



NEWSLETTER



June - August 2022

Sturton by Stow Village Hall Your community space

From parties to Pilates and sport to special occasions your village hall lies at the heart of Sturton by Stow.

It's a place where residents and visitors alike can celebrate, entertain and host an array of different events and activities throughout the year. Our village hall is used by a wide range of regular organisations for social, educational, fitness and entertainment activities.

Visit www.sturtonbystowvillagehall.co.uk to see more.

With a capacity of 200 people, the main hall is one of the biggest and well equipped in the local area. The spacious and light room, includes 200 chairs and 50 tables, and can comfortably seat 150 people for

a sit down meal and dancing. It is fitted with ceiling fans, electric heaters and a ceiling mounted projector with sound system. For smaller activities the hall can also be split in to two with a curtain across the centre.

Adjoining the main hall is a fully equipped kitchen one side, and a stage with sound & lighting equipment the other end. In addition, there is also a smaller function room with capacity for 30 upstairs.

Located at the rear of the village hall, towards the PlayPark, SRK Barbers offer haircuts for ladies, gents and children by appointment



only by appointment and please call 07958 058901. Follow SRK Barbers on Facebook.

Sturton by Stow Village Hall is a registered charity (No 512689) and is managed by a voluntary committee which meets monthly to make sure that facilities are safe and up to date, finances are managed and oversees activities booked by various users. We would love to see a few new faces on our committee as well as people who may be able to help make a difference to our village.

Our **Saturday morning monthly markets** are due to start again on 2 July, 10am - 12pm. Why not pop in for a bargain and say hello?

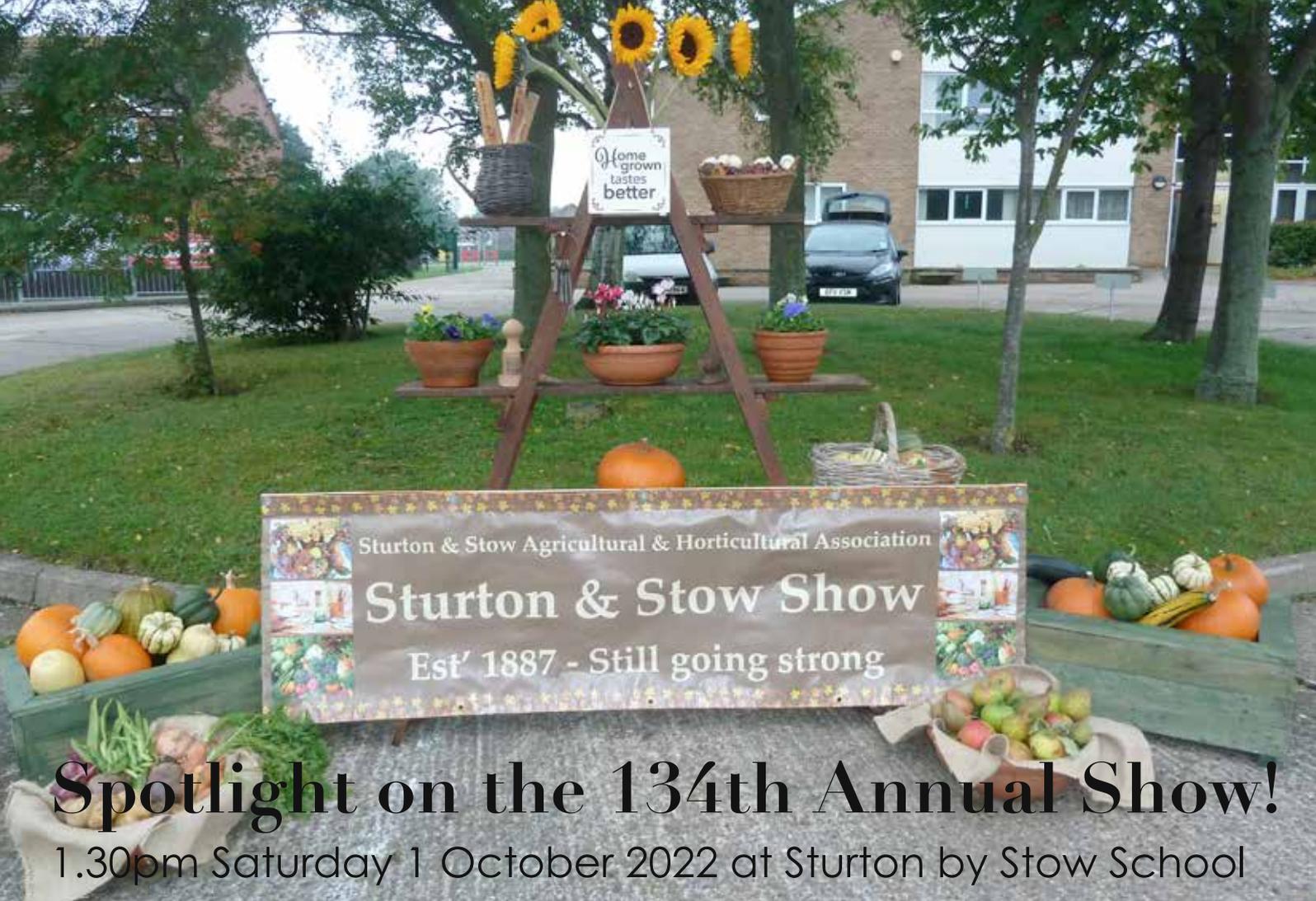
Anyone wanting a table, wishing to donate good quality paperback books and bric-a-brac or find out more about our committee can call 07484 346094 to chat about it.



**STURTON
BY STOW
VILLAGE HALL**

To find out more about hiring the hall visit www.sturtonbystowvillagehall.co.uk, call 07821 292486 or email enquiries@sturtonbystowvillagehall.co.uk

See page 4 for details of indoor bowls and the History Society in the Hall!



Spotlight on the 134th Annual Show!

1.30pm Saturday 1 October 2022 at Sturton by Stow School

Have you been to the Annual Show yet? If you haven't, you have missed a treat.

The first Show was held in 1887 and it is still going strong. Now is the time, if you have not already done so, to get growing the flowers and produce for entering into one of the many classes in the Show. Most classes are open to everyone and whether you are a gardener, a baker, a wine maker, a painter, a jam maker, good at sewing or craftwork and making things or an aspiring photographer, there will be a class for you to enter. In addition, there will be a classic car display, tractors, engines and local stalls and displays. The Youth Club provides refreshments on the day including their very popular bacon rolls!

If you have not entered before and wondering what you need to do, we are putting together a guide for entrants, which will be available both at our stall at the Sturton Jubilee celebrations on 2 June and

also then on the website at: www.sturtonandstowshow or follow us on Facebook. Schedules detailing all the classes will be available in August in the Village Stores and on



the website. You can also support the Show by becoming a Vice President on an annual basis or for life; you will find details in the schedule.

For the last two years we have run a scarecrow competition; this year we are doing it in conjunction with FOSSA and it will be held in summer.

Look out for details of how to enter and when you will need to display your scarecrow.

In 2017, to commemorate the 130th Show, we commissioned a book, which was written by Sturton resident, Sharron Banham, called 'Pumpkins, Pies, Ploughs and Produce' celebrating the history of the Show. This book is available from Sturton and Stow History Society.

Come along on 1 October (only 50p - or more if you are feeling generous) for a really great afternoon.



Potted history of the Show



Bill Gibson, son of local wheelwright Robert Gibson, lived in a house on Fleets Lane in Sturton by Stow, and in 1887 he and his good

friend George Charity came up with the idea of holding a competition for the children of Sturton and Stow. This competition was to be for the best fruit and flowers of the autumn.

The Show was held in the middle of the village on the banks of the village pond, which has long since been filled in. Mr Auckland, a Stow farmer, became the Treasurer of the Show and the Sturton and Stow Agricultural and Horticultural association was born. The Show became a popular annual event.



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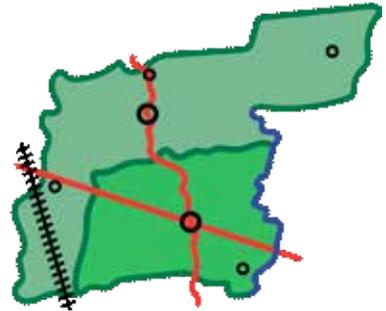
As mentioned in our last report our 'Women Walk the World' day is nearly upon us, members from all over Lincolnshire North Federation of W. I's will be taking part. Thank goodness for some sensible suggestions from our last speaker on Lyme disease!

Some of our members attended the AGM in Skegness where, after a very refreshing business meeting we listened to Amanda Owen (the Yorkshire Sheppardess) talking about her life, and what a life! We still seem to be battling with the old Jam and Jerusalem image, will it ever go away?

Perhaps as readers you may like to know we are looking forward to several activities this year including gliding, a trip to the Tolethorpe theatre, attending both Carrington and Lincolnshire shows, playing croquet, and a space centre visit.

If you would like to come along to one of our meetings it's the second Tuesday in every month, 7 for 7.30 at Sturton village hall. We look forward to meeting you.

Makia Scott
Secretary Sturton by Stow W.I.



STURTON BY STOW & STOW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM

This is your opportunity to have your say in the way our villages are developed in future.

Please VOTE on 26 May 2022

Newsletter sponsored by Sturton by Stow Parish Council.

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

Edward Bear 2001-2022

We feel, after much thought and discussion it is time to 'retire' our much loved Edward Bear.

It has been such a joy and a privilege to introduce Edward Bear to young families over the past twenty years - and to walk alongside you. We have such wonderful memories - presenting books to your little ones at Easter and Christmas parties - celebrating Edward Bear's birthday each year in September.

We also presented each child with a book as they left Edward Bear to begin Primary School. During the pandemic we have continued to give books at Easter and Christmas to Edward Bear children even though we were unable to meet in person.

Over the years young parents have formed new friendships and grandparents have too. We will

remember you all - babies and toddlers, mums and dads, grannies and grandmas, grandads and grandpas. Thank you for all your kindness and friendships to us, too.

Our first Edward Bear children are now young adults, making their way in the world. To all our young families, past and present, you have our love and blessings now and always - we will not forget you.

Have a happy 'retirement' Edward Bear. With our love, Edward Bear, Jennie, and SallyAnn.

(Watch the next Newsletter for details of Edward Bear's '21st birthday' and 'Retirement' party in September for all past and present Edward Bear families).

Jennie 01427 788564



Indoor Bowls

How do you spend your Monday evenings?

Why don't you visit us at 7pm and try out our indoor carpet bowls in the Village Hall.

We don't play in leagues, we just have a fun time with many a laugh.

Cup of tea and gossip at half time.

Give us try!

We look forward to seeing you.



7:30pm
Sturton Village Hall
3rd Wednesday of each month

18 May
A talk by Chris Hewis
'An occasional brush with the Stars'

15 June
A talk by Jane Young
'Prostitutes, Rat Poison and Head Lice'

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Message from the editor

Another sterling effort from contributors and the delivery team for this edition of the newsletter. As always, thank you to the Parish Council for sponsoring.

If you would like to contribute to the next issue, please contact me at trudihayes@hotmail.com. The next edition will cover September to November 2022 and the deadline is **22 July**.

If you would be interested in joining me on the editorial team please also contact me.

Trudi