

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, revgurner@btinternet.com Parish Office, 1 Castle Street TA14 6RE website: www.hamhillchurches.org
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 and "HEALTH WALKS" 10.30am. Meet outside the Lighthouse	Penny on 822208 or Mark 07496 148756
FLEXERISE 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 PLAYGROUPO - 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



CHAIR'S UPDATE

Parish Council meetings to re-start

Following Government legislation, formal procedures and guidelines have now been issued to all councils – County, District and Parish – allowing ‘virtual’ Council meetings to be held in order to progress normal business. Stoke Parish Council is to re-start using the Zoom App platform and the first meeting will be on Wednesday 1 July at 7p.m. Since lockdown started to the end of June any necessary or urgent decisions have been taken by the Chair, Vice Chair and Parish Clerk in line with Government authorisation. If any villager wishes to attend the virtual meeting to ask a question at the public session at the beginning of the meeting, and/or stay to listen to the rest of the meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk by 3 p.m. on 1st July at clerksshpc@hotmail.co.uk and she will give you the meeting ID link. You will need to download the Zoom App (free) and there is a separate article later in this newsletter by the Parish Clerk explaining what the joining procedures are. Council meetings will continue in this form until such time as we are informed that public meetings/gatherings may take place in person.

Support for our venues

As a parish council we have been working very hard over the last 3 months to support Stoke community organisations who have lost income through closure by helping them find grants both from the District Council and from external grant funding foundations. We are pleased that we can now report that as a result the fantastic sum of £81,000 has been brought into the village as follows:-

Sports & Rec Ground	£11,000
Charity Shop	£10,000
Community Shop	£10,000
Priory Coffee	£10,000
Memorial Hall	£10,000
Youth Centre	£10,000

Working Men's Club £10,000

Hamdon Playgroup £10,000

This money has been a lifeline for all these organisations, and we are grateful to our District Councillor Mike Hewitson for his ongoing support in following applications up. We have also researched several grant sources for our two schools, and we are crossing all our fingers and toes for Castle School who have just put an application to a grant-making foundation in for extra funding! Councillors will continue to search for funding opportunities for the village throughout the year as part of our community support.

STAY ALERT **CONTROL THE VIRUS** **SAVE LIVES**

Please Shop Local!

Although it's great that Yeovil shops and businesses are open again under COVID-19 restrictions (remember what window-shopping was?!) please remember our local shops who so need and deserve our continued support at this time. Our Community Shop with its volunteers and Priory Coffee with its yummy cakes have been there for us in very difficult circumstances right from the start. But life is tough out there at the moment for all types of businesses and is likely to be for some time to come with lost income, jobs and huge uncertainty. So, whether you need food and household goods, take away food, an electrician, plumber, carpenter, builder, painter – the list is endless! – please make a real effort to support our own villagers and their businesses. That is what community is all about.

Keep washing those hands and always follow the rules on meetings and social distancing! That way we all stay virus free.

Take care.

Cllr Barbara Brooks, Chair

01935 824432 chairsshpc@hotmail.com

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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 1ST JULY 2020 AT 7PM

The Parish Council will be holding their first meeting since the lockdown. This will be 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 1st July. 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.

RECYCLING SITES

From Monday 8 June, the following materials will be accepted at all 16 sites:

- **NEW:** Plastic pots, tubs and trays (*recycled in UK*)
- **NEW:** Small household electrical items (*recycled in UK*)
- **NEW:** Paint (*water-based recycled in UK; other paint landfilled in Somerset*)
- **NEW:** Man-made wood - chipboard, MDF, etc (*recycled in UK*)

- **NEW:** Natural wood - untreated timber, tree trunks, etc. (*recycled in UK*)
- Rubbish – material you would usually put in your black rubbish bin, excess black bags not taken by kerbside collections (*landfilled in Somerset*)
- Bulky items, such as furniture and mattresses (*landfilled in Somerset*)
- Garden waste (*composted in Somerset*)
- Large household electrical items – white goods, TVs etc (*recycled in UK*)
- Small household electrical items – irons, toasters etc (*recycled in UK*)
- Hazardous household chemicals, such as solvents, garden chemicals, paint thinners and antifreeze (*treated and disposed of in UK*)
- Cooking oil, in disposable containers of up to five litres (*recycled in UK*)
- Engine oil, in disposable containers of up to five litres (*recycled in UK*)
- Metals (*recycled in UK*)



OPENING TIMES

Crewkerne: Monday 9am – 6pm;
Saturday & Sunday 9am – 4pm; Tuesday – Friday Closed.

Somerton: Wednesday – Friday 9am – 6pm;
Saturday & Sunday 9am – 4pm; Monday & Tuesday Closed

Yeovil: Monday – Friday 9am – 6pm;
Saturday & Sunday 9am – 4pm

ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

The odds and even number plate access system has now come to an end. However, we will continue to highlight the likelihood of long waiting times due to social distancing measures, and the remaining restrictions on access include:

- A maximum of two people per household will be permitted.
- Gloves must be worn while outside your vehicle.
- Strict social distancing must be adhered to.
- Trailers and 3.5 tonne vans only between 4pm and 6pm on weekdays. Vans under 3.5 tonnes at all open times. Permits system in operation.

All the sites will continue on their standard summer opening hours. We will keep you updated ahead of further moves back to business as usual, including the point at which commercial waste can be accepted at sites.

COLLECTION SERVICE UPDATE

Our recycling, rubbish and clinical waste collections have continued more or less undisrupted throughout the COVID-19 crisis, and all suspended services - including garden waste - resumed last month.

Everyone involved has been working hard to get performance back to where it should be, but there are some ongoing issues with collections and collection day information. Although affecting a small proportion of people, we appreciate that this is causing frustration for some. Extra staff are being used to address the problems and we expect performance to be where it should be by the middle of the month.

A long-planned transfer to a new contractor took place in the early days of the crisis. The current issues are largely down to challenges around integration of IT systems and reviewing of collection routes, coming on top of the disruption and increased levels of waste that COVID-19 has brought. Many more people than usual have been getting in contact so please bear with us if our response times are longer than they would usually be

STOKE CHARITY SHOP

We are delighted to announce the Charity Shop will open from the 1st July in our new premises 6A High Street, next door to Stoke Community Shop. We will be open to customers Monday to Friday 9:30am to 3:30pm and Saturday 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Because of the ongoing Covid 19 situation, we are required to meet various conditions to ensure the safety of our volunteers and customers. These include limiting customer numbers in the shop to two at a time, having customers use hand sanitiser on entry, following 2-metre distancing guidance and a one-way system around the displays.

To conform to Pandemic guidance, Donations **will not** be accepted at the High Street shop. Donations may be brought to HCAP on North Street on Saturday mornings between 10am and 12 midday starting on the 4th July. Volunteers will be available to accept donations only on the designated day and bags are not to be left outside HCAP or the High Street shop.

We are grateful for your donations and thank you for your cooperation and support.

TRUSTEES OF THE MEMORIAL HALL STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

Your village-run shop is going from strength to strength, thanks to all of you who are supporting us and shopping with us. We are also pleased that so many of you are becoming members, too. Last – but definitely not least – thank you to our volunteers, who are working really hard. Without them we wouldn't have a shop.

You will be pleased to hear that we've changed newspaper suppliers, so we have more newspapers and magazines available again. Place an order or just drop in to pick up your favourites. We are also continually improving our range of goods and are now stocking vegetarian and vegan produce. And you will notice that our window display is changing, we're inviting local crafters and artists to display their work and brighten up our window.

During the week starting Monday 20th July, we are offering the chance to win a hamper of our goods. All you need to do

is to shop with us and if you come in on the date and at the time that's been put in an envelope held at the shop, you'll walk away with the prize.

Don't forget that we're here to help if you can't get out and need a hand with your shopping – ring us on 01935 509100. For more information about volunteering, email volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk; for membership email members@stokeshop.co.uk or visit www.stokeshop.co.uk

TRUSTEES OF THE MEMORIAL HALL - NOTICE OF AGM 23RD JULY 2020

As I write, the hall is still closed due to the Covid 19 restrictions, so we would like to invite you to our AGM, for the year ending 31st December 2019, on **Thursday, 23rd July at 5:30pm** which will be held via **Zoom**, a video conferencing application. You can, if you prefer, just listen in. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, as usual.

If you would like to take part, please email Barbara.Brooks.uk@gmail.com who will send you the papers and details of how to log onto the meeting.

Unfortunately, our treasurer Trudy Cronin is standing down at the AGM. We are very grateful to Trudy for her hard work and for running the finances so efficiently for several years.

We are looking for new committee members. If you are interested in helping to run our hall, could spare a few hours a month and would like further information, please contact me, Jill Uhlhorn (01935 829513) or Barbara Brooks (01935 824432).

STOKE GARDENING CLUB

Stoke Gardening Club Committee have been meeting online via Zoom to ensure that monthly meetings can resume following this Covid-19 lockdown as soon as restrictions on social groups are lifted. However, we will need to ensure that all measures that are relevant at that time are in place to ensure the safety of our members and visitors. We would like the planned meeting on September 23rd to take place but will confirm the date in the September issue of this newsletter and on our club Facebook page.

We know many people who have not previously been growing produce in their gardens or on allotments have been giving it go during lockdown so maybe you would like to become a member of the Club where you could meet with others who share that interest and would be willing to offer hints and tips gathered over the years. Please make contact via the Gardening Club number on the back page of the newsletter.

Regretfully we must confirm that the Produce and Flower Show due to be held on Saturday 1st August has been cancelled.

HAM HILL CHURCHES

The church will be open from July onwards on a Sunday from 9.00 am till 4.00 pm for personal prayer. Social distancing guidelines for access will need to be adhered to from this time.