



# STOW BUGLE

THE NEWSLETTER FOR  
THE RESIDENTS OF  
STOW PARISH

**Welcome to our online edition.** We hope that you are all keeping safe and well. We have decided that we would have another online edition of the Bugle. Please circulate to anyone you know in the Parish (or outside the Parish for that matter if you think they would be interested) and if you know someone who does not have access to a computer, please print them off a copy. See below for the items in this edition, including an update on Sturton and Stow Agricultural and Horticultural Show, which normally takes place on the first Saturday in October.

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## Parish Council.

The Parish Council has got a new, more inviting, website, which can be found at:

<https://stow.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

The Parish Clerk is still in the process of moving documents from the old website to the new one, so it is not complete yet, but we hope that you will agree it is much more accessible and user-friendly.

The Council meeting in July was on zoom, with some members of the public joining in. **The next meeting is scheduled for 11.30am 7<sup>th</sup>**

**September.** If you are interested in attending, please contact the Clerk in advance on:

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

## STOW VOLUNTEERS 2020 - Covid

Our thanks to all those who came forward as volunteers. We have not had any requests for some time. However, we still hope you will continue to be available should there be a spike. If anyone needs help because of self-isolating, the contact details are:

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



## The Show must go on....just not in the way we have been used to!

The 133<sup>rd</sup> Sturton and Stow Agricultural and Horticultural Show is postponed until 2021, however, the Association will be organising the 'Sturton and Stow Autumn Event' in October this year. There will be:

- A scarecrow competition on 3rd October 2020 in the parishes of Sturton and Bransby and Stow. Entrants will need to enter the scarecrow class online by midnight on 26th September using our new website, which will be launched in time for the Show and will need to display their entries at the front of their properties so that they are fully visible from the pavement/road. There will be an exciting First, Second and Third prize for the best scarecrows. Les Stothard, whose involvement with the Show goes back over 70 years, will judge the competition. Judging will start at 11am on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> so all scarecrows need to be on display by then.
- Competitive classes in Photography, Art, handwriting and poetry. Entries to these classes will also be online and the winners will be announced and displayed on the website on the afternoon of 3rd October.
- The Sturton Primary School and Cygnets art classes will also go ahead and winners will be announced on the website too.

There will be no charge this year to enter any of the classes. Whilst there will be no money prizes awarded, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class will each receive a special Autumn Event certificate.

The Show Committee has commissioned a new website for the Event and this should be available early September: [www.sturtonandstowshow.com](http://www.sturtonandstowshow.com) You will find the schedule and how to enter the classes and all the exhibits will be displayed on it. Information is also available on their Facebook page and blog <http://sturtonandstowshow.wordpress.com>.

Villagers are encouraged to walk around the villages viewing the scarecrows over the weekend of 3rd-4th October. It won't be necessary to enter anyone else's premises to do this and social distancing will need to be observed. We hope the Autumn Event will be a focus for villagers to have a fun afternoon safely during these unusual times.

The Sturton and Stow Show will be back bigger and even better on 2nd October 2021.

For further details, or for a schedule, visit the blog or website or contact the Secretary on 077960101199.

## Update on some of the Stow Recreation Fund projects

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

Two flashing speed signs have now been installed – one which shows your speed as you approach and one which reminds you of the speed limit. Both of them are only activated when the approaching vehicle is travelling faster than 30mph, and remain unlit if the vehicle is within the speed limit. The sign on Sturton Road has been showing that many vehicles are approaching the village at speeds in excess of the limit. The sign on Ingham Road had some intermittent technical issues, but after being re-sited on Normanby Road appears to be working fine. The signs will be rotated between the four locations when the batteries are re-charged.

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

After a few delays due to difficulties in the engineers sourcing some parts, and then holidays, the mechanism has not yet been installed, but we are hoping it will be within the next week or so.

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

The seat and picnic bench have now been ordered and should be delivered in the next few weeks.

Many thanks to those of you who have already **VOLUNTEERED** to take a damp cloth and wipe the benches down occasionally, and also report back if there are any maintenance issues. We will be in touch once they are installed. If anyone else would like to volunteer to be added to the rota that would be much appreciated.

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

## Sturton by Stow Village Hall – your community hall

Covid 19 has had a significant impact on the Village Hall. Lockdown put a temporary stop on all activities and the

management committee have had to work hard to get it safely reopened in July. Now, once again, it's great to see the building being used and enjoyed once more, albeit on a limited basis. Booking enquiries are now welcomed from anyone thinking of a suitable activity within Covid 19 restrictions and government guidance.

The Village Hall is a registered charity (No 512689) and is managed by a voluntary committee, which meets monthly, arranging safe operation of the building, its finances and overseeing activities booked by various users.

We are a friendly bunch and would love to see new faces helping with publicity and keeping the building up to scratch. We are particularly interested in hearing from anyone able to help either as Treasurer or Secretary. Perhaps you are recently retired and would like to keep the grey matter churning? Maybe you'd just like to do something different and meet a few new people?

If you would like to help your village hall and have a little bit of time to spare, we'd like to hear from you. Call Mel or Sharron on 788254 for a chat about it all and to find out more.

## West Lindsey Lottery

West Lindsey Lottery is a weekly lottery, which raises money for good causes in West Lindsey. It's simple. Play the lottery, maybe win a cash prize and support our local community.

'Tickets' cost just £1 per week, with a 1 in 50 chance to win a prize and a weekly top prize of £25,000! That's a much better chance of winning than either the National Lottery or the Health Lottery!

To find out more visit

[www.westlindseylottery.co.uk](http://www.westlindseylottery.co.uk)

### How it works

1. Buy on-line through: [www.westlindseylottery.co.uk](http://www.westlindseylottery.co.uk) or by telephone 01427 381050
2. Visit: [www.westlindseylottery.co.uk](http://www.westlindseylottery.co.uk) and buy tickets from your chosen good cause page – perhaps Sturton by Stow Village Hall, Sturton and District Shed Club or Bransby Horses? Pay monthly by direct debit or debit card. The good cause keeps 50% of all ticket sales from its page and you could win up to £25,000!

Remember - always play responsibly, if you need to talk to someone about your gambling please contact [www.gambleaware.co.uk](http://www.gambleaware.co.uk)

### STOW PLAY PARK

While the play park has been closed we have taken the opportunity to have some trees taken down or pollarded so they are safe.

The play park is now open. Please see the Covid safety notice.

Now the trees have been dealt with, we will be installing the new seat, which we purchased before lockdown, and will also be installing a wheelchair friendly picnic table purchased with a grant from the Stow Recreation Fund.

The old climbing frame is coming to the end of its life so we are looking to purchase a new piece of equipment and we would like the views of the parents and carers of those children who use the park. What sort of equipment would you like to see in the park? We want to ensure that any equipment we do buy is built to last and is also accessible for a child with disabilities. Tempting though it might be, we cannot just get something that looks like a good bargain on e bay or amazon!

If you are interested in helping us decide what we buy, please get in touch with the Clerk and we can let you have some examples of the sort of thing we are thinking about.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

We have not been able to meet in person, but have tried to continue completing the work via email. At present the corrections and amendments are being made to the draft Plan and we hope that we will be able to consult with everyone in autumn on the draft Plan.

In the meantime, various other documents have been completed including an excellent history of Stow and Sturton compiled by Mel Banham. You can read a copy on the website:

[www.sturtonandstowplan.com.uk](http://www.sturtonandstowplan.com.uk) under Supporting Documents.

### Weekend 5th/6th September Socially Distanced Village Litter Picking

WLDC is once again loaning us some litter-picking kit (high-viz vests, long handled pickers, rubbish bags) to enable residents to safely collect rubbish on the roadsides in and out of Stow and on the streets/ paths in the village.

There will NOT be the usual 2pm Sunday start with tea & cake afterwards. Instead you are invited to get together with other members of your household and/ or a few other friends and collect some kit to go and pick along a particular roadside/ street, **at any time over the weekend**. Whilst latex gloves are usually provided, we recommend that you bring your own sturdy gloves, and of course maintain social distancing whilst picking.

The kit will be available from Anne Taylor at Manor Farm, Stow Park Road, and you should arrange with her direct (tel.no. 07836671938) about collecting kit and returning it after use. If you only pick up a small amount of rubbish and are able to return the bag to Anne, along with the picking kit, that's great, but if you fill your bag and it's too heavy to take back, please tie the bag securely and ensure it and its contents cannot blow away, and let Anne know where you have left it and she will collect it. If you find any very large items, please note the location (a photo is even more helpful) so that we can let WLDC know and get their team to collect.

Once you have picked litter on a particular road/ path, please either post on the Facebook community page (where there will be a Litter Picking post for you to follow and comment on) or email [clare\\_ella@hotmail.com](mailto:clare_ella@hotmail.com) so that we can tick them off and other people can do different roads.

Hopefully some of you will volunteer to pick litter on your street in the village itself, as well as clearing the verges on the outskirts of the village.

### CALLING ALL DOG WALKERS

Firstly, many thanks to all of the local residents with dogs who have continued to pick up after them. Dog mess is an eyesore and a health hazard. Over the period of lockdown there has been a great improvement around the village and the environmentally friendly bags provided at points around the village have been in

constant use. More recently, however, there has been a resurgence of uncollected waste especially along the public footpath that runs alongside the Stow playground towards Sturton.

Please help keep our village and environs clean and safe.

*Our thanks to Jane Young, who has been keeping an eye on things and making the bags available.*

Please pass this edition on to people you know. Many thanks and stay safe.