their website www.lincolnshire.gov.uk.

However, the owner of any property (residential or commercial) adjoining a public footpath is responsible for their side of it and must ensure any hedge or fence does not obstruct the lawful passage of pedestrians. This means if a tree or hedge on your property's boundary is overhanging a footpath and blocking it, it is your responsibility to remove it.

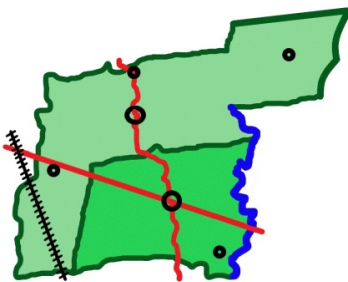
The County Council has the power to remove any obstruction and to bill the householder for any costs.

Maintenance of Public Rights of Way (PROW) eg across fields, is the responsibility of the landowner. If you become aware of a problem with access to a PROW you can contact the Countryside Service at the County Council: countrysideaccess@lincolnshire.gov.uk or phone 01522 782070.

New bench for Stow Park Road – exercise your vote

The Stow Recreation Fund committee will make a decision on November 8th as to whether the new bench on Stow Park Road, (to be positioned on the verge to the north of the road, east of the entrance to the public bridleway towards Willingham) will be facing north (Willingham) or the south (Sturton).

If you haven't yet voted for your preference – there is a poll pinned as an announcement on the village Facebook page, or you can vote by emailing stowrecreationfund@outlook.com



UPDATE FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

The creation of the first Sturton By Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Plan has reached a momentous stage.

After collating all the comments that came in during the Regulation 14 consultation and making the necessary amendments, the planning group, on behalf of the two Parish Councils, has, under Regulation 16, submitted our draft Plan and supporting documents to West Lindsey District Council (WLDC). There has been a further period of consultation – see the official notice from WLDC – which finished on October 22nd with comments direct to WLDC. After that, an independent examiner will be appointed to scrutinise the draft Plan and make any final recommendations for changes, prior to a public referendum.

Free security marking for bikes and tack

Lincolnshire Police are offering to arrange a session to security mark bikes and (horse) tack if we are interested. If you would like the Parish Council to ask them to run a free session in Stow, please let the Clerk know and if we have enough interest we will set something up.

stowparishclerk@gmail.com
or on 01522 704687

No kite flying in the play park

We need to remind parents that kite flying **is not allowed** in the play park because of overhead cables.

We have given notice (the required one year) to Northern Power to remove the telegraph pole from the play park.

Defibrillator training

Further to previous notices, and the post on the village Facebook page, the training is now likely to happen on a Thursday in late November or early December, during the day.

Clare is still chasing LIVES for confirmation of the date/ time, but due to the amount of interest, thinks they will be at the Cross Keys for 2 hours and we will split the time into 3 x 40 minute sessions, with different people in each session. Further details will be circulated to everyone who expresses an interest in attending to learn, or have a refresher on, how to use the defibrillator. Once you've attended a session you should feel confident in using any defibrillator, and realise how simple it can be to potentially save lives.

If you would be interested in attending and have not already commented on the post on the village Facebook page, please comment now, or contact stowrecreationfund@outlook.com, or leave a message for Clare on 07805 057583. Please provide an email address and preferred contact number so that we can contact you once the date and time are confirmed.

Message from the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership - New air freshener campaign to remind road users to stay safe

Our new road safety campaign will urge drivers to "Belt up. Hang up. Ease up." every time they step inside their vehicle.

We're offering free air fresheners for members of the public, with each featuring a simple message to give people pause for thought before they set off on their journey. The air fresheners are jasmine-scented, feature a red outline to represent a "stop" sign, and three icons representing each theme, along with the slogan.

On far too many occasions, we witness first-hand the devastating consequences that speeding, using a mobile phone at the wheel, or failing to wear a seatbelt can have.

Research shows:

1. You are four times more likely to be in a crash if you use your phone, and reactions two times slower if you text and drive than if you drink drive;
2. This increases to 3 times if you use a handheld phone;
3. You are twice as likely to die if you don't wear a seat belt, and people are less likely to use seat belts on short or familiar journeys;
4. If someone drives more than 10 to 15% above the average speed of the traffic around them, they are much more likely to be involved in an accident.

It was launched on Wednesday 29th September by Lincolnshire Police and the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership to encourage people to take responsibility for safer driving as the nights get darker.

The air fresheners can be collected from the front desk at the police station in Gainsborough and local PCSO and officers in the Neighbourhood Policing Teams will hand them out where possible.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Cross Keys – Thank you

Despite being organised in only two weeks, the coffee morning and craft fayre at the Cross Keys on Friday 24th September, was a great success and raised £1,120.17 for Macmillan to support those living with cancer in our area.

The organisers, Hayley, Louise and Clare, would like to thank everyone for all their support – including those who donated raffle and tombola prizes, baked and donated cakes, ran stalls, served refreshments, helped to set up and pack away, publicised the event, directed parking, came along and bought raffle tickets, played the games, bought goods from the stalls, and of course ate cake!!

SOLAR FARM PLANS

You may have seen the feature on Look North or read about it in the Lincolnshire Echo - plans are afoot for a major solar energy development this side of the Trent. The development includes the Cottam and West Burton former power stations with the land for siting the solar panels being in West Lindsey.

The proposed Cottam I would cover land in the Stow and Sturton parishes. There will be a period of public consultation expected to start this autumn.

You will find further details at:

www.cottamsolar.co.uk

Stow and Sturton Parish councils will be working closely together to consider the impact of the plans on our parishes.

If you have any comments on the proposals so far please let our Clerk have them.

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.

Carols round the Christmas Tree

6.30pm Friday 17th December
(to be confirmed)

The annual community singing of carols and Christmas songs around the village Christmas tree at the crossroads is provisionally planned for Friday 17th December at 6.30pm.

As usual warm mince pies and hot drinks will be provided and everyone from the parish and their families and friends are invited to come along and join in. Confirmation of the date and further details will be posted on the Stow Community Facebook page and at www.stowfunraisers.wordpress.com soon, and emailed to everyone on the village email list at the end of November



Sturton and Stow walking Christmas craft market is bigger than ever and is taking place on Sunday 21st November from 10.30am - 2pm in various locations throughout the villages.

With over 40 stalls there's a wide range of crafts from our local creative community including Christmas gifts, food and more.

Parking is available at Sturton-by-Stow Primary School for a small fee along with a map of stalls. Head to "Sturton by Stow Community" Facebook page for up-to-date information.

50 stalls at the last count! Stalls include: stained glass gifts, knitted items, cards, Christmas wreaths, scarves, plants and so much more. Starting with freshly cooked burgers on Saxilby Road, stalls throughout Sturton and Stow. Freshly made sausage rolls at the Cross Keys where they will also have 7 stalls, onto Church Road and dried flowers at East Farm in Normanby!

STOW LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR

After the great success and popularity of last year's Living Advent calendar, and lots of enthusiasm on the village Facebook page for it to be repeated, there will be another one in Stow this year.

For those of you new to the village - the idea is that volunteers from 24 houses in Stow will decorate and light up a window in their house with festive decorations in December. One window is 'opened' each day from 1st to the 24th December and remains illuminated until 12th night (6th January). The aim is simply to have fun and create a nice way of bringing the community together. It isn't a competition and we hope that people of all generations will want to get involved.

What do we do to take part?

You decorate a window in your house that can be seen from the road/ public footpath, and 'reveal' it on your allocated day in Advent – if possible have it lit up either with decorative lights or have the room light on. No-one will be coming on to your property to view the window, so there won't be any security or social distancing issues.

What kind of decorations should we use?

Anything you like! The only guidelines are that it needs to be centred around a window that can be viewed by the public, and it needs to have your allocated number (date) as part of the display so that people know you are part of the Advent calendar. Maybe cut out some folded snowflakes and stick them to the inside of your window, knit or crochet a snowman and hang it in the window, draw a picture, hang some baubles on a piece of Christmas tree, make a little wreath, do something on the theme of the number you are given eg. '5 gold rings' if you get 5th December, depict your favourite Christmas Carol or Christmas story.... Use your imagination – but it doesn't have to be complicated or elaborate - there is no need to go and buy anything expensive!

How will we know where the windows are each day?

We will put a map of the Living Advent Calendar on the Stow Community Facebook page, on the notice board in the bus shelter, in a window at the Cross Keys, will email it out to anyone who asks for a copy or pop a copy through the letterbox of anyone who is not 'on the internet' and would still like to follow the trail.

How do we take part?

Please email stowvillage@outlook.com or message or comment on the thread about the calendar on the **Stow Community Facebook** page, by **Friday 12th November**, so that we can allocate the numbers in plenty of time for you to get planning ready for the first person to start revealing their window on 1st December.

Stow Recreation Fund – public meeting

As most of the projects funded by the SRF have now been completed, the trustees are starting to plan for the winding up of the fund. We hope that the village signs, and the last bench, will all be in place by the end of the year and that the defibrillator training will have taken place.

The SRF constitution provides that in order for it to be wound up, there has to be approval from a 2/3 majority of those present and entitled to vote at a Special General Meeting. A report will be prepared prior to such a meeting, with a map showing the locations of the various projects and a breakdown of the monies spent on each project. This will be displayed on a noticeboard in the church and on the village noticeboard, and emailed out to all residents who are on the village email list.

The public meeting will take place as soon as possible after the projects are completed, so hopefully in January 2022. Can anyone who would be interested in attending such a meeting please give an indication of whether they would prefer it to be face to face eg in the church, or virtual by means of a zoom link. Please email stowrecreationfund@outlook.com with your preference, or contact Clare on 07805 057583



**Sturton and Stow Agricultural and Horticultural Association
133rd Annual Show 2nd October 2021**

We're back! After 2020, it was great to be back. Unfortunately entries were down on 2019, but there were still plenty of exhibits and some fierce competition. The Scarecrow competition had fewer entries, but they were of a high standard. The rain did not deter enthusiastic supporters from attending on Show day and it was good to see familiar faces, to welcome newcomers and to see the delight of young and old on seeing their work (or that of their friends and relatives) on display.

The Committee would like to thank all of you who came along on the day; all those who entered the different classes; the judges; the stewards; the sponsors; the School for providing the venue and supporting many children's classes such as art; the Youth Club for excellent refreshments (the bacon rolls were a particular success!); the organisations who had displays or a stall; the valiant classic car drivers, who braved the rain; and last, but by no means least, our President, Tricia Elliott, who gave freely of her time and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all those who won prizes or trophies. The winner of the P. Cottingham Challenge Cup for most points by a resident of Stow was Liz Tomlinson and the winner for the best Scarecrow was David Tomlinson. You will find photos and details of trophy winners at: www.sturtonandstowshow.com or on Facebook. Our next Show will be on Saturday 1st October 2022. See you then.

Thank you



Following on from the residents' meeting in August there was a successful clearance day on 1st October for St Mary's Crescent and South Drive residents. Our thanks to ACIS, who organised a skip and extra help, also for clearing the walkway between St Mary's Crescent and Ingham Road. Thank you to all the residents who participated



David Tomlinson won the best overall scarecrow with 'Scarecrow dancing with a Hollywood starlet.' Photograph, courtesy of Loraine White, shows the judge and President of the Show, Tricia Elliott, by the winning entry.

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.

Regretfully, this event is cancelled due to lack of interest.

Let's come together to celebrate Christmas.

Christmas Lunch at Sturton by Stow Village Hall

Wednesday 22nd December

Halloween and Bonfire Night

With both **Halloween and Bonfire Night** coming up, just a reminder to consider those residents who do not enjoy such occasions including pets, who find the noise of fireworks frightening.

There is a Halloween Trail in Sturton (maps £2 from the Tastery or Sturton Stores).

For those who want to celebrate Bonfire Night there is a good community bonfire and fireworks display at **6.30pm Saturday 6th November** on the Recreation field in Sturton. Parking is at Bradshaws and the school. Tickets are available from Sturton Stores and the school. Family tickets are only available in advance.



The Play Park

...and last, but by no means least, here are two pictures of the new piece of equipment in situ in the play park. We have already had positive feedback from one of our young residents on the slide!

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: stowparishclerk@gmail.com or on 01522 704687

