

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	The Vicarage, 1 Castle Street TA14 6RE
2nd Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion	website: www.hamhillchurches.org
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 07851817927
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	Contact Tim Brooks (Chair) stokefcchair@gmail.com 07788 654231 or Steve Arnold (Secretary) 07775 562122 stokefcsec@gmail.com
FOOTPATHS - problems and issues contact:	cllr.hulett@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk
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
MEDITATION GROUP - Tuesdays at 7.30pm at Priory Coffee	Emma Herrod 01935 829443
MEMORIAL HALL BOOKING SECRETARY	Enquiries: bookings.stokememorialhall@gmail.com Barbara Brooks 01935 824432
PARISH COUNCIL - 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
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER	Carole Brown email: carole.brown@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 AFTERNOON TEA CLUB FOR OLDER PEOPLE. Lighthouse Café, every other Wednesday at 2.15pm	Lisa Wenborn 07515 489587 or Kay Clamp: 07717 453523
STOKE SUB HAMDON BAND - Monday & Thursday 8.00pm - 10.00pm Castle School	Gill Robins 01935 329904
Training Section Thursdays 19:00 – 19:45 at Castle School	Jane Herbert 01460 351123
STOKE SUB HAMDON SPORTS & RECREATION TRUST - 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
STOKE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP	Contact Jeannie 07967 184952 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; 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	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+	
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 ARTISTS GROUP - (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
WORKING MENS CLUB - Daily - Lunch times & evenings	secretary@stoke.club and www.facebook.com/stokeworkingmensclub 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

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



NEWSLETTER

November 2023

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

Parish Council News

This month we bid a warm farewell to Parish Council Chair, Lyn Foley. Lyn has stepped down from the Council after nearly 18th months as chair.

I'm sure everyone in the community will want to join the Council in thanking Lyn for her tireless hard work and service to the council. Thanks Lyn!

Around the village

A big thanks to the group of litter pickers who turn out on a Sunday morning to clear litter from our village. The village always looks so great after they've completed a clean, and the council would like to thank all those who take the time to get involved in this bi-monthly task!

Neil Bloomfield, Parish Clerk

TRAFFIC MATTERS

A great many residents are concerned at the speed of vehicles through the village. Speed monitors in the village gather regular data and the council has detailed information regarding traffic movements, signage and markings. The council is actively looking at ways to use this information to make the case for improvements.

If you are a resident concerned about speeding, you may be interested in a new campaign "20 is plenty". Lyn Foley is urging villagers to support and help this campaign to reduce the speed limit in the village to 20mph. "It's important that we work as a community to campaign vigorously for change" she says.

If you are interested in finding out more, contact Lyn on 01935 823051.

YOUR VILLAGE YOUR SHOP

News from your Community Shop

BBC Children in Need: We're holding our annual cake sale in aid of this charity on Friday 17 November, so pop in to the shop for some super homemade treats.

Festive home baking: We sell all the ingredients you need to make a home-baked Christmas Pudding on Stir Up Sunday, 26 November – the traditional day when family and friends get the chance to give the batter a mix and make a wish.

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

AGM: We plan to hold our third AGM in either November or December. It's open to all Members of SSHCS Ltd, who will be sent notification of the event by post or email. Please keep an eye out for the notification, which will include details of how to nominate and vote for Committee Members.

Committee Members required: The shop's management committee is now down to only four. This means fewer of us are having to do more and unfortunately this is no longer sustainable. We need more villagers to join us on the committee, to ensure the shop continues operating successfully and to help us plan for the future.

Now's the ideal time to join as we have our AGM coming up before Christmas. Please put your name forward for election to join us in running the shop for our community. Priority knowledge and skills include:

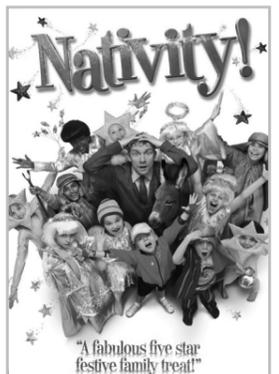
- ✓ Someone with finance/bookkeeping experience to become our Treasurer, to liaise with our bookkeeper and accountant from time to time, monitor budgets and help shape how we manage the business.
- ✓ Shop management/goods buying, admin/minute taking, HR and fundraising/grant applications.

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 or drop into the shop for a chat.

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

FILM NIGHT AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Film Night this month is a fabulous five star festive family treat – Nativity! (12) A funny and heartwarming story of a primary school teacher's little white lie about Hollywood coming to see his class's nativity play. Come and enjoy hot dogs, popcorn and refreshments and get in the mood for Christmas! Saturday 18th November 6.30 p.m. Tickets £5 on the door.



CHRISTMAS MEAL

There will be a Christmas meal again this year. If you would like to add your name to the list of people who have already expressed an interest in this wonderful festive event, then please contact Lyn Foley on 07714005265; 01935 823051 - or via the Community Shop

VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP

We have an exciting Art Workshop with local artist Kate Lynch demonstrating creative work in pastels. November 4th 10.00am until 3.00pm at the Memorial Hall Stoke sub Hamdon, free teas & coffee. All welcome, contact us for more details!!

The Village Artists Group is a very friendly group of amateurs who meet at the Stoke Memorial Hall on Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9.30 pm 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.



The Village Art Group in collaboration with the South Somerset Oil Painters held a great art show on Saturday with lots of visitors enjoying the art, homemade cakes and friendly atmosphere! We were pleased to sell a number of paintings. The café was very ably run by the Brownies who also showed their lovely artworks. Thank you to all involved for your hard work.

Should you wish to learn more about our group, please contact Andrew on (01935) 823691 SSTheVillageArtistsGroup@gmail.com Facebook: Stoke Sub Hamdon The Village Artists Group - We look forward to hearing from you.

MAY FAYRE

We are delighted to finally be able to announce a total profit for the 2023 May Fayre - £7,996.89. This is a great result and reflects all the hard work from our volunteers, both before the event and on the day itself, so many thanks to everyone once again. We would also like to reiterate our thanks to Stanchester Academy for hosting the May Fayre this year and to everyone who came along to support it.

Plans will soon be underway for next year's May Fayre which will be held on Monday, 27 May!

Denise Burton - Events Coordinator for the Sports & Recreation Trust

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. See the Dates for your diary section in this newsletter.

For further information contact Lisa on 07515 489587

STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB

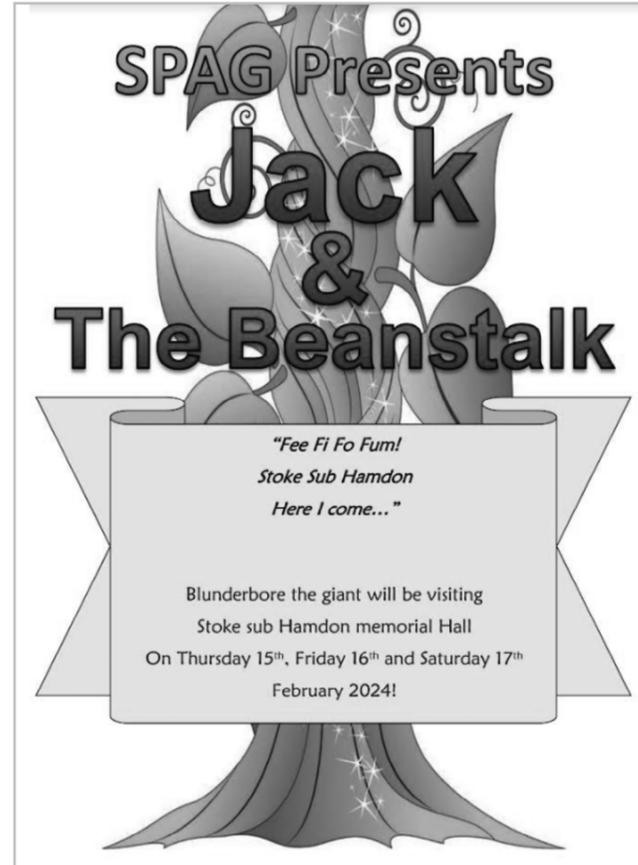
On Wednesday 22nd November Allan Cavill from the National Allotment Society will give a talk on "No Dig Gardening on Allotments". Even if you don't have an allotment (yet) there are sure to be some helpful tips for hopeful growers! ~ free refreshments; plant sales; raffle ~ Visitors very welcome – first visit free.

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

STOKE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP

The members of Stoke Performing Arts Group have started planning and working towards our next exciting production. In February 2024 will we be venturing up the beanstalk and into the world of village pantomime with 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Over recent weeks we have been getting to know the script for the show, and in November the cast will begin rehearsing in earnest.

If you would like to know more about SPAG or get involved, we are always keen to welcome new members. You can contact Jeanie on 079967184952, or email info@stokeperformingartsgroup.co.uk, or message us through our Stoke Performing Arts Group Facebook page.



CHARITY SHOP

The Charity Shop welcomes donations of electrical items in good working condition – and all items are tested before going on sale. If you have non-working or broken items, don't forget these can be recycled with your kerbside collections:

The Charity Shop is holding a pre-Christmas sale at the Lighthouse (All Saint's Hall) on 4th November. Why not come along and pick up your Christmas items and other fantastic value goods. The sale will be open from 10:30 – 12:30 on Saturday 4th.



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 13th & 27th November

Longer walk 5-6 miles Start at Lighthouse Café 10 am. - Tuesday 7th November.

For more information about any of these, particularly the shorter or longer walks please contact Sue - 07792311736 or Doug - 07778946508

LES LEDGER

Rita and family would like to thank everyone for their kind support and heartfelt messages after the sad passing of Les Ledger in July.

Due to generous donations given online and at the crematorium a donation of £667.60 has been made to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance in Les's name.

Dates for your Diary

NOVEMBER

- 4th Creative Work in Pastels Village Artists' Workshop** at the Memorial Hall. 10:00 – 15:00
- 4th Christmas Items Sale** at the Lighthouse Café, 10:30 – 12:30
- 7th Longer Health Walk** from Lighthouse café, 10:00 start
- 13th Regular Health Walk** from Lighthouse café, 10:00 start
- 15th Afternoon Tea Club** at the Lighthouse café, 14:15 – 16:15
- 17th Children in Need Cake Sale** at the Community Shop
- 18th Film Night at the Memorial Hall.** Doors open at 18:00 for 18:30 screening.
- 22nd Gardening Club "No Dig Gardening on Allotments"** 19:15 for 19:30 start at the Memorial Hall.
- 27th Regular Health Walk** from Lighthouse café, 10:00 start
- 29th Afternoon Tea Club** at the Lighthouse café, 14:15 – 16:15

DECEMBER

- 13th Afternoon Tea Club** at the Lighthouse café 14:15 – 16:15

