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May we take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones all the very best for 2026.

Welcome to the first 2026 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 Facebook page 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 and in St Mary's.

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: 5th March.

Further dates to be confirmed.

##### Public consultation launched for the STEP Fusion prototype powerplant at West Burton

Communities across North Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire are being invited to help shape the early planning stage of the UK's ground-breaking STEP Fusion prototype powerplant.

From 14th January, UK Industrial Fusion Solutions Ltd (UKIFS) will begin a localised public consultation, giving people the chance to learn about the emerging proposals and share their views. Details of all consultation events can be found at:

<https://stepfusion.com/step-fusion-public-consultation/>

These include...

- Sturton by Stow Village Hall, Lincoln, on 29 January (10:00 to 15:00)
- Sturton Hall and Conference Centre on 17 February (15:00 to 20:00)



##### Reporting local issues...

Fixmystreet.com is an online reporting service where residents can report issues of concern to Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) including flooding, drainage, poor road or path surfaces and fallen trees. Reported issues can also be tracked for progress updates and resolutions.

LCC are encouraging all residents to report issues where they arise to ensure visibility. This is also a useful tool to identify where an issue has already been raised and/or is being investigated.

Visit [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com) to find out more





## STOW AT CHRISTMAS

A very big thank you to everyone who took part in December's decorated windows/ gardens displays in Stow! It was wonderful to see so many first timers joining in, as well as those who have supported the event before. The great variety of windows, and of course Santa & his sleigh & reindeer, were enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Hopefully it will have inspired more of you to take part next year. You don't have to be Picasso or spend a lot of money - just be happy to share your decorations with the rest of the village.

Thank you. Clare.



Thank you to Stow Fun Raisers for erecting and decorating the Christmas Tree – it looked great – and also, with the Cross Keys, organizing the carols round the tree and the singing round the fire at the Cross Keys.



**Thank you.**

A big thank you to all who supported the Carol Service on Christmas Eve in Stow Minster - £422.01 was raised for St Barnabas Hospice.



Date for your diary:

**Stow Fun Raisers Talk Night**

**Blood Bikes**

**16<sup>th</sup> May**

Details to follow

### **Willingham by Stow Twinning**

**Association presents:**

### **MURDER AT THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE**

**An interactive Murder Mystery in 3 Acts**

**by Rebecca Andrews**

**You are invited to travel back in time to**

**1928 and join us for a 3-course meal on**

**the luxury cruise ship SS Desdemona.**

**However, there are more than choppy**

**waters ahead and you will need to help a**

**famous detective solve a despicable**

**murder or two!**

**7pm for 7.30pm on Thursday 19th, Friday 20<sup>th</sup>**

**and Saturday 21st March 2026**

**At the Village Hall, Willingham by Stow**

**Tickets priced £20 each for the**

**Thursday night and £22 each for Friday**

**and Saturday available from Mary on**

**07919 810430 or**

**[clarkwillingham@btopenworld.com](mailto:clarkwillingham@btopenworld.com)**

**Tables of 6 to 8 persons. Ticket price**

**includes a 3-course meal. BYO drinks**

**and glasses. Please specify any dietary**

**requirements. 1920s dress encouraged!**

### **FRIENDS OF STOW MINSTER**

Twenty eight folk, including local villagers and representatives of Lincolnshire organisations, gathered at the Cross Keys on 22nd January to explore possible developments at Stow Minster. Amongst the many valuable points made, the Lincoln Archaeology Group reported on plans to undertake a range of activities within the village that would include community participation with archaeology projects. The re-opening of Lincoln Museum later in the year will include viking artifacts from Stow. Ideas for including more community based events within the minster - perhaps a Mediaeval Banquet - were suggested, and ways to encourage more tourism and pilgrimage to the locality. The health benefits of a cool space in summer was recognised in this era of global warming, though the challenges of heating the building in the cooler months were not forgotten. Visit [stowminster.co.uk](http://stowminster.co.uk) to learn more about the Friends of Stow Minster.

### **THE VILLAGE CLOCK**

Thank you for all your pledges. We now have enough money to cover the cost, but more pledges are always welcome. The clock striking system will be repaired at the start of March, so I will be contacting people who have pledged money then.

Thank you

Chris (01427 788110)



Sturton by Stow Swans WI

2026 is a celebration year for Sturton by Stow Swans W.I. We celebrate 60 years of this W.I. being in the village. Of course, over the years members have come and gone but despite people's perception that it's all about 'Jam and Jerusalem' our membership is still around 27. Members' past experiences are varied from white water rafting to bell ringing, attending national meetings at the Albert Hall, Lobbying the Government about environmental issues, bowling and testing and eating cake.

On March 21st, 2026, we will be holding a **Spring Extravaganza** in Sturton village hall, there will be stalls, games, home made produce and of course tea and cake (with Strawberry Jam)!

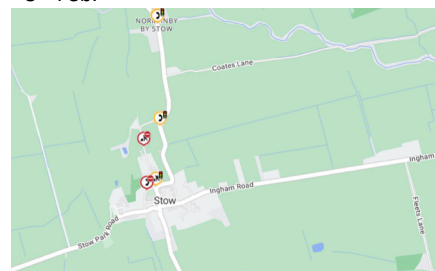
We would invite everyone from the village and beyond to share in our first of many 60 years celebrations. Retired members please come along and share your memories, PLEASE everyone look out for the Posters!!

### **Road Closures:**

Church Road north - closed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - 5<sup>th</sup> Feb

Church Road behind St Mary's - closed 4<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> March

Normanby Road corner in the village - traffic lights 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - 5<sup>th</sup> Feb.



### **Mobile library**

1-1.45pm Ingham Road, Stow on the following dates:

11th Feb., 11th March, 8th April, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st & 29th July, 26th August, 23rd Sept., 21st Oct., 18th Nov., & 16th Dec

### **Café Church**

in Sturton  
Village Hall

	Third Sundays of the month, 3.15-4.30pm <b>18th January 2026</b> <b>15th February 2026</b> <b>15th March 2026</b> <b>19th April 2026</b>
	<i>All welcome</i> Any questions? Call Revd Jane Foster-Smith on 01522 702427
	Hosted by the Stow Groups of Churches

### 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.

### Sturton by Stow village hall.

It was lovely to see so many people attending the Christmas market in December.

Many thanks to the Sturton Swans WI for doing such an amazing job in the kitchen cooking the bacon rolls, tea and coffee. Also to the village hall volunteers that helped to decorate the hall and put the tables out for the market, we appreciate all of the support, thank you.

A new kitchen is planned for early 2026. John and Ali have worked so hard to complete the paperwork for the grant. We're hoping there isn't too much disruption for regular bookings.

The committee are looking for a new hairdresser/barber for Saturday's to cover approximately 6 months maternity leave, starting in January. Contact Gail Adams 07718 903114 if you're interested please.

Considering the cold and wet weather we have been experiencing of late; we wanted to re share this useful information to support residents in the event of flooding or power cuts...

**FLOOD WARNING**

**Be prepared to protect yourself, family, pets and property.**

- 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](http://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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings)  
 Or by phone: Floodline Telephone: 0345 988 1188  
 Textphone: 0345 602 6340

**Report flooding of public drains, roads & groundwater to Lincolnshire County Council**  
 01522 782062

**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 150

**Priority Services Membership**  
 - If you might need extra support in a power cut due to personal or medical circumstances, join this scheme for free by calling 0800 169 2996

**COMMUNITY CAFE**

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

**Mondays 11am to 2pm Every week until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

**Well-being walk starts at 11, the Café opens at 12 noon**

Sturton by Stow Village Hall  
 High Street  
 Sturton by Stow  
 LN1 2AX



### WHAT'S ON

#### FEBRUARY

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by 12-2pm Sturton VH
- 6<sup>th</sup> WI coffee morning. 10 -12 Cross Keys
- 7<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club. Cross Keys. 9.30am
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sturton by Stow Table top sale. VH 10 -12
- 9<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by 12-2pm Sturton VH
- 10<sup>th</sup> WI 7pm VH
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library 1-1.45pm Ingham Road
- 15<sup>th</sup> Café Church. 3.15 - 4.30pm VH
- 16<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by 12-2pm Sturton VH
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2 Sturton VH

#### MARCH

- 2<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2
- 6<sup>th</sup> WI coffee morning. 10 -12. Cross Keys.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club. 9.30am Cross Keys.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sturton by Stow Table top sale. VH 10-12
- 9<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mobile library 1-1.45pm Ingham Road.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Last day for items for the next edition of the Bugle
- 15<sup>th</sup> Café Church. 3.15 - 4.30pm VH
- 16<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2
- 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Murder at the Captain's Table. Willingham by Stow Twinning Association. 7pm Willingham Village Hall
- 21<sup>st</sup> WI Spring Extravaganza to celebrate 60years in Sturton. VH. Watch out for posters for times.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2
- 30<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2

#### Advance notices:

Re Coates, the next Service at Coates will be Easter Dawn Service, on Sunday 5th April at 6.20am. Light breakfast after a short outdoor service around a warming fire.

16<sup>th</sup> May – Stow Fun Raisers Talk Night – Blood Bikes Charity

### STURTON BY STOW VILLAGE HALL

### Table Top Sale & Coffee Morning Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February & 7<sup>th</sup> March 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 – minimum £20.**

Books taking up too much space, bring them along on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month, good quality paperback books always welcome.

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: [johnleggoth@btinternet.com](mailto:johnleggoth@btinternet.com) or 07484 346094

Facebook: Sturton-by-Stow Village Hall [www.sturtonbystowvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.sturtonbystowvillagehall.co.uk)

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