

CONTACTS

Church of England at St Mary's, Church Services:	The Rector Rev. Nick Clarke. Tel 07842 192402, revnickclarke@gmail.com
1st Sunday 11.00am Cafe church in All Saints Hall	
2nd Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion	The Vicarage, 1 Castle Street TA14 6RE
3rd Sunday 11.00am Morning Praise	website: www.hamhillchurches.org
4th Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion	
2nd and 4th Wednesdays 9.00am BCP Holy Communion	
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
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 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 7.30pm 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	Abby Linaker email:abby.linaker@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. 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 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 Castle School Training Band - To be arranged	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

At our March meeting we discussed how the village could best celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in June. It was agreed that it should be a joint partnership between the Parish Council, Community Shop, Sports & Recreation Trust, the Working Men's Club, and Priory Coffee. Councillors were asked by the group if they would be prepared to award a grant of £1,500 towards costs and this was agreed without hesitation. The celebration will take place on Thursday 3rd June in the Memorial Hall and Grounds. There is an article further on in this newsletter giving more details of the event and how to get tickets etc. and it looks to be a fantastic event!

The council is continuing to work with residents on traffic calming measures. The Transport Strategy Group, which is chaired by a resident, has carried out its first Walking Survey - this time on North Street - and has collated some useful recommendations for traffic calming measures and pedestrian safety. The next Survey will be carried out on 8 April and will cover West Street, and Norton Road. The data, photos and recommendations are being collated into a comprehensive datafile, which will accompany the final report to County Highways in due course, once the whole village has been

covered. Remaining areas to survey are Stanchester to Sea Wall, High Street to Stoke Cross, and Ham Hill Road. One key recommendation already agreed is that all entrances to our village should have much better signage to indicate to drivers that they are entering a village and to slow them down. This can be done by rumble strips, a 30mph sign on a red strip of road, "gateways" at the side of the road, and larger signage. All these measures are recommended in the County Council's own publication as being effective. Gateways would be at the bottom of North Street, the end of West Street, Norton Road at the end of the terrace of houses, Stanchester by the Feeder Road. Ham Hill Road will be different in view of the building of the new Ham Hill Country Park Visitor Centre and its implications on traffic movement and speeds. The Group are working with the Ham Hill Country Park team to coordinate traffic recommendations.

Stay safe and well. Still important to remember - hands, face, space and fresh air!

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

UKRAINE APPEAL COFFEE MORNING

Come and join us from 10 am until 12.30 pm on Saturday 23rd April 2022 at the Hamdon Youth and Family Centre, West Street, Stoke sub Hamdon.

The Blackrock Irish Dancers will entertain guests during the morning and the Brownies will be offering you tea, coffee, squash, homemade biscuits and a variety of cakes - maybe the odd edible "Brownie" too!

All monies raised will go to Disaster Emergency Committee Ukraine appeal. <http://www.dec.org.uk/> The money raised will be published in the May Newsletter.

As we have a limited capacity and to avoid disappointment, reserve a table for up to 6 people. Please contact Brown Owl, Jackie Poole on 01935 823606 leaving a message or email stokesubhamdonbrownies@gmail.com. Or come along on the day and we will try to accommodate you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

11th	Health Walk
23rd	Brownies 'Ukraine Appeal' Coffee Morning
25th	Health Walks
May	
5th	Elections
7th	Stoke Football Club Race Night
20th - 21st	SPAG - 'Chicken House Chicks'
June	
3rd	'A Right Royal Platinum Do'

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

NOTICE OF ELECTION

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR ALL PARISH COUNCILS WITHIN SOUTH SOMERSET DISTRICT

1. An election is to be held of Parish Councillors for the Parish Councils within South Somerset District.
2. Nomination Papers must be delivered by hand to the Returning Officer at the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 2HT between 9.30am and 4.30pm on any working day from the date of this Notice but no later than 4.00pm on Tuesday, 5th April 2022.
3. Nomination papers may be obtained from the offices of the Returning Officer, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 2HT or from the parish clerks. Copies of the nomination papers can be downloaded from www.southsomerset.gov.uk. Copies can also be requested by telephoning 01935 462462 or by emailing elections@southsomerset.gov.uk
4. If any election is contested the poll will take place on Thursday, 5th May 2022.
5. New applications to register to vote at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT by midnight on Thursday 14 April 2022. Applications can be made online by visiting www.gov.uk/register-to-vote
6. Electors and their proxies should take note that applications for new postal votes, or cancellation of or changes to existing applications, must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT by 5.00pm on Tuesday 19 April 2022 if they are to be effective for this election.
7. Electors and their proxies should also note that applications for new proxy votes must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT by 5.00pm on Tuesday 26 April 2022.
8. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election on the grounds of physical incapacity or for work/service reasons must reach the Electoral Registration Officer at the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT by 5 pm on Thursday 5 May 2022. The physical incapacity must have occurred after 5pm on Tuesday 26 April 2022. To apply on the grounds of work/service, the person must have become aware that they cannot go to the polling station in person after 5pm on Tuesday 26 April 2022.

21st day of March 2022
Jill Byron Returning Officer

A RIGHT ROYAL PLATINUM DO

As you may be aware we are swiftly moving into the history books by being able to celebrate our Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

To this end the Parish Council wanted to help our community celebrate this event by working in partnership with Stoke Community Shop, The Sports and Rec Trust, Priory Coffee, Stoke Garden Club and the Working Men's Club to bring to you "A Right Royal Platinum Do".

This event will take place in and around the Memorial Hall. It will consist of a BBQ which is sponsored by the Parish Council, a cream tea, a cake competition, loads of games for both children and adults, a boules competition, and much more. There will also be a paid bar which will be run by the Working Men's Club.

The event will take place on Friday, 3rd June from 12-4 pm. For those of you who have difficulty accessing this event we can organise transport for you providing you can get into a car. If you need transport, please phone me to reserve your place (01935 823051).

The distribution and collection of tickets will be through Stoke Community Shop. You will get a choice of either BBQ or cream tea ticket. Each household will be allocated 2 tickets free; each subsequent ticket can be purchased for the nominal sum of £1.50. This is for Stoke residents and will be a no ticket no food affair, however that will not stop you from bringing a small picnic. The tickets will be available from 1st April to 30th April, you can ring the shop to reserve these if you are not able to collect at the time, but you will be asked your postcode. We need to manage this carefully in an effort to reduce waste.

This is complex to organise and is requiring a great deal of effort from the team leaders and volunteers, so please if you have any queries or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me. Keep your eyes peeled for further information regarding the cake competition, treasure hunt, and Boules competition. Another bulletin will be published in the May newsletter, if you are on internet there will be updates published through the Parish Council (<http://www.stokesubhamdoncouncil.com/>) and Community Shop (<https://stokeshop.co.uk/>) websites, also on Stoke sub Hamdon (<https://www.facebook.com/stokeunderham>) and Stoke Shop (<https://www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop>).

STOKE SUB HAMDON HEALTH WALK

Guided Health Walk: This walk take place every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. The 09:30 walk is currently suspended. However, the long walk at 10:30 continues as usual. The walk is approximately 90 minutes, on fields, tracks and hills in the local area. Dress to suit the conditions on the day. Stout footwear is a necessity. Meet at the Lighthouse Café on the High Street, opposite the Fleur pub. Next walk dates: Monday April 11th and 25th

STOKE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP PRESENT 'CHICKEN HOUSE CHICKS'

After 2 years of Covid restrictions keeping us 'waiting in the wings', the members of SPAG are delighted to finally be able to entertain our village once again! Our new production 'Chicken House Chicks', penned by our very own playwright, Angela Hodges, will be performed on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st May 2022. Evening performances 7.30pm and Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm.

This fictional play is about Stoke sub Hamdon's real life WWII Land Army Girls. Their billets were in two converted chicken houses on the Hebditch's Castle Farm, the site of what is now known as Walscombe Close, off North Street Stoke sub Hamdon.

Tickets are £10 and available for purchase from Stoke Charity Shop. Enquiries 07967184952 (please leave a message and we will get back to you). Suitable for adults and children over 11 yrs. For further details see our posters around the village, on the village website or find us on our Stoke Performing Arts Group Facebook page

STOKE FOOTBALL CLUB RACE NIGHT

Stoke Football Club will be holding a Race Night on Saturday 7th May at Stoke Working Men's Club. The first race starts at 7.30pm. Entry is £2 per head, food included. To book a table text or call Steve Deane on 07881 464280 or see a bar staff member at the Club. So come on up and have a flutter and we'll see you on the home straight!

SOMERSET BUS PARTNERSHIP

Better Bus Charter for Somerset

We need to do something about improving our buses in Somerset. Our county currently has the second lowest level of bus journeys per resident of all the counties in England and Somerset's bus services have the very lowest level of passenger satisfaction in the country.

Residents of Somerset experience this every day, whether it's with difficulties getting to health services, reduced opportunities for those seeking work and further education or just the limited (if any) evening and Sunday bus services. As a result, we see ever increasing numbers of cars on our roads which causes higher levels of local air pollution and increase our carbon emissions.

Somerset Bus Partnership was formed just a year ago to campaign for better bus services across our county and already we have a Somerset-wide network of 115 town and parish transport representatives who share our passion for better buses.

Somerset residents have every right to expect better, but it will need funding.

We have developed a Somerset Bus Charter and invite not just Councillors but community groups, churches & residents to join with us & endorse it. Get in touch

somersetbuspartnership@gmail.com

The Somerset Bus Charter

Better Buses for all our Communities

We need a core network of frequent, high-quality services linking our towns and main villages with enhanced weekend and evening services. Also, we want an extension of the demand-responsive 'Slinky' bus services, available to all and with longer operating hours.

An Integrated Transport Network

We need bus routes to link with local railway stations with timetables that offer improved connections between buses and trains. We also want to see the introduction of integrated ticketing across the county's different bus operators and with trains too.

Promotion of Existing and New Services

We should be promoting the bus as an important way by which we all can address the climate emergency in Somerset (transport accounts for nearly half of all carbon emissions in Somerset).

To enable more to go by bus, it is essential that current bus timetable information is shown at all main bus stops and bus times information is available in libraries and at other information points.

An Affordable Transport Service for all

We should make bus travel more attractive through cheaper fares especially targeted at young people up to the age of 25. Plus, for everyone, a new, all-operator, countywide value ticket.

Cleaner Buses

We want an accelerated transition from diesel buses to zero emission buses.

Meaningful Funding of Bus Services

We need Somerset's bus budget to be brought progressively up to the average for similar rural authorities in the Southwest.

VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP

Village Artists Group (VAG) exists to encourage, promote, and practice the visual arts in all forms-Abstract, Still Life, Landscapes and Portraiture by whatever means, iPad, pencil, pastels, watercolour, oils and acrylic and in or on any medium you like. We are meeting twice weekly in the Memorial Hall.

Meanwhile with a fair wind we will be running regular Saturday workshops, tutored by experienced local artists, where you will be more than welcome.

Contact Malcolm - 01935 829513 or malcolmuhorn99@gmail.com for details.

STOKE CHARITY SHOP

Date for your Diary: The Charity Shop will be holding a tabletop sale of bric-a-brac, books, games, toys and clothing for all the family at The Lighthouse Café on Saturday 9th of April at 10:30 to 12:30. The Gardening Club will also present a variety of spring plants for sale to get your garden started for the new season.

Charity Shop Closure over Easter: The shop will be closed from Friday April 15th to Thursday April 21st

Donations: Our storage capacity is limited. However, good quality donations consisting of two rubbish sized bags per household will be accepted in the Charity Shop, during opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9:00 to 3:30, Wed 9:00 to 12:30. Please do not leave bags on the doorstep.

For larger donations: Please contact Jane Baker by email: jeb3101@aol.com before bringing them to the Shop, to ensure there is sufficient space to receive them.

Grants: Stoke Charity Shop has funds available for grants to local groups planning a project associated with sport, recreation or education. The Shop has recently provided funds to local Brownies, the Gardening Club and the Lighthouse Café. For an application form please contact Jane Baker by email: jeb3101@aol.com

New Volunteers Welcome: We are always ready to welcome new volunteers. If you have a couple of hours per week to spare and you would like to find out more about volunteering at the Charity Shop, why not pop in to talk to a volunteer or contact Penny Trapnell by email: pennyatrapnell@aol.com

STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

Easter fun: We're holding a free Family Easter Egg Trail on Easter Monday (18 April) with sweet treats for all children. Start at Stoke Community Shop between 10am and 12.30pm and finish at Priory Coffee before 2pm.

And don't forget We've a great range of Easter eggs and goods in stock as well as all the ingredients you need to bake a wide range of traditional Easter fare.

Easter opening hours: We'll be open from 8am to 1pm on Good Friday, 15 April, and on Easter Monday, 18 April. Bakery Roy-Al is open on Good Friday so place your orders for fresh bread and hot cross buns for delivery to the shop for collection.

Thank you... to everyone who joined us in celebrating our second anniversary at the start of March. As we head into our third year of trading, we're doing our best to keep our prices competitive and any increases to a minimum, but unfortunately much of this is outside of our control. However, we will continue to offer the people of Stoke the best community shopping we can.

Members' Prize Draw: Congratulations to Joan Clemow, Deanna Legg, Babs Partington, Richard Shiner and Kathy Smith, who each won a £10 Community Shop Gift Voucher in our 2nd year anniversary Members' Prize Draw. If you'd like to become a member of Stoke-sub-Hamdon Community Shop Ltd, the Community Benefit Society which runs the store, pop into the shop for an application form or download one at stokeshop.co.uk/membership.

Volunteering The shop is always looking for new volunteers to join our friendly volunteer team. Drop in and speak to one of the team; or email volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk; or find out more at stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering

For more information about the shop and how you can get involved, visit stokeshop.co.uk or www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop