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Welcome to our WINTER 2024 edition.

Welcome to this edition of the Bugle. 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, who has kindly agreed to manage it for us, on stovillage@outlook.com

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 the Parish Council website.

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 38 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

All residents of Stow Parish are welcome to attend the meetings, which are now being held on Thursday evenings at the Cross Keys.

Meetings will be:

Thurs 9th Jan. 2025 at The Cross Keys 7p.m.
Thurs 6th Mar. at The Cross Keys 7p.m.

The agenda will be posted on our website and 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, including a link to all West Lindsey Planning Applications, can be found at: <https://stow.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

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.

Check for opening hours at Christmas and New Year.

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:

18th December 2024.

Contact 01522 782010 for more information.

STOW PARISH COUNCIL

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU



Stow Parish Council has a complement of 7 councillors. Currently in post are:

Jonty Waudby, Chairman
Rebecca Arden, Vice Chair
Keith Eden
Charles Hewitt
John Martinson
Chris Turner
 plus one vacancy

ENHANCING THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE LIVE COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Stow Parish Council is keen to adequately reflect representation from all parts & all areas of the community, (Stow, Coates, Normanby & Stow Park). Whether you are new to the Parish or have lived here a long time, whether you have a young family, live alone, are working or just relaxing; we would like to hear from you if you are passionate about enhancing the community in which we live.

We have 1 remaining Councillor vacancy waiting for your application!

Please apply to stowparishclerk@gmail.com

St Mary's

International Peace Light

to be received at Stow Minster 5.30pm
 Monday 16th December 2024 before being taken to St Edith's, leaving Stow at 5.45pm

Carol Service

Stow Minster

6.00pm Christmas Eve, 24th December 2024



For more information contact
 the Secretary, Maria Scott, on 07914961675

Meetings are held (unless stated otherwise) in Sturton Village Hall starting at 7pm.

10 th December	Christmas Party
14 th January	Physiotherapy – Jenny Clarke
11 th February	Chair of Lincs. North Federation

Non-members are welcome to attend. There will be a charge of £5.

News from St Edith's, Coates Church

Monday 16th December

International Peace Light Walk, starts at Stow Minster at 5.45pm and will arrive at Coates 7pm for the Carol Service, our chance to inspire Peace in our Communities and Young people at an increased time of importance. Please join us either at the Service or on the Walk. The International Peace Light Flame comes from the Crib in Bethlehem and is relayed across the World by Lampers; everyone who wishes to take a flame away is most welcome.

STOW FUN RAISERS

6.30pm 20/12/2024
Carols around the Christmas Tree

Carols around the Christmas Tree 2024
 Our traditional Carol singing event on Friday 20/12/2024 will be a bit different from previous years. We'll gather around the village Christmas Tree at 18:30, where our professional singers, Kate and Pete will lead the carol singing. Donations for St Barnabas. Refreshments (coffee, tea, hot chocolate and mince pies) will be served at the Cross Keys after the singing, where you can also enjoy the pub's famous sausage rolls and mulled wine. Kate and Pete will continue to entertain us at the Cross Keys after the festive bellringing (approx. 20:30).

Dates for your diary in 2025:

- 22/02/2025 - Talk Night
- 03/2025 - Spring Litter Pick - date TBC
- 27/04/2025 - Car Treasure Hunt
- 13/07/2025 - BBQ and Bike Ride
- 10/10/2025 - Race Night

All our future events will of course have more details and exact dates/times published nearer the time.

For more information see the separate notice or, visit Stow Fun Raisers on Facebook or contact Hayley @ the Cross Keys on 788314



Christmas Market



Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th December
10am – 11.45am



Call in for a chat, a cuppa, bacon roll and a mince pie
Look through the Christmas stalls
Free entry & free cash prize draw – worth £25, to be drawn at 11.30am

Still spaces left. Whether you've been busy crafting or selling for a charity, why not have a table for just £5. To book a table contact: johnleggott@btinternet.com

www.sturtonbystowvillagehall.co.uk

Registered Charity No 51268

COMMUNITY HUB AND WINTER WARMER

Join us for a weekly warm welcome, where you can enjoy a hot meal, a comforting cup of tea, and connect meaningfully with others in a relaxed and friendly setting.

Sturton by Stow Village Hall LN1 2AX
every Monday starting 18 November 12 midday until 3pm

Saxilby Village Hall LN1 2HA
every Wednesday starting 27 November 10.30am until 1.30pm

The Bridge Learning Centre DN21 1LP
every Sunday from 24 November 10am until 1pm

Gainsborough Uphill Community Centre DN21 1NJ
every Monday from 18 November 12midday until 3pm



For More Information
<https://cliplearning.com/ourprogrammes/clips-warm-space-initiative/>
 Call Us
 01427.677377




A BIG THANK YOU TO MANDY COTTERILL, WHO STEPS DOWN AS OUR CLERK ON 4TH DECEMBER. MANY THANKS FOR ALL HER HARD WORK AND COMMITMENT. ALL GOOD WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.

WE WELCOME NICOLA CULLIFORD AS OUR NEW CLERK AND WISH HER WELL IN HER NEW ROLE.

FROM LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE

Warning: we have seen an increase in keyless car thefts across the county this month with thefts occurring between the hours of midnight and 4am. Since the start of the month, we have had vehicles stolen almost every day from locations across the county. ...We suspect this may be the work of an organised crime group. Cars with keyless entry unlock automatically when the key comes within a short distance of the car. This can be from inside a pocket or bag. If you have to push a button on your car key to open your car, you don't have keyless entry. Keyless car theft or 'relay theft' is when a device is used to fool the car into thinking the key is close by. This unlocks the car and starts the ignition which means they only need to be within a few metres of your car key to capture the signal, even if it's inside your home. ...even if your car and home are secure, thieves can still unlock, start and steal your car. Thieves often make use of cars with cloned number plates to travel the country using what are referred to as 'jamming devices' to block wireless signals used for CCTV and vehicle tracking devices. Colleagues at West Midlands Police have created a video to show how quickly a theft can take place. Youtube link:


<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8pffcngJJq0&feature=youtu.be>

How to protect your keyless entry car:

- When at home keep your car key (and the spare key) well away from the car.
- Put the keys in a screened or signal-blocking pouch, such as a Faraday Bag. We recommend purchasing from a reputable supplier as we are aware of instances where such pouches have been purchased but have no signal-blocking ability.
- Reprogramme your keys if you buy a second-hand car.
- Turn off wireless signals on your fob when it's not being used.
- Make use of physical security measures such as steering or pedal locks and park cars in garages where feasible.

People are asked to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity. Lincolnshire Police are actively patrolling the roads and neighbourhoods and have recently recovered a number of stolen vehicles and arrested individuals.

More information about preventing car and vehicle theft and checking before buying a potential cloned car can be found here: <https://www.police.uk/.../preventing-car-vehicle-theft/>



Be prepared to protect yourself, family, pets and

- Prepare a flood kit including a torch, batteries, mobile phone, warm clothes, water, food and any prescription medicines you may need.
- Avoid walking, cycling or driving through flood water.
- Farmers should consider moving livestock and equipment away from areas likely to flood.
- Keep an eye on local water levels and weather conditions.

Visit the Environment Agency website www.environment-agency.gov.uk for river level and flooding information.

Useful Contacts

In a life-threatening incident always call 999

Floods:

Sign up for flood warnings - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Or by phone: Floodline Telephone: 0345 988 1188
Textphone: 0345 602 6340

Report flooding of public drains, roads & groundwater to Lincolnshire CC 01522 782082

Report flooding from rivers to the Environment Agency incident hotline 0800 807060

Contact Anglian Water to fix blocked sewers or burst water mains 03457 145 145

Power cuts:

In the event of a power cut call Northern Grid by simply dialling 105

Priority Services Membership – if you might need extra support in a power cut due to personal or medical circumstances join for free by following the link <http://www.northerngrid.com/care>

Contact Stow Parish Clerk on stowparishclerk@gmail.com

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

2 nd December	Sturton Community Hub and winter warmer 12-3 VH
7 th December	Sturton Christmas Market 10-12 in the Village Hall Willingham Christmas Fayre 1pm in Willingham Village Hall
9 th December	Sturton Community Hub 12-3 VH
16 th December	Sturton Community Hub 12-3 VH. 5.30pm International Peace Light received at Stow Minster then at 5.45pm leave Stow to walk to St Edith's and service at 7pm.
18 th December	1pm Mobile Library
18 th December	7.30pm Christmas Social Fun Quiz & A tale of the Lonesome Bransby/Broxholme Chimney - a short talk by Chris Turner. History Society. VH
20 th December	Carols round the Christmas Tree & in the Cross Keys marquee.
23 rd December	Sturton Community Hub 12-3 VH
24 th December	6pm Carol Service at St Mary's.
Advance notice of some 2025 events:	
9 th January	7pm Stow Parish Council, The Cross Keys.
14 th January	Physiotherapy – Jenny Clarke WI. VH
11 th February	President of North Lincs. Federation. WI. VH
22 nd February	Stow Fun Raisers Talk Night @ The Cross Keys