



NEWSLETTER

April to June 2025



CLUB SPONSORSHIP !!!

The **Sturton and District Shed Club** are very grateful for the support in the form of sponsorship by local company **Obam Stairlifts**. Items of clothing, t-shirts, polo shirts and caps bearing the Obam logo & the Shed Club logo were gifted to the club, these were then offered to club members at a minimal cost to raise funds to support our ongoing development.

Pictured are club members receiving the items of clothing from Chris Butroid & Ben Howey of Obam stairlifts.

Sturton and Stow Motor sports Club.

The closed season has seemed to have past us by so quickly this time round. The club's had a very good UK round kadt year plenty of drivers and really nice comments to the club on the running of the meeting.

The AGM in January saw a few changes to the committee. The club has a **new chairman, Jamie Hornby** (picture on the right) who has served as vice chairman for the past three years.

He replaces Terry Williams who has served the club tirelessly for many years and I am sure all the Club members would want to thank Terry for his service as the chairman. Terry has not left the club he is serving as the club vice chairman and giving his backing to Jamie in his first year.

Safety officer aslo did see a change with Kelly Read replacing Jaskon Baker.

We have a full programme this year starting on 18th may following by meetings on 8th June, 24th and 25th August, 13th and 14th September

This years **Fastest man on Grass meeting** in August is boasting cash prizes for fastest man / Fastest Lady and Fastest Junior on grass.

It really would be nice to see some of the Sturton and Stow residents visit us at our meetings at Caenby Corner.

And if you maybe considering having a go come and talk to us anytime for guidance. And Juniors can now start racing at the grand old age of 10 years old. We hope to see you all soon!



Malcolm Berresford is a resident of Sturton by Stow and a keen cyclist, runner and walker. He says "I love to go out and enjoy our beautiful countryside. So on January 1st I began the **GB Ultras 1000 mile race**. I covered the miles walking and running in Lincolnshire, enjoying the open spaces. I was pleased to win the race, completing on the 2nd of March."



At 68 $\frac{3}{4}$, Malcolm is proving that moving is beneficial for your health. You don't have to do 1,000 miles, any amount helps!





Playpark

Parish Councillors have recently undertaken a review of our play parks. This review is part of ongoing efforts to improve facilities for

the community while being mindful of the accumulating costs to maintain current equipment. It has become apparent that, in some cases, the lack of longevity of certain equipment outweighs the cost of ongoing repairs. In these instances, it may be more cost-effective to allocate funds to maintaining other equipment that will offer a longer lifespan and continue to serve the community for years to come.

This is an area that the parish council will continue to monitor. Any feedback or concerns regarding the play parks are always welcome.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Reminder: Riparian Responsibilities and Recent Flooding Evidence

We kindly remind all residents to check if they have any riparian responsibilities related to watercourses or floodplain areas near their properties. More information can be found at www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse.

Please ensure that any relevant evidence of recent flooding or historical knowledge of flooding within the village is lodged with us, this will help in addressing any concerns and ensure we can take the necessary actions where appropriate.



Jubilee Wood...

Is our local community woodland along Cowdale Lane, Bransby. The trees were planted in 2012 to mark the Queen's Jubilee. There are oak, birch, beech, hawthorn and many more. The figure of 8 path is currently nicely cut and on the left hand route there is a clearing with a picnic table.

Spring is a great time to visit because the birds are singing and building their nests. Look out for songthrush, greenfinch, goldfinch, robin, long-tailed tits and many more. You may be lucky enough to see a roe deer or a muntjac deer too.

Everyone is welcome to visit the wood at any time. Ideally go there by bicycle or on foot because car parking is very limited due to the single track road.

One nice way to walk there from Sturton is from Tilbridge Road via the new permissive route to join the public footpath to Bransby or from the end of Saxilby Road via the public footpath.

Floods prevention!

The Parish Council have taken proactive steps to prepare for potential flooding. A new sand bin has been installed on Saxilby Road to ensure resources are readily available to ensure residents have quick access to the resources they need in an emergency. It was highlighted by residents that the sand bin located on the junction of the High Street/School Lane was becoming



difficult to access due to the flooding around the bin. With the help of Timmins Contracting and Parish Councillors the sand bin has now been relocated to Stow Road, opposite the school playing field.

All bins have been replenished with sand and sand bags to help the community stay prepared, help yourself, all you need is a shovel.



Warmer weather and lighter nights means events and visits are in full swing for the WI. In April WI House, Horncastle are hosting a 'Machine Sewn Greeting Cards', workshop. A Science Day is taking place in Market Rasen, 'Exactly what it says on the tin', concerning food fraud delivered by Dr Nicola Crewe, Senior Lecturer, University of Lincoln. A 'Cricket Taster', session at Skegness Cricket Ground in June, followed by a 'Behind the Curtain', visit to Lee Crematorium in July. The WI notice board in the Village Hall has further detail. Non-members are welcome to attend all our events, visits and the monthly speaker for a small fee.

Come and join us by contacting Secretary Maria Scott – 01427 787062, or just come along to one of our meetings held in the Village Hall the second Tuesday in the month at 7:00 for 7:30pm. We also have a less formal coffee morning in the Cross Keys in Stow where a few of us meet on the first Friday of the month 10: am till 12: pm.

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Sturton & Stow AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

The Sturton & Stow Agricultural & Horticultural Association AGM will be held on **Thursday 3rd April** at 7pm in the Old School Room, Tillbridge Lane, Sturton by Stow.

The committee are always looking for new members to join and help with organizing this traditional village event. Feel free to come along and have a chat with us.

The village **Knit and Natter** ladies, along with some residents of the Tennyson Wharf care home have been busy with their needles again for the new Spring post box topper. It's a farming theme with lots of animals to spot. If you fancy joining us then come and say hello at the Tastery. We meet Thursday morning You don't need to be an experienced knitter and you can knit or crochet work or join in one of our community projects. We'd love to welcome you there.



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2025 is the 220th anniversary of Sturton's old chapel.

Today a private residence, the chapel was built in 1805, and Methodist meetings began in 1806. In the late 18th century, evangelist, John Wesley stayed with the Harrison Family in their Sturton High Street house. A 19th-century village shop was later built to adjoin this property.

The 1805 chapel, next door, was a massive boost for our farming community. Local 19th century farmers are brought to life in 'The Proprietary Stow' a book written by Linda (nee Bradshaw) Crust. This book is available from Sturton & Stow History Society. Linda was the Society President until she passed away in 2016. A book written by lifelong Sturton resident, the late, Dennis Gilbert, and titled 'Brightly Gleams our Banner' catalogues the detailed lives of Sturton Wesleyan Methodists. Today a Methodist Banner is on permanent display in Sturton village hall.



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The **Winter Warmer** project is ending, and once again, we have had a successful winter at the Community Cafe! Every week, between 10 and 25 people meet at the Village Hall to have hot drinks and food but most importantly, meet people, have chats, and even get support.

Visitors to the Cafe have included the Sturton by Stow school choir, Energy-saving advisors, co-designed health and Well-being meetings, and twice a month, the **Well-being walks**.

Winter Warmer may be over but we are not stopping! Throughout spring and summer, the Community Cafe and Well-being Walks will continue twice a month. The calendar avoids Bank Holidays. We look forward to continue welcoming you. *We are looking for 1-2 helpers for 1h/ month to help with the busy cafe between 12 and 1pm. If you would like to help, contact Muriel 07517 897305*

COMMUNITY CAFE

Join us for a warm welcome, where you can enjoy a comforting cup of tea, and connect meaningfully with others in a relaxed and friendly setting for free.

Mondays 11am to 2pm on March 31, April 14 and 28th, May 12 and 19, June 2 and 23, July 7 and 14, August 4 and 18, September 1, 15 and 29, October 13 and 27.

Sturton by Stow Village Hall
High Street
Sturton by Stow
LN1 2AX



For More Information

Call Us
01427 677377





This sign by the side of the road means the village's **Community Speed Watch** team are monitoring the speed of vehicles on that stretch of road. Speed Watch is about raising awareness of speeding within communities and

educating drivers – it is not about enforcement – although any vehicles recorded at 35 mph or above will be reported to the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership.

The Speed Watch team is always looking for more volunteers so if you are concerned about the speed of vehicles travelling through the village and 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 village's group, or have any questions about Community Speed Watch, please email the local coordinator: cswsturtonbystow@gmail.com

Parish Council Meetings, Old School Room

Wednesday 2nd April 7:30pm

Wednesday 7th May 7:30pm

Wednesday 4th June 7:30pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Wellbeing Walks, from the Village Hall

Approx 45 mn walk from 11am Mondays followed by

Community Cafe, Village Hall

From 12 noon, light refreshments, guest speakers.

April 14th & 28th; **May** 12th and 19th **June** 2nd & 23rd

Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning, Village Hall,

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

Sturton & Stow History Society

Wednesdays from 7:30. *Village Hall*

Refreshments and a raffle are part of the evening.

Speakers:

16th April - Beatrix Potter & Mrs Heelis by Elaine Johnson

21st May - The History of Stained Glass in Lincoln Cathedral by Simon Judge

18th June - Lawrence of Lincolnshire by Richard Pullen

Your Editor

Happy Spring!

I hope as you read this you are basking in sunshine!
Thank you to all contributors!



The next deadline is the **21st May** and as I will be away celebrating a rather large birthday, our Parish clerk, **Stacey** has agreed to guest edit it.

Please send her your contributions for the **July - Sept edition**. *Muriel*
Email: sturtonpc1@gmail.com

Dates for the Diary

Indoor Bowls Club, Village Hall

Mondays 7pm - 9pm

Total Body Workout, Village Hall

2 - 2:45pm (term time only).

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Line Dancing, Village Hall

1st 3rd and 4th Tuesdays 7:30pm - 9pm

2nd Weds 7:30 - 9pm

W.I. Village Hall

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

Art Group, Village Hall

Wednesdays 10am - 1pm

Judo, Village Hall

Mondays 5 - 6pm 4 - 11 years old

Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30 4 - 11 years

Thursdays 7:30 - 8:30 11+ years and adults

Sundays 10 - 11am 4-11 yrs, 11-12pm 11 years and adults

Bare Pilates, Village Hall

Tuesdays 10:45am - 11:30am

Zumba, Village Hall

Fridays 7pm to 8pm