

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;

3rd Sunday: 8.00am Communion 11.00am morning worship;

4th Sunday: 11.00am morning worship, 6.30pm communion.

Associate Vicar: Rev Annie Gurner, 824167,

revgurner@btinternet.com

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BODY CONDITIONING CLASS - Weekly - Monday 6.30pm - 7.30pm (Memorial Hall) Sue Menzies 01935 829632

BOWLS CLUB - Weekly - Friday, 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

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 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

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 7.15pm (Memorial Hall) Barbara Brooks, Chairman 824432 Sarah Moore, Clerk 822455

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER Malissa Thompson email malissathompson@avonandsomerset.police.uk and Carole Brown email: carolebrown@avonandsomerset.police.uk

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)

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 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 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

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 2019

PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR'S UPDATE

I am pleased to report that we have had two residents respond to last month's appeal for new councillors. We are talking through with them what is involved in becoming a councillor and will let you know their names if they decide to ask for co-option.

The Sports & Recreation Trust attended our September meeting and we gave approval to their 5-year Strategy for the Recreation Ground. (The Sports and Rec Trust do a fantastic job managing the Rec Ground on behalf of the parish council). Future potential improvements include installation of CCTV, tarmacking of the car park, replacement of the skateboard park, improve disabled access and a village wide survey on recreation needs. Exciting news!

The council has now signed a formal Lease with Hamdon Youth & Family Centre Trust which runs the Youth Centre. This means that the user groups now legally have a permanent 'home' they can hire exclusively. The Service Management Agreement between the Council and the Trust is just about to be approved by both parties.

Huge thanks to all those people who expressed an interest in becoming a volunteer for the council's new Friendly Visitor scheme. This village is amazing, such kindness! AgeUK Somerset will now go through their recruitment process, including training and induction. In the meantime, don't forget to please let us know of any residents who you think might welcome a weekly visit for a cup of tea and a chat - but who may be shy to contact us direct. You can let us know who they are by contacting either Cllr Suzanne Nelms on 07921 365 207 or myself on chairsshpc@hotmail.com.

We'll arrange an informal visit to the person to talk through the opportunity and answer any questions.

PLANNING

The parish council has no objections or observations on the following applications: -

19/01927/LBC : 7 East Stoke

Internal changes to layout and double glazing of rear windows.

The following applications have been permitted by the District Council: -

19/01873/TCA : North Street Farmhouse, North Street TA14 6QR

Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No. 3 trees within a Conservation Area.

19/01945/TCA : 4 Brocks Mount, TA14 6PJ

Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works

Contact details:

Barbara Brooks, Chair of the Parish Council

Tel: **824432** Email: **chairsshpc@hotmail.com**

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

HAM HILL VOLUNTEER RANGERS

Come and join our team of Volunteer Rangers at Ham Hill Country Park. Give it a try! It's fun, and no experience is necessary - just turn up. You'll get the chance to carry out a variety of exciting seasonal conservation activities 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 finish at around 3.30pm, with a break for lunch. Stay for the full day or just half a day and come along as often as you like. 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.

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 back page of this newsletter.

STOKE ACTIVE WALKERS

Tuesday, 1st October 2019

Today's walk will take us along Bowey and down across Shelves, down Dannings Well to Matts Lane and then we will take the footpath to Broadmead Lane in Norton. From there we will then follow the footpath to Chiselborough Church, past The Cat Head and up to the crossroads towards Middle Chinnock, turn back towards Chiselborough then follow the footpath to the right, through the woods to meet up with the Odcombe road. We will then go back into Chiselborough, past Manor Farm and back across the fields 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.

MESSIAH CHRISTMAS MUSIC

On 2nd November from 10 am until 4.30 pm there will be a 'Come and Sing' Messiah Christmas music at the old URC in Stoke in aid of the Hamdon Community Arts Centre. The cost is £15 which includes refreshments.

This will be followed by a concert at 5.30 pm. Tickets cost £8. For further details please email Catherine Fraser at helivet@msn.com

STOKE SUB HAMDON CHARITY SHOP

The Charity Shop celebrated its 8th birthday in September and it is thanks to the support of residents and volunteers that it continues to be such a success; providing vital funds for local projects. Fancy dress costumes for children and adults will be on sale at the Shop from Thursday 10th to 17th October, just in time for Halloween.

STOKE CHARITY SHOP JUMBLE SALE

Stoke Charity Shop is holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday, 5th October between 2pm and 4pm in the function room at Stoke Working Men's Club. Clothes, books, games, toys, bric-a-brac, tombola, refreshments and much more. Come along, grab a bargain and have some tea and cake. Admission is 50p.

STOKE MAY FAYRE COMMITTEE

A reminder that there will be an evening of pig racing in the Stoke Working Men's Club on Saturday, 23rd November starting at 7.30 pm. If you have never been to a pig racing night, then you don't know what you are missing! For further information or to book a place, please contact Denise on 827793 or by email at denisesburton@btinternet.com

HAMDON COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT - CHRISTMAS FAYRE

HCAP will be holding a Christmas Craft Fayre at Stoke Working Men's Club on Saturday, 16th November 2019 from 11 am to 4 pm. Santa will be there with presents for the children. For further details or to book a stall, please contact Denise on 827793 or by email at denisesburton@btinternet.com

TRIANGLE TRUST

The Triangle Trust will be holding its Christmas Bazaar at Stoke Memorial Hall on Saturday, 30th November from 2pm - 4.30pm. All the usual stalls: Christmas Gifts, Crafts, Cakes, refreshments and our grand raffle. There will also be a visit from Father Christmas with a free present for each child. Please come and help us support Hamdon Medical centre. Enquiries to Jennie Harris. 01935 881718.

AUTUMN JUMBLE SALE

The Autumn Jumble Sale is being held at Norton Sub Hamdon Village Hall on Saturday 5th October. Loads of bargains. Admission 50p adults, Doors open 11am and the proceeds go to Norton Village Hall funds. We will be at Hall between 4 - 8pm on Friday 4th, to receive donations. Enquiries to Jennie Harris. 01935 881718.

CALLING ALL DADS!

We are looking for any dads who can help out as a volunteer at the Hamdon Youth Centre on a Monday evening for the Youth Group. You would be a very valuable support for the Youth Workers from Community Youth Partnership who organise a range of activities for our young people aged 11 to 18. There is also a session on a Wednesday evening at Norton where volunteer help is needed. To find out more, please call Lou Chant from CYP on 07402 987 921 and she can tell you what's involved.

STOKE LUNCH CLUB

The first Lunch Club took place on the 28th August. Before the meal, Barbara Brooks (Chair of the Parish Council) and John Allen (Chair of the Sports and Rec Trust) said a few words. Both organisations have supported the club providing both advice and start up grants. Our first session started with a three-course meal which went down very well with those who attended.

I would like to thank the kind volunteers who devoted their time to making the lunch run very smoothly. Our next Lunch is on 30th October, at 12.30 in the Lighthouse, and it will be great to see many faces back again.

In addition, please remember that I am still taking names for Christmas Day lunch for anyone on their own who would like to join us for a special day. It is important that I have names as soon as possible, as there is a lot of organising to be done upfront. Please telephone 01935 823051. Lyn Foley (Lunch Club Organiser)

STOKE VILLAGE SHOP: RESULTS OF THE COMMUNITY SURVEY

Pam and John who run the Shop at the Cross in Stoke are retiring at Christmas. The shop and the Post Office will close, and we will lose all the amenities these provide. A small group of us in the village have conducted a survey about keeping the shop open as a community venture run by volunteers. Thank you to the 184 households who completed the questionnaire this summer.

Over 90% of respondents think it is very important to keep the shop open, so we are moving forward and setting up a Steering Group. We are also holding a Village Meeting in early October. If you'd like to find out more and/or get involved, check out the village website - www.stoke-sub-hamdon.co.uk - keep an eye out for posters around the village or contact Lyn Foley: email. lafoley@live.co.uk

EVERY STEP COUNTS & 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

STOKE BAND NEWS

Our concert as part of Somerset Arts Weeks is Autumn Festival and will include items from 'Last Night of the Proms'. The concert is at the former URC on Saturday 5th October at 7:30pm. Tickets will be £5. There will be a raffle and refreshments. Jane Herbert, 01460-419317

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.

HAMDON COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT

Join us for the Oktoberfest celebration with a the Sherbevarian Stompers on Saturday 19th October in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12.50. Ticket hotline 824064 (answerphone please leave a message).

Advance dates - Christmas Fayre in the Working Men's Club on 16th November.

Saturday, 7th December at 3pm a concert with Parnham Voices - an 'a capella' group from Beaminster - £8 including Christmas refreshments. Please ring the ticket hotline 824064 to book a ticket.

ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE GLORIOUS GARDENS

St Margaret's Hospice has been thrilled at the response to the 2019 Glorious Garden Season, which has raised in excess of £22,500 through the kind generosity of Somerset residents, sharing, visiting and volunteering in gardens across the area. This could fund 45 days of an inpatient bed, or 225 community nurse visits!

Being garden enthusiasts, we are not letting the grass grow under our feet, and are currently recruiting gardens, orchards, allotments and farms who are willing to welcome the public in to support St Margaret's Hospice. We are also looking for anyone with an interest in gardening who would like to volunteer as an Area Organiser, and support a few gardens of in their areas, or anyone willing it just help out on an opening day by taking entry money and selling raffle tickets.

All Glorious Gardens are covered by the St. Margaret's Public Liability Insurance, and we give full support, offering assistance with publicity, promotion and volunteer help. If you would be interested in finding out more, please give Susan a call on 01935 709182, or email susan.bickle@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk, we would be delighted to hear from you

DIARY OF EVENTS:

OCTOBER

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| 1st | Stoke Active Walkers |
| 5th | Stoke Charity Shop Jumble Sale |
| 5th | Stoke Band Autumn Festival |
| 5th | Norton Village Hall Jumble Sale |
| 12th | Gardening Club Demonstration |
| 14th | Every Step Counts |
| 19th | HCAP - Sherbevarian Stompers |
| 28th | Every Step Counts |

NOVEMBER

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| 2nd | Messiah Christmas Music |
| 16th | HCAP Christmas Craft Fayre |
| 23rd | Pig Racing Night |
| 30th | Triangle Trust Christmas Bazaar |

DECEMBER

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| 7th | HCAP - Parnham Voices |
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