

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
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FOOTPATHS - problems and issues contact:	Moira Hulett cllr.mhulett.sshpc@gmail.com
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	Enquiries: bookings.stokememorialhall@gmail.com Barbara Brooks 01935 824432
PARISH COUNCIL - Monthly First Wednesday 7.00pm, The Hamdon Youth & Family Centre Neil Bloomfield, Clerk clerk@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk Website: stokesubhamdoncouncil.com	Lyn Foley, Chairman 01935 823051
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: 07717 453523
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	Contact Jeannie 07967 184952 or info@stokeperformingartsgroup.co.uk
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@somersetcc.org.uk Tel: 07968 521746
VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP - (Tuesdays 19.30- 21.30 & Friday 10.00am - 12 Noon (Memorial Hall)during school term times only)	Andrew Toosey (chair) SSHthevillageartistsgroup@gmail.com 07484 142880
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
Helen Frances, helenfrances.one@gmail.com by the 16th of the previous month



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council held a meeting in August and appointed two new Councillors. We welcomed Mr. Simon Hulber and Mrs. Samantha Wilkinson, on to the Council, bringing the Council up to its full complement of 11 Councillors.

For your information I have been informed by Rachael Whaites, Countryside Manager for Somerset Council, that on the 11th and 12th of September 2023, there will be a temporary closure of Ham Hill's Lime Kiln car park to allow large plant vehicle access to the site to undertake ground tests for the new Visitor Centre. The company involved has been requested to approach the site via Odcombe, but this is not guaranteed.

At the beginning of September, work will begin on the repair to the windows in Hamdon Youth and Family Centre. Let's hope the weather blesses us with a supporting dry spell!

When walking around the village, several people have mentioned to Councillors that there is quite a lot of overhanging vegetation obstructing public pathways, which is making life difficult for pedestrians. Can residents please ensure that all vegetation is cut back to their boundary lines and not overhanging the pavements. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

It has also been reported that there have been several instances of fly tipping which I have only just become aware of. The Parish Clerk has now reported this to Somerset Council, but if you do happen to see items that have been tipped, then please take a photo of it and send the picture with its precise position to the Clerk.

At the beginning of October, the Parish Council will have a new home which will be at Unit 7, North Street Workshops (slightly delayed due to Duchy Safety Checks). The Community Help Project will also be based there, but the details of this service are continuing to be finalised and will be detailed in the near future.

My personal apologies to anybody who may have sent information to me prior to the appointment of the new Parish Clerk. I am just unearthing some of these messages now.

Lyn Foley

Chair of Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council

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NEWSLETTER

September 2023

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP:

If you've a few hours to spare and fancy getting involved in the Community Shop, we'd love you to join our friendly volunteer team. Drop by the shop for a chat about what's involved, or email volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk. You can also find out more at stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering and download an application form.

MEMORIAL HALL

We are looking for people to join the Hall's management committee. If you would like to find out more about the Hall, a valuable village asset, and if you could spare a couple of hours every month, we would love to hear from you. No experience necessary. Jill Uhlhorn 078 96299340

CHARITY SHOP

The Charity Shop warmly welcomes new volunteers to get involved in all aspects of the shop. Our volunteers are a great team, and benefits include regular social events and a discount on shop goods. Contact Denise or Jane for further details.

STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP

Summer picnics and BBQs: We've everything you need for a super summer picnic or barbecue - from rolls, cakes, pastries and sandwich fillings to BBQ meats, sauces and pickles, fizzy pop and beers, wines and ciders. We also sell a wide range of ice creams and other frozen treats for a perfect dessert. And don't forget that we're open Saturday till 4pm and Sunday till 12.30pm for those last-minute essentials.

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.

WHAT'S ON & WHAT'S NEW AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Film Night at the Memorial Hall

On **Saturday 16th September** Film Night will screen the wonderful and uplifting comedy "Fisherman's Friends" (PG-13). Based on a true story it tells of a group of Cornish fishermen who find themselves selected by a sharp London agent who, as part of a bet whilst on a stag weekend in Cornwall, tries to get them a record deal singing their sea shanties. And the rest, as they say, is history.....! Full of laughter, music and well, just feel-good happiness.

Lots of you told us you'd like an earlier start time, so screenings will now start at 6.30 p.m. (Doors open from 6.15 p.m.) Tickets just £5 cash at the door and refreshments available.



VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP

We are a very friendly group of amateurs who meet at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday evenings and Friday mornings during school term time. Our next meeting is on 5th September. We share an enjoyment of traditional art at all levels and seek to develop our artistic skills through discussion and an encouraging environment. There are regular workshops generally led by a local artist along with an annual show.

Should you wish to learn more about our group, please contact Andrew on (01935) 823691 or atoosey@hotmail.com. We look forward to welcoming you.

ULTRAFAST BROADBAND

The Memorial Hall is delighted to have been accepted by Gigaclear to be one of their special Community Venues. Their sponsorship means the Hall will have fibre broadband completely free of charge! We hope installation will be completed by the end of August.

STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB

On Wednesday **27th September** Derek Dexter will present his talk "**Fuchsias My Way**".

Derek has been growing and showing fuchsias for over 20 years and was awarded bronze, silver and silver gilt at the 2019 Hampton Court Flower Show. Free refreshments provided, plus plant sales and a raffle. Visitors very welcome – first visit free. Venue: The Memorial Hall, Stoke-sub-Hamdon. 7.15 for 7.30 p.m.

HAMDON YOUTH & FAMILY CENTRE

Our new **Muay Thai kick boxing class** for 4-14-year-olds (with Adam Cardale) is proving very popular. The class runs every **Thursday from 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.** If you want to try it out, then the cost is just £5 per session (first session free).

A new **gymnastics class** for children aged 5 – 10 starts on **Wednesday 1st November (5p.m. – 6p.m.)**. Aimed at 5-10-year-olds, classes will be run by fully qualified coach, Georgia Holder. Limited spaces are available so please book in advance. Tel. 07790189809 or email dragonsgymnastics472@gmail.com

HAMDON YOUTH & FAMILY CENTRE also offers bookings for children's birthday parties – give us a try! We have two large halls, big enough for a bouncy castle, fully equipped kitchen, disabled loo with baby changing unit, and a secure walled garden at the back. All for the affordable hourly rate of £11 for Stoke residents.

Stoke Performing Arts Group

Stoke Performing Arts Group are holding their **Autumn Social at 4. 30p.m. on 24th September** at the Memorial Hall, including a screening of the FILM version of our recent melodrama "Mr Johnson in the Study with the Gloving Tool". The event is open to all present members of SPAG, plus anyone else who would like to get involved. SPAG always welcomes new people – there are lots of interesting things to do, both front and back stage. Please contact Jeannie for more information on 0796 7184952

STOKE BAND NEWS

Stoke band will be entertaining at the Prince of Wales at 2.30pm on Saturday 2nd September. This is a free concert, so please do come along. The band always welcome new players – especially for the cornet section. If you've played in the past, or just fancy learning, then why not join the band? Or perhaps you'd like to find out more about the band. Everyone is very welcome to attend our AGM at 20:00 on 28th September at Castle School.

Contact Gill Robins on 01935 329904 or Jane Herbert on 01460 419317 for details.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

You are warmly invited to join a new group, knitting scarves for the Christmas Shoe Box Scheme. If you would like to meet up with other knitters for a 'knit and natter', come along to Priory Coffee, High Street. **Every Tuesday from 10.30 to 12.30 starting September 5th.** Please bring your own yarn and needles! Phone Rosemary Stibbon on 0777 909 3723 for more information.



WORLD CHALLENGE

COFFEE MORNING

The World Challenge students from Stanchester Academy are running a coffee morning in All Saints Hall from **10am-12 noon on Saturday the 9th September.** Come along for drinks, homemade cake, and savouries. Takeaways are also available.

STOKE CHARITY SHOP

Stoke Charity Shop will be holding its annual Jumble Sale on Saturday 23rd September at the Working Men's Club. Doors open at 1p.m.

STOKE WALKING GROUP

Join us for our regular health walks. All walks start outside the Lighthouse Cafe at 10.00 and are guided by trained walk leaders. Come and discover more paths around Stoke. Dress for the weather, stout footwear is recommended. Whether you have lived in the area for years, or just moved in, new walkers are always welcome, and so are well behaved dogs on leads.

On Tuesday 5th September we have a longer health walk (5-6 miles), and on Monday 11th & 25th we have the regular health walks (3 - 4 miles). These last about one and a half hours, finishing in time for a cuppa and a chat at the Lighthouse Café. Contact Sue or Doug for more information - Sue 07792311736

Dates for your Diary

SEPTEMBER

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| 2nd | Stoke Band - performing at The Prince of Wales from 14:30 |
| 5th | Longer Health Walk from Lighthouse café 10:00 start |
| 5th | First Autumn term meeting of the Village Artists Group at the Memorial Hall. 19:30 – 21:30. |
| 6th | Afternoon Tea Club at the Lighthouse café 14:15 – 16:15 |
| 9th | World Challenge Coffee Morning, All Saints Hall 10:00 – 12:00 |
| 11th | Regular Health Walk from Lighthouse café 10:00 start |
| 16th | Film Night at the Memorial Hall. Doors open at 18:15 for 18:30 screening. |
| 20th | Afternoon Tea Club at the Lighthouse café 14:15 – 16:15 |
| 23rd | Stoke Charity Shop Jumble Sale at the Working Man's Club from 13:00 – 16:00 |
| 24th | Stoke Performing Arts Group Social at the Memorial Hall 16:30 |
| 25th | Regular Health Walk from Lighthouse café 10:00 start |
| 27th | Gardening Club "Fuchsias my Way" 19:15 for 19:30 start at the Memorial Hall. |

OCTOBER

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| 4th | Afternoon Tea Club at the Lighthouse café 14:15 – 16:15 |
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