

STICKFORD NEWSLETTER

Village News and Diary Dates

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Stickford's Jubilee Celebrations

Stickford will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II on Saturday 4th June. Your programme accompanies this newsletter. We are still looking for help on the day, so please contact John if you can help - contact details are on the back page of the programme.

Also, please remember to register your child/children for the free gift to commemorate this special day.

We look forward to seeing you all for "The Big Lunch" on Saturday 4th June.

Stickford Charities

Stickford Educational Charity has recently widened its objects as follows:

"To support by financial grants any educational objectives, including for equipment, books, courses and experiences, for people of any age resident in the Parish of Stickford (including those normally resident but attending university or college elsewhere) and means tested if the Trustees in their discretion so require."

The Trustees would welcome applications for any educational grants covered by this wider wording.

Stickford Relief in Need Charity exists to provide financial help for those in need living in the parish of Stickford, as well as providing pensioners and others in need at Christmas. The Trustees welcome applications from any resident for assistance with, for example, repair bills, funeral expenses, aids for disabled people etc.

The Charity also once again provides a bus service twice a month - to Boston on the second Wednesday and Horncastle on the fourth Thursday of the month, for those without access to their own transport and those who can show a genuine need to use the service, even if they have their own transport as well. If you would be interested in using the revived bus service on this basis please contact any of the Trustees:

Pam Bryant, Beauport, Cul de Sac, Stickford 01205 480410

Dave Bursnell, Mik-I, Cul de Sac, Stickford 01205 480053

Wendy Morley, Church View, Church Road, Stickford 01205 480474

Helen Edwards, Magers Farm, Back Lane, Stickford 01790 763267

Rev Fran Jeffries, The Rectory, Horbling Lane, Stickney 01205 481183

The Charity makes school clothing grants in the summer term to parents of children aged 4-16 (plus older children who still need to wear a school uniform) living in the parish of £75 per child to be spent at the School Uniform Centre in Spilsby or in the school shoe and uniform department at Oldrids Downtown.

The vouchers can be split in £25 amounts between either Oldrids Downtown or the SUS as parents prefer. Please make sure you state how many of each voucher you require when you apply.

Please apply in writing stating the child's name, date of birth and **YOUR FULL CONTACT DETAILS to Mrs Pam Bryant, Beauport, Cul-de-sac, Stickford by Sunday 12th June 2022.**

Please note that for administrative reasons applications received after **Sunday 12th June 2022** cannot be

considered. **No reminders will be given this year.**

Applicants will only be notified if their application has **NOT** been successful. Vouchers will be delivered to successful applicants early in July 2022 by the Charity Trustees.

If you have any queries please call Mrs Bryant on 01205 480410.

SUS vouchers will have to be spent by the end of September 2022. The Oldrids vouchers can, as usual, and in order to comply with our charitable status, **only** be spent in the following Oldrids Downtown departments: **school clothing and children's shoes**. These departments may not be available at Oldrids over the Christmas period.

If you do not wish to spend your vouchers in the relevant departments at Oldrids Downtown, please do not apply for their vouchers or embarrass staff at Oldrids Downtown by asking them to accept vouchers in other departments.

Applications for any other financial assistance should be made in writing to the Clerk to the Trustees, Mrs Katherine Bunting at The Old Vicarage, Church Road, Stickford, Boston, PE22 8EP or by email to katherine.bunting@chattertons.com.

The next meeting of the Trustees is on Tuesday 24 May 2022.

Katherine Bunting

St Helen's Church, Stickford

NEW SUMMER OPENING HOURS: 10AM TO 6PM

We would like to remind you that St Helen's is open each day for private prayer from 10 am until 6 pm. The prayer corner has been revamped recently and is being updated each month with different resources so please do pop in and have a look. In addition, in the prayer corner there are prayer request cards which you can fill in if you would like us to pray for you, for other people you know, or a situation you are concerned about.

Rev'd Judith

Cream Teas will be served on Sunday 22nd May, so please come along and enjoy the lovely, friendly atmosphere and eat home made cake.

On Saturday 2nd July we are hoping to hold a Farmers Market in the church and we are looking for people who might want a stall. If you would like one or know anyone who would be interested, please let me know - cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk.

Friends of St Helen's

This group was formed at the public meeting held on 12th April in Stickford Community Centre. It is a group of people, friends, who will help to look after the churchyard and the fence. There is no chairman or committee just those who want to care for the churchyard. If you think you would like to help please contact Richard on 07952336941.

Church Bookshop

Thank you to everyone who has donated and bought books from the church bookshop recently.

In March we had a boost to the romantic fiction section with a large donation of Catherine Cookson and Danielle Steel books; also a very generous donation of autobiographies (current titles include Billy Connolly, Tommy Cooper, Roger Moore, Rod Stewart, Eric Sykes and many more!). For crime and mystery, why not try Harlan Coben, John Grisham or Robert Goddard. There are also several Michael Morpurgo and David Walliams' books – currently located on the small section facing the pews (below the teen fiction). There are also some other children's books in the blue crate on your right as you approach the bookshop.

We've even had a jigsaw arrive over the Easter weekend! It's a 1,000 piece, rural life scene. I've placed it on the top shelf above the British Isles section. We could maybe include jigsaws in the future if there's a demand – but we don't have room for many. Is there a demand? Let us know by leaving a note in the bookshop on the table or speak to one of us at the Thursday coffee morning.

If you haven't visited the bookshop yet, it's certainly worth a look. There's no set price for the books, just leave a donation in the box if you are able. If you are free on a Thursday morning, why not combine a browse of the books with a cup of tea or coffee at our weekly coffee morning (10.30am to noon).

Happy reading! *Julie*

Mobile Library Service

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

Thursday 12th May

Thursday 9th June

Thursday 7th July

It calls at Hagnaby Road from 10.15am until 11.00am

Stickford Ladies Social Circle

May

The meeting is at 1:30pm on Monday 9th May in the Community Centre, Church Road, Stickford. The speaker this month is Neil Timm from Binbrook Fern Nursery. Visitors welcome £2. We will be having our usual tea and cakes whilst everyone has a chance to chat!

June

The meeting is at 1:30pm on Monday 13th June in the Community Centre, Church Road, Stickford. This month Lesley Reeson will be speaking about the 'Lighter side of funerals'. Visitors welcome £2. We will be having our usual tea and cakes whilst everyone has a chance to chat!

July

The meeting is at 1:30pm on Monday 11th July in the Community Centre, Church Road, Stickford. Keith Hanson, an ex-Beefeater, will be talking about 'The Bloody Tower'. Visitors welcome £2. We will be having our usual tea and cakes whilst everyone has a chance to chat!

Jennie Hamer

Tombolas and Raffles

As part of our community fund raising for the Community Centre, the Church and now also the Ukraine, we need a great deal of tombola and raffle prizes. At the recent table top sales for example we collected 80 tombola prizes for each one. We have just assembled 120 for the first of our Lincolnshire Aviation Museum tombolas (June) and will need another 120 prizes for the second (August). We have 2 smaller tombolas (80 prizes in each) to make up – for the Ukraine (May) and for the farmers' market (July) and I'm sure there will be more.... as well as raffle prizes to find.

Can you help?

Donations of anything new, for example toiletries, sweets/chocolate/biscuits or other foodstuffs as well as household items are always welcome. Items should, of course, be new and "in date". You can contact Julie on 480165 or Cheryl on 480477 to arrange to drop them off (or we can possibly even collect them if you can't get them to us). Or you can drop them off at any of the Thursday coffee mornings. Maybe you have been given a gift that you don't really have a use for? Perhaps you bought something and now wish you hadn't? Or perhaps you could consider adding a small item to your next shopping trip? Whatever you can find will help us to raise money.

Thank you!

Julie

May

- Sunday 8th May **Morning Worship** 11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford
- Monday 9th May **Stickford Ladies Social Circle** Talk by Neil Timm from Binbrook Fern Nursery.
1.30pm Stickford Community Centre. Visitors welcome (£2)
- Tuesday 10th May **Keals Club** North Sea Camp Prison, a talk by Clive Kingswood
2pm Stickford Community Centre Visitors welcome (£1)
- Tuesday 10th May **Annual Open Parish Meeting**
7.30 pm Stickford Community Centre
All welcome

COFFEE
Raising
AFTERNOON
Stickford Community Centre
Saturday 14th May
money for
1pm to 4pm
Raffle and Tombola
Ukraine

*If you are able to donate raffle or tombola prizes, bake cakes
or help with the event, please contact Cheryl Steele on 01205 480477
or email cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk*

- Tuesday 17th May **Annual Parish Council Meeting** - Public open forum for 15 minutes at start of
meeting 7.30 pm Stickford Community Centre
- Thursday 19th May **Stickford Local History Group** Talk on Lincolnshire Chairs by William
Sargeant. 7.30pm Stickford Community Centre.
Members £1, non-members £2.50. Everyone welcome.

Stickford Ladies Social Circle

**We're not just known for jams & cakes
We also are brilliant at plants & flowers**



We are holding a

PLANT SALE



on

Saturday, 21 May 10am – 2pm

Stickford Community Centre

Refreshments will be available

Sunday 22nd May

Holy Communion 11.15am St Helen's Church, Stickford

CREAM TEAS FOR ST HELEN'S DAY

Sunday 22nd May

St Helen's Church, Stickford



2 pm to 4 pm

Everyone welcome

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



Tuesday 24th May at 6.30pm

In Stickford Community Centre

All volunteers welcome



Coffee Morning

Friday 27th May

10.30 am - 12 noon

Stickford Community Centre

Coffee/Tea + Cake £1

Proceeds to Stickford Community Centre

June

- Sunday 12th June **Morning Worship** 11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford
- Monday 13th June **Stickford Ladies Social Circle** Talk 'The Lighter Side of Funerals' by Lesley Reeson 1.30pm Stickford Community Centre. Visitors welcome (£2)
- Tuesday 14th June **Keals Club** Demonstration and talk by Tom Holland on the Care of Bedding Plants. 2pm Stickford Community Centre Visitors welcome (£1)

AGM of Stickford Community Centre

Tuesday 21 June at 7.30 pm

Stickford Community Centre

All welcome - support your Centre

COFFEE MORNING

Friday 24th June

10.30 to 12 noon

Stickford Community Centre

Coffee/Tea + Cake £1

Sunday 26th June

Holy Communion 11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford

July

FARMERS MARKET

St Helen's Church, Stickford

Saturday 2nd July

11am to 3pm

If you have produce you would like to sell please book a stall by contacting Nicki at stickfordparishclerk@gmail.com (01205480869) or Cheryl at cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk (01205480477)

- Sunday 10th July **Morning Worship** 11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford
- Monday 11th July **Stickford Ladies Social Circle** Talk 'The Bloody Tower' by Keith Hansen, ex-Beefeater.
1.30pm Stickford Community Centre. Visitors welcome (£2)
- Tuesday 12th July **Keals Club** Tea, Cakes & Conversation followed by an Auction
2pm Stickford Community Centre Visitors welcome (£1)
- Tuesday 12th July **Parish Council Meeting** - Public open forum for 15 minutes at start of meeting 7.30 pm Stickford Community Centre
- Sunday 24th July **Holy Communion** 11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford

HORNCastle COMMUNITY CHOIR

IN CONCERT

ST HELEN'S CHURCH, STICKFORD

Sunday 24th July at 3pm

Refreshments served in the interval

Tickets £8

Book tickets from Cheryl Steele 01205 480477 or email cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk

Coffee Morning

Friday 29th July

10.30 am - 12 noon

Stickford Community Centre

Coffee/Tea + Cake £1

Proceeds to Stickford Community Centre