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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 Spring 2022 online edition.

Welcome to this edition of the Bugle. We are looking ahead to the Jubilee and Stow Fun Raisers are planning some great activities over the bank holiday weekend to celebrate; read about what is planned and how you can help.

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.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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

The **Annual Parish Meeting**, to which all residents are invited, will be at 6pm on Monday 9th May 2022 in St Mary's and will be followed by the first meeting of the new Parish Council. Both agendas will be posted on our website, on Facebook and copies will also be on the village noticeboard and in St Mary's near the Post Office.

Volunteers needed

If you see something in the parish you think needs doing and would like to volunteer to help, please contact the Clerk to the Council on: stowparishclerk@gmail.com.

Councillor vacancy – what about you?

There will be a vacancy in Stow. If you are interested in being a councillor please contact the Parish clerk to express your interest. She will then be in touch with you about the process.

Jubilee celebrations

We have some exciting plans for the Jubilee. Read more about it on page 2, and if you think you can help, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk. stowparishclerk@gmail.com

Thank you

A thank you to Stow Fun Raisers, who over the years have bought the bulbs for the Village Green at the crossroads and especially Janet Davies, who has planted most of them. They are looking lovely.

Tree planting

SPC has planted 100 young tree saplings in the Parish field (down Fleets Lane), 25 each of Silver Birch, Hornbeam, Alder and Wild Cherry. Just a little bit towards helping to reduce global warming.

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STOW RECREATION FUND

You will have noticed that the decorative village signs purchased with money from Stow Recreation Fund are now in place. They were made by Stow craftsman Phil Sharp and aim to provide a unique, long lasting welcome into our village on all four entry roads. There are plans, subject to Highways approval, to add a white reflective backing behind the word STOW on each of the signs, to improve visibility both day and night. The cost of the proposed planters at the base of each sign has risen significantly and so a selection of bulbs will now be planted in the verges around the signs. This change of plans, and the proposal to wind up the Fund with the balance after the payment of all liabilities being transferred to the Stow Parish Council on agreed terms, were approved by all those who attended the public meeting on Monday 21st March. The final accounts of the Fund will be published once all liabilities for the projects have been settled and the remaining balance has been calculated. Thank you to our photographers.



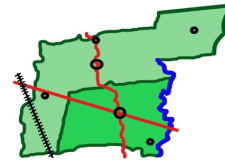
Photo by Clare Ella



Photo by Pete Garton



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP



The Independent Examiner appointed by West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) has completed his report and the final amendments are being made to the Plan. Thank you to all of you who have helped us get this far. Please note that the referendum will take place on Thursday 26th May when you will be asked to vote on: **“Do you want West Lindsey District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Sturton by Stow and Stow to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”** Take the opportunity to have a look at the Plan online either on the Sturton and Stow Neighbourhood Plan website: www.sturtonandstowplan.co.uk or on West Lindsey’s site: www.west-lindsey.gov.uk and please vote in the referendum.



Celebrating the Platinum Jubilee
Thursday 2nd - Sunday 5th June 2022

There will be a lot happening over the bank holiday weekend here in Stow to celebrate the Jubilee.

- To be confirmed Planting of our Jubilee tree and unveiling of the Jubilee seat on the Village Green
- Saturday 4th 1pm (tbc) Bike Ride and 2pm (tbc) BBQ and cakes with entertainment on the Village Green
- Sunday 5th 10.30 – 11.30 at St Mary’s Service of thanksgiving. Everyone is welcome to come along to a service celebrating the 70 year reign of Queen Elizabeth II. 1pm (tbc) 50’s themed street party on the Village Green - with food, games for the children and entertainment.

We will be asking local gardeners to donate flowers from their gardens to decorate St Mary’s for the weekend. Can you grow some for us? Are you a flower arranger? Could you help us with the displays? Do you like baking? Can you donate one of your cakes (or maybe more!) for the cake stalls on Saturday and Sunday?

We also need volunteers to help putting out tables and chairs, and putting up the bunting on Saturday and putting it all away on Sunday.

If you feel you can help please contact the parish clerk: stowparishclerk@gmail.com

West Lindsey Churches Festival
14th and 15th May

St Mary's, Stow and St Edith's, Coates are both taking part in the Open Churches festival on the second weekend, 14th and 15th May. For details of the 100 churches open across West Lindsey visit the festival website:
www.churchesfestival.info

CITIZEN'S ADVICE

On 21st February the Parish Council (PC) agreed a grant of £50 towards the running of the Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) in Gainsborough. CABs provide free, confidential and impartial advice and campaign on big issues affecting people's lives. Their goal is to help everyone find a way forward, whatever problem they face. They are an independent charity and part of the Citizens Advice network across England and Wales.

The Guildhall Marshall's Yard
GAINSBOROUGH
Lincolnshire
DN21 2NA <http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/lindsey> or 0808 278 7904 for initial advice

Potholes or other problems with the roads?

You can report the problem direct to the Highways department at:
www.fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk

How to report a problem:

- Enter a Lincolnshire postcode, street name and area, or check an existing report number
- Locate the problem on a map of the area
- Enter details of the problem
- Confirm the report and Lincolnshire County Council will investigate

THANK YOU



Many local residents take the trouble to pick up litter when walking along our roads. Ben Loryman accompanied by his dog, Fern, regularly does this. Recently Ben filled 3 bin bags with rubbish that had accumulated between Sturton and Stow. Simon Smoothy at WLDC has provided him with signs that can be put up to indicate an area has just been cleared. If you have any ideas of how we can deter people from littering, please get in touch. Thank you to all who pick up litter independently, but remember you will be welcome at the Community Litter picks too.

BIRD SCARERS

Some residents have raised concerns about the operation of certain bird scarers. Below is an extract from the National Farmers' Union Code of Practice and advice to farmers. The full code can be found at: www.nfuonline.com

"Avoid causing a nuisance

Where it is practical to do so, you should seek to minimise the impact of auditory scarers on your neighbours and consider alternative means of scaring birds.

Below are some steps you can take to act responsibly:

- When they are in use, the disturbance of scarers on nearby hospitals, homes or schools should be minimised. For example, place the scarers as far away as practicable, align them to point away from neighbours, and use baffles.
- Avoid using auditory scarers within at least 200m (220 yards) of sensitive buildings before 7.00am, or before 6.00am elsewhere, when sunrise is earlier. Use another method in the early morning and do not use after 10.00pm, or when sunset is later.
- Take account of the prevailing wind when siting scarers. Remember that noise travels much further downwind.
- Where mechanical timers are used, ensure that they are regularly re-set to take account of continuous changes in sunrise and sunset times.
-Use reflective or absorbent baffles (of say corrugated iron or straw bales) to concentrate the sound onto your field and away from neighbours wherever nuisance could be caused. These can be very effective in reducing noise levels in the required direction.
- Try not to use auditory scarers on Sundays. Try another type of scarer instead.
- Ensure that your neighbours have the name of a responsible person to contact if the control on a scarer fails. Also display the name and telephone number at the nearest point of public access, or inform the local Environmental Health Department where the scarer is located and give them contact details of the person responsible.
- Ensure that scarers are properly maintained and checked regularly to detect any malfunctions that could cause complaints
- Try to avoid positioning auditory scarers adjacent to rights of way. Consider warning users of their presence.
- Remember that horses are easily frightened and can bolt or unseat their riders. Do not position the scarers near roads or bridleways usually used by riders."

If there is a problem contact the landowner or, if that does not work, the Environmental Protection Team at West Lindsey District Council at www.west-lindsey.gov.uk

Stow Fun Raisers - Community Litter Pick

2pm Sunday 24th April - meet at Manor Farm, Stow Park Road - refreshments provided

Metal picking sticks, rubbish bags and Hi Viz vests are provided - bring your own gloves and wear sturdy shoes.

Whether or not you are able to help with the litter picking, donations of cakes/ flapjacks etc are always welcome for the refreshments. Contact Clare on 07805057583 or at stowvillage@outlook.com or go to the Stow Fun Raisers Facebook page for more details, to let us know you're coming, or to offer a cake.

Willingham Twinning
Committee presents DJ ALAN'S
BIG FAT WEDDING DISCO



**A 3 Act Comedy Play written
and directed by Rebecca
Andrews**
**Includes a 3 course meal
At Willingham
Village Hall on 7th, 8th and 9th April 2022**
**Tickets £17.50 from Mary
Clark on 07919810430 or
clarkwillingham@btopenworld.com**



**Sturton and Stow Agricultural and Horticultural
Association**

Annual General meeting

7pm Monday 11th April 2022

Upper room, Sturton Village Hall

All welcome to come along and help begin to plan the
Annual Show, which will be on Saturday 1st October

www.sturtonandstowshow.com

**REMEMBER FROM APRIL THE PURPLE BIN IS FOR
CLEAN PAPER, CARDBOARD, AND NEWSPAPERS**
Visit www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/recycling for
more details.

Post Office in St Mary's
Remember to support your local
Post Office.

Monday 9.30am - 12.30pm,
Tuesday 1.30pm - 4.30pm, and
Thursday 9.30am - 12.30pm
except for bank holidays.

Dog walkers

Please, please pick up after your dog. There seems to
be an increase in people not doing so. It is your
responsibility and there are dog bins around the village
you can use. Don't spoil the village and local area for
others.

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



7.30pm
Sturton Village Hall
Secretary
Maria Scott 787062

APRIL 12th

Julia Knight – Lyme Disease UK

MAY 10th

Resolution Meeting

Sturton and Stow History Society

7.30pm Wednesdays in Sturton Village Hall

20th April Bransby cum Sturton (19th Century)
Clive Thompson
18th May An occasional brush with the stars
Chris Hewis