

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,

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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 & "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
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. 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	Gill Robins 01935 329904
Training Band - Thursdays at Band Room, 7.00pm - 7.45pm	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

Like many other villages, our parish council does not meet in August, so there is little to report this month. We did however hold one very short Zoom meeting to approve the accounts for the last financial year in order that they can be forwarded on to the external auditor. The lockdown has caused a delay in the normal process.

Planning Applications

The following are currently being considered by District Council.

20/02274/DPO Montacute Gardens, Greatfield Lane

Application to remove the "age-restricted" condition for purchasers for the 16 houses being built. Original planning permission was given in 2016 and 2017. The original building contractor employed by the developer went out of business and the site is re-starting this year.

20/01704/HOU Old Smithy, 16 North Street

Replacement of two greenhouses by a log cabin 19/0290/LBC **Hamdon Youth Centre, West Street**
Various internal alterations to create new service facilities and spaces for activities.

Planning Decisions

The following have been approved by District Council

20/01665/COL The Firs, Montacute Road

Formation of habitable room in roof space.

20/00559/FUL Land Rear of 7 East Stoke

Change of use of land to domestic and erection of garage.

CORONAVIRUS

PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS

Now that restrictions are easing it continues to be vital that we remain aware of the silent nature of COVID-19 and all keep to social distancing, wearing masks when required and washing or sanitising our hands as often as possible.

Stay safe and well.

Cllr Barbara Brooks, Chair
01935 824432 chairsshpc@hotmail.com

The Parish Council would like to state how very proud and supportive they are of the community spirit that has been exhibited by the village during these unprecedented times. It would like to add that our statement in August's edition of the Newsletter entitled: "No, it isn't true!" could and should have been handled in a more appropriate manner, we apologise for any offence caused.

STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

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 SEPTEMBER 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 clerksshpc@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

1ST STOKE SUB HAMDON BROWNIES

Your Brownies and leaders have had a rest over the school holidays, but the leaders are busy gathering fun ideas for when we return. We are looking for another volunteer to join our team in enabling the girls aged 7 - 11 years to have great adventures and opportunities. I would also promote it for being very good for the soul! Register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk. For more information please contact Brown owl 01935 823606. Thank you.

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.

SOUTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL JOIN UP WITH CONSERVATIONISTS TO SAVE THE RATE SHRILL CARDER BEE

The team at Ham Hill Country Park have begun habitat management on the site to encourage rare Shrill Carder bees to recolonise from an existing site nearby. This will be centred around the hay meadows in the flat fields of the park and will include leaving areas of dense tussock grass for the bees to nest and hibernate. The potential site will be Shrouds Meadow. You can find out more about the Shrill Carder bee at <https://www.bumblebeeconservation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/BBCT037-Shrill-Carder-bee-Laflet-02.17.pdf>



*The Shrill carder bee,
Bombus sylvarum*

A VERY GRATEFUL WALKER

Whilst out walking on Sunday, August 9th, a gentleman lost his new £500 specs, they fell out of his pocket when climbing on the stile below Castle Street Allotments. We retraced our steps a couple of hours later and a very kind person spotted them and put them on the stile post.

We are so grateful and wish to say "Thank You" to a lovely villager.

Dru Perry

ALL SAINTS HALL

We plan for this to be available for hire in September. Due to Covid requirements it would only be for groups of up to 12 people and initially the kitchen would not be available. Ann Davison has kindly agreed to deal with bookings as before.

We very much hope it won't be too long before the Lighthouse Coffee Shop can reopen.

Sarah Russell (St. Mary's PCC)

STOKE CHARITY SHOP

Donations:

Thank you to all those who have brought their donations to HCAP. While Covid 19 restrictions remain, we will continue to accept donations at HCAP on the first Saturday of the month from 10am to 12 midday. This allows for a 72-hour isolation period before processing as part of Covid 19 hygiene measures. Your generosity and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Open Air Sale:

The Charity Shop will have an Open-Air Sale of stock on Saturday the 5th September from 2 to 4 pm on the forecourt of HCAP (old URC on North Street). Tables will be arranged to allow a one-way route; hand sanitising and social distancing will be observed, and face coverings encouraged. Come along and grab a bargain and contribute to the many local projects our fund-raising supports.

STOKE BAND NEWS

75th Anniversary of Stoke sub Hamdon Band

On 5th September 1945, a meeting was held at Castle School to reform the band. This included members of the old Stoke Military Band and many new recruits. Over the years the band has had its ups and downs. There has been the usual round of fetes, bandstand concerts and a few occasions playing for royalty, plus a trip to Paris with Crewkerne Twinning Association.

We had hoped to celebrate this anniversary with the village, but Covid-19 has put paid to that as we are currently not allowed to play together in a group.

Looking to the future we have a strong membership and once the 'new normal' is established we will be back practising and performing.

Jane Herbert

Stoke Community Shop

YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

July prize winners:

Congratulations to Wendy Rimmer who scooped our prize hamper and Rose Goad who won a box of chocolates.

New products:

We've expanded our selection of whole foods as well as our range of baking products. We also now offer Bio-D eco-friendly cleaning product refills plus vegan, cruelty free Faith in Nature shampoo. Let us know if there's anything you'd like us to stock and we'll do our best to get it.

Volunteering:

If you'd like to join our friendly shop team, please get in touch. Pop into the store and speak to Lyn Foley; or contact Emma Herrod, email volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk; or find out more at stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering

Home deliveries:

Don't forget that we provide a home delivery service if you're unable to get out and about. Call us with your order on 01935 509100 between 9am and 4pm on weekdays and we'll arrange same day or next day delivery.

For more information about the shop and how you can get involved, visit stokeshop.co.uk

CHURCH NEWS

The Church is slowly reopening and is now available for private prayers on Sundays, plus, baptisms, weddings and funerals. Covid-safe Sunday worship is resuming also - but please check website and noticeboards for dates and times.

September 27th at 3pm Outside Harvest Thanksgiving - All welcome (bring umbrella for sun or rain!)

Thursdays, 2pm at All Saints Hall:

Weekly Prayers for the village

Website: <http://www.hamhillchurches.org>