

## CONTACTS

<b>Church of England at St Mary's, Church Services:</b>	The Rector Rev. Nick Clarke. Tel 07842 192402, revnickclarke@gmail.com
<b>1st Sunday 11.00am Cafe church in All Saints Hall</b>	The Vicarage, 1 Castle Street TA14 6RE
<b>2nd Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion</b>	website: www.hamhillchurches.org
<b>3rd Sunday 11.00am Morning Praise</b>	
<b>4th Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion</b>	
<b>2nd and 4th Wednesdays 9.00am BCP Holy Communion</b>	
<b>ALL SAINTS HALL BOOKING SECRETARY</b>	Ann Davison 07709 609488
<b>BOYS BRIGADE - Weekly - Thursday 6.00pm - 7.30pm (now at Martock Christian Fellowship)</b>	Ian Rumbelow 881712
<b>BRIDGE CLUB - Weekly - Monday starting at 8.30pm (Working Mens Club)</b>	
<b>BROWNIES - Weekly - Every Tuesday during term time (Hamdon Youth &amp; Family Centre)</b>	Jackie Poole 01935 823606
<b>CRIME &amp; MYSTERY BOOK GROUP</b>	Kathy Smith 07366979178
<b>"EVERY STEP COUNTS" - 9.30am &amp; "HEALTH WALKS" 10.30am. Meet outside the Lighthouse</b>	Penny on 822208 or Mark 07496 148756
<b>FLEXERCISE FOR FUN - At Oak Tree House every Monday at 2.30pm</b>	Di Ramsay 0845 6434702
<b>FOOTBALL - SENIOR TEAMS - Training Tuesday evenings 6.30pm. Matches weekend</b>	Steve Deane 07881 464280 email stevekatherine@hotmail.co.uk
<b>FOOTBALL - YOUTH TEAMS - Training weekday evenings. Matches Saturdays &amp; Sundays</b>	Steve Arnold stokefcchair@hotmail.com & John Elliott stokefcsec@gmail.com 07775 562122
<b>FOOTPATHS - problems and issues contact the Parish Clerk</b>	Sarah Moore, Clerk 822455
<b>GARDENING CLUB - Monthly - Fourth Wednesday 7.30pm (Memorial Hall)</b>	Ruth St John-Murphy 01935 829408
<b>'GET FIT WITH SUE' - Mondays - Fitness Pilates 5pm (call first), Aerobics &amp; Toning 6pm. Thursdays - Fitness Pilates 6pm</b>	Sue Menzies 01935 829632
<b>HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK - VOLUNTEER RANGERS - Weekly Weds 9.50am-3.30pm (Ranger's Office)</b>	Paul McNeill 07973 887129
<b>HAMDON MEDICAL CENTRE</b>	01935 822236
<b>HAMDON PLAYGROUP - Monday - Friday term time, 8.30 am - 3.30 pm. 2 years old, 3/4 years old and 30 hours funding available.</b>	Ann or Karon 01935 826832 Email: hamdonplaygroup@btinternet.com
<b>HAMDON COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT -</b>	Peter Hulett 01935 824784
<b>HISTORY GROUP</b>	Carol Parker 825393
<b>LIGHTHOUSE CAFE - Monday &amp; Thursday 10.00am - 1.00pm</b>	Sarah Russell 826355
<b>MAY FAYRE - Annual Event for Sports &amp; Recreation Trust</b>	Denise Burton 827793
<b>MEDITATION GROUP - Tuesdays at 7.30pm in the HCAP building (URC)</b>	Emma Herrod 01935 829443
<b>MEMORIAL HALL BOOKING SECRETARY</b>	bookings.stokememorialhall@hotmail.com. Mary Steel 01935 508996
<b>PARISH COUNCIL - Monthly First Wednesday 7.15pm (Memorial Hall)</b>	Barbara Brooks, Chairman 824432 Sarah Moore, Clerk 822455
<b>POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER</b>	Abby Linaker email:abby.linaker@avonandsomerset.police.uk
<b>POST OFFICE COUNTER (INSIDE STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP)</b>	
<b>OPENING TIMES Monday &amp; Friday 9.00am to 12 noon, Thursday 1.00pm to 4.00pm (excluding Bank Holidays)</b>	
<b>SEATED CHAIR EXERCISES - Friday at 10am in the All Saints Hall</b>	Sue Menzies 829632
<b>STOKE AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION</b>	Derek Goad. 824337
<b>STOKE BABY &amp; TODDLER GROUP - Memorial Hall. Thurs.9.30am to 11.30am in term time</b>	carolyn_lefley@hotmail.com Facebook: @StokeBabyAndToddlerGroup
<b>STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP OPENING HOURS - Monday to Friday 8am - 4.30pm; Saturday 8am - 4pm; Sunday 8.30am - 12.30pm</b>	01935 509100
<b>STOKE LUNCH CLUB FOR OLDER PEOPLE. Lighthouse Café last Wednesday of the month.</b>	Lyn Foley 01935 823051/07714 005265
<b>STOKE SUB HAMDON BAND - Monday &amp; Thursday 8.00pm - 10.00pm Band Room, back of URC</b>	Gill Robins 01935 329904
<b>Training Band - Thursdays at Band Room, 7.00pm - 7.45pm</b>	Jane Herbert 01460 419317
<b>STOKE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP</b>	Jeanie 07967184952 or Moira info@stokeperformingartsgroup.co.uk
<b>TAEKWONDO &amp; LITTLE DRAGONS - Mondays 5.00pm - 5.30pm Little Dragons; 5.30pm - 6.15pm Taekwondo beginners; 6.15pm - 7.00pm Taekwondo Adults (Stanchester)</b>	Jennie Clark 07921 393425
<b>TAI CHI - Weekly - Thursday 3.00pm - 4.00pm in Memorial Hal</b>	John 07721 060901
<b>TINY TURRETS (Castle Primary School) - Foundation Stage Unit for children aged 2 - 4 years</b>	Castle Primary School Office 01935 822342
<b>Two daily sessions 9.00am - 12 noon and 12 noon - 3pm. Extended provision available from 7.45am - 5.30pm ages 3+</b>	
<b>TRIANGLE TRUST - Raising funds for Hamdon Medical Centre</b>	Jennie Harris 881718
<b>VILLAGE AGENT - Cluster SS2 Cath Holloway</b>	cath@somersetccc.org.uk Tel: 07968 521746
<b>VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP - Tuesdays 7.45pm - 9.45pm &amp; Friday 10.00am - 12 Noon (Memorial Hall)</b>	Malcolm Uhlhorn 01935 829513
<b>WORKING MENS CLUB - Daily - Lunch times &amp; evenings</b>	Mark Greaves 01935 823297
<b>YOUTH CLUB - Weekly - Monday 7.00pm at Hamdon Youth &amp; Family Centre</b>	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

January 2022

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR

## CHAIR'S UPDATE

Councillors were pleased to award two grants at their December meeting.

The first went to the Stoke Baby & Toddler Group, which will be used to pay their £77.71 public liability insurance premium. The group which now has new leaders is starting up again after an 18-month absence during the Covid restriction periods.

The second grant of £817.64 went to the Memorial Hall Trustees for their building insurance premium. The council supports our village hall each year with grants towards their insurance and operating costs.

## Sea Wall

Councillors also approved the payment of £1,319.47 for the cutting down of the overgrown trees and brambles by the seating area at Sea Wall. Our thanks to those residents who kindly moved their parked cars so that our contractors could do the work. It is lovely to be able to appreciate the view across our wonderful Somerset fields again!

## Covid 19 and Omicron

All the latest data on the new variant, Omicron, indicate that although symptoms can be mild like the common cold it is extremely transmissible, and if we test positive, we are likely to infect at least 5 people and more quickly. So, it's really important to make sure we protect each other by following the commonsense rules of socially distancing, wearing masks, washing our hands and ensuring we have access to fresh air when indoors so that the virus droplets can blow away. Solid scientific evidence shows that if we have had the third vaccination booster jab, this gives a 70% protection against symptomatic disease. Evidence also shows us that the majority of people in hospital are unvaccinated people, so if you are able to be vaccinated but have chosen not to do so yet, the NHS is urging you to go to one of the vaccination centres.

Please support our local shops and hospitality businesses who are being affected yet again by the effect of the restrictions.

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

**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.

## LITTER PICK

We will be meeting at 9am on Sunday, 9th January outside the All Saints Hall for the bi-monthly litter pick. Please join us if you can. I can be contacted at [helivet@msn.com](mailto: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 courtesy of the Community Shop.

*Catherine Fraser*

## VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP

The Village Artist Group welcomes Artist, Mike Jackson on Saturday, 22nd January between 10am-4pm at the Memorial Hall, Stoke sub Hamdon. Giving us an insight and demonstration into his unique, varied and successful painting techniques.

If you are interested in attending, the fee will be £25.00 for the day for members and £30.00 for non-members.

*Phone Malcolm on 01935 829513 for a chat or email [malcomuhhorn99@gmail.com](mailto:malcomuhhorn99@gmail.com)*

## STOKE BAND NEWS

After the fun of Christmas, the band faces a major problem.

As you may be aware, the former URC is being closed at the end of January and we have to leave. Consequentially the band is now looking for a new permanent home having spent forty years at the URC. We are actively looking for somewhere to practice that can give us some storage as well. If you are aware of any possible premises, please can you contact Gill Robins at the Prince of Wales.

## STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB

We have a full and varied programme planned for the year and the first will be on Wednesday, 26th January 2022 at 7.15pm in the Memorial Hall, Stoke sub Hamdon. This is a presentation by Dr Francis Burroughs who will speak on 'The Victorian Head Gardener'.

New members always welcome and the first meeting is free!

## STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP



We'd like to wish everyone a very happy – and safe - 2022

### Thank you to all our Volunteers

The dedication of our Volunteers has been – and continues to be – what makes running the store possible, so a big thanks to you all for your hard work over the past year

And if you're looking for a new challenge for the New Year, why not join our friendly volunteer team: If you'd like to get more involved in the community and you have a few hours to spare, drop into the shop for a chat with one of our team or email [volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk). You can also find out more – and download an application form – at [stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering](http://stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering).

### New Year's opening

Your community shop will be open from 8am to 12 noon on Saturday, 1st January, Sunday, 2nd January and Monday, 3rd January. We're back to normal opening from Tuesday, 4th January 2022.

For full details, please check the shop window, our website [stokeshop.co.uk](http://stokeshop.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop](http://www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop).

### Home deliveries

Our home delivery service is here for you if you're unable to get out and about. Call us with your order on **01935 509100** between 9am and 2pm on weekdays and we'll arrange same day or next-day delivery.

### BBC Children in Need

We collected an amazing £200 for this good cause with a bake sale last November, so many thanks to our generous customers – and to all our home bakers who donated their time ... and their fairy cakes.

### Lord's Larder:

We received huge number of donations over the festive period as well as during 2021, and the Lord's Larder have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of Stoke. They've asked us to say thank you to everyone who contributed and helped to make it a happier Christmas for those in need.

*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).*

## STOKE CHARITY SHOP

### Happy New Year

Wishing all our volunteers and customers a Happy and Healthy New Year. After the slow start to 2021, when we were closed until mid-April, the shop has progressed steadily to the end of the year. Our success is the result of residents providing generous donations, dedicated volunteers and supportive customers. While Covid has reduced the number of grant applications received in 2021, we hope local groups will feel able to apply in 2022. Contact Jane Baker at [jeb3101@aol.com](mailto:jeb3101@aol.com) for a funding application for any local sports, recreation or education group activity.

### Space Needed to Hire

As many of you know, storage of Charity Shop stock at URC, North Street will end on the 31st of January, and we are looking to hire a suitable clean, dry space for some of our stock. The space will need to be accessible to some of our volunteers at agreed times. If you have a spare room or dry outbuilding we could hire, please contact Penny Trapnell at [pennyatrapnell@aol.com](mailto:pennyatrapnell@aol.com).

### Volunteers Needed

The Charity Shop is always happy to welcome new volunteers. If you have a couple of hours a week spare and would like to contribute to the welfare of our village, you are invited to join our friendly group of volunteers at Stoke Charity Shop. Contact Penny Trapnell at [pennyatrapnell@aol.com](mailto:pennyatrapnell@aol.com) to arrange a visit to the shop and find out what volunteering involves.

**Next donations date at HCAP: Our last donation day at HCAP (URC, North Street) will be Saturday, 8th January at HCAP between 10am and midday.**

You are welcome to bring clothing, children's toys, books, CDs, bric-a-brac and small household and electrical items on the dates above. Volunteers will be on hand to receive your donations. Donations following this date will be accepted at the Charity Shop on the High Street.

The Charity Shop cannot accept heavily worn, soiled or torn clothing/textiles and shoes. These can be disposed of in your kerbside recycling.

### Half-Price Sale

Keep a look out for the Charity Shop half-price sale planned for January. Dates will be announced on the sandwich board placed outside the shop. Everything will be offered at half price. Come and enjoy some mid-winter retail therapy to combat post-Christmas blues and grab some great bargains.

## HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Practical Rangers:** to carry out a variety of exciting seasonal conservation activities such as scrub clearance, tree planting, hedge-laying, and coppicing. Meet every Wednesday at the Ranger Office on Ham Hill (TA14 6RW) at 9.50am for a 10.00am start, and finish at around 3.30pm. Just turn up and stay for the full day or just half a day, as often as you like. Wear old weather-appropriate clothes, stout boots or wellies, and bring a packed lunch (if required). Training, gloves, tools, and refreshments will be provided.

**And coming soon... so please register your interest for these two:**

**Visitor Guides:** to walk around the Country Park to provide information about Ham Hill to visitors, including what to see and the best places to go.

**Visitor Surveyors:** to conduct flora & fauna surveys (seasonal) and visitor questionnaire surveys.

*For more information or to register your interest contact Paul on 07973 887129*

## LUNCH CLUB/AFTERNOON TEA

It has been a pleasure to serve you fortnightly afternoon tea, now since April/May this year. Me, Jill, Lisa, Sue, Kay, Gordon and Mike would like to wish you all a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

We are taking January off and hope to resume working with you at the beginning of February.

The first date will be 9th February at 2.15pm in the Lighthouse Café and from then every two weeks.

*If you fancy joining our merry band, then please contact me, Lyn Foley on 01935 823051*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2022

8th	Charity Shop Donations
9th	Litter Pick
15th	Charity Shop Donations
22nd	Village Artist Group Workshop
26th	Gardening Club 'The Victorian Gardener'

February 2022

9th	Lunch Club
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