



Report for Stow Parish Annual Meeting 9th May 2022

Stow Fun Raisers 2020 – 31st March 2022

The aim of the Stow Fun Raisers is to foster and extend the strong sense of community spirit in Stow by organising fun events, which will appeal to all age groups and backgrounds represented in the village population. Any money raised at these events should benefit the local community primarily, with any surplus going to local charities or individual good causes or such other charitable purposes as the committee should from time to time decide.

The activities of Stow Fun Raisers (SFR) were severely restricted by the pandemic and lockdown and there is, therefore, little to report about 2020, although the Christmas Tree was put up as usual by Doug Garner with help from Charlie Marshall, and was admired by many.

In **2021** some activities did take place and included previous SFR members playing their part in running community events:

Bike ride and picnic	29 th August	Ben Usher and Anne Taylor organised the bike ride. It was decided that it would be inappropriate to have the BBQ and cake stall at that time. Unfortunately, without that focus, the picnic was not well attended though the bike ride was popular as usual.
Litter picking	12 th September	Clare Ella organised this as usual supported by Anne and her van and the regular volunteers, who turned out plus some newcomers. A number of bags of rubbish were collected.
Christmas Tree		Limestone Farming donated a tree this year. Doug and Charlie put it up and decorated it and once again it was much admired.
Carols round the tree	17 th December	Carolyn Turner and Clare organised this event as usual supported by a number of other people. This was the most popular year yet with 100 people attending and Willingham Band playing. Hot drinks and mince pies were served and £150 was raised for St Barnabas through donations.

Now in March 2022, the bulbs purchased by SFR over the years and planted by Janet Davies at the crossroads are, as ever, a delight. Looking ahead, on 24th April Clare is organising another Community Litter Pick to which all are welcome.

We are appreciative of all the volunteers for the time and effort they put in. A number of long serving SFR have decided it is time to step down and we thank them for the contribution they have made over the years. Many of them will continue to be involved in specific activities.

SFR has been reinvigorated with a number of new members joining and we are currently engaged in planning the Jubilee celebrations.

Secretary, SFR
31st March 2022.



Sturton by Stow
Primary School

Small enough to care, big enough to inspire

Report to the Stow Parish Council May 2022

Mrs Alison Simmons (Head teacher)

The last two years have of course been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, during which a number of children continued to attend school and the others took part in remote learning.

We continue to grow in numbers, with several children and families joining us.

We are continuing to develop the children's voice within the school through our school council, house captains, reading ambassadors and chatter groups.

During the year we have competed in a number of sporting events, both within school and with other schools, but these have been fewer due to Covid. We have used our sports funding from the government to broaden the experiences for our children.

Our Friends of the School (FOSSA) have continued to provide excellent support to the school, both in terms of social events for the children, families and wider community, and providing fundraising for the school.

Now that life is beginning to return to normal, we are looking forward to our children being able to take part in a wider range of activities once again.

If you would like to keep up to date with the latest news from school, you can find information in a number of places:

School website – www.sturtonbystow.org.uk (latest news section)

Twitter – @SbSPprimary

Facebook – search for Sturton by Stow Primary

Sturton & Stow History Society (ssHs)

Parish Council report for 2020 & 2022

ssHs AGM minutes, dated 16th March 2022, and financial accounts 2020 & 2021, can be viewed and/or downloaded from sshs.chessck.co.uk home page.

We considered a new book at the beginning of 2020, and again in July 2021, but decided not to go ahead and publish. All our past publications have been self-financing, and this new book is a lengthy document requiring considerable funds.

For several years past we have been unable to attract new committee members!

Long serving Secretary Sharron Banham, supported by husband Mel Banham, has been an influential committee member over the last decade.

However, Sharron retired on the 31st of December 2021.

A remaining skeleton committee has decided to carry on for just one more year, hopeful, but not confident, of attracting new committee members during 2022.

Local speakers do not require a fee, and none were paid for our two 2021 speakers.

Sometime during the 2022 summer period we wish to remove artifacts from the old schoolroom cleaning cupboard, across into the village hall. We thank the Parish Council for providing this temporary storage facility.

Future evening talks are not scheduled beyond October 2022. November & December may be reconsidered, but only dependant on the virus forecast for the coming winter.

ssHs events / talks are advertised by displaying posters at Sturton-by-Stow village hall, Bradshaw's notice board, and the local shop. Unfortunately, in Bransby there is only the Parish notice board, usually full of official documents. Could the Parish Council please consider providing space to display our posters?

Perhaps space on the Sturton Parish Council board would also be a useful addition?

In the 12 years since inauguration, ssHs has accumulated (donated) images and documents. Images are currently held on privately owned computers, whilst documents are stored in filing cabinets located in the village hall. Several of our donors, including ssHs founder member Mrs. Chris Bowler, have passed away, and therefore their contribution can never be recovered.

For future preservation it is important to obtain duplicate electronic storage devices to preserve images. It will also be necessary to hire a contractor to scan and thus digitise all the old documents. Could the Parish help with funds please? Without new committee members this work will become urgent towards the end of 2022.

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Note: In the event of a winding-up ssHs constitution currently states all assets must pass to Gainsborough Heritage Society, this could only change via an extraordinary meeting.

Signed on behalf of ssHs Committee

Clive Thompson Acting Chair & Treasurer 30th March 2022.

**MINUTES OF ssHs ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7.00 PM 16TH MARCH 2022 AT STURTON BY STOW VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Clive Thompson (CT) and Carol Moore

1. Apologies - received from Sharron Banham, John & Edwina Leggott, Bob & Elizabeth Harrison and Derek Hancock.

2. Minutes of AGM February 19th February 2019 - Approved by Michael Moore and seconded by Dorothy Wain.

3. Treasurer's Report – CT talked through the figures which were shown on the screen and confirmed that the 2020 & 2021 accounts, prepared by himself, had been audited by John Leggott. These accounts were adopted after a proposal by Jane Young and seconded by Dorothy Wain

4. Resume' – Because of the covid pandemic only two talks were held in 2020 they were..... Lincoln Eastern Bypass by Ruben Lopez in January and....

Woman's football and suffrage by Elaine Johnson in February

There were two talks held in 2021 they were.....

Lincolnshire Railways in a time of change by Graeme Wade in October and....

Sir Isaac Newton Truth, hard work and pies on Sunday by Dr Cameron Thompson in Nov

5. Election of Committee -

2020 & 2021 Committee:

Sharron Banham – Secretary – *Sharron retired on 31st December 2021.*

Pauline Birkett

Carol Moore

Chris Stable – *Treasurer in 2020, retired as Treasurer at the beginning of 2022*

Clive Thompson – Chair in 2020 / Chair & Treasurer 2021

2022 election:

Clive Thompson is resigning as Chair today, but he is willing to continue as Acting Chair & Treasurer until 31st December 2022, when he hopes to retire.

The committee members, Clive Thompson, Carol Moore, Pauline Birkett and Chris Stable are willing to stand for 2022.

This team was proposed by Jane Young and Seconded by Michael Moore.

We urgently need other committee members who can continue into 2023, otherwise The History Society will be 'winding-up' at the end of 2022.

The AGM meeting closed at 7:15 p.m.