

Village Diary

JUNE			JULY		
4th	Stoke Active Walkers	24th	Every Step Counts & Health Walks	11th	SPAG 'Pint Sized Plays'
10th	Every Step Counts & Health Walks	26th	Stanchester Academy Open Garden	12th	SPAG 'Pint Sized Plays'
11th/12th	Diabetes 'Drop in' Session	28th	Castle School Summer Fair		
15th	Hamdon Community Arts Project Open Day	30th	Phoenix Singers at the URC		
AUGUST					
			28th	Stoke Luncheon Club	

Contacts

Church of England at St Mary's. 1st Sunday: 8.00am Communion 11.00am informal "Cafe-style" service (at All Saints Hall);		
2nd Sunday: 11.00am communion, 6.30pm evening worship; Associate Vicar: Rev Annie Gurner 824167, revgurner@btinternet.com		
3rd Sunday: 8.00am Communion 11.00am morning worship Parish Office, 1 Castle St TA14 6RE		
4th Sunday: 11.00am morning worship, 6.30pm communion. website: www.hamhillchurches.org		
AFRICAN DRUMMING - various day and evening classes Sharon Stone 07966 613724		
BODY CONDITIONING CLASS - Weekly - Monday 6.30pm - 7.30pm (Memorial Hall) Sue Menzies 01935 829632		
BOWLS CLUB - Weekly - Friday 2.00pm - 4.30pm, 7.00pm - 9.30pm (Memorial Hall) Sylvia Warry 822044		
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)		
"EVERY STEP COUNTS" - 9.30am and "HEALTH WALKS" 10.30am. Meet outside the Lighthouse Penny on 822208 or Mark 07496 148756		
FITNESS PILATES - Monday 9.30am - 10.30am and Wednesday 9.20am - 10.20am Stanchester Sports Centre 825261		
FIT STEPS - Weekly - Thursday 7.10pm - 7.55pm Stanchester Sports Centre 825261		
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 Ashleigh Bussell 07969 106205		
FOOTBALL - YOUTH TEAMS - Training weekday evenings. Matches Saturdays & Sundays Kim Campbell 07973 630121 email kimcam73@me.com		
FOOTPATHS - problems and issues contact the Parish Clerk Sarah Moore, Clerk 822455		
GARDENING CLUB - Monthly - Fourth Wednesday 7.30pm (Memorial Hall) Sue Winwood 823671		
GUIDES & BROWNIES - Weekly - Every Tuesday during term time (Hamdon Youth & Family Centre) Jackie Poole 01935 823606		
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 PLAYGROUPO - Monday - Friday mornings 9.00am - 3.00pm (term time only) Ann or Karen 826832		
URC Rooms, North Street. 2 year old places available.		
HISTORY GROUP Caral Parker 825393		
LADIES CIRCUITS Thursday at 6pm in the Memorial Hall Sue Menzies 829632r		
LIGHTHOUSE CAFE - Monday & Thursday 10.00am - 1.00pm Sarah Russell 826355		
LOTO CLUB - 2nd Monday every month 10.00am - 12.30pm in The Lighthouse Dru Perry 822703		
MAY FAYRE - Annual Event for Sports & Recreation Trust Denise Burton 827793		
MEMORIAL HALL BOOKING SECRETARY bookings.stokememorialhall@hotmail.com. Jill Uhlhorn 829513		
PARISH COUNCIL - Monthly First Wednesday 7.00pm (Memorial Hall) Barbara Brooks, Chairman 824432 Sarah Moore, Clerk 822455		
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER e-mail: amydouch@avonandsomerset.police.uk Dial 101 for Non-emergencies Dial 999 for Emergencies		
POP-IN - Weekly - Thursday (Oak Tree House) Paul Spearpoint 826375		
POST OFFICE COUNTER (INSIDE THE SHOP AT THE CROSS)		
OPENING TIMES Monday & Friday 9.00am to 12 noon, Thursday 1.00pm to 4.00pm (excluding Bank Holidays)		
RUNNING CLUB (OUTDOOR ALL ABILITIES) - Weekly - Thursday 7.00pm Stanchester Sports Centre 825261		
SEATED CHAIR EXERCISES - Friday at 10am in the All Saints Hall Sue Menzies 829632		
SONG BUS SINGING GROUP - Weekly Wednesday 9.15am - term time. All Saints Hall Jeanette Rumbelow 06749 733686		
STOKE AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION Derek Goad. 824337		
STOKE BABY & TODDLER GROUP - Memorial Hall. Thurs.9.30am to 11.30am in term time John 01935 432471, Carolyn.lefley@hotmail.com		
STOKE SUB HAMDON BAND - Monday & Thursday 8.00pm - 10.00pm Band Room, back of URC Gill Robins 01935 329904		
Training Band - Thursdays at Band Room, 7.00pm - 7.45pm Jane Herbert 01460 419317		
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 4.00pm - 5.00pm in Memorial Hal John 07721 060901		
TINY TURRETS (Castle Primary School) - Foundation Stage Unit for children aged 2 - 4 years Castle Primary School Office 01935 822342		
Two daily sessions 9.00am - 12 noon and 12 noon - 3pm. Extended provision available from 7.45am - 5.30pm ages 3+		
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 ARTISTS - Monday 10.00am - 12.30pm, Friday 10.00am - 12 noon (Memorial Hall) Diana Bailey 01935 881647		
Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm (Memorial Hall) Diana Bailey 01935 881647		
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		
ZUMBA - Weekly - Monday 7.00pm - 8.00pm Stanchester Sports Centre 825261		

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK MRS. SARAH MOORE, 24 HIGH STREET, STOKE SUB HAMDON TA14 6PS
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Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

June 2019

PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR'S UPDATE

We had two meetings in May. At our usual monthly one we heard a presentation from AgeUK Somerset and formally agreed to set up a 12-month pilot project for a Befriending Service for older and vulnerable people in our village, a project we have long been wanting to do. The council will provide funding and promote the service and AgeUK Somerset will manage and support volunteers. We hope to start the partnership from July and will be leafleting each house in the village with more details. At our Annual meeting the eight existing councillors confirmed their willingness to continue as elected members for the next four-year term. Your councillors are Barbara Brooks, Hugh Donovan, Andy Dawe, Rebecca Merrick, Graham Middleton, Suzanne Nelms, Bill Southcombe, and Malcolm Uhlhorn. We have a wide range of interests and skills and live in different parts of the village. We have three vacancies – so if you would like to be co-opted as a councillor, please get in touch – you will be very warmly welcomed!

I would like to pay tribute to Sylvia Seal who has stepped down as a District Councillor having served Stoke for 23 years. Her active support and enthusiasm have been invaluable for our village. Mike Hewitson was elected in early May as our new District Councillor and we look forward to working with him. Key points from the Chair's Annual Report are as follows. By keeping a firm eye on costs, we have been able to keep just under budget last year.

We have continued to support community facilities as we do every year by providing a total of £15,453 grant money towards operating costs for the Sports & Recreation Trust, the Memorial Hall, Hamdon Youth Group, Hamdon Youth & Family Centre, Stoke Working Men's Club, the British Legion and the May Fayre. We prudently continue to put aside each year £7,200 into long term maintenance Reserves for parish assets, for the Recreation Ground Pavilion and the new Youth Centre.

We spent £8,363 on grass cutting and ground maintenance around the village, £3,250 on the maintenance of parish asset and play equipment and £1,750 on rent for the Recreation Ground and allotments for residents' use and enjoyment.

Our three-year long project, the Community Right to Bid purchase of the old Methodist Church in West Street for a new Youth & Family Centre finally came into being with completion at the end of 2018. A new community charity Hamdon Youth & Family Centre Trust has been set up, run by the youth organization leaders and parish councillors, and now runs the Centre on a day to day basis. The Brownies, Guides and the Youth Group are the initial users and we expect more to join once the building has been fully adapted.

In the areas of planning we ensured that we responded to SSDC consultation documents and we firmly supported our village's need for affordable housing, 2 bedroomed houses and improved infrastructure such as bus services, sewage etc. As other authorities make the actual decisions, we strongly believe that we need to make our village's voice heard on key issues.

The full Chairman's Annual Report can be found on the noticeboard outside the Memorial Hall.

Planning Applications

19/00967/HOU - 77 Ham Hill Road, TA14 6 RW:

Alterations and erection of two storey rear extension.

19/00987/S73A - Summerfield - West St Development:

Section 73a application to alter 3 conditions from pre-commencement to pre-occupation. Relate to the site access point, parking spaces and internal roads

The following applications have been permitted

19/00716/TCA - 53 High Street, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6PR: Application to carry out tree works within a conservation area.

19/00493/HOU - 46 Kings Road, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6QY: Erection of a two storey side extension.

Contact details:

Barbara Brooks, Chair of the Parish Council

Tel: 824432; Email: chairsshpc@hotmail.com

Tamarisk, High St (opp. Working Men's Club)

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 ACTIVE WALKERS

Tuesday, 4th June 2019: This walk will take us up to Bowey and along through Double Ditch. From there we will go across the hill and along to Fairy Land and follow the footpath down to the Norton and Odcombe road. We will go along the road to the footpath which will then take us around the back of Bagnell Farm, along the farm road back towards Tinkers Bubble and then follow the footpath past Norton allotments to the Lord Nelson for lunch. We meet at 10.30am at Sea Wall, about 50 yards on the Montacute side of Bonnies Lane. Please wear suitable boots or shoes and clothing according to the weather. All our walks are free, and we welcome new walkers to our friendly group. Well behaved dogs are also welcome. **ALL WALKS ARE UNDERTAKEN AT THE WALKERS OWN RISK.**

For more information please contact Norman on 01935 822792.

STOKE SUB HAMDON SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST

Stoke Charity Shop: The Charity Shop would like to thank all the volunteers and residents who made the April Jumble Sale such a resounding success. Watch the Newsletter for the date of the next Jumble Sale in the autumn.

The Charity Shop Committee approved two more grants in May. Another student undertaking the world challenge in 2020 will receive a grant of £500 in exchange for 30 hours of community service. The committee has also approved a grant of £300 to Stoke Working Men's Club to complete a refurbishment project. Anyone interesting in applying for a grant should contact Jane Baker (jeb3101@aol.com) for an application form.

Stoke Performing Arts Group: Hopefully many villagers will have seen our posters and Facebook page promoting the April play readings for our next production and maybe even come along! Stoke Performing Arts Group will now be auditioning and starting rehearsals in preparation for our two evenings of 'Pint Sized Plays' to be held on 11 and 12 July 2019. We are always keen to recruit new members so it's definitely not too late to get involved. You can contact us by emailing Moira on info@stokeperformingartsgroup.co.uk or phoning Jeanie on 01935 579592. Find out about our previous productions and our forthcoming events by liking our Facebook page 'Stoke Performing Arts Group'.

NEW "STOKE LUNCHEON CLUB"

Starting the 28th August, I will be running a monthly Luncheon Club for our elderly residents. It will take place in the Lighthouse Cafe on a Wednesday, once a month. I will initially have enough space for 20 people, but I do hope I will be able to increase this if I find there is enough demand for the service.

If you would like to come, please could you let me know, as I would like to talk to you about any dietary needs, allergies, likes and dislikes etc.

I am also looking for volunteers who would be able to help on the day to transport people, or to help with the preparation and serving of the food.

I do have a little more organising to do but intend to keep you updated regarding my developments next month. My intention is to offer 3 courses for £7, but if anybody does not want to eat 3 courses in one go, we will be willing to offer a take away service.

I would like to thank Sarah Russell and the Lighthouse committee for their help and support, and also Barbara Brooks, for her mentorship and continued support also Margaret, your help has been invaluable.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, Lyn Foley, on 01935 823051, or Mobile 07714005265.

EVERY STEP COUNTS AND HEALTH WALKS

Why not come along and join us on our led walks and enjoy seeing the lovely, everchanging countryside around Stoke. You will receive a warm welcome, lively conversation and the opportunity for a cup of tea or lunch at the Lighthouse Café after the walks.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month and both walks start and end at the Lighthouse Café opposite the Fleur de Lis pub.

'Every Step Counts' walks begin at 9.30am and last approx. 30 to 40 mins, walking on pavements or paths around the village.

Health Walks start at 10.30am and last approx. 90 minutes, walking along tracks, footpaths and occasionally ascending Ham Hill and visiting neighbouring villages.

Just turn up, wearing suitable clothing and shoes for the weather.

If you would like more information, please contact any one of the four trained walk leaders: Mark ☎ Jane 07496148756 Penny 822208 or Anne 826256

CASTLE SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

Friday 28 June - Castle Primary School is holding its Summer Fair from 3.15 -5pm. There will be stalls and games including a Teddy Tombola and Coconut Shy as well as a children's crafts, glitter tattoos, a BBQ and raffle. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in the fun.

YEOVIL STARLETTES MAJORETTE TROUPE

Yeovil Starlettes Majorette Troupe would love to invite village families to come along to Monmouth Hall Monmouth Road Yeovil every Tuesday from 5.30pm to find out what is on offer. Junior Section: Age range from 6 years old upwards; Senior Section: 17 years and above.

HAMDON COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT

An Open Event at the former URC on North Street on Saturday the 15th June at 2.30pm. This is an informal 'drop in' to provide an update on this fascinating village project. Refreshments will be available on the day. Please join us and over a cup of tea discuss the exciting plans for the future.

Sunday 30th June at 2.30 pm 'From Madrigals to Mozart' an afternoon feast of music with the Phoenix Singers from Taunton under the directorship of Martin Schallenberg. With a special guest appearance of Rose Donaldson from the Young People's Music Festival. Tickets are £8 to include a cream tea.

Information and booking please call and leave a message at the box office on 01935 824064. We will get back to you.

HAM HILL VOLUNTEER RANGERS

Come and join our friendly team of Volunteer Rangers at Ham Hill Country Park. It's fun, and no experience is necessary. Just turn up. You will get the chance to carry out a variety of exciting seasonal conservation tasks such as scrub clearance, tree planting, hedge-laying, drystone-walling, path maintenance, and coppicing.

We meet at 10.00am every Wednesday at the Ranger Office on Ham Hill (TA14 6RW) and work until about 3.30pm with a break for lunch. Very flexible volunteering arrangements: stay for a full day, a half day or just for an hour or two, and there is no commitment to come every week. You will be provided with training, gloves, tools, and refreshments. Wear old weather-appropriate clothes, stout boots or wellies, and a packed lunch (if required).

For more information contact Paul, the ranger on 07973 887129.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Henry Pollock for coming to the assistance of the gentleman who fell into the road in the High Street on Saturday 22nd May and for checking on him later in the day. The young man's kindness is an example to us all. Thank you Henry!

ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE

Stanchester Academy Supporting St. Margaret's Hospice: Pupils are supporting St. Margaret's Hospice, by opening their garden to the public on Wednesday June 26th, between 11.00am and 2.30pm. The garden, cultivated by pupils, is split into distinct areas - orchard, vegetable garden, copse, recently planted tree saplings, and a wildlife haven. They are planting to attract bees and butterflies and creating habitats for wildlife, including bird boxes, insect hotels and hedgehog houses, and are very keen on upcycling. Entry is £2.50, and there will be refreshments and raffle tickets on sale. Parking is in the Sports Hall carpark onsite (signposted) and dogs are welcome on leads. The garden is wheelchair accessible, and a WC is available.

For more information call Susan on 01935 709182

HAMDON MEDICAL CENTRE

ARE YOU DIABETIC? For information on nutrition, carbohydrates, blood glucose testing, foot care and eye care come to Hamdon Medical Centre - Drop in Session on Tuesday 11th June between 18.30 - 20.00 or Thursday 27th June between 14.30-16.30. MyDiabetesMyWay - Somerset. All welcome. No need to be a registered patient

POP IN

Pop In meet at the Oak Tree House on Thursday afternoons at 2.30pm. We like to chat over tea and cake and join in games such as board games and Boccia or listen to a speaker from a variety of backgrounds.

We realise that many people are missing out on socialising with us because they need transport. Is there anyone in Stoke sub Hamdon who would have a few hours free on Thursday afternoon to pick up a few older people from the Stoke sub Hamdon area and drive them to and from the group? We will pay 45p a mile for petrol.

If you would be interested, please contact Paul on 07770348767 or Cath on 07968521746.