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Welcome to our Christmas 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 36 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 5th February 2024** in St Mary's. The Spring meeting will be on 11th March.

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>

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 date: 20th December. Contact 01522 782010 for more information.

POST OFFICE

THE POST OFFICE IS IN ST MARY'S, BEHIND THE ORGAN. IT IS USUALLY 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, and newspapers.

Cottam Solar

The Open Floor Hearing is on Thursday 7th December at 17.00 pm arrival for registration and seating start 17.30 pm.

The venue is West Hall, Epic Centre, Lincolnshire Showground, Grange-de-Lings, Lincoln, LN2 2NA

7000 Acres, the campaign group, stresses the importance of making your views heard. "We need you there in numbers. We cannot underestimate how important it is to speak."

Spectators can just turn up.

You need to complete an online form to confirm your intentions to speak. See below.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=mN94Wlhvq0iTIpmM5VcljdJ3JL0LBWpKv16vsCcCpKhURjRET0ZMTEFLSzMVQUlaRkFITDA1QVBCOC4u>

Email: CottamSolarProject@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

<https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010133/examination/have-your-say-during-examination>

Neighbourhood Planning

Sturton by Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Plan was adopted in 2023. In April this year the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (CLLP) was revised and adopted by the participating local authorities including West Lindsey District Council. As such we are required to review our Plan to ensure it complies.

A small working group has been working on any required amendments.

Look out for consultation meetings in the New Year to bring you up to date with the proposed revisions.

The return of the Saxon Sundial

At the Sunday service on the 19th November, Stow Minster received a piece of a Saxon Sundial. Thought to be from the 11th Century, just before the Norman conquest in 1066, it was probably made as part of the rebuilding of the church undertaken with the help of an endowment made by Leofric, Earl of Mercia and his wife Godifu (who is known today as Lady Godiva). The piece of stone on which the fragment of the sundial is carved was removed from a pile of stones left outside Stow Minster in 1972. Having the stone returned now helps us in our search for other fragments of the sundial. The stone will, in due course, be displayed for all to see. David Justham

STOW VILLAGE LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR December 2023 – enjoy our Advent calendar.

Date	Address where you can find the window
1st Fri	31 Ingham Road (on the left, quite a way down)
2nd Sat	4 School Lane
3rd Sun	10 South Drive
4	The Cross Keys, Stow Park Road
5	25 Ingham Road
6	8a Sturton Road
7	10 St Mary's Crescent
8	The Rectory, Normanby Road
9th Sat	Gothic House, 25 Church Road
10th Sun	Highfield Farm, Stow Park Road
11	19 Stow Park Road
12	Ivy Cottage, Stow Rd - behind Capp Island opposite the Mere
13	11 Ingham Road
14	Minster View, Church Road
15	5 Church Road
16th Sat	3 Church Lodge – view from Normanby Road
17th Sun	12 Ingham Road
18	8b Sturton Road
19	Highfield Cottage, Stow Park Road (near Highfield Farm)
20	7 Church Road
21	Tarn Howes, Ingham Road (near the 30mph sign)
22	29 Church Road (down the bottom of the lane)
23th Sat	6 Sturton Road
24th Sun	School House, School Lane

Thank you to all of you decorating a window



**Christmas
Walking Market**
Saturday 2nd December
10.30am-2pm

Over 50 stalls spread from Tillbridge Lane through to Stow, including Sturton by Stow Village Hall, The Cross Keys in Stow, Stow Minster, and 16+ stalls on driveways throughout Sturton.

Parking is available at Sturton by Stow primary school and at Manor Farm in Stow.


Food and hot drinks available at Tillbridge Tastery, Sturton village hall and The Cross Keys.

Christmas tree light switch on at 4pm in Sturton.

Map available locally at village stores, The Cross Keys, and at Sturton primary school.

Head to Sturton By Stow Community Facebook page for up to date information of all the stalls.

Lots of stalls including 20 in St Mary's and more at the Cross Keys who are also doing refreshments including Dan's famous sausage rolls!



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

DECEMBER 12TH

Christmas Party
Hosts – the Committee

STOW FUN RAISERS

Invite you to join them singing seasonal songs and carols round the Christmas Tree.
6.30pm Friday 15th December

The annual community singing of carols and Christmas songs around the village Christmas tree at the crossroads is planned for Friday 15th December at 6.30pm.

We aim to sing about 6 or 7 carols - do you have a favourite that you'd like to be included this year? To request a particular carol send a comment on the thread on Facebook and we'll include the most popular ones.

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 have had a bumper turnout for the last two years – let's see if we can do the same this year!

Collection as usual for St Barnabas Hospice.

Details will be posted on the Stow Community Facebook page

CAROLS AND PEACE LIGHT AT COATES

Why not join us for the tranquillity and peace of Coates - it's a special time of Year!

Carols and Peace Light at Coates
Tuesday 19th December at 6.30pm
Weather permitting, Singing Carols around a log fire outside in the back garden area.
Presentation of the Peace Light from a flame taken from the Crib in Bethlehem.

There will be a Peace Light walk prior and there is more on our Face Book site if you like to join us on that walk to Coates.

After the Service, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies or coffee and tea and, for the children, S'mores* and Hot Chocolate.

Wrap up warm, bring a torch and if you would like to share a flame bring a candle or lantern.
Robin Wright

*Note from the editor: S'mores are – in case like me you did not know – toasted marshmallows between two chocolate biscuits.



The History Society talks will resume on Wednesday 20th March 2024 with a talk by our Society President Alan Stennett- Changes in Lincolnshire Farming over the 20th Century. David Justham.

WHAT'S ON in December

1st – 24 th December	Living advent calendar
2 nd	Sturton and Stow Walking Christmas Market – lots of stalls in both Sturton and Stow. Maps on Facebook and available from Sturton Stores.
4 th (week commencing)	Cottam Issue Specific hearings, Epic Centre
7 th	Cottam Open floor hearing
11 th – 15 th	Road closure Stow Lane
12 th	WI Xmas Party
15 th	Stow Funraisers: Carols round the Christmas Tree
19 th	Carols and peace light at Coates
20 th	Mobile Library
20 th	History Society Quiz
24 th	Carol Service, St Mary's

Join us for our **CAROL SERVICE**
in
STOW MINSTER on CHRISTMAS EVE
Sunday, 24th December 2023
at 6.00pm

At a time when the shopping is done, the presents wrapped (possibly),
please join us as we start Christmas
with a time for all the family
singing traditional carols and reflection
on the birth of a child who changed the world

LEST WE FORGET
Thank you to Stow Fun Raisers who purchased the large poppies that were fixed to the village signs and lampposts and telegraph poles in the village for Remembrance Day.

Road closure

11th – 15th December

Ingham Road/ Stow Lane, along 'The Narrows', east of the turning to Coates.

Contact the Parish Clerk:

Mandy Cotterill is our Parish Clerk.
Mandy can be contacted on
stowparishclerk@gmail.com or 01522 646126