

## CONTACTS

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| <b>Church of England at St Mary's, Church Services:</b>  |         | 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   |
| 3rd Sunday   | 11.00am | Morning Praise  |
| 4th Sunday   | 11.00am | CW Holy Communion   |
| 1st and 3rd Wednesday  | 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   |
| 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<br>Stoke Youth Football Club www.facebook.com/groups/184504791723630   |         | Contact: Steve Arnold (Chairman), email: stokefcchair@gmail.com<br>& John Elliot (Secretary) 0775 562122, email: stokefcsec@gmail.com |
| 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  |
| 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  |         | bookings.stokememorialhall@hotmail.com. Mary Steel 01935 508996   |
| PARISH COUNCIL - Monthly First Wednesday 7.00pm, The Hamdon Youth & Family Centre<br>Website: stokesubhamdoncouncil.com  |         | Lyn Foley, Chairman 01935 83051 or 07714 005265<br>Sarah Moore, Clerk 01935 822455  |
| POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER   |         | Abby Linaker email: abby.linaker@avonandsomerset.police.uk  |
| POST OFFICE COUNTER (INSIDE STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP)<br>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<br>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<br>or Kay Clamp 01935 822468  |
| STOKE SUB HAMDON BAND - Monday & Thursday 8.00pm - 10.00pm Castle School<br>Training Section Mondays 7:00-7:45pm at Castle School  |         | Gill Robins 01935 329904<br>Jane Herbert 01460 419317   |
| STOKE SUB HAMDON SPORTS & RECREATION TRUST - www.stoke-rec-trust.co.uk<br>email info@stoke-rec-trust.co.uk, Secretary - Peter Hulett 01935 824784, Fundraising Co-Ordinator - Denise Burton 01935 827793       |         | Contacts: Chairman - John Allen,<br>Secretary - Peter Hulett 01935 824784, Fundraising Co-Ordinator - Denise Burton 01935 827793      |
| STOKE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP  |         | Contact Jeannie 01935 579592 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;<br>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<br>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)<br>(during school term times only)   |         | Ali Dunford 01935 823394  |
| WORKING MENS CLUB - Daily - Lunch times & evenings   |         | secretary@stoke.club and www.facebook.com/stokeworkingmensclub<br>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   |

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Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council

# NEWSLETTER

March 2023

## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Firstly, I would like to welcome all the new residents to the village, it will be our pleasure to get to know you all. I hope you will all take the opportunity to partake in some of the wonderful organisations we have in the village. We take pride in our inclusivity and welcoming atmosphere that I hope you have all enjoyed since moving into our community.

As a community we look to provide a courteous and friendly environment for all. As a village community with narrow streets and roads we do try to ensure areas for safe passage for both cars, bicycles and pedestrians. There have been several complaints about car and van owners parking in places that make visibility difficult, especially on or opposite junctions, making passing both on the road and pavements dangerous and at times nigh on impossible. This was mentioned in the last newsletter, but it seems to have made little difference!

There have been some reports of dogs being allowed to roam free in farmers' fields where there are livestock. This has led to sheep being worried and attacked. The Parish Council understand that it is good to let your dogs roam in the fields but not at the expense of the farmers and their animals. Please ensure your dogs are under control, and if there is livestock in the field, please keep your dogs on a lead when walking past the animals.

Since the last newsletter, we have received information as to where Stoke is proposed to sit within the new Local Community Networks. It appears Somerset County Council has decided to band communities together within County Electoral Districts, so we come under the Yeovil LCN Area. You can view the Proposed LCN Area map and parish lists on the Parish Council website - <https://www.stokesubhamdonparishcouncil.com>.

The Parish Council is looking into where we believe would be the most appropriate place for us to sit both from a community viewpoint but also from an economic stance. Somerset County Council have carried out three Local

Community Network (LCN) Pilot Projects to explore ways of working with Town and Parish Councils, Highways, Children's Services, Pubic Services, the Police, Voluntary Sector Organisations and other local groups. Information on these pilot projects can be viewed on the New Somerset Council website - <https://newsomersetcouncil.org.uk/lcn-pilot-projects/>.

The plans for the Coronation event are well under way. I would like to extend my thanks to all those involved, it sounds like it will be another one for the history books.

Thank you to those residents who responded to our request to report potholes. These have now been reported to SCC Highways.

*Lyn Foley*

*Chair of Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council*

## Dates for your Diary

### MARCH

|      |                                 |
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| 7th  | Sports and Recreation Trust AGM |
| 8th  | Afternoon Tea Club              |
| 8th  | Martock U2A                     |
| 11th | Coffee Morning                  |
| 13th | Health Walks                    |
| 19th | Mother's Day Afternoon Tea      |
| 22nd | Gardening Club Talk             |
| 22nd | Afternoon Tea Club              |
| 25th | Village Artist Group Workshop   |
| 27th | Health Walks                    |

### APRIL

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| 5th  | Afternoon Tea Club |
| 19th | Afternoon Tea Club |

### MAY

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| 6th | A Right Royal Coronation |
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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.

## A RIGHT ROYAL CORONATION

As you may be aware we are swiftly moving into the history books by being able to celebrate King Charles' Coronation. To this end the Parish Council wanted to help our community celebrate this event by working in partnership with Stoke Community Shop, the Sports and Recreation Trust, Stoke Memorial Hall Trust, Priory Coffee, Stoke Garden Club and the Working Men's Club to bring to you "A Right Royal Coronation".

This event will take place in and around the Memorial Hall. The actual Coronation will be shown **LIVE** on the **BIG SCREEN** in the Memorial Hall from 10.30am. There will be a BBQ and a cream tea, (both are sponsored by the Parish Council), a cake competition, plus traditional family fun with outdoor races and games for both children and adults. There will also be a paid bar which will be run by the Working Men's Club.

The event will take place on Saturday, 6th May from 10.30am - 4pm. For those of you who have difficulty accessing this event we can organise transport for you providing you can get into a car. If you need transport, please phone the Stoke Community Shop to reserve your place (01935 509100).

The distribution and collection of tickets will be through Stoke Community Shop. You will get a choice of either BBQ or cream tea ticket. Each household will be allocated 2 tickets FREE; each subsequent ticket can be purchased for the nominal sum of £1.50. This is for Stoke residents and will be a no ticket no food affair. However, that will not stop you from bringing a small picnic. The tickets will be available from 1st April to 30th April; you can ring the shop to reserve these if you are not able to collect them at the time, but you will be asked your postcode. We need to manage this carefully in an effort to reduce waste.

This is complex to organise and requires a great deal of effort from the team leaders and volunteers, so if you have any queries or comments, please don't hesitate to contact us. Keep your eyes peeled for further information regarding the cake competition.

Another bulletin will be published in the April newsletter, if you are on internet there will be updates published through the Parish Council (<http://www.stokesubhamdoncouncil.com/>) and Community Shop (<https://stokeshop.co.uk/>) websites, also on Stoke sub Hamdon: (<https://www.facebook.com/stokeunderham>) and Stoke Shop (<https://www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop>).

## STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

**Celebrating our 3rd anniversary:** Stoke Community Shop has now been open for three years. We'd like to say a big thank you to all our volunteers, customers and members for your continued support and helping to make the shop such a great success. To celebrate, we're running our now-traditional free tombola from 1st to 6th March with lots of shop goodies as prizes. Simply pop in and make a purchase for the chance to win.

**Easter treats:** We've a great range of Easter eggs and goods in stock as well as all the ingredients you need to bake a wide range of traditional Easter fare.

### Children's Coronation Prize Poster Competition:

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, we're holding a poster competition for the children of Stoke-sub-Hamdon. To enter, all you need to do is draw, paint or collage an A4 poster of King Charles III being crowned and bring it to the shop. On the back of your poster, please put your name, age and contact number (the phone number won't be shown). The best will be displayed in the shop window and all posters submitted will be put on display in the Memorial Hall on Coronation Day, Saturday 6 May. The competition is open to all Stoke children aged 16 and under. Closing date for entries: 4:30pm, Friday 14 April. More details are available from the shop.

**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 week days. If you order before midday, we can usually deliver the same day.

**Volunteering:** The shop is always looking for new volunteers to join our friendly volunteer team. Drop by and speak to one of the team; or email [volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk); or find out more at [stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering](http://stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering).

For more information about the shop and how you can get involved, visit [stokeshop.co.uk](http://stokeshop.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop](https://www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop)

## CALLING ALL BAKERS

We are in need of village bakers to cook cakes and/or scones for the village cream teas, to be held in celebration of King Charles' Coronation on 6th May. If you are happy to do this, please would you register your interest at the Stoke Community Shop. The Community Shop is happy to provide you with some of the main ingredients for your cake or scones. Please make sure you let the staff in the shop know what you require so we can put them together for you.

## STANCHESTER ACADEMY

**World Challenge Fundraisers:** The World Challenge team of students from Stanchester Academy is organising a number of events to fundraise for their trip to Morocco next year. In Morocco, we'll be doing community work and hiking in the Atlas Mountains.

**Coffee Morning:** On Saturday 11th March 2023, we're running a coffee morning at All Saints Hall, Stoke sub Hamdon from 9:30 to 11:30.

**Mother's Day Afternoon Tea:** In addition, an afternoon tea event for Mother's Day will be held on Sunday 19th March. Costing £15 per person with sittings at 1:00-2:00 and 2:15-3:15. Tickets for the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea are available from Stoke Community Shop or can be reserved by emailing [Rebecca.Hendry@stanchester.co.uk](mailto:Rebecca.Hendry@stanchester.co.uk) from 9:30

*Come and support a good cause while enjoying some delightful treats!*

## STOKE GARDENING CLUB

We are delighted that Arthur Cole, Head Gardener of "The Newt" in Bruton, will be speaking at Stoke sub Hamdon Gardening Club's monthly meeting on Wednesday, 22nd March. Tickets for non-members are £5 and are available from the secretary - [sec.sshgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:sec.sshgardeningclub@gmail.com) - or telephone Tricia Toosey on: 01935 823691 Mondays - Fridays. Venue: Stoke-sub-Hamdon Memorial Hall - doors open 7.15 p.m., meeting starts at 7.30 p.m.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*

## VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP

We are holding the 2nd of our successful workshops on Saturday, 25th March at the Memorial Hall from 10.00am-3.00pm with Heather Ford. Heather lives in Stoke and will be with us for the day.

**Heather Ford** - Heather taught art and design in the UK for 15 years then moved to Muscat, Oman in 2010 where she taught art at The Sultan's School. She moved back to the UK in 2018 and now runs portraiture workshops in her community.

**Workshop theme-** This workshop will explore an innovative approach to portraiture and will aim to inspire you to create a self-portrait. In a relaxed and friendly environment, you will be encouraged to be instinctive and creative. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. The workshop will be free of charge to members; £5.00 to non-members. Payment to Village Artist Group to Sandy by BACS, cheque, or cash. Enquiries to Malcolm 01935 829513 [malcolmuhhorn99@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmuhhorn99@gmail.com) for further details.

## SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST AGM

The AGM for the Sports and Recreation Trust will be held in the Stoke Working Men's Club at 7:30 on Tuesday 7th March. You are welcome to come along and hear what the Trust has done and is planning to do for the community.

## THROWING FOOD SCRAPS ONTO THE RECREATION GROUND

It has been reported to the Trust that people are leaving food scraps on the Recreation Ground to feed foxes, badgers and other wild animals. The Trust would ask people not to do this as this practise can lead to the presence of decomposing food in a public space, increased problems with animal faeces where children play and potential problems for dog owners when their dogs eat scraps left lying about. Thank you.

## PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

The Stoke Football Club and other members of the public have let the Sports and Recreation Trust know that there are still problems on the Recreation Ground with dog owners not cleaning up after their dog has fouled in a public place. Dog owners must take responsibility for their own dogs and if people are caught failing to do so, they can face a fine or prosecution in court. Let us all try to avoid that unpleasantness and take responsibility for cleaning up after our own dogs. Members of the public or the User Groups who find dog mess on the Recreation Ground are requested to report it to the Sports and Recreation Trust or the Parish Council and to report it on the SSDC website - this will raise the profile of the problem. To report it on the SSDC website - <https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk> - in "Search" box type in "Dog" and at the bottom of the drop-down options is "Dog Fouling". Click on that and at the bottom of this page there is a button for "Reporting Dog Fouling". Thank you to all the responsible dog owners out there and thank you to all who help to solve this problem.

## STOKE WALKING GROUP

**March Health Walk dates: 13th and 27th March.**

Walks start at the Lighthouse Cafe at 10.00, last about one and a half hours to finish in time for a cuppa and a chat at the cafe.

The Stoke Walking Group is affiliated with the National Health Walk programme. The guided walks are led by trained walk leaders. Come and discover more paths around Stoke. New walkers are always welcome, whether you have lived in the area for years, or just moved in. Dress for the weather, stout footwear is recommended. Well behaved dogs on leads are also welcome.

## MARTOCK U3A

Wednesday, 8th March 2023 at 2.15pm in the Parish Hall Martock. Protect the Ones you Love. Linda Fisher talks about Wills and the Lasting Power of Attorney and encourages us to leave our lives tidy. All welcome to the talk, to enjoy a chat over refreshments and to find out about the learning, hobby and interest groups you can join through Martock & District u3a.

*More information about Martock & District u3a: email [martocku3amembership@gmail.com](mailto:martocku3amembership@gmail.com), telephone 01460 240788. Website: [www.martocku3a.org.uk](http://www.martocku3a.org.uk).*

