STICKLEPATH VILLAGE DAY 2018

Well what an absolute stunner of a day we had this year for Village Day! Normally we have problems keeping people dry but this year we had problems keeping everyone shaded. The Pavilion came in to it's own along with the tree lined boundaries which provided plentiful shade for all.

We invited 'Higher Beings' along to teach us all some circus skills and along with OCRA, who provided sporting activities, the children were kept busy for the entire afternoon. Welly Wanging remains hugely popular creating a lot of local competiveness to the extent that we had to add extra categories. I think next year we're going to have to make a few modifications to increase the challenge.

The Taw River cooked us up some very tasty burgers and running alongside them there was a bar, cream teas & cakes, tombola and plenty of traditional fete games and stalls to keep everyone happy.

All in all we managed to raise nearly £1000.00p which was a fantastic amount and will go towards the development of the Playing Field.

Of course none of this can be achieved unless there's a very supportive group of people helping it all happen so a few thankyous are needed. Firstly a big thanks to Paul and Sue Jones of the Taw River for their continued support in the form of beer donations, BBQ and man power, Min & Dale at Whitehouse Services for supplying all our catering needs and finally to all those willing villagers who helped to run the stalls and in doing so helped to keep a great tradition going.

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 FLOWER SHOW

Despite this years weather, the Flower Show held in August was well attended. A huge thank you to all who entered the show and everybody who helped to make it a success.

It is good to see that the village still supports this event and its hoped that even more people will enter next year.

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STICKLEPATH PARISH COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER— AUTUMN 2018

Letter from the Chair

The Parish Council have had another busy year. Speeding through the village has been a regular feature on our agenda, resulting in the purchase (via the Communities Together Fund) and installation of our Vehicle Activated sign, which is shared with Drewsteignton Parish Council. The Village Gateways are currently being made, and their installation will enhance the approach into the village from either end. These will additionally raise drivers' consciousness that they are entering a residential area and encourage them to reduce their speed.

We now have a storage facility for our flood defences, and our supply of hydrosacks, salt and grit will prepare us for whatever winter brings. The recent General Data Protection Regulations have kept our Clerk busy in making sure we abide by these rules.

Parish Council Elections are due to be held next year. There are seven seats on the Parish Council; if no more than seven residents put themselves forward for these seats they will be elected by default without the need for a poll. However, an election shows democracy at work, and I would encourage residents to come forward to stand on the Parish Council – it is your council, after all, and it needs to have the views from as diverse a range of people as possible. Nominations only require the signature of two other residents. Please speak to myself or the Clerk for further information.

Ali Cruse

VILLAGE ENHANCEMENT FUND

We have a small pot of funds for village enhancement. This has paid for the replanting of the area around Ladywell. If any volunteers would like to come forward to enhance other areas of the village the Parish Council will consider funding for the cost .

COMMUNITIES TOGETHER FUND

Sticklepath was one of the successful parish councils that secured funding from a fund set up jointly by Devon County and West Devon Borough Councils - with that you will be reminded by the *Vehicle Activated Sign* to stick to 30 mph throughout Sticklepath.

The fund has now been opened for parishes to bid for small amounts of funds, working together with local community and voluntary groups. More information can be found on https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/article/4676/West-Devon-Communities-Together-Fund or talk to one of the SPC councillors, and we'll see how we can support your ideas.

Cleave House update

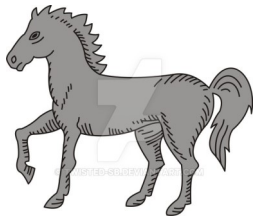
Well we're now 9 months in to renovation works and great progress has been made: the new roof is on, the old cast iron gutters have been brought back to life, the iconic front canopy has been remade, the floor has been dug out and replaced, the rotten timbers have been repaired, walls have been repointed and the damp issues have been fully addressed, to name but a few jobs! The last few months have focussed on lime plastering the interior and repairing architraves and mouldings.

We are aiming to reinstall the French casement Windows in the next few weeks and then we can focus on installing the biomass boiler, repairing the sashes and reinstating the front railings. Unfortunately, with the onset of winter it's likely that rendering the front of the house will be delayed until early spring, which should be the final piece of the puzzle. We probably won't be able to move in until then so we'll be hunkering down in the caravan and hoping this winter is a bit kinder to us than the last. Thank you to everyone who has given us encouragement and positive feedback on the work done so far, it really keeps us going.

Pete & Claire

PLANNING UPDATE

The National Park Authority is undertaking a Review of its current Local Plan and there will be a chance to have your say on the draft Plan when the consultation opens in early December



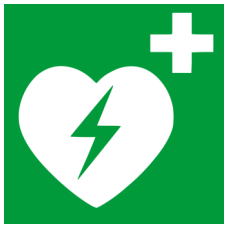
GREY MARE FESTIVAL

Halloween will see again a procession of children seeking to find Tom Pearse's spectral Grey Mare. They will knock on a few doors asking for directions, and will meet the 7 characters who rode the Mare too hard. All are welcome to join the procession; following the musicians and actors - or witness the morality play in the pubs, and the folkie session at the end.

It starts at 6pm from Cleave Mill, where the Mare was found last year - but we can't say where she will appear this year.

More detail: derekmoore60@hotmail.com or telephone 840316

DEFIBRILLATOR



The defibrillator has been installed for 18 months and in that short time has been deployed on three occasions. This has taken all by surprise and indicates the raised awareness of this vital facility. Until now, all costs of running this has been through fund raising, and this will continue. However, to ensure that it is fully funded the Parish Council have agreed to take on the future costs of public training, rental of the emergency satellite phone and administrative costs of running the Volunteer Emergency Telephone system (VETs) – the phone number of which is 01837 500523.

VILLAGE LEAT CLEAN & VILLAGE WORK DAY

Two dates for next year

VILLAGE LEAT CLEAN - Sunday 20th January 2019 10am–12 noon
VILLAGE WORK DAY - Sunday 17th February 2019 – 10am-12 noon

The annual Leat Clean ensures the leat keeps running. This not only benefits the Foundry but also reduces the fouling for neighbours whose properties border the leat. It is a fun morning with refreshments being provided by the Foundry. Further information to follow.

The Village Work Day will include the usual tasks on Sticklepath Moor. For those not wanting to work on the moor, there will be some tasks around the village including tidying the area on the road out towards Okehampton. If you have any other areas of work to consider please let the Parish Council know.



DOG FOULING

Beautiful Skaigh Wood is very popular with dog walkers. Most dog owners clear up after their dogs and make use of the dog bins provided by the Parish Council. There will always be some that don't comply. The Parish council provides reminder signs and notices to encourage awareness and bags at Finch Foundry. The main problem this year was an overflowing, unemptied dog bin at Finch Foundry on August bank holiday. The Parish Council contacted WDBC, provided bins bags and cleared the site. A good team effort.