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Welcome to our Autumn 2022 edition.

Welcome to this edition of the Bugle. It is with sadness that we record the death of Queen Elizabeth II. It was only in July that we celebrated her Platinum Jubilee. On 19th September, as a tribute on the day of her funeral, the bell ringers at Stow Minster marked the occasion with a muffled ringing with tenor open at backstroke, something which is only done on the death of a monarch.

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 stovvillage@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.

STOW BUGLE

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF STOW PARISH

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

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The church bells of St Mary's Stow marked the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II in a very public and moving way. Normally, the sound bells make is generated by a metal clapper hitting a metal bell first on one side, then on the other, as the bell swings through 360 degrees. Occasionally, such as on Remembrance Sunday or when ringing in memory of a recently departed person, we ring what is called half muffled. In this instance one side of the clapper is covered by leather, and when the leathered side of the clapper hits the bell, a muffled sound is heard. If all 8 bells are half muffled in this way, the resultant sound is 8 loud rings followed by 8 soft ones, a kind of echo effect. Half muffled ringing is sad and reflective, but a glorious sound nonetheless.

However, on the morning of the Queen's funeral we rang our bells fully muffled, with the tenor (base bell) open, ie unmuffled, at one stroke. Ringing in this way is ONLY ever done on the death of a monarch. I have been ringing church bells for around 55 years and this was the first time I had ever rung fully muffled - for obvious reasons. The effect was stunning. The bells all sounded soft, but the softness was broken every 16 blows by a loud strike of the tenor bell. It is tolling basically, but with soft mournful sounding bells ringing in between each toll of the tenor bell. Inside the ringing chamber, the sound was majestic, very moving and poignant, an occasion we ringers will never forget. Outside too, the sound was appreciated by many who came to listen outside the church, or heard the bells from their houses. A fitting tribute to the Queen from the village of Stow.

(As an aside, in order to ring 8 bells fully muffled, but with the tenor open at one stroke, you need to have 15 muffles. Many towers do not have that many muffles, given 1 muffle per bell is the norm. Thankfully when we purchased a new set of 8 muffles about 20 odd years ago, I kept the old, rather tatty ones 'just in case we ever needed them'. Well last month we did need them.)

Chris Turner

Parish Council

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

The next **Parish Council meeting**, to which all residents are invited, will be at 7pm on Monday 14th November 2022 in St Mary's. The agenda 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.

Being a councillor

Have you ever thought about being a Parish Councillor? The term of office of the present councillors will finish in May 2023. If you think you have something to offer and would like to serve your community, why not think about standing as a councillor at the next elections? For more information contact the Parish Clerk.

stowparishclerk@gmail.com.

Green Lane – application to be registered as a Public Bridleway update

If you have been down Green Lane this month you might have seen some notices, addressed to 'The Landowner' and giving notice of the application that has now been acknowledged by the Countryside Access department of Lincolnshire County Council. As there is no known landowner, the notices are required in lieu of 'service'.

I was overwhelmed by the fantastic response when I asked for locals to provide evidence of their use of the track over the years – on foot, horseback, bicycle and agricultural vehicles. A very impressive FORTY EIGHT user evidence forms accompanied the application – with details of usage dating back over 80 years. It was so interesting to hear stories of memories of long time locals. It may take some time for the registration to be processed, but we've done all we can for now.

Thank you all so much for your time and help – Clare Ella

ISLAND GREEN POWER UPDATE – SOLAR FARM

It has been announced that West Burton will be the site of a new nuclear fusion plant and West Burton 4 has been withdrawn from the proposal.

The Phase 2 Consultation Summary Report was published in September. As a result of all the comments, Green Lane off Ingham Road will no longer be used for construction vehicles to access Cottam 1 and it is now proposed to use a field to the east of Green Lane as an access point.

The report summarises the responses they received. With overall 77% (71% strongly opposed and 6% do not support) opposition to the proposals, but 60% of those were specifically regarding West Burton 4.

The next stages are:

- Application to the Planning Inspectorate
- Planning Inspectorate (on behalf of Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) has 28 days to decide whether the application meets the required standards including whether the consultation has been adequate.
- If the application is accepted, this will be publicised and **anyone can register as an interested party and submit comments on the application**. As an interested party you will be kept informed and the Inspectors will hold a preliminary meeting and set a time for examination.
- You can send written comments or ask to speak at the public hearing. The Planning Inspectorate has 6 months to carry out the examination.
- Within 3 months, a recommendation to the Secretary of State will be issued by the Planning Inspectorate. The Secretary of State then has 3 months in which to make a decision.

- Once the Secretary of State has issued a decision, there is a 6 week period for legal challenge on the decision.

As one local resident has said regarding the decision on Green Lane: "It was the combined efforts of everyone who mentioned Green Lane in the feedback forms and objected to its use, those who attended the consultations and house meetings and spammed the on-line feedback and map feedback pages that all helped. The weight of public opinion can make a difference!"

Let's make sure our voices are heard on the other concerns people have about the proposals.

Bonfire and Fireworks
Sat 5th November
Sturton by Stow Recreation Field
 Parking at the Primary School or Bradshaws Yard
Gates Open at 17:30
Hot Food & Drinks Available
No Sparklers or Pets
Adults £6
Advanced Family Ticket - £18
(2 adults, 2 under 14s)
Under 14s £4
 Cash Only Under 3s Free Cash Only

Organised by FOSSA (Friends of Sturton School Association). Advance tickets are available at Sturton Stores or the School. If you are thinking of having your own fireworks, please let pet owning neighbours know so they can be prepared.

Sturton and Stow History Society

7.30pm monthly on Wednesdays
 in Sturton Village Hall

22nd November - Lincoln Cathedral - Simon Judge

Contact the Society via their website: www.sshs.chessck.co.uk or their Facebook page.

Macmillan coffee morning – hosted by Dan and Hayley at the Cross Keys

A big thank you to everyone who donated raffle and tombola prizes, volunteered to help on the day, hosted a stall, or helped in any other way, and especially all of you who came along to support the event – your combined efforts resulted in a magnificent total of over £800 which will support Macmillan nurses and work in the local area.
 Clare, Louise & Hayley

Diary dates for Services at St Edith's, Coates

Please come and support these occasional events:

Remembrance Service: 13th November at 11.30 am outdoor service, scout led & 30 minutes duration.

6 pm on Tuesday 20th December.

Christmas Carols around an open fire, mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies and cakes. Hope to have the International Peace Light this year

Plough Sunday will be at St Edith's Coates, at **10.30am Sunday 15th January 2023**. Service will be with Rev Canon Alan Robson MBE, Agricultural Chaplain for Lincolnshire. All are welcome to attend.

We are also looking to do a short 3 mile walk from Coates with a drink and cake afterwards. To be confirmed.

Robin Wright

Stow Recreation Fund

Stow Recreation Fund (SRF) was formally wound up by the Trustees on 16th August 2022. The remaining balance of the fund was transferred to Stow Parish Council under an agreement that the monies will be ring-fenced for purposes relating to the projects undertaken by the trustees of the SRF. This includes, for example, the maintenance and upkeep of the defibrillator, and, by the time this edition of the Bugle goes out, the provision of bulbs that are being planted in the verges around the decorative village signs.

The Trustees (Andrew Fenn, Doug Garner, Nigel Gray, Charles Hewitt, John Martinson and Clare Ella) would like to thank all the Stow residents who engaged in the processes of choosing projects and bringing them to fruition.

The Parish Council wishes to extend its appreciation to the Trustees for all their work. Thank you.



Thank you to all of you who supported the Show this year, either by entering one of the many classes, helping on the day or just coming along – without local residents supporting the Show there would be no Show. Thank you also to the School, Youth Club, judges, our sponsors, exhibitors and last, but by no means least, Hayley Wallis, this year's President.

The Association has presented both Sturton and Stow Parish Councils with specially made planters to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee.

Stow Fun Raisers - Community Litter Pick

What a great turn out with over a dozen enthusiastic volunteers wielding their picking sticks to help clean up the verges and ditches around the village. The weather was kind and there was lots of chatting and socializing as well as work done. Thankfully the volume of litter collected was a little less than it was when we first started the twice yearly group litter-picks – but we still picked up an ironing board and the broken remnants of a greenhouse roof! As usual the general litter was mostly food wrappers (Macdonalds & KFC feature strongly)/ drink cartons & cups/ cans/ bottles/ plastic bags....

Everyone was thanked with unlimited tea, coffee and cake – very generously hosted by Anne Taylor. See you at the Spring litter pick.

Also thank you to all of you who independently litter pick when out walking.



The Post Office hub in St Mary's Church

is there THREE times a week:

Monday	9.30am - 12.30pm,
Tuesday	1.30pm - 4.30pm,
Thursday	9.30am - 12.30pm.

Please make a note and support your local Post Office service. As well as stamps, posting letters and parcels, withdrawing and depositing money and other Post Office transactions, there is usually a selection of basic groceries, sweets, biscuits, chocolate, crisps, cakes, tea, coffee, sugar, flour, pasta, eggs, jams etc. and a few newspapers.

There is also a selection of second hand books (adults and children) that you can buy - in aid of Church funds.



Mobile Library

The library van visits Stow regularly. And can be found outside the Old Post Office Court on Ingham Road at 1.00 – 1.45pm on Oct 26th, Nov 23rd, Dec 2nd.

STOW LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR

Would you be interested in taking part in the living advent calendar this year?

For those of you new to the village, or not familiar with the idea - volunteers from 24 houses in Stow will decorate and light up a window in their house in December. One new window is 'opened' each day from 1st to the 24th December and ideally remains decorated until 12th night (6th January). The aim is simply to have fun and create a nice way of bringing the community together by providing a 'trail' for people to walk round the village looking for the latest windows. It isn't a competition – no entry fee and no prizes - and we hope that people of all ages 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! The only guidelines are that it needs to be centred around a window that is accessible to 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. Past ideas have been to fold and cut out snowflakes and stick them to the inside of the window, knitted or

crocheted animals displayed in the window, hand drawn pictures, baubles hung on a piece of Christmas tree, a wreath, a line or verse from a 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, or 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 11th 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 Thursday 1st December.



ST MARY'S, STOW

4.00pm Sunday 30th October - Service for All Souls at St Mary's Church, Stow, an opportunity for thanksgiving and remembrance of loved ones who have died.

3.00pm Sunday 13th November, Remembrance Sunday, Service of Remembrance at Sturton War Memorial, Cemetery, Stow Road, Sturton-by-Stow.

6.00pm 24th December Christmas Eve Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Stow. Following cancellations in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19 let's come together to make this a special carol service for our community as we celebrate the start of Christmas

Bus services

Received from the County Council:

“We are emailing to let you know that many bus services in Lincolnshire are changing throughout October.

We would like to direct you to <https://lincsbus.info/> where you can find helpful information regarding bus service updates and changes including timetables, journey planning and operator information.

Many of the seasonal changes commence 31 October in the east coast area of Lincolnshire including Mablethorpe, Skegness, Ingoldmells, Alford and Chapel St Leonards. These updated timetables can be found at <https://lincsbus.info/lincs-bus-updates/>

The Lincolnshire Transport Helpline is a useful source available for help and advice with public transport in Lincolnshire- Available Monday to Friday 9am – 6pm and Saturday 9.30am – 4pm. Call 0345 456 4474 or visit <https://lincsbus.info/accessing-lincolnshire-transport/transport-helpline/>

The transport services group publicity team are currently in the process of updating roadside timetabling information across Lincolnshire, taking place between now and December. As timetables are changed at bus stops you may note that we have included comprehensive signing posting information including a unique stop specific QR code providing real time information, telephone contact numbers for Lincolnshire Transport Helpline, traveline details and the text code for the stop plus directions to the website for timetables and journey planning tools.

Follow our @LincsBus twitter feed where daily updates are available from bus operators and news regarding local travel information throughout Lincolnshire <https://twitter.com/LincsBus> “

Monthly Charity Quiz at the Cross Keys

Did you know that on the third Thursday of every month the Cross Keys hosts a Charity Quiz – supporting a different local charity each month?

The fun starts at 8.00pm, with only £1 each to play, and teams of up to 6. There’s also a raffle and a prize for the winners.

Why not get some friends together, have a fun evening and support a local charity. For more information contact Hayley at the Cross Keys

Clearing up dog poo

This was posted on Facebook on 21st September:

“Just walked along the footpath through the fields from Stow to Sturton School and picked up 9 bags of dog mess. The photo was taken half way round. By the end there were 8 different makes of bag, so I guess that at least 8 people think it’s acceptable not to use the bins, but to leave the bags on the path. The logic of doing this totally escapes me. Could someone please explain? It can’t be that the owners can’t bend down to pick the bag up because they’ve already bent down to bag the mess.”



Please respect the environment and other residents and pick up after your dog and dispose of the bag responsibly in one of the bins for the purpose located around the village.



7.30pm
Sturton Village Hall
Secretary Maria Scott 787062

8th November Clarins Facial
Roll Call – Skin Type
Comp - Make up product
Hosts – Jenna & Helen

13th December **Christmas Party**

New members always welcome.

To raise an issue with the Parish Council, to volunteer, suggest a topic for the Bugle or nominate a local talent you think we should feature, contact the Parish Clerk: stowparishclerk@gmail.com or 01522 704687



Christmas Walking Market

November 27th, 10-2pm.

Spread throughout the villages of Sturton and Stow, including Sturton village hall and The Cross Keys at Stow.

Walk through the village between the two indoor venues to discover more crafts and Christmas gift ideas.

Over 40 stalls, gifts, food and more.

Parking available at Sturton by Stow primary school for a small fee.



Extract from West Lindsey Business e-brief

“West Burton chosen as UK’s Nuclear Fusion Site



Benefits of fusion

- 1 LOW CARBON**
Fusion is low carbon, with low land usage
- 2 SAFE**
The fusion process is readily and safely controllable
- 3 RELIABLE**
Fusion energy will be baseload and does not depend on seasonal variation, the sun, or the wind
- 4 SUSTAINABLE**
Fusion fuel is potentially abundant in our seas and the Earth’s crust
- 5 ENERGY EFFICIENCY**
Fusion provides the most power-dense process available on Earth

As announced by the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on 3rd October West Burton Power Station has been chosen to become the UK’s first fusion energy plant. The site has been selected as the home for ‘STEP’ (Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production), the UK’s prototype fusion energy plant which aims to be built by 2040. This technology has significant potential to deliver safe, sustainable, low carbon energy for future generations. Bringing significant socio-economic benefits to our District including skills and employment opportunities. The government-backed STEP programme will create highly skilled jobs during construction and operations, as well as attracting other high tech industries to the region, and furthering the development of science and technology capabilities nationally.

The UK government is providing £220 million of funding for the first phase of STEP, which will see the UK Atomic Energy Authority produce a concept design by 2024.”

Carols round the Christmas tree
6pm Thursday 22nd December

The annual community singing of carols and Christmas songs around the village Christmas tree at the crossroads is planned for Thursday 22nd December at 6pm.

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. We had a bumper turnout last year – let’s see if we can do the same this year!

Details will be posted on the Stow Community Facebook page and at www.stowfunraisers.wordpress.com soon.



Bulb planting round village signs

Thank you to those who planted bulbs around the new village signs on Sunday 16th. All four teams were given the same selection of bulbs, but each did their own thing with the designs. We’ll have to wait until spring to see the results! Thanks to Anne, Kerry, Kinga, Keith, Shirley, Phil, Chris, Cindy and Clare.

And coming to a play park near you.....

The mini swing with basket seat from Wicksteed accessible range will be in place shortly

