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Newsletter of the Stow Historical Society

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO MARK SEASON WITH HOLIDAY TEA

A holiday tea will open the Stow Historical Society year on Sunday, December 8, at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Carol Anthony, 206 Gleasondale Rd. Special parking will be provided.

Members are invited to bring a Christmas ornament, toy or other bibelot with memories attached to share with the guests. This time of "show and tell" has been a favorite with members for many years. Christmas carol singing will be another feature of the annual Christmas social.

All members are asked to bring a plate of holiday cookies, cakes, or other seasonal specialities. Members are invited to bring guests.

FOUR MEETINGS TO SPOTLIGHT STOW'S MAJOR LANDMARKS

A series of meetings entitled "The Begats" will start in January as the Stow Historical Society focuses on four well-known points of interest in Stow and the history behind them. In most cases, the Historical Society's files lack research on these familiar places, and this series will provide an opportunity to record this history and to view old photos and update our collection of current photos. The schedule is as follows:

JANUARY MEETING: Thursday, January 23, 1992 -- 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Randall Library

TOPIC: "Then and Now"--the Stow Shopping Center and Lower Common.

Ralph Crowell, curator and former president, Stow Historical Society. Ralph has a wealth of photos and information about the early days of the site of the Stow Shopping Center.

REFRESHMENTS: Virginia Benjamin and Ruth McConnell

FEBRUARY MEETING: Thursday, February 27, 1992 -- 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Minuteman Airport

TOPIC: "The Airport" -- Don McPherson

Co-chairs: Dorothy Sonnichsen and Barbara Sipler

DINNER MEETING: Reservations for dinner at Jack's Hen House (the Airport Restaurant) should be made by January 23. Dinner reservations limited to 40 members. Ginger Pearlman is reservations chairperson (897-9194).

MARCH MEETING: Sunday, March 29, 1992 -- 2:00-4:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Tea at Tastings, an afternoon tea at Tastings Restaurant, Great Rd., Stow.

TOPIC: "Growing Old Gracefully in Stow"

A look at the start of Stow Elderly Housing and other programs for seniors.

Co-chairs: Ginger Pearlman and Barbara Sipler

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APRIL MEETING: Thursday, April 23, 1991 - 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Randall Library
TOPIC: "The Greening of Stow--A Golfer's Mecca"
Speakers from Stow Acres, Butternut, and Stowaway Golf Courses
Co-chairs: Carol Anthony and Barbara Sipler
REFRESHMENTS: Helga Sherman and Natalie Kattelle

JULY/AUGUST MEETING: Potluck Picnic (Date to be announced)
LOCATION: Susan and Barry Hill's Home, 102 Boon Rd.

MEMBERS INVITED TO SPEND TUESDAY MORNINGS IN ARCHIVES

Members of the society have been invited to give volunteer assistance to the Ancient Documents Committee which is cataloguing photographs and other materials from the town archives. The committee will meet at the Randall Library in the upstairs research room from 10 to 12 noon on the following Tuesday mornings:

January 14	March 24
January 28	April 7
February 11	April 21
February 25	May 5
March 10	May 19
	June 2

Further information may be obtained from Barbara Sipler, 897-5996, chairperson of the Ancient Documents Committee.

WHITHER THE TOWN HALL?

Barry Hill, Dorothy Sonnichsen and Barbara Sipler, representing the society, met on October 28 with two consultants hired by the Municipal Buildings Study Committee. Discussion centered on the future of the old Town Hall. It is the wish of the Historical Society to have the old building preserved and to have space for research, display and storage of Historical Society materials. Also attending the meeting were Jack Head, chairman of the Stow Historical Commission, and Stan Sherman. The Study Committee was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to study existing municipal buildings to assess the potential for improvement, addition, consolidation and more efficient usage and to recommend a course of action. The consultants asked the Historical Society to submit a statement of requirements in square footage for display and storage space. A report is being drafted at this time.

DUES FOR 1991

Dorothy Sonnichsen, treasurer, will be happy to receive your membership dues. Checks may be made out to the Stow Historical Society and sent to Dorothy at 101 Packard Rd., Stow 01775.

Individual \$10 _____	Individual Associate \$5 _____
Couple \$12 _____	Associate Couple \$7 _____
Retired Individual \$5 _____	Lifetime Membership \$100 _____
Retired Couple \$7 _____	

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