

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 01935 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 01935 822455
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 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
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 01935 824432 Sarah Moore, Clerk 01935 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 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 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
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	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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Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

May 2022

CHAIR'S UPDATE

During this last month we asked our Parish Ranger to wash and clean up the hamstone markers at the end of our village, and to paint the seats at Sea Wall, which were in need of some tender loving care. He's also started the long and never-ending exercise of weed-killing in our streets. He has concreted in the wobbly noticeboard posts outside the Memorial Hall and re-attached the Play Area sign at Stonehill. He has repaired the broken railing at the top of Windsor Lane by the litter bin. We also asked him to help an allotment holder clearing their site at the North Street allotments to dispose of some heavy rubbish they were unable to lift. Martin is a lovely asset to our village, and we are lucky to have the services of someone who really likes making a difference.

At long last the two large potholes in East Stoke opposite Windsor Lane and at the top of the High Street opposite the junction of Bonnies Lane have been filled in by Highways! It has been a long wait to get this work done and all credit to our Parish Clerk for continuing to chase them relentlessly.

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

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

QUIRKY QUILTERS

Quirky Quilters, who meet in the Memorial Hall every other Tuesday, are holding their 2022 exhibition of traditional and contemporary quilts.

At Long Sutton Golf Club, TA10 9JU on Thursday 19th May (10.00am - 6.30pm) and Friday 20th May (10.00am - 4.30pm).

There will also be a great selection of fabric, threads, templates and quilting accessory stalls, plus demonstrations, refreshments and a charity tombola, supporting MIND in Somerset.

Entry is £3 (accompanied children free).

ROAD CLOSURE

Somerset County Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended, have made an Order prohibiting all traffic from proceeding along - Greatfield Lane - from the junction with Cole Lane, northwards for 60 metres and Cole Lane - from the junction with Langlands to the junction with Greatfield Lane. A total distance of 201 metres

This Order will enable BT Openreach to gain access to underground structure. The Order becomes effective on 12th May 2022 and will remain in force for eighteen months.

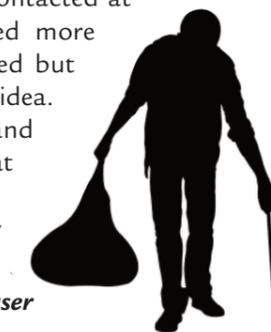
The works are expected to commence on 16th May 2022 and last until 16th May 2022 between the hours of 09:30 - 15:30 for a total of 6 hours.

Please visit <https://one.network/?tm=127615273> for further information on the alternative route. Please note that should you require to view a closure which is more than two weeks ahead, you will need to register for free with One.Network.

For information about the works being carried out please contact Sunbelt Rentals on telephone number 0370 0500 792 quoting reference number ttro4259

LITTER PICK

We will be meeting at 9 am on Sunday May 15th outside the All Saint's Hall for the bi-monthly litter pick. Please join us if you can. I can be contacted at helivet@msn.com if you need more details. Equipment is provided but stout gloves are always a good idea. It should take 1.5-2 hours and there is a free coffee after at Priory Coffee afterwards courtesy of the Community Shop.



Catherine Fraser

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.

STOKE SUB HAMDON SUMMER FETE

Stoke sub Hamdon Sports & Recreation Trust is pleased to announce that it will be holding a Summer Fete on Saturday, 2 July 2022 in the Memorial Hall and its grounds. This will take place between 10.30 am and 4 pm. If you would like to volunteer or have a stall, please contact Denise Burton on 07788900672 or by email at denisesburton@btinternet.com. Entry will be free, and we really look forward to seeing you there!

THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

The Friends of Castle School are bringing a HUGE big top circus to Stoke Memorial Hall Ground on Saturday 12th June. It will be here for one day only. There will also be lots of sideshows and food stalls to accompany it.

The event starts at 12.00pm with the big top tent opening at 1.30pm with an amazing show starting at 2.00pm.

Tickets are available now from www.pta-events.co.uk/focsevents. A family ticket is £34, individual tickets are £9.50 and under 2s are free.

This is an amazing show not to be missed!

A RIGHT ROYAL PLATINUM DO

Following on from last month's newsletter entry, this event will take place between 12 midday to 4pm, on the Memorial Hall grounds. If you would like to volunteer for a period to help throughout the day, please contact the following team leaders in the area(s) that you wish to volunteer:

- **Sports:** Sue Menzies 01935 829632
- **BBQ:** Paul Goulder (pop into Priory Coffee and leave your contact details)
- **Kitchen:** Denise Burton 01935 827793
- **Cake/Scone, Baking:** Lyn Foley 01935 823051
- **Transport of elderly:** Lyn Foley 01935 823051
- **Help to set up, etc...:** John Allen 07947 005444
- **Treasure Hunt:** Moira Hulett 07882 105385

As you may have already read, there are also a Boules Competition, and a Cake Competition, both of which you can register for on the day. The Cake Competition will be judged by Leanne Rogers, a local prize-winning cake maker, and this competition will be judged under 3 headings:

- **Best Child Baker** (under 16s)
- **Best Adult Baker;** and
- **Best Decorated** (any age).

All cakes have to be Chocolate Cakes, and are to be donated, after judging, for the Community to enjoy.

Everyone involved upfront, and in the background, are all working hard to develop an afternoon of fun and celebration for the Community, so we hope you will support this celebratory event. **Lyn Foley, Parish Council Co-ordinator**

GARDENING CLUB

May Activities: Wednesday 25th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall a talk by Brian Hesketh: "Gardening in the Goldilocks Era", looking at the potential effects of climate change on gardening.

New members always welcome, and your first visit is free! Enquiries: Club Secretary – secsshgardenclub@gmail.com

HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK 2023 CALENDAR

The Friends of Ham Hill are once again holding a photo competition for the Ham Hill Country Park 2023 Calendar. Enter now, your photo could be the Star of the Calendar!

The main rules are:

- up to three entries per person
- no photos of pets or identifiable images of people
- no professional photographers
- drones are not permitted on Ham Hill

To enter for free and to get the full rules (if you need them) email info@friendsofhamhill.org. The closing date for entries is 31st August 2022



STOKE CHARITY SHOP

New Volunteers Welcome: The Charity Shop celebrated its 10th anniversary in September and over that time has become a vital source of funding for local projects related to sport, recreation and education. We are always ready to welcome new volunteers, who want to help the Shop continue servicing our community. While a regular two hours shift per week is ideal, there is of course flexible cover available for holidays and other commitments. If you would like to find out more about volunteering at the Charity Shop, why not contact Penny Trapnell by email: pennyatrapnell@aol.com or pop into the Shop to speak to a volunteer.

Donations: Our storage capacity is limited. However, good quality donations consisting of two rubbish sized bags per household are gratefully received at 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

STOKE SUB HAMDON HEALTH WALK

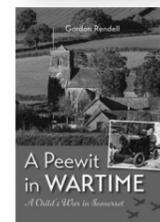
Guided Health Walk: These walks take place every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 10:30am. The walks are approximately 90 minutes, on fields, tracks and hills in the local area. Dress to suit the conditions on the day. Stout footwear is a necessity. Meet at the Lighthouse Café on the High Street, opposite the Fleur pub. Next walk dates: Monday May 9th and 23rd

MASS BOOK SIGNING

On 9th July, from 10.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. there will be a mass book signing in Montacute village hall. We have several local authors with books to sell, and we thought that if they all came together, it would give prospective buyers a greater choice and make it worth their while turning up to see what's on offer.



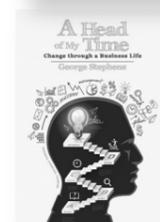
Angie (Min) Hodges has written a book for the kiddies called "Wellington, and his Company of Lost Shoes". Wellington fell off the back of a motorbike going on holiday, and he sets about locating his other half, and on the way finds other boots and shoes in the same situation; so, they band together to find their other halves, which they do successfully.



Gordon Rendell from Montacute "A Peewit in Wartime" has just been released – his experiences of the last war as a small boy in a village. His publisher paid him the compliment of saying that in all the books he reads as part of his job, it was the first book he had read that he laughed out loud while he was reading it.



Clarence Bradley from Montacute has written about Montacute during the last war and if you haven't already got this book, Under the Shadow of the Hill, now's your chance to correct this.



George Stephens, another Montacute author, writes about an extremely interesting life in business that goes from millions to billions! His memoir is called "A Head of my Time,"



Chris Weedon, from Stoke, writes of a man trying to rebuild his life with a dog deserving a second chance, both on and off a canal boat; It's called "Scallywag, my Duvet Diva". His publishers say it is a compelling and immersive read.

We hope to see you there. Refreshments will be available. It's an opportunity to buy Christmas presents before the rush.

VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP SATURDAY WORKSHOP

The Village Artist Group welcomes Somerset Artist Richard Turner on Saturday, 14th May 10am - 4.00pm at the Memorial Hall, Stoke Sub Hamdon. Richard will be demonstrating pastels including:

- The Fundamentals of Pastel Work.
- Technique and Composition.
- Pastel work by attendees from their own reference material.

If you are interested in attending the fee will be £26.00 for the day for members and £31.00 for non-members. Please contact either Malcolm on 01935 829513 or Sandy Deyes-Pratt sandydeyespratt@hotmail.com or malcolmuhlhorn99@gmail.com

STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

May Bank Holiday opening times: We're open from 8am to 1pm on Bank Holiday Monday, 2nd May. There will be no Post Office counter service on this day.

Calling all bakers: Stoke Community Shop is sponsoring the cream teas for the Right Royal Platinum Do on Friday 3rd June, and we'd like to invite our village's bakers to give us a hand and bake a cake or some plain scones for this special day. We'll provide all the ingredients required. If you'd like to bake for this good cause, please give the shop your name and contact details by Sunday 15th May – either drop in or call us on 01935 509100 during opening hours.

Comic Relief: We celebrated Red Nose Day in March with another home-baked cake sale and collected an amazing £125. Many thanks to our generous bakers and customers who all helped make this fundraising event so successful.

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.

Pop in and speak to one of our 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May	
5th	Unitary & Parish Council Elections
7th	Stoke Football Club Race Night
9th	Health Walks
14th	Village Artist Group Pastels Workshop
15th	Litter Pick
19th – 20th	Quirky Quilters Exhibition
20th – 21st	SPAG – 'Chicken House Chicks'
23rd	Health Walks
25th	Stoke Gardening Club Talk
June	
3rd	'A Right Royal Platinum Do'
12th	Friends of Castle School Circus
July	
2nd	Summer Fete
9th	Book Signing - Montacute