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Welcome to our March 2023 edition.

Welcome to this edition of the Bugle. 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. Since we introduced the Welcome Pack in March 2021, we have welcomed over 30 new households.

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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.

Annual Parish Meeting

The **Annual Parish Meeting**, to which all residents are invited, will be at **7pm on Monday 3rd April 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.

This is not the usual Council Meeting, but an annual meeting open to all residents where they can hear about some of the work of the Council as well as from other organisations in the area. Come along on 3rd – it won't be a long meeting, but should be interesting.

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

ELECTIONS

Message from West Lindsey: "Residents will need to ensure that they are registered to vote in the elections, which only takes five minutes to register online at GOV.UK and that they have the right form of ID if voting in person.

For the first time in the district, people are being asked to provide an accepted form of ID to be able to vote in the West Lindsey local elections on 4 May and the town and parish council elections. It may seem early but checking now means you will be ready to vote in May.

Residents who do not have one of the accepted forms of ID can apply for free ID either online or by completing a paper application form and sending this to West Lindsey District Council's electoral services team.

If you need any help with applying for the free ID or want to request an application form, you can contact the electoral services team on **01427 676576** or ereg@west-lindsey.gov.uk.

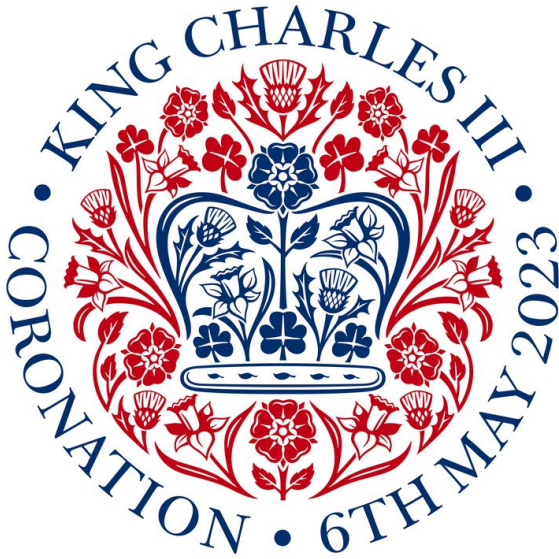
COTTAM PROPOSALS

DEADLINE TO REGISTER AN INTEREST REGARDING COMMENTING TO THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE IS **23.59hrs 30TH MARCH**.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to make your views known. See page 3.

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 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. Open throughout March.



**STOW CELEBRATES THE CORONATION
OF KING CHARLES III**

FLOWER DISPLAY IN ST MARY'S

BELL RINGING FOR THE KING

SUNDAY 7TH MAY

**10.30 SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING, ST
MARY'S**

**12 noon FAMILY BIKE RIDE* FROM THE
VILLAGE GREEN**

1pm BBQ AND CAKES ON THE GREEN

* Organised by Stow Fun Raisers.
No unaccompanied children; we can accept no
responsibility for any children without a
responsible adult

Flagpole

In the last edition we reported that the flagpole had had to
be taken down as it needed to be replaced. We are pleased
to report that, with the aid of a grant from West Lindsey, we
are on course to have the new flagpole in place for the
coronation.

STOW FUN RAISERS

Short and tall, large and small or anything in between!
Red, white and blue are the obvious options for
colours, but any colour will be fine. A handful, a vase
full, an armful or a bucket full will be accepted with
many thanks!

WHAT ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

**FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE MINSTER FOR
THE CORONATION CELEBRATIONS OF
COURSE!**

As you walk through the village of Stow, there are so
many lovely gardens with beautiful flowers that we
thought it a wonderful idea to ask the villagers to
kindly donate any flowers. Can you help us please?
Any help will be much appreciated with the supply of
flowers and greenery and/or actual decoration of the
Minster.

If you would like to assist in this massive effort, then
please leave a message letting us know whether it is
the supply of flowers or flower arranging that you can
help with.

All the flower arranging will be done on Friday 5th
May between 10.00 and 13.00, so please bring any
flowers along then. If you are not able to bring them
yourself, we can arrange for them to be collected.

If you would like to provide an arrangement of your
own then please put your name and telephone number
on the bottom of the vase/container so that we know
who to return it to.

My e-mail address is: hanrahanshirley@gmail.com
Many thanks in anticipation of your kind help and
generosity.



Just two of the examples of the flower displays last year.

**Lincoln Chorale
Concert in St Mary's
8pm Saturday 15th April**

Rachmaninov "All Night Vigil"
(also known as 'The Vespers')

Performance lasts about an hour followed by refreshments.
Tickets £10 available from tickets@lincoln-chorale.org
or from David on 01427 788725 or on the door.

Cottam Solar Project

If you would like to be kept updated about how the application is progressing and/ or make any representations for or against the plans, you now need to register as an 'interested party' on the National Infrastructure Planning site. Click on this link to get to the form

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/cottam-solar-project/?ipcsection=relreps>

You do not have to give your full detailed views/ objections/ support yet- you are just asked to provide your contact details and a 'summary of points which you agree and/or disagree with about the application, highlighting what you consider to be the main issues and impacts'. You can then make further representations as the consultation period progresses. If you have difficulty finding the latest Cottam Solar Project application documents - you can ask for them to be sent to you free of charge on a USB memory stick. To request a USB, please email info@cottamsolar.co.uk write to FREEPOST CAWB SOLAR PROJECTS (free of charge; no need for a stamp) or telephone 0808 169 1848 (free of charge)

Community Litter Pick

Stow Fun Raisers will be hosting a village litter pick on **Sunday 26th March at 2pm**. Meet at Manor Farm and wear sturdy footwear and gloves. Pickers, bags etc provided. Tea and cakes available afterwards for all the volunteers.

Offers of cakes much appreciated.

Please let Clare know if you are coming so you can be catered for on. 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. Please note - No unaccompanied children as most of the areas we work are on the roadside.

St Edith's

Please note our next Service at Coates is Easter Day at 5.45am Dawn Service 15 minutes. There is no Service at Coates in March.



What Lindap does

Lindap is a Lincolnshire charity (reg. no. 1156638) which makes special equipment for people with disabilities, when suitable commercial equipment is not available.

Our service is delivered entirely by volunteers and is free of charge. However donations are always welcome.

How can you help us

- If you know someone needing our help please tell them about us
- If you know someone who might enjoy joining us let us know
- If you would like to donate we promise to put the money to good use

How to contact us

Call Margaret Beaumont 07516 990893

Website www.lindap.co.uk

We raise chairs and beds that become too low for easy access and departure. We can do ramps that are not normally catered for. We have extended sink taps and other kitchen appliances, to help people in wheelchairs.

It would be good if people that would like our help contact, Margaret Beaumont. But you can get in touch with me directly on 01427 788 335 if you would prefer.

We have already helped people in the Sturton and Stow area, you can be next.

We are also looking for people that would like to join us in helping others. You don't need a high level of skill (although that would be very welcome); most of the work we do is at the DIY level and the team is always around to help.

Doug Garner, Lindap member

Bulb planting.

Thank you to those who took the time to plant the bulbs in Autumn both round the new village signs and also on the Village Green. They are looking lovely. Thanks also to Graham Standley and Liz Tomlinson for the photos.



Community Aspirations

In the last edition we published the Council's position statement on meeting the Community Aspirations appended to the Neighbourhood Plan. These were non planning aspirations raised by members of the community during the neighbourhood planning process.

We have received the following suggested additions to the list:

1. Dog waste bins on Normanby Road perhaps one close to the Stow sign and the other at the junction with Coates Lane near the Normanby sign
2. Reduce speed on School Lane by either:
 - a) School Lane being designated as resident access only to reduce the use as a Rat Run (some at quite some speed) and maybe stop the numbers who go the wrong way; or
 - b) place a camera at the end of the road to catch those travelling the wrong way; or
 - c) install speed bumps.

What do you think? Let the Parish Clerk know and she will pass on your views to the Parish Council.

stowparishclerk@gmail.com



Parish Clerk

Our Parish Clerk for the last 9 years, Louise Gibbs, has decided to step down. We thank Louise for her hard work, her expertise and her commitment to the job. We wish her well for the future.

We welcome Mandy Cotterill, who started as our Parish Clerk on 1st March. Mandy can be contacted on stowparishclerk@gmail.com or on 01427 717251.

Dog Fouling

Please remember to pick up after your dog.

A resident reports: "After a relative respite there is now again a dog fouling problem in Stow & surrounding footpaths. It mostly seems to be the same dog (about labrador or bigger size). This has not only been on the paths, but on the grassy village green areas & verges in the central part of the village. It should not be up to other dog owners to pick up after someone else."

Whoever this is, please clear up after your dog. There are a number of bins around the village, or you could even take it home. Please do not spoil the village for other residents.



7.30pm

Sturton Village Hall
Secretary Maria Scott 787062

MARCH 14 TH	Annual Meeting
Roll Call	Household Tip
Hosts	Committee
APRIL 11th	Helen Goring - Line Dancing
Roll Call	Famous Dancer
Comp	Anything Western Theme -
	Cowboys Etc
Hosts	Beryl Brocklesby & Jane Treen
MAY 9 th	Resolution Meeting/ Coronation
Roll Call	Name of a King
Comp	Coronation Souvenir
Hosts	Fran Lewis & Laura Newbout

New members always welcome.



STURTON AND STOW AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

AGM

7pm Thursday 20th April

The Old School Room, Sturton.

Come along and play your part in running the Show!