

CONTACTS

Church of England at St Mary's.

DECEMBER SERVICES

December 13th 6pm. Carol Service

December 24th 11.30pm. Christmas Communion

December 25th 9.30am. All Age Christmas Communion

Associate Vicar: Rev Annie Gurner, 824167,

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ALL SAINTS HALL BOOKING SECRETARY	Ann Davison 07709 609488
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
‘GET FIT WITH SUE’ - Mondays - Fitness Pilates 5pm (call first), Aerobics & Toning 6pm. Thursdays - Fitness Pilates 6pm	Sue Menzies 01935 829632
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

At our Zoom meeting on 4 November we were pleased to agree to a grant of £6,353 for Hamdon Youth Group for the year 2021. This will help towards the cost of an extra Youth Worker. HYG has lost a couple of volunteers recently due to ill health etc. Are any adults able to help a couple of hours a week on a Monday, even on an occasional basis? If so please contact Lou Grant on 07402 987921.

Councillors also approved costs for the first stage of the renovation work on the Hamdon Youth & Family Centre. A dedicated fund has been built up since 2016 for this purpose. Now that Listed Building Consent has been granted, it is hope that the works can be started in the next couple of months. A new sub-floor in the main church hall topped with new wood flooring together with the installation of a more efficient heating system in both halls are the first projects. The pews in the main church hall have been removed but many of them will stay in the village and will be found at the Working Men’s Club, Priory Coffee and several residents’ homes. One row of pews will stay at the back of the main church hall as a reminder of the building’s heritage. An application for Planning Permission has been submitted for a new external CCTV system and an internal Fire Alarm system to be installed in the second stage of the renovation when the new toilets, kitchen and office etc are built next Summer.

Hamdon Youth & Family Centre Trust were pleased to report to councillors that their fundraising grant from the Coop for 2019-220 reached the final amazing total of £3,914.86 which will help provide new equipment for the Centre, and very much appreciated.

A big thank you to the Rotary Club who have been out and about in Stoke planting purple crocus bulbs for us all to enjoy next Spring. What a lovely generous gesture! More about this later in the newsletter.

Community Hub

A big thank you too to the Community Shop and its hard-working volunteers who have started the Community Hub up again during this latest lockdown, delivering shopping etc to those who need it. What would we do without you! What a lovely supportive village we all live in!

Memorial Hall play area damage

We were sorry to see that the baby swings have been damaged. These swings are designed for babies and toddlers only and we would be grateful if all parents and carers make sure that older children don’t use these swings to avoid any future damage. Both these swings are due to be replaced shortly by the Parish Ranger.

Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

December 2020

Memorial Hall Grounds

There are a number of people who are walking their dogs across the Memorial Hall Grounds. Please note that (other than guide dogs) dogs are not allowed on the Hall Grounds at all for health reasons and there are signs up to this effect. Please respect this rule which is for the benefit of all.

Sadly there have been a number of incidents recently of attempted theft of planters, campervans and dogs from houses in Stoke. If you see something suspicious happening please call the police on 101 and report it.

New Government Business Support Grant

Certain local businesses that have been forced to close during this latest lockdown period can now apply to the District Council for new grant support, even if you received a grant during the first lockdown period. Called the Local Restrictions Support Grant and the Additional Restrictions Grant.

Full details and how to apply can be found at <https://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/covidbusinesssupport>. They are likely to go quickly, so apply soon!

Need employment support?

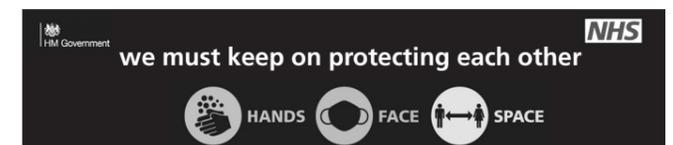
The new Step Up Somerset website offers a one-stop employment support for Somerset residents – for those who may have lost their jobs; and advice for anyone looking for training and skills for a change of career; and help and advice for young people just starting out. Contact www.stepupsomerset.org.uk and 0300 790 6275.

Feeling worried, uncertain?

Need someone to talk to? Voluntary organisations and the NHS have come together to provide 24/7 support to Somerset adults in their Open Mental Health support project. For support call 01823 276892 or find out more at www.sparksomerset.org.uk/projects (you can also chat online).

Finally (although it seems so early to say so in the middle of November!) we wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Let’s hope things will have improved enough by then for us all to be able to have some family time together in person– but if not, hold faith, we are inching towards it slowly! And the positive news about vaccine development is definitely something to hold on to

Stay safe and well. Remember – Hands, Face, Space!



Clr Barbara Brooks, Chair
01935 824432, chairshpc@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.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2ND DECEMBER 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.

ROTARY GOES PURPLE

Yeo Vale Rotary members and Stoke residents Mark Gooch and Graham Middleton recently planted purple Crocus Corms near the Memorial Hall in Stoke Sub Hamdon to highlight Rotary's End Polio Now programme and mark World Polio Day on 24th October. Rotary and its partners have almost eradicated polio in the world so look out for the purple display in the spring to celebrate this achievement.

Visit us at yeovale-rotary.org.uk to find out more about this and other projects you could be involved in.

STOKE LUNCH CLUB

Firstly, I would like to thank Stoke Bowling Club for their kind donation, it is very much appreciated and will be put to good use.

Well, due to yet another lockdown, the November Lunch Club had to be cancelled. However, we look forward and move on. On the date of writing this (15th November), I have no idea how we will fare coming out on the other side. As far as I am concerned, I will be catering for Christmas Day. If we are allowed, we will have the Memorial Hall on the 25th December. If we are not allowed together, I will be cooking the Christmas Lunch and it will be delivered to you. I am so sorry that at this stage I cannot be more definitive, but if you would like to partake in the Christmas Lunch it is important that you let me know by as soon as possible preferably by Saturday 12th December.

My home telephone number is 01935 823051. You can also reach me or leave a message in the Community Shop or phone 01935 509100.

STOKE CHARITY SHOP

The Charity Shop is grateful for the support it receives from Stoke residents and we look forward to reopening as soon as possible after lockdown with an extensive range of Christmas decorations, puzzles, DVDs, clothing and more. Our business hours will be 9am to 3:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. ½ day Wednesday 9am to 12:30pm

Because of the current restrictions, we are unable to accept donations until further notice. Watch for new dates to be advertised in the Newsletter and on the Village website when donations can again be accepted.

MESSAGE FROM WEST-END FARM

We unfortunately have someone that has decided to do their own Hedgerow Management, by cutting and trimming back gaps in our hedges. In certain areas these gaps will be filled with hedging for wildlife purposes. But more importantly, it is rather concerning that someone feels it is appropriate for them to carry out such acts. If you are aware of this person, please could you advise them to not take it upon themselves to do so. Alternatively, please ask them to come and see me to discuss the matter.

May we take this opportunity to remind those of you who are walking our land that there are no official rights to roam but there are three public footpaths on the land. There is one at West end Garage that goes straight up to the stile, the second is from Matts Lane connecting with Broadmead Lane and the third is at East Stoke taking you up to Ham Hill. We are very passionate about the land we farm and the countryside and hope that those of you that walk it would respect it and be very grateful. If you are doing so, please walk on the grass headlands around the perimeter not through the Blackcurrants.

Also as has been mentioned before, if you walk our land with a dog keep them close and around the perimeter also. In addition, if you feel you cannot or are unable to pick up your dog's mess please do not feel you can or are able to walk our land. Sadly, there are a few unsociable dogs out and about, could you please ensure you keep your dog/s on a lead at all times whilst on our land. Thank you.

Stoke Community Shop

Christmas and New Year opening

Your community shop will be open every day over the festive period except Christmas Day with half-day opening on Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

For full details, please check the shop window, our website:

stokeshop.co.uk or
www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop.

Festive goodies

We've a great range of festive foods, hamper fillers and Christmas gifts in stock, as well as super shop-branded jute bags, thermal travel mugs and handy gift vouchers – ideal for Xmas presents for friends and family.



*We'd like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Thank you for all your support over the past year.*

