



NEWSLETTER



January to March 2024

STURTON AND STOW AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION



135TH ANNUAL SHOW 7TH OCTOBER 2023

The 135th Annual Sturton and Stow Show was a great success with warm weather and an excellent turnout from the public contributing to a fantastic Show.

Entries were up overall, (which is a real achievement given the high number of entries last year). This year the Committee was determined to put Agriculture at the forefront, we approached this in a number of ways including the School picking 'Food and Farming' as the title for their art and craft design classes, we had a vintage plough at the front of the school welcoming visitors into the show as well as information boards about the ploughing match and the Waudby family's involvement. Vintage tractors, modern tractors, Young Farmers stand and some four legged visitors from an Alpaca Farm, which proved to be a huge draw for visitors. We also celebrated the landmark of the 135th Show with a specially commissioned beer sold at the Show and named the 'Topsy Turnip'

We had a reasonable turnout of Classic Cars, and it was great to have the Fairground Organ to provide added traditional atmosphere. Most visitors stayed for most of the afternoon enjoying the Youth Club refreshments, visiting the stalls, buying raffle tickets and generally enjoying the exhibits. The

children's school art and craft design were admired by the judges and visiting public and we would like to thank the school for their support once again.

A big thank you goes to our President Tony Scawthon and his wife Caroline for officiating with judging and presentation of prizes. Another thank you to everyone that helped setting up and putting away on show day, we are always appreciative of all our committee members and volunteer stewards' continued support for the Show. As always the Show really is a team effort, and everyone works together to make the Show a success. If anyone would like to join the show committee please get in touch! As ever Carol and Michael Moore, our Chair, have both worked tirelessly to improve the Show again. Lastly a huge thank you to Rebecca Andrews, Show Secretary who has retired this year, thank you for everything over the years and being a massive part of making the Show such a success.

Thank you to all who supported us and contributed to this year's Show we can't wait to do it all again next year!

PLOUGH STURTON FC IS GOING STRONG!

After **promotion** last season we are now competing in Division 1 of the Lincoln & District Sunday league and at time of writing sit 5th in the league.

Although we have been knocked out of the Lincolnshire FA County Cup and the Ron Eaglen Challenge Cup, we have progressed to the **third round of the Fred Quibell Junior Cup** with the game to be played at some point in January. We are also into the **quarter finals of the Kelly Read Cup** (this game is scheduled for December 17th).

We have active social media accounts on both **X** and **Facebook** if people want to follow us further and get weekly



updates:

- Facebook - Sturton Plough FC
- X - @sturtonploughfc

NEW YEAR, NEW EDITOR!!

Following five years of working on the newsletter Trudi handed over to me the responsibility of the parish newsletter! My name is **Muriel** and I am new to the village having moved here from Leicestershire where I lived for over 30 years. Keen to get to know my new community, I volunteered for this role, so here I am, trying to figure out how to use this software!!!

You may notice a few changes to the newsletter. I hope you like it.

In 2024 we will have 4 editions with the deadlines for content from local organisations are as follows:

- Jan - Mar 2024: current issue
- April - June: 21st February
- July - Sept: 21st May
- Oct - Dec: 21st Aug
- Jan - Mar 2025: 21st Nov



My contact is sturtonbystow.editor@gmail.com



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2023

Your Parish Council has been very busy during the last 12 months working hard behind the scenes to make your village a lovely place to live though it has been

another full of change and challenge.

In particular, we have **completed our pilot engagement with the Riparian Project** team from Lincolnshire County Council, but flooding is still occurring. During Storm Babet, the worst deluge since 2019, some properties suffered flooding and the centre of the village and outlying roads were impassable. Flooding emergency measures were triggered using the sand bins on The Close and School Lane. You will be pleased to know that the bins are now refilled and ready in case of further floods. We are in discussions with various agencies to try and alleviate these problems.

The **Neighbourhood Plan** is currently under review (this is mandatory); the few changes needed will not impact directly on any of the policies. References will be brought in-line with the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. It is exciting to see that a number of aspirations identified through the community engagement process have already been implemented;

As well as a **new swing** in the Tom Treadwell Playpark behind the

village hall, a **new permissive path** was created with the help of Bransby Horses allowing a lovely circular walk with the option of refreshments at the Cafe. Finally, Tillbridge Road will see the **30mph zone extended** to the edge of the village.

All this work takes some commitment, but it is a rewarding role. As well as the up-keep of the village, Councillors comment on planning applications, and at present, the **Solar sites consultation**. The latter is especially daunting since we have not just one but three National Infrastructure Projects to grapple with. We have vacancies for those interested in contributing.

In summary, other **projects completed** during the last year are:

- Installation of new flat roof at the rear of the Old Schoolroom
- Repointing of the Old Schoolroom brickwork
- Installation of new play equipment
- Lobbying District and County Councils about roads and footpaths (especially Queensway)
- Purchasing new tools for the up-keep of Jubilee Wood

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow councillors for their help, support and wise counsel during my time as Chairperson. This will be my last report, time has flown by and I wish everyone well for the future.

Carol Gilbert

Speed-watch

Your speed-watch team is still working hard to try and reduce

the speed of vehicles passing through the village. We are excited to announce our **new coordinator** has taken over and we have new contact details:

Paddy Ibbotson – cswsturtonbystow@gmail.com

If you wish to volunteer or require more information, please contact the above email address or Sturton by Stow parish Clerk at sturtonpc1@gmail.com / 07476 902278.

Indoor Bowling club welcomes new members

Every **Monday evenings between 7 - 9pm** a friendly group of people meet up in the village hall to play bowls and have a chat. There are around 14-15 regulars who split into teams of two across two rolled out alleys. Scores are kept but it's really about meeting up with people, and **doing something active and making friends**. The club welcomes new members both men and women. It's only £2 and you get tea and biscuits at the break. The club also goes out for a Christmas meal every year. If you would like to join, just turn up on a club night and ask for Pauline Thorn.

Have you considered becoming a Parish Councillor?

NOTICES

The Parish Council is made up of 9 elected Councillors and currently there are vacancies.

There are just over **700 households** in the Parish, which includes: - **Sturton by Stow, Bransby and Westwoods**.

The Parish Council represents and serves the whole community. It establishes policies for action and decides how money will be raised and spent on behalf of the community. It is responsible for spending the money lawfully, without risk and achieving the best value. It provides the bus shelters, village seats and litter bins, Parish grass cutting, including Public Footpaths, litter picking, and it provides the equipment and maintains the 3 village play parks – (behind the village hall, The Glebe and Old Rectory Gardens).

The Council is also a **consultee on planning applications** within the Parish.

The Parish Council is funded mainly by an annual precept, which is collected by West Lindsey District Council and paid to the Parish Council in April and is included on your Council Tax Bill. By committing just **one evening each month** to attend a Parish Council Meeting you can influence what happens in your Community and if you feel you can contribute and would like to join us please contact our Parish Clerk Stacey Hoyland Email- sturtonpc1@gmail.com

Another successful Bonfire night!

This years event was unfortunately a very damp affair! I would firstly like to give thanks to the amazing volunteers from the Sturton by Stow Recreation Field Committee and FOSSA for all of their hard work and dedication to ensure the event could go ahead and go so smoothly. We unfortunately had to adapt to the weather and make some changes to the event this year however it did not appear to dampen any spirits and we hope everyone who came enjoyed their evening.

The event was again well attended and raised vital funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the Recreation Field



and the local Primary school. We did have slightly less numbers than previous years however we appreciate the resilience and determination of all who turned out to support the event in some dismal conditions! We pride ourselves on being able to put on an event for the local community and despite rising costs are endeavouring to keep our admission prices as static as possible to ensure the event is accessible to everyone!

As always we want to keep growing and improving the event for the local residents and appreciate any feedback you have. This can be sent through our Facebook page and please also give us a follow to ensure you receive updates around next years event. We have already met as a committee to discuss this years event and begin planning for next year!

The STURTON community has a new pub!

On the 28th September 2023, the much anticipated opening of The New Plough finally happened. After almost 3 years without a Pub, Sturton residents could once again meet up socially around a pint of beer, a glass of wine or indeed a soft drink! It has now been six weeks since opening, and Tim shares his experiences of becoming a pub landlord in an interview with Muriel, the Editor.

So Tim, you are now a pub landlord, and some may say, a natural! have you ever worked in a pub before?

Well no, I am a graphic designer by trade and worked in that industry for over 30 years in Nottingham. My wife and I also run a care home for people with disabilities in Newark. I did work at the RAF bar in Newark for 3 years though, but that was over 10 years ago!

How are you finding your new occupation so far?

I love it! I'm really enjoying the social aspect, chatting with people, creating a good atmosphere people can come and relax in. Being a landlord is more than pulling pints behind the bar though. With the Plough I've had to start from scratch to build the connections, get the clientele coming back.

What made you choose Sturton? We wanted a change of career and looked far and wide for opportunities to do

something like that. This pub came up and I thought it was in a good location at the centre of the village and would be a good place to create a community pub, that's what I wanted.

The pub is looking very cozy and homely, and you've done a great job with the renovations though, I think it's fair to say, it took a bit longer than anticipated. If you knew then what you know now, would you do it again?

Well, I've done it all myself, and it has been harder than I thought it would be, but when I look around what's been achieved, and see people enjoying themselves I feel it was well worth it.

What are your plans for the future? First of all I want to establish a solid base to work from. My plan is to serve food eventually, but that will require more investment to bring the kitchen up to scratch. I want the pub to be a place for the community, so when the time is right I'll be planning quizzes, Bingo nights, Family nights, live music etc... no firm dates yet but I will put that out on Social Media when it happens.

To contact Tim email thenewplough@gmail.com



The Village Hall Playpark re-opened on Tuesday 14th November 2023 following the official launch of the installation of the new basket swing, a fantastic new addition to the playpark.

Sturton by Stow Parish Councillors were joined by District Councillor Lynda Mullally and some eagerly awaiting children to see the opening of the new basket swing, our first piece of inclusive equipment within the village Playparks.

The Village Hall Play Park project could not have been completed without the £5,982.66 grant funded through FCC Communities Foundation LTD.

The new basket swing which is fully inclusive and accessible for all to enjoy located just inside the play park. The equipment provider was consulted extensively and stated that having a rigid base is more supportive and therefore more inclusive.



Sturton by Stow Parish Councillors are delighted that the new basket swing is ready for use. "This vital community facility is going to make a real difference and provide enjoyment to those who use it. The funding application process has been lengthy but beneficial and this equipment will be a fantastic addition to our main play park. When conducting our Neighbourhood Planning surveys with the children of the village, one comment stood out; we need more inclusive play equipment. Since then, Parish Council has been actively pursuing funding to make it happen for the children in our village. We are extremely grateful to FCC Communities Foundation for providing funding as we would not have been able to go ahead without its support. The FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund."



Councillor Mullally at West Lindsey District Council attended the opening "I'm delighted the new basket swing is now installed at Sturton by Stow playpark for the children of Stow Ward. I would like to thank the Parish Council of Sturton by Stow for their hard work in obtaining funding for this equipment. I wish the children lots of fun and happiness in using this swing."



Sturton Guides congratulate Alice!!

Well done to Alice Thompson-Osborne on achieving her Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award during 2023. Many thanks to the Swimming Coaches for Rookie Lifeguarding at Gainsborough Leisure Centre, Kev Birkett at

Willingham Table Tennis and Emma Jakes at 1st Sturton Guides for all their help. Thank you also to the staff at William Farr School, Welton, who were the coordinators for this award and who also planned the two expeditions. A well deserved success for Alice!

**STURTON
BY STOW
VILLAGE HALL**

Community warm space will run until the end of March 24. For the 2nd year running Sturton village hall is able to offer a

Community warm space every Monday afternoon from 1-4pm, thanks to NHS funding and the volunteers who make it happen. Around a hot cuppa or a warm meal, people come together to meet friends and neighbours. Everyone is welcome to drop in for a chat too.

We have been busy over the past few months with some exciting events which included trying out electric bikes, visiting the National Arboretum and making our own Christmas and Birthday cards. Our W.I. belongs to the Lincolnshire North

Federation who are now supporting a local charity EDAN (End Domestic Abuse Now). Our Harvest collection of bedding, food, toiletries, and sweets will be donated to EDAN. We joined other W.I.'s in our area for a pea and pie supper and a quiz, and celebrated Christmas in our usual style with a party and lunch at the golf club. The Christmas market saw us serving our usual bacon baps and hot drinks as well as running two stalls. It was lovely to see so many people attending.

Our speaker at our January meeting introduced us to Jeremy Fisher, Peter Rabbit, Piggling Bland, Mr Pickles, and many others by Beatrix Potter/Mrs Heelis. We have had two social evenings for February and March to give us the opportunity to run our AGM and elect a new committee. Our programme for the rest of the year is varied with some interesting speakers and visits. Our meetings are advertised on the village hall notice board so if a subject takes your fancy please feel free to come along, we meet on the second Tuesday in every month, 7 for 7.30 at Sturton village hall. Or if you would like to meet a few of us socially we meet at the Cross Keys the first Friday in the month at 10.30 for coffee and of course cake!

Maria Scott, Secretary Sturton by Stow W.I.

Community Facilities Fund

It is with great thanks to WLDC and District Cllr Mullally that we have been able to apply and successfully secure a grant of £3,857.15 from the Community

Facilities Fund. This grant has enabled Sturton by Stow Parish Council to contract additional play park maintenance within our **Village Hall Playpark**. We have been able to recontour and landscape the ground beneath the much-loved elephant and



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motorbike rockers to make them useable and safe.

We actively pursue the best outcomes following our annual ROSPA reports. We are delighted that the rebuilding of the area around the rockers will ensure many more hours of safe and happy fun for our children.



Before

Remembrance Day 11/11/23

The service for Remembrance Day was held at the Sturton by Stow cemetery and very well attended this year, with 3 wreaths laid by the Parish Council, the Parish Church Commissioners and the British Legion.



The volunteer team from the **Youth Club** had done a brilliant job of cleaning the Cenotaph and the prayers were led by the **Reverend Jane Foster-Smith**, beautifully accompanied on the bugle by **Tracey Robson**.

Dates for the Diary

Parish Council Meetings, Old School Room

Wednesday 3rd January, 7:30pm

Wednesday 7th February 7:30pm

Wednesday 6th March 7:30pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Indoor Bowls Club, Village Hall

Mondays 7pm - 9pm

The Plough Sturton Football Club, The Rec.

Sundays, Kick off 12:45

14/01 Vs Metheringham FC

21/01 Vs Saxilby Athletic

25/02 Vs Ruston Sports

24/03 Vs FVA Jerusalem

Community Warm Space, Village Hall (until end March 2024)

Mondays 1pm to 4pm

Karate, Village Hall

Mondays 5:15pm - 6:30pm

Market and Coffee Morning, Village Hall

1st Saturday of the month

Bump camp, Village Hall

Tuesdays 2pm - 2:45pm

Line Dancing, Village Hall

Tuesdays 7:30pm - 9pm (except every 2nd Tuesday)

W.I. Village Hall

7pm - 9pm every 2nd Tuesday of the month

Art Group, Village Hall

Wednesdays 10am - 1pm

History Society, Village Hall

7:30pm - 9pm every 3rd Wednesday of the month

Judo, Village Hall

Thursdays 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Barre Pilates, Village Hall

Fridays 10:45 - 11:30am

Zumba, Village Hall

Fridays 7pm to 8pm

SRK Barbers, Village Hall

Every other Saturdays, call Sian on 07958 058901 or check her Facebook page