

## CONTACTS

<b>Church of England at St Mary's, Church Services:</b>	The Rector Rev. Nick Clarke. Tel 07842 192402, revnickclarke@gmail.com
<b>1st Sunday 11.00am Cafe church in All Saints Hall</b>	The Vicarage, 1 Castle Street TA14 6RE
<b>2nd Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion</b>	website: www.hamhillchurches.org
<b>3rd Sunday 11.00am Morning Praise</b>	
<b>4th Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion</b>	
<b>1st and 3rd Wednesday 9.00am BCP Holy Communion</b>	
<b>ALL SAINTS HALL BOOKING SECRETARY</b>	Ann Davison 07709 609488
<b>BOYS BRIGADE</b> - Weekly - Thursday 6.00pm - 7.30pm ( <b>now at Martock Christian Fellowship</b> )	Ian Rumbelow 07851817927
<b>BRIDGE CLUB</b> - Weekly - Monday starting at 8.30pm (Working Mens Club)	
<b>BROWNIES</b> - Weekly - Every Tuesday during term time (Hamdon Youth & Family Centre)	Jackie Poole 01935 823606
<b>FLEXERCISE FOR FUN</b> - At Oak Tree House every Monday at 2.30pm	Di Ramsay 0845 6434702
<b>FOOTBALL - SENIOR TEAMS</b> - Training Tuesday evenings 6.30pm. Matches weekend	Steve Deane 07881 464280 email: stevekatherine@hotmail.co.uk
<b>FOOTBALL - YOUTH TEAMS</b> - Training weekday evenings. Matches Saturdays & Sundays	Contact Tim Brooks (Chair) stokefcchair@gmail.com 07788 654231 or Steve Arnold (Secretary) 07775 562122 stokefcsec@gmail.com
<b>FOOTPATHS</b> - problems and issues contact:	cllr.hulett@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk
<b>GARDENING CLUB</b> - Monthly - Fourth Wednesday 7.30pm (Memorial Hall)	Secretary: sec.sshgardeningclub@gmail.com. Tel : 01935 823691
<b>HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK - VOLUNTEER RANGERS</b> - Weekly Weds 9.50am-3.30pm (Ranger's Office)	Paul McNeill 07973 887129
<b>HAMDON MEDICAL CENTRE</b>	01935 822236
<b>HAMDON YOUTH &amp; FAMILY CENTRE</b> - West Street	Contact: www.hamdonyouthcentre.co.uk email: hamdonyouthcentre@gmail.com
<b>HISTORY GROUP</b>	Carol Parker 825393
<b>LIGHTHOUSE CAFE</b> - Monday 10.00am - 1.00pm	Sarah Russell 826355
<b>MEDITATION GROUP</b> - Tuesdays at 7.30pm at Priory Coffee	Emma Herrod 01935 829443
<b>MEMORIAL HALL BOOKING SECRETARY</b>	Enquiries: bookings.stokememorialhall@gmail.com Barbara Brooks 01935 824432
<b>PARISH COUNCIL</b> - Monthly First Wednesday 7.00pm, The Hamdon Youth & Family Centre	Lyn Foley, Chairman 01935 823051 Neil Bloomfield, Clerk clerk@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk Website: stokesubhamdoncouncil.com
<b>POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER</b>	<b>Carole Brown email: carole.brown@avonandsomerset.police.uk</b>
<b>POST OFFICE COUNTER (INSIDE STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP)</b>	
<b>OPENING TIMES</b> Monday & Friday 9.00am to 12 noon, Thursday 1.00pm to 4.00pm (excluding Bank Holidays)	
<b>STOKE AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION</b>	Derek Goad 01935 824337
<b>STOKE BABY &amp; TODDLER GROUP</b> - Memorial Hall. Thurs.9.30am to 11.30am in term time	carolyn_lefley@hotmail.com Facebook: @StokeBabyAndToddlerGroup
<b>STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP OPENING HOURS</b> - Monday to Friday 8am - 4.30pm; Saturday 8am – 4pm; Sunday 8.30am – 12.30pm	01935 509100
<b>STOKE AFTERNOON TEA CLUB FOR OLDER PEOPLE.</b> Lighthouse Café, every other Wednesday at 2.15pm	Lisa Wenborn 07515 489587 or Kay Clamp: 07717 453523
<b>STOKE SUB HAMDON BAND</b> - Monday & Thursday 8.00pm - 10.00pm Castle School	Gill Robins 01935 329904 Jane Herbert 01460 351123
<b>STOKE SUB HAMDON SPORTS &amp; RECREATION TRUST</b> - www.stoke-rec-trust.co.uk	Contacts: Chairman – John Allen, email info@stoke-rec-trust.co.uk, Secretary – Peter Hulett 01935 824784, Fundraising Co-Ordinator – Denise Burton 01935 827793
<b>STOKE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP</b>	Contact Jeannie 07967 184952 or info@stokeperformingartsgroup.co.uk
<b>STOKE WALKING GROUP</b> , every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month	Penny on 822208 or Mark 07496 148756
<b>TAEKWONDO &amp; LITTLE DRAGONS</b> - Mondays 5.00pm - 5.30pm Little Dragons; 5.30pm - 6.15pm Taekwondo beginners; 6.15pm - 7.00pm Taekwondo Adults (Stanchester)	Jennie Clark 07921 393425
<b>TINY TURRETS (Castle Primary School)</b> - 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+	
<b>TRIANGLE TRUST</b> - Raising funds for Hamdon Medical Centre	Jennie Harris 01935 881718
<b>VILLAGE AGENT - Cluster SS2</b> Cath Holloway	cath@somersetccc.org.uk Tel: 07968 521746
<b>VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP</b> - (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
<b>WORKING MENS CLUB</b> - Daily - Lunch times & evenings	secretary@stoke.club and www.facebook.com/stokeworkingmensclub Mark Greaves 01935 823297
<b>YOUTH CLUB</b> - Weekly - Monday 7.00pm at Hamdon Youth & Family Centre	Youth Worker Lou on 07402 987921 or email lou.chant@cyp.me.uk
<b>ZUMBA CLASSES</b> - 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

With many changes underway it seemed a good time to update you on some of the things happening in your Parish Council. My name is Neil Bloomfield and I joined the Parish Council as Clerk at the end of May. Originally from the village I have returned to the area after 30 or so years away.

For the first time since its creation in 1894, the Parish Council is to have a fixed base with an office open to the public. The Council's new home will be Unit 7 North Street Workshops. The Parish Council are extremely grateful to the Duchy of Cornwall who have provided this space rent free for two years. During this period council will assess the effectiveness of having its own office space before it makes a final decision in 2025. We hope to get the keys by 1st October and we will publish opening times as soon as we can.

The Parish Council recently commissioned an independent audit of council spending which revealed some failures and areas for improvement. As a result, a full review of policies, procedures and a training program will ensure the Council is prepared for anything going forward. Council business of course continues with ongoing projects and new ones to come.

If you have a question about any local issues you can visit the website, follow the Facebook page or email anytime. We also look forward to seeing you at the new office when it opens.

**Neil Bloomfield - Parish Clerk**  
**clerk@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk**  
**www.Stoke-Sub-Hamdoncouncil.com**

## AROUND THE VILLAGE

### EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS

We would like to raise an issue about emergency vehicle access in Stoke sub Hamdon. An ambulance was attending an emergency at end of Castle Street (Pound Lane) recently. The ambulance got to the emergency, but when the patient needed blue-lighting to Yeovil Hospital the ambulance struggled. It had to reverse down Castle Street because cars had parked on both sides of Bonnies Lane and it was impossible to pass. On this occasion the time lost probably did not make a difference to the outcome, but on another occasion that might not be the case. We appreciate that everyone needs to park their cars and that there are never enough spaces, however when parking your vehicle here or in the rest of the village, please think about the possibility that an emergency vehicle might have to pass through. Sometimes minutes are critical to saving someone's life or someone's house in a fire.

### BIGGER, BETTER POO BINS

The Council is reviewing dog poo bins in the village. We are looking at dual litter/poo bins which are much larger in size. The current red bins are often too small, and the new larger bins would be collected by a specially equipped side lift vehicle from Somerset Council.



### HAMDON YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTRE

The restoration of the Parish Council owned Hamdon Youth and Family Centre on West Street continues. Currently the side and rear elevation windows on this Grade 2 listed building are being restored by a local company. If you run or are planning to setup any youth group activity and need a venue contact the centre as they might be able to assist.

### COMMUNITY ASSETS



The Parish Council is aware of concerns that the Fleur De Lis could become something other than a much-loved local pub and has commenced the process of registering the Fleur as an Asset of

Community Value. If granted it would give 6 months breathing space for interested groups to put a bid together should the site be put up for sale.

### IMPROVING FACILITIES

Stonehill is getting a new Parish notice board near to the entrance and work is underway to carry out improvements and repairs to the children's play area. A big thank you to the Sports & Rec trust who are assisting with this project.

### STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP

A Big Thank You To... Sally Davey, Stoke Community Shop's Treasurer for the past three and a half years, who has retired from the committee. Sally has been with us since we opened back in 2020 and has generously given her time to overseeing the finances of the company that runs the shop... and much more. We wish you a very happy retirement, Sally — we couldn't have done it without you!

We need your support: The shop's management committee is now down to only four, from the original eight. Over the past four years, every member of the management committee has put their all into ensuring that Stoke Community Shop remains open and viable. But we now need your help.

Our priority is recruiting a Treasurer (see below). But we also need new committee members who can give us their time — and share their knowledge and skills — to ensure the shop continues operating successfully and to help us plan for the future. Key skills we require are HR, shop management, fundraising/grant applications and minute taking. You're welcome to come along to a committee meeting to find out more about how the shop is run and how you can get involved. Please email us at shop@stokeshop.co.uk for more information.

**Treasurer required:** We're sending out a call for a new Treasurer to join our committee and oversee the shop's finances. This isn't a bookkeeping role but we do need someone with financial experience, who can liaise with bookkeepers and accountants from time to time, monitor budgets and help shape how we manage the business. If you're interested in joining our committee as Treasurer and want to know more, please email us at [shop@stokeshop.co.uk](mailto:shop@stokeshop.co.uk)

**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.

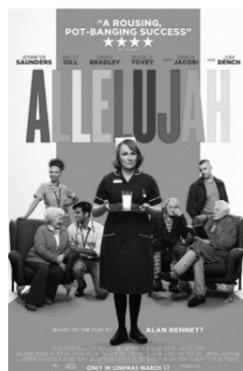


### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Well it's that time of year again already! I'm putting out feelers to see if anyone would like to partake in a village Christmas Lunch. Contact Lyn Foley on 01935 823051

### FILM NIGHT AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

On Saturday 28th October, we are screening "Allelujah" (2022) (12A). It is based on an Alan Bennett play and has an all-star cast with Judi Dench, Jennifer Saunders and Derek Jacobi.



A geriatric ward in a small Yorkshire hospital is threatened with closure. The staff struggle on undaunted, but what seems to be a stirring tale of a community standing up against the powers that be, then takes an unexpected turn into thriller territory.

Doors open 6pm with film starting at 6.30pm. Tickets £5. If you need a lift, please ring Jill on 07896 299 340.

**Breaking news!** We're now offering delicious hot dogs as well as popcorn and sweets so you can have the full cinema experience!

### VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP

The Village Artists Group is a very friendly group of amateurs who meet at the Stoke Memorial Hall on Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9.30pm and Friday mornings 10.00 to 12.00 noon during school term time. 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, [SSHTheVillageArtistsGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SSHTheVillageArtistsGroup@gmail.com) Facebook: Stoke Sub Hamdon The Village Artists Group We look forward to hearing from you.

**\*\*\*Stop press:** Our annual show is open to all at the Memorial Hall on the 14th October between 11a.m. and 4 p.m.

### STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB

On Wednesday 25th October Allan Cavill from the National Allotment Society will give a talk on "No Dig Gardening on Allotments". Even if you don't have an allotment (yet) there are sure to be some helpful tips for hopeful growers! ~ free refreshments; plant sales; raffle ~ Visitors very welcome – first visit free.

Venue: The Memorial Hall, Stoke-sub-Hamdon. 7.15 for 7.30 p.m.

### SPOOKY AND HISTORICAL WALK

Come and join the 2023 Spooky Walk on Monday 30th October, 6-9pm. Guided families only, suitable for children 5+ Booking Essential - Spaces are limited, Families of NO more than 5 people.

Families will be guided and have an allotted prompt start time. After the walk, enjoy a 'Bloody Finger in a Bun' at the Stoke Working Man's Club with a glass of squash for youngsters. Adults can purchase a drink from the bar. £10.00 for a family ticket Text Moira +44 7882 105385 to reserve a family ticket.

### 100 YEARS OF THE STOKE WORKING MEN'S CLUB EXHIBITION

Stoke Working Men's Club welcomes you to an exhibition to commemorate 100 Years of the Club on Sunday 15th October from 12 until 5pm at the Stoke sub Hamdon Working Men's Club, Function Room. There will be an exhibition of historical photographs and documentation. Cream Tea will be served bar open from 12 noon. Free Event



### STOKE BAND NEWS

The training section for Stoke Band is now held on Thursdays from 7.00 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. at Castle School.

### CHARITY SHOP

The Charity Shop AGM held last month reported another great year of trading. The shop raised just over £22,000 to support local initiatives, and the Charity Shop committee would like to thank everyone who helped raise such a fantastic sum– those who volunteer, those who give such amazing donations and, of course, all of our customers. We look forward to the next twelve months of supporting the village.

### AFTERNOON TEA CLUB



Stoke-sub-Hamdon's very popular Afternoon Tea Club opens its doors every second Wednesday afternoon at the Lighthouse, 2.15pm - 4.15pm. Why not come and join this lovely social group for tea, sandwiches, cake

and a chat, cost £3. Details in Dates For Your Diary. For further info contact Lisa on 07515 489587.

### STOKE WALKING GROUP

Would you like to get fitter, meet other people in the village and/or maybe learn some different local routes? The trained health walk leaders offer three levels of guided walks: All walks start at the Lighthouse Café, finishing there for a hot drink and time to talk too. Dress for the weather, stout footwear recommended. Well behaved dogs on leads are also welcome.

**Make Every Step Count.** Shorter gentle half an hour walks on good paths. - These can restart on Monday mornings, if there is interest.

**Regular health walk** 3-4 miles, about 1 ½ hours. Start at Lighthouse Café 10 am - Mondays 9th and 23rd October.

**Longer walk** 5-6 miles Start at Lighthouse Café 10 am. - Tuesday 3rd October.

For more information about any of these, particularly the shorter or longer walks please contact

Sue - 07792311736 or Doug - 07778946508

### AGE UK: STRONG AND STEADY EXERCISE SESSIONS



#### Do you sometimes feel unsteady on your feet?

Then Age UK Somerset's new Strong and Steady exercise session in Stoke Sub Hamdon may be just what you need.

Age UK Somerset has a range of exercise sessions to help you stay independent. These specially designed, evidence-based exercise programmes are proven to help prevent falls, improve balance, and rebuild strength. All sessions are friendly and relaxed and your local class is held on Thursdays at the Memorial Hall, £5 per session. You must complete a short health questionnaire before you attend. To find out more or to self-refer, please contact Age UK Somerset's Falls Prevention team: Phone: 01823 345614

Email: [fallsprevention@ageuksomerset.org.uk](mailto:fallsprevention@ageuksomerset.org.uk)

[www.ageuksomerset.org.uk/fallsprevention](http://www.ageuksomerset.org.uk/fallsprevention)

### ALAN MARCH

On behalf of myself and my son's Eddie and William, we would like to thank everyone for their help and support during this difficult time. We were overwhelmed by the number of people who turned up at the Crematorium and The Working Men's Club. We wanted to let you know that because of your kind donations we raised £795.11 for St Margaret's Hospice Care in Alan's name.

A big thank you from Karen March and Family

### LITTER PICK

This month's litter pick is on the 15th of October

Meeting is outside the All Saints' Hall at 9am.

Come with gloves and stout footwear and we'll get the village spick and span. Free coffee afterwards courtesy of Priory Coffee and the Community Shop

Contact Catherine on [helivet@msn.com](mailto:helivet@msn.com) for more information if needed.

# Dates for your Diary

## OCTOBER

- 3rd **Knitting Group**  
10:30 at Priory Coffee
- 4th **Afternoon Tea Club**  
14:15 – 16:15, at the Lighthouse café
- 3rd **Longer Health Walk**  
10:00 start from Lighthouse café
- 14th **World Challenge Coffee Morning,**  
10:00 – 12:00, All Saints Hall
- 10th **Knitting Group**  
10:30 at Priory Coffee
- 9th **Regular Health Walk**  
10:00 start from Lighthouse café
- 14th **Village Art Group Exhibition**  
at the Memorial Hall, 11am - 4pm
- 15th **Village Litter Pick**  
9am start at The Lighthouse.
- 15th **Celebrate 100 years with the Stoke Working Men's Club**  
12:00 – 17:00
- 17th **Knitting Group**  
10:30 at Priory Coffee
- 18th **Afternoon Tea Club**  
14:15 – 16:15 at the Lighthouse café
- 24th **Knitting Group**  
10:30 at Priory Coffee
- 23rd **Regular Health Walk**  
10:00 start from Lighthouse café
- 25th **Gardening Club "No Dig Gardening on Allotments"**  
19:15 for 19:30 start at the Memorial Hall.
- 28th **Film Night at the Memorial Hall.**  
Doors open at 18:00 for 18:30 screening.
- 30th **Spooky and Historical Walk**  
18:00 – 21:00
- 31st **Knitting Group**  
10:30 at Priory Coffee

## NOVEMBER

- 1st **Afternoon Tea Club**  
14:15 – 16:15 at the Lighthouse café