

STICKFORD NEWSLETTER

Village News and Diary Dates
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Stickford Parish Council

King's Coronation Celebration Meeting Update

Firstly a thank you to those that attended the first meeting to begin preparations with ideas a plenty for Stickford's Celebration of the Kings Coronation on Saturday 6th May 2023. Ideas so far are

- Coronation mugs for the children in the village.
- The ice cream van from Skinners that seemed very popular at the Queens Jubilee.
- Best dressed house.
- Best fancy dress on the day.
- Kings coach to transport residents who are in need of transportation.
- A buffet in the church along with teas and coffees.
- Games in the pub garden.

The Red Lion will have our very own Keith Bishop to keep us entertained.

We are desperately seeking volunteers to help on the day. If you can spare an hour of your time, if you could let either myself or Nicki George know on email to cllrreeson@gmail.com or Stickfordparishclerk@gmail.com

If you have any other ideas to make this event one to remember then please do come along to the next meeting on **Tuesday 28th February** at 7pm in the Community Centre.

Bus Shelters

The Parish Council are currently seeking quotes to replace the bus shelters that are coming to the end of their life. We will hopefully have these quotes for different styles and materials for the next council meeting on Tuesday 14th March. Please do come along and have your say on what you as a village would like them to be replaced with. Cost is obviously a significant factor along with appearance and will base the decision on how quickly the bus shelters are replaced.

Chairman

Lesley Reeson

Stickford Church

Many thanks to everyone who helped the church thrive last year - those who organised, attended or helped at events, cleaned the church, arranged the flowers, organised and visited the bookshop, came to services, maintained the churchyard, painted the fence, planted hedges, to name but a few! Here at Stickford we are bucking the trend and have a vibrant church with lots of events and strong support from the community.

Thank you to everyone who came to the Carol Service, barbecue and band in December. Over 70 people were there and I think we all enjoyed it, despite the cold! The band, Minus 2, were amazing, playing music we all knew, and the barbecue was excellently cooked and served by Simon and Richard. The tombola was set up and run by Janet, with the usual good prizes. The mulled wine and refreshments were served by Erin, Alysha, Beth, Barbara, Pauline and Julie. Thanks to everyone who helped. The date for the Carol Service this year is Saturday 16th December.

This event is not run by the church, but by a small committee of volunteers. If you would like to help next year, please contact Richard on 07952336941

Coffee mornings will re-start in the church on **Thursday 2nd 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. It is for **all** ages. You can browse the books whilst enjoying your drink and meet up with friends old and new. This is a good way to get to know the villagers.

We have a packed calendar of events planned this year - 9 Farmers Markets, 2 Craft Fairs, regular Thursday morning coffee mornings and a Christmas Tree Festival.

If you would be willing to volunteer to help at any of these events, particularly by helping to serve refreshments, we would love to hear from you. Contact Cheryl on 01205 480477 or 07810445626 or email cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk.

News from the Red Lion

We have a full programme of live music booked for the year already! Full details on our Facebook page, but upcoming events include:

Saturday, 11th February at 8pm – Under the Covers – Rock Duo

Saturday, 25th February at 8pm – ABBA tribute – The Dreambelles

Saturday, 4th March at 8pm – OASIS tribute – Headshrinker

Saturday, 18th March at 7pm – TOADI

Saturday, 8th April at 4pm – Rascallion – Country Rock and more!

Sunday, 23rd April at 2pm – celebrate St George's Day with James Wood

And Stickford's own Keith Bishop will be here on 6th May to help us celebrate the King's Coronation from 1pm onwards.

Have you tried our food yet? Our latest addition to the menu is our mid-week roast dinner every Wednesday from 5pm to 8pm. Eat in, takeaway or delivery. Full menu on Facebook. Call 01205 480395 to book or order.

Don't forget our weekly bingo – 7pm every Tuesday night. And our ever-popular meat raffle is back – Sundays at 4pm.

Stickford Community Centre

Stickford Community Centre now has its own Facebook page, so keep looking to keep up to date with events at the Centre.

Coffee Mornings are held on the last Friday of every month from 10.30am to 12 noon. Please come and enjoy a hot drink whilst talking to other focal people and making new friends. All ages are welcome.

At the recent meeting of Stickford Community Centre management committee, it was reluctantly decided to increase the price to hire the hall. This is due to the cost of oil used to heat it and the increase in electricity prices. Hire charges have not increased since 2014.

There is another **clothes bank** at the Community Centre. This one raises funds for the Centre. The Air Ambulance one will remain there, but it is not being emptied very regularly. We hope that with two clothes banks there, one will always be available.

Evergreens Miniature Railway

We had a really great year in 2022 and plan to keep the 'themed' days going for this year too.

So here's a list for the first half of the season, some are still in the planning so may change later in the year.

Again we're still asking for volunteers to help run the railway, especially people to help with the teas &

coffees and snacks, the girls doing it now do a fantastic job but could really do with the odd day off. So if

anyone would like to pop along for a chat and find out what we're up to then please get in touch, either on

our Facebook page or directly to me kevinbennett126@hotmail.co.uk

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

April 8th Easter Open Day.

April 29th Public Open Day.

May 27th Teddy Bears Picnic.

June 24th Public Open Day.

July 29th Wild West Day.

Hope to see some of you for a fun family day out riding the trains.

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 too.

February

- Sunday 12th February **Morning Worship followed by tea, coffee and biscuits**
11.15am Stickford Church
- Monday 13th February **Stickford Ladies Social Circle** - Mandy Skayman from the Boston Bluebells will be talking about wild water swimming. Visitors always welcome £2. We will be having our usual tea and cakes whilst everyone has a chance to chat!
1.30 pm Stickford Community Centre
- Tuesday 14th February **Keals Club** - Social afternoon and bingo
2 pm Stickford Community Centre
Visitors welcome (£1)
- Thursday 16th February **Stickford Local History Group** - "Feathers, Filters and Cigars" Some of the Minor industries of Boston. A talk by Neil Wright
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre
£1 members £2.50 non-members
Everyone welcome

FARMERS MARKET

Stickford Church

Saturday 18th February

11am to 2pm

**Mama's Chilli Delights, Greenfield Bakers
Sausages & Bacon, Cheese, Marie's Jams and Chutneys,
Hannah's Flowers, Honey,
The Cornish Daughter (cakes)**

***To book a stall contact Cheryl on 01205480477 or
Nicki on 01205480869***

- Monday 20th February **Prize Bingo**
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

COFFEE MORNING

Stickford Community Centre

Friday 24th February

10.30 am to 12 noon

Coffee/Tea and Cake £1

All ages welcome

Sunday 26th February

Holy Communion followed by tea, coffee and biscuits
11.15am Stickford Church

Monday 27th February

Prize Bingo
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

Meeting to discuss plans for celebrating
The Coronation of King Charles III

Tuesday 28th February at 7.00pm
in Stickford Community Centre

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

March



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Tuesday 7th March at 7pm
Stickford Community Centre
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Please come and show your support for your village church.

Sunday 12th March

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

Monday 13th March

Stickford Ladies Social Circle The speaker this month is Matthew Sorrell who will talk about fused glass. Visitors always welcome £2. We will be having our usual tea and cakes whilst everyone has a chance to chat!
1.30pm Stickford Community Centre

Tuesday 14th March

Keals Club - "Beautiful British Flowers". A talk and demonstration by Hannah Benson.
2pm Stickford Community Centre
Visitors welcome (£1)

Tuesday 14th March

Parish Council Meeting – Public open forum for 15 minutes at start of meeting.
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

Thursday 16th March

Stickford Local History Group - "Skegness, a Victorian New Town", a talk by Chris Hewis 7.30pm Stickford Community Centre £2.50 non-members £1 members
Everyone welcome

FARMERS MARKET
Stickford Church
Saturday 18th March
11am to 2pm
Vegetables, Mama's Chilli Delights,
Sausages & Bacon,
Hannah's Flowers, Honey and more!

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Nicki on 01205480869*

Monday 20th March

Prize Bingo

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

Sunday 26th March

Holy Communion followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

11.15am Stickford Church

Monday 27th March

Prize Bingo

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

Coffee Morning

Friday 31st March

10.30am-12 noon

Stickford Community Centre

Everyone welcome to this friendly event

April

Sunday 9th April

EASTER SUNDAY

Service in church followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

11.15am Stickford Church

Tuesday 11th April

Keals Club - "Fighting Corruption in Hong Kong" A talk by Clive Kingswood

2pm Stickford Community Centre

Visitors welcome (£1)

Monday 17th April

Stickford Ladies Social Circle - Tom Holland will be speaking about spring planting as well as bringing along a selection of plants.

Visitors always welcome £2. We will be having our usual tea and cakes whilst everyone has a chance to chat!

1.30pm Stickford Community Centre

FARMERS MARKET

Stickford Church

Saturday 15th April

11am to 2pm

**Vegetables, Thompson's plants,
Mama's Chilli Delights, Cheese,
Marie's Jams & Chutneys, Say it with Fudge,
Sausages & Bacon, Hannah's Flowers, Honey**

Greenfield Bakers

*To book a stall contact Cheryl on 01205480477 or
Nicki on 01205480869*

Church Easter Draw and Bingo

Stickford Community Centre

Monday 17th April at 7.30pm

Thursday 20th April

Stickford Local History Group - "Dangerous Women of Lincolnshire"

A talk by Adrian Gray

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

£2.50 non-members £1 members

Everyone welcome

Sunday 23rd April

Holy Communion followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

11.15am Stickford Church

Friday 28th 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 16th February

Thursday 16th March

Thursday 13th April

It calls at Hagnaby Road from 10.15am until 11.00am.

Have you ever wondered what all the organisations and groups in the village do? Here's your chance to find out: -

STICKFORD PARISH COUNCIL

What is a Parish Council?

Parish Councils operate at a level below district and borough councils. Councillors are individually elected and must operate as a whole entity.

Parish Councils work towards improving community well-being and providing better services. The parish council can help on a number of local issues, such as providing allotments, public clocks, bus shelters and seating, play areas, grants to help local organisations and consulting on neighbourhood planning. It also has powers in relation to litter, graffiti and dog offences.

The council as a whole is responsible for all decisions. Decisions can, however, be delegated to the Parish Clerk as a trusted professional who advises the council and is the responsible financial officer for the council.

The parish council raises money by setting a precept (a kind of council tax) based on the money it needs to be able to provide the agreed services/activities for the village.

Meetings and agendas for all council meetings along with policies and accounts can be found at <https://stickford.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk>

Your local parish councillors are: Lesley Reeson (Chairperson), John Howlett (Vice Chairperson), Pamela Bryant and Clive Kingswood. Our Parish Clerk is Nicki George.

You can contact us by phone on 01205 480869 (leave a message on the answer phone) or by emailing: stickfordparishclerk@gmail.com

STICKFORD CHARITIES

Residents of Stickford village benefit from two historic charities set up centuries ago by local benefactors. These are both registered with the Charity Commission, have the same Trustees and are administered together.

The Vicar of Stickford (currently Rev Fran Jeffries) is a Trustee as a result of holding that official position. Two Trustees are appointed on a four yearly cycle by the Parish Council (currently Mrs Pam Bryant and Mr Dave Bursnell). Those three trustees then co-opt two further Trustees for a five year term each (currently Mrs Helen Edwards and Mrs Wendy Morley). The Charities also have a Clerk, Katherine Bunting, who deals with all paperwork, financial records etc.

The Charities are completely separate from the Parish Council and have nothing to do with St Helen's Church or the Community Centre.

Stickford Relief in Need Charity exists to provide financial help for those in need living in the parish of Stickford, as well as providing school clothing vouchers, birth grants and cash payments to 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 makes cash grants at Christmas to pensioners, single parents, disabled people and anyone else living in the parish who is in financial need.

The Charity also provides a bus service twice a month - to Boston on the second Wednesday and Horncastle on the fourth Thursday of the month (except December), 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 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 Vicarage, Church Street, Spilsby 01790 752526

Stickford Educational Charity exists to make financial grants towards 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 there but attending university or college elsewhere) such grants to be means tested if the Trustees in their discretion so require. **The Trustees would welcome applications for educational grants.**

The Trustees usually meet 4 times a year in February, May, September and November. The next meeting is on 21st February 2023.

Applications for any assistance from either Charity 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.

STICKFORD PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC)

The Parochial Church Council is a corporate charitable body. Legally it is responsible for the financial affairs of the church parish and the maintenance of its assets, such as the church. It also assists the clergy in the management of church affairs in the parish, and promoting the mission of the church.

There are usually six meetings a year, one of which is the annual meeting to which everyone in the parish is invited.

KEALS CLUB

This club is for the over 55's for villagers from Stickford and surrounding villages. The club meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month, at 2pm until 4pm, in the Community Centre, Stickford.

At the meetings there is usually a speaker or demonstrations, but occasionally an auction or a quiz is held. There is always a raffle as well as a competition for a flower from your garden. During the year the club usually goes on a couple of outings.

For more information ring Jennie on 07966 139641 or Dawn on 07907 053128.

STICKFORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

The club was newly formed in April 2022 from Stickford & District WI, all members joining the new club. Ladies of all ages from surrounding villages meet every 2nd Monday of the month at 1:30pm in the Community Centre, Stickford.

Each month there is an interesting speaker followed by tea and cakes, giving everyone a chance to have a chat.

During the year members can attend various courses as well as having a summer bbq and two or three outings. At the meeting there are occasional quizzes, a monthly raffle and bloom of the month competition. Contact details: Teresa 07471 932821 or Jennie 07966 139641

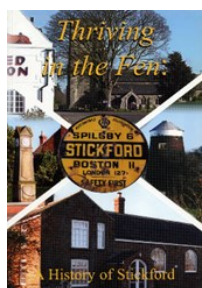
STICKFORD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

Stickford Local History Group, formed in 2000, holds regular monthly meetings at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of every month in Stickford Community Centre. We have a variety of speakers on a range of different subjects, mostly connected with Lincolnshire. We also have an extensive library of Lincolnshire books on display at our meetings which are available for you to borrow.

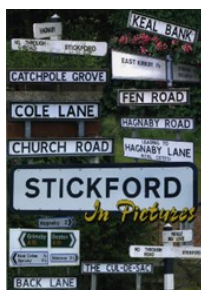
We welcome new members or visitors to our friendly evenings when we have time to chat and get to know each other.

Contact Cheryl on 07810445626 or cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk for more information.

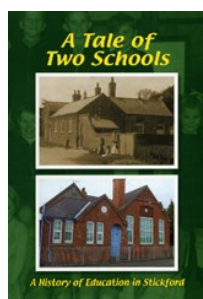
The group has produced four books about Stickford obtainable from Jill Catchpole 01205 480249.



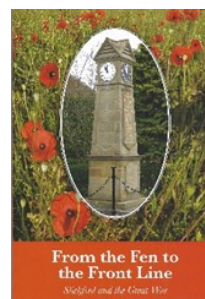
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General History of
Stickford



Stickford in
Pictures



History of
Stickford
Schools



Stickford and
the Great War

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 over 450 walks have taken place.

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 4 & 8 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 .

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