

## 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 dlr.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: 07717 453523
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, Secretary - Peter Hulett 01935 824784, Fundraising Co-Ordinator - 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@somersetcc.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



## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

This month I'm covering topics that will help make the village and surrounding areas safe for all of us – including the wild birds and animals we are so lucky to share the village with.

The RSPB recommend that you do not cut down trees, hedges or hedgerows from March to the end of August (during the nesting season). A reminder that it is unlawful to cut down hedgerow where there are nesting birds or if you do not own the land! Please also avoid disturbing the habitat of other creatures during their mating seasons such as those that use the hedgerows for food and shelter, nesting hedgehogs that their homes in the long grasses. If you need to trim or cut long grass please walk through it first dragging a stick to make a noise. This will disturb sleeping hogs – give them 15/20 mins to move away before you cut the grass. The damage a strimmer can do to a hog is devastating it only takes a few moments to think before you act.

When the heat is intense please keep a watchful eye on your vulnerable neighbours, it is easy to become dehydrated in this weather and not realise it. Please don't walk your dogs in the height of the heat as the pavements can be very hot. If you live in an area where dogs are walked regularly perhaps putting a bowl of clean water out for the passing dogs would be helpful, not forgetting that wild animals might like to have a night time drink too.

It has been noted that some people have been double parking on the High Street, this practice is dangerous for several reasons:

1. You are blocking the pavement and causing people to walk on the road around the car
2. Large vehicles have difficulty in passing through the gap
3. It causes even more congestion than normal
4. It is illegal

## Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council

# NEWSLETTER

July 2023

The Parish Council have been contacted by Mr Zac England who owns the Quarrying rights to Ham Hill. He has informed the Council that he has put in an application to Somerset Council to increase the quarrying rights for a further 25 years. The plans for this can be found on

<https://planning.somerset.gov.uk/Planning/Display?applicationNumber=SCC%2F4058%2F2023>

The centenary of the unveiling of the monument by King George III is on 19th July 2023. We would like to celebrate this as the monument is so important to this community, and we would like to host a small service and celebration of its erection and significance.

The latest road closure that started on 12/06/23, when Stoke road was closed in Martock, has been queried by several residents who wanted to know why the traffic had been diverted through the village rather than down the A303. The Clerk posed this question to the Highways Department, the answer came back : The chosen diversion route was because Somerset Council were unable to send the traffic along the A303 without the consent from National Highways, as it was difficult to get an agreement with the dates that were requested as it also depends on other work they are doing.

The Parish Council would like to welcome our new interim clerk, Mr Neil Bloomfield whose contact details are clerk@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk

Neil is your first port of call for enquiries and communications for the foreseeable future.

**Lyn Foley**  
**Chair of Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council**

Please send articles for the newsletter, or to advertise forthcoming events to  
Neil Bloomfield clerk@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk by the 16th of the previous month

## VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

### STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP:

**NON-VOTING MEMBER** 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.

**SHOP 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.

### CHARITY SHOP

If you'd like to help raise money for our wonderful community, then why not join the Charity Shop Team? There's a warm welcome waiting for you – either as a shop volunteer or committee member. Contact Jane Baker (07770984283) or Denise Burton (07788900672), or simply pop into the shop for a chat!

### MEMORIAL HALL

We are looking for people to join the Hall's management committee. If you would like to find out more about the Hall, a valuable village asset, and if you could spare a couple of hours every month, we would love to hear from you. No experience necessary. Jill Uhlhorn 078 96299340

### UPON THE HILL – REVIEW

On Wednesday 28th to Friday 30th June, 2023, the Millennium Stones became the stage to Stanchester Academy's latest production. 'Upon the Hill' was devised as an original piece of theatre in collaboration with Ham Hill and the Somerset Geology Group, and focused on the history of the Hill. It was written and performed by students from Years 7 to 9, who were assisted by Year 10 GCSE Drama Students as Assistant Directors.

Dan Morgan Curriculum Lead of Performing Arts, and Director of this production said "We're immensely proud of our students for stepping up to the challenge of devising an original piece of theatre, performed In-the-Round as an outdoor, site-specific piece of theatre. It's not easy, but they were amazing to work with. Their focus, creativity and willingness are admirable, and this is really promising for the creativity in our school moving forward."

### FILM NIGHT AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

July 1st is Film Night! The film we are screening at the Memorial Hall this month is *Empire of Light* (2022) (15) 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. Rescheduled from June. Really worth watching! Film starts at 7.30, Tickets £5 Refreshments and popcorn are available – and you can bring your own drinks.



### WHAT'S ON & WHAT'S NEW AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

We are pleased to announce that Yoga is coming to the Memorial Hall on Monday evenings at 7 pm, starting on 17th July. For further information, please contact Lydia on 07927784279 who will be pleased to give you further information.

There's lots going on each week - Zumba, Kettle Belles, art, baby and toddler's groups, quilting and the Wessex Big Band. Check the village noticeboards or the Memorial Hall webpage for more information.

Stoke sub Hamdon Memorial Hall, Stoke-Sub-Hamdon ([stokememorialhall.co.uk](http://stokememorialhall.co.uk))

### GARDENING CLUB

This month's topic is "Gardening Without Plastic" – Come and hear Sally Nex, a professional gardener based in Somerset and a regular contributor for BBC Gardeners' World magazine, give some down-to-earth and practical suggestions on this hot topic! July 26th, 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. Meet in the Memorial Hall, as usual. Refreshments; Plant Sales; Raffle. Visitors are very welcome! Call 01935 823691 for more info.

### WHODUNNIT?

Stoke Performing Arts Group latest production, 'Mr Johnson in the Study with the Gloving Tool', is coming to Stoke Memorial Hall on 7th and 8th July 2023. Get your tickets now from the Community Shop!

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.

### MAY FAYRE

We were delighted that we could bring back the May Fayre this year after a four-year break due to Covid and also losing our regular venue. This was only made possible because Stanchester Academy very kindly allowed us to use their facilities which provided us with a fantastic venue, and so we would like to say a very big thank you to Gregg Mockeridge, Head Teacher, and to Andy Burr and his team for working with us on the logistics.

We could also never have delivered this event without our dedicated team of volunteers and we were especially grateful this year to have Cliff, Jim and Charlie, leading our facilities team. You did a fantastic job! Special thanks also to the Working Men's Club for running the bar again, Minster Vets for sponsoring the dog show, Dave for keeping everyone informed of the day's events, Bill for taking photos throughout the day to help create so many memories as well as our teams running the bbq, kitchen and raffle and everything else - too many people to name individually but who worked tirelessly throughout the day to make the May Fayre such a success.

Thanks also to everyone who came along; it was so good to see you all enjoying yourselves in the sun!

We don't yet have the exact amount raised overall, and will let you know when all the figures have been finalised.

### WORLD CHALLENGE

#### COFFEE MORNING

The World Challenge students from Stanchester Academy are running a coffee morning in All Saints Hall, Stoke sub Hamdon 10am-12 noon on Saturday the 8th of July. Come along for drinks, homemade cake, cream teas and iced coffees. Takeaways also available.

#### HAVE-A-GO AT SKITTLES

The students are also running an individual's skittles competition for anyone to come along and have a go. Just £1 a go, with prizes up for grabs for highest scoring men, women and under 16s. The competition is taking place in the bottom skittle alley at Stoke Working Men's Club on Friday 21st July, 6:30-9pm.

### 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.

### COACH TRIP TO SIDMOUTH

There are still a few spaces on the coach trip to Sidmouth with the Afternoon Tea club. Date is Wednesday 12th July and will be leaving the Memorial Hall at 10.30am, returning around 5pm with lunch at the Hare & Hounds on route. If you would like more information please give Lisa a call on 07515 489587

### STOKE WALKING GROUP

Join us for our regular health walks. All walks start outside the Lighthouse Cafe at 10.00 and are guided by trained walk leaders. 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.

## Dates for your Diary

### JULY

**4th** **Longer Health Walk**  
Lighthouse café 10:00 start

**7th & 8th** **'Mr Johnson in the Study with the Gloving Tool'**  
at the Memorial Hall

**8th** **World Challenge Coffee Morning,**  
All Saints Hall 10:00 – 12:00

**10th** **Regular Health Walk**  
Lighthouse café 10:00 start

**12th** **Afternoon Tea Club**  
**Coach trip to Sidmouth**

**19th** **Centenary celebration**  
at the Monument

**21st** **Have-a-Go Skittles,**  
Stoke Working Men's Club  
18:30 – 21:00

**24th** **Regular Health Walk**  
Lighthouse café 10:00 start

**26th** **Gardening Club,**  
Memorial Hall 19:30