

CONTACTS

Church of England at St Mary's, Church Services: 1st Sunday 9.00am BCP Communion 2nd Sunday 10.30am CW Holy Communion 3rd Sunday 9.00am BCP Holy Communion 4th Sunday 10.30am Morning Praise	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 & "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
'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 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 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	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)	
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 - 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 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 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



CHAIR'S UPDATE

We were pleased to hear at last month's meeting that the council can now go ahead with the installation of a new bus shelter at a cost of just over £6,595. This will be situated in West Street between the old telephone box and the seat. When considering where to put it we were advised by the bus company that this is the bus stop most used in the village. The 2 bay Euroshel Victorian shelter comprises a bottle green metal framework with a pointed roof and reinforced glass on three sides to provide both shelter and visibility. There is a perch seat running along the length of the shelter inside. Our Parish Clerk is in the process of arranging its purchase and installation which is hoped to be around 6th December.

Like many local villages, Stoke has a speeding problem and this is of concern. For some years we had a valued volunteer Speedwatch team who recorded and reported speeding cars to the DVLA, who then issued warning letters. Sadly, this scheme had to close due to lack of volunteers in the village to man it. Earlier this year we purchased a portable Speed Indicator Device which is regularly moved

around the village to encourage drivers to slow down and keep to 30 mph limits. The data it provides is proving helpful in identifying key times and locations where speeding takes place, and to some extent does slow people down.

Following discussion, we have now decided to start the process of applying to Highways for the implementation of a 20-mph speed limit. This involves the recording of all relevant data such as speed, accidents involving personal injury, and key speeding times. There are lots of stages in gathering the correct evidence before Highways will consider a reduction and we would very much welcome resident input into this process. We are therefore looking for volunteers to join the parish council's Transport Working Group to help us with this. If you would like to be involved, please contact either the Parish Clerk or the Chair (contact information in this newsletter).

Stay safe and well. Still important to remember - hands, face, space and fresh air!

Cllr Barbara Brooks, Chair
01935 824432

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The annual Remembrance Service will take place around the Monument on Ham Hill on Sunday, 14th November at 10.45am, where we will be honouring the servicemen and women who have given their lives for our country and for today's servicemen and women who are currently in action and stationed around the world. You are all welcome to come to this poignant service. There is vehicular access available if required.

Jon Moore, Poppy Appeal Organiser

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

If you are on your own, elderly or have no family to go to this Christmas, why not come and join us for Christmas Lunch on Christmas Day. It will take place in the Lighthouse Café from 1pm until 4pm, food will start at 1.30pm. I will be restricted to 24 places this year so book early.

Transport can be arranged if required. You can contact me at home on 01935 823051 for further information. Lyn Foley



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.

STOKE BABY AND TODDLER GROUP RESTARTING

We are happy to announce that we are restarting this lovely group on Thursday 18th November.

We welcome babies and children of all ages under 5 with their parent/carer. Stoke Baby and Toddler Group will run every Thursday morning during term time (9.30 – 11.30am) at the Memorial Hall. The first session is free for newcomers and then £2 per family. The hall is a great space for children to burn off some energy especially as the weather gets colder. There are plenty of toys to entertain such as Duplo, dressing up, Brio train tracks and baby toys to name just a few. The weekly fee also includes a snack for the children. Parents/carers can have a chat whilst having a hot drink. We look forward to welcoming you and meeting some new faces. Kahli, Charlotte and team.

STOKE WALKING GROUP: EVERY STEP COUNTS & HEALTH WALKS

Next Health Walk date are on 8th November and on 22nd November and, every 2nd and 4th Monday morning thereafter. There are two walks to choose from:

- The walk at 9.30am is for those of limited capacity, on pavements around the village, lasting 30 – 40 minute.
- The walk at 10.30am is a more robust walk of 90 minutes around local paths, fields, bridleways and on Ham Hill.

Both walks are led by trained Health Walk leaders over a predetermined route. For both walks, we meet outside the Memorial Hall and end at the Lighthouse Café where drinks and light snacks are available. A register of walkers' names and contact details will be taken at the start for Track and Trace. Well behaved dogs on leads are also welcome. Walkers should wear appropriate, supportive footwear, dress for the weather and wash your hands on returning home.

Come and join us to meet old and new friends, explore our beautiful local area and enjoy a cup of tea and a chat afterwards in the Lighthouse.

STOKE BAND NEWS

The band's Christmas Concert will be on Saturday, 11th December at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm; tickets will be £6. Please phone Jane Herbert on 01460 419317 to book tickets, money is payable on the night.

On Saturday, 18th December, we will once again be playing carols outside the Prince of Wales from 2pm until 4pm. Please come and sing along with us.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone this year.

CASTLE SCHOOL

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all of the lovely people in Stoke sub Hamdon. My name is Steve Morton, and I am the new Head of School at Castle Primary. Thank you to you all for your kind words and warm welcome. We have lots of exciting things planned this year and we hope to welcome you all back inside the gates soon to celebrate the children's hard work and to give back to our local community. Watch this space!

FRIENDS OF CASTLE SCHOOL

Friends of Castle School invite you to join us for our Christmas Fayre 2021 on Thursday 25th November 6-8pm. Father Christmas, Hot and Cold Drinks, Hot Food, Homemade Cakes, Sweets, Raffle, Christmas Games, Christmas Crafts, Gifts, Local Stall Holders and Live Music.

We politely ask that you follow the one-way system in place throughout the school and playground for an evening of entertainment!

Other dates for your diary:

Bag2School – Friday, 12th November 9am: Your bags of unwanted used but clean clothing, paired shoes (tied), scarves, ties, socks, jewellery, soft toys, household linen, curtains, towels, bedding (sheets/bedding/pillowcases) are needed for this collection. Bags can be taken to The Old Barn, 17a High Street, from 6th November or down to the school on the 11th & 12th November.

Visit bag2school.com for more information on how they use our donations.

Krispy Kreme Donut Sale: Wednesday, 1st December 3.15pm: £1 each or £10 a dozen. Contact friendsofcastleschool@gmail.com to pre-order yours by 24th November.

STOKE CHARITY SHOP

Jumble Sale: Saturday 6th November 1pm to 3pm at Stoke Memorial Hall. Admission is only 50p. Refreshments will be available. A variety of quality clothing and bric-a-brac as well as Christmas decorations and gift items will be on sale. Covid guidance will be applied, including face covering, except when eating, and use of hand sanitiser. Doors and windows will be open to facilitate ventilation.

Christmas Stall: On behalf of Stoke Charity Shop a stall will be held at the Lighthouse Café on Monday, 15th November 10am to 1pm. Why not beat the Christmas rush. Decorations and gift ideas for all the family will be on sale. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Next donations dates: Saturday 13th and 27th November, At HCAP (formerly North Street Church) 10am- 12midday. Good quality clothing, children's toys, books, CDS, bric-a-brac and small electrical items welcome.

There will be no specific donation dates in December. Carrier sized bags of donations will be accepted at the Charity Shop during this period.



Community Youth Project CYP

Hamdon Youth Group
Mondays 7:00pm - 9:00pm
@ Hamdon Youth & Family Centre

1 st November	Make a Guy / Design a firework
8 th November	Clay Modelling / team food games
15 th November	Circus skills / Board games
22 nd November	Smoothie making/ Arts & Crafts
29 th November	Mug Cakes / Team games
6 th December	Christmas arts & crafts
13 th December	Christmas party planning
20 th December	Christmas party

Reopens after Christmas on 10th January 2022

For more information contact:
Lou Chant on 07402 987921
or Email: lou.chant@cyp.me.uk
or find us on Facebook
@ Hamdon Youth Group

STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

Volunteers wanted: Many of our volunteers have now returned to work so we're looking for some new faces to join our friendly team and help keep our village shop up and running. If you'd like to get more involved in the community and have a few hours to spare, drop into the shop for a chat with one of our team or email volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk. You can also find out more – and download an application form – at stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering

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

Charity cake sale – Friday, 19th November: Pop into the shop for some homemade cake baked in aid of BBC Children in Need on the annual appeal day.

Home deliveries: Don't forget that we offer a home delivery service for those who are unable to get out and about. Call us with your order on 01935 509100 between 9am and 2pm 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 www.stokeshop.co.uk or www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop.

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.

LITTER PICK

We will be meeting at 9am on Sunday, 14th November 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 courtesy of the Community Shop.

Catherine Fraser

Dates for your Diary

November

6th	Charity Shop Jumble Sale
8th	Every Step Counts & Health Walks
12th	Castle School – Bags2School
13th	Charity Shop Donations
14th	Remembrance Sunday
14th	Litter pick
15th	Charity Shop Christmas Stall
19th	Charity Cake Sale at the Stoke Shop
22nd	Every Step Counts & Health Walks
25th	Castle School Christmas Fayre
27th	Charity Shop Donations

December

1st	Castle School – Krispy Kreme Donut Sale
11th	Stoke Band Christmas Concert
18th	Stoke Band Carols at the Prince of Wales