



# NEWSLETTER

March - May 2022



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**E**vening sessions  
recommence March 2022  
7.30pm in Sturton Village Hall,  
then 3rd Wednesday of every  
month.

16 March

AGM at 7pm followed by a talk by  
Richard Pullen

**Looking back 100 years**

'Women's Role after WW1'—What  
Grandma did next



10 April

A talk by Clive  
Thompson

**Looking back  
200 years**

'Bransby cum  
Sturton' - in the  
19th Century



## Youth Club is back with a BANG for 2022!



**W**e rounded off 2021 with a Rodeo Bull Christmas Party with the vision of rolling into the New Year full of plans for new activities! We're growing towards our pre-pandemic levels with still some way to go. The youth club now consistently sees over 25 members each night.

Back in November 2021, members of the club once again took part in our annual memorial cleaning ahead of Remembrance Sunday. After a two year gap due to the pandemic, this was indeed more difficult, however members Oscar and Zac made great efforts and along with Leader, Jack, we were able to make a substantial difference.

Moving into 2022 we're restarting our Modern Arts Project, planning ahead for the Platinum Jubilee event. We're also setting ourselves up ready for some big trips which could include trampoline parks, indoor karting and Alton Towers! Keep a watch out on our website at [www.sbsyc.com](http://www.sbsyc.com) and our Facebook page for more information.

We continue to be open every Monday and Friday 7.00-9.15pm and are always open to new members!

## Sturton by Stow Indoor Bowls Club

Sturton by Stow Indoor Bowling Club send out a warm welcome in this New Year to all members old and new.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday nights at 7.00pm.

**Come along and give it a try!**



# PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2021

**The year 2021 has not been without its challenges, but over-all the Parish Council have had a productive year.**

Life had been gradually getting back to 'normal' and as we are all aware circumstances change quite quickly with regards to Covid. We continue to cope with the ever-changing constraints and restrictions which have been, and continue to be, imposed. The Parish Council held successful monthly meetings via Zoom, which may return at some point, but whilst we can meet face to face we convene at the Village Hall. Thanks go to the Village Hall committee for their help with setting up a Covid secure venue.

The ditch behind The Glebe has been cleared and is now flowing properly taking excess surface water away from the houses. Trees and hedging have been trimmed and the grass mown. Trying to keep the villages tidy (and litter-free) is a never-ending job and your help with keeping your boundary hedging/shrubbery in check is just as important as anything we as a council can do. Some of our footpaths/pavements are narrow and encroaching flora has a big impact. The daffodils planted in verges around the village looked lovely in spring and the planters have had a splash of colour. Thank you to all those whom have been taking care and watering the flowers. Your help is very much appreciated. We were able to hold our best kept garden competition and judging took place in July. The winners were all surprised but very pleased with their success.

We have a new defibrillator, sited at the Co-op on the wall of the store nearest the car-park. The Co-op have generously paid for and will maintain this vital piece of equipment.

At times, it seems like we have been inundated with planning applications. We comment and sometimes take part in planning meetings, but the relevant authorities make their decisions – not always in line with what we would wish for. We have also commented extensively on the Central Lincolnshire Draft Plan for housing. A very large and complex exercise. There is a big push for renewable energy and you will be aware of the three Solar Farms which are currently under consideration – Cottam, West Burton and Gate Burton (Stow Park). As more information is released, we shall be able to see what this may mean for our parish. Sadly, St Hugh's Mission has been sold

and whatever plans are being made for this grade II listed building and wall remain to be seen.

The Neighbourhood Plan is now at the Regulation 16 stage. The statutory 6-week consultation with West Lindsey has finished and the plan, along with any comments, will be sent to an independent planning inspector for scrutiny in January. Once the result of this is known (we hope there will not be too many amendments required) you will be able to vote and then our plan will be 'Made'. This will help with the development of the parish over the next few years. The plan has taken time, but it has been worthwhile and everyone involved has learned so much about where we all live. If you have not been able to read our plan then please go on either the West Lindsey District Council or Sturton by Stow websites.

[www.sturtonandstowplan.co.uk](http://www.sturtonandstowplan.co.uk)  
[www.west-lindsey.gov.uk](http://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk)

The Community Speed Watch team have continued their outstanding commitment to help educate drivers who are not adhering to our 30 or 40 mph limits. Lincolnshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, Marc Jones, stopped and observed one of the sessions and was very impressed. If you wish to know more or would like to become involved contact Carol Gilbert – [sturtonbystow.gilbert@gmail.com](mailto:sturtonbystow.gilbert@gmail.com) or if you see the team stop and have a chat to find out more. New recruits are always very welcome.

The way our village pulls together in times of crises is very special.

Whether it is flooding, Covid or anything else, the number of residents who are willing to give their time and expertise to volunteer for exceptional events is inspiring. The Emergency Planning Group have been in action several times and have kept people safe and warm when necessary. You may have noticed two large yellow bins filled with sand and sandbags. One is on the corner of The Close and High Street the other is near School Lane, again on High Street. As ever, we hope there will not be a need for their emergency use, but when the next deluge happens, residents are encouraged to protect their property. Please do not fill more than ¾ full as the bags need to settle into each other to work properly.

The Parish Council continue to support local organisations through the grant policy, details of which are on our website, and each September posters are displayed around the villages of the parish to advertise this. If we can help, we will.



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The walkaround Christmas Market, showcasing local crafts, is a great feat of organisation. It is lovely to see the outstanding talents of our residents and the enjoyment of browsing items for sale. The annual lighting of the Christmas tree is one of the highlights of the year, unfortunately there was no singing again this year. Indeed, the pouring rain kept all but the most-hardy away, nevertheless the lights were switched on and a quick dash home to dry off! The way the village lights up is lovely and something I always look forward to. The Christmas lights competition took place on 15th December and was judged by a resident of Willingham. It took a while to drive round everywhere, but what a spectacle. Well-done to all who took part!

There are plans to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee next year. We have formed a sub-committee and ideas are

being finessed to ensure we have a day to remember. We are hoping to have an event to remember with games, food stalls and fireworks amongst other ideas, culminating with a beacon being lit. If you have any ideas or would like to become involved, please email Yvonne Clark [sturtonpc1@gmail.com](mailto:sturtonpc1@gmail.com)

There are, at the time of writing, two vacancies for parish councillor. If you would like to know more or wish to become involved, please come along to one of our monthly meetings or contact our Clerk, Yvonne Clark on the email address above.

All the best and warmest wishes for 2022!

*Carol Gilbert*

## Spotlight on Gordon and Jennifer's 60 years of marriage!

I met with Gordon Curtis recently who reaches his 60th wedding anniversary with wife Jennifer on 26 March this year. Both have lived in Sturton all their lives, as had their parents and they have plenty of stories and memories! Gordon's mother, Lillian, lived for 40 years in the 'boot and shoe shop' on the High Street and living to the ripe old age of 100 and Jennifer being part of the well-known Judges family.

Gordon remembers when the village, a lot smaller back in the 70's and 80's, predominantly comprised of four family names - the Bradshaws, the Gelders, the Credlands and the Lucas'. He has seen the changes the village has been through as it gradually expanded. He is happy though that it still has the village feel to it but sad that a lot of the original inhabitants are getting few and far between as the years go by.

Gordon and Jennifer knew each other from a young age when they both lived on Saxilby Road and, after Gordon had served two years in National Service, they got married in 1962 at Stow Church. The wedding reception was held at the 'old' village hall in Sturton (pictured right). They have lived in many different locations around the village one of which was the bungalow on The Close opposite the Village Hall which they built in 1972. Gordon spent seven years as an apprentice joiner to Wardell's so had they experience. After moving around the village 12 times, they have now settled on Eastfield.

Gordon has spent time over the years as a youth club leader, parish councillor, football referee, special constable and on all the committees in the village. He says it's always difficult getting members for the various committees but with the village growing over the years,

it brings new people in to hopefully join up and bring fresh ideas.

Gordon spends his time helping run the indoor bowls in Sturton, the outdoor bowls in Saxilby, regularly playing golf and is a Lincoln City season ticket holder.

Jennifer plays a big part in Gordon's life - she helps him keep sane and healthy even if it does mean doing all the housework!

**Congratulations to Gordon and Jennifer and hope you're both looking forward to a special card from the Queen!**

*Trudi Hayes*





## Allotments

If any landowner has any land in the village which they consider would be suitable to be used for allotments for the village please contact the clerk on [sturtonpc1@gmail.com](mailto:sturtonpc1@gmail.com) or call 01427 615364.



*Adapted from paper newsletter*

### Annual General meeting

7pm Monday 11 April 2022  
in the Village Hall Sturton by Stow.

All welcome to come along and help begin to plan the Annual Show, which will be on Saturday 1 October.

[www.sturtonandstowshow.com](http://www.sturtonandstowshow.com)

### Newsletter sponsored by Sturton by Stow Parish Council.

Full colour versions of the newsletter can be found on their website ([sturton-stow.pariah.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://sturton-stow.pariah.lincolnshire.gov.uk)) - and follow the link to newsletters under 'Parish Information').



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## INSPIRING WOMEN

After a very noisy Christmas party our W.I. settled down to our first meeting of 2022.

Our speaker was from the Lincoln archives and talked about Medieval medicine bringing along some rather scary implements! Our next speaker is doing comedy monologues which will be much more light-hearted, I am sure!

I am pleased to say our numbers have increased - we have welcomed at least 12 new members

Our next meeting is on Tuesday February 8 at 19.15pm, so do feel free to pop along. On April 29 we will be taking part in Women Walk the World a sponsored walk for the charity Associated Country Women of the World.

*Maria Scott*

Secretary Sturton by Stow W.I.

## Mobile Library Service is back!



**The Mobile Library Service will visit once a month on Wednesdays during 2022 at the following places:**

Sturton by Stow Village Hall car park  
(11.30am - 12.15pm)

Stow Old Post Office  
(1.00pm - 1.45pm)

For enquiries, reservations, renewals etc call 01522 782010 or visit [prism.librarymanagementcloud.co.uk/lincolnshire](http://prism.librarymanagementcloud.co.uk/lincolnshire)

## Message from the editor

Thank you once again to the wonderful contributors and delivery team for making this newsletter possible and, as always, the Parish Council for sponsoring.

If you would like to contribute to the next issue, please contact me at [trudihayes@hotmail.com](mailto:trudihayes@hotmail.com). The next edition will cover June to August (can you believe it!) 2022 and the deadline is 22 April.

If you would be interested in joining me on the editorial team (either gathering, writing or editing articles). This could be for the occasional issue or as much as you want, please also contact me.



*Trudi*