

## CONTACTS

Church of England at St Mary's, Church Services: <i>Sunday, 6th June 9.00am BCP Communion</i> <i>Sunday, 13th June 10.30am CW Holy Communion</i> <i>Sunday, 20th June 9.00am BCP Holy Communion</i> <i>Sunday, 27th June 10.30am Morning Praise</i>	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	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 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	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 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 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 ARTIST GROUP - Monday 10.00am - 12.30pm, Friday 10.00am - 12 noon (Memorial Hall) Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm (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  
TELEPHONE 01935 822455 E-MAIL: clerkshpc@hotmail.co.uk



## CHAIR'S UPDATE

### When can I .....?

From 17 May we can:

#### INDOORS

- meet in pubs and restaurants in groups of 6.
- meet in house or garden (two households or 6 people)
- stay overnight in each other's houses.
- cinemas, theatres and community venues fully open for all activities
- indoor sport allowed.
- professional performances allowed subject to 50% capacity.
- church services can take place (rule of 6 in seating)
- councils can meet face to face.
- But no communal singing allowed yet.

Having a window open indoors when you are meeting others is strongly advised.

#### OUTDOORS

- up to 30 can meet in a group.
- entertainment allowed.

#### EVENTS

- weddings and wakes - up to 30
- funerals, no limit

#### GETTING AROUND

**Travel** – we can travel to any part of England (group of 6 rule)  
**UK holidays** – unlimited and now allowed in any type of accommodation.  
**International travel** – a very limited amount allowed for those countries on the “green list” provided they are accepting UK tourists. Testing is required with evidence of vaccination for many countries – all this will add a substantial cost to your holiday. Amber and red countries NOT recommended by scientists or government and will always involve quarantine and greater risk.

#### MASKS

still required in all shops, public places and on transport.  
The Government is urging us all to take things slowly and responsibly.

#### STEP 4

At present it looks as though final restrictions may be postponed from the 21 June date whilst the Indian variant is being evaluated.  
For more information go to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

### Chair's Annual Review

2020 was very much an extraordinary year for everyone due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Following Government guidance, we were unable to meet in person at all so meetings were held by Zoom online which we all agree have been somewhat challenging! From the start we drafted information leaflets about COVID itself and what help was available locally and nationally. These were distributed to all village households over a number of months. We were also proactive in ensuring our community venues were aware of grants available both from Government and other funders during the restrictions and sent out practical guidance on the COVID-Secure measures they needed to take when they were allowed to open during the various phases of the restrictions.

We have continued to support local community groups through our annual grant making. We provided a total of £17,320 grant money towards operating costs for the Sports & Recreation Trust, the Memorial Hall, Hamdon Youth Group, Stoke sub Hamdon Band, Hamdon Youth & Family Centre, and the British Legion and made a commitment of a £12,500 grant towards a future purchase of the URC church in North Street for the Hamdon Community Arts Project. We have continued to be prudent and put aside each year a total of £7,200 into long term maintenance Reserves for parish assets, the Youth Centre and the Recreation Ground Pavilion Replacement.

We spent £8,499 on the grass cutting and ground maintenance, introducing a new Parish Ranger scheme pay for 2 days a month for small

repairs and improved maintenance and cleanliness of the village. We spent £1,161 on the maintenance of parish assets and play equipment including two replacement cradle swing seats. We paid £1,632 rent to the Duchy of Cornwall for the Recreation Ground and Allotments for residents' use, and we were delighted to see an increase in the number of allotments being used this year as more of us got out in the fresh air and grew our own food.

We made good progress this year on the refurbishment of the Hamdon Youth Centre in West Street. Following Listed Building Consent, Phase 1 has been completed – the clearing and conversion of the church hall area into an open space with new flooring, and new energy efficient heating and lighting in both halls. Phase 2 for the toilets, kitchen and office is due in the Summer and the modernization of this venue will provide an increasingly valuable asset for our village.

Two new Councillors, Mrs Alex Schellenberg and Paul Jeffery joined us in 2020 and we are already appreciating their contributions to our discussions and decisions.

Villages are indeed all about people looking out for each other. This has never been better illustrated by the way that everyone has pulled together from all parts of the village to support those who needed help with shopping, prescriptions etc or just a friendly neighbourly chat. In the difficult year we have all just experienced this is priceless and something of which we can all be very proud.

*Cllr 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 16<sup>th</sup> of previous month. Contact information is on the bottom of the back page of this newsletter.

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### SOLAR POWER OFFER

Are you interested in green energy and reducing your bills? Do you want to install solar panels, storage batteries or an electric car charging point? Are you confused about feed-in tariffs and break-even points? Or have you already obtained a quote and want to check if you can get a cheaper price from another supplier?

The Solar Streets initiative, run by The Green Group and IDDEA, is installing solar panels in a number of Somerset towns at a discounted price. The initiative is endorsed by SSDC and villages around Ham Hill have joined together to offer this opportunity to residents and businesses. You should always get more than one quote for work, but please consider Solar Streets alongside other providers as a possible solution to your sustainable energy needs.

*If you would like to know more, please contact Prue Biddle on 881350 or [nortonpbiddle@outlook.com](mailto:nortonpbiddle@outlook.com) or visit the Solar Streets website at <https://solarstreets.co.uk/>*

### STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

**Volunteering:**  
We're always looking for new volunteers to join our friendly team. Pop into the shop for a chat about what's involved or email [volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk). You can also find out more at [stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering](https://stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering) and download an application form.

**Green clean:**  
If you're looking to be more eco-friendly, why not try our range of Bio-D natural cleaning products and refills? We've laundry liquid and fabric conditioner, washing-up liquid and multi-surface cleaner plus hand wash and hand gel (alcohol rub). We also sell grapefruit body wash refills and a range of vegan, cruelty-free Faith in Nature shampoos and conditioners.

**Get ready for summer:**  
We now stock a wide range of ice creams and frozen desserts, so pop in for some of your favourite summer treats.

**Shop revamp:**  
You may have noticed that we're (gradually) giving the shop a makeover, so please bear with us while we make some changes. And if you need any help finding things in our new-look space, just ask!

**Extended opening hours:**  
We're now open till 4.30pm, Monday to Friday.

**Four is more:**  
Good news – we can now have 4 customers in the shop at a time! Don't forget that you still need to wear a mask, sanitise your hands on entry and keep your distance from others.

**AGM:**  
We're holding our first AGM in the Memorial Hall on Friday 25 June at 6pm. It's open to all Members of SSHCS Ltd, so please put the date in your diary and keep an eye out for notification by post or email.

*For more information about the shop and how you can get involved, visit [stokeshop.co.uk](https://stokeshop.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop](https://www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop)*

### ROAD CLOSURES

Somerset County Council have issued notices that they are exercising their powers under the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 to introduce a temporary prohibition of vehicles in the following roads.

- **Castle Street:** Along its entire length from **1st June 2021 for 20 days**. This is to enable Gigaclear to install new fibre optic cabling.
- **Ham Hill:** For a distance of 720 metres from Princes Close onwards up the hill from **7th June 2021 to 8th June 2021**. This is to enable Wessex Water to carry out works replacing pumps and panel.

Please see the Parish Council noticeboard outside the Memorial Hall for further information.

### RECYCLE MORE

'Recycle More' from Somerset Waste Partnership is coming to South Somerset at the end of June 2021. Look out for your 'Get ready for Recycle More' leaflet coming through your door which will include a 'what goes where?' guide to recycling with the new service and an individual collection day calendar for recycling and rubbish collections for the coming year.

**What is changing?**  
The key changes are:

- More materials will be collected weekly from the kerbside in addition to the current recyclable items:
  - plastic pots, tubs and trays
  - food and drink cartons (Tetra Pak etc)
  - small electrical items such as kettles or toasters
  - small household batteries
- Non-recyclable waste will be collected every three weeks instead of two.
- Collection days will change for roughly a third of households.
- A new recycling container – a Bright Blue Bag will be delivered to all homes.

**When will things change?**  
These changes will be introduced across South Somerset over the course of around two weeks (depending on where you live) starting on Monday, 28th June. Stickers will also be stuck on boxes to show what items need to go where.

**What won't change?**

- Garden wates and clinical waste collections and their collection days will stay the same.
- Assisted collections (when crews help people with their recycling and rubbish) will continue on the new collection days.

Recycle More will work best if everyone makes full use of their weekly recycling collections. Please ensure you have all the containers you need. Everyone can have green and black recycling boxes and food waste bins. You can order new or replacement boxes or bins **FREE** using the My Waste Services menu at [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk).

**Remember: nothing changes until you get your Bright Blue Bag**

### NEW CHURCH FOR HAMDON AREA: HAMDON COMMUNITY CHURCH

Hamdon Community Church will be starting from 21st June 2021. This is a new church planted by Martock Christian Fellowship for Stoke-Sub-Hamdon and Norton-sub-Hamdon.

We have all been through an extremely difficult period during the pandemic when many of us have had to be alone and without the community or fellowship that we would have liked or needed.

Connect Groups will be the first opportunity to get involved in this new church. These are small groups where people will come together to meet in people's houses (or outside if the sun is shining!). This reflects how the early church started in the Bible. People came together to meet in houses before going out to spread the good news of Jesus.

*We would love to hear from you if you would like to find out more about Hamdon Community Church and Connect Groups.*

*Hannah and Matthew Page. [connect@hamdonchurch.co.uk](mailto:connect@hamdonchurch.co.uk)*

*Find us on Facebook and Instagram @hamdoncommunitychurch*

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR – HAM HILL VILLAGES BENEFICE

The Ham Hill Village Benefice is recruiting a Part-Time Parish Administrator to provide support to our Clergy and Parish leaders by running an efficient office providing administration, communications, and operational support to our seven churches. Applicants should be sympathetic to our Christian mission and ethos and have good experience in secretarial and administrative work; be computer literate and competent in Microsoft Work, PowerPoint, Excel and Publisher; have good interpersonal, communication and organizational skills and be able to work with minimum supervision. Knowledge of church structures and procedures is an advantage.

**Location:**  
Based in an attractive office next to the Vicarage in Stoke sub Hamdon

**Hours and rate of pay:**  
Starting on 6 hours a week, ideally two mornings, £10.20 per hour and holidays.

*For full job description contact Revd Nick Clarke 01935 824167 or [revnickclarke@gmail.com](mailto:revnickclarke@gmail.com)*

### POLICE INFORMATION

For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: [www.police.uk](http://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.

### ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE EVENTS

**Glorious Somerset Gardens 2021** – More than a dozen stunning gardens are opening to visitors this summer in aid of our hospice. The campaign will begin from 17th May until the end of July, where we will also be showing off our very own beautiful Yeovil garden to members of the public on 25th July. Our green-fingered supporters have taken lockdown in their stride and have spent months preparing their gardens and ensuring they are Covid secure for the summer. Full details of locations, opening dates and admission prices can be found here: <https://www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/glorious-gardens>. Be sure to show your support and visit the gardens this summer – you won't be disappointed!

**Great Somerset G&T Party** – We are inviting people across Somerset to host their very own Great Somerset G&T Party to support our patients and their families. Whether you're a gin-lover or tee-total you can host a party with friends, families, colleagues or neighbours in the comfort of your garden or host a virtual party to allow more people to attend – but please remember follow the Government guidance at all times and please drink responsibly. And the great thing is, you can hold your party whenever is convenient for you. Visit our website <https://www.st-margarets-hospice.org.uk/great-gt-party> for more details and to request a FREE fundraising pack.

### 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 again in the Memorial Hall, Stoke one morning and one evening a week during term time. (All being well of course). We are really looking forward to seeing you there.

*Contact Malcolm- 01935 829513 or [malcolmuhorn99@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmuhorn99@gmail.com) for details.*

### June Diary

**5th Donations for Charity Shop at HCAP**

**19th Donations for Charity Shop at HCAP**

**25th Stoke Community Shop AGM**

### STOKE CHARITY SHOP

**Summer Stock:** The Charity Shop is offering an extensive range of new and preloved summer clothing for all the family, housewares and more for sale now at reasonable prices. Your support provides funding to help maintain and improve sports and recreation facilities in our village.

**Next Donation Dates: Saturday June 5th and Saturday June 19th** from 10am to 12midday, at HCAP, North Street. Covid restrictions continue so, donations can only be accepted at HCAP on the dates specified. Donations must be clean, complete and saleable. Please review your donations before bringing them to the session. Items should fit into a rubbish sized bag, which we will provide. There is a limit of two bags per household currently. Thank you for your cooperation during the restrictions.

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