

Village Diary

APRIL			MAY		
2nd	Stoke Active Walkers	13th	Stoke Charity Shop Jumble Sale	2nd	Local Elections
6th	Help the Heroes Cake Stall	16th	Memorial Hall AGM	13th	Health Walks
8th	Health Walks	27th	Open Day - Hamdon	20th	Health Walks
10th	Somerset Sight		Community Arts Project	27th	May Fayre
		29th	Health Walks		

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 & "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 (Memorial Hall)			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 PLAYGROUP - 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 All Saints Hall			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

April 2019

Unfortunately, we have lost our volunteer who delivers the newsletters each month to Princes Close. The Parish Council would like to say a huge 'thank you' for everything they have done, and their help has been invaluable and very much appreciated.

If there is anyone who is willing to take over the 'Princes Close' round please contact Sarah Moore, Parish Clerk - contact details are at the back of this newsletter.

PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR'S UPDATE

Hamdon Youth & Family Centre: As promised in the last newsletter, the former Methodist church in West Street has now been formally 'handed over' by the parish council to the new Management Committee representing the groups using the Centre. The Parish Council will continue to take overall control over the coming redecoration and building of new internal facilities, but the Committee now runs things day to day. Three parish councillors sit on the Committee alongside residents to support and help set up all the policy and regulation paperwork and financial systems. A very successful Open Afternoon was held on Saturday 30 March, hosted by the Guides, Brownies and Youth Group. Thank you to all of you who provided cakes! Leaflets were handed out showing where all the new facilities would be in the building; and display tables showed some of the activities the groups take part in each week. The brightly coloured tables and chairs were much admired. Our thanks go to Moira at Stable Design for kindly designing our fantastic new signboard and logo for the Centre and also to the Working Men's Club (and its firemen!) for their support on formal fire risk assessment documentation and equipment.

Are you a local tradesman? Builder, plasterer, plumber, painter, electrician? Are you able to volunteer to in your spare time to refit this worthwhile new community venue? If you'd like to help out, please contact me (details below). Are you a resident and would like to support us by making a donation to the Centre? You can put donations through my door (details below). Any cheques should be made payable to Hamdon Youth & Family Centre Trust. Your help, of whatever kind, will be most warmly welcomed and appreciated by the Committee and the children. Thank you.

Planning Applications

The following applications have been submitted to SSDC in the last month: -

18/04059/FUL The Dovecote at The Priory, North Street, TA14 6QP: Addition of roof to unroofed dovecote. As a Scheduled Ancient Monument this will require SMC consent which takes precedence over any SSDC Listed Building Consent.

19/00250/HOU Scramble Cottage 57 Ham Hill TA14 6RW: Demolish single storey rear extension. Erect single storey rear extension. Internal alterations and replacement doors and windows. New roof-light.

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

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

Planning Decisions

There were no planning decisions published on the SSDC website in the last month.

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.

NOTICE OF LOCAL ELECTIONS

The local elections take place on Thursday, 2nd May for District and Parish Councils. Please see the Notices of Election on the parish noticeboards in the village. If you are interested in becoming either a District or Parish Councillor, you can obtain a nomination form from either the Parish Clerk or South Somerset District Council.

The nomination form must be hand delivered to the Returning Officer at the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT by Wednesday, 3rd April no later than 4pm.

STOKE ACTIVE WALKERS

Tuesday, 2nd April 2019: This will be our first visit to Pitt Pond in 2019 by kind permission of Jack Parker. We will begin our walk by going along Bowey and up to the Monument. From there we will follow the footpath which will take us past the Prince of Wales and then across the field to Batemore Barn. We will go across the ridge and down over Witcombe to the footpath which will take us to Pitt Pond. We will spend time going around Pitt Pond after which we will then retrace our footsteps back to Batemore Barn and on to the Prince of Wales 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.

'HELP THE HEROES' CAKE STALL

Many thanks to Tes Pearson and Bridget Barrow for organising the 'Help the Heroes' cake stall, held at the Prince of Wales on the first Saturday of the month from April to November. This year they start on 6th April, weather permitting. In the last 9 years they have raised the outstanding sum of £20,840.44 for this worthy cause.

STOKE SUB HAMDON SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST

Sports & Recreation Trust: This is a very exciting year for the Trust, with a number of projects starting this year. Firstly, the project to provide new floodlights on the training area of the Recreation Ground is well underway, and we hope to have that complete and working by early April.

Secondly, the adventure play area project has also started with us achieving full funding in January this year. We have placed the contract with the supplier and hope to have the on-site work starting late April/early May. They should be on-site for 6 - 8 weeks with completion expected June/July time. This means that we can expect to have the play area in use in time for the summer.

Finally, we are looking at getting some improvements done to the pavilion, including a porch to provide weather protection to the entrance and some much-needed TLC by painting the outside of the building. We also hope to give the interior a bit of care and attention, particularly painting the entrance hall area and the changing rooms.

Stoke sub Hamdon Charity Shop: Villagers continue to support Stoke Charity Shop with donations and sales. As a result, a grant of £300 has been approved for HCAP to support the Young People's Music Festival. Further grants are being considered for two more young people to support their world challenge trip in 2020 and we welcome their help in the shop and at May Fayre in exchange for their grant. Information for those wanting to make a grant application is available in the Charity Shop. To extend sales, Stoke Charity Shop is holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 13 April from 2-4 PM in the function room of the Stoke Working Men's Club. Items on sale include clothes, books, bric-a-brac, games and toys and more. Refreshments available. Admission 50p at Ham Hill Road entrance. Come along and grab a bargain and have some tea and cake!

Stoke sub Hamdon May Fayre: Don't forget this date for your diary - Monday, 27 May 2019 from 11 am!

VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP

The Village Artist Group hold several workshop days and demonstration evenings throughout the year so if you would like to join us, are interested in Art or just want to take up a relaxing hobby please feel free to drop in for a chat and a coffee to see what we are all about. We are a small friendly informal group who meet in the Memorial Hall on Monday and Friday mornings between 10am - 12pm, and on Thursday evenings between 7.30 - 9.30pm during term time. You can attend any number of sessions for just £25 per term. Why not call in? New members are always welcome. If you are interested, you can find out more by visiting our website or visit our new Facebook page - The Village Artists Group Stoke-sub-Hamdon or just come along for a trial session.

For more information please contact Diana on 01935 881647.

SOMERSET SIGHT

Happily, the Somerset Sight van is calling at the Memorial Hall car park on the following days in 2019 between 1pm - 3.30pm: 10th April 2019, 24th June 2019, 11th September 2019 and 19th November 2019,

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.

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 approximately 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.

Please note the following date changes.

April walks will take place on 8th and 29th.

May walks will be on 13th and 20th.

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

MEMORIAL HALL AGM

This year's AGM will be held on Tuesday 16 April at 7.30 p.m. in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is invited to come along and find out what's been happening over the past year.

HAMDON COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT

Please join us if you can for an informal 'drop in' on Saturday 27th April from 2.30pm and over a free cup of tea and piece of cake find out all about our progress to acquire the former URC building for our community and turn it into a thriving local centre for us all to enjoy.

If you would like any further details or you would like to be involved with the project, please call Maria on 824064.