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Welcome to our SPRING 2025 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.

Stow Parish Council AGM



Stow Parish Council (SPC) warmly welcome you to join us for tea, coffee and biscuits at the Annual Parish Meeting on **Thursday 1st May**. This is an opportunity to meet your councillors and share your thoughts, ideas or concerns on the village matters most important to you. We look forward to seeing you from 7-8pm on Thursday 1st May at The Cross Keys, Stow Park Road.

Stow Parish Council Meeting Dates 2025/2026

Commencing 7pm, The Cross Keys
2025: 1st May, 3rd July, 4th Sept, 6th Nov.
2026: 8th Jan, 5th March.

All residents of Stow Parish are welcome to attend the meetings.

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.

Getting to know Stow Parish Councillors

In this edition we would like to introduce you to a couple more of your parish councillors. Please say hello if you see them around the village:

Councillor Chris Turner...



I have lived in School Lane, Stow, for over 40 years. I joined SPC around 2000 and somehow I am still a part of this small, little, friendly council. I have been elected its chairman twice during this period.

My main activity, now I have retired, is church bell ringing and I have been captain of the tower for all the years I have lived here. Besides ringing our bells, I oversee flag raising and clock winding. Thankfully, this latter duty is now automated, thanks to the Stow Recreation Fund.

Councillor Kerry Leach...



I've lived in Stow all my life so am a true 'Stowite'. I've recently become more involved in village life, i.e. helping with the litter picks, planting spring bulbs and also volunteering at the annual Macmillan coffee morning. Some of you may have seen me out and about locally walking my dog, Arlo. Hopefully by being on the Parish Council I can do my bit to help the community

Central Lincolnshire Design Code

We want your views on delivering better design in your area

The design code will set out requirements and guidance for new development to ensure it delivers the best for our area

Have your say and you could win one of three £50 Lincolnshire Gift Cards in our prize draw!*

The consultation runs from 26 February to 9 April 2025

* You must complete the survey and 'opt in' to be entered into the prize draw.

Scan this QR code to complete the survey

Alternatively, follow this link: <https://arcq.is/1qLiej1>

Central Lincolnshire Design Code



The weight limit sign is back up after being damaged in the storms – and no longer says 'except for access'.

Sturton by Stow WELLBEING WALKS

and Community café

The funding for winter warmer ends on 24th March. After that the café will run roughly twice a month relying on donations to continue running in the spring /summer. Because of Easter and May Bank Holidays, we have set dates for the Cafe as follows: 31 March, 14 April, 28 April, 12 May, 19 May, 2 June, 9 June, 23 June, 7 July, 21 July, 4 August, 18 August.

Wellbeing Walks will continue and will be 11-12 on the same dates as the Café each month starting and finishing at the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, even your well behaved 4 legged friends.

The Café is a busy place, and it helps to have extra pairs of hands at the peak time (from 12 to 1pm / 1:30). If you enjoy helping and you can spare an hour or two a month why not join our friendly team to help with preparing and serving in the café? Help is very much appreciated and it's fun too! Contact Muriel on 07517 897305 or speak to us at the next café.



2025 is the 200th anniversary year of Stow's Wesleyan Chapel.

This image captures Stow St. Mary's Church towering in the background and presents a poignant reminder of social change. Today a private residence, the chapel was built in 1824 and began service in 1825. Our rural communities were a microcosm of social upheaval throughout the county and country. In adjacent villages, Sturton and Willingham chapels had arrived 20 years earlier. The 19th-century development of our chapels and schools, with bizarre stories of local conflict, is retold in 'STOW WARS'. Copies of this book can be obtained from Sturton & Stow History Society; the author is Historian Linda Crust, the Society President until she passed away in 2016.

Clive Thompson on behalf of Sturton & Stow History Society. You can message via the Society's Facebook page.



STURTON AND STOW HISTORY SOCIETY

- 16th April Beatrix Potter & Mrs Heelis by Elaine Johnson
- 21st May The History of Stained Glass in Lincoln Cathedral by Simon Judge
- 18th June Lawrence of Lincolnshire by Richard Pullen

Go the Society's Facebook page to message. All talks on a Wednesday in Sturton Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tea/coffee/raffle.



Photo by Kerry Leach

The bulbs on the Village Green. Funded by Stow Fun Raisers over a few years and mainly planted by Janet. Our thanks.

Easter at Stow

“Our service this year begins at **7.00pm on Maundy Thursday, 17th April**. Maundy Thursday traditionally recognises the institution of the Lord’s Supper. And in many places, as at Stow, the washing of feet is included to reflect that at the last supper Jesus washed his disciples’ feet, the leader is also the servant. The service often ends with the Stripping of the Altar - a tradition that developed simply because the altar guilds needed to strip the altar after Maundy Thursday in preparation for the bare, stark altar on Good Friday. Following the service there is the opportunity to join a time of silent watch and prayer, as we remember Jesus and the disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Easter Sunday Services are:

Easter Dawn Service at 5.45am at St Edith’s, Coates, normally a lovely Service outside watching the Sun Rise around a warming fire.

10.30 at St Helen’s, Willingham

Churches Festival, May 10th & 11th and May 17th & 18th

This year’s Churches Festival in West Lindsey will run over two weekends in May. In our area of West Lindsey participating churches will open for the festival over the first weekend, being 10th and 11th May.

At St Mary’s Church, Stow our theme this year explores the role of Vikings within our area of West Lindsey, their local encampments, trading and farming activities, and their relationship with the church. Important features within the church include Viking graffiti from 10th/11th century and parts of a Viking grave marker.”

Concert by Lincoln Chorale

At Stow Minster on Saturday
28th June

7.00pm

A programme of sacred and secular music

Tickets £10.00

To reserve your tickets contact David on
01427 788725

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK and Refreshments



2pm Sunday 6th April

Meet at Manor Farm, Stow Park Road for a 2pm start Please wear thick gloves and sturdy footwear Children welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. Picking sticks and bags provided.

Most volunteers work in teams of 2 - one to hold the bag and one to use the picking stick. A van is always available to collect any bags you leave on the verges and to pick up any larger items you find. The more volunteers that help out, the more areas we can cover in a shorter time - the four main routes into the village are usually the priority, but if enough people come along we can also do the public footpaths in and out of the village

If you haven’t been before - or if you are a ‘regular’ - please do come along to help clean up OUR community paths and verges. Stow Fun Raisers accept no liability for any injury or loss suffered taking part in the community litter pick.

A BONUS - is that to thank you for your time and effort, on your return to the farm you are invited to stay for refreshments. If you are not able to come along and pick - maybe you would like to donate some biscuits/a cake/flapjack etc. for the volunteers’ refreshments?

If you're able to come, or can provide something towards the refreshments, please email stovvillage@outlook.com or message Clare on [07805 057583](tel:07805057583) to help us with numbers - but you'll still be welcome if you just turn up on the day.

CAR TREASURE HUNT STOW FUN RAISERS 27TH APRIL

Details to be confirmed
Check for updates on Facebook.

Craft & chat group

Community Room, Ingham Village Hall 7-9pm
Tea, coffee & biscuits included £2.

Everyone welcome whatever your craft or ability or just require help, between us I’m sure someone can.

It’s been over 12 months since it all began!

Every 2nd & 4th Thursday
Next one booked for 10th April

Need a lift? Ring Hilary 07745 833383 or Margaret 07976 847201

See you there!



The Lincoln North Federation WI are hosting the AGM at Bishop Grosseteste University, Lincoln. We meet other WI groups to discuss matters that concern our community, county and nationally. In April, WI House, Horncastle are hosting a 'Machine Sewn Greeting Cards', workshop. A Science Day is taking place in Market Rasen, 'Exactly what it says on the tin', concerning food fraud. The WI offers women the opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills and campaign on wide-ranging issues. To join us please contact Secretary Maria Scott – 01427 787062, or just come along to one of our meetings held in the Village Hall the second Tuesday in the month at 7:00 for 7:30pm. We also have a less formal coffee morning in the Cross Keys in Stow where a few of us meet on the first Friday of the month 10: am till 12: pm.

Lyndy Fillingham, Media Officer, Sturton by Stow Swans WI



Table Top Sale & Coffee Morning Saturday 5th April and 3rd May 10am – 11.45am



**Call in for a chat, cuppa and bacon roll.
Look through the books, bric a brac etc from
the table top sales.
Free entry & free cash prize draw –
worth £20.**

Books taking up too much space, bring them along on the 1st Saturday of the month, good quality books always welcome – choose some more to fill those empty gaps!

Whether emptying your loft or garage, had a winter sort out, been busy crafting, selling for a charity, why not have a stall. No charge this month. To book a stall contact: johnleggott@btinternet.com or 07484 346094
Facebook: Sturton-by-Stow Village Hall www.sturtonbystowvillagehall.co.uk

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WHAT'S ON IN APRIL AND MAY

APRIL

- 4th WI coffee morning. 10-12 Cross Keys
- 5th Breakfast Club. Cross Keys. 9.30am
- 5th Sturton Table top sale and coffee morning 10-11.45
Sturton VH
- 6th Stow Community Litter Pick, start 2pm Manor Farm with refreshments to follow.
- 14^h Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2pm
VH
- 8th WI 7pm VH
- 9th Mobile Library 1-1.45pm Ingham Road
- 10th Craft and Chat, Ingham Village Hall 7-9pm
- 16th Beatrix Potter and Mrs Heelis. History Society. 7.30pm
VH
- 17th Maundy Thursday service. 7pm St Mary's
- 20th Easter Sunday Services: 5.45am at St Edith's, Coates and 10.30am St Helen's, Willingham
- 24th Craft and Chat. Ingham. 7-9pm
- 27th Stow Fun Raisers Car Treasure Hunt. Details to be confirmed.
- 28th Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2 VH.

MAY

- 1st Stow Annual Parish Meeting 7pm Cross Keys.
- 2nd WI coffee morning. 10-12 Cross Keys
- 3rd Breakfast Club. 9.30am Cross Keys.
- 3rd Sturton table top sale and coffee morning
10-11.45. VH.
- 8th Craft and Chat. Ingham. 7-9pm.
- 7th Mobile Library. 1-1.45pm. Ingham Road.
- 10th-11th Churches Festival, St Mary's
- 12th Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2 VH
- 19th Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2 VH
- 21st The History of Stained Glass in Lincoln Cathedral.
History Society. 7.30pm. Sturton VH.
- 22nd Craft and Chat. Ingham. 7-9pm

Dates for the diary:

- 28th June Lincoln Chorale at Stow Minster 7pm
- 3rd July Stow Parish Council. 7pm. Cross Keys.

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: 9th April, 7th May, 4th June, 2nd and 30th July, 27th August, 24th September, 22nd October, 19th November and 17th December 2025. Contact 01522 782010 for more information.

Contact Stow Parish Clerk on
stowparishclerk@gmail.com