

CONTACTS

Church of England at St Mary's, Church Services:	The Rector Rev. Nick Clarke. Tel 07842 192402, revnickclarke@gmail.com
1st Sunday 11.00am Cafe church in All Saints Hall	
2nd Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion	The Vicarage, 1 Castle Street TA14 6RE
3rd Sunday 11.00am Morning Praise	website: www.hamhillchurches.org
4th Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion	
2nd and 4th Wednesdays 9.00am BCP Holy Communion	
ALL SAINTS HALL BOOKING SECRETARY	Ann Davison 07709 609488
BOYS BRIGADE - Weekly - Thursday 6.00pm - 7.30pm (now at Martock Christian Fellowship)	Ian Rumbelow 01935 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
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	Steve Arnold: stokefcchair@hotmail.com & John Elliott: stokefcsec@gmail.com 07775 562122
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
HISTORY GROUP	Carol Parker 825393
LIGHTHOUSE CAFE - Monday 10.00am - 1.00pm	Sarah Russell 826355
MAY FAYRE - Annual Event for Sports & Recreation Trust	Denise Burton 827793
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 Website: stokesubhamdoncouncil.com	Lyn Foley, Chairman 01935 83051 Sarah Moore, Clerk 01935 822455
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER	Abby Linaker email: abby.linaker@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 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 Castle School Training Section Mondays 7:00-7:45pm at Castle School	Gill Robins 01935 329904 Jane Herbert 01460 419317
STOKE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP	Jeanie 07967184952 or Moira: 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@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	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

September 2022

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

I would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to the Parish Meeting at the end of July. The meeting was productive and informative. At the meeting I asked for ideas and contributions on several areas of work for the council to look at so that we can put together a five-year plan for the village. The minutes of the meeting are posted on the parish noticeboard and on our website which is www.stokesubhamdoncouncil.com

Parish Councillors will be working hard to put together some working plans for the community to look at. In order to work with our community, we would like to encourage members of the parish to help us with this work. If you have an interest in any of the following, please contact our Parish Clerk, Sarah Moore.

- Play Parks
- Leisure
- Transport and Infrastructure including traffic speed and parking
- Community Assistance
- Planting: trees, bulbs etc.

Many of the concerns raised at the Parish Meeting related to transport and infrastructure. The Parish Council has been working on compiling data on speeding via our Speed Indicator Device, and our Transport Strategy Group has already been looking at the various issues and is currently compiling a report on all areas of the village.

We would like to hear from you of your concerns, whether big or small, on traffic speed, parking, infrastructure, etc. as we are aware that not everyone could make it to the Parish Meeting. A leaflet is included with this newsletter, and we invite you to let us know what you would like us to investigate to effect change in our village. When making your comments please say which part of the



village is affected so that we can ascertain where the troublesome areas are.

Please either complete the enclosed form or email your comments to our Parish Clerk on clerksshpc@hotmail.co.uk and get them to us before the 16th of September. You can post your forms in the designated boxes in the Community Shop or in the Co-Op.

I have also been asked to mention the increase in the amount of dog poo being left on footpaths around the village. Please remember the footpaths aren't just those by the side of the roads but include the public footpaths and bridleways in and around fields and the countryside. There are plenty of bins in and around the village so please can we remind you to dispose of dog waste appropriately.

The parish council is looking at the possibility of increasing the size of some dog bins, and we would like to see a few more in the village. However, we currently have the maximum number for our area, but we will be negotiating with SSDC, whose responsibility it is to empty them, to see whether adding more is possible.

Lyn Foley
Chair of Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council

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.

STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

Shop local for a friendly, personal service: We're doing our best to keep our prices competitive and absorb as many of the increases as possible rather than passing them on to our customers. We're currently investigating other suppliers in a bid to keep costs down. However, much of this is outside of our control and small shops like ours are unable to compete with the negotiating muscle of the big supermarket chains. We'll continue to offer the people of Stoke the best community shopping we can with a wide range of goods, convenient opening hours... and a friendly, personal service you won't find anywhere else!

Breast Cancer Fundraiser: Stoke Working Men's Club is hosting an all-day fundraiser for Yeovil Breast Cancer Unit on Saturday 10 September which includes a craft fair, auction, live band and barbecue. Barbecue tickets cost £3.50 each and are available from Stoke Community Shop – ask for them at the till.

Volunteering: We're always looking for new volunteers to join our friendly volunteer team. If you think you can give us a hand – even if it's only to do an occasional shift – please drop in and speak to one of the team; or email volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk; or find out more at stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering

Home deliveries: Unable to get out and about? We offer free home deliveries to customers living in Stoke. Simply call us with your order on 01935 509100 between 9am and 2pm on weekdays and we'll arrange same day or next-day delivery.

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

STOKE SUB HAMDON VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP AND SOMERSET OIL PAINTERS

Autumn Art Exhibition

We are pleased to announce that Stokes sub Hamdon Village Artist Group and Somerset Oil Painters are working together to bring you an exhibition of their members' work.

Come and be amazed at the artistic talent in your very midst on view on Saturday 8th October 2022, in the Memorial Hall, Stoke sub Hamdon. Some of the art will be for sale and refreshments will be available from 11.00am -16.00 hrs. Spruce up your living room wall with a new painting.

Malcolm Uhlhorn, 01935 829513

STOKE SUB HAMDON SPORTS & RECREATION TRUST - MAY EVENT

As you will have been aware, that there was no May Fayre this year, but instead we held a Summer Fete at the beginning of June (the wettest day of the summer!).

Subsequent conversations and feedback have indicated a strong desire for a return to an annual event on the second bank holiday in May similar to our previous May Fayres. We would love to be able to do this and despite having welcomed some new volunteers following the Summer Fete, more people with new ideas are needed for there to be any chance of organising such an event. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me on 01935 827793 or 07788 900672. Denise Burton, Events Coordinator, Stoke sub Hamdon Sports & Recreation Trust.

STOKE CHARITY SHOP AGM

The Charity Shop AGM takes place on Monday 5th of September at 7pm in the Lighthouse Café. There are 5 positions up for election to the Committee: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Volunteers Coordinator and Events Coordinator. A summary of Roles and Responsibilities, along with Nomination forms is available at the Shop. Volunteers will receive brief progress reports of activities, volunteers and shop finances and grants awarded over the past year and vote in committee members. There is an opportunity to provide feedback on their volunteering experience, offer suggestions and ideas on how the shop is organised and operates over drinks and nibbles. All volunteers are warmly welcome to attend.

Donations: A leaflet is now available in the Charity Shop that describes the types of donations we are able to accept and those, which for health, hygiene or safety reasons we cannot accept. You are welcome to pick up a copy at the shop during opening hours Monday to Saturday 9am to 3:30pm. *Closed on Wednesdays.*

Events for Your Diary: An end of Season Half-Price Sale will be held from 5th to 17th September. A Jumble Sale is being planned, with more information available in the October newsletter.

STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB



Wednesday 28th September: "Gardens of the Rich and Famous" talk by David Moon. Come along and find inspiration to renew your garden in the cooler Autumn weather. New members are always welcome, and your first visit is free. Plant sales; Raffle; Refreshments. Stoke-sub-Hamdon Memorial Hall: - doors open 7.15 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.

Enquiries: Club Secretary – secsshgardeningclub@gmail.com

STOKE BAND NEWS

The band's AGM is on Thursday 15th September at Castle School at 8:00pm.

Now we have settled into Castle School we are restarting the training section. But learning an instrument is not only for the school's pupils. Why not come and have a go. Some of you will have learned an instrument at school or even with the band so why not give it a go. Remember age is just a number as one of our members who started in their fifties will attest.

Sessions start on Mondays, on 19th September between 7:00 and 7:45 pm. If you are interested, please contact Jane Herbert on 01460 419317.

LITTER PICK

September's litter pick is Sunday 11th September. Meet at 9am outside the All Saints' Hall opposite the Fleur-de-Lis. Wear sensible shoes and stout gloves, all else will be provided. We meet back around 11am for our Priory Cafe coffee courtesy of Paul and Mandy and the community shop. Contact me at helivet@msn.com if further information required.

Catherine Fraser

FUNDRAISER FOR YEOVIL BREAST CANCER UNIT - SATURDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2022

Sam Hawkins-Barthorpe invites you to her fundraising event for Yeovil Breast Cancer Unit that is taking place on Saturday, 10th September 2022 from 11am until midnight, hosted by Stoke sub Hamdon Working Men's Club.

Events include a craft fair (including refreshments) from 11am to 4pm, BBQ from 6pm to 8pm, dancing to the band Calibrate in the evening, plus an auction to be held from 9pm to 10pm with some superb items donated that you will not want to miss! A raffle with some amazing prizes will also be ongoing in the Club the week before the event and drawn on the day itself.

If you would like to donate a prize for the raffle or auction, able to bake us a cake for the refreshments, or are able to provide any items for a Tombola on the day, please contact Denise on 01935 827793 or 07788 900672. If you would like to buy tickets for the BBQ, please enquire at the Stoke Community Shop or the Working Men's Club. Your help for this very worthwhile cause will be much appreciated.

GEOLOGY AND ART WALK AROUND HAM HILL

Join artist Carolyn Lefley and ex Ham Hill volunteer ranger and local geology enthusiast Caroline Doherty for a walk taking in the geology of Ham Hill that inspired 'Ancient Sea' on Sunday 25th September between 10.00-12.00. Meet at Ham Hill Rangers Centre, Ham Hill Rd, Stoke-sub-Hamdon TA14 6RW. The walk is free, but booking is required via carolyn_lefley@hotmail.com. www.somersetartworks.org.uk/artweeks22carolyn/

ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE

Come and take part in our Sunflower Stroll in Yeovil on Sunday, 11th September and complete a walk in memory of a loved one. The walk is roughly 4km beginning at Aldon fields, through Ninesprings Country Park, finishing at the Yeovil Hospice Hub. Early bird tickets cost £5* (*increasing to £7). For more information go to St Margaret's Hospice website at www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/sunflower-stroll

'ANCIENT SEA' - ART INSTALLATION IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH, EAST STOKE

Ancient Sea is a new video and photographic installation re-imagining the countryside surrounding Ham Hill as the sea. Millions of years ago, the local limestone, known as Hamstone, was formed under water. Fossil remains of ammonites can be found in the fields around Ham Hill. Using photographic layering techniques Carolyn has merged the land with the sea. The final work is installed in St Mary's Church. This exhibition is part of the Sanctuary Art Festival organised by Somerset Art Works.

24th September - 8th October.
Fridays and Saturdays 10.00 - 17.00. Free admission.

St Mary's Church, Church Lane,
Stoke sub Hamdon, Somerset TA14 6UF

STOKE WALKING GROUP

The Stoke Walking Group is affiliated with the national Health Walk programme and provides guided walks, in our beautiful local area. Walks are undertaken by trained walk leaders on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. The walks start and end at the Lighthouse Café, providing an opportunity for tea and a chat with fellow walkers afterwards. Dress for the weather, stout footwear is recommended. Well behaved dogs on leads are also welcome.

September Walk Dates: An extra, longer walk of 4 to 6 miles is offered on the Monday 5th September. Start time is at 10am. Regular 90-minute walks take place on Monday 12th September and Monday 26th September. Start time is at 10 am.

WESSEX BIG BAND

On September 30th there will be a concert by the Wessex Big Band in the Memorial Hall. Tickets are £8 and are available from the community shop or by emailing me at helivet@msn.com or from any band member. Do come along, there will be a bar run by Stoke Club and the opportunity for dancing. Bar from 7pm Music from 7.30pm.

Catherine Fraser

HISTORY GROUP

Can you help us? We are looking for some missing copies of the parish newsletter for our records. These are September 1995, January 1996, April & August 1997, January 1999, August, September, October 2000, February 2002, January 2005, April 2006, December 2009 and January 2010.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

5th	Stoke Walking Group
5th	Charity Shop AGM
5th – 17th	Charity Shop Half Price Sale
10th	Fundraiser event for Yeovil Breast Cancer Unit
11th	Litter Pick
12th	Stoke Walking Group
24th Sept –	'Ancient Sea'
8th Oct.	Art Installation
25th	Geology & Art Walk
26th	Stoke Walking Group
28th	Gardening Club Talk
30th	Wessex Big Band Concert

OCTOBER

8th	Village Artist Group & South Somerset Oil Painters Autumn Exhibition
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