



## STOW BUGLE

THE NEWSLETTER FOR  
THE RESIDENTS OF  
STOW PARISH

Welcome to our second online edition of the Bugle. We had some positive feedback for our first online edition in May and thought that we would try another as there are a few updates and we are also taking the opportunity of celebrating local talent.

We do not have the email addresses for all our residents so we are dependent upon you circulating it as widely as you can to those people you know who live in Stow Parish: Stow village, Normanby, Coates and outlying areas.

We do print off a small number of copies for those who do not have access to the internet, but we would be grateful if you would print a copy off if you know of someone in that position.

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Do you know someone in Stow Parish who has a particular talent that we could celebrate in future editions of the Bugle?

If you do, please get in touch.

The Parish Council has held two meetings on zoom, having had to cancel their usual meetings.

The meeting scheduled for 13<sup>th</sup> July will also take place on zoom at 11.30am.

If you would like to attend, contact the Clerk:

Email [stowparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stowparishclerk@gmail.com)

# CELEBRATING LOCAL TALENT

Lockdown has been very difficult for many people, but it has also been a time when people have found, or made, opportunities to express themselves creatively. In the Bugle we want to celebrate some of the skills and talents that local people have.

We are starting with Callum Rose, who writes:

## Changed Worlds

At the beginning of lockdown, I was finding it hard to believe that the world had become a dangerous place because of the coronavirus. I was enjoying the spring sunshine in my garden surrounded by flowers and blossom, yet the news was reporting nearly a thousand people dying of the virus every day in the UK. Everything felt strange and surreal. I felt that my life had been turned upside down and my future plans seemed unsettled. I had chosen the word “Transform” to inspire my project because I enjoy creative photography. I began to capture the flowers in my garden with a Holga lens on my DSLR and then experiment with a lens ball. The lens ball turns everything upside down which was just how I felt so I decided to link my project to the coronavirus. I explored different ways of transforming images of my village in the lens ball, to communicate the experience and feelings of lockdown. The first images were captured to communicate my feelings of an “Upside down World - Life in Lockdown”

During my project I experimented with rainbow effects and adding them to my images. Rainbows are often used to represent hope and during lockdown had they had become linked with supporting the NHS and keyworkers and were being displayed around the village. I took images and used a range of editing techniques including filters to add rainbow effects to send the message “Stay at Home, Save Lives & Support the NHS”

As I developed my work, I experimented with bubbles to complement the globe shape of the lens ball and because when light reflects on them, they are rainbow coloured. During the final part of my project I captured a happy accident by reflecting a silhouette image of myself into the scene in the lens ball. This created the illusion that the lens ball was a bubble with me inside it. I chose this image to represent the end of lockdown with my final message “New Normal – Life in a Bubble”

Callum Rose - University of Arts London Level 2 Diploma in Photography  
More of Callum’s photography is available to view on Instagram: [\\_rose.lens\\_](#)



“Upside Down World - Life in Lockdown”



“Stay at Home, Save Lives & Support the NHS”



“New Normal – Life in a Bubble”

## Neighbourhood Planning

Although it has not been possible to hold the usual meetings, a lot of work has been going on with drafts of the sections on The Past, The Present, Issues, Community Aspirations and Historic Assets being prepared. Some of these sections are already on the Plan website: <http://www.sturtonandstowplan.co.uk> (see Supporting documents) along with The Green Space Assessment and Protected Views document.

We are currently working on the Policies with our consultants OpenPlan, and hope the draft Plan will be available for consultation in the autumn.

## Down Memory Lane

### STOW VILLAGE SIGN

The first Stow village sign was erected in 1979, using the remains of the funds raised in the village for the Queen's silver jubilee celebrations. Pictured are members of the Silver Jubilee Committee l-r: Rider Needham, Mrs Sneath, Mrs P Dalingwater, George Ella, Joan Taylor, Nigel Taylor and Michael Sneath. The metal work was by George West and the woodwork by Mike Harthan.



Members of the Silver Jubilee Committee with the sign they helped provide.

## Update on some of the Stow Recreation Fund projects

### 1. **Flashing Speed signs on entering the village –**

Two flashing speed signs have now been purchased - one showing your speed as you approach and one which reminds you of the speed limit. These are now being installed on two of the 30mph speed limit sign poles on entering the village, and will be rotated between the poles on the four different routes into the village. Andrew Fenn is co-ordinating a small group of volunteers who will be responsible for charging the batteries and moving the signs every 8 weeks or so.

### 2. **Electronic winding system for the village clock in the Church tower –**

Following a socially distanced visit by an engineer from Time Assured in early June, all the necessary measurements have been taken and work is underway to make the new mechanism, which will hopefully be installed towards the end of July.

### 3. **New bench seats near Pooh sticks bridge/ Green Lane junction, and possibly another site, and a wheelchair-friendly picnic bench in the playpark**

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have seen that different locations are now suggested for the benches. Following feedback from villagers walking during lockdown, and a site visit to consider possible locations near the Fleets/ Ingham Road junction, it was decided to look at putting a bench on the junction of Green Lane and the road coming down from Normanby towards Coates instead. The bench will give a view towards Coates and Willingham and be sheltered by the trees behind it.

Following a report from the Parish Council that due to the combination of where cars tend to go off Stow Park Road into the ditch, where the road floods, where cars park at burials, where there is shade available, where it would not be in the way of farm machinery turning into the fields, and where the grass is not cut by the Parish Council and, therefore, would grow around the bench, there isn't a location near the cemetery that they can recommend. We are, therefore, looking at a couple of further suggestions that might work – including near the flat-tops on Normanby Road – but if anyone has any other suggestions that might be practically possible, then please let us have them as soon as possible, as, subject to any relevant permissions being granted, we hope to get the recycled benches installed late this summer.

Once installed, we would like a few **VOLUNTEERS** to offer to take a damp cloth and wipe the benches down once a week, and also report back if there are any maintenance issues. If just four people volunteered for each location, it would mean only having to do it once a month. It would be a great help too if the volunteers for the picnic bench could wipe the bench that is already in the play park. If you are a dog walker, a children walker, a leisure walker, a cyclist, or just a community-minded resident... and you go past the playpark or Pooh sticks bridge on a regular basis, please do think about offering to help.

If you have any comments on the Stow Recreation Fund projects, or are willing to volunteer to help clean the benches when they are installed, then please contact us via email at [StowRecreationFund@outlook.com](mailto:StowRecreationFund@outlook.com), or on 07805 057583. Thank you. Clare Ella Secretary Stow Recreation Fund

## STOW PLAY PARK

The play park has been closed in line with government requirements and it will need to remain closed for the time being. We need to do some work in the play park: firstly we have arranged for the large poplar tree, which has been dropping branches to be pollarded and this work will be done late July/early August; secondly, we want to install the new bench before opening.

## STOW VOLUNTEERS

When the lockdown started we put out a flyer and appealed for volunteers to ensure that anyone who needed help could get it.

We were delighted with the positive response we had from people coming forward to help. We also had some early requests for shopping or collecting prescriptions. However, after that there has been very little call on the volunteers, largely we believe because family, friends and neighbours have brilliantly rallied round to help on an informal basis.

We have not, as yet, stood the volunteers down as we feel there may still be someone, who needs assistance. So a big 'thank you' to all those who volunteered – we may still need you.

### If you need help you can contact us via:

- the Stow Community Facebook page
- 01427 788725 or
- [Stowvirus@gmail.com](mailto:Stowvirus@gmail.com)

## West Lindsey District Council Sustainability, Climate Change and Environmental Strategy Consultation

WLDC are consulting between 6<sup>th</sup> July and 14<sup>th</sup> August on developing a Climate, Environment and Sustainability Strategy. Our local District Councillor, Tracey Coulson, is chairing the working group responsible for developing the strategy.

They are asking local people to contribute to the strategy and to complete a questionnaire giving your views about the issues and what action you think should be taken.

There is also a young people's survey and the opportunity to enter a poster competition. Go to the West Lindsey website: [www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/climate/](http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/climate/)

## MESSAGE TO DOG WALKERS

There are some lovely walks around the area. They are enjoyed by lots of people. Please remember to clear up after your dog so that everyone can continue to enjoy their walks.

### Getting in touch

If you want to raise an issue with the Parish Council, you can do so by contacting the Parish Clerk at: [stowparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stowparishclerk@gmail.com) or on 01522 704687