

## CONTACTS

Church of England at St Mary's. JANUARY SERVICES January 1st. BCP Communion January 24th 11pm. Morning Worship	Associate Vicar: Rev Annie Gurner, 824167, revgurner@btinternet.com Parish Office, 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 and "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	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)	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 -	Maria Eames 01935 824064
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	Carole Brown email: carolebrown@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 - 4pm; 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 01935 579592 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 4.00pm - 5.00pm 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 ARTISTS GROUP - Monday 10.00am - 12.30pm, Friday 10.00am - 12 noon (Memorial Hall) Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm (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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## PARISH COUNCIL

### CHAIR'S UPDATE

Firstly, may we wish you a very happy (and hopefully better!) New Year. We do hope you had a peaceful Christmas despite these difficult times. As the new COVID-19 vaccines get rolled out, perhaps 2021 will be the beginning of 'normal life' again for us all. Oh, for a hug!

Although 2020 has been a horrendous year for all sorts of reasons, one of the good things that has come out is the increased sense of community in our country and how so many people have stepped up to help each other. We can be so proud in our village of how we all rallied round to help those who were isolating, lonely or feeling down. A big shout out again to all the volunteers at St Mary's Church, the Hub at the Community Shop, the Lunch Club and many villagers throughout Stoke who made sure that their neighbours got their shopping, prescriptions, dogs walked, dinners delivered, and who took the time to have a friendly chat or telephone call to others on a regular basis. Every single person made a difference to someone.

From the information the Government has released, we understand that the NHS will inform each of us exactly when our first vaccination is due and where that will be, so please don't ring Hamdon Medical Centre - we will all be notified in due course. The doctor's surgery is always very busy during winter months.

At our Zoom meeting in December, we were pleased to agree to a grant of £830 to the Memorial Hall Trustees for their building insurance (something we do each year for the village hall).

We also agreed to ask our Parish Ranger to work some extra hours in December and January round the village. This will help speed up the work clearing any

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# NEWSLETTER

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blocked drains ahead of the winter worst weather. He will also be continuing to remove weeds from gutters, one road at a time. Both these jobs are no longer done by County Highways and the District Council due to their budget and staffing restraints, so we have to pay for these jobs ourselves. We have purchased and installed a new litter bin at the top of Windsor Lane to replace the one that disappeared and ordered a new dog bin at the entrance of the Memorial Hall Grounds to replace the one that was damaged.

Following the trial use of a flashing Speed Indicator Device round the village over the past couple of months, we have now ordered our own Device, and hopefully this will be in use late December/early January. The device will be moved round various agreed locations every two weeks by the Parish Ranger and a volunteer Parish Councillor.

### CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT

For any type of COVID-19 support you can phone the District Council on 0300 790 6275 seven days a week, 8am until 6pm or there is also a wide range of information on the SSDC website "www.southsomerset.gov.uk/covidbusinesssupport".

Stay safe and well this coming month. Remember - Hands, Face, Space. And keep those windows open!

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



Articles for the Newsletter, or to advertise forthcoming events: please email or post to Sarah Moore by 16<sup>th</sup> of previous month. Contact information is on the bottom of the back page of this newsletter.

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## PLANNING

### District Council Planning Decisions

**20/02870/HOU 24 Norton Road TA14 6QW**  
New porch addition. Permitted with conditions.

**20/02449/S73A Whitegates, West Street**  
Variation of plans and materials previously approved in 2018. The extra building works extending the house are now proposed to be reduced in size. Permitted with usual conditions.

**20/02359/HOU 39 High Street**  
Extension to rear of property. Permitted with usual conditions.

**20/02713/HOU 9 High Street.**  
Single storey extension to rear of property. Permitted with usual conditions.

### Ongoing Applications

**20/01831/FUL Land rear of Princes Close Car Park, Stoke Sub Hamdon**  
New build house on the land behind the SSDC car park. The house and its access would link to Princes Close. Further amended plans submitted. Not yet determined.

**20/02274/DPO Montacute Gardens site, Greatfield Lane (old Southcombe's site)**  
Application to remove the "age-restricted" condition for purchasers which is defined in the s.106 Agreement for the 16 houses being built. Original planning permission granted back in 2017. Site part built. Not yet determined.

**20/00991/OUT Land at Masons Lane.**  
Outline application for up to 30 houses and access onto Link Road. Major consultees have objected on various grounds and County Council have requested traffic calming measures from the developer. Not yet determined.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2021 AT 7PM

The Parish Council are now holding their meetings via the virtual meeting platform Zoom. The basic package is free to use and can be accessed at <https://zoom.us/>. If you would like to attend our virtual parish council meeting please contact me at [clerksshpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clerksshpc@hotmail.co.uk) for the ID link by 3pm on the day of the meeting. If you do not have access to the internet but would still like to listen in on the meeting please telephone me on 01935 822455 for the telephone conferencing number so that you can dial in.

If you would like to participate in the public session, please email/phone through the subject/question you wish to raise with the council when you asked for the ID link/telephone number.

If you are accessing the meeting via the internet:

- Click on the link given to you in the email

- Download the Zoom app, if not already done so
- Test your speakers and microphone on your device (you will be prompted to do this)
- You will then be put in a 'Waiting Room' until you are invited to join.
- Once connected, you must click on the video camera icon at the bottom left hand side of the screen to enable the video. This is so that councillors can see who is attending the meeting.

If you are accessing the meeting by telephone:

- Dial the number given to you by the Clerk.
- Once connected you will be prompted to type in the meeting ID plus #, then #, then the password plus #. You will be placed in a 'Waiting Room' until invited to join.

All microphones will be automatically muted from the start of the meeting. If you wish to participate in the public session your microphone will be unmuted when you are invited to speak.

*Sarah Moore, Parish Clerk*

### PLEASE PICK UP!

There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of dog poo not being picked up from the pavements around the village especially in Castle Street and North Street. Leaving dog mess is dirty, unsociable and a health risk. It only takes a moment to pick up your dog's mess and put it in one of the many dog bins that the Parish Council have provided. We live in a beautiful village. Let's keep it that way.

### OPEN GATES

Please can we remind residents to be mindful whilst out walking by making sure all gates to farmland and footpaths are closed properly. By leaving gates open it runs the risk of livestock escaping.

### POLICE INFORMATION

**For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk). If you are a witness to or the victim of a crime, then it is imperative that you report it to the police immediately whether it is during the day or at night. When reporting an incident please telephone either 101 for non-emergencies or 999 for emergencies only.**

### OVERHANGING VEGETATION

It has been brought to our attention that a lot of gardens around the village have hedges and other plants overhanging the public highway. This causes pedestrians a lot of problems especially those with pushchairs or mobility vehicles and walking aids. If your garden does have overhanging plants, please can we ask you to cut them back as soon as possible.

### STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

**We'd like to wish everyone a very happy – and safe – 2021.**

**Thank you to our Volunteers:** It's been a challenging first 10 months for Stoke Community Shop, with the pandemic hitting within weeks of us opening. The dedication of our Volunteers has been – and continues to be – what makes running the shop possible, so a big thanks to you all for your hard work.

**Looking for a new challenge?** Why not join our friendly volunteer team? Pop into the shop and speak to Lyn Foley; 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)

**Lord's Larder:** The shop received many donations over the festive period as well as during the year, and the Lord's Larder have been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of our village. They have asked us to say thank you to everyone who contributed and helped to make it a happier Christmas for those in need.

**Secret Santa:** We piloted a gift scheme for Christmas 2020 enabling customers to send small presents anonymously to spread a little festive cheer. We aim to make it bigger and better for Christmas 2021, so keep an eye out for news of our plans later in the year.

**Home deliveries:** Our home delivery service is here for you if you're unable to get out and about. Call us with your order on 01935 509100 between 9am and 4pm on weekdays and we'll arrange same-day or next-day delivery.

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

### STOKE CHARITY SHOP

**Donations:** A donations collection date is planned for Saturday 9th of January at HCAP, North Street from 10am to 12 midday. **Items will be restricted to those that will easily fit into a rubbish size bag, that we will supply. Donations are limited to a maximum of two such bags per household.** We ask you to review your donations prior to bringing them to the next collection date to ensure all items are in a good and saleable condition. We would particularly like to receive paperback books, children's toys and bric-a-brac as well as clean, good quality clothing. We are grateful for the support the Shop receives in the village and look forward to being of service in 2021

### DIARY

**January 9th:** Charity Shop Donation Collection

**February 24th:** Stoke Gardening Club AGM and Talk

### THE VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP

The Village Artists held an extraordinary meeting on the 1st October 2020 at the Memorial Hall and voted overwhelmingly to continue operating when COVID-19 has abated, everyone feels safe and village life returns to normal. Most likely springtime 2021. We will give everyone plenty of notice once a decision has been made.

In the meantime, we are looking to recruit members who would like to volunteer to help run things, if you are interested, please phone Malcolm on 01935 829513 or e-mail [malcolmuhlhorn99@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmuhlhorn99@gmail.com). Looking forward to hearing from you.

### STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB

It seems at the moment as though life is a bit like a cuckoo clock, whereby a figure comes out, the cuckoo calls the hour, and then back in again! Unfortunately for us it is not hours but days and weeks. However, there is a full programme in place for the club in 2021 which we hope to start with at our meeting on Wednesday, 24th at 7.30pm. This is a short AGM followed by a talk by local resident, Malcolm Uhlhorn, on "The Essentials of Domestic Garden Design". This has the caveat that it is dependent on Covid rules in place at that time. Find us on Facebook.

### STOKE LUNCH CLUB

Well coming into the New Year let's hope we will be able to resurrect the monthly Lunch Club once we are out the other side of this Covid pandemic. Over Christmas I was able to deliver Christmas lunch to some of our residents. I would like to thank all those who helped with the food delivery, and thanks to Sharon Purnell for her individual cakes. If anyone would like to talk to me about The Lunch Club, then please feel free to contact me on 01935 823051.

*Best wishes for 2021 Lyn Foley.*

### CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friends of Castle Primary School (FOCS) would like to thank Stoke sub Hamdon Community Shop and Priory Coffee Shop for hosting our Hampers Raffle for us; collectively we raised £150 from this. Together with the hampers raffled at school we raised a total of £350, which will go towards the ICT fundraising required, by the school this academic year.

We would also like to thank everyone in the local community for supporting us during these difficult times and wish everyone a happy and healthy 2021.