



NEWSLETTER

December 2021 - February 2022

STURTON AND STOW AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION

133rd Annual Show 2 October 2021

We're back! After 2020, it was great to be back. Unfortunately entries were down on 2019, but there were still plenty of exhibits and some fierce competition. The Scarecrow competition had fewer entries, but they were of a high standard.

The rain did not deter enthusiastic supporters from attending on Show day and it was good to see familiar faces, to welcome newcomers and to see the delight of young and old on seeing their work (or that of their friends and relatives) on display.

The Committee would like to thank all of you who came along on the day; all those who entered the different classes; the judges; the stewards; our sponsors; the School for providing the venue and supporting many children's classes such as art; the Youth Club for excellent refreshments (the bacon rolls were a particular success!); the organisations who had displays or a stall; the valiant classic car drivers, who braved the rain; and last, but by no means least, our President, Tricia Elliott, who gave freely of her time and enthusiasm.

Congratulations to all those who won prizes or trophies. The winner of the J. Bradshaw Challenge Cup for most points won by a Sturton or Bransby resident was Paul White of Bransby.

You will find more photos and details of trophy winners on the website www.sturtonandstowshow.com or on Facebook.

Our next Show will be on Saturday 1 October 2022.
See you then.

Pam Dunnean



Sturton By Stow and Stow Neighbourhood Planning Group

October 22 was an auspicious day for the Neighbourhood Planning Group as it marked the end of the public consultation period of the Final Draft Neighbourhood Plan.

West Lindsey District Council and the independent Planning Inspector will no doubt contact us shortly to pass any observations and amendments that we may need to make.

The next stage will, hopefully, be the final step, where the draft plan will be subjected to a final public

referendum. The referendum will be run and promulgated by the District Council but we are optimistic that it will take place before Christmas and that we can start 2022 with a Neighbourhood Plan that has been "Made" and accepted into law by the District Council.

It has been a long and frustrating journey for the volunteers of the Neighbourhood Planning Group thanks to Covid-19 which frankly scuppered our ability to meet and progress the final stages of the plan. That stage is now behind us and the group is re-energised to finalise its



efforts on behalf of our fellow residents and businesses.

So please support the plan when it comes to the referendum and support your neighbours who have kept this project going despite the pandemic.

WATCH OUT FOR NEWS OF THE PUBLIC REFERENDUM DAY

STURTON AND DISTRICT SHED CLUB Great News!

At long last the Shed Club has taken delivery of its 2 units.

Thanks to the pandemic, where every Covid-19 Test and Vaccination Centre devoured the nation's supply of such units, Alwyne Thompson has had to scour the country to find suitable units. He eventually found a couple in the West Midlands. Sadly, due to their scarcity with no prospect of the supply situation easing, we eventually ended up paying almost twice what we had originally anticipated.

However, we have been fortunate in the support we received from the Sturton By Stow Parish Council, the National Lottery Awards for all, the Lincolnshire Coop Community Fund and the Lincolnshire County Council Covid-19 Community Response Fund without which we would never have reached this great day.

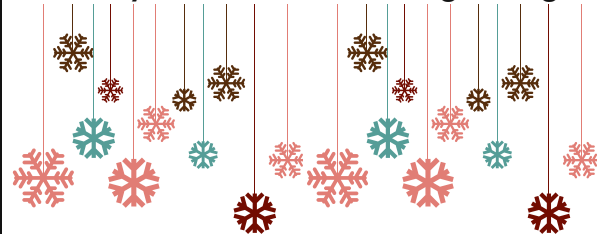
So please visit our stall at the Sturton Village Christmas Market at 17 Ashfield and see what we have for sale – we need your financial support.

The Shed Club finally has its own home and we can get on with what we promised – tackling social exclusion and loneliness in our rural community.

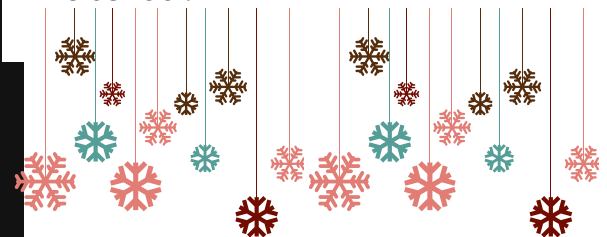


Christmas!

By the time you read this the Christmas walking market will have taken place. Let's hope many gifts and food were purchased and it was another successful event. Thank you Gail Adams for organising!



The Christmas Tree light switch on will be on 4 December at 4pm on the green. Carols sung by children from the school.



The Christmas light display competition is upon us again with judging on 14 December.



STOW FUNRAISERS

Carols round the Christmas Tree in Stow

6.30pm Friday 17 December
(to be confirmed)

The annual community singing of carols and Christmas songs around the village Christmas tree at the crossroads in Stow is provisionally planned for Friday 17th December at 6.30pm.

As usual warm mince pies and hot drinks will be provided and everyone and their families and friends are invited to come along and join in.

Confirmation of the date and further details will be posted on the Stow Community Facebook page and at www.stowfunraisers.wordpress.com soon.



The date:

**Wednesday 15
December**



Title: 'Christmas before and after the birth of Christianity'

Speaker: Ben Irvine. Ben will also look at Roman and Viking celebrations that took place during the Winter Solstice and how these celebrations have morphed into our Christmas.

With this in mind, Adam Dreikluft has been invited to come along to this meeting so he can bring his local Roman and other Era field finds which he will put on display and answer any questions you may have.

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: Sturton by Stow Village Hall

Cost: £2 - correct change please if possible

BOOKING IS NOT NECESSARY



Sturton by Stow
Youth Club Ltd

**Youth Club is well and truly
back and in full swing!**

The outdoor marquee is back with extra seating, activities are back and we're no longer limited to bubbles and capacity limits!

The autumn term saw a large number of new members join, a number of themed nights on the snack bar, and the return of the Halloween favourite that is pumpkin carving!

Our winter term activity program hopes to include Zumba, a Rodeo Bull and other activities including baking and craft activities. Into the New Year, we will also be rescheduling the graffiti project in the hall, and hosting an ideas evening to freshen the design ready for the big project itself!

Additionally, as part of giving back to the community, youth club staff and volunteers will be spending the morning of Saturday 13 November cleaning the village war memorial in readiness for the memorial service on November 14. We also plan for this Christmas to be our most festive yet!



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INSPIRING WOMEN

We have had two exceptional meetings! In September we listened to and took advice from the Bra Lady. Without going into details many of us will be paying her a visit!

Our open evening in October was a tremendous success, several new ladies attended and look keen to join. I am sure it was not just the cake and wine!

Our meeting in November will be on the Suffragette movement. These ladies fought hard for us, although slowly, they have changed the lives of many women. We are looking towards a positive future; our Christmas meal is booked and next year at our federation meeting we will be listening to the Yorkshire shepherdess Amanda Owen. We meet every 2nd Tuesday in the month at 7.30pm in the village hall. Please feel free to pop in for a look.

All of our members send the season's greetings.

Makia Scott

Secretary Sturton by Stow WI

Edward Bear Club

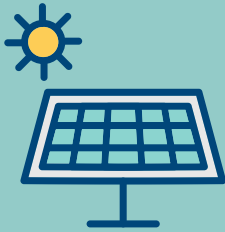
Edward Bear, Jennie, and SallyAnn send all our Edward Bear families loving Christmas wishes. It is really important for us to know that you all remain safe and well. How wonderful it will be when we can welcome you all back, and some new families too. To you all and all young families in our community - Happy Christmas. (Jennie 01427 788564).

Cottam Solar Project

All residents should have received a copy of the consultation regarding the Cottam Solar Project. The parish council urge all residents to submit their comments.

Phase one of the community consultation closes on 15 December.

Their website is www.cottamsolar.co.uk/ where more information can be found.



Rainbows, Brownies and Guides

Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are now meeting in Sturton by Stow Youth wing on Thursdays during term time.

Rainbows and Brownies from 6pm to 7pm followed by Guides at 7pm to 8.30pm.

They all enjoy learning new skills, having adventures and fun. Adults are always welcome to join us too!

Find much more information on our website:
www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Sturton by Stow Indoor Bowls Club

We meet on Monday evenings starting at 7pm in the Village Hall. We are purely a social club with no pressure to win games or leagues. Teams are pulled out of hat, so no cliques or star players. Just nice people enjoying meeting and playing with friends (old and new). We have chairs and break halfway for a cup of tea.

All welcome! Come along and join in. Phone John on 01427 787092 or Gordon on 01427 788970, or email me at polthorn1943@gmail.com.

Pauline Thohn

Thank you from Gill

Hi everyone! For over twenty years I have organised the delivery of the village newsletter to the delivery team, who have distributed it to the residents of Sturton by Stow, Bransby and Westwoods.

Changes in my work and family commitments means I have made the decision to step down.

I remember my fellow original committee members getting together to discuss providing a newsletter to purely provide information about the many clubs, activities and events that are available in our village.

To all the people over the years who have contributed with providing and finding stories, creating and editing (a big job!), arranging the printing and of course the Parish Council for their funding; to all the many volunteers past and present, who over the years have helped me to deliver the newsletters in all kinds of weathers and more recently 'strange' times. I would like to give a massive thank you to you all, without you it wouldn't have kept going for so long.

And finally a big 'thank you' to Stuart Christie who has kindly volunteered to take on the job, I will be passing on the information of our current 'delivery team' to him.

If anyone else would like to volunteer to take on a delivery round, then please contact Stuart on 07810 104639.

Thanks very much and seasons greeting to you all.

Gill Gilbank

Messages from the editor

Thank you once again to the wonderful contributors and delivery team for making this newsletter possible. In particular a huge thank you to Gill for her many years 'service' in making sure you all get your copy delivered! We welcome Stuart to the team.

If you would like to contribute to the next issue, please contact me at trudihayes@hotmail.com. The next edition will cover March to May 2022 and the deadline is 21 January.

If you would be interested in helping with gathering/writing/editing articles please also contact me.



Trudi