

STICKFORD NEWSLETTER

Village News and Diary Dates

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Parish Council News

Please see the separate War Memorial and Queen's Jubilee update.

There are currently vacancies on the Parish Council. If you would like to become involved please come along to a meeting or send your interest to stickfordparishclerk@gmail.com

The works have been completed to resurface Fen Road from the bridge to the previously completed section. We will now continue to fight to get the section from the Main Road to the bridge and further potholes fixed. But please continue to report potholes on "Fix My Street".

Lesley Reeson, Chairman

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Plans for the celebrations were further discussed and finalised at the latest meeting on 4th January. It was great to see more villagers at the meeting. Thank you to all who attended. The next meeting is **Tuesday 22nd February at 7.30pm at Stickford Community Centre.**

The table top sale on 22nd January raised £152. Thank you to everyone who supported it.

The February fund raising event is **Bingo on Saturday 12th February at 2pm** in the Community Centre. This is a chance to play bingo on a Saturday afternoon rather than coming out on a dark cold wintery evening. There will be a raffle and refreshments. If you have never been to bingo on a Monday evening before it is great fun so, please come along and support the event.

Our village jubilee celebrations will be on **Saturday 4th June** starting at 2pm. It is not proposed to use the Community Centre for any events to keep it available for use if there is bad weather, but hopefully as it will be close to the longest day it will be a hot and sunny day!! The kitchen and toilet facilities will be available for use.

At 2pm in the Community Centre car park/grass area there will be a dog show, dog egg and spoon race tournament and dog fancy dress competition with a "royalty" theme organised by Nicki George. If you would like to take part, please contact Nicki.

The main area for events will be from the Church and the Red Lion down to Howsam's farm, The Walnuts. Church Road will be closed from Back Lane allowing access only for emergency vehicles. Straw bales will be placed along Church Road for seating and to have a picnic. Bunting and union jack flags will provide decoration.

In the church from 2pm there will be an exhibition of photos and memorabilia from past jubilees, and refreshments, tea, coffee and cake.

Outside the Red Lion also from 2pm Keith Bishop will be setting up and providing music for a family disco. There will be a "Stickford's Got Talent" competition if anyone fancies doing a performance!

We are also hoping to book a burger van and ice cream van for refreshments and a bouncy castle together with other fair type games. We are also planning a vintage tractor and vintage vehicles exhibition in Howsam's field next to the churchyard. There will also be a best dressed house and fancy dress competition with a Royalty theme open to all.

Enquiries are being made into providing all children of the village with a commemorative gift, either a coin or a mug.

We hope that what is planned will be a memorable event and a day of celebration for the village.

John Howlett.

Stickford Walking Group

The village Walking Group was formed in 2008 and the first walk took place on 23rd Feb of that year when 12 walkers took part.

Since then 425 walks have taken place (those are ones recorded by me when I took part - unfortunately when I was away leading walking holidays a record was not kept but somewhere between 50 & 60 additional walks have also been enjoyed by the group.)

For newcomers to the village and anyone else who may be thinking about joining us (free membership !!) we walk on a Thursday unless the weather is very poor. We meet up at 9.30am outside my house (Thistledown - in the Cul-de-Sac).

Since corona we have not travelled but our walks now start at the village and are usually between 5 & 7 miles, but for anyone who is thinking about starting walking, shorter walks can/will be arranged.

Our present membership is 9 and usually we have around 6 on each walk.

So if you are interested please contact me on 01205 480344 or Linda Letley on 01205 480012.

Clive Kingswood .



War Memorial Clock

Next year will see the centenary of Stickford War Memorial and the original installation of the clock by Wm. Potts in 1923. The Parish Council have decided to make it a project for this year for the restoration and overhaul of the clock to ensure that it is fully operational for the centenary. As villagers will know the clock has only worked intermittently for some time and has not worked now for about two years following an issue with the cables.

Notwithstanding what has gone before, the Parish Council have decided to put a full and robust plan in place for the restoration of the clock. This is both for ensuring the clock is working for the centenary and also in memory of the villagers who fought for our country in the two world wars and lost their lives.

A detailed report for the restoration has been obtained from Smith's of Derby, successors to the original company Wm. Potts of Leeds who installed the clock. The cost of the work is £13914 + VAT. Two further reports and estimates are being obtained from clock restorers based in Sutterton and Mansfield.

The Parish Council have requested that the works provide for a thorough overhaul and restoration of the clock which will involve its removal from site for all work to be carried out, testing and then return to site. All work undertaken will be guaranteed. An annual maintenance contract will then be put in place the cost of which will be paid for by the Parish Council. The restoration is subject to securing funding as the Parish Council is not able to fund the works from its own resources.

Applications are being made for grant funding to cover the cost of the restoration works. However should we not be successful in getting grant funding then the Parish Council feels that an option to cover the cost would be to generate funds by fund raising events and/or pledges or donations by villagers towards the cost.

If you would like to consider making a pledge or donation or have any comments or suggestions to make to move this project forward then please contact myself at jkhowlett@hotmail.co.uk or call 01205 481361 or contact Lesley Reeson at lreeson07@aol.com

John Howlett.

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Stickford and District Women's Institute



Monday 14 February 1:30pm - The speaker this month is Lucy from the Wild Things Rescue who will describe their fostering system which specialises in birds of prey, hedgehogs and rabbits! Visitors welcome £2. We will be having our usual tea and cakes whilst everyone has a chance to chat!

Monday 14 March 1:30pm – There will be a talk from Sarah Coulson on the Art of Knitting with a demonstration and the chance to 'have a go'. Visitors welcome £2 and our usual tea and cakes.

Monday, 11 April 1:30pm – Annual General Meeting and presentations, followed by an auction. Our ladies will be having an Easter Bonnet competition followed by the usual tea and cakes. Visitors still welcome.

All meetings are being held in the Community Centre, Church Road, Stickford.

Jennie Hamer

Evergreens Miniature Railway

After a fantastic 2021 season we're getting ready for an even better 2022. This year we're going to try to have a bit of a 'theme' for some of our open days. So here's a brief run down of this years planned events.

These are all on Saturdays opening from about 10:30am till 4pm:-

April 16th Easter Open Day.
April 30th Public Open Day.
May 28th Teddy Bears Picnic.
June 25th Emergency Services Day.
July 30th Queens 70th Celebration & Evergreens Official Opening Day.
August 27th Mainline Steam Day.
Sept 24th Harvest Celebration & Scarecrow Special.
Oct 29th Halloween Special.

And of course December 3rd - our ever popular Santa Special.

Dates are subject to change, and dependent on weather & the Covid situation.

Even if you're not a great rail fan, but just fancy a pleasant couple of hours, then come along for a very reasonably priced tea or coffee and watch the trains running. We're also serving hot & cold snacks and ice creams as well.

We're always on the lookout for volunteer helpers too. You don't have to be 'train mad' or an expert engineer, just interested in helping with a fascinating hobby.

If you happen to be passing on a Wednesday or Saturday we are usually there working on the railway and are always happy to welcome locals for a look around. Or if anyone would like to come along and see what goes on, then please feel free to contact us on our Facebook page [Facebook.com/evergreensminiaturerailway](https://www.facebook.com/evergreensminiaturerailway), on our web site www.evergreensminiaturerailway.org or contact me directly at kevinbennett126@hotmail.co.uk and we can arrange a look around the site and tell you more about what we do.

Kevin



Prize Bingo will be held in Stickford Community Centre at 7.30pm on the following dates:-

21st February
28th February
21st March
28th March
25th April



The bingo evenings are friendly and fun with good prizes to be won. Please come and support these community events. Everyone is made very welcome. Refreshments are available during the break.

February

Tuesday 8th February

Keals Club - Social afternoon and bingo 2 pm Stickford Community Centre
Visitors welcome (£1)

BINGO

Saturday 12th February at 2pm



Stickford Community Centre

Refreshments available

Bring the family to enjoy a game of bingo!

*Raising money towards celebrating the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Stickford*

Sunday 13th February

Morning Worship followed by tea, coffee and biscuits
11.15am Stickford Church

Monday 14th February

WI - Wild Things Rescue will be speaking about their work.
Visitors welcome £2. We will be having our usual tea and cakes and a chance to chat!
1.30 pm Stickford Community Centre

Thursday 17th February

Stickford Local History Group - Lincolnshire's Angelic Hosts, a talk by Geoff Wheatley
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre £1 members £2.50 non-members
Everyone welcome

COFFEE MORNING

Stickford Community Centre

Friday 18th February

Please note change of date

10.30 am to 12 noon

**Coffee/Tea and Cake £1
Everyone Welcome**



Monday 21st February

Prize Bingo
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre



Meeting to discuss plans for celebrating
our **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Tuesday 22nd February at 7.30pm

In Stickford Community Centre

Please come and help to plan this event for the
whole community

Sunday 27th February

Morning Worship followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

11.15am Stickford Church

Monday 28th February

Prize Bingo

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

March

Tuesday 8th March

Keals Club - talk by Ellis Michaels on Jerry Green's rescue dogs

2pm Stickford Community Centre

Visitors welcome (£1)

Tuesday 8th March

Parish Council Meeting – Public open forum for 15 minutes at start of meeting

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

Sunday 13th March

Morning Worship followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

11.15am Stickford Church

Monday 14th March

WI - Talk from Sarah Coulson on the Art of Knitting with a demonstration and the chance to 'have a go'.

Visitors welcome £2 and our usual tea and cakes.

1.30pm Stickford Community Centre

Visitors welcome (£2)



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tuesday 15th March at 7pm

Stickford Community Centre

Everyone is welcome to attend

Please come and show your support for your village church

Thursday 17th March

Stickford Local History Group - "Tastes of Lincolnshire" A talk by Neil Curtis from Curtis's of Lincoln

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre £2.50 non-members £1 members

Everyone welcome

Monday 21st March

Prize Bingo

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

Coffee Morning

Friday 25th March

10.30am-12 noon

Stickford Community Centre

Sunday 27th March

Morning Worship followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

11.15am Stickford Church

Monday 28th March

Prize Bingo

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

April

Sunday 10th April

Morning Worship followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

11.15am Stickford Church

Monday 11th April

WI - Annual Meeting and presentations followed by an Auction.

Visitors welcome (£2)

1.30pm Stickford Community Centre

Tuesday 12th April

Keals Club – Social afternoon with darts, dominoes, cards and board games

2pm Stickford Community Centre

Visitors welcome (£1)

Thursday 21st April

Stickford Local History Group - “The Last 10 years of the East Lincolnshire Railway” A talk by Mike Fowler

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre £2.50 non-members £1 members

Everyone welcome

Sunday 24th April

Morning Worship followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

11.15am Stickford Church



Church Easter Draw and Bingo

Stickford Community Centre

Monday 25th April at 7.30pm

Friday 29th April

Coffee Morning 10.30am to 12 noon

Stickford Community Centre

Mobile Library Service

The mobile library calls in the village every four weeks on the following dates:-

Thursday 17th February

Thursday 17th March

Thursday 14th April

It calls at Hagnaby Road from 10.15am until 11.00am

Church Bookshop

Thank you to everyone who has donated and bought books from the church bookshop over the winter months.

We had a donation of 13 Ian Rankin books one day! I think that puts him first in the popularity stakes in the bookshop with 15 titles; along with James Lee Burke and Colin Dexter. We also have 12 Harlan Coben titles, 12 James Patterson and 8 each of Dan Brown and Ann Cleeves.

If you haven't visited the bookshop yet, it's certainly worth a look. As well as the adventure/crime/mystery category, we have a large selection of romantic fiction as well as a number of non-fiction categories such as the wars; cookery, gardening, the British Isles and a selection of children and teen literature as well as a number of autobiographies.

Is it a bookshop or a library? Definitely a bookshop. But if you've bought a book from us and don't have another home for it you are welcome to redonate it to the bookshop. The books are not priced up, we just ask for donations.

Happy reading!

Julie

Stickford Church

Coffee mornings will re-start in the church on **Thursday 3rd February from 10.30am to 12 noon.** and will meet each week on a Thursday morning Everyone is very welcome to come for a social get together and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit. There is no charge, we just ask for a donation if possible. You can browse the books whilst enjoying your drink and meeting up with friends old and new.

Churchyard - Part of the churchyard will be grazed by sheep, as last year and the rest of it will be cut by volunteers this year.

Cheryl Steele

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