

## 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	
1st and 3rd Wednesday 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 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 Stoke Youth Football Club www.facebook.com/groups/184504791723630		Contact: Steve Arnold (Chairman), email: stokefcchair@gmail.com & John Elliot (Secretary) 0775 562122, email: stokefcsec@gmail.com
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 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		bookings.stokememorialhall@hotmail.com. Mary Steel 01935 508996
PARISH COUNCIL - Monthly First Wednesday 7.00pm, The Hamdon Youth & Family Centre Website: stokesubhamdoncouncil.com		Lyn Foley, Chairman 01935 83051 Sarah Moore, Clerk 01935 822455
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, Secretary - Peter Hulett 01935 824784, Fundraising Co-Ordinator - Denise Burton 01935 827793
STOKE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP		Contact Jeannie 01935 579592 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

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK: MRS. SARAH MOORE, 24 HIGH STREET, STOKE SUB HAMDON TA14 6PS  
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## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

In last month's newsletter I mentioned about dogs being kept on leads where there are livestock in the fields, I would like to thank Mrs. Morris from West Street Farm who, rightly so, pointed out that it isn't just livestock that are being chased by dogs, it is also the wildlife. In addition, dog owners have also been seen allowing their dogs to fowl in the blackcurrant fields and not picking up the dog mess. This can have severe consequences for the farmer because during the harvesting process the dog mess can contaminate the fruit. Also, please can you take your poo bags home, or put them in a poo bin, and not hang them in the hedgerows, bushes, or trees.

A date for your diary, on the 28th April there will be the Annual Parish Meeting in the Memorial Hall starting at 7 pm. Come and listen to what our local groups are doing and to the developments that are happening in and around our community

The Parish Council currently has a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact the Parish Clerk with your details.

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### PARISH OF STOKE SUB HAMDON

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 87 of the Local Government Act 1972 that 1 vacancy has occurred on the Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council. Unless a request for an election to be held is submitted in writing to the Proper Officer of the South Somerset District Council, at the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 2HT by no later than 20th April 2023 by ten electors for the Parish of Stoke sub Hamdon, the Parish Council will proceed to fill the vacancy by co-option.

*Mrs. S Moore, Parish Clerk, 20th March 2023*

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 Parish Council

# NEWSLETTER

April 2023



*Would you be interested in joining the Parish Council and helping us to support and protect our village facilities and activities?*

*We meet once on the first Wednesday evening monthly.*

*We have 1 vacancy at present. If you would like to*

*know more about it all, please contact Sarah Moore, our Parish Clerk on 822455 for an informal chat.*

## Dates for your Diary

### APRIL

1st Film Night at the Memorial Hall

2nd Litter Pick

4th Extended Health Walk

5th Afternoon Tea Club

10th Health Walk

11th Stanchester Academy Community Café

12th Martock U3A

19th Afternoon Tea Club

24th Health Walk

26th Gardening Club Talk and Plant Sale

28th Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

29th Gardening Club Plant Sale

29th Stanchester Academy 80s/90s Disco

### MAY

6th A Right Royal Coronation

17th Afternoon Tea Club

31st Afternoon Tea Club

## A RIGHT ROYAL CORONATION



This village event will take place on Saturday 6th May from 10.30am - 4pm, in and around the Memorial Hall. The actual Coronation will be shown LIVE on the BIG SCREEN in the Memorial Hall from 10.30am. There will be a BBQ and a cream tea, (both are sponsored by the Parish Council), a cake competition, plus traditional family fun with outdoor races and games for both children and adults. There will also be a paid bar which will be run by the Working Men's Club.

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 the Stoke Community Shop to reserve your place (01935 509100).

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 us. Keep your eyes peeled for further information regarding the cake competition.

## CALLING ALL BAKERS

We are in need of village bakers to cook cakes and or scones for the village cream teas, to be held in celebration of King Charles' Coronation 6th May. If you are happy to do this, please would you register your interest at the Stoke Community Shop. The Community Shop is happy to provide you with some of the main ingredients for your cake or scones. Please make sure you let the staff in the shop know what you require so we can put them together for you.

## ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

We are experiencing a lot of anti-social activity in the village at the moment. If you witness or in receipt of such behaviour, you might think this is not worth it, but the more you report an incident the more our profile will be noticed and then acted on by the police. Broken windows in the middle of the night, egging windows, banging on doors and filming responses are all very upsetting to householders, especially people who live alone, we must try to eliminate this. I have found it easier to report through the website it is some much quicker.

You can either phone: 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies, website [www.avonandsomerset.police.uk](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk) or Email: [commscentreinbound@avonandsomerset.police.uk](mailto:commscentreinbound@avonandsomerset.police.uk)

## STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

**Easter opening hours:** We'll be open from 8am to 12 noon on Good Friday, 7 April, and Easter Monday, 10 April.

**Hot cross buns:** Bakery Roy-Al is open on Good Friday, so if you'd like hot cross buns, fresh bread and any pastries or cakes on the Friday, place your orders by midday, Thursday 6 April.

**Easter treats:** 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.

**Children's Coronation Prize Poster Competition:** Help us to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III by getting your kids and grandkids to draw, paint or collage an A4 poster of him being crowned. Then bring their poster to the shop with their name, age and contact number written clearly on the back. We will display the best posters in our window and all posters submitted will be put on display in the Memorial Hall on Coronation Day, Saturday 6 May. The competition is open to all Stoke children aged 16 and under. Closing date for entries: 4:30pm, Friday 14 April. More details are available from the shop.

**Thank you...** to everyone who joined us in celebrating our third anniversary at the start of March. As we head into our fourth year of trading, we're still doing our best to keep our prices competitive and any increases to a minimum, but unfortunately much of this remains 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 Dana Batog, Tim Bourbon, Ashley Mattravers, Anita Moores and June Ridout, who each won a £10 Community Shop Gift Voucher in our 3rd 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 from: [stokeshop.co.uk/membership](http://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](mailto:volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk); or find out more at [stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering](http://stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering)

*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](https://www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop)*

## STANCHESTER ACADEMY

Due to the success of our Saturday coffee mornings, the Stanchester World Challenge team have decided to continue to run them, on the second Saturday of each month, from 10-12 noon. Please join us at our 'Community Cafe' for a selection of home baked cakes, including gluten free and vegan treats, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and soft drinks. Our next community cafe is April 11th where our bakes will be Easter themed. We look forward to seeing you there. Cash only.

In addition, we also have an 80s/90s themed disco on Saturday 29th April at Tintinhull Working Men's Club, from 7.30pm. £10 a ticket, over 18s only. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Enquiries: [rebecca.hendry@stanchester.co.uk](mailto:rebecca.hendry@stanchester.co.uk).

## 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 to achieve this. If you are interested in venturing out once or twice a week and are looking forward to a very rewarding and affordable pastime, please contact me on 01 935 829513 or [malcolmuhlhorn99@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmuhlhorn99@gmail.com) for a free introductory session and or a chat'

## CHARITY SHOP

The Charity Shop has had a fantastic start to the year, and we'd like to thank all our amazing customers for their continued support. Our income in February was particularly strong. Our team of volunteers are at the heart of our success, and we also raise money for local Sports and Leisure projects by selling donated items on eBay and other platforms. All this means that we are able to contribute funds to a range of projects related to Sports and Leisure in the village. Already this year, as well as village wide projects, we have been able to support five local youngsters taking part in the World Challenge. Expect to see them volunteering in the shop during the spring.

Spring is on the way, and we're having a recruitment drive for new volunteers, who will always find a warm, supportive and friendly welcome in the shop. If you'd like to know more, pop into the shop at any time to have a chat, ask for further information or complete a volunteer form.

## STOKE WALKING GROUP

**April Health Walk dates:** 10th and 24th April. Yes there will be a walk on Easter Monday, but the Lighthouse coffee shop team will be having a well-deserved break.

The regular walks start at the Lighthouse Cafe at 10.00, last about one and a half hours to finish in time for a cuppa and a chat at the cafe. The guided walks are led by trained walk leaders. Come and discover more paths around Stoke. New walkers, and well-behaved dogs on leads too, are always welcome, whether you have lived in the area for years, or just moved in. Dress for the weather, stout footwear is recommended.

Several of you have asked about the extended walks. They will start again on Tuesday 4th April, meeting in front of the Lighthouse at 10.00. It is only these longer walks that are moving to the first Tuesday each month. They will be about 5 - 6 miles long, so allow 2.5 - 3 hours as last year. If you are interested, please speak to me or one of the other walk leaders. Sue 07792311736

## MARTOCK U3A

Wednesday 12th April 2023 at 2.15pm The Parish Hall Martock: Antarctica – My View. Toward the unknown region, as there is nowhere else like it on our planet, with John Higham. All welcome to the talk, to enjoy a chat over refreshments and to find out about the learning, hobby and interest groups you can join through Martock & District u3a. More information about Martock & District u3a: email [martocku3amembership@gmail.com](mailto:martocku3amembership@gmail.com), telephone 01460 240788. website [www.martocku3a.org.uk](http://www.martocku3a.org.uk)

## STOKE GARDENING CLUB

**What's on in April:**

**Wednesday 26th April – 7.30 p.m.** “The Highs and Lows of Exhibiting a Show Garden” presented by Julie Haycock. Meeting at The Memorial Hall in Stoke-sub-Hamdon, 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. Refreshments; Plant Sales; Raffle. Visitors very welcome!

**Saturday 29th April – 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon.** Plant Sale at All Saints' Hall (“The Lighthouse”), Stoke-sub-Hamdon, TA146PS. Come and re-stock your garden or planters with our home-grown plants! Tea/coffee/cake available for a small charge. Limited parking.

## MEMORIAL HALL

**Fantastic response to our Appeal!**

A big shout out from the Memorial Hall committee to all you lovely people in Stoke who literally inundated us with clothes, shoes, toys, and personal items for our Turkey Earthquake Appeal Day on Saturday 25 February. The Committee volunteers spent the day sorting them out into men's, women's and children's bags and we are delighted to report that we ended up with literally a cattle trailer full of bags!

A special thanks to the 1st Stoke sub Hamdon Brownies who donated a box of First Aid items and a lady who came with a big bag of surgical scrubs. Thank you too to the Charity Shop who helped us by offering to sell clothes for donating to the Appeal and arrived with a huge pile of items for us - their support was much appreciated.

Thank you to two of our Committee Ruth Bailey and Raymond Bridge who organised the Appeal and who took it all to the Exeter hub for onward transport to the earthquake area. We also had a cash donation bucket on the day and this raised £140 which we have paid into the DEC fund. Stoke you are a wonderful generous village!

**Film Night: Mrs Harris comes to Paris.**

Our film showing this month at the Memorial Hall is the heart-warming “Mrs Harris comes to Paris” (PG). In 1950s London, a widowed cleaning lady falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, deciding she must have one of her own. After working to raise the funds to pursue her dream, she embarks on an adventure to Paris that will change not only her own outlook -- but the very future of the House of Dior.

Have a peep at the official trailer on the Memorial Hall website - [www.stokememorialhall.co.uk](http://www.stokememorialhall.co.uk)

It's showing on Saturday 1 April at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Doors open 7 p.m. and the film starts 7.30 p.m. Refreshments are available: popcorn, sweets, soft drinks, tea, coffee. Ticket price: £5 on the door

## LITTER PICK

This month's litter pick will be the 2nd of April. Let's get the village spruced up for Easter and the Coronation. Meet outside the All Saints' Hall at 9 am. Please wear stout shoes and gloves and free coffee courtesy of Priory coffee and the Community Shop. Catherine Fraser: [helivet@msn.com](mailto:helivet@msn.com) if you need further information.