

STICKNEY NEWS



**DECEMBER 2025
&
JANUARY 2026**

St Luke's Church

Services for the Cluster during December and January at 11.15am

Sunday 07 December	St Luke's, Stickney, Service of the Word
Sunday 14 December	St Helen's, Stickford, Holy Communion
Sunday 21 December	St Luke's, Stickney, Holy Communion
Sunday 23 December	St Helen, Stickford, Service of the Word

Wednesday 24 December Midnight Mass 11.30pm

Sunday 04 January	St Luke's, Stickney, Service of the Word
Sunday 11 January	St Helen's, Stickford, Holy Communion
Sunday 18 January	St Luke's, Stickney, Holy Communion
Sunday 25 January	St Helen, Stickford, Service of the Word

Refreshments are served after each service

Everyone is welcome to attend any service at either church

The contact details for Rev Fran Jeffries are:

Tel: 01790 752526

Email: fran.jeffries@lincoln.anglican.org

Every Thursday 10.00am -11.00am Coffee Morning



BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Every Monday evening

7.00pm in Stickney

Every Tuesday afternoon

2.00pm in New Leake

For more information contact

The Parish Office

01790 752526

There is a varied selection of Books and Jigsaws for sale in Church.

Please pop in and have a browse through the shelves at the back of the Church

School Engagement with St Luke's Church

Stickney Primary School Visit

Stickney Primary School visited St Luke's Church for St Luke's Day. During their visit the pupils impressed everyone with their enthusiastic singing, creating a lively and uplifting atmosphere in the church. Their efforts were greatly appreciated and deserve recognition - well done to all involved.

William Lovell Academy Religious Education Lessons

Students from William Lovell Academy participated in Religious Education lessons held at the church over the course of three days. These sessions focused on understanding important aspects of Christian faith, specifically Baptisms and Holy Communion. The church provided a meaningful setting for these lessons, enabling students to engage with the topics in a practical environment.

Community Use of the Church

It is encouraging to see the church being actively used by both local schools. Their involvement highlights the church's role as a place not only for worship but also for educational and community activities.

Throughout December the Church will feature angel decorations created by school children and community members. Visitors are encouraged to attend and appreciate their contributions.

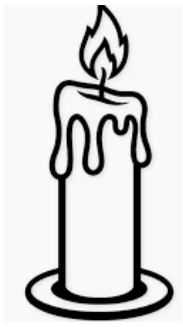
The church is open daily from 9.00am – 3.00pm



Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial

The Remembrance Day service held at the War Memorial saw an excellent turnout, with many members of the community gathering to pay their respects. Among those present were several pupils and staff from both Stickney Primary School and William Lovell Academy. Their attendance demonstrated the schools' commitment to honouring this significant occasion.

Pupils and staff from both schools played an active role during the service. They participated by delivering readings, contributing to the ceremony in a meaningful and respectful manner. Their involvement was appreciated by all and added a special touch to the proceedings.



St Luke's Carol Service



Saturday 20th December

3.00 pm

Followed by Mulled wine & mince pies.

All welcome to join us.

St Luke's Church



Midnight Mass

24 December

11:30pm



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

MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS

The mobile library visits Stickney on **THURSDAY'S** at:
the Youth Centre between 12.00noon and 12.30pm outside William Lovell
School between 1.15pm and 1.45pm
and at

Horbling Lane between 2.00pm and 2.30pm

**The next visits will be Thursday's 04 December, 29 January
and 26 February**



Don't forget if any groups would like to apply for a Councillor's grant from the District Councillors for anything, eg: new equipment or repairs to something, please contact

District Councillor Ashton or Jones by email:

tom.ashton@e-lindsey.gov.uk

neiljohn.jones@e-lindsey.gov.uk

for an application form

The District Councillors will have £8000 for 2025/26

Kiddies Corner

Christmas Crackles

Ingredients

- 200g Mars Bar (chopped)
- 2 tbs pouring cream
- 2 tsp Cocoa Powder (sifted)
- 75g Rice Krispies
- 24 Bun cases
- 100g white chocolate
- 24 Smarties



Method

1. Spray a little canola spray into 2 x 12 cup mini-muffin trays.
2. Melt the Mars Bars, cream and cocoa in a glass bowl over simmering water. The bowl should not touch water. Stir the mixture until smooth.
3. Put the Rice Bubbles in a separate large bowl, pour in the chocolate mixture and stir until well mixed.
4. Spoon the mixture into the bun cases, placed in two x 12 bun trays, and press down gently.
5. Refrigerate for 2 hours and turn out onto a tray, remove cases to decorate.
6. Melt the white chocolate in the microwave checking and stirring it at 30 second intervals.
7. Turn the crackles upside down and spoon the chocolate on. Finish with a red chocolate button on top of each one.



Some Baubles to colour



A Winter Wordsearch

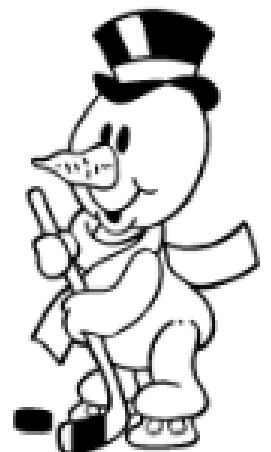


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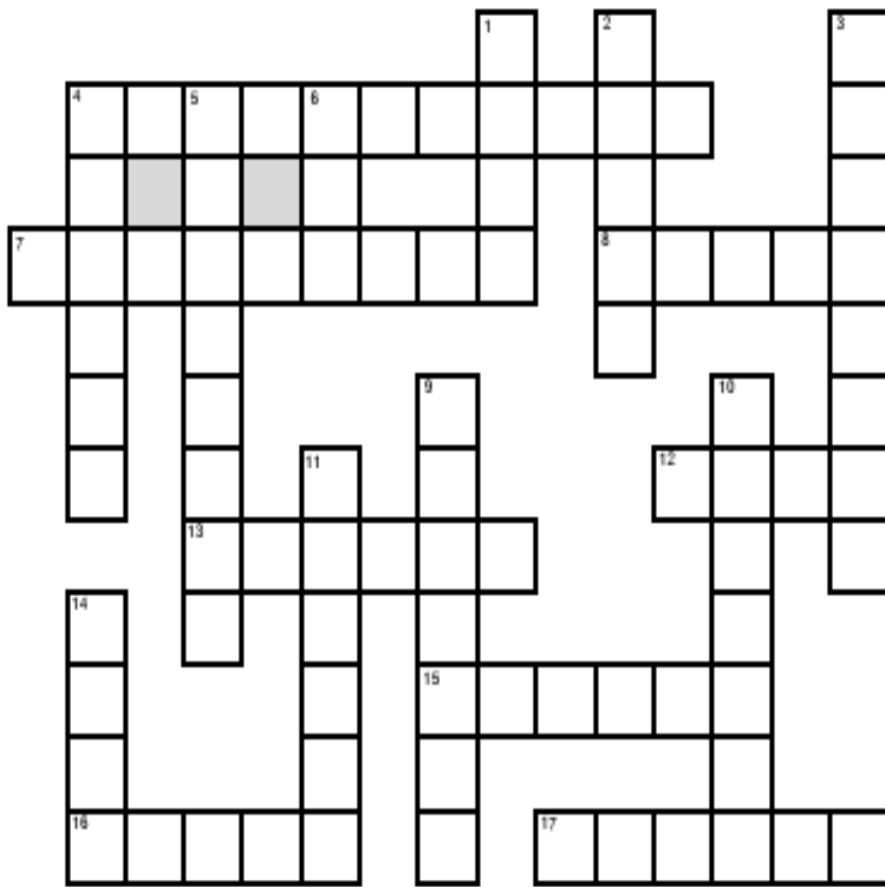


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December	frozen	jacket	skiing	snowshoes
February	gloves	January	sleigh	solstice
fireplace	hockey	longjohns	slippery	sweater
flannel	holidays	mitts	snowballs	toboggan
flurries	hot chocolate	scarf	snowboarding	whiteout
frigid	icicle	shovel	snowflakes	wintertime



Christmas Crossword



Across

4. A type of biscuit you can build a house out of
7. You kiss under this plant
8. A toy that you might get that runs on a track
12. You eat this chocolatey log at Christmas
13. A type of meat eaten at Christmas
15. You decorate the tree with this sparkly decoration
16. A gathering of people having fun
17. You get fairy ones of these on a Christmas tree

Down

1. You might have an evergreen or artificial one of these covered in decorations
2. Another name for Father Christmas
3. These are used to pull a sleigh at Christmas
4. Fictional character that hates Christmas
5. A play that tells the story of the birth of Jesus
6. The day before Christmas day
9. You wear this ugly knitted item at Christmas
10. Reindeer with a red nose
11. A famous snowman name
14. You do this to presents before you give them to someone

Bingo at Stickney Youth Centre

on Friday evenings

Doors open 6:45pm eyes down 7.30pm.



STICKNEY & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Meetings are held in Stickney Village Hall
at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

**There is no meeting in December, members will enjoy the
annual meal out for Christmas**

27 January 2026

The Annual General Meeting, followed by a quiz
Everyone welcome to come along and find out what we have
planned for 2026 and what we did in 2025

Free to members or £3.00 to guests and non-members

Raffle, tea, coffee, biscuits and a friendly chat

New to the village? Come along and meet some new friends

KEALS CLUB

The Keals Club is for the over 50's from surrounding villages,
everyone is welcome. The club meets every 2nd Tuesday of the
month, **2.00pm to 4.00pm** and members enjoy speakers and
demonstrations, together with raffles, auctions and game afternoons.

Tuesday 09 December

The Partney Carol Singers will be joining the meeting
followed by mince pies and refreshments.

Tuesday 13 January

New Year lunch of soup, rolls and cake followed by a quiz

Stickney Show Committee

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

31 DECEMBER 2025

7.30PM - 12.30AM

Stickney Village Hall

Disco & Buffet

Bring your own drinks

Ticket Only Event

Adults £10

Under 16 years £5

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FIRST CLASS FREE

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 9.00am to 3.00pm. Our members currently enjoy card making, beading, quilting, cross stitch, knitting and diamond art. We also aim to have at least 4 workshops throughout each year (in March, June, Sept and Nov) to learn new crafts and share skills and provide a warm space during the colder months.

The remaining club date for 2025 is :

17 December

The cost is **£3.50** per session which includes unlimited hot refreshments and biscuits that are available all day and a complimentary raffle ticket.

Donations for the raffle prizes are always welcome.

If you would like to arrange a visit please call:

Sharon on 07505494355 or Karen on 07474933667.

Postcode for Sat Nav - **PE22 8ES**



Stickney Wellbeing Hub

Our Wellbeing Hubs provide a safe and supportive space for those experiencing mental health and wellbeing challenges.

EVERY MONDAY | 10AM-12PM
(Excluding Bank Holidays)

Wellbeing Walk Every Fortnight (From 15 to 45 minutes)
in partnership with Lincolnshire Coop



Where to find us

Stickney Youth Centre, Hall Lane,
Boston, PE22 8BA

Need urgent help now?

Call 111 select mental health option
In a life-threatening emergency call 999



For more information

Call or WhatsApp our Community Connector. You can also find updates on our social media too.

David Bruce (Lead Community Connector)
07939 092 585, david.bruce23@nhs.net

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For hall booking and enquiries, contact:

The Bookings Secretary - Mrs B.Gosling

Telephone: 07783 648891

Email: stickneyvillagehall@hotmail.com

Hire charges from £12.50 per hour

Village Hall:

- 20m x 10m Main Hall
- 11m x 4m Adjoining Bar area
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- Food hygiene rating 4
- Tables and chairs
- Lobby Area
- Ample Car Parking Available

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- 18m x 5.5m Hall
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It is advisable to consult your doctor before starting an exercise programme.





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STICKFORD LADIES SOCIAL CIRCLE

The ladies meet in the **Community Centre in Stickford**
at 1.30pm every second Monday of the month.

Monday 8th December - a quiz and a chat

Monday 12th January - members lunch

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2026



HAPPY CRAFTERS

Ladies Craft Group meet on 4th Tuesday every month

from 10.00am till 3.00pm

at Carrington Village Hall PE22 7HZ

Unlimited Tea, Coffee & Biscuits supplied all day

We are a very friendly & supportive group who, between us, do all sorts of crafts such as patchwork, quilting, knitting, crochet, painting & diamond art to name a few.

New members are always made very welcome, please come along with your craft & join us - bring your packed lunch too!

For more information please contact:

Mandy on 07817 107323

Stickney Parish Council would like to thank everyone who helps in any way in the village. Those who pick up litter, those who tidy the cemetery, the person winding up the Church Clock, those who run events and groups in the village for everyone to attend if they wish, those who voluntarily do things that make Stickney a better place to live – the things we don't necessarily notice everyday and to those who deliver this Parish Magazine monthly.

Every job carried out helps to keep Stickney a nice place to be, and to be proud of, so **THANK YOU!**



Upcoming Events

Christmas Bingo Night – Tuesday 2nd December

£6 a book

Doors open 6:30pm, eyes down 7pm

Food available to pre-order

Open Mic Night – Friday 5th December

Free entry

Doors open 6:30pm, performances from 7pm

The Pantaloons – Thursday 11th December

A Christmas Carol

£18 per person

Doors open 6:30pm, performance from 7:30pm

Last Friday café of 2025 – Friday 19th December

First Friday café of 2026 - Friday 16th January

Burns Night – Saturday 24th January

Burns Night with 54 North Ceilidhs

Doors open from 7:30pm, music from 8pm

£15 per person

Pre-loved sale – Saturday 24th January

10am – 2pm

Free entry

Our café is open every Friday from 9:30am to 2:30pm.

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Indoor Car Boot Sale

Sunday 21 December

In the

Village Hall, Hall Lane, Stickney

8.00am set up, 9.00am open to the public

£6.00 per car or 2 for £10.00

(book via Stickney Community Facebook page)

Proceeds to '**Faith in Families**, the '**Stroke Association**'
and '**RNIB**'

(Families are Best is a nationwide organisation for adopted children)

Refreshments available on the day



Stickney Outdoor Bowls Club

The outdoor bowling season has now finished, but the work at the bowls club continues in preparation for the 2026 season.

The main thing, to those who look after the green throughout the year, is the possibility of an irrigation system for the green. This necessity has been brought to the fore by the hot, dry summer this year!

The cost of this is over £10,000 and grants are currently being sought, if anyone knows of any sources that may give a donation towards these costs, please contact: **johnrbonnett@msn.com**

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

Dog Training	10.00am - 11.30am		Nikki: 01205 480869
Solas Coffee Morning		10.00am–12.00	Suzi: 07901 211220
Pirouette Dance Class		2.00pm – 2.45pm	Tina: 07444 666114

Tuesdays

Gardening Club 4 th Tuesday of month		7.00pm	Soo: 07584 426830
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Wednesdays

Indoor Bowls	1.00pm - 4.00pm		Clive: 01205 480344
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Thursdays

Tai Chi		1.30pm – 2.30pm	Sue: 07715 793636
Indoor Bowls	6.30pm – 9.00pm		Clive: 01205 480344
Parish Council Meeting 1 st Thursday of 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 Breed- ers Auctions (monthly)			Karen: 01507 442763
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NOTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 06 NOVEMBER 2025

There were two members of the public present along with Dist Cllr Jones, Dist Cllr Ashton arrived later. Parking issues, inconsiderate parking mainly, on Horbling Lane while the footway works are taking place were reported. Would it be possible to have the cones be moved to one side when no works are being carried out? Planning issues in the village were questioned, Dist Cllr Ashton explained how the planning system currently works, but changes are currently being made by the Government.

Present: Cllrs Pritchard, Burton, Sherriff and Jones (Chairman)

Apologies: received from Cllrs Hopkins and Pocklington

Also present: Dist Cllrs Jones and Ashton

Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jones declared an interest in Planning.

Reports from representatives on outside bodies

Dist Cllr Jones requested grant information from the Bowls Club and Parish Council be re-sent to him.

Dist Cllr Ashton reported:

The upcoming reorganisation of Lincolnshire bids and explained how LCC may be run in the future. ELDC do not have any PCSO's but they have now employed an Anti-Social Behaviour Officer. Cllr Ashton was asked about Special Constables – they still exist, but there are not many as this is voluntary.

County Cllrs Hume and Cheyne arrived later and reported:

The dips at the road sides at Hall Lane/Stickney Lane were reported to the County Cllrs. The problems with traffic lights at Horbling Lane were reported to the County Cllrs. Following discussion it was reported that parking issues at the school need to be patrolled by the Police. LCC have made objections to the Solar Farms being put on farming land and to pylon schemes suggesting that cables should be underground not overland. Improvements have been made to the A52. There is currently a consultation regarding the school admissions policy available on the LCC website. Food waste collections should be in place over the County by Autumn next year. The cycle route was discussed and a map will be sent to County Cllr Hume.

Planning applications received

Cllr Jones left the meeting while the following application was discussed:

OBJECTIONS were made regarding the following planning application:

03149/25/OUT - Mr & Mrs P Cash - Outline erection of 46 dwellings (with layout and means of access to be considered at Land adjacent to William Lovell Church of England Academy, Main Road. *The development is encroaching into open countryside and will not be in keeping with the area. The land is not on the Local Plan for development. The land floods, this is proven with a nearby attenuation pond being full every time it rains. Further hard standing in the area will cause flooding issues. There are existing drainage issues with regard to brown water in this area. There is an existing issue with residents getting an appointment at the surgery, currently a four week wait. There will be an increase of traffic travelling through a newly built estate, the roadway is not suitable for delivery of building materials in this amount to the site. Yellow Hamers nest in the hedges around this site.*

Planning Decisions received

An appeal has been made against an enforcement order for an alleged breach of planning at The Beeches, Main Road.

Cycle route from Stickford to Sibsey Northlands

This was discussed with the two County Cllrs who attended the meeting. There may be funding for LCC to provide cycle routes in Lincolnshire.

Highways:

**Highway faults and Public Footpath issues should be reported
via the**

‘fixmystreet’ app on your mobile phone

Photos can be taken at the time of reporting

If possible use the What3Words app to give an exact location

The glass has not been replaced the in the defibrillator box, LCC reported that it will be done as a temporary fix in the first instance until the company who broke it sort it out. The drain by the Church was checked, but tree roots have grown into it, this will be dealt with in due course. The work on the footway at Horbling Lane is due to start on 13 October, all being well. Pavement parking in Horbling Lane is becoming an issue, this should be reported on 101 if it is causing others to walk in the road.

**Speed checks can be carried out by residents who have
been on a training course with the LRSP and the PCSO.**

A minimum of **six people are required to be trained.**

**Anyone interested in being part of a
Community Speed Watch Team?**

If you are interested please contact the Clerk at

stickneypc@aol.com

for more information or to register an interest in the training

Planters at William Lovell Academy

The licence was received and sent to the school in July and the planters have now been ordered for the garden area at the front of the school.

Play Area

The new bins cannot be ordered until the grant has been approved.

**DO NOT USE THE LITTER BIN IN THE CHILDRENS PLAY AREA
TO DISPOSE OF ANY DOG BAGS
USED DOGGY BAGS CAN BE PLACED IN YOUR BLACK BIN**

Gov.uk email addresses

The Clerk reported that there is now an email address: clerk@stickneyparishcouncil.gov.uk and that email addresses for the Councillors have been set up. It is now a case of finding the email address and getting the new ones to the Councillors. The Clerk reported receiving help from a Clerk of a neighbouring Council who will continue to help with the next step.

Handyman

It was agreed that this be discussed at the December meeting.

Remembrance Day Wreath

The wreath for Remembrance Day has arrived, a donation of £100.00 will be sent to the Royal British Legion on behalf of all the parishioners of Stickney.

Grants for smaller projects

Grants are now available for projects up to £4999.00. This will be considered by the Parish Council for the cemetery if Dist Cllr Jones cannot help with the existing Elif applications.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Notices for co-option onto the Parish Council are now in the notice boards. For further information or to be considered for co-option please email the clerk: stickneypc@aol.com

Draft Budget for the year ended 31 March 2027

The budget discussion could not be deferred to the next meeting due to timescale of agreeing the precept and getting the paperwork back to ELDC in late January.

All Councillors have a copy of the draft budget and the information about the money spent and expected to be spent in the current financial year, to 31 March 2026. It was resolved that the reserves held for a new cemetery will be spent on the cemetery footway if the grant application is not approved again. The interactive signs will be removed for this year. The Community Speed Watch volunteers should help slow the traffic down through the village. These signs will be added to the draft budget for the following year if there is no difference to the existing speeding issues. Whites gates will not be considered this financial year. It is estimated that the precept will be in the region of £36,500.00, an increase of £4000.00, around 12%. Amendments will be made ready for approval at the December meeting.

Date of next meeting

04 December 2025 at 7.30pm Meeting with a Public Forum, where residents can attend to report issues to the Parish Council or ask questions about issues in the village, from 7.15pm at the Youth Centre, Hall Lane

**Don't
forget!**

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON 2025

Wednesday 03 December

6.30pm

More lights than before!

*Tree inside Church for you to hang own home-made
decorations*

(can be in memory of a loved one)

The Hundleby Community Choir and Santa

have been invited again

*Also: mulled wine, hot drinks, squash and nice things
to eat too!*

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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 Burton	07977 507360

Clerk to the Parish Council:

Mrs E L Arnold Crookes Cottage Wrangle Bank Boston PE22 9DL	07466 656980
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