

STICKFORD NEWSLETTER

Village News and Diary Dates August - October 2024 Issue 104

Stickford Community Centre

We have been running since 1992 for use as a Community Centre for the local people of Stickford. Since the year 2002 we have undergone massive refurbishment (not always visible, like rewiring) to include kitchen, toilets, flooring, disabled access and more. Most recently we have had a new central heating boiler; a new suspended ceiling and more energy efficient lighting. So, we are looking really good.

The monies to carry out these refurbishments have been sought and granted, amongst strong competition from other village halls, and this has been down to Cheryl Steele. Cheryl has decided to retire as Chairperson of the Committee but will still be involved in Stickford Local History Group, St Helen's Church, Stickford and the Village Newsletter. The Committee would like to thank Cheryl for her diligence and tenacity with regards to successful fundraising and for all the hours she has given to the Community Centre.

The Community Centre is run by a small group of volunteers who work hard to organise and run events and maintain this building for the benefit for the Community of Stickford. **If you would like to be part of this team in any way for example, like helping with refreshments; running a fundraising event or even help moving furniture, etc then please contact Ann French on 07787 956889.**

As a Community Centre, we are not funded by public money. Our monies come from usage (the people, groups and companies that hire the hall); fundraising through the events we hold such as The Quiz or Bingo nights and by lobbying for funding from various sources. Without these things we would not exist.

A date for your diaries: Saturday 7th September

Quiz Night hosted by Alan Tebby and his team

Doors open at 6.45pm and the Quiz starts at 7.30pm

Teams 4-6 people. £3 per person. There is a Raffle too

Book your table to avoid disappointment – call Jennie on 07966 139641 or Alan on 07572 189466

Prize to the winning team of Wine and Chocolates

Donations will be given to two Charities

**Refreshments available before and midway through, or
bring your own nibbles/food/drink**

We also have a number of interest groups that use our facilities such as:

Stickford Local History Group
The Stickford Ladies Social Circle
The Keals Group
The Relax and Craft group

and a couple of local companies that use the hall for training purposes. It is also used for elections, Parish Council Meetings and by The Church.

Over the coming months we plan on holding a couple of open mornings where you can come and have a cuppa and cake; meet some of the volunteers and tell us what events you would like to see. Look out for these on Facebook, Nextdoor, in the Newsletter and on the *Noticeboards*.

In the meantime, if you are thinking of celebrating a birthday; looking for a venue to start a local interest group; need an off-site space for training or meetings, etc. then think of the Stickford Community Centre.

The cost of hiring the hall is from £20 for private individuals/groups and from £45 for commercial customers. **If you would like to know more, please call Jill Catchpole on 07966 428479 for further details.**

Ann French

Stickford Church

There are now only three Farmers Markets left this year - 17th August, 19th October and a Christmas one on 16th November. We are grateful for all the support you have given the Markets this year and hope you will continue to come.

We have services in the church twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays at 11.15am, to which you are all welcome. We always have a coffee or tea and biscuit after the service, along with a chat. Why not come along and meet everyone?

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
Novels for Teens War Fiction
Children's books War – Nonfiction
Historical Fiction

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

There are no fixed prices – but donations by cash or contactless on our new chip and pin device are very welcome.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Thank you for your continued support for our bookshop. It's great

Julie

Coffee Mornings are held in the church every Thursday from 10.30am to 12.30. Please come and enjoy the drinks and biscuits, sometimes cakes, and chat with other people - our age range spans from 33 to 93, with younger ones in school holidays. We always finish with a game of bingo when small prizes can be won. Dogs and their owners are welcome. Why not give us a try? Everyone is very welcoming. There is a childrens area with a small table, chairs and toys.

TOMBOLAS AND RAFFLES – We are very grateful for the donations of prizes we have received for our spring/summer tombolas. We are now collecting prizes for September to Christmas (sorry!). 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!

Stickford Charity Trustees

The next meeting of the Stickford Charity Trustees is on 18th September 2024.

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 – 18th September 2024.

Following a recent large increase in the cost of the charity bus, the Charity Trustees are now only able to fund a bus once a month rather than twice a month as for many years. A request is to be put to the Parish Council in November for top up funding to allow the twice a month service to resume but in the meantime, following consultation with those using the bus in June, it has been decided to alternate between Boston and Horncastle and to go on the 2nd Wednesday in one month to Boston and the 2nd Thursday in the next month to Horncastle.

If you have any comments on this plan, would use the bus in future, or would prefer it if it was more regular or went only to Boston or only to Horncastle please send your comments to the Clerk to the Trustees, Katherine Bunting at The Old Vicarage Church Road Stickford or email on katherine.bunting@chattertons.com before the next Trustees meeting which is on Wednesday 18th September 2024.

The service is for those residents of Stickford 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:

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

Anyone resident in Stickford is eligible to use the service and we do need more users so if you would be interested please get in touch with Pam.

Katherine Bunting

Stickford Walking Group

Thistledown Stickford

The 4th July 2024 was a day many of us will remember (or in some cases want to forget) with big changes to the way we will be living in the near future.

However, as far as Stickford is concerned, the date is also a landmark one.

The Stickford Walking Group completed its first walk on 28th Feb 2008 and, although I find it hard to believe, on 4th July this year, as its founder member, I completed 500, yes 500 walks with the group!!

The group has in fact completed many other walks when I was not available (leading walking holidays in various parts of the country) these walks being led by various people including Mike Wade, Linda Letley and Lynn Belford, which probably makes the total walks undertaken by the group to around 600 !!

We still usually do our walks on a Thursday, meeting at my house at 9.30am but these days our walks are much shorter than in the early days, when we would often walk some 10-12 miles.

Nowadays our standard walk is more in the region of 4-5 miles with shortcuts available ! Occasionally, very occasionally, we extend it to 7 miles.

Currently we have some 10 people who participate in the walks, and probably we average around 6 of those each walk.

New walkers are more than welcome and if you would like to give it a try then please give me a ring on 01205 480344 – we would love to see you.

Clive Kingswood

The Keals Club

This meeting is open to everyone over the age of 50 from surrounding villages. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 13th August at 2pm in the Community Centre, Stickford. Dr Giorgio Flore will talk about His Life as a Junior Doctor – Visitors always welcome.

The meeting on Tuesday, 10th September is the club Annual General Meeting, followed by a quiz. Visitors still welcome.

A Harvest Festival is being held at the meeting on Tuesday, 8th October followed by a produce auction. Visitors welcome.

Stickford Ladies Social Circle

Our next meeting is at 1:30pm on Monday 12th August in the Community Centre, Church Road, Stickford. The speaker this month is Mark Pearce, a former gardener to the royal family of Norway. Visitors always welcome £2. We will be having our usual tea and cakes whilst everyone has a chance to chat!

The meeting in September is at 1:30pm on Monday 9th in the Community Centre, Church Road, Stickford. A speaker from the Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue will talk about their services. Visitors always welcome £2. We will be having our usual tea and cakes whilst everyone has a chance to chat!

The meeting on Monday 14th October is at 1:30pm in the Community Centre, Church Road, Stickford. Julie (Glenn James) a wig specialist will be showing various wigs to the ladies. Visitors always welcome £2. We will be having our usual tea and cakes whilst everyone has a chance to chat!

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News from the Red Lion

Live music – join us for outdoor events in the sun (or under cover!)

August

Sun 4th - Don't Look Down - soul, 60s, 70s, 80s and more. Plus hog roast!

STICKFEST!

Sat 17th August - 3pm start. duo from Lizzie and The Sandboys

5pm Rough Culprits

Sun 18th August - 3pm start. James Wood

5pm local live music

Catering onsite from Kev Green.

September

Sun 8th - Lizzie and The Sandboys 2pm outside

October

Friday 11th - Quiz Night

Sat 19th - A Bridge 2 ska 8pm start

As always – keep an eye on social media for changes – and keep calling in to check the list in the bar!

Opening times

Monday & Tuesday closed / Wednesday to Thursday open from 4pm / Saturday & Sunday open from 2pm -

Food served Wednesday

to Saturday (until 8pm)

Friendly darts every Wednesday evening

Bingo on Thursday at 7pm 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.

Relax & Craft

(Friendly craft club for ladies)

If you are interested in crafts then our Relax & Craft club is the place for you. We are a friendly group that meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the Stickford Community Centre from 9 to 3pm. All crafters welcome, we currently have card makers, beaders, quilters, cross stitchers, knitters and smockers. We also aim to have at least 4 workshops throughout the year and provide a warm space during the colder months.

Our next 3 meeting dates are : Wednesday 21st August, Wednesday 18th September, Wednesday 16th October

The cost is £3 per session which includes unlimited hot and cold refreshments and biscuits that are available all day. We hold a raffle, the proceeds from that cover the costs of the refreshments. Tickets are 50p a strip. Donations for the raffle are always welcome. If you would like to arrange a visit please call Sharon on 07505494355, Ann on 07787956889 or Karen on 07474933667.

August

Tuesday 13th August

Keals Club

- Dr Giorgio Flore will be talking about his life as a junior

doctor.

2pm Stickford Community Centre

Sunday 11th August

Holy Communion

11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford

Monday 12th August

Stickford Ladies Social Circle - The speaker this month is Mark Pearce, former gardener to the Royal family of Norway.

Visitors welcome £2. This will be followed by tea and cakes.

1.30pm Stickford Community Centre.

Visitors welcome (£2)

FARMERS MARKET

Stickford Church Saturday 17th August 10am to 12pm

Mama's Chilli Delights, Honey,

Sausages, Cheese, Fruit & Veg

To book a stall contact Cheryl on 01205 480477 or

Nicki on 01205 480869

Wednesday 21st August

Relax and Craft Group. Relax, craft and natter. £3 including light refreshments. Open from 9am - 3pm.

Come for an hour or stay longer

Stickford Community Centre

Sunday 25th August

Morning Worship

11.15am St Helen's Church, Stickford

St. Barnabas

**Come and Join us
For our Garden Tea Party**

Saturday, 31st August

1pm till 4pm (free entry)

Midgate Villa, Church Road, Stickford PE22 8EP

Events

Raffle. Tombola, tarot reader, cake and plant stalls,
face painting, refreshments and much more

All money raised will go to St Barnabas, a charity very close to all our hearts

September

QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday, 7th September

Stickford Community Centre

Doors open 6:45pm, Quiz at 7:30pm

£3 per person / 4-6 persons per team

Prizes to the winning team

Refreshments available before and midway

You may also bring your own drinks & nibbles

**The proceeds of the quiz will go to a
charity to be confirmed**

Being organised by the Stickford Defibrillator Group

To enter your team please contact Jennie on 07966 139641

Sunday 8th September

Holy Communion

11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford

Monday 9th September

Stickford Ladies Social Circle - A speaker from the Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue will talk about their services.

Tea and cakes afterwards.

1.30pm Stickford Community Centre.

Visitors welcome (£2)

Tuesday 10th September

Keals Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 2pm , followed by a quiz.

2pm Stickford Community Centre

Visitors welcome (£2)

Tuesday 10th September

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

7.30 pm Stickford Community Centre

PRIZE BINGO

Monday 16th September

Stickford Community Centre

Doors open 6.45pm, Play starts 7.30pm

The first bingo of the new season.

Wednesday 18th September

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 19th September

Stickford Local History Group -

“ Lincolnshire Poachers”. A talk by Nicola Hallam

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre.

Members £1, non-members £2.50

Sunday 22nd September

Morning Worship followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford

HARVEST SUPPER

Harvest Supper and Auction of Produce

Monday 23rd September at 7pm in

Stickford Community Centre

*Enjoy a Harvest Supper of sausages, mash and peas, followed by
apple pie or trifle.*

Adults £8 Children £5

Family ticket (2 adults 2 children) £22

Tickets available at the door - no need to book in advance

Please bring your own cutlery

The supper will be followed by an auction of donated produce

*This is a real community event, with great fun to be had during the
auction, so why not come along and join in?*

**You are invited to take part in the
WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING**

for Macmillan Cancer Support

Friday 27th September

10.30am-12 noon

Stickford Community Centre

Tea, Coffee, Cakes, Raffle

Monday 30th September

Prize Bingo

Stickford Community Centre 7.30 start.

October

Tuesday 8th October

Keals Club - This will be the club's own harvest festival followed by an auction of fruit and vegetables.

Visitors always welcome.

2pm Stickford Community Centre

Sunday 13th October

Holy Communion

11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford

Monday 14th October

Stickford Ladies Social Circle - Julie (Glenn James) a wig specialist will be showing various wigs to the ladies.

Tea and cakes afterwards

1.30pm Stickford Community Centre.

Monday 21st October

Prize Bingo

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

Thursday 18th October

Stickford Local History Group - "Misericords" A talk by Alan Pethybridge.

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre.

Members £1, non-members £2,50

FARMERS MARKET

Stickford Church Saturday 19th October

10am to 12pm

Vegetables, Mama's Chilli Delights, Cheese,

Sausages & Bacon, Honey

To book a stall contact Cheryl on 01205 480477 or

Nicki on 01205 480869

Sunday 27th October

Morning Worship

11.15 am St Helen's Church, Stickford

Monday 28th October

Prize Bingo

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

The Sausage Shack

**Home bred, reared, fed,
and prepared quality meat**

Local Rare Breed pork Lincolnshire sausages

Dry Cured Bacon

Orders taken for half or whole pigs and lambs.

Support your local producer at

**Kasanga Manor, Hagnaby Lane, Keal Cotes,
Spilsby, PE23 4AL**

Mobile Library Service

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

Thursday 1st August

Thursday 29th August

Thursday 26th September

Thursday 24th October

It calls at Hagnaby Road from 13.45 to 14.15

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



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