

## CONTACTS

Church of England at St Mary's, Church Services: 1st Sunday 11.00am Cafe church in All Saints Hall 2nd Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion 3rd Sunday 11.00am Morning Praise 4th Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Wednesday 9.00am BCP Holy Communion	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 07851817927
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
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 Contact Tim Brooks (Chair) stokefcchair@gmail.com 07788 654231 or Steve Arnold (Secretary) 07775 562122 stokefcsec@gmail.com	
FOOTPATHS - problems and issues contact:	Moira Hulett cllr.mhulett.sshpc@gmail.com
GARDENING CLUB - Monthly - Fourth Wednesday 7.30pm (Memorial Hall)	Secretary: sec.sshgardeningclub@gmail.com. Tel : 01935 823691
HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK - VOLUNTEER RANGERS - Weekly Weds 9.50am-3.30pm (Ranger's Office)	Paul McNeill 07973 887129
HAMDON MEDICAL CENTRE	01935 822236
HAMDON YOUTH & FAMILY CENTRE - West Street	Contact: www.hamdonyouthcentre.co.uk email: hamdonyouthcentre@gmail.com
HISTORY GROUP	Carol Parker 825393
LIGHTHOUSE CAFE - Monday 10.00am - 1.00pm	Sarah Russell 826355
MEDITATION GROUP - Tuesdays at 7.30pm at Priory Coffee	Emma Herrod 01935 829443
MEMORIAL HALL BOOKING SECRETARY	Enquiries: bookings.stokememorialhall@gmail.com Barbara Brooks 01935 824432
PARISH COUNCIL - Monthly First Wednesday 7.00pm, The Hamdon Youth & Family Centre	Lyn Foley, Chairman 01935 823051 Website: stokesubhamdoncouncil.com
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER	Carole Brown email: carole.brown@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)	
STOKE AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION	Derek Goad 01935 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 - 4.30pm; Saturday 8am - 4pm; Sunday 8.30am - 12.30pm	01935 509100
STOKE AFTERNOON TEA CLUB FOR OLDER PEOPLE. Lighthouse Café, every other Wednesday at 2.15pm	Lisa Wenborn 07515 489587 or Kay Clamp 01935 822468
STOKE SUB HAMDON BAND - Monday & Thursday 8.00pm - 10.00pm Castle School Training Section Mondays 7:00-7:45pm at Castle School	Gill Robins 01935 329904 Jane Herbert 01460 419317
STOKE SUB HAMDON SPORTS & RECREATION TRUST - www.stoke-rec-trust.co.uk email info@stoke-rec-trust.co.uk, Secretary - Peter Hulett 01935 824784, Fundraising Co-Ordinator - Denise Burton 01935 827793	Contacts: Chairman - John Allen, Denise Burton 01935 827793
STOKE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP	Contact Jeannie 07967 184952 or info@stokeperformingartsgroup.co.uk
STOKE WALKING GROUP, every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month	Penny on 822208 or Mark 07496 148756
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
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 01935 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) (during school term times only)	Ali Dunford 01935 823394
WORKING MENS CLUB - Daily - Lunch times & evenings	secretary@stoke.club and www.facebook.com/stokeworkingmensclub 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
ZUMBA CLASSES - Monday 9.30am; Toning Thursday 6pm.	Lydia Kemp 07814629352 Facebook @zumbawithlydia

Please send articles for the newsletter, or to advertise forthcoming events to  
Lyn Foley, Email: cllr.lfoley.sshpc@gmail.com by the 16th of the previous month.



## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

### Coronation

May saw the beginning of a new era with the Coronation of King Charles III. The village celebrated this in a wonderful way with events for everyone. And there are so many people to thank!

The Memorial Hall Committee ensured that the Hall and the Cream Teas were wonderful, so thank you to them and to all the bakers who contributed their cakes and scones. The projected ceremony on the big screen was just great, and the atmosphere in the Hall was one of joy and jubilation. The cakes for judging were of a high standard and the children's picture competition was well received. Well done to everyone who took part in the competitions.

Thanks to Sandra and John Allan for running the games, enjoyed by all who took part. Even though the weather had been unkind at the start of the day it did not deter the stoic families who entered into the spirit of the games. The BBQ run by Jane and Paul Baker was its usual success and thank you to all the helpers who contributed their time to make the day a memorable occasion for the village. Moira Hulett and the events team did a fantastic job making it all happen - thank you all very much.

### Council News

We held the Parish Meeting at the end of April where we discussed the new Skate Park Development on the large recreation ground, Hamdon Youth and Family Center, The Ham Hill Visitor Center project and the Local Community Networks. Thank you to all those who turned up and asked questions.

As the community has been suffering from increased anti-social behaviour and speeding and road traffic incidents, I would like to gauge the community's feelings on whether we should explore the possibility of having CCTV in certain areas of the village. For the whole of June, I will put up a comments box on

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the Parish website at [www.stokecouncil.co.uk](http://www.stokecouncil.co.uk) for you to post your thoughts. If you are unable to use the website, then please don't hesitate to either drop a letter through my door or leave a message on my phone. I will put a time limit on this for the month of June only.

It is with sadness that we lose Sarah Moore, our long standing Parish Clerk of thirteen years. Sarah has worked tirelessly for our community and has dedicated her time to help improve the village and its environment. We would like to thank you for your help and support over those years of service. For the moment, until we have a new clerk please can you email any questions, queries or newsletter articles to me at [cllr.lfoley.sshpc@gmail.com](mailto:cllr.lfoley.sshpc@gmail.com)

We have also lost Paul Goulder from the Council, and would like to thank him for his work and enthusiasm over this past year.

**Lyn Foley**

**Chair of Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council**

### NOTICE OF VACANCY:

Stoke-sub-Hamdon Parish Council hereby declares official notice of a vacancy on the Parish Council. In accordance with the law (Section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972) the Council will seek to fill this vacancy by co-option 14 days after the date of this notice (1st June 2023) UNLESS 10 or more electors within the Parish request a by-election. If such a request is made, a by-election will be held as soon as practicably possible.

*What better way to start summer than with enjoying a film or play with friends and family? Whether you're into film, Shakespeare or a good "whodunnit" there's something here for everyone.*

## FILM NIGHT AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

June 3rd is Film Night! The film we are screening at the Memorial Hall this month is *Empire of Light* (2022) (12) starring Olivia Colman, Colin Firth, Micheal Ward, and written and directed by Academy Award winner Sam Mendes. *Empire of Light* is set in an English coastal town in the early 1980s. Hilary (Olivia Colman) is a cinema manager struggling with her mental health, and Stephen (Micheal Ward) is a new employee longing to escape the provincial town where he faces daily adversity. Together they find a sense of belonging and experience the healing power of music, cinema, and community. It was nominated for 3 BAFTA awards. Really worth watching! Film starts at 7.30. Tickets £5 Refreshments and popcorn are available – and you can bring your own drinks.



## DRAMA IN MONTACUTE!

Come along to the *Al Fresco* Summer Theatre performance by the Rain or Shine Theatre Company. They will be performing Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors* at All Saints School in Montacute on Friday, 30th June at 7pm. Tickets - £16 for Adults, £15 for Concessions and £8 for Children (5-15yrs).

Tel 03306 600541 or [www.bit.ly/MontacuteCOE](http://www.bit.ly/MontacuteCOE). Gates open at 6pm. Please bring your own seating and picnic. Bar and refreshments available. All funds raised will go towards activities for the children.

## MELODRAMA IN STOKE!!

Stoke Performing Arts Group latest production, 'Mr Johnson in the Study with the Gloving Tool', will be coming to Stoke Memorial Hall on 7th and 8th July 2023. This Edwardian Melodrama is set in Stoke sub Hamdon when the gloving industry was in its heyday and has been penned by our own Angela Hodges. The show promises to be a real 'whodunnit' with plenty of laughs, twists and turns to keep the audience guessing! A bar and nibbles will be available for the evening performances and the Saturday Matinee will include afternoon tea.

Performances take place at 7.30 pm on the two evenings and 2.30pm on the Saturday Matinee. Tickets £10 each, available from Stoke Community Shop or phone/text Jeanie Augarde on 07967 184952. We look forward to seeing you there.

## MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

It was a fantastic Coronation celebration on Saturday 6 May in Stoke. Despite the rain, the Memorial Hall was packed to watch the live screening of King Charles III's Coronation. We all raised a glass of bubbly to the new King as he was crowned and it was really good to get together to enjoy this 'once in a lifetime' event.



The Hall served free tea, coffee and soft drinks throughout the day. A huge shout out to all those bakers who baked literally hundreds of scones and cakes for us to serve for the cream teas, and to all those volunteers who rolled up their sleeves putting everything together (including take away packs!) and who slaved over a hot washing up bowl throughout the day. Couldn't have done it without you all, so thank you! The Memorial Hall was proud to play its part alongside the other village organisations to give Stoke a day to remember. Barbara

## COACH TRIP TO SIDMOUTH

We are pleased to announce that the Afternoon Tea Club are putting on a coach trip to Sidmouth again this year, Wednesday 12th July. Like last year, we have a 52-seater coach, many of the seats are allocated to club members but we still have a few available. We will be stopping at the Hare & Hounds for lunch which is approx. 20 minutes from Sidmouth beach. If you would like to come with us please ring Lisa Wenborn on 07515 489587 to discuss. Places will be available on a first come first serve basis. The cost of the coach will be £5.00 per person plus cost of lunch. If you need help with your mobility or require a wheelchair, please ensure you bring someone with you who can help. If you need to take equipment with you, please let us know. The Afternoon Tea Club Team: Jill, Kay, Sue, Lisa, Val and Lyn

## VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP

The Village Artist Group exists to promote and encourage the arts in Stoke sub Hamdon, meeting twice a week in term times.

If you are interested in venturing out once or twice a week and are looking for a very rewarding and affordable pastime, please contact Malcolm Uhlhorn on 01935 829513 or by email at [malcolmuhlhorn99@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmuhlhorn99@gmail.com) for more information and a free introductory session.

*There are so many ways to get involved with your village community, whether it's shopping at the community & charity shops, or taking part in local group activities with friends and neighbours:*

## LITTER PICK

This month's litter pick will be the 4th of June. Meet outside the All Saints' Hall at 9 am. Please wear stout shoes and gloves. Free coffee courtesy of Priory coffee and the Community Shop. All welcome to come and join the team of volunteers. Contact Catherine Fraser: [helivet@msn.com](mailto:helivet@msn.com) if you need further information

## STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

**Get involved:** We're looking for someone to join our committee as a non-voting member of the Shop Board. This is your chance to get involved in our behind-the-scenes work and learn more about the decisions we take and how we run the company that operates the shop. All that's required is a genuine interest in the Community Shop and its aims, and the ability to attend meetings once every three to four weeks. Want to find out more about what's involved?

Please email [shop@stokeshop.co.uk](mailto:shop@stokeshop.co.uk), take a look at [stokeshop.co.uk/about-us/](http://stokeshop.co.uk/about-us/) – or drop into the shop for a chat.

**Why not become a Volunteer?** If you've a few hours to spare and fancy getting involved in the Community Shop, we'd love you to join our friendly volunteer team. Drop by 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.

## STOKE WALKING GROUP

### May Health Walks:

Join us for our regular health walks. Come and discover more paths around Stoke. Dress for the weather, stout footwear is recommended. Whether you have lived in the area for years, or just moved in, new walkers are always welcome. So are well behaved dogs on leads. All walks start outside the Lighthouse Cafe at 10.00 and are guided by trained walk leaders.

On Tuesday 6th June we have a longer health walk (5-6 miles), and on Monday 12th and 26th we have the regular health walks (3 - 4 miles). These last about one and a half hours, finishing in time for a cuppa and a chat at the Lighthouse Cafe.

**Contact Sue or Doug for more information  
Sue 07792311736**

## Dates for your Diary

### JUNE

3rd	<b>Film Night</b> 7:30pm Memorial Hall
4th	<b>Litter Pick</b> 9:00am, All Saint's Hall
6th	<b>5-6 mile Health Walk</b> 10:00am Lighthouse Café
12th	<b>3-4 mile Health Walk</b> 10:00am Lighthouse Café
14th	<b>Afternoon Tea Club</b> 2:15 – 4:15pm Lighthouse Café
26th	<b>3-4 mile Health Walk</b> 10:00am Lighthouse Café
28th	<b>Afternoon Tea Club</b> 2:15 – 4:15pm Lighthouse Café
28th	<b>Wildlife Gardening</b> 7:15pm Memorial Hall
30th	<b>Comedy of Errors</b> 7:00pm, All Saints' School Montacute

### JULY

7th & 8th	<b>'Mr Johnson in the Study with the Gloving Tool'</b> Memorial Hall
12th	<b>Afternoon Tea Club</b> <b>Coach trip to Sidmouth</b>
19th	<b>Centenary celebration at the Monument</b>