

# STICKFORD NEWSLETTER

Village News and Diary Dates

November 2024 to January 2025

Issue 105

## STICKFORD CLOCK TOWER WAR MEMORIAL



On **Sunday 10th November at 10.50 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.

### PARISH COUNCIL UPDPATE

Who are your Parish Councillors :

Chairman : Lesley Reeson : [cllrreeson@gmail.com](mailto:cllrreeson@gmail.com)

Vice Chairman : John Howlett : [jkhowlett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jkhowlett@hotmail.co.uk)

Pam Bryant : [Pamela.Bryant1@btopenworld.com](mailto:Pamela.Bryant1@btopenworld.com)

Clive Kingswood : [cllr.clive.kingswood@gmail.com](mailto:cllr.clive.kingswood@gmail.com)

Tony French : [cllrfrench@gmail.com](mailto:cllrfrench@gmail.com)

Issues to be aware of around the village :

Road safety along Hagnaby Road, around the bend and into Hagnaby Lane – can all drivers please be aware of the speed limit of 30mph and be mindful of how cars are parked in that area i.e. to avoid passing traffic having to cross the centre white line and moving into the path of possible oncoming traffic.

Dog Fouling and discarded rubbish along Catchwater Bank – can all dog walkers and ramblers please use the bins provided to dispose of waste.

In the event of flooding please contact Lesley Reeson on 07903 833460 for access to sand & sand bags.

*Nicki George*

Parish Clerk – [stickfordparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:stickfordparishclerk@gmail.com)

### **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.

First of all a massive thank you to everyone who helped us with our events in September:-

**Lincolnshire Wolds and Coast Festival** - Thank you to Jude, Barbara P, and others. There was a steady flow of people visiting the church to look at the building and architecture. The ladies serving the refreshments were commended by the visitors on their friendliness and the cakes were very popular.

**Harvest Supper and Auction** - Wow! What an amazing, well supported event to which 59 people came, plus volunteers. We were full to overflowing and only had 5 sausages left over! 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, and Barbara P, The potato peelers and mashers - Lou, Nicki, Sharon/Garry, Barbara P, Jo and Ann, serving the food from the kitchen - Lesley, Lisa and Nicki and to our younger helpers who took the plated meals out, Erin, Chloe, Ella and Izzy.

Lots of people came to the Harvest Supper, from Stickford and surrounding villages, including new residents of Stickford 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 Izzy who delivered the goods .

It was a lovely, friendly community event which I hope will continue for many more years. We will need more volunteers to help, especially any younger people who would like to help serve the meals.

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](mailto:cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk) or phone 01205 480477.

### **STICKFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

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At the Open Day a couple of the activities that people wanted were **Exercise and Line Dancing**. So..... Join us for some lively evenings with fitness and line dancing sessions. Meet our expert instructors, Sam and Debbie, for some fun routines and get moving! Plus professional Dance Teachers, Mark Blythe and Lynne Richings, will be giving introductory lessons to line dancing. See the Diary Date section for details. If you want these classes in future, Sam's will be during the day and Debbie's in the evening and if the Line Dancing is supported we will look to set up regular sessions afterwards.

#### **Play area**

**A big thank you** - to all those Parents, Grandparents, Family members, Carers, etc who have given us their support for the play area.

We are getting proposals from several suppliers of play equipment. The next stage is to seek the funding to see the project through.

If you would like to register your support and have not yet done so, please send an email to [stickford.community@gmail.com](mailto:stickford.community@gmail.com) with the following details:

Name

Mobile/email

What you would like to see in the play area

Why do you think we need a play area

### **Children's Artwork**

Are there any school aged children who would like to make a poster about their dream play area with a paragraph on why they'd like a play area in the village please? We would like to have a few so that we can scan in to send in with our funding requests if possible.

If you could deliver any drawings to Amanda Phillips at Holly Lodge, Hagnaby Lane by 15<sup>th</sup> November that would be great!

### **How you can easily help us each time you do your shopping online**

Also, Amanda has set up a Funding page. You can help our fundraising efforts by registering with easyfundraising and purchasing your Christmas shopping via their app to visit your normal websites such as M&S, Asda, etc and easyfundraising will donate to the Stickford Community Charity. For everyone who even registers with the following link, the charity gets a bonus £1. With Christmas shopping coming up, this is a great time to support our charity.

To register go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). Click on "find a cause" and search on Stickford Community Centre – many thanks for your support.

### **Recycle and repurpose your wardrobe**

As you sort through your winter wardrobe and decide what to discard, consider placing any unwanted clothing, handbags, belts, and shoes into a bag. These items can then be conveniently deposited in the clothing banks located in the car park of the Community Centre.

### **Are you in with a chance to win up to £25,000?**

The South and East Lincolnshire Community Lottery is a weekly event dedicated to raising funds for charitable causes within South and East Lincolnshire. Every cause supported by this lottery will directly benefit the residents and communities of South and East Lincolnshire.

Go to [selcplottery.co.uk](http://selcplottery.co.uk). Select "Play the lottery", search "Stickford Community Centre" and press "Support Us" and then buy your ticket - it's that simple! 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! Good Luck!!

### **Stickford Village Newsletter**

Cheryl Steele has been the driving force behind our village Newsletter for many years. As she steps down from this role at the end of the year, we want to extend our thanks for her unwavering dedication.

Starting in 2025, the rest of the committee will take over and produce the newsletter quarterly, beginning in February. Please keep this copy for your January Diary of Events and stay tuned for updates on Facebook, Nextdoor and the noticeboard.

Along with a diary of events, we aim to include a focus on a local business; a page for young people and infants; useful telephone numbers and the bus timetable; and other items we hope you will enjoy. Have a hobby or achievement you are proud of? Let us know and inspire others!

If anyone would like to submit a colour photograph of Stickford that we could use on the cover for free, please submit it to [stickford.community@gmail.com](mailto:stickford.community@gmail.com).

We will also be including advertising. So if you know of anyone who would like to advertise their business it will be:

£25 for a page, £15 for half page and £10 for quarter page (W 62mmw x H 92mm). Please email [stickford.community@gmail.com](mailto:stickford.community@gmail.com) for further information.

## **RELAX AND CRAFT**

Join us every third Wednesday of the month at Stickford Community Centre for a relaxing crafting session and friendly chat. We're a group of women who craft for charity, various causes, and personal enjoyment. Currently, we're assembling clothing and toiletries for babies. If you'd like to contribute, please drop by or reach out to Sharon, Karen, or Ann at the numbers provided below.

Throughout the year, we offer multiple craft workshops for our group to explore new skills. We've created greeting cards, clay plaques, watercolour paintings, crocheted items, and a range of sewn Christmas decorations, among others. Our doors are open from 9 am to 3 pm, and you're welcome to stay as long as you like. Each session costs £3, which includes access to light refreshments available throughout the day. For any inquiries, please contact Sharon at 07505 494355, Karen at 07474 933667, or Ann at 07787 956889.

### **Dates for Relax and Craft**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January

## **STICKFORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE**

Our next meeting is at 1:30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November in the Community Centre, Church Road, Stickford. Members will be creating their own Christmas plant bowl. Visitors always welcome £2. We will be having our usual tea and cakes whilst everyone has a chance to chat!

At the meeting at 1:30pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Community Centre, Church Road, Stickford members will be having a Christmas Quiz. Visitors always welcome £2. We will be having our usual tea and cakes whilst everyone has a chance to chat!

The meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January is at 1:30pm in the Community Centre, Church Road, Stickford. Members will be having their usual New Year lunch followed by a fun quiz. Visitors always welcome £2. We will be having our usual tea and cakes whilst everyone has a chance to chat!

## **KEALS CLUB**

This meeting is open to everyone over the age of 50 from surrounding villages. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in the Community Centre, Stickford. Jill Starling a colour coordinator will be talking to members.

The meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December will be entertained by the Partney Carol Singers.

On Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January members will be having a New Year lunch followed by a game of Bingo. Members always welcome at all meetings.

## **Stickford Charities**

Stickford Relief in Need Charity/Educational Charity meeting dates for 2024/5 are:

6 November 2024, 19 February 2025, 21 May 2025, 17 September 2025 and 19 November 2025.

**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.**

**Stickford Relief in Need Charity** exists to make grants to anyone living in the parish in financial need and to support other charitable and voluntary organisations operating in the parish. All applications welcome.

The Charity currently provides a free, door to door bus service once a month - to Boston on the second Wednesday and Horncastle on the fourth Thursday of the month, 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. These are the dates through to April 2025.

To Boston                    November 13<sup>th</sup> Second Wednesday in the month

To Horncastle            December 12<sup>th</sup> Second Thursday in the month

## **2025**

To Boston                    January 8<sup>th</sup> Second Wednesday in the month

To Horncastle            February 13<sup>th</sup> Second Thursday in the month

To Boston                    March 12<sup>th</sup> Second Wednesday in the month

To Horncastle            April 10<sup>th</sup> Second Wednesday in the month.

**The Trustees are applying to the Parish Council for a grant towards the cost of the bus, so this can revert to a twice monthly service. This had to be stopped earlier in 2024 following a large increase in the price. If you would use the more regular service and support the idea of a grant from the Parish Council to make this possible, please contact any parish councillor or the Clerk to say this, before the Precept meeting of the Parish Council on 19<sup>th</sup> November.**

The Stickford 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 before our next meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to the Clerk to the Trustees - details below.

Applications for any assistance from either Charity should be made in writing to the Clerk to the Trustees:

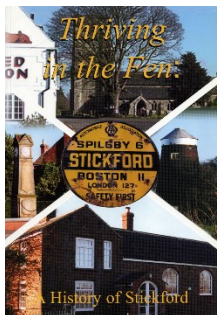
Mrs Katherine Bunting at The Old Vicarage, Church Road, Stickford, Boston, PE22 8EP or by email to [katherine.bunting@chattertons.com](mailto:katherine.bunting@chattertons.com).

## STICKFORD LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

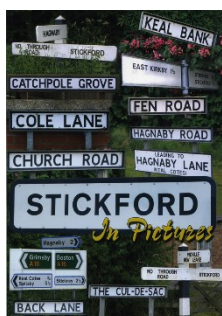
Stickford Local History Group holds regular monthly meetings at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of every month in Stickford Community Centre. We have a variety of speakers on a range of different subjects, mostly connected with Lincolnshire.

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

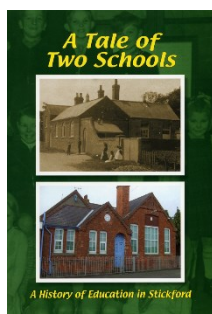
The group has produced four books about Stickford:-



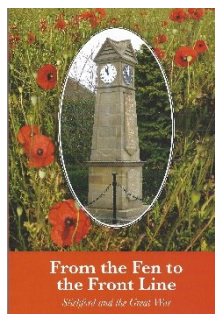
*Thriving in the Fen  
General history of  
Stickford*



*Stickford in  
Pictures*



*History of  
Schools*



*Stickford and  
the Great War*

These can be obtained from Jill Catchpole 01205 480249.

## MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

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

Thursday 21st November

Thursday 19th December

Thursday 16th January

It stops at Hagnaby Road from **13.45 to 14.15**

## NOVEMBER

Monday 4th November - 18.45 - 20.15. Introductory session to **Line Dancing** with Mark Blythe and Lynne Richings. Price £6. Please bring a bottle of water and wear footwear that **does not** grip the floor.

Thursday 7th November - 5.30pm - 7.30pm. **Free exercise session** with Sam Sorrell and Debbie Evans. Sam will start at 5.30pm with more gentle and chair-based exercises and Debbie at 6.30pm with more energetic/jazzercise classes. Please come and listen to what they both have to say. Please also bring water with you and be prepared to participate.

**Debbie's weekly class** will then begin on Wednesday 13th November at 6.30 - 7.15pm

**Sam's weekly class** will then begin on Thursday 14th November at 1pm - 2pm.

- Sunday 10th November      **Service at Stickford War Memorial**  
10.50 am at Stickford War Memorial
- Monday 11th November      **Stickford Ladies Social Circle** - Members will be creating their own Christmas plant bowl.  
1.30pm Stickford Community Centre Visitors Welcome (£2)
- Monday 11th November - 18.45 - 20.15. Introductory session to **Line Dancing** with Mark Blythe and Lynne Richings. Price £6. Please bring a bottle of water and wear footwear that **does not** grip the floor
- Tuesday 12th November      **Keals Club We will be entertained by the Partney Singers**  
2pm Stickford Community Centre  
Visitors welcome (£1)

## CHRISTMAS FARMERS MARKET

Stickford Church

Saturday 16h November

10am to 2pm

**Refreshments (hot soup and a roll) and Tombola**

**Variety of stalls - bacon & sausages, chilli products, fruit & vegetables, local honey & more.**

**To book a stall at £6 each please email [cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cherylsteele@tiscali.co.uk) or call 01205480477**

- Monday 18th November      **Prize Bingo**  
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre
- Wednesday 20th November      **Relax and Craft** Relax, craft and natter.  
£3 including light refreshments.  
Open from 9am - 3pm.  
Come for an hour or stay longer
- Thursday 21st November      **Stickford Local History Group - Local Government.**  
**'Fist fights, feminism, financial scandal and bigotry – local politics in late nineteenth century Lindsey'**. Everyone welcome  
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre  
£1 members £2.50 non-members

**Wreath Making  
with Hannah Benson**



**Stickford Community Centre  
Saturday 23rd November  
Cost £30 to include all materials.  
Also a Social Evening**

**Please bring your own wine or drinks. Tea and coffee available on site  
7.30pm. Email [cherylsteale@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cherylsteale@tiscali.co.uk) to book a place..**

**Sunday 24th November      Morning Worship 11.15am St Helen's Church, Stickford, followed by tea,  
coffee and biscuits. Everyone welcome.**

**Monday 25th November      Prize    Bingo  
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre**



# Christmas Craft Fair



**Stickford Community Centre  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
11 am to 3 pm  
Raffle, Tombola, Refreshments  
An opportunity to buy your Christmas presents!  
*Proceeds to St Helen's Church. Stickford***

**DECEMBER**

**Sunday 8th December      Holy Communion followed by tea, coffee and biscuits  
11.15am St Helen's Church, Stickford**

**Monday 9th December      Stickford Ladies Social Circle - Fun Christmas Quiz, followed by tea,  
cakes and chat.**

**Monday 9th December      Prize Bingo  
7.30pm Stickford Community Centre**



Tuesday 10th December

**Keals Club** - Partney choir will be entertaining the members with Christmas Carols. 1.30pm Stickford Community Centre

Tuesday 10th December

**Parish Council meeting**

Public open forum for 15 minutes at start of meeting

7.30 pm Stickford Community Centre



**FAMILY CAROL SERVICE  
St Helen's Church, Stickford**

**Saturday 14th 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 year we will be asking for donations towards the cost of the barbecue and band.  
The tombola will be £1 for 4 tickets as usual.**

Wednesday 18th December

**Relax and Craft** Relax, craft and natter. £3 including light refreshments.

Open from 9am - 3pm.

Come for an hour or stay longer

Thursday 19th December

**Stickford Local History Group -**

A Social Evening

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

£1 members £2.50 non-members

Monday 6th January

**Prize Bingo** Stickford Community Centre 7.30pm

Sunday 12th January

**Holy Communion**, followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

11.15am Stickford Church

Monday 13th January

**Stickford Ladies Social Circle**- New Year lunch for members only

Tuesday 14th January

**Keals Club** - Members will be having a New Year lunch followed by a game of bingo.

2pm Stickford Community Centre

Visitors welcome (£1)

Wednesday 15th January

**Relax and Craft** Relax, craft and natter. £3 including light refreshments.

Open from 9am - 3pm.

Come for an hour or stay longer

Thursday 16th January

**Stickford Local History Group.** Lincolnshire Dialect.

A talk by Peter Mackinder

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

£1 members £2.50 non-members

**Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> January**

**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**

- Teams must register beforehand to guarantee a place

Please contact Jennie on 07966 139641

Monday 20th January

**Prize Bingo**

7.30pm Stickford Community Centre

Sunday 24th January

**Morning Worship** followed by tea, coffee and biscuits

11.15am Stickford Church

### **News from The Red Lion**

Live music events:

#### **November**

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Molly's Chamber** playing live for our **Halloween party** 8pm start

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> - **Dreambelles** performing at 8pm for our **ABBA** night

#### **December**

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> – **Don't Look Down** – Red Lion's **Christmas Party!**

Don't forget our winter menus – special 2 course deals Wednesday to Saturday – just £10 if you pre-book. Wednesday is curry night; Thursday is chilli con carne, Friday is cheese or chicken burger and Saturday is sausages. Cheese pasta option available each night. Our main menu is available of course too – no need to book for that.

Our winter opening times are shown below but there will be different hours over the Christmas and New Year period – keep an eye on facebook or call in and ask.

#### **Winter Opening times**

Monday & Tuesday closed

Wednesday to Saturday open from 4pm

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

**St Helen's Church Bookshop**  
**Open daily from 10am to 4pm.**

The church bookshop has a good selection of books  
for you to choose from.

*Please* come along and take a look.

No magazines please.

Thank you for your support

If you return the books please place them  
on the shelf provided



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### Signing Off

After many years of producing Stickford Newsletter, I am signing off. This is my last full newsletter, but there will still be a December update.

The first newsletter I produced was in August 2003 and was issue number 22. This is issue number 105 so I have been doing it for over 20 years.

I have enjoyed doing it but it is now time for someone else to take over.  
Cheryl