

Village Diary

MAY		18th	Village Artist Group Acrylic Workshop
2nd	Local Elections	20th	Health Walks
7th	Stoke Active Walkers	27th	May Fayre
8th	Annual Parish Council Meeting	JUNE	
13th	Health Walks	15th	Hamdon Community Arts Project Open Day

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 (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 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
TELEPHONE 01935 822455 E-MAIL: clerksshpc@hotmail.co.uk



Unfortunately, we have lost our volunteer who delivers the newsletters each month for North Street incl. the Workshops down to Walscombe Close. The Parish Council would like to say a huge 'thank you' for everything they have done, their help has been invaluable and very much appreciated. *If there is anyone who is willing to take over this round please contact Sarah Moore, Parish Clerk – contact details are at the back of this newsletter.*

PUBLIC NOTICE in accordance with SECTION 87 of the LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Following the close of the nomination period for the Local Elections, the number of valid nominations received were less than the number of vacancies to be filled and all existing parish council members will be invited to accept the office of parish councillor at our Annual Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 8th May. There are still three vacancies to be filled on the Parish Council so if you are interested in helping us to support and protect our village facilities and activities come and join us. We meet once a month, normally on the first Wednesday, in the Memorial Hall at 7.15pm.

If you would like more information please contact Sarah Moore, the Parish Clerk on 822455 for an informal chat or come along to our meeting on 8th May.

PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR'S UPDATE

The Parish Council has for some time been looking for ways in which to support older people in our village. Now that the Youth Centre project is up and running, the time seemed right to explore ways in which we might do that. At our last meeting in early April, councillors learned that AgeUKSomerset were interested in our suggestion of running a partnership project with the parish council for a befriending service in Stoke. This would offer a weekly visit by a volunteer to those unable to get out much because of mobility issues or those who felt isolated or lonely. The parish council would provide funds towards the training, induction and support of local volunteers, and the charity would manage those volunteers day to day. Since our meeting, I have had a meeting with the Chief Executive of AgeUKSomerset and

their Volunteer Manager to talk through how it might work, and the charity will be coming to our next parish council meeting on 8th May to do a presentation to councillors. People in this village are so generous with their time and care for each other, and we do hope that many of you will support this project by becoming a volunteer. As a previous Somerset Sight volunteer, myself, I can vouch that it is a very rewarding and interesting experience.

Planning

The status of active applications is as follows: -

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

The following applications have been permitted: -

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 Listed Building Consent. Has received support from English Heritage.

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

The following application has been refused on the grounds that it was inappropriate in a Conservation Area and would cause harm to a listed building: -

19/00250/HOU Scramble Cottage 57 Ham Hill Stoke Sub Hamdon TA14 6RW: Demolish single storey rear extension. Erect single storey rear extension. Internal alterations and replacement doors and windows. New roof-light. This extension will be created by lowering the ground level.

Elections: We have been informed by SSDC that the number of parish councillor nominations in the forthcoming elections on May 2 did not exceed the number of parish councillors required for Stoke. As a result, all eight existing nominated parish councillors will be formally elected. We still have three vacancies – please contact Sarah Moore our Parish Clerk if you are interested in joining us.

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.

BONFIRES

As the weather is getting warmer, a lot of us are out tidying our gardens and we dispose of the garden waste with a bonfire. Although there is no law against having a bonfire it is only courteous to consider your neighbours. Please check whether your neighbours' windows are open or whether there is washing on the line and, consider what time of day you decide to have your bonfire. Also, please make sure your bonfire is not too big and do not burn rubber or plastics as all of these factors are considered a nuisance and you could be reported.

STOKE ACTIVE WALKERS

Tuesday, 7th May 2019: The time has come to go looking for the Blue Bells, so our walk today will take us along Bowey and up to the Monument, across the Hill and past the Prince of Wales. From there we will go across the field to Batemore Barn and take the footpath down through Ladies Walk to see the Blue Bells. At the bottom of Ladies Walk we will cross the field, then go around the back of Abbey Farm, past Montacute Tower and through Hedgecock Woods 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.

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.

VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP

The Village Artists are holding a workshop with artist Brian Dicker creating a seascape using acrylic paints on Saturday 18th May between 10am and 4pm in The Memorial Hall, Stoke sub Hamdon. Everyone is welcome. The cost is Members £20, Non-members £25. *Details and booking contact Diana 01935 881647.*

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.

STOKE SUB HAMDON SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST

Sports & Recreation Trust:

Adventure Play Area – work is planned to start on the Adventure Play Area in mid-May and is expected to last for 4–6 weeks. During this time, the area will be fenced off for safety, which will block the first pedestrian entrance as you go down Matt's Lane. There will also be a container on site, which will be storage for the play equipment prior to installation. Disruption to use by the general public will be kept to a minimum, but please bear with us.

The Training Area Replacement Floodlights – these are now installed and ready for use. These new dual asymmetric LED lights provide excellent coverage for training with minimum spillage outside the training area. They will replace the previous floodlights that had been condemned on a recent electrical safety inspection and will provide a very good and safe training environment for both the Stoke Senior and Youth Teams.

The Pavilion Porch – work is planned to start on the pavilion porch in mid-April and we hope to have that complete and the pavilion painted by mid-May. This will provide better facilities for the players entering the pavilion after play and will help preserve the entrance

area of the building from wear and tear and weather.

Stoke sub Hamdon Charity Shop: The Stoke Charity Shop committee approved a grant application of £500.00 for Friends of Ham Hill towards funding a popup museum and activity centre during the summer months. Other grant applications are under consideration. Anyone wanting to request a grant should contact Jane Baler for an application form: jeb3101@aol.com

Stoke sub Hamdon May Fayre: Don't forget this month's May Fayre on Monday, 27 May in the grounds of the National Trust Priory and Memorial Hall. If anyone would like to volunteer any time at all on the day, please contact Denise on 827793. As always, if anyone would be willing to bake a cake for our Memorial Hall café, we would so appreciate it. Thanks so much and we look forward to seeing you there!

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.

****Please note the following date changes.**

May Walks on the 13th and 20th.

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

HAMDON COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT

Unfortunately the informal 'drop in' planned for Saturday 27th April from 2.30pm had to be postponed. However, we already have a **NEW** date for your diary - Saturday 15th June at 2.30pm.

PLEASE come and see us 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.

We are really sorry about any inconvenience the date change may have caused and look forward to seeing you in June.

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

ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE

St Margaret's Hospice are holding their Glitter Run Remix 2019 fundraiser, which will take place at 3 venues in Somerset this year:

Wincanton – Sunday 19 May

Wells – Sunday 9 June · Taunton – Sunday 7 July

The Glitter Run is a very popular fun-filled annual event which helps raise funds to provide vital care for patients and families across Somerset. Don't miss out! To take part book now at www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk.

YOUNG NEWSLETTER HAMDON YOUTH GROUP

We are now in our permanent home, the Youth and Family Centre, thanks to all the hard work by Stoke Parish Council. The old Methodist Hall will be altered progressively to suit its new use but already gives young people much better facilities at long last.

We have been very concerned at the removal by Somerset County Council of the major grant we depend on. We are now delighted to announce that we have been awarded a major grant from Community Awards, part of the Lottery grants organisation. This grant will enable us to continue to provide facilities and a fun place to meet friends to our young people, all due to people playing the Lottery. We have also just heard that we have received a grant from Somerset Community Foundation which will also enable us to continue and improve facilities for our young people. We are very grateful to these organisations.

Our Monday Youth Clubs are in our new home in Stoke. The May programme is:

6th May - Closed Bank Holiday

13th May - Sports on Rec

20th May - Games/ Mug Cakes,

27th May - May Fayre at rec

Our Wednesday sessions in Norton Meeting Room at the Village Hall will have the following themes:

1st May - Voting what is it?

8th May - Games night

15th May - Who am I? What am I Doing next?

22nd May - Planning

29th May - Meditation.

For more information please contact Lou Chant on 07402987921 or email lou.chant@cyp.me