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Welcome to our New Year 2023 edition.

Welcome to this edition of the Bugle.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the New Year.

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. Since we introduced the Welcome Pack in March 2021, we have welcomed 30 new households.

Ingham Road – temporary road closure

31st January – 4th February

From South Drive to a point 150 metres east. Cabling for new connection. Restrictions to be implemented as and when required. Signage will indicate more detail.

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 13th March 2023** 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.

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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Welcoming 'warm space' at St Mary's Stow - with light refreshments provided free of charge Open Mon (10.00-12.00 noon), Tues (2.00-4.00pm) and Thurs(10.00-12.00 noon)

The offer of a **WARM SPACE** may seem a contradiction for Stow Minster, but those who have called in for a cuppa and chat at the sessions so far in January agree it is possible. This winter some of us are seriously struggling with keeping warm because of rising energy costs. Coupled with ever increasing food prices, we may be faced with the choice of **Heat or Eat**. Also the ongoing effects of COVID restrictions and isolation mean that some of us and our neighbours are feeling lonely. Maybe you are working at home or just living alone and don't see anyone from day to day? The **WARM SPACE** is for everyone - including you! There are toilet facilities and a ramped access avoiding the steps.

Following the success of its introductory few weeks, and recently obtained funding, the vestry in St Mary's will continue to be a welcoming **warm space** for all Stow Parish residents throughout January, February and March. Space is limited but everyone is welcome

Stow Village Living Advent Calendar

December 2022

A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's truly impressive Advent Calendar windows, and to those who took photos and shared them. The Editor has selected just a few of them to include below, but all of you, from first timers to seasoned veterans, did an excellent job of making Stow's windows light the way throughout the month. They were appreciated by many locals and visitors as they walked and drove around the village.



Flagpole



Some of you may have seen/ heard a group of people up on top of the Church roof on a Sunday afternoon. The reason was that at Christmas time some rusted holes were discovered in the old flag pole and the decision had to be made to condemn it and take it down. The photos show the hotchpotch of wooden wedges that have been stabilizing the main pole, and the team who took it down. (Chris Turner, Chris Potts, Ben Usher and David Justham). It is hoped that a suitable new pole can be chosen, approved, funded and erected in time for a flag to be flown at the Coronation.

Bulbs around the village signs

You may recall that there was a village bulb planting session last Autumn when volunteers planted a selection of bulbs around each of the four village signs. They are starting to come through and should soon provide a colourful welcome to Stow from each direction.

STOW CHRISTMAS TREE



Photo courtesy Doug Garner

Once again Stow had a lovely Christmas Tree on display throughout December. Our thanks to Limestone Farming for donation of the tree and to Doug Garner assisted by John Martinson and Mark Rose for putting up and decorating the tree and Malcolm Gladwin for help taking it down.



7.30pm
Sturton Village Hall
Secretary Maria Scott 787062

14th February

Lincolshire's Influential Women Caroline Mogg with an overview of types of roles and enterprises that rural women were engaged in during the 19th Century.

Roll Call - Name of Famous Woman

Comp - Picture of Famous Woman

Hosts - Jane Toward & Christine Fowler

14th March

Annual Meeting

Roll Call -Household Tip

Hosts - Committee

New members always welcome.

Bellringing at St Mary's Stow.

The next big occasion for all the country is the coronation of King Charles III in May. We ringers will be doing our bit to celebrate this joyous day. Would you like to join us and **Ring for the King**? It does take a number of weeks to master the art of bellringing, but anyone starting to learn now, ie in January, will be able to Ring for the King in May. So if you fancy the idea, now is the time to start. Either turn up at St Mary's at 7.30pm on Friday evening or give me a ring on 788110.

Thanks Chris Turner.

CHRISTMAS SONGS AND CAROLS ROUND THE TREE – 22ND DECEMBER

Over 80 people gathered round the Tree to sing carols and Christmas songs accompanied by Willingham Band. A great evening was had by all.

Donations for refreshments amounted to £114.39. This sum was rounded up by Stow Fun Raisers and a donation of £150 has been made to St Barnabas Hospice. Thank you to all who donated, to Willingham Band, to Carolyn Turner for organising with the help of Clare Ella, Nigel Curry and David Justham, for those who supplied the electricity for the urn, and warmed mince pies, but most importantly to those who came along to sing and celebrate with members of the local community.



Photo courtesy Fiona Blackwell

COTTAM SOLAR PROJECT

From the National Infrastructure Planning website: “This application was received by the Planning Inspectorate on Thursday 12 January 2023. The applicant has agreed that all application documents can be published as soon as practicable to help everyone become familiar with the detail of what is being proposed in this application. The Planning Inspectorate will therefore make the application documents available as soon as practicable. This provision is solely for the purpose of allowing more time to all those who wish to become familiar with the detail of what is being proposed ahead of the Registration and Relevant Representation period without lengthening the overall time required for the application process. **There will be no opportunity at this stage to make comments on the application.** However, if the application is accepted anyone interested in the application will be able to register and express their views during the Registration and Relevant Representation stage and the subsequent examination.” 13th January 2023

THE PARISH NEEDS TOU – If where you live is important to you and you would like to make a contribution, there are many things you can do, one of them is being a Parish Councillor – the elections are in May but you will need to fill out an application form and hand deliver it to West Lindsey as outlined in the article from WLDC below. If you are interested in hearing more about the role, please contact the Parish Clerk and one of the councillors will arrange to meet with you to answer your questions.

Information from West Lindsey: Elections May 2023

“With reference to the elections to be held on Thursday 4 May 2023.

We thought it would be useful, for all parties concerned, to clarify a few points of what will be required during the nomination process.

On 9 May 2023 the terms of office of all councillors will come to an end and if they wish to stand again Nomination Papers must be completed and submitted. Hard copy sets of nomination

papers will be sent to Parish Clerks early next year and these will also be available on our website.

Nomination Papers **must be delivered by hand** to the Deputy Returning Officers at the Guildhall, Marshall’s Yard, Gainsborough on any working day between the hours of 10 am and 4pm. Appointments must be made to help us and the candidates as we will be receiving between 500 and 600 sets of parish nominations plus the District papers. **The first day for delivery of nominations is Monday 13 March 2023 and the deadline for delivery is 4pm on Tuesday 4 April 2023.** Nomination papers must not be dated before the Notice of Election, 13 March 2023.

To try and save any issues when the papers are brought into the office it would be advisable to read the instructions that go with the nomination packs, information such as no abbreviations, Street not St, Avenue not Ave. The witness on the Candidate Consent form must be the same person who witnesses the Home Address form and both part 1 and part 2 of the Home Address section, even if part 2 is not used, must be returned. It is better to return everything rather than us having to reject a paper. The polling district and elector number of the proposer and seconder, who must live within the parish and be on the electoral register, can be supplied by us on the day the papers are delivered or by calling the office beforehand. It is also important to note we are only able to make very minor alterations to the papers and informal checks can be carried out before they are officially submitted.

If a candidate wishes to withdraw from standing for election this must be done by 4pm on 4 April 2023.

All candidates will be sent a set of Expense forms and these must be completed and returned to us by the deadline even if it is a ‘nil’ return.

Following the close of nominations, if there are fewer than, or the same number, of candidates to seats, they will be declared elected uncontested. If there are more validly nominated candidates than there are seats there will be a poll on 4 May 2023. Please note uncontested elections still have administration charges. *

We are here to help so if you have any questions about the process please contact the elections team on ereg@west-lindsey.gov.uk and we will answer as soon as possible, however, please bear in mind this will be an exceptionally busy time for us but we will respond.”

*The Parish Council is charged by WLDC.

Community Litter Pick

Stow Fun Raisers will be hosting a village litter pick on **Sunday 26th March at 2pm**. There will be more information (and a request for cakes!!) nearer the date, but please put it in your diaries

Village Facebook Page - a message from the administrators

“The Stow Village Facebook page administrators have spent far too long in the last few weeks trying to sift page joining requests from people who have no apparent connection with Stow. As this is a community page for sharing events, news, notices, concerns, info etc about what is happening in Stow and the neighbouring villages, we are concerned that some of those asking to join may be searching posts and comments for personal information about locals eg who owns dogs, who is going away or will be away from home attending village functions or funerals etc. We are therefore repeating our previous notice that profiles without any verifiable personal information or with no obvious connection to the area or which do not answer the joining questions will be declined. If you are inviting a friend or family member to join the page, please ask them to reply to the joining questions or they will be automatically declined. Thanks - your admins

COMMUNITY ASPIRATIONS

As part of the consultation for the Neighbourhood Plan, a number of community aspirations were identified that were not planning related, but were included as an Appendix to the Plan. The Parish Council has been considering what action may need to be taken on these issues but we would like to hear your views:

<p>Promoting health and well-being</p> <p>1. Facilities to meet the everyday needs of our community while enhancing health and wellbeing amongst our residents</p> <p>2. Access to healthcare facilities</p> <p>3. Play and recreation facilities for children and adults</p> <p>4. More after school facilities</p> <p>5. More play facilities accessible to those with a disability</p> <p>6. Access to books, computers and homework clubs</p> <p>7. Promotion of walking and cycling and development of safe routes</p>	<p>Priority and actions</p> <p>1. A matter for consultation with the public, joint working and lobbying with Sturton PC?</p> <p>2. As above</p> <p>3. There is limited scope for action on this within the parish given our only facility is the play park</p> <p>4. Would require liaison with Sturton PC and the school</p> <p>5. The new piece of equipment for the playground is from the accessible range was installed in Autumn.</p> <p>6. As 4 above</p> <p>7. There is independent activity (though supported by SPC) to protect Green Lane and identify any other local routes that make need designation of PROW. Is there anything additional SPC could or should do?</p>
<p>Providing a safe environment</p> <p>8. Reducing anti-social behaviour including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • dog fouling • vandalism • bullying • littering • fly tipping • criminal activity <p>9. Developing relationships with PCSOs</p> <p>10. Managing traffic including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • speed reduction • providing safe places to cross the roads • maintaining and expanding a 	<p>8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - regular notices in the Bugle. Is there other action we can take? Most dog owners act responsibly, but unfortunately some do not. - not aware this is at present a local issue - we have not been made aware of this - Stow Fun Raisers organise a twice yearly Community litter pick and several local residents litter pick on their regular dog walks - Residents have been encouraged to report this to WLDC as and when it happens - the monthly crime reports received by the PC indicate a very low crime rate in Stow parish. <p>9. The PCSOs have been invited to attend PC meetings on a periodic basis and are known to us. Do we need to do more?</p> <p>10.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - with the grant from the Stow Recreation Fund the speed signs have been placed on each road entering the village and a local resident maintains the rechargeable batteries. The PC will potentially be renewing the card signs. Is further action required? - the PC successfully lobbied Highways to move the accessible crossing. - are there any new routes that could be added?

<p>network of safe pedestrian and cycle routes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintenance (and widening) of pavements and footpaths • reducing inappropriate parking including parking on pavements • ensuring access to PROWS including reinstatement of PROWs by landowners across arable fields after ploughing and seeding, encouraging walkers to use field margins being an informal diversion; ensuring landowners do not close off PROW across grassland by placing gates, fences or general waste across openings to stop people using them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - are there specific pavements/pathways where we need raise issues with LCC either re pavements or PROWs? - is there any further action we need to take? - to raise as necessary either with the farmers directly or via LCC.
<p>Economic development and infrastructure</p> <p>15. Promotion of improved utilities infrastructure including broadband availability and capacity</p> <p>16. Encouraging transport options to better match needs of residents including public transport, car sharing, car share schemes (community owned vehicle for hire) cycling.</p> <p>17. Promotion of local employment opportunities through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - supporting working from home - supporting local businesses and encouraging small business and gree enterprises to develop - housing linked to workspace/enterprise. - zoning of areas for development of small incubator units and re-purposing of industrial sites <p>18. Lobbying Lincolnshire County Council regarding potholes and road maintenance.</p> <p>What do you think? Let us know your views.</p>	<p>15. To lobby our elected members at district and county level?</p> <p>16. How can we best explore this further?</p> <p>17. To consider as proposals put forward.</p> <p>18. Ongoing . Encourage residents' using www.fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk.</p> <p>You can contact the Clerk to the Parish Council on: stowparishclerk@gmail.com. Or telephone 01522 704687</p>

STOP PRESS – CORONATION BIKE RIDE, BBQ AND CAKES SUNDAY 7TH MAY – SEE YOU THERE