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Welcome to the Spring 2026 edition of the Bugle. 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: stovvillage@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 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 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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Hedge Watch

Now that spring has officially sprung this is a polite reminder from your Parish Council for residents with hedging next to pavements, particularly those overhanging main pedestrian routes through the village, to please keep these cut back throughout the growing season for safe passage.



STOW BUGLE

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE RESIDENTS OF STOW PARISH

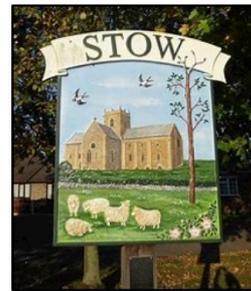
Stow, Normanby by Stow, Coates by Stow, and the surrounding rural area.

Stow Parish Council

Stow Annual Parish Meeting

Residents are warmly welcomed to the **2026 Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 7th May, 7pm, The Cross Keys**. This will take place prior to the annual Parish Council meeting at 7:30pm.

Please do come along to meet your Parish Councillors and raise any concerns or ideas you may have for the village.



Stow Parish Council Meeting Dates 2026-2027

The Parish Council will meet on the following dates at The Cross Keys. Residents are welcome to attend. Forthcoming agendas and recent minutes are published on the village noticeboard and the Stow PC website:

- Thursday 7th May 2026 7:30pm (following the annual parish meeting)
- Thursday 2nd July 2026 7pm
- Thursday 3rd September 2026 7pm
- Thursday 5th November 2026 7pm
- Thursday 7th January 2027 7pm
- Thursday 4th March 2027 7pm



Parish Councillor Vacancy

Stow Parish Council currently have a vacancy for a councillor and welcome interest and enquiries from parish residents.

To register your interest or find out more about the role please contact: stowparishclerk@gmail.com



Obituaries and a Celebration

Stow has sadly lost a number of longstanding and past residents in the last few weeks.

Roger Judd, who visited the village for some 40 years before moving up here with his late wife, Ilene, to live near their daughter Carolyn, died on 4th January at the age of 99.



Roger



Cyril

Also reaching 99 years, long term resident Cyril Wright died on 8th February. He used to be a familiar sight, sitting on the bench at the corner of South Drive, and Dave Underwood recalled on the Stow Facebook page his happy memories of football talk with him in the Cross Keys 'back in the day'.

A lady that only a few residents may recall was Gladys Kirby who died on 28th January at the age of 93. She worked at Mere House for the Allens for 26 years until 1973 when she moved into the village, before leaving for Gainsborough.



Gladys



George

Some of you may have heard a half-muffled quarter peal rung on the church bells on Thursday 5th February in memory of both Roger, and another well known and respected village man and ex-bell ringer, George West, who died on 2nd February aged 82.

Sincere condolences to all their families.



On a happier note, Doreen (Dee Dee) Marsden, who was the reception class teacher at the 'old' Sturton by Stow primary school for many years, and a long-time resident of Stow, celebrated her 100th birthday on 23rd February. Her granddaughter Emily reported that she has always remained a constant source of warmth, resilience and inspiration to everyone lucky enough to know her.

Clare Ella

**Community Litter Pick –
Sunday 19th April 2pm**

We'll meet at Manor Farm Stow Park Road in time for a 2pm prompt start.

Pickers and Bags are provided by WLDC but please feel free to bring your own pickers and hoops if you have them.

It's best to wear sturdy footwear and thick gloves.

Please Note - This voluntary community activity is NOT covered by any public liability insurance and everyone taking part does so at their own risk. A free hot drink and cakes will be available at the finish.

If you can't come along to help litter pick - can you offer to make a cake or traybake or biscuits for those taking part?

Please contact Clare on [07805 057583](tel:07805057583) or Anne on [07836 671938](tel:07836671938) to let us know you're coming along to help (then we can let you know if it's cancelled due to bad weather etc), or to offer to provide refreshments.

STOW FUN RAISERS

Blood Bike Talk Night- Saturday 16th May

Arrive from 7.00pm

Talk starts 7.30pm

Break for buffet around 8.15/8.30

Talk and questions from 8.45/9.00

£12.50 includes buffet and talk

Tickets available from the Cross Keys before the night- cash only please

**Village Bike Ride, BBQ & Family Fun Day-
Sunday 12th July- details to follow nearer the time**

We are looking for **local people to knit and crochet poppies for a Stow village display for remembrance**, Stow Fun Raisers will provide the wool/yarn. We just need lots of knitters and crocheters as we will need A LOT!!

Condolences to all families who have lost a loved one this year, including the family of Mel Reville, who died on 27th February.

Volunteers Needed

Could you spare some time to support general maintenance of the village churchyard throughout the year?

Friends of Stow Minster are looking for volunteers to help with grounds care and grass cutting. A lawnmower and strimmer are available for use.

To find out more or register your interest contact: friendsofstowminster@gmail.com



Café Church
in Sturton Village Hall

Third Sundays of the month, 3.15-4.30pm
18th January 2026
15th February 2026
15th March 2026
19th April 2026

All welcome

Any questions?
 Call Revd Jane Foster-Smith on
 01522 702427

Hosted by the Stow Groups of Churches



STURTON AND STOW HISTORY SOCIETY

15th April - Death, dissection & grave robbery: burking in 19th century Lincolnshire by Elaine Johnson.

20th May - Eleanor of Castile & the Eleanor Crosses by Richard Croft.

Meetings in Sturton Village Hall @ 7.30pm.
 Admission £2. Tea/Coffee/Biscuits and Raffle.

Sunday 5th July - Save the Date - Open Garden

A unique opportunity to meet and visit the garden of local horticultural expert, RHS judge, garden writer and broadcaster Martin Fish and his wife Jill, AND ALSO the glorious gardens at The Mere hosted by the very knowledgeable and hands on gardener Alice Gray and her husband Nigel. Refreshments will be available too. More details nearer the date.

Mobile library
 1-1.45pm Ingham Road, Stow on the following dates:
 8th April, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st & 29th July, 26th August, 23rd Sept., 21st Oct., 18th Nov., & 16th Dec

St Edith's, 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.

WHAT'S ON

Late notice - March 30th Free resident event and opportunity to meet County Council Citizen's Advice, Enforcement and Customer Service Teams. 12-2 Sturton VH.

APRIL

- 3rd WI coffee morning. 10 -12 Cross Keys
- 4th Breakfast Club. Cross Keys. 9.30am
- 4th Sturton by Stow Table top sale. VH 10 -12
- 5th Easter Dawn service, St Edith's, Coates. 6.20am followed by light breakfast
- 6th Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by 12-2pm Sturton VH
- 8th Mobile Library 1-1.45pm Ingham Road
- 13th Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by 12-2pm Sturton VH
- 14th WI 7 for 7.30pm VH
- 15th History Society, 7.30pm VH
- 19th Café Church. 3.15 - 4.30pm VH
- 27th Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2 Sturton VH

MAY

- 6th WI coffee morning. 10 -12. Cross Keys.
- 7th Breakfast Club. 9.30am Cross Keys.
- 7th Sturton by Stow Table top sale. VH 10-12
- 11th Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2
- 11th Mobile library 1-1.45pm Ingham Road.
- 12th WI. 7 for 7.30pm. Sturton VH.
- 15th Last day for items for the next edition of the Bugle
- 15th Café Church. 3.15 - 4.30pm VH
- 16th Blood Bikes. Stow Fun Raisers Talk Night at the Cross Keys.
- 20th History Society, 7.30pm. VH.
- 25th Wellbeing walk 11-12 VH followed by café 12-2

Dates for the diary:

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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

Table top Sale & Coffee Morning
And the Opening of the New Kitchen by
 Lynda Mulally, WLDIC District Councillor and Martin Cook, PC Chairman

Saturday 4th April
10am – 11.45am



Call in for a chat, a hot drink and bacon roll. Come and look through the books, bric a brac etc from the table top stalls. Free entry & free cash prize draw.

To book a stall contact: johleggott@btinternet.com or 07484 346094
 Facebook: Sturton-by-Stow Village Hall www.sturtonbystovvillagehall.co.uk

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Saturday 2nd 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 – minimum £20.

Books taking up too much space, bring them along on the 1st 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: johleggott@btinternet.com or 07484 346094
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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 other week from 13 04 26

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

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





Thank you to everyone that visited the Spring Extravaganza in March. Everyone had a splendid time celebrating the Sturton Swans WI 60th anniversary as well as raising funds for the Dementia Charity Bob's Brainwaves.

The May speaker is Jenny Clarke from Saxilby Physiotherapy. She will be answering our questions to enable us to move better, feel better, and live better.

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 12pm.

What's on:
 Coffee morning at the Cross Keys, Stow. 10am to 12pm. April 3rd. May 1st. June 5th.
 WI Meeting: 7pm for 7:30pm. April 14th. May 12th. June 9th.

Lyndy Fillingham

Free Resident Event at Sturton by Stow Community Café

Come along for a cuppa to **Sturton by Stow Village Hall 12-2pm on 30th March** and meet members of Lincs. County Councils Citizen's Advice, Enforcement and Customer Services teams. They will be on hand to offer advice and support on a range of issues from keeping warm in colder weather to managing finances and addressing housing issues.



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Flooding in Sturton-by-Stow high street



Photograph early 1900's, looking south. The Carrier's horses and cart are passing the Fleets Road entrance.

Inset photograph taken much later, c1950, looking north.

Further details about local carriers can be referenced on pages 8 to 17 in 'Memories of Local Business Life' published in 2014 by Sturton & Stow History Society.

Does anyone have any old photos of flooding in Stow in the past, for example, by the cemetery on Stow Park Road or just past Gothic House on Church Road?

Roadworks

Advance notice - more information will presumably be available and signed nearer the time

4-6th May Normanby Road - near School Lane junction - traffic lights - highway repairs

11-15th May Ingham Road - road closure - surface dressing