STICKNEY NEWS



Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Stickney Village Hall £3.00 per person, includes hot drink and mince pie Proceeds to Salvation Army for use in food banks this Christmas

DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024

CHRISTMAS TREE

by Joseph Bruchac

The smell of Christmas is a tree, a real tree brought inside. It stands there in our living room, its green branches spread wide.

Popcorn and candy both smell fine, but not as good as that. Covered with colored balls and lights, it wears a star for a hat.

That tree makes me think of the woods and walking in the snow. I'm glad it's come to stay with us for just a week or so.



On the last Thursday of each month the Parish Council Clerk will be available at the coffee morning at St Luke's Church from 10.00am.





The mobile Post Office will visit Stickney in the Youth Centre Car Park on Monday's and Tuesday's 10.15am – 11.15am

Bingo at Stickney Youth Centre

on Friday evenings Doors open 6:45pm eyes down 7.30pm.



MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

The mobile library visits Stickney on **THURSDAY'S** at: the Youth Centre between 11.45am and 12.15pm outside William Lovell School between 1.00pm and 1.45pm

and at

Horbling Lane between 2.00pm and 2.30pm

The next visits will be 07 December, 04 January and 01 February

STICKNEY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The next meeting will be held on

On 09 December the Gardening Club members have a Christmas Luncheon

The next meeting is on Tuesday 23 January 2024 This is the AGM followed by a free Bingo evening and a social evening all are welcome to join in with the evening

The Gardening Club would like to wish all its members past and present a Wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year and remember only a few months before we start thinking about sowing our seeds again for summer.

For further information please telephone 01205 480769

St Luke's Church

Services during December and January in the cluster (All at 11.15am)

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Sunday 03 December	Stickney	Service of the Word	
Sunday 10 December	Stickford	Service of the Word	
Sunday 17 December	Stickney	Carol Service 3.00pm	
Sunday 24 December	Stickney	Christmas Eve Midnight Mass 11.30pm	
Sunday 07 January	Stickney	Service of the	
Sunday 14 January	Stickford	Service of the word	
Sunday 21 January	Stickney	Holy Communion	
Sunday 28 January	Stickford	Holy Communion	

Everyone is always welcome to join us

The contact details for Rev Fran Jeffries are:

Tel: 01790 752526

Email: fran.jeffries@lincoln.anglican.org



Stickney Ladies Social Circle

NEW YEAR BINGO

on

SATURDAY 06 JANUARY 2024

in the

Youth Centre, Hall Lane

Doors open at 12.30pm for refreshments

Eyes down at 1.30pm





<u>Kiddies Corner</u>

Melted Snowman Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 125g butter, melted
- 1/3 cup caster sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 2 ¹/₂ cups plain flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 cup lcing sugar (for decorating)
- Marshmallows, mini m&m's & icing pens (for decorating)



<u>Method</u>

- 1. In a large bowl, add melted butter, sugar, eggs & vanilla & whisk until combined.
- 2. Stir in flour & baking powder until a soft dough forms. Tip out onto a bench and use your hands to bring it all together. If you are impatient, you can use the dough immediately or alternatively, you can wrap dough in plastic wrap & freeze for 30 mins. This will make the dough firm and a little easier to work with.
- 3. Preheat oven to 200°C Line 2 oven trays with baking paper.
- 4. Roll out dough onto a floured surface approximately ½ cm thick. You want the biscuits to be fairly large since you want to give the illusion of a melted snowman on top. Cut circles using the rim of a glass (approximately 9cm diameter).
- 5. Place on baking trays & bake in preheated oven for 6 8 mins or until golden. Remove from oven & allow to cool completely.
- 6. Using the icing pen, draw little faces on the marshmallows.
- 7. Mix 1 cup icing sugar with 3 tsp water. Stir until smooth. The consistency should be runny but thick enough to spread on the biscuit. Spread on the biscuit to give a melted effect.
- 8. Place the marshmallow face into the icing. Add 3 buttons (mini m&m's) to each snowman. Set aside for the icing to set.
- 9. Once hard, draw on the arms. Once set, enjoy them!

New Years

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Auld Lang Syne celebrate confetti hat memories New Year's Eve sparkler tradition ball celebration countdown holiday merrymaking noisemaker streamer tuxedo balloons champagne festivities horns midnight parade time twelve o'clock bubbly Cheers fireworks hourglass music party Times Square calendar clock happy kiss New Year resolution toast

Complete the dot-to-dot before colouring in the picture





Come and join us for a community Christmas meal. At Stickney Primary School On Wednesday 13th of December 1pm 2 courses for £7.50 including a cracker To book please Email: treetops@stickney-newleake.co.uk Or

Ring: 02038769093

Gardening Tips for December and January:

As I look out of the window, on a bleak, wet and blowy November day, it is hard to think of recommending any outdoor gardening activities. The fields are full of water and the garden a quagmire. However, as gardeners, we must be prepared to make the most of any period of decent weather. So here are a few suggestions of what we could be doing as we await the first signs of spring.

1) A good job to consider, and one that will allow us to escape the worst weather, is to clean out the greenhouse. Wash the glass, the floor and staging with horticultural dis-infectant, which will help kill any overwintering pests and diseases. Other related jobs to consider include insulating outdoor taps and packing away hoses.

2} In case we get very cold weather and the soil becomes frozen, it might be an idea to lift some leeks and heel them into a trench near a convenient path. They will keep for several months

3) Yellowing leaves on winter brassicas tend to harbour pests and diseases and should be removed. It is also a good idea to check your netting over the Brassicas, pigeons are always on the lookout for a free meal.

4) If possible dig over empty borders and pile well-rotted manure on top, if available. The worms and frosts will break up the clods.

5) If you have access to leaves, add them to a leaf mould bin, or put them in bags to rot down for a year in a shady spot behind a shed.

6} As winter progresses it is vital to check stored vegetables carefully. We all know the saying 'one bad apple spoils the barrel'. This is just as relevant to any stored potatoes and onions.

7} Finally, thinking ahead to next year's runner bean harvest, consider digging a runner bean trench. This should ideally be between 8 to 10 inches deep, lined with newspaper and filled with any kitchen waste (not cooked). By spring the compost materials will have sunk and can be filled with soil. The beans will thank you for your extra work and reward you.

In conclusion, a timely reminder for those who can't wait to get sowing, (from an anonymous source):

'Sow carrots in January and you'll never have to eat carrots'.

Happy gardening and, if it is not too early Happy Christmas too.....

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2nd & 3rd December 10am-3pm Cafe open

Christmas Tales with The Woolly Tellers

10th December £10pp 4:30pm-8pm

Christmas Art Workshop with Helen Verney

15th December Booking required 11am-1pm

Christmas Choir Concert

20st & 21st December £5pp Doors open 7pm - Concert starts 7:30pm

New Years Party (Benington Ball)

13th January

7pm-midnight £22pp

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NEW





Stickney Wellbeing Walk



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KEALS CLUB

This meeting is open to everyone over the age of 50 from all surrounding villages:

Afternoon tea and biscuits are provided Visitors are always welcome - £2.00

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 12 December at 2.00pm** in the Community Centre, Stickford

The members will be entertained with Christmas Carols by the Partney choir

At the meeting on Tuesday 09 January at 2.00pm the members will be served hot soup and roll followed by a game of bingo

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

WHATS ON IN	Village Hall	Youth Centre	Contact for
STICKNEY			information

Mondays

Dog Training	10.00am - 11.30am		Nikki:	01205 480869
Community Cuppa		10.00am-12.00noon	Suzi:	17901 211220

Tuesdays

Gardening Club		7.00pm	Kay:	01205 480769
4 th Tuesday each month				
Badminton	7.00pm		Carol:	01205 761154
				07786 162369

Wednesdays

Indoor Bowls	1.00pm - 4.00pm	Clive:	01205 480344
Dog Training	7.00pm – 9.00pm	Nikki:	01205 480869

Thursdays

Indoor Bowls 7.00pm – 9.00pm Clive: 01205 48034

Fridays

Bingo	6.45pm for eyes	Doreen:	01205 480397
	down at 7.30pm		

Saturdays

East Coast Bird Breeders		Karen:	01507 442763
Auctions (monthly)			



NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 02 NOVEMBER 2023

There were no members of the public present

Present: Cllrs Pritchard, Jones, Pocklington, Hopkins, Sherriff and Edwards (Chairman)

Apologies: There were no apologies received

Also present: County Cllr Bowkett and Dist Cllrs Ashton and Jones

Reports from representatives on outside bodies

County Cllr Bowkett gave the following report:

There have been 45 issues of flooding in the Division, a few of which were in Stickney, due to the recent bad weather. It may be worth looking at storing some sand bags and 1 ton of sand. There will be a meeting on 09 November about the siting of the puffin crossing. If there are any work projects that can be carried out in Stickney Cllr Bowkett should be informed by 08 December. The footway by the old shop needs to be sorted out along with the footway at Horbling Lane.

Dist Cllr Jones reported:

The Local Plan is currently being updated. There is a ELDC Pride Team who will come to the village to carry out jobs to improve the village.

Dist Cllr Ashton reported:

Following the recent flooding a number of issues have been flagged, all authorities are working together to resolve these issues. The Environment Agency are responsible for the water courses. The EA was previously quoted £2m for work to be carried out on the Catchwater drains, this did not take place so the IDB are going to re-quote for the work. The cost of pumping water in the recent bad weather was £12,000 per day and pumps were running non-stop for seven days.

Asked of the Councillors:

A dyke has been filled in in Horbling Lane without being piped, is this allowed? Cllr Ashton will look into this. A resident has sewerage in the garden, County Cllr Bowkett is working with Anglian Water to deal with this matter.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

Planning applications received

S/169/01747/23 - Mr H Hiley - Change of use to Nature Conservation Area including replacement access, revised parking and turning and re-location of mobile home at Caravan, Main Road The following **Objections** were made to this application: This is outside the curtilage of the village. The caravan is an old touring caravan and not an existing mobile home. There is no fire hydrant in this area of Main Road and there is not a footway from this site into the village. There is no provision of sewerage disposal nor is there an electricity supply. The site was an existing nature area before the pond was filled in. Should permission be granted can a condition be included that there is only to one mobile home and it is for residential use only and not for holiday let?

Planning Decisions received

OUTLINE planning permission has been received for: **S/169/00853/23** - Mrs J Baines - Outline erection of 2 detached dwellings at Maidens, Hall Lane

Siting a defibrillator at the Youth Centre

A grant of £500.00 has been applied for, a further grant will also be looked into.

Cllr Hopkins will check the play area on a regular basis.

DO NOT USE THE LITTER BIN IN THE CHILDRENS PLAY AREA TO DISPOSE OF ANY DOG BAGS

Draft budget for the year ended 31 March 2025

All Councillors had a copy of the budget control for 2023/24 together with a draft budget for 2024/25. The Clerk outlined the reserves figure and where other figures had come from.

The reserves in the deposit account need to be increased. The Cemetery fees were discussed and will be increased. The precept will be around £25,000

Highways

Six new 30mph signs will be purchased for the Main Road, Hall Lane and Horbling Lane

Highway faults and repairs should be reported

via the

'fixmystreet' app on your mobile phone

Photos can be taken at the time of reporting

To discuss the £2000.00 'loaned' to the Stickney Show Committee

An email has been received from the Stickney Show Committee, a copy was given to Councillors. The Stickney Show Committee constitution has been reviewed and due to events now being organised by the Committee, it was resolved that 'Dissolution' section is not relevant at this time.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 07 December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Bungalow at the Old Rectory, Main Road with a Public Forum from 7.15pm



USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS:

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