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## Welcome to our September 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 [stovillage@outlook.com](mailto:stovillage@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](mailto: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 33 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.*

### Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting will be at **7pm Monday 11th September** 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. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

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



### FLASHING SPEED SIGNS IN STOW

On driving into Stow, have you noticed the flashing speed signs are no longer flashing? That is because the batteries are flat and Andrew, who has been changing the batteries, has been out of action for a while. It is therefore time to come up with a new system. We need volunteers to look after these signs. There are three of them in total, one on Sturton Road, one on Ingham Road and one on Willingham Road. We need at least two volunteers per sign. The batteries last about a month, so each month these volunteers need to take a step ladder with them and swap over the batteries. There are spare batteries, so old batteries can be recharged ready to be put back in future months. In the first instance can volunteers please contact me (01427 788110) and I will coordinate things with Andrew. Thank you.

Chris Turner

POST OFFICE

THE POST OFFICE IS IN ST MARY'S, BEHIND THE ORGAN. IT IS OPEN:  
 Monday 09.30 – 12.30  
 Tuesday 13.30 – 16.30  
 Thursday 09.30 – 12.30

For your Post Office needs plus a small selection of groceries, newspapers and strawberries, when in season.

### Cottam Solar project

The Planning Inspectorate Preliminary Meeting and Examination (of process) commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> September then a Special Issues Hearing on 6<sup>th</sup>. You can watch a recording of the meetings or read the transcript on their website. 17<sup>th</sup> October is the next deadline for submissions. However, for your information, we have included below the Conclusions from Stow Parish Council's (SPC) recent submission. The full submission can be found on the Parish Council website under Parish Information (Cottam Solar Project). <https://stow.pariah.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

#### “Conclusions

Members of SPC and many local residents in principle support the development of solar power, but this collection of proposals raises a number of significant concerns:

- The viability of the project in terms of lifecycle carbon footprint has not been demonstrated. We feel that the project should not be allowed to proceed until it is demonstrated to produce a significant contribution to achieving the Government's net-zero ambition:
- The sheer number of projects currently under consideration, which would significantly change the character of the area to the detriment of local residents, and the agricultural and tourism industries;
- The loss of productive agricultural land and the jobs associated with it;
- The loss of green spaces that are well used recreational facilities for local residents and visitors; walking and cycling routes for the benefit of health and well-being, and Green Lane that is unnecessarily included as an access route for the operational phase of the project;
- The immediate negative impact on wildlife and biodiversity must be mitigated. These routes, paths hedgerows and trees have provided safe haven, and hunting grounds for many 100's of years, and yet over 24 months this will be destroyed. Alternative habitats must be constructed far enough in advance of the start of construction that they will be mature for wildlife to migrate into it when construction starts.
- The negative impact on residents of the increase in volume and size of traffic plus the road closures caused by the Abnormal Loads during the construction phase of both the solar fields and the cable route.
- The inconsistencies between the Transport Assessment in Chapter 14 of the Environmental Statement and its Appendices, and salami-slicing of the Cable access traffic so that it is excluded from the Safety and Delay assessments is a failing at best and misrepresents the project impacts within the developer's proposals. This, and the failure to present an overview of all the traffic (i.e. that for the solar fields and for the cable route), and the omission of traffic past the local school and through the centre of Stow Village, leads us to think that the Safety and the Delay assessments are neither reliable nor accurate. We would like to see these facets independently assessed and the new assessment published for public scrutiny before any permission is granted for the project to go ahead.

- We are concerned about the risks to a Grade 1 listed scheduled monument – St Mary's Church and associated artifacts – due to very large and heavy construction traffic planned to pass immediately adjacent to it. The movement of the proposed Abnormal Loads may be feasible dimensionally, but the project should be required to demonstrate to independent experts that there will be no damage to the foundations of the Monument or to those of the houses adjacent to their route.
- We think the alternative of much greater use of roads internal to the project areas and accessed as much as possible from A-class roads, should be actively pursued, particularly to reduce the volume of traffic along Stow Lane/Ingham Road.
- The potential inappropriate placement of panels or sub stations adjacent to scheduled monuments.
- The non-adoption of our very reasonable request for walker access to one or both banks of the River Till bank, to link together existing walking routes. The explanations provided are hard to accept.
- The Applicant is silent on their financial liability for damage to listed monuments and dwellings during the lifetime of the project, together with financial compensation for those individuals negatively impacted by the project and its construction.
- We seek clarity on what community financial benefit will be offered should any of the proposals proceed.

Should all of the above points be resolved to SPC's satisfaction, we would support the project. As the Applicant's proposal currently stands, we strongly oppose it.”

You can see up to date information at the Planning Inspectorate website:  
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/cottam-solar-project/>

### Community Litter Pick

Stow Fun Raisers will be hosting a village litter pick on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm**. Meet at Manor Farm Stow Park Road and please wear sturdy footwear and gloves. Picking sticks, bags and Hi Viz jackets are provided. Refreshments available afterwards for all the volunteers.

PLEASE NOTE - no unaccompanied children as most of the areas we litter pick are alongside the road. **Offers of cakes much appreciated.** Please let Clare know if you are coming so you can be catered for - on 07805057583 or at [stowvillage@outlook.com](mailto: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.

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

PLEASE NOTE THE **ROAD BETWEEN STURTON AND STOW IS DUE TO BE CLOSED 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> September**

You can come to the village from Sturton direction either via Fleets Road and Ingham Road, or Marton Road and Stow Park Road

**STURTON AND STOW HISTORY SOCIETY**

20<sup>th</sup> September - A Pottery Evening by Jane Young. This will include a talk followed by a chance to have a go at decorating some pottery. Could get messy so bring your aprons!

18<sup>th</sup> Oct- Katherine’s House by author Sarah Hogg. The history and life of Kettlethorpe Manor, the home of Katherine Swynford.

All start at 7.30pm.  
Tea/coffee & a raffle.  
Sturton Village Hall  
High Street  
Sturton LN1 2AE



**FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 10am-2pm.  
CROSS KEYS, STOW**

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**Macmillan Coffee Morning and Craft Fayre**

£5 entry (includes a ticket for a drink and a cake, and a donation)

Raffle, Tombola, Craft stalls, Book stall, Games and CAKE!!!!

A great opportunity to donate to a wonderful cause, win prizes, buy gifts and meet up with friends for a coffee/tea and cake

We would appreciate donations of raffle prizes, new / unopened items for the tombola...

Are you able to donate a cake/ tray bake/ muffins/ biscuits?

Or volunteer to help out for a couple of hours on the day?

**For more information,  
to offer donations of cakes or prizes,  
or help on the day**

**Call Hayley on 01427 788314, Louise on 07817 392419**

**Or email Clare on [stowvillage@outlook.com](mailto:stowvillage@outlook.com)**



**Isle Chamber Choir**  
 with a programme of secular and sacred music  
 at **St Mary's Church, Stow**  
 Saturday 30th September at 7.00pm

Conductor: Robert Fields  
 Accompanist: Maurice Davies  
 Soloist: Andrew North

**Tickets: £10.00**  
 to include light refreshments

visit: [stowminster.co.uk](http://stowminster.co.uk) for more details or  
 call 01427 788725

**Dog Fouling**

Why, oh why, does this have to a regular plea?

There are some lovely dogs locally, but why cannot everyone clean up after their pooch?

Please clear up after your dog and keep the footpaths clear for everyone.

The **Mobile library** calls in the village on a monthly basis at 1pm – 1.45pm, stopping on Ingham Road by South Drive. It will be in Stow on the following dates: 27<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> October, 22<sup>nd</sup> November and 20<sup>th</sup> December. 01522 782010

**Living Advent Calendar**

I know that there are some residents who love their annual artistic challenge in December, and others that very kindly decorate a window to ensure we have 24 participants .. Can I please have an indication of whether there are 24 residents who want to take part this December - or if we should have a rest this year and come back with new designs next year? I'll put a post on the village Facebook page that those on FB can comment on, but those of you who are only on email, could you please let me know if you'd like to go ahead this year, or if you'd prefer a year off.

Many thanks Clare ( [stovillage@outlook.com](mailto:stovillage@outlook.com) )



Meetings are at 7.30pm in Sturton Village Hall  
 Secretary  
 Maria Scott 787062

**Tuesday 12th September**  
 Maria will be telling us all about the St John's Ambulance service.  
 The roll call will be 'Worst Injury'. The competition will be 'Best Sling Maker'.  
 Hosts Linda White & Sue Sharpe

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October**  
 Card Workshop with Gill Town  
 Roll Call –Happy Birthday in A Foreign Language  
 Comp - Best Celebration Card  
 Hosts Amanda Davey & Mavis Benson

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
 Quiz & Games Evening  
 Roll Call – Board Game

**Sturton and Stow Christmas Market**

will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.30-2pm.

Stalls from Tillbridge Lane through to Stow. This will include Sturton Village Hall, the Cross Keys and Stow Church.

Limited parking at Sturton School and Manor Farm in Stow. The Christmas tree light switch on in Sturton is the same day

There will be flyers in the village store, the Co-op and the Cross Keys.

**Contact the Parish Clerk:**

Mandy Cotterill is our Parish Clerk.  
 Mandy can be contacted on  
[stowparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stowparishclerk@gmail.com) or 01522 646126