

CONTACTS

Church of England at St Mary's.
NOVEMBER SERVICES
November 22nd 11am Holy Communion

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ALL SAINTS HALL BOOKING SECRETARY	Ann Davison 07709 609488
BODY CONDITIONING CLASS - Weekly - Monday 6.30pm - 7.30pm (Memorial Hall)	Sue Menzies 01935 829632
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. Mary Steel 01935 508996
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
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
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 - 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 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

Our new Parish Ranger (lengthsman) that the council pays for has been able to carry out some useful maintenance jobs for the village this last month. He has cut back the ivy off the wall on the West Street entrance to the Memorial Hall, cleared the gutters out at the Youth Centre, repaired a village gate, started to remove the weeds at the top of Ham Hill Road, and taken measurements for repairs to some gates and dog bins. He will be bringing his equipment to concentrate in October and November in clearing out any blocked drains. The work he will be doing in clearing all the weeds in the gutters and pavements and checking the drains throughout the village are likely to take some months to clear, but once we are on top of it, all this will become easier to maintain.

During the lockdown period a piece of play equipment, a spinner, at Stonehill Play Area was seriously vandalised, the second time since being installed in 2016. Our thanks to a neighbour who kindly stored it for us until we could deal with it. Unfortunately, it has proved to be damaged beyond repair yet again. As installing and replacing this spinner has already cost over £4,300 since 2016, councillors regretfully came to the conclusion that for the time being it should not be replaced at a further cost of £2,000 to the village. In due course a decision may be made to replace it with a different piece of equipment. If any parents see damage taking place to play areas, please let us know so that this anti-social behaviour can be logged with the police on 101.

At our meeting we reviewed our finance policies including Internal Control and our Risk Register and Risk Management Plan and were pleased to note that monitoring controls were in place and working. We added new risks and management controls to reflect a pandemic situation, to ensure that the council had access to finance and correspondence records and could continue to work on behalf of the village, should key personnel be taken ill.

The Government have now announced that from 14 October there will be a 3 Tier System of COVID-19 rules in England - Medium, High and Very High. This is intended to help manage and reduce the spread according to local conditions. We in Somerset are in the Medium tier (lowest) i.e. we continue to follow basic national rules for the present: masks in public places, social distancing etc., sanitising/washing hands, and the Rule of 6 indoors and outdoors. There are some exemptions to the Rule of 6 for COVID-19 Secure community facilities like the Memorial Hall, Working Men's Club, Youth Centre and HCAP where more than one group of 6 can meet indoors, providing

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the separate groups are socially distanced and don't mix with each other. Certain activities involving children are also exempt. All Stoke community venues that are now open are COVID-19 Secure with proper cleaning, hand sanitiser and structured social distancing measures in place so it is safe to use them.

Let us all continue to follow the rules to prevent any spread and to protect both ourselves and each other.

Finally stay safe and well. Remember - Hands, Face, Space!

Cllr Barbara Brooks, Chair
01935 824432, chairshpc@hotmail.com



Planning Applications

The following applications have been lodged with SSDC in the past month.

20/02449/S73A Whitegates, West Street. Variation of plans and materials previously approved in 2018. The extra building works extending the house are now proposed to be reduced in size.

20/02359/HOU 39 High Street. Extension to rear of property.

Planning Decisions

20/01704/HOU Old Smithy, North Street. Replacement of two greenhouses by a log cabin. Permitted with conditions.

20/01622/FUL Land rear of Suntreat, Montacute Road, East Stoke. Building of "lifetime" home (disabled access). The access would open onto the new Co-Op drive leading to Orchid Acre Close as the new house is directly behind the last house on Montacute Road. Permitted with conditions.

20/02162 HOU The Gardeners Cottage Windsor Lane. Demolition of existing UPVC conservatory and replacement with link extension of similar size. Permitted with conditions.

19/02960/LBC Hamdon Youth Centre, West Street. Various internal alterations to create new service facilities and spaces for activities. Permission given with Conditions.

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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ONGOING APPLICATIONS

20/02274/DPO Montacute Gardens site, Greatfield Lane (old Southcombe's). An application to remove the "age-restricted" condition for purchasers for the 16 houses being built so that anyone can buy the houses. The original planning permission and s.106 Agreement providing a financial contribution to the village were effected in 2016 and 2017. The original building contractor went out of business during the site development and the re-build has not yet started. Our District Councillor, we as a Parish Council and the Sports & Rec Trust have all requested increased s.106 money for younger age groups and community hall facilities to reflect their increased use by a younger set of householders. No decision yet.

20/00991/OUT Land at Masons Lane. Application for up to 30 houses and access onto Link Road. Developers have now submitted new plans but with the same urban density with 25 houses and merely turning 4 houses round at 90 degrees to 'improve' the view from St Michaels Mount. English Heritage has since responded again to the new plans and the developer's new Heritage Statement challenging its accuracy etc and raising fundamental objections to the application as has the SSDC Conservation Officer. No decision yet.

20/01831/FUL Land rear of Princes Close Car Park, Stoke Sub Hamdon. New build house on the land behind the SSDC car park. The house and its access would link to Princes Close. No decision yet.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 4TH NOVEMBER 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 clerkshpc@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

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 BAND NEWS

Unfortunately, we will be unable to have a Christmas Concert this year due to the Covid-19 restrictions. We have pencilled in Carols on the Hill and hope that as we will be outdoors the restrictions at that time will allow the event to go ahead. As for any street carolling, we will have to wait and see, only time will tell. All very disappointing but that's 2020.

STOKE LUNCH CLUB

Well the first club meeting went well it was nice to see everyone. A huge thank you to Claire and Connie from Two Kooks for providing such a lovely high tea. Many cakes were taken home for supper. Just a reminder, we are doing soup and a sandwich in November so if you wish to join us please phone me Lyn Foley on 823051.

So far, Christmas Day Lunch is still going ahead for those on their own or for those who struggle to cook, so book your spot! All these events are obviously subject to our Covid status.

Somerset County Council District of South Somerset Parish of Stoke sub Hamdon Temporary Closure of Ham Hill

TAKE NOTICE that in pursuance of Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, the County Council of Somerset have made an Order **PROHIBITING ALL TRAFFIC** from proceeding along Ham Hill for a distance of approximately 40 metres. This order will enable Wales & West Utilities to carry out new gas connection works. The Order becomes effective on 29 October 2020 and will remain in force for eighteen months. The works are expected to commence on **2nd November 2020 and last until 5th November 2020 between the hours of (00:00 - 23:59) for a total of 4 days.** Please visit one.network for further information on the alternative route. For information about the works being carried out please contact Wales & West Utilities Ltd on 02920 278602

Patrick Flaherty, Chief Executive
Dated: 29 October 2020

Stoke Community Shop

Get ready for Christmas:

We are now stocking a fantastic range of Christmas gifts, festive goodies and hamper fillers, along with shop-branded jute bags, travel mugs and gift vouchers – ideal for Xmas presents for friends and family.



Extended opening:

Due to increased demand and because the Stoke Charity Shop is now opening Saturday afternoons, you will be pleased to hear that we have decided to open till 4pm on Saturdays.

Join our volunteer team:

If you've a few hours to spare and fancy getting involved in the community, why not join our friendly volunteer team?

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Due to the current Government guidelines the Remembrance Service at the Monument on Ham Hill on Sunday, 8th November at 10.45am will be an invitation only to the wreath layers. All attendees will be observing the social distancing regulations.

We are sorry that we cannot hold the service for everyone during this unprecedented time. The Last Post and the Reveille will be played around 11am when the two minutes silence will be observed. Hopefully, residents will be able to hear it being played from down in the village.



Jon Moore, Poppy Appeal Organiser

STOKE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

This notice is to advise the Parishioners of Stoke sub Hamdon that unfortunately the Stoke Short Mat Bowls Club has had to disband after 26 years of very successful bowling and considerable amounts of money raised for local charities. The reason for the closure has been solely due to the lack of membership. Although we have put a lot of effort into advertising the club over the last 18 months we have had absolutely no response which has been very disappointing for a committee that has worked so hard to try and keep the club afloat.

We have now disposed all the club's equipment by giving it to two recently formed clubs in the local area who we wish well for a successful future.

Norman Warry

HAMDON COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT

The project is still alive and well despite the many problems it has encountered over recent months, mainly caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. On the positive side, over the past year

YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

There are roles that involve talking to customers as well as ones where you can work behind the scenes and time slots are available every day so you can pick one or more that suits you.

Pop into the shop and speak to Lyn Foley or email Emma Herrod at volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk or find out more at stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering

Home deliveries:

Our home delivery service is here for you if you are 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.

For more information about the shop and how you can get involved, visit stokeshop.co.uk or

www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop

we have raised a lot of the money necessary to purchase the old church building through the generosity of the community, the Parish Council and SSDC. But our business plan detailing the financial future for the project was based primarily around arts, entertainment and music events, all of which have come to a standstill in recent months and their immediate future remains uncertain. However, in a recent meeting with the Synod, they agreed to give us until March 2021 to develop a revised business plan that will hopefully show that the project has a viable financial future. At that stage, we will restart the discussions with Synod about the purchase of the building and get the project moving again. There is a lot of work to be done, and much remains uncertain, but we remain positive that we can achieve a successful outcome and keep this lovely building as a community asset.

STOKE CHARITY SHOP

Thank You: A massive thank you to all the volunteers who help out at donation sessions on a Saturday morning and to Frances and her fantastic team who process all the donations after the isolation period. We could not possibly have managed without your support and hard work. Special thanks to HCAP for allowing us to use the facility to isolate and process donations for the shop. An outstanding example of how this community supports each other through a crisis!

Speaking of Volunteers: Understandably, some of our volunteers are continuing to shield during the ongoing pandemic. However, we would like to encourage anyone with a couple of hours per week to offer, to join our volunteer team. There are various roles including working in a Covid safe environment in the shop, helping outdoors at the twice monthly donations sessions at HCAP and working in a socially distanced environment with the processing team at HCAP. All proceeds from our activities provide funding for local community projects through the Sports and Recreation Trust. Visit the shop to talk to volunteers and obtain an application form or contact Penny Trapnell: pennyatrapnell@aol.com

Grants: The Charity Shop is again in a position to offer small grants to local groups engaged in activities related to sports, recreation or education. If you would like to be considered for a grant please contact Jane Baker: jeb3101@aol.com for an application form.