



NEWSLETTER



Oct to Dec 2024

Best Kept Garden competition winners and award ceremony



Best Kept Garden

4 Tillbridge Road

Best Kept Small Garden

10 The Beeches

Best Kept Business Premises

The Tillbridge Tastery

The winners were presented their awards and certificates by the Chairman on behalf of the Judges Mr and Mrs Fish. Special thanks given to the village gardeners Gary Tindall (on behalf of The Tillbridge Tastery) and Roger Parker (on behalf of 4 Tillbridge Road) for their care and maintenance of these gardens.



The Sturton and District Shed Club

have been working very hard on producing a new coronation shield to accompany the new King Charles III Coronation Cup purchased last year. Martin and Stuart attended an official handover of the original Coronation Shield and its handcrafted replica created by Shed Club. Last year's winners will be the first to be engraved on the new shield.



You're invited to the
136TH ANNUAL SHOW
SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2024 1.30PM TILL 4.30PM
STURTON BY STOW PRIMARY SCHOOL LN1 2BY
*Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts,
Handicrafts and more!*

ENTER BY POST, EMAIL OR IN PERSON
30P ENTRY PER CLASS, CHILDREN'S CLASSES FREE!
SEE SHOW SCHEDULE* OR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS
ADMISSION: £1 ADULTS, CHILDREN: 30P
PAID-UP VICE PRESIDENTS: FREE
Assistance Dogs Only

STURTONANDSTOWSHOW.COM
*SCHEDULES AVAILABLE FROM STURTON GENERAL STORE



Flooding investigations in the village

Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) are currently undertaking investigative works into the flooding issues following storms Babet and Henk. Flood risk consultants started engaging with residents affected on 4th March 2024 and will be continuing for several more months.

Recording of the flood information from residents is being completed via our online questionnaire. These are either being completed by our consultants in person where residents are at home, or by the resident via a QR coded letter that is being left at the property if the resident is not home at the time of visiting. Thus ensuring that as many residents as possible are able to provide their information on what occurred during the flooding events.

Although the questionnaire is aimed at those internally affected please feel free to submit a questionnaire highlighting areas of concern within the village in regards to flooding.

Link to the online questionnaire:

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/xfp/form/936>

NOTICES

Flood preventions Measures for Queensway

Dwellings on Queensway, which were subject to flooding during last winter, have been fitted with floodgates to help ensure a repeat situation does not arise. After investigation works by Acis and West Lindsey (Cllr Lynda Mullally), Acis has fitted all the properties which are at risk of future flooding events with the easy-to-use gates. Any hint of rising water and the gates are simply slotted into place.

Sturton by Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Plan

The minor modifications review of our Neighbourhood Plan is now complete and has been approved by West Lindsey. The new version will be published on West Lindsey Planning and our respective parish council's websites. The respective representatives of Sturton by Stow and Stow spent the last year rewriting and liaising with the Neighbourhood Planning Officer of West Lindsey. This minor modification plan is valid until 2036 but will need to be reviewed in line with Central Lincolnshire Local Plan. This will mean an undertaking of reviewing at least every five years. The plan will be used by parish councillors to help form responses to planning applications within the parishes of Sturton by Stow and Stow.



Thank you to all the contributors!

YOUR EDITOR

The next edition will be in 2025! **January - March** - to allow reporting on all your Christmas events you can submit no later than **31st December 24!**

I look forward to hearing from you. *Muriel*



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Anti Social Behaviour

Due to the rising number of anti social behaviour incidents and criminal damage within the village, the Parish Council has been advised to encourage residents to report any incidents by **calling 101** at the time it is occurring, to ensure the most effective response.

Community in Action

We are so excited to let you know that the Community Cafe has been nominated for Lincolnshire Co Op Community Champions. This means that if you visit Lincolnshire Co op food stores, pharmacies or travel branches in the community, you'll be able to see the amount raised on the in-store notice boards. Please use your dividend cards during the fundraising period from 8th September 2024 – 1st March 2025 as this will boost our total. All the proceeds raised will go towards funding the cafe and providing this wonderful community asset.

The cafe runs currently 1st and 3rd Mondays in the month 12-2pm, we hope this will increase as the weather turns colder to provide a warm, welcoming space and a free hot meal for anyone in the community.

Keep an eye out over the next few months for visitors to the cafe such as the local Energy Officer to help with advice on heating your homes and grants, AgeUK, and the wonderful local primary school choir.

Don't forget that before the cafe you can join the wellbeing walk around the local area, everybody is welcome including dogs.



Community Café

Join us at Sturton by Stow village hall

 **1st and 3rd Monday of every month**

 **Time: midday until 2pm**

 **Enjoy a brew: Sip on a hot cuppa while connecting with friends and neighbours.**

 **Light bites**

A free warm, welcoming space open to everyone. Warm up with a hot drink, grab a light bite or just drop in for a chat and relax.

See you at the Community Café!



Knit & Natter Group

Members of the Sturton Knit & Natter group have been busy with their needles again you can admire their Autumn work on top of the village post box.

There's a distinctly spooky feel to the topper with a haunted house, pumpkins and lots of spiders! The residents of the Tennyson Wharf care home have helped once again with this spooktacular creation!



If you're interested in joining this friendly K&N group come along to the Tillbridge Tastery any Thursday morning from 11am. No particular skills needed - you can make your own creations or join with some of their community projects.

Look out for their poppy display ready for Remembrance Sunday which they're busy knitting and crocheting at the moment.

The summer has gone but we are basking in the glow of three members who won awards, two for flower arrangements and one for a wedding invitation at the Lincolnshire Show. The speaker for September meeting was Elaine Johnson talking about 'The History of the Lawn'.

A lunatic asylum in 1820 that pioneered treatment for patients with care and respect that became extensive in the treatment of mental health. During September we hosted a Fashion Show in the village hall. Well-known

brands at a fraction of shop prices. In October speaker Martin Fish will tell us of 'The life of a RHS Judge'. We could enter with a WI Garden next year! We are now looking towards December with Christmas parties and a 'Going Crackers' craft evening with member Gill Town.

We now have a WI notice board inside the village hall showcasing many events and future projects.

Women of all ages are welcome to join us every second Tuesday in the month at 7pm for 7:30pm at Sturton village hall. You can also meet a few of us informally on the first Friday of each month at the Cross Keys for coffee and cake.

The Sturton WI wish all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Lyndy Fillingham, Media Officer, Sturton by Stow Swans WI

Youth Club

The Sturton Youth club has had a very busy and successful summer term, with a fantastically attended Year 6 induction night & BBQ with an inflatable gladiator duel! Our night was attended by year 6 leavers from Sturton & Surrounding villages and we had an excellent night.

We have also been incredibly busy planning our trip to Alton Towers Resort on September 7th! After 5 long years disrupted by Covid and logistical challenges we are pleased to say our trip is BACK! Stay tuned for photos in the next release.

As we head into the autumn term, our attention turns to the annual Sturton & Stow Show & bonfire night. We will be at the Show as always serving refreshments to the show judges, committee and the public. On bonfire night, we will be back down on the recreation field selling glow sticks to raise money for the club.

The Sturton Indoor Bowls Club

We have had a good year so far. Receiving the Co-op Community Grant Award enabled us to buy more bowls and mats replacing ones we had been using from the formation of the club approximately 20 years ago. Our members are very loyal and keep turning up on Monday nights (about 6.45pm) and we have had some excellent games. We are always on the lookout for new members so do come and join us. It is an excellent way to spend an evening with friends. Cup of tea and biscuit at half time. We usually have a Christmas lunch which is usually enjoyed by all. Why not come along and you can join us.

Celebrate Autumn and Help Horses and Ponies in Need

This Halloween Half-Term horse lovers who love Halloween are in for a treat this spooky season, as equine charity Bransby Horses opens their pumpkin picking patch. Based just a few miles north of Lincoln, the attraction



returns this autumn, with all proceeds going towards Bransby Horses' vital animal welfare work.

Bransby Horse's Pumpkin Patch will be open throughout October and those who attend can make a day of it by walking around the 300-acre site with a visitors centre, café, donated goods and gift shops, and a children's play park.

Just like the equines we care for our pumpkins come in all different shapes and sizes so choosing your favourite might be difficult but, we charge a flat fee of just £3, for any size, which I'm sure people will agree, is pretty hard to beat.

"We can't wait to celebrate autumn with everyone and hope to see some of you in your Halloween fancy dress."

To find out more visit <https://bransbyhorses.co.uk/visit-us/>

Community Speed Watch

The local Community Speed Watch group is continuing its activities monitoring the speed of traffic in Sturton by Stow and in Bransby. In particular many vehicles are still exceeding the speed limit on the section of Tillbridge Road that was reduced from 40 mph to 30 mph in the summer. If a vehicle is recorded travelling at 35 mph or higher in a 30 mph zone the registered keeper will receive a letter detailing what was recorded and offering advice.



A training session was held in July and we now have four new volunteers and we have also had three new locations approved by the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership so we are now able to put on more sessions across Sturton by Stow and Bransby.

However, we are always looking for more volunteers to join our group so if you have an hour or two to spare each month you would be made most welcome (full training and equipment is provided).

If you would like to know more about Community Speed Watch there is plenty of information on the Lincolnshire Police website. Search for "lincs speed watch" and then select "Community Speed Watch". If you are interested in joining the group or have any questions about Community Speed Watch please email the local coordinator: cswsturtonbystow@gmail.com.



Sturton & Stow Horticultural Show, Sturton school,
Saturday 5th October 13:30 - 16:30

Parish Council Meetings, Old School Room

Wednesday 2nd October 7:30pm

Wednesday 6th November 7:30pm

Wednesday 4th December 7:30pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

The Plough Sturton Football Club, The Rec. Sundays 10:45

6th Oct OAP FC First

13th Oct Welton Sports & Social FC 1st team

20th Oct Ruston Sports FC

27th Oct Welton Sports & Social FC 1st team

3rd Nov Stags Head Lincoln FC First

8th Dec Hykeham Memorial 1st

Wellbeing Walks and Community Cafe, Village Hall

Approx 45 mn walk from 11am followed by refreshments at the Community Cafe 12 - 2pm

Mondays 1st and 3rd Monday each month

Sturton & Stow History Society, Village Hall

7:30pm All welcome. Refreshments & Raffle

16th October - Christmas Truce & The Angel of Mons by Richard Pullen

20th November - Viking Age Lincolnshire by Nigel Amos

18th December - Christmas Social Fun Quiz & A Tale of the Lonesome Bransby/Broxholme Chimney- a short talk by Chris Turner

Have your say to improve your village

The Parish Council is currently discussing various options for ways in which we can improve the village experience, by way of new projects for 2024/5. Budgets are, of course, going to have to be fairly modest, but we did feel **that villagers themselves should have an input** to our deliberations. To guide your inspiration, we are already considering a new ongoing form of publicity and markers for our local footpaths and walks, as well as a reconfiguration of the Village Green.

What would be your suggestion?

Please send a brief outline to our Parish Clerk, Stacey Hoyland, on sturtonpc1@gmail.com, or 07476 902278, by **31st October 2024**.

COMPETITION

Christmas Light Display

🎄 Saturday 14th December at 7pm 🎄

If you wish to have your Christmas display entered in the competition, then please send your address to sturtonpc1@gmail.com or leave a message on 07476 902278

Dates for the Diary

Market and Coffee Morning, Village Hall

1st Saturday of the month, from 10am - 12noon

Indoor Bowls Club, Village Hall

Mondays 7pm - 9pm

Pilates

Tuesdays 10am - 12noon, Village Hall

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

Judo, Village Hall

Thursdays 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Zumba, Village Hall

Fridays 7pm to 8pm

Bonfire Night, The Rec. Saturday 2nd November

Remembrance Service Memorial, Church Yard Extension,
Sunday 10th November, 3 pm

Christmas Lights Switch On, Village green,

Saturday 7th December 4pm