



# NEWSLETTER

Oct to Dec 2025



Your editor

Wishing everyone  
a Happy end of  
2025!



Thanks you for all  
the contributions!

The newsletter is crucial for those who  
don't have access to the internet. So  
your contributions really matter. Next  
deadline is the **31<sup>st</sup> December**.

With all your Christmas stories. I look  
forward to hearing from you. *Muriel*

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You're invited to the  
**137TH ANNUAL SHOW**  
SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2025 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  
[www.sturtonandstowshow.com](http://www.sturtonandstowshow.com)  
\*AVAILABLE FROM STURTON GENERAL STORES,  
CO-OP AND TILLBRIDGE TASTERY

This year's  
Remembrance  
Service  
will take place at  
the Cemetery on  
9th November  
from  
3pm



## Sturton By Stow Parish Council

We're actively seeking new members!  
Are you individual who shares an interest and passion for what  
is best for our brilliant village? Then come to one of meetings  
to find out more! We currently have 3 Vacancies

If you're interested Please email [sturtonpc1@gmail.com](mailto:sturtonpc1@gmail.com)



"Your Parish  
Council Needs  
**YOU**"

**Sturton By Stow residents -  
your Village Hall needs you !!!**

The Village Hall committee would like to invite you to join  
the 'Friends of Sturton by Stow Village Hall'.

Running the Village Hall takes a team of dedicated  
Committee Members who all give their time for free to  
keep our Village Hall the heart of the Community. We deal  
with everything from building maintenance to cleaning,  
health & safety, fund raising and everything in between.

Are you new to the village and have some spare time?  
Would you like to get involved? It's a great way to meet  
local people.

We hold monthly markets and coffee mornings on the first  
Saturday of the month and always appreciate an extra  
pair of hands to help set up and clear away!!

Interested? Contact Gail Adams via Facebook Messenger  
or come and meet us at the monthly Saturday market. 🍷





The village hall recently received an email from **Benoit Howson** informing us that he was travelling from France to visit World War 2 airfields in the county and asked if we would display a plaque in memory of a Wellington bomber crew who perished when their aircraft crashed in fields at *Thorpe le Falls*.

Being so close to the crash site, we felt it would be appropriate to display the plaque at the village hall.

The presentation took place in the village hall, with Benoit accompanied by his wife, children, and two veterans, husband and wife Ken and Barbara, originally from New

Zealand, who served in Bomber Command. Benoit introduced his children, who reported the flight and its crew.

It was particularly moving to hear that **Sergeant Joseph Pollon** had lied about his age to join the RAF and was killed at the age of 17.

To complete their presentation, his son played the last post on the melodica and his daughter played the National Anthem on the oboe.

The village was represented by **Cllr. Lynda Mullally** (District Councillor), **Martin Cook** (Parish Council Chair), **Gail Adams** (Village Hall Chair) and parish councillor **Mike Holtby**.

The plaque (pictured), which gives details of the flight and its crew, can be viewed in the front entrance of the hall.

## Sturton by Stow Swans W.I.

As usual our W.I. have had a busy summer, a BBQ, an evening playing Bingo and several trips around the county.

We have a team entering the Federation quiz night and several members going to the 110 years celebration. We are looking forward to hearing how to make felt hats, listening to the experiences of a Falklands survivor and spending our money on a wonderful collection of hand made bags and baskets in time for Christmas presents!

Next year Sturton W.I. will be celebrating our 60-year anniversary, if anyone has any memories or knows someone who may have been a member we would like to hear from you.

Maria Scott Sturton by Stow Swans W.I. Scotz03@hotmail.com Tel: 07914961675



## Community Speed Watch

The Community Speed Watch group continues to run sessions on all four roads in to (and out of) Sturton and also on Cowdale in Bransby.



Speeding does continue to be a problem unfortunately, but we hope that the Speed Watch sessions will raise awareness of speeding and that they will encourage people to slow down.

As a reminder Community Speed Watch is not about enforcement – it is about education – although any vehicles recorded at 35 mph or above will be reported to the **Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership**.

During 2025 we have run four or five sessions each month and would like to do more but **we need a few more volunteers**. If you would like to help 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 in general 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](mailto:cswsturtonbystow@gmail.com)

## UPDATE ON VILLAGE FLOODING

The Parish Council arranged a public meeting with representatives of Anglian Water (AW) on 19 August, which was attended by 16 members of the public who listened to the answers to the questions which had been raised and pressed for more detail.

Following the January floods, AW has carried out some works, including removing blockages, and in some cases, investigations are still ongoing. Major infrastructure projects are very costly, and the need has to be evaluated alongside other demands. Their current financial plan does not include any major infrastructure works in Sturton or Stow; however, if smaller mitigation works are identified, it may be possible to carry them out.

We learned about the Property Flood Resilience (PFR) Grant, a government scheme run by local authorities. The grant helps homeowners and businesses in eligible areas recover from flooding and strengthen future resilience. It can provide up to £5,000 for property improvements. To check eligibility and apply, contact your local authority.

If you suffer flooding, it is important to take photographs of both the inside and outside of your property, showing the water's height and, if possible, where it is coming from. Insurance companies find it helpful to see photos of the water depth, as well as any damaged furniture, flooring, fittings, goods, and clothing. Do not dispose of anything until an assessor from your insurance company has had a chance to review the evidence.

It is important to notify **Anglian Water** of any flooding as the more evidence they have of flooding helps them to justify future works to mitigate the problems.

The AW representative recommended the Environment Agency's guide *Living on the Edge*, which explains riparian ownership, rights, and responsibilities. If you own land beside a watercourse, you are legally a riparian owner. If you rent the land, check with the owner to decide who will manage these duties. As a riparian owner, you must maintain the bed and banks of the watercourse—clearing litter, debris, fallen trees, and obstructions—and keep any related structures on your property, such as culverts, in good repair.

Also report flooding to Lincolnshire County Council using [www.fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://www.fixmystreet.lincolnshire.gov.uk)

## Sturton and Stow History Society

Early 20th century - behind the village pond are Sturton's three public houses. **The Plough, The Red Lion and The White Hart** (left to right).



**The Red Lion** was first licenced in 1799, the building was demolished some 220 years later in 2019, making way for Sturton's new Co-op store.

**The Plough**, first licenced in 1856, today is known as 'The New Plough'.

**The White Hart**, first licenced in 1869, today is a private residence, the pub closed in 1939, when Lindsey licensing magistrates, decided Sturton had too many pubs.

Look closely, there was a newspaper shop in the gap between **The Red Lion** and **The White Hart**, supplied by Mr. George Charity's Stow news agency business. A **Red Lion** history plaque is on permanent display in Sturton village hall.

## Sturton and District Shed Club

Pictured are members of Sturton and District Shed Club celebrating the final stage of the club's long term improvement project.



The club now has a third cabin, a roof covering the three cabins and a paving and gravel "yard" enabling the members to work outside even when it's raining. There are a number of smaller improvements to be made but these will be completed as time allows. The club wishes to thank all those involved with making this possible including *Sturton Parish Council, The National Lottery* and local businesses.

We continue to help where we can with local community projects and look forward to seeing the club grow in the future and are always open to welcoming new members. Please see details on our website and Facebook page.

## Neighbourhood Policing Survey

Help shape policing priorities. Every response builds a picture of concerns within the community and evidences what we need to focus on.

You can access a short survey by following this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/4Vj3348uBu>

## Knit and Natter group

We hope you've spotted our Summer post box topper? The teddies seem to be enjoying their day at the seaside!

Plans are already underway for a 'Spooktacular' Halloween topper and there will be a display of poppies on the village sign for Remembrance Sunday so look out for those over the next few weeks.



If you would like to join our friendly group then we meet **every Thursday at the Tillbridge Tastery at 11am**. You can knit or crochet your own work or join in with the toppers or other charity knits.

We do quite a lot of *nattering* as well so if you just want to come for that then you're more than welcome! Hope to see you soon!

## 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 October 13 and 27.**

Starting in November, we aim to maintain the Community Cafe on a weekly basis throughout the winter season. Look out for Facebook announcements

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For More Information

Call Us

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Donkeys have been a part of Christmas since day one, so what better way to get in the festive spirit than visiting **Bransby Horses** for a fun-filled donkey talk. Meet these amazing creatures up close and learn all about their behaviours, needs and care.

With the donkeys spending winter months in barns not accessible to the public, these talks give visitors the chance to interact with these equines. Grab your hats and scarves and join a *Bransby Horses Donkey Talk* this festive season, supporting the charity while meeting some of the adorable residents. You can even head over to the cafe afterwards for hot food and drinks.



## Dates for your diary

**Christmas Market and Craft Fayre** on  
Saturday 6th December - 10am to 2pm.

Tables are limited so get in quick and book your table now with Gail on 07718903114.

Festive refreshments will be available. We look forward to seeing you there.



**Christmas Lights switch on**



**6th December 4 pm, village green**

All donkey talks **start at 11am**. Please meet in the **Visitor Centre courtyard** at Bransby Horses in Lincoln.

Donkey Talk Dates:

15th and 29th of October

12th and 26th of November

10th of December



**Indoor Bowls Club, Village Hall**

Mondays 7pm - 9pm

**Bumpcamp, Village Hall**

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

Facebook & Instagram @bumpcamp

**Line Dancing, Village Hall**

1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 7pm - 9pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Weds of the month 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

Thurs 5:30 - 6:30 and 6:30 - 7:30 Primary/Junior;

Thurs 7:30 - 8:30 Seniors

**Pilates, Village Hall**

Tuesdays 10 am - 12 noon

**Zumba, Village Hall**

Fridays 7pm to 8pm

**Market and Coffee Morning, Village Hall**

1st Saturdays of the month, from 10am - 11:30

**Remembrance Service Cemetery**

9<sup>th</sup> November 3pm

**Christmas Lights switch on, 6<sup>th</sup> December 4pm**

Dates for the Diary

## Newsletters deadlines for submission 2026

Jan - Mar 26 edition: 31<sup>st</sup> Dec

April - June edition: 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

July - Sept edition: 21<sup>st</sup> May

Oct - Dec edition: 21<sup>st</sup> Aug

## Parish Council Meetings, Old School Room

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 7:00 pm

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 7:30pm

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 7:30pm

Members of the public are welcome to attend.

## Wellbeing Walks, from the Village Hall

Approx 45 mn walk from 11am Mondays

## Community Cafe, Village Hall

From 12 noon, light refreshments, guest speakers.

Every Mondays during winter until end of March.

## Sturton & Stow History Society, Village Hall

Start 7:30pm All welcome. Refreshments & Raffle

17th Sep- Understanding Granny's Photo Album- Horace Lib

19th Nov- The Black Prince of Scunthorpe- Adrian Gray

17th Dec- Christmas Customs- Tom Lane with local musicians Nigel & Terri