DEFIBRILLATOR

Sticklepath now has its very own defibrillator, thanks to some valiant fund raising and the work of Norman Heslop who prepared and painted the phone box, and Dave Stallion who installed the electrical supply to the defibrillator. The Parish Council is very grateful to all those who gave donations for this cause.

Whilst the public pay phone has been removed from the kiosk, we have installed a dedicated '999' emergency phone – this is a simple push-button speaker phone which connects you directly to the emergency switchboard. If you need to use the defibrillator it is an easy matter to open the Rotaid box housing the equipment, and remove the defib bag.

A training session was held in June, which was well attended. It is hoped to undertake sessions on an annual basis, but if you can't wait for the next one please contact Alison Cruse who can help to familiarise yourself on the use of the defibrillator.

There are some minimal on-going costs and some fund raising will take place over time to ensure we can maintain this service within the village. An enhancement of this service is the provision of a Volunteer Emergency Telephone system (VETS). In the case of an emergency, a lone individual can ring one emergency number which will connect him to up to 10 local residents who can be called on to help. This scheme is currently under consideration, but we need people willing to put their names forward for this.

If you are interested in being part of the VETS scheme, or want to know more about our defibrillator, please contact Alison Cruse on 840070

Don't forget to check out the village website at www.sticklepath.org where you'll find lots more information about what goes on in and around the village

STICKLEPATH VILLAGE FETE - SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST

All are welcome at Sticklepath Village Day which is held on the Playing Fields from 2-5pm.

There will be Welly Wanging, Tug 0 War, Egg Throwing, Bar, BBQ, Childrens' Races and games, Ferret Racing, Bouncy Castles, Toddler Tent and much more. The Grand Opening of the Pavilion will be at 2.30pm so come down and enjoy a relaxing afternoon.

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STICKLEPATH PARISH COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER— SUMMER 2017

This has been an active year in which the Parish Council has worked hard to understand the views and needs of the community. We need to make sure that these are considered by other levels of government and by all public agencies, such as Dartmoor National Park. We are managing this in a time of much change, wherein the Council has taken on more responsibilities.

We have said goodbye and many thanks to Pam Matthews, who has served for many years as a councillor and as Clerk to the Council, and also to Tania Murrell. We would encourage you to consider standing for a Councillor vacancy – we can promise you some interesting debates, with decisions to be made which affect the whole community. Come along to one of the Council meetings (usually the first Wednesday of the month) and see how things work.

Sticklepath has so many activities and interests which make up a vibrant community – but it is what we all make of it; we all have an interest in seeing it progress to meet our needs.

We welcome all newcomers to the parish and encourage everyone to find out more about village life. Your voice is important in shaping the community, and if you want to raise any issue, contact details for the Clerk and Councillors are at the end of this newsletter. Or keep in touch by signing up to the Village website http://www.sticklepath.org

Derek Moore has now moved to Vice Chair, with Ali Cruse becoming Chair. We owe a debt of gratitude to Derek for his enthusiasm and hard work in moving us forward during his Chairmanship, and I know I have a hard act to follow.
Alison Cruse—Sticklepath Parish Council



STICKLEPATH FLOWER SHOW

THIS ANNUAL EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON

SATURDAY 19th AUGUST 2017 FROM 2.15-4pm

Schedules and entry forms are available from Sticklepath Stores and South Zeal Stores



StOC

Following on from their 25th Anniversary last year, STOCS have gone from strength to strength. To mark this milestone anniversary a seat was installed in Billy Green.

Recognition for their hard work and dedication was achieved when, in November 2016, they won the Gordon Miller Award presented by the Countryside Management Association. The award was proposed and supported by National Park Ranger Ian Brooker. For more information about the group and your chance to volunteer, see their website: www.stocgroup.org/

STICKLEPATH PLAYING FIELD

We are proud to announce that our lovely Pavilion is now completely finished and ready for use. We'll be having a little 'Opening Ceremony' for it during our Village Day celebrations at 2.30pm on 5th August so please come along and join us.

We always wanted the Pavilion to be very much a local project - funded by locals and built by locals and I'm pleased to say that we managed it. Huge appreciation needs to go to Martine Ronaldson who, inspired after a trip to the Dordogne designed the Pavilion and Project Managed the entire build donating his time and efforts for free. Groundworks and the lovely block paved floor were undertaken by Craig Guscott, the timber frame was built by Ben Gillespie and the roof was fitted by Andrew Clark's two sons Adam and Christian so all in all a very local and a very lovely job done.

Of course though, all this couldn't have happened without the generosity of the locals who in supporting our fundraising events helped us raise over £21,000 which is a phenomenal amount for a village the size of Sticklepath. A special thank you has to go to Paul & Sue Jones of the Taw River Inn who have helped and supported us with Village Days and supplied lovely curries for Curry & Quiz nights as their support has enabled us to raise £1000's. A big thank you also to Mike & Libby Watson and Ged & Janet Fitzgibbon who, as organisers of Open Gardens have donated all the proceeds for the past few years. Last, but by no means least a huge thank you to Ali Cruse for supporting the build by donating the proceeds from the Safari Suppers and the Big Breakfast events. The Parish Council owe a huge debt of gratitude to Cllr Emma Bell for her dedication in managing this project from inception through to completion.

All that leaves us with now is to get on and use it. There is no charge to use it so if you fancy holding your child's party down in the park, feel free to set up tables and chairs in the Pavilion or use the picnic tables down there. If you have friends or family visiting, feel free to take your BBQ down there and utilise the space, it's there for all to enjoy.

STICKLEPATH 2025
DARTMOOR LOCAL PLAN

The Parish Council undertook this consultation in the summer of 2017. The results have been published on the village website. Several themes emerged in the responses, including parking, speeding traffic, community garden, dog mess, housing, village events, public toilets, use of weed killer along public footpaths. All these issues have been considered by the Parish Council at its meetings over the last year.

In addition, Dartmoor National Park is in the process of consulting with communities regarding its review of its Local Plan. The Parish Council took forward the views expressed in the Sticklepath 2025 consultation when it responded to the National Park – this covered areas such as business development, housing, environmental protection, traffic and general services.

VILLAGE WORK DAYS

In addition to the sterling work carried out by StOC, a Village Work Day was held on 19 February 2017. Work was co-ordinated by StOC and Ian Brooker, with groups taking on tasks on Sticklepath Moor, Billy Green, St Marys Church garden and around the Ladywell area. Look out for a further work day early in 2018 – all welcome, irrespective of ability as many varied tasks are available. In addition, the leat residents group carried out a leat clean in conjunction with Finch Foundry in January 2017.



DOG FOULING

In response to Parishioner comments, the Parish Council has installed a 3rd bin by Surgery Cottage. That bin and the one on Finch Foundry field will be emptied weekly from April to September to cope with increased demand over the summer months.

The Parish Council wishes to express its thanks to those responsible dog owners who pick up after their pets and dispose of the rubbish appropriately.

LADYWELL AREA

After the chestnut tree was taken down, it was a good opportunity to tidy up the area around Ladywell and improve visibility for vehicles exiting Cleave Lane. The old overgrown shrubs were removed and the garden was dug over and extended. A planting scheme was drawn up by Duncan Rice to match that of the Millennium Garden on Oak Tree Green and using funds raised by a previous Safari Supper, the soil was improved and new plants were purchased. Planting took place as soon as the worst of the winter weather was over and it has bedded in well although the mini heatwave in June proved too much for one of the roses. We think you will agree Ladywell is now looking neater and much more attractive.

A big thank you to all who helped including Duncan, Libby and Mike, Richard and Caroline and also for their continuing care of the area.

(And to the lady who is coming back to haunt us if the Chestnut tree is not restored at a later date – we've made a note for the future!)



VILLAGE WALKS LEAFLET

The Parish Council has commissioned a reprint of the Village Walks' Leaflet. This has been updated because, not surprisingly, there have been some changes in the village over the last 5 years. The leaflet will be available for visitors and locals who want to get to know a bit more about the village and the walk up Skaigh Cleave. They will be available in the outlets we hope will be supported: the Finch Foundry, pubs, shop and service station, and we are very grateful to these businesses for sponsoring its production

HYDROSNAKES AND HYDROSACKS

The hydrosnakes, which were purchased last year, were put into use, not after heavy rain, but when a water main burst in Willey Lane. Our Community Response Team reacted promptly and efficiently to contain the problem which avoided the flooding of any properties. The hydrosnakes used were replaced by South West Water. Details of the Community Response Team; volunteers who will be prepared to help if there is risk of flood, snow or other emergencies can be found on the village website at www.sticklepath.org