

## CONTACTS

Church of England at St Mary's, Church Services: Sunday, 4th July 9.00am BCP Communion Sunday, 11th July 10.30am CW Holy Communion Sunday, 18th July 9.00am BCP Holy Communion Sunday, 25th July 10.30am Morning Praise	The Rector Rev. Nick Clarke. Tel 07842 192402, revnickclarke@gmail.com The Vicarage, 1 Castle Street TA14 6RE website: www.hamhillchurches.org
ALL SAINTS HALL BOOKING SECRETARY	Ann Davison 07709 609488
BOYS BRIGADE - Weekly - Thursday 6.00pm - 7.30pm (now at Martock Christian Fellowship)	Ian Rumbelow 881712
BRIDGE CLUB - Weekly - Monday starting at 8.30pm (Working Mens Club)	
BROWNIES - Weekly - Every Tuesday during term time (Hamdon Youth & Family Centre)	Jackie Poole 01935 823606
CRIME & MYSTERY BOOK GROUP	Kathy Smith 07366979178
"EVERY STEP COUNTS" - 9.30am & "HEALTH WALKS" 10.30am. Meet outside the Lighthouse	Penny on 822208 or Mark 07496 148756
FLEXERCISE FOR FUN - At Oak Tree House every Monday at 2.30pm	Di Ramsay 0845 6434702
FOOTBALL - SENIOR TEAMS - Training Tuesday evenings 6.30pm. Matches weekend	Steve Deane 07881 464280 email stevekatherine@hotmail.co.uk
FOOTBALL - YOUTH TEAMS - Training weekday evenings. Matches Saturdays & Sundays	Steve Arnold stokefcchair@hotmail.com & John Elliott stokefcsec@gmail.com 07775 562122
FOOTPATHS - problems and issues contact the Parish Clerk	Sarah Moore, Clerk 822455
GARDENING CLUB - Monthly - Fourth Wednesday 7.30pm (Memorial Hall)	Ruth St John-Murphy 01935 829408
'GET FIT WITH SUE' - Mondays - Fitness Pilates 5pm (call first), Aerobics & Toning 6pm. Thursdays - Fitness Pilates 6pm	Sue Menzies 01935 829632
HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK - VOLUNTEER RANGERS - Weekly Wed. 10.00am - 3.30pm (Ranger's Office)	Paul McNeill 07973 3887129
HAMDON BRASS BAND	Sonja Hellier 01460 241297 email pipershaunt@hotmail.com
HAMDON MEDICAL CENTRE	01935 822236
HAMDON PLAYGROUP - Monday - Friday term time, 8.30 am - 3.30 pm. 2 years old, 3/4 years old and 30 hours funding available.	Ann or Karon 01935 826832 Email: hamdonplaygroup@btinternet.com
HAMDON COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT -	Peter Hulett 01935 824784
HISTORY GROUP	Carol Parker 825393
LIGHTHOUSE CAFE - Monday & Thursday 10.00am - 1.00pm	Sarah Russell 826355
MAY FAYRE - Annual Event for Sports & Recreation Trust	Denise Burton 827793
MEDITATION GROUP - Tuesdays at 8.00pm in the HCAP building (URC)	Emma Herrod 01935 829443
MEMORIAL HALL BOOKING SECRETARY	bookings.stokememorialhall@hotmail.com. Mary Steel 01935 508996
PARISH COUNCIL - Monthly First Wednesday 7.15pm (Memorial Hall)	Barbara Brooks, Chairman 824432 Sarah Moore, Clerk 822455
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER	Carole Brown email: carolebrown@avonandsomerset.police.uk
POST OFFICE COUNTER (INSIDE STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP) OPENING TIMES Monday & Friday 9.00am to 12 noon, Thursday 1.00pm to 4.00pm (excluding Bank Holidays)	
SEATED CHAIR EXERCISES - Friday at 10am in the All Saints Hall	Sue Menzies 829632
STOKE AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION	Derek Goad. 824337
STOKE BABY & TODDLER GROUP - Memorial Hall. Thurs.9.30am to 11.30am in term time	carolyn_lefley@hotmail.com Facebook: @StokeBabyAndToddlerGroup
STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP OPENING HOURS - Monday to Friday 8am - 4pm; Saturday 8am - 4pm; Sunday 8.30am - 12.30pm	01935 509100
STOKE LUNCH CLUB FOR OLDER PEOPLE. Lighthouse Café last Wednesday of the month.	Lyn Foley 01935 823051/07714 005265
STOKE SUB HAMDON BAND - Monday & Thursday 8.00pm - 10.00pm Band Room, back of URC Training Band - Thursdays at Band Room, 7.00pm - 7.45pm	Gill Robins 01935 329904 Jane Herbert 01460 419317
STOKE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP	Jeanie 07967184952 or Moira info@stokeperformingartsgroup.co.uk
TAEKWONDO & LITTLE DRAGONS - Mondays 5.00pm - 5.30pm Little Dragons; 5.30pm - 6.15pm Taekwondo beginners; 6.15pm - 7.00pm Taekwondo Adults (Stanchester)	Jennie Clark 07921 393425
TAI CHI - Weekly - Thursday 3.00pm - 4.00pm in Memorial Hal	John 07721 060901
TINY TURRETS (Castle Primary School) - Foundation Stage Unit for children aged 2 - 4 years Two daily sessions 9.00am - 12 noon and 12 noon - 3pm. Extended provision available from 7.45am - 5.30pm ages 3+	Castle Primary School Office 01935 822342
TRIANGLE TRUST - Raising funds for Hamdon Medical Centre	Jennie Harris 881718
VILLAGE AGENT - Cluster SS2 Cath Holloway	cath@somersetccc.org.uk Tel: 07968 521746
VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP - Tuesdays 7.45pm- 9.45pm & Friday 10.00am - 12 Noon (Memorial Hall)	Malcolm Uhlhorn 01935 829513
WORKING MENS CLUB - Daily - Lunch times & evenings	Mark Greaves 01935 823297
YOUTH CLUB - Weekly - Monday 7.00pm at Hamdon Youth & Family Centre	Youth Worker Lou on 07402 987921 or email lou.chant@cyp.me.uk

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK: MRS. SARAH MOORE, 24 HIGH STREET, STOKE SUB HAMDON TA14 6PS  
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## CHAIR'S UPDATE

### When can I ....?

Well as we know the end of lockdown restrictions has been postponed to 19 July because of the Delta ((Indian) variant. In the meantime, the vaccination programme has been ramped up across the UK and now all adults over 18 are eligible and are encouraged to book an appointment. As of 21 June, 82% of adults have had the first dose and 60% the second jab. When you are fully vaccinated Pfizer gives 96% protection and AstraZeneca 92% against hospitalization and death. If you are unlucky enough to be the small minority to get Covid after vaccination, it's just mild, and often without symptoms. So, if for whatever reason you haven't had both your jabs, do please get yourself protected if you can. It's really worth it.

For more information on COVID go to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

### Vandals strike again!

Really sad to report that the children's play area at Stonehill has suffered damage from vandals again. The wet pour surface under some of the equipment has been ripped up, meaning the play area has had to be closed until repairs are complete. This is likely to be a very expensive exercise as some of the equipment itself will need to be taken out and reinstalled. If anyone saw this happening or can give any information you can contact the Parish Clerk in confidence.

### Bus Shelter Project

For the past couple of months councillors have been discussing the provision of a new bus shelter in the village. Consultation with the bus company has identified that the most used bus stop is the one in West Street outside the Memorial Hall Grounds and that the best place to put it is by the old red telephone box. We've sourced some quotes for a bottle green metal shelter with a seat and we're now contacting Highways at County Council who own the pavement, as we are legally obliged to ask their permission first. We are also checking whether we have to get approval for its design and colour from District officials as the shelter is in the Conservation Area. It's likely therefore to take a little while to get these permissions but it should be in place before the autumn and the bad weather. The cost of this is coming out of Community Infrastructure Levy money that the West Street new development has provided.

### Vacant Allotments

Growing your own veg this year? We have some spare allotments at Stonehill for rent - either a full one or a smaller half/quarter one if preferred. Please contact the Parish Clerk for details.

Cllr Barbara Brooks, Chair  
01935 824432 chairshpc@hotmail.com

Articles for the Newsletter, or to advertise forthcoming events: please email or post to Sarah Moore by 16<sup>th</sup> of previous month. Contact information is on the bottom of the back page of this newsletter.

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**We must keep on protecting each other.**

- HANDS**
- FACE**
- SPACE**

**STAY ALERT | CONTROL THE VIRUS | SAVE LIVES**



### RECYCLE MORE

'Recycle More' from Somerset Waste Partnership is coming to South Somerset at the end of June 2021. You will have received a 'Get ready for Recycle More' leaflet which included a 'what goes where?' guide to recycling with the new service and an individual collection day calendar for recycling and rubbish collections for the coming year.

#### What is changing?

The key changes are:

- More materials will be collected weekly from the kerbside in addition to the current recyclable items:
  - plastic pots, tubs and trays
  - food and drink cartons (Tetra Pak etc)
  - small electrical items such as kettles or toasters
  - small household batteries
- Non-recyclable waste will be collected every three weeks instead of two.
- Collection days will change for roughly a third of households.
- A new recycling container – a Bright Blue Bag will be delivered to all homes.



#### When will things change?

These changes will be introduced across South Somerset over the course of around two weeks (depending on where you live) starting on Monday, 28th June. Stickers will also be stuck on boxes to show what items need to go where.

#### What won't change?

- Garden waste and clinical waste collections and their collection days will stay the same.
- Assisted collections (when crews help people with their recycling and rubbish) will continue on the new collection days.

Recycle More will work best if everyone makes full use of their weekly recycling collections. Please ensure you have all the containers you need. Everyone can have green and black recycling boxes and food waste bins. You can order new or replacement boxes or bins **FREE** using the My Waste Services menu at [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk).

### POLICE INFORMATION

For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). If you are a witness to or the victim of a crime, then it is imperative that you report it to the police immediately whether it is during the day or at night. When reporting an incident please telephone either 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies only.

### LITTER PICK

July's litter pick will be on Sunday 11th at 9am and we meet outside the All Saints' Hall. Hope to see you there. Contact me on [helivet@msn.com](mailto:helivet@msn.com) if you like and let me know you're coming. Bring gardening gloves and stout shoes. It should take 1.5-2 hours and there's free coffee after at Priory coffee. Thanks to Paul and Mandy and the Community Shop.

### LET'S GET TOGETHER AGAIN COMMUNITY EVENT

**10am – 2pm, 7 August, Memorial Hall and Grounds**

Stoke Gardening Club is pleased to announce that it is co-hosting a community event at the Memorial Hall and grounds on Saturday 7th August. There will be a Gardening Club plant and produce stall, along with stalls from Stoke Charity Shop and Stoke Community Shop. Many other local organisations are joining us on the day, including The Triangle Trust and Stoke Health Walks. The event is a great chance to find out more about the many and varied groups in the village, the activities they offer and how you can get involved. And you might also pick up a bargain or two! Please note that this event will go ahead only if Covid restrictions have been eased. If not, it may unfortunately have to be cancelled at short notice.

### STOKE SUB HAMDON FOOTBALL CLUB

We run two teams that play on a Saturday afternoon at the Rec and compete in the Yeovil & District League. We are always on the lookout for new player young and old.

We intend to start training at the Rec for next season on Tuesday, 6th July at 6.30pm so if the Euro's have inspired you to get your boots out, it would be great to see you.

*Steve Deane (Chairman) on  
07881464280*



### BBQS & CAMPFIRE AT HAM HILL

In previous years, SSDC have had to enforce seasonal bans on BBQs and campfires on Ham Hill due to the very dry and hot periods of weather and the risk of fire to the grasslands. This year, because of irresponsible behaviour where many grass areas have been scorched or set alight, coupled with the dry timber on site as a result of Ash dieback, SSDC have taken the decision to prohibit the use of BBQs and campfires on the Hill permanently.

### NEW BABY AND TODDLER GROUP LEADER REQUIRED

Stoke Baby and Toddler Group is a friendly and welcoming stay and play group. It is run by volunteers in the community for the community. We are currently looking for somebody to take over the volunteer leadership of this lovely group, which has been postponed over the pandemic. Carolyn is stepping down as the group leader as both her children will be in full time education from September. Once a new leader/s is found the group can restart. Many local parents and carers will be delighted if this vital group can reopen. Before the pandemic, we used to run every Thursday during term-time from 9.30-11.30am in the Memorial Hall. For only £2 per family, per session we had lots of toys on offer and enjoyed weekly craft activities, storytime, songtime and snacks for children, as well as hot drinks and cake for adults. The group has a lovely, community feel, with parents working as a team, taking turns to volunteer each week. The village children form friendships which continue into school years. It's a chance for new parents and carers to make local friends too.

*To find out more, please contact Carolyn on 01935 824195 or via our Facebook page 'Stoke Baby and Toddler Group'.*

### STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

**Keeping cool:** We now stock a wide range of ice creams, ice lollies and frozen desserts plus chilled fruit drinks and sodas, so pop in for some thirst-quenching summer treats.

**August get-together:** Come and visit our stall at the 'Let's Get Together Again Community Event' on Saturday, 7th August and find out more about our plans for the shop and for the community hub.

**Join our volunteer team:** If you've a few hours to spare and fancy getting involved in the community, why not join our friendly volunteer team? There are roles that involve talking to customers as well as ones where you can work behind the scenes. And time slots are available every day so you can pick one or more that suits you. Drop into the shop for a chat about what's involved or email [volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk). You can also find out more at [stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering](http://stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering) and download an application form.

**Opening more hours:** Don't forget that we're now open until 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

**AGM:** Because of the delay in easing Covid restrictions, we've moved the date of our first AGM to Friday 23 July. All being well, by then we should be able to hold it in the Memorial Hall. It's open to all Members of SSHCS Ltd, who will receive notification of the event by post or email.

*For more information about the shop and how you can get involved, visit [stokeshop.co.uk](http://stokeshop.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop](http://www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop)*

### WELCOME BACK TO THE LIGHTHOUSE COFFEE SHOP

We hope and plan to re-open on Monday 12th July and look forward to seeing you then. Normally, we open two days a week but initially we will open on Mondays only.

However, if you would like to look in on Monday 5th July, the leaders of the walking group will join us, and we will be glad to say "hello" and offer you a drink and some cake. Please come along anytime between 10.00am and 12noon.

### STOKE BAND NEWS

The band is back in action, practising again after the enforced break. We are planning a concert at the Prince of Wales on 12th September to coincide with the upcoming SPAG event.

We are also looking to restart the training group, so if you are interested or have children who are interested in learning, we supply instruments, insurance and tuition for free.

*Please contact me on 01460 419317 if you are interested.  
Jane Herbert, Stoke sub Hamdon Band*

### 1ST STOKE SUB HAMDON BROWNIES

Hooray! We are now meeting again face to face, at the Hamdon Youth and Family Centre and have a host of activities, to have fun and grow from. The Girlguiding Themes are 'Skills For My Future', 'Express Myself', 'Take Action', 'Know Myself', 'Be Well' and 'Have Adventures'.

*If you are interested to know more, please contact us (contact details are the back page of this newsletter) or [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk).*

### STOKE CHARITY SHOP

**Thank You:** A big thank you for your support of the Charity Shop through your donations and custom. We are pleased that so many of you have returned to Shop after the lifting of Covid lockdown. Our success is yours in the funding of local projects that benefit us all.

**Donations:** Your good quality donations are the lifeblood of our Charity Shop. Why not drop into the Shop for a collection bag or two to fill for the next donations collection date? The next donation dates are Saturday 3rd and 17th of July, also 31st of July and 14th of August. You are welcome to bring up to two bags per household to the former church on North Street (now HCAP) from 10am to 12 mid-day on any of the dates above. Volunteers will be on hand to receive your donations. If you have any questions about donating, drop into the Shop to talk to a Volunteer or contact Penny Trapnell by email: [pennyatrapnell@aol.com](mailto:pennyatrapnell@aol.com) The Charity Shop cannot accept heavily worn, soiled or torn clothing/textiles and shoes. These can be disposed of in your curb side recycling.

**A Reminder:** Our very own Jane Baker set off on a 14-day cycle trip leaving on 27th June from Lands End to John O'Groats to raise money for Yeovil Hospital Breast Cancer Unit. Please visit her giving page to donate.

### CYCLING CHALLENGE

Hi fellow villagers, when you read this I will have set off on my cycling challenge to ride from Lands End to John O'Groats (1008 miles) to raise money for Yeovil Hospital Breast Cancer Unit Appeal. Some of you may have been treated by the team in YDH and some may need treatment in the future so a dedicated unit is a real need. Please visit my just giving site to read my story and donate if you can or simply have a look at the rides as I complete them over 14 days. Ladies don't forget if you want to cycle too in a friendly group environment I lead regular Breeze rides that you can find out all abt on the Let's Ride website. Thank you Jane Baker.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jane-Baker16>

## July Diary

- 3rd Donations for Charity Shop at HCAP
- 6th Football Training
- 11th Litter Pick
- 12th Lighthouse Café re-opening
- 17th Donations for Charity Shop at HCAP
- 23rd Stoke Community Shop AGM
- 31st Donations for Charity Shop at HCAP

## August Diary

- 7th 'Lets Get Together' Community Event
- 14th Donations for Charity Shop at HCAP

## September Diary

- 12th Stoke Band Concert – Prince of Wales