

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;
3rd Sunday: 8.00am Communion 11.00am morning worship;
4th Sunday: 11.00am morning worship.

Associate Vicar: Rev Annie Gurner, 824167,
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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)	
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 & "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
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
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. Jill Uhlhorn 829513
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
POP-IN - Weekly - Thursday (Oak Tree House)	Paul Spearpoint 826375
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
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	carolyn_lefley@hotmail.com Facebook: @StokeBabyAndToddlerGroup
STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP OPENING HOURS - Monday to Friday 8am - 4pm; Saturday 8am - 1pm; 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 - Monday 10.00am - 12.30pm, Friday 10.00am - 12 noon (Memorial Hall) 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

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Parish council

Chairs update

Parish council meetings started again in early July in a virtual format using Zoom. A bit different from meeting face to face but it gave us the opportunity to ratify the decisions taken during the lockdown period. We have made our annual grants to the Sports & Rec Trust, Memorial Hall and Youth Centre early this year to help them with their cash flow. We were pleased to hear that Highways have finally given us permission to site our own portable Speed Indicator Device in various locations round the village for two weeks at a time: specific spots in North Street, West Street, East Stoke, and Montacute Road so we can now progress this project further. The SID will provide useful recorded data on average speeds which over a period of time can be submitted to Highways to evidence the need for further speed measures.

No, it isn't true!

There is a Facebook video going around in which it states that the parish council got rid of the toilets in Stoke including the disabled one and that is why there aren't any toilets nowadays in the village. This is totally wrong! The small piece of land was owned by the Memorial Hall Trustees and was sold to Yeovil Rural District Council (now SSDC) in 1972 for them to build toilets for the benefit of the village. The District Council continued to maintain them for many years. In 2012 the District Council decided as freeholders that they would dispose of them as they were too expensive to maintain and sold them in a private sale, so depriving our village of a facility. Nothing to do with the parish council at all! Just wanted to put the story straight - important to get your facts right before you make strong statements!

Community venues are opening again

Now that restrictions have been eased, it's really good to see some of our village venues starting to open again! The Charity Shop and the Club are now open again with social distancing in place. We understand that the Memorial Hall is planning to open in early September when some of their regular groups want to return, although children's

parties are not yet allowed. All venues have had to complete COVID-19 Risk Assessments and ensure all the required posters, sanitisers and new cleaning regimes are in place for our safety.

The Youth Centre must remain closed for the time being as current social distancing rules mean that their activities cannot take place. However the Youth Team have been able to source some external funding so that support can start soon through much needed one to one sessions for vulnerable young people and for some small group work in Stoke and Norton and Lou Grant, the Youth Worker will be around in Stoke and Norton on Monday and Wednesday evenings. It is hoped that perhaps by October some form of 'normal' may be able to be resumed. The Brownies are planning to hold their Tuesday evening sessions 'socially distancing' in the grounds of the Youth Centre once they get permission from the Guiding Movement. They have been holding regular weekly Zoom meetings throughout the lockdown but there is nothing like getting back together again!

Shout out to the good Samaritans!

A gentleman was found unconscious recently in the Recreation Ground by a couple of lads. They had the presence of mind to alert a passer-by so that medical help could be called. The lads kindly stayed around to direct the paramedics to where the man was lying near the skateboard ramps. Well done to the lads for behaving in such a responsible fashion and showing care and compassion!



Articles for the Newsletter, or to advertise forthcoming events: please email or post to Sarah Moore by 16th of previous month. Contact information is at the bottom of this newsletter.

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Play Areas now OPEN

All play areas in the village – at the Rec, Memorial Hall Grounds and Stonehill are now open. Like the venues, risk assessments have been carried out and the required posters put in place. All equipment has been cleaned and checked over before opening by the Sport & Rec Trust and parish councillors.

Parents – please remember the 2-metre social distancing rule and to bring sanitisers! There are posters up in the play areas advising on the maximum number of children allowed on equipment to keep to the 2-metre rule.

Who can I meet and where?

We've been asked to clarify the current rules on meeting each other.

- **Indoors** it is currently up to two households only – whether it is in our house or garden. That also applies to sitting together in a pub or restaurant. No groups of more than 30 people in total can meet in private homes – and no parties! Public venues are restricted as to the number of people they can have so as to allow social distancing.
- **Outdoors** it is currently a group of not more than six people from different households, unless you are one family gathering with a maximum of 30 people.
- **And always** 'social distance' wherever you can.

It is critical that you follow these guidelines to keep both yourself and others safe. The virus is airborne.

Planning Applications

The following are applications currently being considered by District Council:-

20/00992/OUT Off Mason's Lane Montacute – Outline application for 30 houses off the Link Road at East Stoke (actually Stoke land). The National Trust and English Heritage have now lodged objections and observations on the grounds that the site location is not appropriate for safe access, it would spoil the landscape close to heritage assets, and would have a major impact on both Stoke and Montacute. We also earlier lodged an objection on similar grounds.

20/0183/FUL Land rear of Princes Close Car Park – new house on waste ground. It would link to the Princes Close development. Councillors have no objections

Councillor vacancies

We have one lady who is hoping to become a parish councillor at our next meeting in September. But we still have two vacancies after that. Would you like to join us? You would be warmly welcomed!

We are a friendly bunch and we meet on the first Wednesday evening each month.

If you would like more information, please contact our Parish Clerk Sarah Moore on 822455.

Please keep washing those hands and always follow the rules on social distancing, wearing masks and meeting each other! That way we all stay virus free. Take care and stay safe

Clr Barbara Brooks, Chair
01935 824432 chairsshpc@hotmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 2ND SEPTEMBER 2020 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 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

Would you be interested in joining the Parish Council and helping us to support and protect our village facilities and activities?

We meet on the first Wednesday evening monthly. We have 2 vacancies at present. If you would like to know more about it all, please contact Sarah Moore, our Parish Clerk on 822455 for an informal chat.



PUBLIC NOTICE

PARISH OF STOKE SUB HAMDON

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 87 of the Local Government Act 1972 that 2 vacancies have occurred on the Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council.

Unless a request for an election to be held is submitted in writing to the Proper Officer of the South Somerset District Council, at the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 2HT by no later than 2nd September 2020 by ten electors for the Parish of Stoke sub Hamdon, the Parish Council will proceed to fill this vacancy by co-option.

*Sarah Moore
Parish Clerk*

POLICE INFORMATION

For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: 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.

STOKE CHARITY SHOP

Charity Shop

We are delighted to be open in our new High Street premises and welcome volunteers and customers. Currently our opening hours are 9.30am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday. Social distancing, use of hand sanitiser and following a one-way system through the shop continues.

From Friday 24th July **A FACE COVERING IS TO BE WORN WHEN VISITING THE SHOP.** We thank everyone for their cooperation.

Donations

Because of Covid-19 restrictions and the volume of donations being received, from AUGUST donations will be accepted at HCAP on the FIRST SATURDAY MORNING OF THE MONTH between 10am and 12 mid-day. A period of 72 hours isolation is still required for all donations. Therefore, donations will not be accepted at the High Street shop.

Thank you for your enthusiastic support of your local Charity Shop.

STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

Join our volunteer team: Some of the volunteers who have been helping to run the Community Shop are now returning to work after being furloughed. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to join our friendly team, please get in touch. Time slots are available every day so you can pick one or more that suits you. There are roles that involve talking to customers as well as ones where you can work behind the scenes. Pop into the shop and speak to Lyn Foley or contact Emma Herrod on 01935 829443 / volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk, or find out more at stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering

Home deliveries

Don't forget that we provide a home delivery service 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 will arrange same day or next day delivery.

New products

We're adding to our range and now offer vegetarian, vegan and gluten free. Let us know if there is anything you would like us to stock and we'll do our best to get it. **Face coverings:** Please wear a face covering when you come into the shop, unless you're in an exempt group. For more information about the shop and how you can get involved visit www.stokeshop.co.uk

STOKE BAND NEWS

Due to a change in regulations for non-professional performing arts including brass bands stating we cannot play in groups even in the open air, the band has had to suspend practices again. Consequently, our 75th Anniversary concert in September will have to be cancelled. The band is really disappointed about this as they were looking forward to sharing this milestone. The band will also be unable to have a formal AGM in September as is usual. The band has not now had an engagement since February and other future engagements are also in doubt.

Jane Herbert

WANTED – POTATO HARVEST HELP!

Castle Farm will harvest around 2,000 tonnes of potatoes and need your help in harvesting them. It is hard but simple work, no experience necessary; all training will be provided, along with Karen's afternoon cake of the day!

Harvest will run throughout September at the mercy of the weather.

Pay @ £9/hour, morning or afternoon shifts available, weekdays and weekends.

Please contact Karen/Rob Hebditch on 01935 822231 if you are interested.

