



# NEWSLETTER



December 2022 - February 2023

## The Shed Club

The 'Shed Club' has settled into its new premises as shown in the pictures. We have finally recovered from storage and unpacked all the equipment and tools that were generously donated. We are fortunate that we have an electrical (PAT) tester within our membership which ensure that all our equipment is safe.

The 'Shed Club' has set up our two units as a very well equipped workshop complete with most of the major power tools along with a state-of-the-art wood turning machine. There are also several fully equipped work benches for more traditional wood work activities.

The second unit is set up as our clubroom where we have built our internet cafe using the latest 4G technology to provide connectivity but most importantly it is where our tea bar is located where members can sit down have a chin wag about whatever bee is in their bonnet.

The 'Shed Club' has grown since the dreaded pandemic struck to a very healthy nearly 30 fully paid up members although fortunately they do not all turn up at once!

The club meets, at present, every Mon, Wed & Fri between about 10.30am and 1pm but it is available to fully paid up members any time during the working week. If you would like to join our happy bunch then have a look at our website, [sturtonanddistrictshedclub.co.uk](http://sturtonanddistrictshedclub.co.uk), where you will find more information and details of how to contact us. You will also see us at the local monthly markets in Sturton by Stow and Ingham – drop by and have a chat if you are interested.



## EMERGENCY SERVICES

**In emergency dial 999 or 101; if your call is not an emergency but you need medical help fast call 111**

**Police:** 999 or 101

If you dial 999 and can't speak, or if it's too dangerous to talk, you will be prompted to press 55. If you press 55, the police will know you need help.

**Fire Brigade:** 999 or 101

**Emergency Doctor:** Please contact your local surgery

**Ambulance:** 999 or 101 (emergency) or 01522 545281 (Service Control, Lincoln area)

**Gas:** emergency gas escapes call 0800 111999

**Electricity:** emergencies and loss of power call 0800 6783105

**Water:** Anglian water leakage hotline 08457 145145

**Samaritans:** 01522 528282 or 08457 909090 (24 hours a day)

## WINTER WARMER

**Are you interested in joining a new group in the cold winter months?**

Winter Warmer will start on the 7<sup>th</sup> November and continue every Monday in the Village Hall. Why not go along (between 2pm and 4pm) for a hot drink and a chat? Everyone is welcome and it's free entry.

For more information contact Sue on 07504 543074 or Amanda on 07788 945133.



# STURTON BY STOW PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



## Christmas Lights Competition

The Parish Council invite you to take part in the Christmas Lights Competition. There is no need to register your interest. If you would like to enter all you need to do is to have your lights up and switched on. The Christmas lights always bring cheer at this time of year. Judging will take place on 10 December.

## Community Speed Watch

The group is still going strong and has recently enjoyed an influx of additional volunteers. They have just completed their mandatory training and are fully indemnified. We are also pleased to announce that a new location on Cowdale Lane in Bransby has been approved.

Each session, deployed in various parts of the village, has data uploaded to the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.

Since June this year we have recorded: 78 over 35mph, 43 over 40mph, 5 over 50mph and 1 over 60mph! Most of these were in the 30mph zones.

Each registered keeper will have received a letter stating when, where, what time and how fast the driver was going and be provided with advice. There has also been an additional six second letters sent out to drivers – hopefully they will not get a third and a visit from their local police force.

If you have concerns about excessive speed and would like to take part in educating drivers then our group could be for you. If you see us out and about, stop and say hello! If you would like more details please contact Carol Gilbert at [sturtonbystow.gilbert@gmail.com](mailto:sturtonbystow.gilbert@gmail.com)



## Footpaths

Parish Council have been approached to remind residents that the cut-through footpaths are for foot traffic only.

There have been incidents of adults and children riding cycles. The footpaths are all no cycle routes with clearly marked signage. Please dismount and walk. *Thank you*

**The Old Schoolroom** is available for hire at £5 per hour for Sturton residents and £10 per hour for non residents. Anyone wanting their AGM there it is free of charge. Anyone interested please email [sturtonpc1@gmail.com](mailto:sturtonpc1@gmail.com).



## Best Kept Gardens and Business Premises

The results are:

Best kept small garden - 10 The Beeches

Best kept large garden - 4 Fleets Road

Best kept business -  
Tillbridge Tastery



## Its Not My Problem or Is It?

Parish Council are often contacted regarding problems with pavements, footpaths and roads (among other things). Whilst we cannot usually provide an immediate remedy (we do report as soon as possible) there is a way you can help.

If you see a problem such as potholes, overgrown hedging, lights not working or anything else which needs correcting you can now report online using Fix My Street, [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com). This website sends your notification directly to either Lincolnshire County Council or West Lindsey District Council. It is a very easy system to navigate and if you can upload photographs of the problem, even better. By all means keep contacting Parish Council, but it may be quicker to use this website as well.



## Parking – Sturton by Stow Primary School

Parish Council have been contacted about inconsiderate parking on School Lane. The grass next to School Lane and adjacent to Bradshaw's entrance is not a safe place to park. Our local PCSO will be making visits to ensure vehicles are parked in a safe manner.

These vehicles not only obstruct pedestrians, they ruin the grass verge and visibility for other traffic using School Lane is being compromised. Please do not be the one to cause a completely avoidable accident.

The safety of our children is paramount. Parking is always an issue in this location. If you can walk to and from school then we would urge you to do so.

## STURTON AND STOW AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION



A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED MAKE THE 134<sup>TH</sup> SHOW A SUCCESS.

The Show would not exist were it not for all the people who enter the various classes; the judges; the school and youth club who let us use their premises; our sponsors; the exhibitors. Also the

volunteers who put together the schedule, deliver them, set it all up, steward, sell raffle tickets, run the auction; and the behind the scenes team in the office collating the points and working out who has won which trophy.

We would like especially to thank our President in 2022, Hayley Wallis, all the people, young and old, who entered one of the classes and you, the local people who came along to support us on the day. Your enthusiasm and enjoyment make it all worth all the effort.

Thank you!

See you at the Show in 2023 – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October.  
[www.sturtonandstowshow.com](http://www.sturtonandstowshow.com)

## theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

As we approach the Autumn/Winter months some of our members are busy making crafts to sell on our Christmas market stall, our Christmas meal is booked, and we shall be listening to a folk group at our Christmas party.

I expect many of you like us are asking what happened to 2022! It doesn't seem that long ago that we were enjoying our cheese and wine evening in July.

We are looking forward to our meetings next year. We hope to be line and ballroom dancing - look out

Strictly! We will also be visiting Bomber Command and The National Arboretum, taking part in a ghost walk, celebrating National Women's Day with a colourful coffee morning and Walking the World plus several inspiring speakers along the way.

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 to meeting you.

Maria Scott  
Secretary Sturton by Stow W.I.

## Indoor Bowls

Wishing all our members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Why not come along and join us. We offer light exercise, a chance to meet your neighbours, new and old, a chance to gossip and catch up over a cup of tea.

All in all we have a good enjoyable two hours.

Meetings are on Mondays, starting at 7.00pm (arrive 10 minutes earlier) in the Village Hall finishing at 9.00pm.

Hope to see you there.

## Message from the editor

Once again thank you to all the contributors and distributors of the newsletter. As always, 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 March to May 2023 and the deadline is **21 January** for any submissions.

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*Trudi*

# STURTON BY STOW VILLAGE HALL

The monthly market is held 10am – 12pm, on the first Saturday of each month.

Stalls include crafts Judges pies, pet and bird food, bric-a-brac, books and many more. You

can donate good quality paperback books and bric-a-brac on the day.

Meet up with friends and make new friends whilst having a cup of coffee or tea, biscuit and a bacon roll. Free entry. Stalls are available at £3 or a double for £5. Contact John Leggott on 07484 346094 or [johnleggott@btinternet.com](mailto:johnleggott@btinternet.com)

To find out about hiring the hall visit [www.sturtonbystowvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.sturtonbystowvillagehall.co.uk), call 07821 292486 or email [enquiries@sturtonbystowvillagehall.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@sturtonbystowvillagehall.co.uk)



## Volunteers needed - Sturton youth club need you!

- Do you want to make a difference to the local community?
- Do you have 2-3 hours or more to spare a month?
- Are you fun, creative and reliable?

The smallest amount of your time can mean the biggest difference to us and our members

We need enthusiastic, friendly and fun people to help our Youth Leader run our long standing Youth Club!

Sturton Youth Club has been running for 60 years, we are open every Monday and Friday in term time for 11-18 year olds (year 7 onwards) and we offer a wide range of activities each night we're open.

We have around 40 members at peak times and run a number of activities including football, handball, baking, jewellery making, desktop computers, pool, cricket so it's even more valuable to us if you're creative.

All volunteers are DBS checked, paid for by us. We also run a loyalty scheme for our volunteers as they are as valuable to us as our members!

If you're 18+ and are interested or would like more information, please contact the Youth Club on [sbsyc2012@gmail.com](mailto:sbsyc2012@gmail.com)

We had a successful day at the Sturton & Stow Agricultural & Horticultural show on October 1<sup>st</sup> providing refreshments to the show committee and the general public. Coming up in the New Year, we have a great raft of exciting activities including the return of our Annual Alton Towers Trip!

## Sturton & Stow History Society [sshs.chessck.co.uk](http://sshs.chessck.co.uk)



Wednesday evening talks are expected to recommence in March 2023 at 7:30 pm in Sturton Village Hall. While you are waiting, how about a historical mini fact:

### Sound Familiar!

Two hundred years ago the British Parliament was struggling with reform. Food prices were beyond the means of many households (courtesy - 'The Corn Laws').

At Christmas, several newspapers reported: "Magistrate Rev. John Kirkby in consideration of the badness of times, has returned to his Lincolnshire tenants at Bransby and Sturton 15% on Michaelmas rents". Rev. John Kirkby was the largest landowner in these parishes.

## Poacher 2022 - A big thank you

I'd like to say a massive thank you to all the staff and all my guide leaders who gave up their free time to help at Poacher 2022.

For anyone who doesn't know what Poacher is, it is a huge Scout and Guide camp which lasts for a week and takes up the whole of the Lincolnshire Showground. It took place from 30<sup>th</sup> July-6<sup>th</sup> August. I had so much fun meeting new people from all over the world as it is an international Jamboree. Countries include the USA, Germany, Canada, Scotland, Wales (and plenty more). There are 150 activities to get involved with both on and off-site. This amazing adventure of a lifetime couldn't have happened without you all so a big thank you to: Emma Jakes, Poppy, Kathryn & Rosi Fieldson, and Hannah Pigott. Can't wait for Poacher 2026!

Alice Thompson-Osborne, 1<sup>st</sup> Sturton Guides