

# STICKFORD NEWSLETTER

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## Stickford Parish Council News

Welcome to Tony French who was appointed a Parish Councillor at the March meeting having been co-opted by the existing councillors. There are still two councillor vacancies. If you are interested, then please have a look at the Parish Council's website to see what the role involves and please come to our next meeting on 21st May to see for yourself what we are all about!

The Election of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lincolnshire police area takes place on 2nd May. Everyone entitled to vote should by now have received their poll cards. Please remember you will need to show photographic identification at the polling station to vote. A full list of acceptable identification is shown on the reverse of the poll card. The Community Centre is our polling station, and the voting hours are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

*John Howlett, Vice Chairman.*

## Stickford Churchyard

We are urgently looking for volunteers to help with cutting the churchyard. The more people that offer to help, the quicker it can be mown. Please contact Richard Richmond on 07767440183. We need as many people as possible, and it can be cut at a time to suit you. Lawn mowers available.

## Stickford Church

On Easter Monday we held a Family Fun afternoon, which was short on children, but those who came loved it and the adults enjoyed it too. There were egg and spoon races round the church, bean bags through a rabbit, icing biscuits and decorating wooden Easter eggs and Easter bunnies which were kindly made by Annette Sharp. Quiz questions were located outside, just true or false answers, but thought provoking. Thanks go to Rev Judith for planning the event and all the helpers.

The **Farmers Markets** continue to be well supported. We have finally got a fruit and vegetables stall, thanks to Clyde Bowers who collects it from Four Seasons in Spilsby. Thank you to everyone who helps to man the tombola and run the refreshments. There are spare stalls available so if you know anyone who would like one please contact Cheryl on 07810445626..

**Coffee Mornings** are held in the church every Thursday from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Please come and enjoy the drinks, biscuits and cakes, and chat with other people - our age range spans from 33 to 93, with younger ones in school holidays. Dogs and their owners are welcome. Why not give us a try? Everyone is very welcoming.

**Spring Draw** - Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, everyone who sold them, those who donated prizes and to C A Tree Services who sponsored the Draw. We couldn't do it without you! £243 was raised for church funds.

**Re-plastering** work has taken place in the east and west corners of the nave. It is now drying out before it can be painted and the furniture can be replaced.

### **Church Bookshop**

Thank you for your continued support for our bookshop. It's great that so many of you are buying books and then returning them for someone else to read. However, we have become a victim of our own success and unfortunately, we don't have the space to display all the books that are being donated and have had to give some away. Also, we cannot display books that are torn or hardbacked books that are missing their dustjackets; so please only donate books in good condition, from smoke free homes.

There are also limits to the categories we can display, so we have had to choose the most popular. Our current categories are:

General Fiction Action/Adventure Thrillers

Classics

Romance Based Fiction

Historical Fiction

Novels for Teens

War Fiction

War – Nonfiction

Children's books

We continue to welcome books in good condition in those categories.

What can you do with other books – some of the charity shops will accept books – The Greyhound Shop or Bulldog Rescue in Spilsby for example.

Also, there is a bookshop at Gunby Hall, you can drop books off with the carpark attendant – again please only books in good condition – but they can accept a wider range of categories than we can.

### **Stickford Charities**

**Stickford Relief in Need 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 Nationwide School Uniforms 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 NSU 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 9th June 2024.**

Please note that for administrative reasons applications received after **Sunday 9th June 2024** 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 available for successful applicants to collect from the Community Centre on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024** for one hour **from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.**

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

NSU vouchers will have to be spent by the end of September 2024. The Oldrids vouchers can, as usual, **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. Recipients will be asked to sign for each Oldrids voucher received against the specific number of voucher issued so as to ensure this can be tracked as having been spent in the correct departments only. This is in order to comply with our charitable status.

If you do not wish to spend your vouchers in the relevant departments at Oldrids Downtown, please do not apply for their vouchers.

**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 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**

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

**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 PE23 5EF - 01790 752526**

**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.**

Applications for anything other than the school clothing vouchers 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](mailto:katherine.bunting@chattertons.com).

**The next meeting of the Trustees is on Wednesday 22 May 2024.**

## News from the Red Lion

Join us for live music at the Red Lion. We will also have our hog roasts at all the outdoor events.

Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May – 2pm – join us for our first outdoor gig of the year with the popular **Lizzie and the Sandboys** and the return of our hog roast!

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> May – 2pm – **Girl Done Rockin'**

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June – 2pm – **James Wood**

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> June – Fun Day and charity fundraiser – more details to follow!

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June – 2pm – **tbc** – keep an eye on Facebook or lookout for posters in the pub

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July – 2pm – **the mardy Johnny Depps**

Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> July – 8pm – **Let There B/DC** – help Katie celebrate her birthday! No hog roast at this one but Kev Green's catering van is booked. This band is always a crowd puller!

Don't forget, we also have:

Bingo on Tuesdays with cash prizes

Beer raffle every Friday at 6pm, £1 a ticket with the chance of winning £50 behind the bar!

Meat raffle every Sunday at 4pm, meat from East Coast Meats

Buy your raffle tickets on the day or in advance.

Have you tried our new menu yet?

## Stickford Community Centre

**Coffee Mornings** - As you will have read in the newsletter update in April the decision was made by Stickford Community Centre committee to stop holding the monthly Friday coffee mornings due to declining numbers attending. However, if there is anyone in the village who would like to take over running the coffee mornings, please contact Jill Catchpole on 01205 480249.

**AGM**—this will be held on Tuesday 25th June at 7.30pm in Stickford Community Centre. Please come along and support your centre. Younger people and new ideas are needed to take the Community Centre forward.

Have you bought a ticket yet for the **South and East Lindsey Community Lottery?** It is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for Stickford Community Centre and other good causes.

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 a week. Each ticket has a **1 in 50** chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! That's a better chance of winning than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery.

Each ticket has six numbers and each number is between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a six digit winning combination will be picked. Prizes will be given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2 to 6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all six and you win the jackpot!

From every £1 ticket sold 60p will go to good causes in South and East Lincolnshire. To put this in perspective, when you play the National Lottery 25% goes to good causes. Below is a direct link to our website.

<https://www.selcplottery.co.uk/support/stickford-community-centre>

**POST OFFICE VAN** – at the Red Lion car park every Monday morning between 11.30am and 12.30pm.

**FOOD BANK** – thank you to everyone who has supported the local food bank over the winter. However, we have had very few donations this year and so have decided to remove the collecting box for now. We do encourage everyone to support the local foodbanks where possible. There are drop off points in Sainsbury's and the Co-Op in Spilsby.

**TOMBOLAS AND RAFFLES** –with a full summer programme we welcome donations of toiletries, unwanted gifts, chocolate/biscuits, assorted general items – provided they are new, in good condition and in date where applicable. Prizes can be given to Cheryl Steele or Julie Bedford or left in the church – please just put a note on to say they are tombola prizes and leave them on the back pew, nearest the main door. Thank-you!

## **RELAX AND CRAFT**

*Come and join us on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at Stickford Community Centre to relax, craft and enjoy a chat. We are a group of ladies that craft for charity, causes and just ourselves. We are currently making blankets for families and putting together clothing and toiletries for babies. If you would like to contribute please come along or contact either Ann or Sharon - numbers below.*

*We hold several craft workshops throughout the year for our group to try something different. So far we have had clay plaque making and painting; making stuffed toys, a variety of Christmas decorations, needlework coasters, greeting cards, to name a few. We are open from 9am - 3pm and you can come for as long as you want. There are no membership fees, you just pay £3 for the session you attend. This includes light refreshments, which are available all day. Any questions please contact Ann on 07787 956889 or Sharon on 07505 494355*

*Our upcoming dates are 15th May, 19th June and 17th July*

## The Keals Club

Meetings are open to everyone over the age of 50 from surrounding villages.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm in the Community Centre, Stickford. Members will be having 'A Quiz with a Difference'. Visitors always welcome

A speaker is still to be confirmed at the meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> June.

At the meeting on 9th July David Bruce will talk about mental health issues, followed by Tea and cakes - Visitors welcome.

## May

Thursday 2nd May Coffee Morning at the church 10.30 to 12.30.  
Everyone very welcome.

Wednesday 8th May **Free Charity Bus to Boston.** Apply to Pam Bryant on 01205 480410 to book your place.

Thursday 9th May **Coffee Morning** at the church 10.30 to 12.30.  
Everyone very welcome.

Sunday 12th May **Holy Communion**  
11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford

Monday 13th May **Stickford Ladies Social Circle** Tom Holland will talk about summer bedding 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.  
Visitors welcome (£2)

Tuesday 14th May **Keals Club - A Quiz with a Difference.**  
2pm Stickford Community Centre  
Visitors welcome (£1)

Tuesday 14th May **Annual Open Parish Council Meeting**  
7.30 pm Stickford Community Centre  
All welcome

Wednesday 15th May **Relax and Craft Group.** Relax, craft and natter. £3 including light refreshments. Open from 9am - 3pm. Come for an hour or stay longer.

Thursday 16 May **Coffee Morning** at the church 10.30 to 12.30.  
Everyone very welcome.

Thursday 16th May **Stickford Local History Group** Talk on Lincolnshire Architecture by  
Heritage Lincolnshire.  
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre.  
Members £1, non-members £2.50. Everyone welcome.

## **FARMERS MARKET**

**Stickford Church Saturday 18th May 10am to 12noon**

Honey, Sausages, Cheese, Fruit and vegetables,  
Plants, Hannah's Flowers.

***To book a stall contact Cheryl on 01205 480477 or  
Nicki on 01205 480869***

Monday 20th May **Prize Bingo** in Stickford Community Centre at 7.30pm

Tuesday 21st May **Annual Parish Council Meeting** - Public open forum for 15 minutes at start of  
meeting  
7.30 pm Stickford Community Centre

Thursday 23rd May **Coffee Morning** at the church 10.30 to 12.30.  
Everyone very welcome.

Thursday 23rd May **Free Charity Bus to Horncastle.** Apply to Pam Bryant (01205 480410) to book your  
place.

Sunday 26th May **Morning Worship**  
11.15am St Helen's Church, Stickford

Thursday 30 May **Coffee Morning** at the church 10.30 to 12.30.  
Everyone very welcome.

## June

Thursday 6 June

**Coffee Morning** at the church 10.30 to 12.30.  
Everyone very welcome.

### **Table Top Sale**

Saturday 8th June

Stickford Community Centre 11am to 2pm

£6 a table *Ring Jill 01205 480249 to book a table*

There will also be a tombola and raffle.

Sunday 9th June

**Holy Communion**

11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford

Sunday 9th June

**Last date for applying to Charity Trustees for school clothing vouchers. See article earlier in newsletter.**

Monday 10th June

**Stickford Ladies Social Circle** - Our speaker is Sarah Carr who will be giving a demonstration of flower arranging. We will be having our usual tea and cakes whilst everyone has a chance to chat!

1.30pm Stickford Community Centre.

Visitors welcome (£2)

Tuesday 11th June

**Keals Club** - Speaker to be confirmed.

2pm Stickford Community Centre

Visitors welcome (£1)

Wednesday 12th June

**Free Charity Bus to Boston.** Apply to Pam Bryant on 01205 480410 to book your place.

Thursday 13th June

**Coffee Morning** at the church 10.30 to 12.30.  
Everyone very welcome.



## FARMERS MARKET

### Stickford Church

**Saturday 15th June 10am to 12noon**

**Vegetables, Mama's Chilli Delights, Honey, Sausages & Bacon,  
Hannah's Flowers.**

*To book a stall contact Cheryl on 01205 480477 or  
Nicki on 01205 480869*

- Monday 17th June            **Prize Bingo** in Stickford Community Centre at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 19th June      **Relax and Craft Group.** Relax, craft and natter. £3 including light refreshments. Stickford Community Centre.  
Open from 9am - 3pm.            Come for an hour or stay longer.
- Thursday 20 June            **Coffee Morning** at the church 10.30 to 12.30.  
Everyone very welcome.
- Sunday 23rd June            **Morning Worship**  
11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford

## AGM of Stickford Community Centre

**Tuesday 25 June at 7.30 pm**

Stickford Community Centre

All welcome - support your Centre

- Thursday 27 June            **Coffee Morning** at the church 10.30 to 12.30.  
Everyone very welcome.
- Thursday 27th June        **Free Charity Bus to Horncastle.** Apply to Pam Bryant (01205480410) to book your place.

## July

- Thursday 4th July                   **Coffee Morning** at the church 10.30 to 12.30.  
Everyone very welcome.
- Monday 8th July                   **Stickford Ladies Social Circle** An Auction followed by our usual tea and cakes whilst everyone has a chance to chat.  
1.30pm Stickford Community Centre.  
Visitors welcome (£2)
- Tuesday 9th July                   **Keals Club** David Bruce will talk about mental health issues, followed by tea and cake.  
2pm Stickford Community Centre  
Visitors welcome (£1)
- Tuesday 9th July                   **Parish Council Meeting** - Public open forum for 15 minutes at start of meeting  
7.30 pm Stickford Community Centre
- Wednesday 10th July               **Free Charity Bus to Boston.** Apply to Pam Bryant on 01205 480410 to book your place.
- Wednesday 10th July               **Collect school clothing vouchers**  
**Stickford Community Centre**  
**6.30pm to 7.30pm**
- Thursday 11th July                 **Coffee Morning** at the church 10.30 to 12.30.  
Everyone very welcome.
- Sunday 14th July                   **Holy Communion**  
11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford
- Monday 15th July                   **Prize Bingo** in Stickford Community Centre at 7.30pm
- Wednesday 17th July               **Relax and Craft Group.** Relax, craft and natter.  
£3 including light refreshments.  
Open from 9am - 3pm. Stickford Community Centre.  
Come for an hour or stay longer.

Thursday 18th July

**Coffee Morning** at the church 10.30 to 12.30.

Everyone very welcome.

## **FARMERS MARKET**

**Stickford Church Saturday 20th July**

**10am to 12noon**

**Vegetables, Mama's Chilli Delights, Cheese, Sausages & Bacon,**

**Hannah's Flowers, Honey,**

*To book a stall contact Cheryl on 01205 480477 or*

*Nicki on 01205 480869*

Thursday 25th July

**Coffee Morning** at the church 10.30 to 12.30.

Everyone very welcome.

Thursday 25th July

**Free Charity Bus to Horncastle.** Apply to Pam Bryant (01205 480410) to book your place.

Sunday 28th July

**Morning Worship**

11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford

## **Evergreens Miniature Railway**

The next three open days will be on -

April 27th and weather permitting some classic cars will be on display

May 25th and June 29th.

## **Mobile Library Service**

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

Thursday 9th May

Thursday 6th June

Thursday 4th July

It calls at Hagnaby Road from 10.15am until 11.00am

**POST OFFICE VAN** – calls at the Red Lion car park every Monday morning between 11.30am and 12.30pm

## ***The Sausage Shack***

**Home bred, reared, fed,  
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Spilsby, PE23 4AL**

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