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## Welcome to our WINTER 2025 edition.

Welcome to the latest 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 extracts 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: [stowvillage@outlook.com](mailto:stowvillage@outlook.com)

Please forward 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 a copy off for them. 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](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 42 new households to the Stow area. If you have moved into the parish and not received a pack, our apologies, please contact the Clerk and we will get one delivered to you.

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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

#### Stow Parish Council Meeting Dates

All residents of Stow Parish are welcome to attend the meetings. Meetings commence at 7pm and are held at The Cross Keys . Dates so far for 2026: 8th January and 5th March.

Further dates to be confirmed.



#### Bus Shelter Refresh...

Members of Stow Parish Council would like to say a huge thank you to Jayne and Steve Foster, who have recently volunteered to refresh the village bus stop and cover some graffiti with a new coat of paint. Thank you Jayne and Steve on behalf of the PC and Stow residents. We really appreciate your hard work!

#### Weekly food waste collections coming to Lincolnshire 2026

You may be aware that during 2026, new weekly food waste collections will be rolled out across Lincolnshire. This is a countywide initiative and will provide residents with small indoor caddies and larger outdoor bins for food waste. For further information please click [here](#) or contact West Lindsey District Council on 01427676676



#### Light up a Life...

Lea Fields Crematorium based in Lea in West Lindsey will be hosting two 'light up a life' memorial services in December. It is an opportunity to remember and honour loved ones, whether their passing was recent or long ago. Friday 5th December - 6.00pm  
Saturday 6th December - 12.00pm

### Living Advent Calendar

Firstly a very big thank you to everyone who has volunteered (or been coerced) to take part in this year's event. It really does make the village look welcoming to all those who live here or just pass through or visit friends and family during the festive season.

At the time of writing we are still 2 windows short - 21<sup>st</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December. If anyone would like to join in and do either of those dates, please email Clare and we will add your address and include it in an updated list in a village email out nearer the dates.

Looking forward to seeing what you create!

#### STOW VILLAGE LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR - December 2025

Date	Address where you can find the window
1st Mon	4 School Lane
2nd Tues	Gothic House, 25 Church Road: special contribution!
3rd Weds	6 Sturton Road
4 Thurs	The Cross Keys, Stow Park Road
5 Fri	Minster View, Church Road
6th Sat	The Cross Keys, Stow Park Road
7th Sun	7 Church Road
8 Mon	17 Stow Park Road
9 Tues	1 Stow Park Road
10 Weds	11 School Lane
11 Thurs	19 Stow Park Road
12 Fri	8a Sturton Road
13th Sat	10 Church Road
14th Sun	The Old Chapel, Sturton Road
15 Mon	3 School Lane
16 Tues	5 Church Road
17 Weds	12 Ingham Road
18 Thurs	Harley House, Church Road
19 Fri	Highfield Farm, Stow Park Road
20th Sat	23a Church Road
21st Sun	
22 Mon	8b Sturton Road
23 Tues	
24 Weds	School House, School Lane

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 17th December 2025. 2026 dates to follow. 01522 782010 for more information.

### St Edith's, Coates, and St Mary's, Stow at Christmas

**9am 2nd December** St Edith's Morning Prayer

**7pm Monday 15th December**, St Edith's Peace Light and Carol Service

This will also include Our Peace Light Walk with the light from Stow Minster to Coates, starting from the Minster and gathering from 5.30pm. ALL are welcome and refreshments after both Services. *Robin Wright.*

**Carol Service 6.00pm Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December at Stow Minster.** We would love to see as many folk from our communities as possible for this popular event.

Secondly: Before you ask - there will be no floodlighting of Stow Minster this year over the Christmas period. The units we have used for over 30 years have been condemned and have been removed. We are exploring options for external flood lighting of the Minster in the future. *David Justham.*

### STURTON AND STOW HISTORY SOCIETY

17<sup>th</sup> Dec - **Christmas Customs**

Tom Lane with local musicians Nigel & Terri.

An illustrated talk with music & song on the folklore, customs & traditions of the festive season.

A social evening with seasonal refreshments and raffle.

Meetings will start again in March.

### Bell ringing in Stow

September was really busy for Stow ringers. We now have 3 recruits who are making great progress, one of which is a new resident to the village. We came second in the Lincoln DG striking competition and had a wedding to ring too. Last week several Stow ringers and Lincoln guild ringers made our way to Ypres Belgium, where we had a memorable visit. Plenty of ringing, socialising and a lot of reflection. We also laid a wreath at the Menin gate ceremony.

Chris Potts



### St Mary's church clock

(or more correctly, Stow village clock housed in St Mary's tower.)

Thank you everyone for your pledges of support towards repair of the striking mechanism for the village clock in the church tower. We are well on the way to securing sufficient pledges, which is very good news. However, we are still a little over £400 short, so any other pledges of support, however small, would be most welcome, just let me, Chris Potts or David Justham know. The support received so far has enabled us to place the order and the work is scheduled to be done at the beginning of March 2026. Thank you  
Chris Turner

Any pledges or money donations, please contact me (788110), David Justham (788725) or Chris Potts (07702692463).

### **Mulled Moments and Merry Melodies** **A family Christmas event organised by Stow Fun Raisers**

**Saturday 20th December 6 pm - 10 pm**

**Join us as we celebrate the season together!**

**We'll begin with carol singing around the village Christmas Tree, accompanied by the Willingham band - a perfect way to fill the village with festive cheer.**

**Then we'll wander over to The Cross Keys Beer Garden, where the evening continues with live music from the fantastic duo Kate & Pete. Sing along to all your Christmas favourites and soak up the festive spirit!**

**The fire pit will be glowing, and mulled wine and mince pies will be flowing.**

**Wrap up warm, bring your best singing voice, and come make merry with neighbours and friends.**



### POST OFFICE

The Post Office is now in a mobile unit, which will be parked in or near the Cross Keys car park. Opening hours are now two sessions a week. The Post Office will be at the Cross Keys:  
**Tuesday 9-10.30am** \*(Sturton 10.45 – 12.15 and Torksey 1-1.45pm)  
**Thursday 3 – 4.45pm** (11.30 – 12.15pm Torksey and 1-2.45 at Sturton).  
\* in Sturton it is parked near the Village Hall and in Torksey in the forecourt of The Elms.

### Re-Use-It at East Farm

For many years, perhaps just because we have a big shed for storage, un-needed items have gathered here, to be passed on to organisations, which can use them.

If you have any of these, please get in contact so we can make arrangements to get them here. Even if you have items, which do not fit these categories, do include them, as the charities hold sales/carboots to raise funds towards transport costs. NO electrical, medical, furniture or baby goods, please.

Everything is 'processed' quickly and transparently, then re-distributed to the appropriate group to be refurbished/sorted and sent where there is very real and urgent need. Please do look up TWAM, Jacobs Well and Grimsby Shoeboxes on the internet.

\*TOOLS: diy, trade equipment, garage, garden, sewing/knitting machines, haberdashery, fabric, IT, to Tools With A Mission, TWAM

\*WOOL: oddments to be knitted into blanket squares, squares (15cm x 15 cm, 6in x 6 in), to Jacob's Well

\*CLOTHES/TOILETRIES: for women's refuge, homeless, community use, to Grimsby Shoeboxes (not jumble)

\*POSTAGE STAMPS: (increasingly rare) for Oxfam and Air Ambulance

\* GREETINGS CARDS: for Grimsby Shoeboxes...good news, these are again needed

\*VOLUNTEERS: PLEASE, URGENT, needed to stitch together knitted squares. 30 make a good blanket, lots waiting to be sewn together, for Jacob's Well

Pauline Organ, 01427 788629 or email

[pauline-organ2@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:pauline-organ2@hotmail.co.uk) East Farm, Normanby by Stow, DN21 5LQ.....and THANK YOU!



**STURTON AND STOW AGRICULTURAL &  
HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION  
137th ANNUAL SHOW 4th OCTOBER 2025**

The 137th Annual Sturton and Stow Show was a great success once again! Despite the rather windy weather, we were delighted to see a fantastic turnout with entries up on last year across all sections. The school playground was filled with a wonderful display of classic cars and tractors, and the cheerful sound of the Fairground Organ added a lovely touch of traditional atmosphere throughout the day.

It was great to see both new and familiar faces enjoying everything the show had to offer from viewing the impressive exhibits to sampling the Youth Club's delicious refreshments, browsing the stalls, buying raffle tickets, and generally making the most of the afternoon.

The children's school art and craft designs were, as always, a highlight, admired by both the judges and visitors. Our sincere thanks go to the school for their continued support.

A special thank you to this year's President, Rebecca, not only for being our president, but for overseeing the day and presenting the prizes along with all the additional support she continues to give the Show. Thanks also to everyone who helped with setting up and packing away — we truly value the hard work and commitment of our committee members and volunteer stewards. The show is, as ever, a real team effort, and everyone's contribution makes it such a success. If anyone would like to join the committee, we'd be delighted to hear from you!

Our Chair, Michael Moore, has once again worked tirelessly to make further improvements to the show, and a huge thank you must also go to Carol Moore. Carol's dedication and organisation ensured everything ran smoothly, both on the day and in the busy months of preparation leading up to it. Carol goes above and beyond the secretary role!

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported and contributed to the 2025 show. We can't wait to do it all again next year!



**Sturton by Stow Swans WI**

All the Toiletry Bags that we made and filled have been delivered to Homeless Shelters in West & East Lindsey. It was satisfying to help in our small way for many that are disadvantaged and need a helping hand. We will be delivering the final collection of Harvest Festival donations within the next few weeks. As December approaches the Sturton Swans will be celebrating with our Christmas party hosted by the Committee Members. The February speaker is a longstanding member, Monica, who will entertain us with Monologues.

Sturton Swans meet every second Tuesday in Sturton village hall. Non-members are welcome to listen to our speakers for just £3. We have a coffee morning on the first Friday every month at the Cross Keys in Stow, 10:am to 12:pm.

What's on: Dec: 7th Coffee morning at the Cross Keys, Stow.

Jan: 2<sup>nd</sup> Coffee morning at the Cross Keys, Stow. Feb: 6th Coffee morning at the Cross Keys, Stow. 10<sup>th</sup> 7 pm: evening meeting Sturton VH.

Monologues. £3 for nom members.

Lyndy Fillingham

## WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

### DECEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Living Advent calendar starts
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Prayer, St Edith's 9am
- 5<sup>th</sup> WI coffee morning. 10-12 Cross Keys
- 5<sup>th</sup> Light up a life 6pm Lea Fields
- 6<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club. Cross Keys. 9.30am
- 6<sup>th</sup> Sturton by Stow Christmas Market. VH 10-2pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Light up a Life, Lea Fields 12 noon
- 7<sup>th</sup> FOSSA Christmas Market. Youth Club. 11-2pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2pm Sturton VH
- 9<sup>th</sup> WI 7pm VH
- 15<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm Peace Light Walk from St Mary's to St Edith's followed by 7pm Carol Service
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library 1-1.45pm Ingham Road
- 17<sup>th</sup> History Society. 7.30pm VH.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Carols round the Tree and festive songs at the Cross Keys 6-10pm Stow Fun Raisers
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2
- 24<sup>th</sup> Carol Service, St Mary's 6pm

### JANUARY 2026

- 2<sup>nd</sup> WI coffee morning. 10-12. Cross Keys.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Breakfast Club. 9.30am Cross Keys.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2
- 8<sup>th</sup> Stow Parish Council Meeting 7pm Cross Keys.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Last day for items for the next edition of the Bugle
- 19<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2
- tbc Mobile library 1-1.45pm Ingham Road.