



# NEWSLETTER



June to August 2023

## STURTON AND STOW AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION



### 135<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SHOW

- SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023
- 1.30pm
- Sturton by Stow School
- Preceded by the parade of classic cars from The Cross Keys, Stow

**This year is a big year for the Show –  
it will be our 135<sup>th</sup>.**

The first Show was held in 1887 and it is still going strong. Most classes are open to everyone, not just local residents, and whether you are a gardener, a baker, a wine maker, a painter, a jam maker, good at sewing or craftwork and making things or an aspiring photographer, there will be a class for you to enter. In addition, there will be a classic car display, tractors, engines and local stalls and displays. The Youth Club provides refreshments on the day including their very popular bacon rolls!

Are your entries going to be ready? What about that prize piece of fruit? Those king size vegetable? Or have you been practising your cake baking? Or did you while away those winter evenings at your needlework or crafts? Or is it that bottle of wine or fruit gin? Maybe it is your artwork or that special photograph you took? The Show is built on the talents of residents and their willingness to enter the various classes – so why not play a part? It is great fun, but a word of warning – it can become addictive!

To commemorate the Platinum Jubilee the Show committee donated a planter each to Sturton and to Stow and these are now in place.

If you are entering, nearer the time see the website for the entry form or pick up a copy of the schedule. Entry Night 6.30 – 8.30pm Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September in Sturton Village Hall or you can do it online or by post.

But come along on 7<sup>th</sup> October – only £1 (or more if you are feeling generous) for a really great afternoon.

The Show is held, courtesy of the school, at Sturton by Stow Primary School and Youth Wing, School Lane, Sturton by Stow, LN1 2BY.

For more information please contact our Secretary: Rebecca Andrews on 07960101199 or [rebeccaandrews60@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccaandrews60@gmail.com) or our Chairman: Michael Moore on 01427 788681 or 07984440522 or [mm28a@hotmail.com](mailto:mm28a@hotmail.com)



### Sturton Primary school and Sturton Cygnets pre-school receive their Coronation mugs!



## BEST KEPT GARDEN AND BUSINESS PREMISES 2023



1<sup>st</sup> place is 10 The Beeches - Sturton



2<sup>nd</sup> place is 4 Davey Close - Sturton

Best business premises - Bransby Horses - Bransby

Thanks to our judges Carol and Michael Moore.

## STURTON BY STOW SHED CLUB

The club has now been in existence for two and a half years, and our Treasurer and latterly Secretary, Gordon Bruce has decided to stand down from these roles.

Over this time he has been responsible for raising significant sums of money to enable us to establish a permanent base at Bransby Horses (with their kind support) and purchase and locate two portable buildings on the site including fitting them out with equipment and tools. We are grateful to Gordon for his work and wish to record our gratitude for his services.

From this sound base the club continues to develop creative projects, in a friendly and social environment, to enable members not only develop their creative skills, but also undertake projects which benefit the wider community. This obviously promotes good health and wellbeing amongst our members.

We are currently preparing our range of handcrafted items to offer at the 40's day on 15<sup>th</sup> June in Saxilby, and the Ingham Village Hall and bric-a-brac fair on 15<sup>th</sup> July. We are also supporting two external organisations, Ashlin Farm Barns, where we have an order for 65 hedgehog, bird and insect boxes and in addition we are working with 'Broken Biscuits' an organisation supporting physically disabled dogs. Exciting times.

Our new secretary is John Wilcox (07803 616536 or [jlwilcox1011@gmail.com](mailto:jlwilcox1011@gmail.com)) who would be very pleased to receive any enquiries from anyone interested in our club. Alternatively have a look at our website to see more of what we do:

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



The monthly market, table-top sale and coffee morning is held 10am – 12pm, on the first Saturday of each month.

Whether clearing your garage or loft, been busy crafting, selling for a charity, why not have a stall, for the next few months there will be no charge. We still have the best pre-loved book stall, come and pick up your holiday reading. You can donate good quality paperback books 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 and free £20 prize draw.

To book a stall 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)

## STURTON BY STOW MOTOR SPORTS CLUB

So the 2023 race seasons very nearly halfway through and after a bit of a hit and miss start due to weather conditions it's now in full swing.

The local and national meetings are showing some good results for Sturton drivers and the CGTRO league overall.

As the Lincolnshire show is rapidly approaching the Sturton members are getting excited as for the first time in many years the Sturton by Stow motor sports club are exhibiting at the 2023 show.

We would like to invite visitors of the show to come and see us for a chat about what we are doing as a club and maybe a bit of reminiscing. John Hornby



Our W.I. goes from strength to strength! We have welcomed a new president, a new committee, and some new members.

We were energised at our April meeting by a demonstration from Helen Goring and her line dancers, who gave an excellent performance. Several members 'had a go' displaying some very good moves, it is certainly something we will try again.

In June our members are looking forward to having some nice weather for our evening trip to Baumber walled garden where we shall hear from the head gardener and enjoy tea and cake.

A few of our very brave members are going gliding in June while those of us that prefer a more sedate trip will be going to Norfolk to enjoy a steam train/paddle boat outing.

As usual we will be having our yearly garden party in July, and a meal out in August.

Our votes for this year's resolution and the result will be presented at the National AGM in Cardiff.

Saturday mornings have seen some of us serving at the Village Hall monthly markets. It is a good opportunity for us to meet more people from the village and would suggest anyone who may be interested in joining our W.I. that they ask one of the 'coffee girls'.

**Maria Scott, Secretary Sturton by Stow W.I.**

## Youth club

**As we move further into 2023, we have reintroduced our trips programme for our members in recognition of their continued loyalty towards the youth club and good behaviour.**

Following a strong uptake in membership in the early part of 2023, we launched our first trip out to Gridline Racing, Lincoln's own indoor karting track and took 20 members along for a chance to channel their racing.



Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we now look towards the next big trip, that being our Alton Towers trip!

Sturton by Stow Youth Club is a successful and growing youth club but we are always looking for new members to welcome aboard and will always welcome additional help too! We wouldn't be where we are now without our members, volunteer staff and the Parish Council, so thank you all.

## Sturton by Stow Indoor Bowling

**N**ow the nights are lighter how about a walk to the Village Hall on a Monday evening and join us for two hours carpet bowling with an interlude for tea and biscuits. We start at 7pm but arrive a little earlier so we know you would like to join us. Hope to see you.

## Sturton & Stow History Society

**7.30pm in Sturton Village Hall. Refreshments & Raffle. All welcome.**

- **21<sup>st</sup> June** - The 1066 March- Walking in the footsteps of Kings by Nigel Amos
- **19<sup>th</sup> July** - Scarecrows & Gremlins in RAF Bomber Command-Veteran's Stories by Dan Ellin
- **16<sup>th</sup> August** - Skegness- A Victorian New Town by Chris Hewis



# Riparian Rights and Responsibilities

**O**n the 10<sup>th</sup> March, in the Village Hall, the Parish Council organised an open public information event, around the subject of the drainage dykes, ditches and culverts which are intended to keep our village free from surface flooding.

As well as representatives from the Parish Council, present were delegates from Lincolnshire County Council, The Environment Agency, The Internal Drainage Board, and the National Flood Forum. With maps and charts depicting all known local watercourses, residents were invited to come along and see them, and find out where culverts and ditches on their land might require them to provide regular clearance and maintenance.

It was good to welcome some 20-30 villagers (more would have been even better!), some of them with intimate and historical knowledge of just where some un-marked flows went. It was of great interest to hear about now long-gone ponds, which would have had a useful impact in years gone by.

The National Flood Forum provided guidance as to the help and advice on offer to residents who have experienced flooding, including how to gain access to reasonably-priced house insurance.

We all have something which we can do to reduce flooding risk in Sturton by Stow, even if a watercourse does not flow through our garden: planting more trees, keeping our driveways permeable, reporting blocked drains etc.

As a result of the event, a plan of action has been developed. The LCC Flood Risk Officer and colleagues from the Witham Internal Drainage Board shall be making a site visit in May, to inspect areas particularly identified as being of concern. Asset maps are being updated, and residents of Saxilby Road will be particularly informed about the watercourse flowing towards Marton Road. A leaflet for all residents is nearing completion.

Interested residents are encouraged to volunteer their services to the National Flood Forum, via the Parish Council, so as to form an independent Flood Action Group that could deal with any future emergencies.



## Sturton by Stow Parish Council are actively seeking new parish councillors

It's a volunteer role for 18+ year olds to attend a meeting once a month. An individual who shares an interest and passion for what is best for the village and surrounding areas helping in the decision making on important topics and initiatives. Contact Parish Clerk Stacey Hoyland (sturtonpc1@gmail.com) if you are interested.

## Message from the editor

**A**fter five years of working on the newsletter I am ready for handing over to a willing volunteer in the village! We are looking for someone who is happy to get out and about, take photos and write content. Also gathering content from our lovely contributors and finally putting it all together ready for printing. If this is you or you would like to find out more, please contact either myself or Parish Clerk Stacey.

The next edition will cover September to November 2023 and the deadline is **21 July** for any submissions.

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*Trudi*

A reminder that the Sturton by Stow Parish Council meet on the first Wednesday of the month in the Old School Room on Tillbridge Road at 7.30pm. The public are always welcome to attend.

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