

CONTACTS

Church of England at St Mary's, Church Services: 1st Sunday 11.00am Cafe church in All Saints Hall 2nd Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion 3rd Sunday 11.00am Morning Praise 4th Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion 1st and 3rd Wednesday 9.00am BCP Holy Communion	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 07851817927
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
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 Stoke Youth Football Club www.facebook.com/groups/184504791723630	Contact: Steve Arnold (Chairman), email: stokefcchair@gmail.com & John Elliot (Secretary) 0775 562122, email: stokefcsec@gmail.com
FOOTPATHS - problems and issues contact the Parish Clerk	Sarah Moore, Clerk 01935 822455
GARDENING CLUB - Monthly - Fourth Wednesday 7.30pm (Memorial Hall)	Secretary: sec.sshgardeningclub@gmail.com. Tel : 01935 823691
HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK - VOLUNTEER RANGERS - Weekly Weds 9.50am-3.30pm (Ranger's Office)	Paul McNeill 07973 887129
HAMDON MEDICAL CENTRE	01935 822236
HAMDON YOUTH & FAMILY CENTRE - West Street	Contact: www.hamdonyouthcentre.co.uk email: hamdonyouthcentre@gmail.com
HISTORY GROUP	Carol Parker 825393
LIGHTHOUSE CAFE - Monday 10.00am - 1.00pm	Sarah Russell 826355
MEDITATION GROUP - Tuesdays at 7.30pm at Priory Coffee	Emma Herrod 01935 829443
MEMORIAL HALL BOOKING SECRETARY	bookings.stokememorialhall@hotmail.com. Mary Steel 01935 508996
PARISH COUNCIL - Monthly First Wednesday 7.00pm, The Hamdon Youth & Family Centre	Lyn Foley, Chairman 01935 83051 Website: stokesubhamdoncouncil.com
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER	Carole Brown email: carole.brown@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)	
STOKE AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION	Derek Goad 01935 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 AFTERNOON TEA CLUB FOR OLDER PEOPLE. Lighthouse Café, every other Wednesday at 2.15pm	Lisa Wenborn 07515 489587 or Kay Clamp 01935 822468
STOKE SUB HAMDON BAND - Monday & Thursday 8.00pm - 10.00pm Castle School Training Section Mondays 7:00-7:45pm at Castle School	Gill Robins 01935 329904 Jane Herbert 01460 419317
STOKE SUB HAMDON SPORTS & RECREATION TRUST - www.stoke-rec-trust.co.uk email info@stoke-rec-trust.co.uk, Secretary - Peter Hulett 01935 824784, Fundraising Co-Ordinator - Denise Burton 01935 827793	Contacts: Chairman - John Allen, Secretary - Peter Hulett 01935 824784, Fundraising Co-Ordinator - Denise Burton 01935 827793
STOKE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP or info@stokeperformingartsgroup.co.uk	Contact Jeannie 07967 184952
STOKE WALKING GROUP, every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month	Penny on 822208 or Mark 07496 148756
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
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 01935 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) (during school term times only)	Ali Dunford 01935 823394
WORKING MENS CLUB - Daily - Lunch times & evenings	secretary@stoke.club and www.facebook.com/stokeworkingmensclub 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 CLASSES - Monday 9.30am; Toning Thursday 6pm.	Lydia Kemp 07814629352 Facebook @zumbawithlydia

Please send articles for the newsletter, or to advertise forthcoming events to
Lyn Foley, Email: cllr.lfoley.sshpc@gmail.com by the 16th of the previous month.



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Well, nearly a year has passed since the Parish Council was voted in by the Community. There have been lots of trials and tribulations, heartache and personal stresses, which have all taken their toll on many people. We face an uncertain future in the political world, both nationally, locally, and also globally. Life for many is difficult at the moment on many different fronts, personally, emotionally and financially. Although we can't resolve the global issues, we can try to help each other through some of our challenging times. That is what is fantastic about our community - we care, we want to help, we want to listen, and we want to support you. We have been dealing with increasing violence, attempted robbery, actually robbery, and vandalism within our village. We have to stop this escalation of bad behaviour. Please report EVERYTHING to the police on 101, get a crime number and highlight Stoke as a hotspot, only then will we have enough evidence to report to the police that our community needs increased police patrols and presence. NO crime is too small.

Now saying all that, life in our Community moves on as we prepare to welcome our New King Charles III to the throne on the 6th May 2023 where the Community will celebrate this auspicious occasion in the Memorial Hall

and its grounds with fun, laughter and games for the whole family to enjoy.

We have the fantastic May Fayre returning to the community on 29th May at Stanchester Academy East Stoke. I know how much effort Denise Burton and her team of event coordinators have made to make this a fabulous event. Well done to everyone involved.

We have some large projects on the horizon. The upgrade of the Skatepark on the large recreation ground is beginning to move forward with the Sports and Recreation Trust working hard to secure the funding it needs. The development of the Ham Hill Visitor Centre where we will hopefully be working with the project team to try to develop a project that will highlight the rich history of your community.

Spending money seems counter intuitive given the climate we find ourselves in, but we cannot stay still as the world around us moves forward. We must continue to grow and develop together with compassion, care and vision. If you would like to help support the Parish Council with its work, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Lyn Foley

Chair of Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council



MAY FAYRE

We are delighted that our May Fayre is returning this year, and this will take place on Monday, 29th May 2023 kindly hosted by Stanchester Academy.

Planning is now well underway, and we already have a fantastic number and variety of stalls already booked, with more coming in every day. Entertainment will include our regular dog show; performances from Castle School's maypole dancers, Infinity Martial Arts; Enigma Morris Dancers; Organic Rhythm interactive drumming; Mario Morris Magic, and Krazy Kev and Dinky Dino. The Stoke sub Hamdon Working Men's Club will be providing the bar for us again and we will have our usual variety of food outlets.

Free transport will be provided throughout the day from the Memorial Hall to Stanchester Academy and back. Parking will also be available on site.

This event would not have been possible without the amazing contribution from our volunteer helpers both on the day and during the preparation beforehand. Additional volunteers are always needed and if you are able to help for a few hours either before and/or on the day, we would love to hear from you.

We would also like to put out a call to all our wonderful cake makers in the village to ask if they would be willing to bake us a cake to accompany the teas/coffees that we will be serving. We are also looking for prizes for our tombola or main raffle if this is something that you might help us with.

All proceeds from the May Fayre go back to our village and community. Thank you so much for supporting us.

please do contact Denise on 07788900672 or at denisesburton@btinternet.com if you are able to help in any way. We look forward to seeing you on what will undoubtedly be another great day!

STANCHESTER ACADEMY

Due to the success of our Saturday coffee mornings, the Stanchester World Challenge team have decided to continue to run them, on the second Saturday of each month, from 10-12 noon.

Please join us at our 'Community Cafe' for a selection of home baked cakes, including gluten free and vegan treats, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and soft drinks.



Our next community cafe is May 13th. We look forward to seeing you there. Cash only.

Enquiries:
rebecca.hendry@stanchester.co.uk

STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

May Bank Holiday opening times: We're closing early on the three bank holidays this month:

Monday 1, 8 and 29 May – open 8am to 12 noon. We're also closing early on **Saturday 6 May – open 8am to 12 noon** – for the village Coronation Day celebrations.

The Post Office counter will be closed on Monday 1, 8 and 29 May.

Comic Relief: We celebrated Red Nose Day in March with another home-baked cake sale and collected a fantastic £200 for the charity. Many thanks to our generous bakers and customers who all helped make this fundraising event so successful.

Get involved: We're looking to co-opt a new Committee Member on to the Shop Board to get involved in our behind-the-scenes work. This will be a non-voting role where you'll learn more about the decisions we take and how we plan various aspects of running the company that operates the shop. All that's required is a genuine interest in the Community Shop and its aims, and the ability to attend meetings once every three to four weeks. If you're interested, please email shop@stokeshop.co.uk and we'll let you know more about what's involved. There's also information at stokeshop.co.uk/about-us/

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 2pm on weekdays. If you order before midday, we can usually deliver the same day.

Volunteering: The shop is always looking for new volunteers to join our friendly volunteer team. Drop by and speak to one of the team; or email volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk; or find out more at stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering

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

VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP

The Village Artist Group exists to promote and encourage the arts in Stoke sub Hamdon, meeting twice a week in term times. If you are interested in venturing out once or twice a week and are looking for a very rewarding and affordable pastime, please contact me on 01935 829513 or malcolmuhlhorn99@gmail.com for a free introductory session and or a chat.

DOG WALKING

With reference to the paragraph in the March newsletter 'the Parish Council understand that it is good to let your dogs roam in the fields but not at the expense of the farmers and their animals', I would like to point out that there are no rights to roam on the land and certainly not our land. It is private land and all residents including the new residents to the village need to keep to the footpaths that go through any private land, and not think their dogs and themselves can roam anywhere.

We are inundated with people roaming around our land with their dogs, leaving their dogs waste on the land, or bagging it and hanging it in the hedges, and very disturbingly allowing their dogs to chase the deer. Also, damaging our crops by allowing their dogs to run through them.

Tanya Morris

CHARITY SHOP

The Charity Shop is pleased to be supporting World Challenge students, who will be volunteering in the shop over the next few months as part of their fund-raising activities. Working in the shop is always interesting, and no two days are exactly the same. They will find we have a surprisingly diverse range of donations to sort and sell. This month, for example, we have a stock of unused Union Jack rain ponchos - ideal for keeping dry when attending the village celebrations on Coronation Day. If it doesn't rain - they could also be used as a picnic mat. Some people may not know that in addition to the shop (open every day except Wednesdays and Sundays), the Charity shop also trades on E-Bay. Why not have a look if you are interested in larger or more unusual items? Just enter stokecharityshop on E-Bay and see what we have on offer.

STOKE WALKING GROUP

May Health Walks:

All walks start outside the Lighthouse Cafe at 10.00. The guided walks are led by trained walk leaders. Come and discover more paths around Stoke. New walkers, and well-behaved dogs on leads too, are always welcome, whether you have lived in the area for years, or just moved in. Dress for the weather, stout footwear is recommended.

The usual Monday walks of 3 - 4 miles are on Monday 15th and Monday 22nd May, no walk on 8th due to the Coronation Bank Holiday. These walks will last about one and a half hours to finish in time for a cuppa and a chat at the cafe.

Longer 5 - 6 mile walk on Tuesday 2nd May.

Contact Sue or Doug for more information

STOKE GARDENING CLUB

What's on in May:

Wednesday 24th May – 7.30 p.m. "Friends and Foes" – Speaker from Castle Gardens Group (Gold Club). Meeting at The Memorial Hall in Stoke-sub-Hamdon, 7.15 for 7.30 p.m.

Refreshments; Plant Sales; Raffle. Visitors very welcome!



BANK HOLIDAY KERBSIDE RECYCLING DATES

BANK HOLIDAY	COLLECTION DAY
1st May	Wednesday 3rd May
8th May	Thursday 11th May
29th May	Thursday 1st June



Dates for your Diary

MAY

2nd	Extended Health Walk
6th	A Right Royal Coronation
13th	Stanchester Community Café
15th	Health Walks
17th	Afternoon Tea Club
22nd	Health Walks
24th	Gardening Club Talk
29th	May Fayre
31st	Afternoon Tea Club

JUNE

14th	Afternoon Tea Club
28th	Afternoon Tea Club