

STICKFORD NEWSLETTER

Village News and Diary Dates

November 2023 - January 2024

Issue 101

CENTENARY OF STICKFORD CLOCK TOWER WAR MEMORIAL 1923 - 2023

There will be waterfalls of poppies made by local people, on 2 sides of the memorial



On **Sunday 12th November at 10.45 am** an act of remembrance will be held at the War Memorial to remember the people from this area who gave their lives in the two World Wars. This will be a special occasion as it is exactly 100 years since the memorial was unveiled in 1923.

The service will continue in Stickford Community Centre, where everyone will be welcome.

The War Memorial 'poppy waterfall'
Help needed from at least two villagers
with ladders to help erect the waterfalls at
The Memorial on Wednesday 1st November at 12 noon
Please let Jennie know if you can help 07966 139641

Following the service at the War Memorial and the one in the Community Centre there will be a buffet lunch. This will be provided by Grandma's Pudding Company from Friskney in the Community Centre, the cost of which will be paid for from funds held by the Parish Council left over from monies allocated for the Jubilee and Coronation celebrations and also from the fundraising events for the Jubilee.

From 10.00 a.m. until 12 noon there will be temporary traffic restrictions on Fen Road and Cole Lane to enable people to congregate safely around the War Memorial. Half of Fen Road and Cole Lane will be coned off around the War Memorial although access will be available for residents and emergency vehicles. There will be a temporary speed restriction of 10 m.p.h. There will be marshals in place to look after the safety of everyone. Please respect the arrangements that have been made.

John Howlett, vice chairman of Stickford Parish Council

STICKFORD VILLAGE HISTORY EXHIBITION

STICKFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Saturday 11th November 11am to 4pm
Sunday 12th November 11.30am to 4pm**

**An exhibition of old village photos –
scenes, school, church, people, events etc.
Also maps and documents.**

**Everyone welcome to come and view
the photos and memorabilia. Free entry.**

**Help needed with refreshments please.
Contact Cheryl 01205 480477 cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk**

ST HELEN'S CHURCH

The church is open daily from 10am to 4pm for use of the bookshop or quiet prayer and contemplation. Facilities are available to make a hot drink whilst you browse the books.

As usual September was a busy month with the **Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast Festival and the Craft Fair** - Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with these events.

Harvest Supper and Auction - Thank you once again to everyone who helped to make this run so smoothly. Getting the Centre ready for the supper - Jo and Alan, Garry, Jude and Barbara P, The potato peelers and mashers - Lou, Nicki, Sharon/Garry, Barbara P, Jo and Alison, serving the food from the kitchen - Lesley, Lisa and Garry and to our younger helpers who took the plated meals out, Erin, Chloe, Beth and Izzy. We missed celebrating some anniversaries as Lesley, Lisa and Jude have all served in the kitchen for 10 years and Erin has been helping to take the food out for 10 years! They must enjoy it.

Lots of people came to the Harvest Supper and we had plenty of produce to auction. Thanks to Keith for collecting many of the vegetables from local farmers and also to everyone who donated items for auction. Thank you to Richard who was the auctioneer for the evening, thank you to Della who passed him the items and thank you to Garry and Peter who delivered the goods to begin with, but their job was taken over by Izzy, thank you, with much more speed! £170 was raised at the auction which was sent to The Butterfly Hospice in Boston.

It was a lovely, friendly community event which I hope will continue for many more years.

If any of you would like to get more involved and volunteer to help out at future events, please get in touch - cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk or phone 01205 480477.

Farmers Markets - These have been very popular and well supported by everyone, thank you. They have been held every month except January, September and October and we are planning to continue in 2024 on the third Saturday of the month. As long as we can find stall holders we will continue. We need someone who sells vegetables and fruit so if you know anyone please get in touch. Unfortunately, we had to cancel on 21st October due to the appalling weather the day before, courtesy of Storm Babet.

If you would like to get involved with organising these or helping to run them, please contact Cheryl on 01205 480477 or email cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk. We'd welcome any helpers or organisers.

Coffee Morning Friendship Group

We have been awarded a grant from the Community Hub small grants scheme which will enable this group to meet in **Stickford Community Centre from November to March**. It will be a warm space for the winter months. Please come and enjoy a tea or coffee and refreshments and enjoy meeting other people from the local area. We meet **every Thursday** from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Friends of St Helen's

2023 saw our group continue working on the church and churchyard. Early in the year, we set hedglings along the east and north side of the church yard. Some members helped Darren and Lesley to cut the grass in the summer whilst others edged and exposed the public footpath running from east to west. A plan for 2024 is to expose the footpath from the main gate to the east side's public footpath entrance!

A survey of the church exposed a damp problem on the north wall and to help alleviate this problem, a small hillock was removed, and a short Dutch drain excavated. This will hopefully stop rainwater permeating the church wall. Another job undertaken was to chip away old mortar on the exterior walls to stop rainwater forming and permeating into the building too.

The yew tree next to the gate has been trimmed, thanks to Dorian with his trusty chainsaw, and branches etc. removed by some of the group. The overgrown hedge on the east side has also received some attention too!!

So, as you may see, we have been quite busy, so if you fancy helping, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Richard

STICKFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan coffee morning held in September which raised £120. This will go to the local Macmillan nurses who will use it to buy new items for their base at Louth hospital where equipment used by cancer patients in their own homes is stored.

Coffee Mornings

on the last Friday of every month
in the Community Centre from 10.30am to 12 noon
Coffee/tea and cake only £1.

Everyone is made very welcome, so please come along,
Support your Community Centre and meet the villagers.

STICKFORD CHARITIES

Stickford Relief in Need Charity has a new Trustee appointed by the Parish Council, John Howlett.

The Charity Trustees and the Clerk would like to thank retiring Trustee Dave Bursnell very much for his twenty years of service to both Charities since he became a Trustee in May 2003.

The next meeting of the Trustees is on Tuesday 14 November 2023.

These are the current Trustees:

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

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

Helen Edwards, Magers Farm, Back Lane, Stickford 07932 717553

Rev Fran Jeffries, The Vicarage, Church Street, Spilsby 01790 752526

John Howlett, The Bungalow, Cole Lane, Stickford 01205 481361

The Relief in Need Charity makes cash grants at Christmas to pensioners, single parents, disabled people and anyone else living in the parish who is in financial need. If you have not received a payment in the past and believe you would be eligible to receive one, please write with details to any of the Trustees or to the Clerk before our next meeting.

The Relief in Need Charity exists to provide financial help for those in need living in the parish of Stickford, providing school clothing vouchers and birth and funeral grants. The Trustees also welcome applications from any resident for assistance with, for example, repair bills, expenses for disability aids etc.

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.

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 from such students.**

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.

Mobile Library Service

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

Thursday 23rd November
Thursday 21st December
Thursday 18th January?

It stops at Hagnaby Road from **10.15am to 11.00am**

To order books call the customer service centre 01522 782010 or online. Stickford is on **route 4 (C & P East)** – you will need to know this when placing an order.

November

- Saturday 11th November **Village History Exhibition** in Stickford Community Centre 11am to 4pm.
- Sunday 12th November **Village History Exhibition** in Stickford Community Centre 11.30am to 4pm.
- Sunday 12th November **Service at Stickford War Memorial** followed by short service in Community Centre and buffet lunch. 10.45 am at Stickford War Memorial
- Monday 13th November **Stickford Ladies Social Circle** – Clive Kingswood will be talking about policing in Hong Kong. Tea and cakes afterwards – visitors welcome (£2).
1.30pm Stickford Community Centre
- Tuesday 14th November **Keals Club** - Eileen Muller from the Lincs Wildlife Park is giving a presentation about the animals in the Park.
2pm Stickford Community Centre. Visitors always welcome.

Stickford Defibrillators

**A demonstration on the use of our defibrillators
and also CPR has been arranged on
Wednesday 15th November at 7pm
at the Red Lion, Stickford
Any queries please ring Jennie on 07966 139641**

- Thursday 16th November **Stickford Local History Group** ‘Stickford War Memorial and the people who went to war’ by Cheryl and Garry Steele.
New members and visitors welcome. Visitors £2.50, members £1
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

CHRIST





CRAFT

Stickford Community Centre

Saturday 18th November

from 11am until 3pm

Variety of Stalls - Advent calendars, Christmas items, jewellery, bags, pottery, Christmas cards and more.

Raffle, Tombola, Refreshments

An opportunity to buy Christmas presents!

Everyone welcome

Proceeds to St Helen's Church, Stickford

If you can help with the tombola, serving refreshments, or making cakes for the Craft Fair, please ring 01205 480477 or email cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk

Monday 20th November

Prize Bingo 7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

COFFEE MORNING

Friday 24th November
10.30 am - 12 noon.

Stickford Community Centre

Coffee/Tea + Cake £1

Proceeds to Stickford Community Centre



CHRISTMAS FARMERS MARKET



Stickford Church



Saturday 25th November
11am to 2pm



Refreshments (hot soup and a roll) and Tombola

Variety of stalls - bacon & sausages, chilli products, cheese, flowers & wreaths, local honey & more.

To book a stall at £6 each please email cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk or call 01205480477.

Sunday 26th November

Holy Communion followed by tea, coffee, and biscuits.
11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford

Monday 27th November

Prize Bingo 7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

ST HELEN'S CHURCH, STICKFORD



Saturday 9th December 11am to 4pm

Sunday 10th December 12 noon to 4pm

(Trees can be decorated on 7th & 8th December at a time to suit you)

15 trees to see, all decorated individually by members of the community.

Refreshments available.

Is there anyone who would volunteer to prepare a tombola for the event?

Contact Cheryl Steele on 01205 480 477 or email cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk

- Sunday 10th December **Morning Worship** followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.
11.15am St Helen's Church, Stickford
- Monday 11th December **Stickford Ladies Social Circle** - Fun Christmas Quiz followed by tea, cakes and chat. Stickford Community Centre 1.30pm
- Tuesday 12th December **Keals Club - Partney** choir will be entertaining the members with Christmas Carols in Stickford Community Centre at 2pm.
Visitors welcome.
- Tuesday 12th December **Parish Council Meeting** Public open forum for 15 minutes at start of meeting 7.30 pm Stickford Community Centre
- Thursday 14th December **Stickford Local History Group** - Tattershall and Coningsby Ukulele group will be entertaining us with festive songs and a singalong.
Everyone welcome 7.30pm Stickford Community Centre
£1 members £2.50 non-members



FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

St Helen's Church, Stickford

Saturday 16th December at 3pm

This will be followed by the traditional village party with live band Minus 2 and barbecue.

Mulled wine, tea, coffee and hot chocolate will be served.

This is a free party and barbecue for the village.

All you will need money for is the tombola.

Monday 18th December **Christmas Prize Bingo** 7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

January

- Monday 8th January **Stickford Ladies Social Circle**- New Year lunch for members only
- Tuesday 9th January **Keals Club** - Members will be served soup and a roll followed by a game of bingo. 2pm Stickford Community Centre. Visitors welcome (£1)
- Sunday 14th January **Morning Worship** followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.
11.15am Stickford Church
- Monday 15th January **Prize Bingo** 7.30pm Stickford Community Centre
- Thursday 18th January **Stickford Local History Group.** - Ward's Farm, Carrington from 1940's to the 1980's. A talk by Rowena Smalley. 7.30pm Stickford Community Centre
£1 members £2.50 non-members
- Monday 22nd January **Prize Bingo** 7.30pm Stickford Community Centre
- Friday 26th January **Coffee Morning** 10.30am to 12 noon. Stickford Community Centre

Table Top Sale
Saturday 27th January
Stickford Community Centre 11am to 2pm
£6 a table
Call 01205480477 to book a table or email cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk
 There will also be a tombola and raffle.

- Sunday 28th January **Holy Communion** followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.
11.15am St Helen's Church, Stickford
- Monday 29th January **Prize Bingo** 7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

STORM BABET

On Friday 20th September Stickford, along with much of the country, suffered unprecedented rainfall. It rained all night on 19th/20th October as well as all day and much of the following night. Many areas of Stickford were flooded and some people had to leave their homes. Everyone rallied round and helped where they could, neighbours kept an eye on each other, and an elderly gentleman was helped from his home to a safe place. What an amazing, friendly community we live in. Thank you to all those who rallied round and supported everyone who was experiencing floods.

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