

CONTACTS

Church of England at St Mary's, Church Services: 1st Sunday 9.00am BCP Communion 2nd Sunday 10.30am CW Holy Communion 3rd Sunday 9.00am BCP Holy Communion 4th Sunday 10.30am Morning Praise	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 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
'GET FIT WITH SUE' - Mondays - Fitness Pilates 5pm (call first), Aerobics & Toning 6pm. Thursdays - Fitness Pilates 6pm	Sue Menzies 01935 829632
HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK - VOLUNTEER RANGERS - Weekly Wed. 10.00am - 3.30pm (Ranger's Office)	Paul McNeill 07973 3887129
HAMDON BRASS BAND	Sonja Hellier 01460 241297 email pipershaunt@hotmail.com
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 8.00pm 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)	
SEATED CHAIR EXERCISES - Friday at 10am in the All Saints Hall	Sue Menzies 829632
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 Band Room, back of URC Training Band - Thursdays at Band Room, 7.00pm - 7.45pm	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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Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

October 2021

NEWSLETTER VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Unfortunately, one of our volunteers has had to give up their newsletter round. The Parish Council would like to thank them for everything they have done in delivering the Parish news to you all.

We are looking for some people who wouldn't mind giving some time each month to deliver the newsletters to Highway, East Stoke up as far as Tayberry Close, Windsor Lane, Church Lane and Cole Lane. These areas were originally in one round, but they can be split into more manageable sized areas.

If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk, Sarah Moore, on 01935 822455 or email clerksshpc@hotmail.co.uk

CHAIR'S UPDATE

DOG BIN IN WEST STREET

We are delighted to update our August report to say that our persistence has paid off, and the District Council have now agreed that a new dog bin can be situated in West after initially refusing our request, and it will now go on their waiting list for action by the Streetscene team. We do not yet know when they will start the new collection but in the meantime our Parish Clerk is ordering the bin in readiness. The cost of purchasing the bin and its installation has to be paid by the Parish Council and the bin is emptied weekly by the District Council's Streetscene team. The agreed location for the bin is in West Street near the footpath by new development, Morley Road and so be available to all dog owners who walk their dogs in that area and will help to keep our village clean.

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP US?

This year's weather has been quite extreme with lots of rain followed by long dry spells. The result - as we have all seen in our own gardens - is that weeds have had a real field day and sprouted with extraordinary vigour in our roads despite the hard

work done by our Parish Ranger in spraying them on a regular basis. He is gradually getting on top of them, but it would help enormously to keep our village looking tidier if you could "do your bit" too by being kind enough to clear away any weeds growing at the bottom of your front garden fences/walls and any overhanging vegetation that is obstructing the public footpaths. It would really help and be much appreciated and, will help to keep our village looking neater. Thank you so much!

STEP UP SOMERSET

Are you looking for new training or a new job? Like some help? A co-ordinated network of employment and skills support for individuals, employers and businesses seeking support and information in relation to employment, skills, careers and apprenticeships is being rolled out across Somerset under the 'Step Up Somerset' brand to boost existing provision in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

This includes a new one-stop-shop website www.stepupsomerset.org.uk which will provide support for individuals who are job hunting, seeking

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.

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training in new industries or working to strengthen their skills by providing details of employment and skills services and resources. Those who find themselves at risk of or being made redundant can find a full range of support including help with reskilling, financial assistance and wellbeing information.

Employers will be able to gather information on redundancy support for their workforce, staff development and offering apprenticeships or industry placements to young people. The website will also provide a platform for promoting any recruitment or development events available to attend. For anyone without internet access further one-to-one help can also be provided via a single phone helpline: 0300 790 6275.

Stay safe and well. It's still important to remember - hands, face, space and fresh air!

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



PLANNING

The following application has been approved by District Council:-

21/01807/HOU The Old Butchery, West Street
Demolish existing utility room and erect a single storey rear garden room.

The following have been submitted for consultation:-

21/02563 15 North Street
Single storey extension to listed building

20/03196/FUL Hamdon Youth & Family Centre
Installation of Fire Alarm and exterior CCTV to listed building

STOKE CHARITY SHOP

Grants:

Stoke Charity Shop has funds available for grants to local groups planning a project associated with sport, recreation or education. For an application form contact Jane Baker by email: jeb3101@aol.com

Volunteers Needed:

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. Pop into the shop any weekday from 9 to 3:30 (12:30 on Wednesday) for a look around and to hear from our volunteers what is involved.

Donation Dates:

Apologies for publishing the October dates in error last month. The next date is also posted on the board outside the Charity Shop on the High Street. Good quality donations are collected at HCAP, the former church on North Street from 10am to 12 midday on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.

Next donation dates: Saturday 2nd and 23rd October. You are welcome to bring clothing, children's toys, books and CDs, bric-a-brac and small household and electrical items on the dates above. Volunteers will be on hand to receive your donations. The Charity Shop cannot accept heavily worn, soiled or torn clothing/textiles and shoes. These can be disposed of in your kerbside recycling.

Date for Your Diary:

Stoke Charity Shop invites you to attend a Jumble / Christmas Sale on Saturday 6th of November 1pm to 3pm at Stoke Memorial Hall. Admission is 50p. Refreshments will be available. There will be a wide variety of good quality clothing and bric-a-brac, as well as Christmas items for gifts and to brighten your home during the Festive Season. Covid guidance will apply. Face covering will be required except when eating, hand sanitiser is available in the hall, windows and doors will be open to facilitate ventilation. All proceeds help to fund the Stoke Sub Hamdon Sports and Recreation Trust projects that enhance facilities in our village.

THE WESSEX BIG BAND

The Wessex Big Band are giving a concert in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 23rd October. The hall and bar are open from 7pm and the concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 and are available from the community shop or by emailing helivet@msn.com.

Let's enjoy a real live village concert again

Looking forward to seeing you

STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 27th October at 7pm in the Memorial Hall. An opportunity to chat and catch up with friends but also we are very fortunate to have James Crowden speak on "Cider Country" - how an ancient craft became a way of life.



New members are always welcome so please contact us on the number in this newsletter.

Any changes will be notified by email to members and on www.Facebook.com/StokeGardeningClub

STOKE WALKING GROUP: EVERY STEP COUNTS & HEALTH WALKS

Walks will be on 11th October and on 25th October and, every 2nd and 4th Monday morning thereafter. There are two walks to choose from:

- The walk at 9.30am is for those of limited capacity, on pavements around the village, lasting 30 - 40 minutes.
- The walk at 10.30am is a more robust walk of 90 minutes around local paths, fields, bridleways and on Ham Hill.

Both walks are led by trained Health Walk leaders over a predetermined route. For both walks, we meet outside the Memorial Hall and end at the Lighthouse Café where drinks and light snacks are available. A register of walkers' names and contact details will be taken at the start for Track and Trace. Well behaved dogs on leads are also welcome. Walkers should wear appropriate, supportive footwear, dress for the weather and wash your hands on returning home.

Come and join us to meet old and new friends, explore our beautiful local area and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat afterwards in the Lighthouse.

VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP

Village Artist Group has started back after its summer break and intends to hold a series of workshops at the Memorial Hall, Stoke Sub Hamdon as soon as they can be arranged. We are looking for people, who would be interested in sharing their particular art interest and knowledge for a reasonable fee with a small friendly group of likeminded people in a workshop style format. If you are interested in helping, please phone Malcolm on 01935 829513 for a chat or email me on malcolmhorn99@gmail.com

STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE - YOUR SHOP

Autumn into winter:

We're adding new products to our shelves for the autumn and winter months, from home-baking essentials for Christmas desserts to festive goodies and all your cold weather favourites. Pop in and find out what we have in store.

Job opportunity:

We're planning to recruit an Assistant Manager to give extra support to the rest of our team and to help keep our village shop running smoothly. We'll be posting the job soon, so keep an eye out for the advert which will have full details of the role.

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? Each shift lasts from 2.5 to 3.5 hours and time slots are available every day so you can pick one or more that suits you. Drop into the shop for a chat about what's involved or email volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk. You can also find out more at stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering and download an application form.

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

October Diary

2nd	Stoke Charity Shop Donations
11th	Every Step Counts & Health Walks
23rd	Stoke Charity Shop Donations
23rd	The Wessex Big Band Concert
25th	Every Step Counts & Health Walks
27th	Gardening Club



November Diary

6th	Stoke Charity Shop Jumble/Christmas Sale
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