



# NEWSLETTER



March to May 2023

## STURTON BY STOW MOTOR SPORT CLUB

**The Sturton by Stow motorsport club was formed in 1966 by people from Sturton and surrounding villages most of which as far as I remember were real village characters.**

The track back then was in one of Bradshaw fields on Tillbridge Lane near to what is now Gelders. It then moved to Ingham old airfield which, although having extended family as some of the founders, I got my first experience of watching grass track racing at the grand old age of 6 years old.

I especially remember a Bradshaw tanker being used to water the track and I think may have been Leo Stedman riding the back of it.

The club then moved on to the Lincolnshire Showground where it spent many years of racing and during its yearly race calendar ran the Fastest Man on Grass two day meeting on the August Bank Holiday of each year. This meeting would often see 400 plus race cars and 2,500 people, making it a popular attraction to the Lincoln area.

In 1996/7 the club saw a change as the Showground required their land back, it moved to Faldingworth Airfield then New Toft before moving to its current home at the old sale ground at Caenby Corner.

The club came from humble beginnings at Sturton as I am told its origins came from a few village lads running cars around a field owned by Malcom Skeels at the back of the old garage in Tillbridge Lane.

Over the years the sport has moved on with some

saying it's for the better, others having a different view. The race community in general still see it as a second family and it's as popular as ever with junior drivers now starting to race competitively at 10 years old. This is giving them skills in driving and to a degree a mechanical knowledge that may help them in the future.

Having a involvement with the Club since 1967, as a little spectator and then in older life as a driver, it's natural that my sons and daughter have gone into racing. They met their respective spouses within the sport and I now have a 10 year old grandson who started his race career in 2022 with a second coming up in the 2024 season.

I would be really interested to hear if anyone has any memories or stories about the club or anyone that actually raced with the club.

Photos show an ST332 from 1966 and one from ST332 now.



John Hornby  
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## CELEBRATE THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

Parish Council is launching an early Best Kept Garden competition in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III.

The inaugural King Charles III Coronation Cup for the best kept garden (judging usually takes place between June and August) for this year only, will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Find your gloves, start to plant your garden and add decorations (if you wish) with a coronation theme. Good luck with your entry.

The official theme for the 7<sup>th</sup> May is the 'Big Lunch'. Have a driveway party with your friends/neighbours (similar to the lockdown celebration of VE day). You could combine decorations for this with the best kept garden....enjoy the celebration!

Send your pictures to [sturtonpc1@gmail.com](mailto:sturtonpc1@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing them.



# STURTON BY STOW PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022

**2022** has once again set some significant challenges.

- We started to emerge from the uncertainties created by the Pandemic and had a lovely celebration of the Platinum Jubilee with afternoon tea and a party on the recreation field culminating in the lighting of the beacon. Many thanks to Will Timmins for his superb beacon creation and Joy Stables for lighting it!
- The shock and sadness felt with the sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, so soon after her Platinum Jubilee. After 70 years of dedicated service Ma'am you will be sadly missed.
- A summer with record high temperatures and drought.

**The Old School Room** has been plagued with damp. The existing flat roof will be redone (by the time you read this it will have been completed) and the brickwork will be repointed during warmer weather.

This should eradicate the damp problem. Parish Council has made some changes to the lighting, moving to LED to reduce our energy consumption. The added bonus is that the lighting is much brighter.

**Flooding** continues to be a problem especially at High Street/Fleets Road. There are ongoing discussions with the relevant agencies regarding culvert and drain clearance along the roadways.

There has been much to discuss; planning, commenting on the **Central Lincolnshire Local Plan (CLLP)**, solar farms with everything in between; Best kept gardens and Christmas lights competitions as well as trying to rectify problems with footpaths and roads. We are looking into potentially replacing some equipment at the playpark behind the Village Hall.

Finally, Parish Council has been operating with 6 councillors; the optimum number is 9. If you would like to **become a parish councillor**, please contact our clerk – Stacey Hoyland on [sturtonpc1@gmail.com](mailto:sturtonpc1@gmail.com) or telephone 07476 902278 for more information. We

## NOTICES

### Dogs and Livestock

Due to increasing numbers of dogs being exercised around the Westwoods and Mill Lane areas, there have been unfortunate incidents of dogs worrying livestock. Nobody wishes to see any animal in distress or worse being killed. All dogs must be kept on leads where livestock are present.

### Parking

Please be considerate when parking for clubs and events at the village hall. We are finding cars are parking across driveways which need to be accessed and very close to the junction which is restricting the view for other traffic.

Please do not park on the grassed area near the junction of School Lane and High Street.

### Mobile Library Service

Please note that a new timetable for Jan/Dec 23 is

displayed on the notice boards. There are also contact details for a Doorstep Service for those who require it.

### Christmas Light Display Competition

Results from the Christmas light display competition:

- 1st Place – Honeysuckle Cottage
- 2nd Place – Benting Bungalow

A big thank you to the Chairman of Willingham by Stow Parish Council for judging and to everybody that took part.

### Goodbye Yvonne!

We have said goodbye to our Clerk Yvonne. Thank you for your long and dedicated service to the Sturton by Stow Parish Council and its residents over the years. Taking over from Yvonne is our new Clerk Stacey. The Clerks' email will stay the same [sturtonpc1@gmail.com](mailto:sturtonpc1@gmail.com) and the new contact number is 07476902278.

## RIPARIAN PROJECT INFORMATION

Sturton by Stow Parish has been chosen by the Joint Lincolnshire Flood Risk and Water Management Partnership to trial the Riparian Project, more detailed information is available in the leaflet delivered with this newsletter.

The intent is to alleviate flooding and standing water as much as possible. It is a multi-agency approach.

Your help will be greatly appreciated; you may have valuable knowledge of where watercourses are/ were, if any are culverted; you may have practical expertise or just wish to become involved.

One option is to create a Flood Action Group (FLAG) which will not only help to co-ordinate during flooding events but can form working parties to help with clearance of ditches and watercourses. Please read the leaflet to see how you could support your community.

# TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!

With Spring on its way we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Lincolnshire ([www.walkinginengland.co.uk/lincs](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/lincs)) has loads of walks to download and print for free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Lincolnshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or

away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

**John Harris**

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## Mid Winters Lunch

**It was a cold and frosty Saturday 21 January, when some 40 of our older residents of the Parish, who had booked, enjoyed the Mid Winters Lunch.**

The lunch was provided by the Parish Council and cooked by a local company Good Lookin Cookin.

The photographs show our Village Hall all set up ready to welcome everyone out of the cold, not only to keep warm, but to enjoy the food, meet and chat and then enjoying their lunch.

There was also background easy listening music and a short after lunch quiz.

Thanks go to our Parish Councillor's: Carol, Christine, Dennis, Martin, Matt for serving the food, looking after

us and making it an enjoyable occasion and then washing up and clearing away.



## Indoor Bowls



The Bowls Club Christmas Party taken by Gordon Curtis

## WINTER WARMER

This group will be finishing at the end of March.

Until then, please continue to attend in the village hall on Mondays between 1pm and 3pm. All welcome for a soup and warm roll!



## RUBBISH MATTERS

Residents are reminded that there are many rubbish and dog waste bins situated around the village. Rubbish and dog waste has been thrown into the grounds of St Hugh's as well as fly tipping of outdoor furniture.

Please ensure your waste is not causing problems for other residents. These problems have been reported and will be investigated.



# FOOD BANKS

Please help our local Salvation Army Food Bank - Gainsborough, through the following contacts:

## Willingham Collection Point

Contact Lesley on 01427 788730. She can collect your donations.

## Sturton Co-op Supermarket

Look for the collection point box inside the shop near the notice board.

Buying an extra item(s) each time we shop could make such a difference to many people. Many thanks to all who gave Festive Treats in November and December. Everyone needs a few surprise gifts at Christmas. Thank you!

Jennie Thompson



# MID-SUMMER COFFEE AFTERNOON 2023

Jennie and Alice invite you to the Christian Aid Coffee Afternoon, after a 3-year absence (thank you covid!)

**Saturday 24th June, 2 - 4pm**  
Sturton Village Hall

Raffles, refreshments, cakes, bric-a-brac, books etc. Your support would help us to change lives throughout the world.

Jennie and Alice Thompson  
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## theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

Here we are well into 2023 and annual meetings already have been held. With our own W.I in Sturton as well as an interesting North Federation meeting in

Skegness where we listened to an hilarious talk by Dr Annie Gray, a food historian and broadcaster on Radio 4's panel show The Kitchen Cabinet.

At our own meetings we will be taking part in line dancing, hearing about Lincolnshire's influential women as well as having a trip to the walled garden at Baumber.

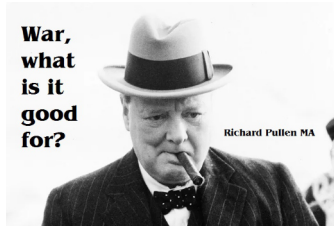
With the federation we will visit the National Arboretum, the snowdrops at Gunby, take part in a science day, the world bee day and some brave members will go gliding! All before we embark on our catering events at the Carrington Rally, Spilsby show and the Lincolnshire show – its certainly never dull in the W.I.

If you would like to come along to one of our meetings it's the second Tuesday in every month, 7 for 7.30pm at Sturton village hall. We look forward meeting to you.

Maria Scott, Secretary Sturton by Stow W.I.

# STURTON & STOW HISTORY SOCIETY

15th March - 'War - What is it good for?' by Richard Pullen



19th April - 'A Wandering Minstrel I Shall Be' by Chris Hewis



17th May - Lincolnshire Road Haulage by Simon Judge

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## Message from the editor

Can you believe we are in 2023! It's also just over five years since I took over the Newsletter (with Gemma Clarke). As always, thank you to the contributors and everyone who helps distribute your newsletter. Thank you also to the Parish Council for their input and sponsoring it and welcome to our new Clerk Stacey!

If you have anything you would like to be included in future issues (or have any comments), please let me know.

The next edition will cover June to August 2023 and the deadline is **21 April** for any submissions.

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