



NEWSLETTER

July to Sept 26

AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION
STURTON & STOW

You're invited to the
138th Annual Show
 Saturday 3rd October 2026 1.30pm - 4.30pm

STURTON BY STOW PRIMARY SCHOOL LN1 2BY
*Agriculture, Horticulture, Arts,
 Handicrafts and more!*

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From your editor

Welcome to Summer 2026!
 After another hot and dry
 spring, we look forward to the
 elusive rain in Sturton! The
 last edition was a bumper
 one!!
 The deadline for the next one
 is:



Oct - Dec: **21st Aug**
 Send your finished articles and photos to me
sturtonbystow.editor@gmail.com

Thank you. *Muriel*

It's the time of year for **Swifts** to be arriving again.

There is a 'Whatsapp' group
 that monitors the movement
 and nesting of Swifts in
 Sturton and the immediate
 area. All sightings reported
 are recorded and used to help
 the **RSPB** Swift project, one
 aim of which is to identify and
 protect nesting sites.



If anyone is interested in
 joining the group to submit sightings,
 please type the link below in your
 browser, or email me and I
 can give you access.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LtogMmi1CpN7A2VZMxFtqQ?s=cl&p=a&m=4>

Mel Thorn melthorn617@gmail.com

Kitchen Refurbishment

This project was funded by FCC Communities Foundation.

The kitchen was completed in February and the official opening by *Lynda Mullally*, WLDC District Councillor and *Martin Cook*, PC Chairman took place at the Easter Market on the 4th April.

Those who have used it are delighted with the improvements as this upgrade had been needed for many years and with this funding from the FCC Communities Foundation it has finally happened. It will make a huge difference to the users of the village hall as well as helping to advertise the excellence of the facilities.

"We were delighted to have the funds available from FCC Communities Foundation to re-vamp the kitchen.

"I'm sure anyone hiring the hall will very much appreciate it."

Gail Adams
 Chair of Sturton
 by Stow Village
 Hall Committee



Being a councillor is a rewarding opportunity to give something back to your community. As a parish councillor, you can help influence local decisions, support community projects, improve local facilities, and contribute to the future development of the village.

YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!!!



Do you feel passionate about what is best for our village? There is an opportunity for TWO people to get involved, join the Parish Council.

Contact the Clerk
 clerk@sturtonbystow-pc.gov.uk
 Tel: 074769 02278



Café Church in Sturton Village Hall

4-5pm third Sundays:

19th July, 16th August, 20th September 2026



With activities for children



A fresh expression of church for all ages
 A great opportunity to make friends and for families to grow together spiritually.
 Any questions?
 Call Revd Jane Foster-Smith on 01522 702427

Hosted by the Stow Groups of Churches

Sturton Swans

Another month has flown by, Spring appears to have sprung at last so fingers crossed we can all get out in the garden a bit more.

Our May meeting was a talk by Keith Appleyard about Bletchly Park, we would like to thank him and also all the staff from the war years who did so much to help end the war. It was lovely to see so many guests present.

July is our party month.. we will be celebrating our 60th birthday a BBQ on July 14 is the order of the day.



We do have 2 of our original members, Sue Sharpe and Mavis Benson congratulations to both of them. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month 7 for 7:30pm in Sturton village hall, at our next one we will be line dancing..well some of us will, the rest will be watching and enjoying the entertainment

We also have an informal coffee morning on the first Friday of the month at The X Keys 10- 12am just drop in for a chat and a catch up with friends. A bi-monthly lunch is also a chance to meet up for a chat- the venue changes every time... usually a pub!

We are always more than happy to welcome new members, either just come along to a meeting or contact our secretary Maria Scott on 0791461675

Sturton Indoor Bowls Club

How do You spend your Monday evenings? Why not try something different. Join us in the Village Hall. We are there for two hours enjoying a game of indoor bowls, with a break for tea and biscuits, interspersed with light hearted conversation and some frivolity. Just bring yourself in a pair of flat shoes, pleased to say none of the gentlemen go in for high heels.

We have everything else apart from YOU. Start time 7.00 o'clock (arrive 10 minutes earlier.)

You'll be home for 9.00 o'clock having had a social evening with some but not strenuous exercise. Why not bring yourself friends too. It's great fun.



The Parish Council is delighted about the completion of a hand-painted mural of the village emblem on the electricity box located on the Village Green. The Council would like to extend its sincere thanks to Christopher Podham for his time, talent and dedication in executing this piece that adds character to the Green.



Table Top Sale & Coffee Morning First Saturday of every month 10am – 11.45am



Call in for a chat, cuppa and bacon roll. Look through the books, bric a brac etc from the table top sales. Free entry & free cash prize draw – worth £20.

Books taking up too much space, bring them along on the 1st Saturday of the month, good quality paperback books always welcome.

Whether emptying your loft or garage, had a winter sort out, been busy crafting, selling for a charity, why not have a stall. No charge this month. To book a stall contact: johnleggott@btinternet.com or 07484 346094
 Facebook: Sturton-by-Stow Village Hall www.sturtonbystowvillagehall.co.uk

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On Thursday 7th May a group of members from the **Sturton and District Shed Club** took part in their first Club social well being walk, a 5.7 mile circular route starting and finishing at the Bransby Horses visitor centre.

The weather was pleasant which made for a most enjoyable morning out.



Are you, or do you know someone who is vulnerable? Would you appreciate community help in events

such as severe weather, flooding, power outages, or other local disruptions?"

Our small local team for Sturton by Stow with Bransby is in need of volunteers who can step up to help the community, ensuring that we can safely assist others in our neighbourhood, following an event when professional responders are not immediately available. From feet on the ground to logistics in the background, there is always a way to contribute!

For more information please contact **Jo Parker** on **07920 747749**



The **Youth Club** has been buzzing with activity over the past few months, and it's safe to say there's been something for everyone!

Our loyal older members, aged 14–16, continue to make

the most of the club each week. Pool and football remain firm favourites, while plenty of time has also been spent out on their mountain bikes in a safe, controlled area. It's fantastic to see friendships growing and everyone enjoying being active together.

Meanwhile, a younger group of members, have been loving the more relaxed side of club life. The TV room has often been filled with music, laughter and the occasional singalong, while dodge-ball and board games have brought out everyone's competitive side.

One thing that has truly brought all age groups together is the cooking activities. The club kitchen has been busy with homemade pizzas, delicious Easter nests and pancakes all proving to be huge hits. There's nothing better than seeing young people learning new skills while having fun at the same time.

A real highlight recently was the gokarting trip, which was a massive success from start to finish. Members enjoyed hot dogs at the youth club before hopping on the bus, and once at the track the competition quickly heated up! Staff and members alike battled it out for the fastest lap, with plenty of laughs and excitement along the way.

Back at the club, the Wii has also made a comeback on several evenings, leading to lots of singing, dancing and some very enthusiastic performances!

Looking ahead, preparations have already started for the Alton Towers trip on 5th September.

The Youth Club continues to be a welcoming, fun and friendly place for young people to spend time, try new activities and make great memories. We're excited for what the rest of the year will bring!



Support Our Youth Club for Free!

Shop online through Easyfundraising and retailers will donate to our Youth Club at no extra cost to you. Scan the QR code to get started. Thank you for your support!

The Parish Council are very concerned about the number of hedges/vegetation which are overgrowing the footway and footpaths in the village. These are causing major hazards forcing pedestrians into the road and in some cases damaging their faces and glasses. We ask you politely, to take a look at your hedge and make sure it is cut back to the property boundary line so as not to overhang or encroach onto the highway (meaning carriageway, footway, or verge). It is very easy for hedges to get thicker just by a little bit each year, despite being cut back regularly. It may be that the hedge requires some radical pruning and may need more

than one pruning session to keep it inside your boundary line. Hedges that encroach the verge make it difficult for the grass contractor to maintain the verges and keep them looking presentable



Gardens open for charity

Ivy Cottage and *Mere House* in Sturton are opening their gardens for the National Garden Scheme on **Sunday 5 July from 11am-4pm.**

Martin and Jill Fish have been busy creating their cottage style garden at *Ivy Cottage* over the last three years and have created mixed borders with shrubs, trees and perennial planting and a productive Kitchen garden along with a greenhouse full of edible crops and ornamental plants.

Alice and Nigel Gray have a more established 1½ acre garden at *Mere House* showcasing a cutting garden,

pleached hedges, herbaceous borders and a productive vegetable garden and orchard. A new border for dryer conditions has been created for 2026.

Both gardens can be enjoyed together with parking at *Mere House*.

Refreshments and both gardens are included in the admission price of £10.00.

Watch out for the yellow signs.



Bransby Horses Events

Donkey Tales – Life and Care

11am, Wednesdays every two weeks, from 1 st July. Led by a member of the Bransby Horses team, our donkey talks will give you a brilliant insight into these amazing animals. From how they bond to why their ears are so big and everything in between. Entry is free.

On the Road to Rehoming –

Preparing for the Perfect Partner Scheme 5 th July, 20th, 22nd and 30th August; 11 am Experience behind-the-scenes of our training barn, see the handling and training of our equines to get them ready for the rehoming. process. Entry is free.

Sanctuary Stories – The Final Chapter of the Bransby Horses Story

10th 11th and 19th July 4th 5th and 13th September; 11am Sanctuary Care at Bransby Horses has been created for equines who are unable to be rehomed through our Perfect Partner scheme. This talk will take you through why some equines can't be rehomed and how we care for them. Entry is free.

Bransby Horses Rug & Tack Sale

12th September from 10am to 2pm Join us for another exciting Rug and Tack Sale, offering various equestrian items at bargain prices. Get there early to grab the best deals and help support a wonderful cause without breaking the bank. Entry is free.

Sturton by Stow Parish Council meetings:

Wednesday 1st July, Wednesday 5th August, Wednesday 2nd September

All meetings take place at 7:30 pm in **The Old School Room.** All are welcome!



Indoor Bowls Club, Village Hall
Mondays 7pm - 9pm

Community Cafe (Warm Space) Village Hall
Every other Mondays 12 noon - 2pm Ongoing.

Well-being walks from the Village Hall
Every other Mondays 11am - 12 noon Ongoing

Bumpcamp, Village Hall
Tuesdays 2 - 2:45pm (term time only).
Facebook & Instagram @bumpcamp

Line Dancing, Village Hall
1st 3rd and 4th Tuesdays 7pm - 9pm
Beginners. Weds 7pm - 8:30pm

W.I. Village Hall
7pm - 9pm every 2nd Tuesday of the month

Art Group, Village Hall
Wednesdays 10am - 1pm

Market and Coffee Morning, Village Hall
1st Saturdays of the month, from 10am - 11:30

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

Sturton & Stow History Society, Village Hall
Wednesdays Meetings take place In Sturton by Stow Village Hall at 7.30pm. Admission £2. Tea/coffee/biscuits. Raffle. All are welcome!

15th July- Dangerous Women of Lincolnshire by Adrian Gray

19th August- William Marwood; cobbler, preacher, hangman by Adam Cartwright

16th September- The Lincolnshire Home Guard by Erik Grigg

Knit and Natter Group, Tilbridge Tastery
Thursdays, 11am

Zumba, Village Hall
Fridays 7pm to 8pm