

CONTACTS

Church of England at St Mary's, Church Services: 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 2nd and 4th Wednesdays 9.00am BCP Holy Communion	The Rector Rev. Nick Clarke. Tel 07842 192402, revnickclarke@gmail.com The Vicarage, 1 Castle Street TA14 6RE website: www.hamhillchurches.org
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 and "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	Steve Deane 07881 464280 email stevekatherine@hotmail.co.uk
FOOTBALL - YOUTH TEAMS - Training weekday evenings. Matches Saturdays & Sundays	Steve Arnold stokefcchair@hotmail.com & John Elliott stokefcsec@gmail.com 07775 562122
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 Weds 9.50am-3.30pm (Ranger's Office)	Paul McNeill 07973 887129
HAMDON MEDICAL CENTRE	01935 822236
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 -	Peter Hulett 01935 824784
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 7.30pm 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	Abby Linaker email:abby.linaker@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. 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 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 Castle School Training Band - To be arranged	Gill Robins 01935 329904 Jane Herbert 01460 419317
STOKE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP	Jeanie 07967184952 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 3.00pm - 4.00pm 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 ARTIST GROUP - Tuesdays 7.45pm- 9.45pm & Friday 10.00am - 12 Noon (Memorial Hall)	Malcolm Uhlhorn 01935 829513
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

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK: MRS. SARAH MOORE, 24 HIGH STREET, STOKE SUB HAMDON TA14 6PS
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Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

March 2022

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

The Parish Council are delighted to announce that they have just launched the new village website. This replaces the existing site so there is a new URL

www.stokesubhamdoncouncil.com

Our grateful thanks to Martin Herrod who had been doing a great job at hosting and maintaining the previous site on our behalf on a volunteer basis for a number of years. On our new site you can find out all about village facilities and groups, news and events, detailed Parish Council information, and other local authority info etc. Not sure how to report things or who to contact? Do you need advice .and guidance? It's all there at your fingertips - opening times, telephone numbers, email addresses and website links. If you would like to advertise an event, or have your organisation or business included on the website, please let our Parish Clerk know. You can send the details or any updates to clerk@stokesubhamdoncouncil.com

STOKE BAND NEWS

I am pleased to say that following the closure of the former URC, the band is now practicing at Castle School on Mondays and Thursdays. We would like to thank the school's management for allowing the band to use the school premises.

The band is still looking for someone to become a trustee of the band. There is no financial involvement, the main duty would be to look after the band's assets if the band were to fold which we hope will never happen.

Please speak to Gill Robins at the Prince of Wales if you are interested

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Duchy of Cornwall has submitted a landowner deposit to Somerset County Council and notices will be going up in certain areas around the village. Deposits made under section 15A(1) of the Commons Act 2006 may affect the ability to register such land as a town or village green under section 15 of that Act. Please see guidance at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/protected/greens/> for further information.

The authority maintains a register of maps, statements and declarations deposited under section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980 and section 15A of the Commons Act 2006.

This register can be accessed online at <https://roam.somerset.gov.uk/roam/Dashboard/Welcome> (click on Deposits).

If you want any further information regarding this notice, please contact Somerset County Council on 0300 123 2224 or visit their website www.somerset.gov.uk/landownerdeposits

LITTER PICK

We will be meeting at 9am on Sunday, 13th March outside the All Saints Hall for the bi-monthly litter pick. Please join us if you can. I can be contacted at helivet@msn.com if you need more details. Equipment is provided but stout gloves are always a good idea. It should take 1.5-2 hours and there is a free coffee after at Priory Coffee afterwards courtesy of the Community Shop.

Catherine Fraser



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.

CANCELLATION OF THIS YEAR'S MAY FAYRE

It is with a heavy heart that we have decided to cancel this year's May Fayre. The National Trust has said that we can no longer use the Priory grounds and buildings for the May Fayre for the foreseeable future. It has concerns about the potential damage to already weakened buildings in the grounds.

As a consequence, the May Fayre Committee, supported by the Sports and Recreation Trust, has cancelled the May Fayre for this year. The Committee thinks that this is a watershed moment and that it is time for a change. New people and fresh ideas are required to provide the village with a wonderful community event in the future. The May Fayre was a fundraising event for the Sports and Recreation Trust which raises funds for village projects and to give grants to other organisations for the enhancement of village life.

The Sports and Recreation Trust provided financial support to the May Fayre Committee for the organisation and setting up of the event and can provide the same support to a new Committee for the creation and organisation of an alternative community event. The historical knowledge gained by the existing volunteers will be available to help a new team plan for the future and help enable it to work its magic. Please contact me on 01935 827793 for information.

The current May Fayre Committee hopes to be running some smaller fundraising events this year and will keep you posted on these. Thank you for your support and stay safe.

If people could please share this message, we would be very grateful.

Denise Burton on behalf of the May Fayre Committee

STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB

Our next meeting is a visit to Avon Bulb Nursery, South Petherton on Wednesday, 23rd March at 2pm. If you are a non-member and would like to join us, please contact Ruth at ruthstjohn1@btinternet.com. The cost is £3 per person & numbers will be limited. Please note there will not be a club meeting that evening at The Memorial Hall.

The April meeting on Wednesday 27th at 7.30pm at The Memorial Hall, is a talk by Hayley Francis on Nutrition & Naturopathy. New Members always welcome and your first meeting is free!

STOKE SUB HAMDON HEALTH WALKS

Because of lack of participation, it is with regret that the 09:30 guided short walk, Every Step Counts will be suspended until further notice. Anyone interested in this walk should contact Penny Trapnell by email; pennyatrapnell@aol.com.

The 90-minute guided Health Walk commencing at 10:30 from the Lighthouse Café is well supported and will continue as usual every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. This walk provides an opportunity to enjoy the special local countryside and socialise with fellow walkers for light refreshment available after the walk at the Lighthouse Café.

STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE - YOUR SHOP

Celebrating our 2nd anniversary: We've had an amazing two years since we opened our doors for the first time on 2nd March 2020, thanks to the support of our volunteers, customers and members. To celebrate our 2nd anniversary, we're running another free tombola from 1st to 6th March with lots of shop goodies as prizes. So, 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.

Home deliveries: We continue to make free home deliveries to villagers who are unable to get out and about. This has been made possible by our delivery volunteers - Moira and Peter Hulett, Mike Foley and Colleen Sperrick and many other members of our volunteer team who help out from time to time. A huge thank you to them all.

If you'd like a home delivery, call us with your order on 01935 509100 between 9am and 2pm on weekdays and we'll arrange same-day or next-day delivery.

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; or find out more at stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering

STOKE CHARITY SHOP

Grants: Stoke Charity Shop has funds available for grants to local groups planning a project associated with sport, recreation or education. The Shop has recently provided funds to local Brownies, the Gardening Club and the Lighthouse Café. For an application form contact Jane Baker by email: jeb3101@aol.com

New Volunteers Welcome: We are always ready to welcome new volunteers. If you have a couple of hours per week to spare and you would like to find out more about volunteering at the Charity Shop, why not pop into our informal Taster Session on Wednesday 9th March from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Meet the Committee and find out more about volunteering and how the Charity Shop helps fund local projects for the benefit of the whole village.

Donations: With the closure of the United Reform Church, storage space is very limited at the Charity Shop. Donations consisting of two bags per household will now be accepted in the Charity Shop, during opening hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9:00 to 3:30, Wed 9:00 to 12:30. **Please do not leave bags on the doorstep.**

If you have a larger volume of items you wish to donate, please contact Jane Baker on email: Jeb3101@aol.com, prior to bringing them to the Shop, so that we can ensure there is sufficient space to accommodate them. We ask that you review your donations to ensure they are clean and in a good and saleable condition. We cannot accept items that are soiled, heavily worn or damaged as these can neither be sold in the shop nor recycled. Such items should be bagged and left for your curb side collection. Because there is a lack of demand, and we are unable to recycle them, with regret we can no longer accept donated pictures and picture frames.

VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP

Village Artists Group (VAG) exists to encourage, promote, and practice the visual arts in all forms- Abstract, Still Life, Landscapes and Portraiture by whatever means, iPad, pencil, pastels, watercolour, oils and acrylic and in or on any medium you like. We are meeting twice weekly in the Memorial Hall.

Meanwhile with a fair wind we will be running regular Saturday workshops, tutored by experienced local artists, where you will be more than welcome.

Contact Malcolm - 01935 829513 or malcolmuhhorn99@gmail.com for details.

HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK: VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Practical Rangers: to carry out a variety of exciting seasonal conservation activities such as scrub clearance, tree planting, hedge-laying, and coppicing. Meet every Wednesday at the Ranger Office on Ham Hill (TA14 6RW) at 9.50am for a 10.00am start, and finish at around 3.30pm. Just turn up and stay for the full day or just half a day, as often as you like. Wear old weather-appropriate clothes, stout boots or wellies, and bring a packed lunch (if required). Training, gloves, tools, and refreshments will be provided.

And coming soon... so please register your interest for these two:

Visitor Guides: to walk around the Country Park to provide information about Ham Hill to visitors, including what to see and the best places to go.

Visitor Surveyors: to conduct flora & fauna surveys (seasonal) and visitor questionnaire surveys.

For more information or to register your interest contact Paul on 07973 887129.

SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST

The Sports and Recreation Trust will hold its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 1st March at 7:30 pm in the Working Men's Club. Please come along and find out what the Trust is doing for the community now and its plans for the future.

Peter Hulett, Secretary

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2022

1st	Sports and Recreation Trust AGM
1st - 6th	Community Shop Free Anniversary Tombola
7th	Health Walks
13th	Litter Pick
21st	Health Walks
23rd	Gardening Club Outing
27th	Gardening Club Talk