

# STICKNEY NEWS



10 February is the Chinese New Year  
the year of the Dragon

## FEBRUARY 2024

## **Pancake Day – 13 February**

Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent – the 40 days leading up to Easter – was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were “shriven” (absolved from their sins). A bell would be rung to call people to confession. This came to be called the “Pancake Bell” and is still rung today.

Shrove Tuesday always falls 47 days before Easter Sunday, so the date varies from year to year and falls between February 3 and March 9.

Shrove Tuesday was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients.

The pancake has a very long history and featured in cookery books as far back as 1439. The tradition of tossing or flipping them is almost as old:

**“And every man and maide doe take their turne,  
And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne.”**

**Pasquil's Palin**

The ingredients for pancakes can be seen to symbolise four points of significance at this time of year:

**Eggs** ~ Creation    **Flour** ~ The staff of life    **Salt** ~ Wholesomeness    **Milk** ~ Purity

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 01 February and 02 March**

## **STICKNEY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB**

The next meeting will be held on

**The next meeting is on Tuesday 26 February 2024**

Our speaker will be Hannah Allen  
from PH Lawn Services, and the topic is Basics on Lawn Care

Doors open at 7.00pm and start at 7.30pm  
all are welcome to come along and the cost is £2.50 as guests  
this includes refreshments

We are a friendly club and, like most of our members just interested in gardening and would like to know more so come along and join us for the evening.

**For further information please telephone 01205 480769**

## **St Luke's Church**

December was a busy time for St Lukes. The Christmas decorations went up. There were two services held for the Primary school, being a Christingle, and a Carol Service. It was so lovely to hear the children sing, recite poems, and show some of the work they had made. Several parents came to hear the children and join in with the carols.

There was also our own Carol Service and Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

**These services were all well attended**

### **Services for the Stickney Cluster during February, at 11.15am**

Sunday 04 February    Stickney    Service of the Word

Sunday 11 February    Stickford    Service of the Word

Sunday 18 February    Stickney    Holy Communion

Sunday 25 February    Stickford    Holy Communion

**Everyone is welcome to attend any service at either church**

**Refreshments are available**

### **Prayer requests**

If you would like prayers said in church for you at a time of illness or upheaval this can be arranged. If the request is for another person, the prayers will not be said in public for confidentiality reasons. Contact the clergy listed below.

**Everyone is always welcome to join us**

The contact details for Rev Fran Jeffries are:

Tel: 01790 752526

Email: [fran.jeffries@lincoln.anglican.org](mailto:fran.jeffries@lincoln.anglican.org)

### **Coffee Morning**

Thursday's 10.00am - 11.00am

St Luke's Church

All welcome



# Kiddies Corner

Colouring page for Chinese New Year



## **BOSTON BOROUGH CALENDAR FOR 2025**

Get ready, budding photographers, artists and residents! The calendar competition is back by popular demand. Embrace the chance to showcase your talent and capture the essence of our vibrant, brilliant borough. We are launching the 'Boston's Brilliant' calendar photographic competition for 2025. We would love to see your photos, taken throughout the year from across the fields, down the rivers, through the town and in and around our brilliant borough. Or it could be a stunning shot of one of our local parks, recreation facilities, or a landmark. For your chance to have your photo in our 'Boston's Brilliant' 2025 calendar you will need to submit your chosen photograph/s to:

**[communications.unit@boston.gov.uk](mailto:communications.unit@boston.gov.uk)**

**Photos must have been taken between 01 October 2023 and 30 September 2024**

- Photos must be taken within the Borough of Boston
- Photos must not be seen to be focused on an individual
- You can enter up to two photos per month
- Photos should be at least 1MB in size please - this is to make sure the resolution is high enough for the calendar

please include:

- ✓ the month they were taken
- ✓ where they were taken
- ✓ what they portray
- ✓ your full name
- ✓ a daytime phone number

Winning entries will be selected by a dedicated judging panel later in the year.

**Closing date for submitting your entries is:**

**11.59pm on Monday 30th September 2024.**

The 'Boston's Brilliant' 2025 calendar will be available to buy locally and further details will be made available later in 2024. By entering, you consent to have your images shared, reposted, and used in all future promotions by Boston Borough Council but you will always be credited.

### **STICKNEY SHOW COMMITTEE**

The New Years Eve Dance proved to be a great success. Over 90 people attended, all age groups, all enjoying the music and food. Several people commented on how much they had enjoyed it and thanked the Stickney Show Committee for arranging it. The New Year was seen in with the countdown to midnight, then Auld Land Syne and lots of party poppers . A big thank you to all who came and made the evening an enjoyable one.

**Happy New Year to everyone  
From the Stickney Show Committee**



## **Gardening Tips for February:**

Already there are signs of approaching Spring. Bulbs are pushing their heads up through the earth, wild life is waking up with increasing bird-song and activity and light levels and temperatures are increasing. Having said that, we are in a post-Christmas cold snap which is forecast to last another week or so, so any gardening activities must take into account that temperatures can go down as well as up. Here then are a few suggestions while we await the arrival of spring.

- 1} Chit first-early potatoes, by standing them in trays or empty egg-boxes, in a light, frost free place. Check on them to see that the chits are the right way up and can respond to the light.
- 2} Prepare vegetable beds for sowing by weeding thoroughly and cover with a layer of garden compost. If available, cloches could be used to heat up the soil.
- 3} Sow mustard and cress in a small seed tray on a warm windowsill for picking in just a few weeks.
- 4} It is a good idea to check on the viability of seeds left over from previous years by sowing a few seeds on damp kitchen paper to see if they germinate.
- 5} Birds are a great friend of the gardener so encourage their presence by feeding them regularly. By late winter, many natural sources are thinning out, so it is a good idea to offer a variety of foods to attract the widest selection of bird species. Robins will be down at your feet if you are doing any digging, sunflower seeds will attract a variety of species, while nyger seed is a favourite of finches.
- 6} If you are starting off seed sowing for early planting, read the seed packet to find out how many weeks it will take for your plants to develop into the ideal size for the garden, then count backwards from your last expected frost date, to get an accurate start date.

Finally, a word of wisdom from Ruth Stout, an American author best known for her 'No Work' gardening books and techniques:

**'I love Spring anywhere but if I could choose,  
I would always greet it in a garden'.**

**Happy gardening**





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# Upcoming Events

8<sup>th</sup> February & 14<sup>th</sup> March – Monthly Thursday Roast

2 course lunch with unlimited tea and coffee  
Open from 12:30pm, food to be served from 1pm  
£15pp

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17<sup>th</sup> February – Soulful Jazz Night

Ft. Lara Debalder on vocals and Steve Phillips on guitar.  
Well known classic love songs in a soulful jazzy way.  
Doors open 7:30 – music from 8pm  
£12pp

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23<sup>rd</sup> February & 29<sup>th</sup> March – Quiz Night

Test your knowledge & have fun at the Beonna pub quiz, £1pp entry,  
max 8 people per team.  
Quiz starts at 7:30pm – 11pm  
Food available, bar open from 6pm.

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2<sup>nd</sup> March- Spring Ball

Inc a selection of delectable canapes & delicious summer platters  
A proportion of each ticket sold donated to The Butterfly Hospice Trust  
Table of 8 - £375 or £50pp

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10<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

£20pp

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16<sup>th</sup> March - Celebrate St Patricks Day with an evening of  
Celtic Music

Join us for a fantastic evening of Celtic fusion with 54 North.  
Doors Open 7.30pm, music from 8pm  
£12pp

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Booking essential for all events  
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Our café is open every Friday from 9:30am to 2:30pm.

To book tickets call 07511 162647, email [events@thebeonna.com](mailto:events@thebeonna.com) or  
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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 13 February at 2.00pm**  
in the Community Centre, Stickford

**This month the members will be having an auction**

For more information ring:

Jennie on 07966 139641 or Dawn on 07907 053128



<b><u>WHATS ON IN STICKNEY</u></b>	<b>Village Hall</b>	<b>Youth Centre</b>	<b>Contact for information</b>
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### **Mondays**

Dog Training	10.00am - 11.30am		Nikki: 01205 480869
Community Cuppa		10.00am–12.00noon	Suzi: 07901 211220

### **Tuesdays**

Gardening Club 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month		7.00pm	Kay: 01205 480769
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 480344
Parish Council Meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday each month		7.15pm Public Forum 7.30pm meeting	Clerk: 07466 656980

### **Fridays**

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

East Coast Bird Breeders Auctions (monthly)			Karen: 01507 442763
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**Stickford Ladies  
Social Circle**

On Monday 12 February  
We will be having a Fun Game  
We will be having our usual tea and cakes  
whilst everyone has a chance to chat!

Start time is 1.30pm

in the  
Community Centre  
Church Road  
Stickford

**Visitors always welcome £2.00**

## **NOTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 07 DECEMBER 2023**

There were no members of the public present

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

**Apologies:** received from Cllr Jones, from County Cllr Bowkett and Dist Cllrs Ashton and Jones

### **Reports from representatives on outside bodies**

There were no representatives on outside bodies present.

Cllrs Pocklington and Hopkins reported on the Police 'teams' meeting:

The issues discussed, affecting most parishes, were Community Speed Watch and anti-social behaviour with houses being 'egged'. The meeting was interesting and they will now be held 6 monthly.

Unfortunately there was not enough time for all questions to be asked, this was due to the use of technology that not everyone could use.

### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

### **Planning applications received**

**S/169/02246/23** - Mr Littler & Miss Brown - Extensions to existing dwelling to provide additional living accommodation to include an attached annexe at Thorpelands, Hall Lane - **SUPPORT**

### **Planning Decisions received**

**FULL** planning permission has been received for:

**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

### **Update regarding defibrillator at the Youth Centre**

Nothing has been heard about the grant application. A defibrillator has been applied for where half the money is in the form of a second grant, the acknowledgement has been received and the outcome of the application is awaited.

### **Play Area**

Cllr Hopkins checks the play area regularly on behalf of the Council. The signs need to be replaced, the Clerk will chase this up. The ELDC 'Pride Team' will be asked about removing the graffiti.

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

### **The precept for the year ended 31 March 2025**

There were no changes made to the budget, the precept was set £25,000.00

### **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**

### Cemetery fees, applicable from 01 January 2024

The cemetery fees were discussed and it was agreed to increase the fees from 01 January 2024.

### Christmas Light Switch-on

The Christmas light switch-on was very well attended, around 150 residents came along. Santa did a good job, handing out gifts to around 40 children. The Choir were appreciated by all who attended, thanks will be passed to the choir. The donations given for refreshments were left for the Church and a 'thank you' letter has been received.

### Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 01 February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Bungalow at the Old Rectory, Main Road with a Public Forum from 7.15pm



## Stickney Hub

*Come along and join us at your local  
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## USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS:

### **Parish Councillors:**

Cllr L Edwards (Chairman)	01790 763558
Cllr L Hopkins	07721 068645
Cllr K Jones	07483 898296
Cllr K Sherriff	01205 481261
Cllr N Pocklington	07795 594455
Cllr A Pritchard	01205 481156
Cllr J Roberts	

### **Clerk to the Parish Council:**

Mrs E L Arnold Crookes Cottage Wrangle Bank Boston PE22 9DL	<b>NEW NUMBER</b>	07466 656980
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**Parish Website:** [stickney.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk](http://stickney.parish.lincolnshire.gov.uk)

County Councillor:	Cllr Wendy Bowkett	01754 880388
District Councillors:	Cllr Tom Ashton	07812 522372
	Cllr Neil Jones	07577 957392

Police contact details:	Non emergency	101
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William Lovell Academy	01205 480352
Youth Centre and Village Hall bookings – Mr Gosling	01205 480641