

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.
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 Martrock 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 8222208 or Mark 07496 148756

FLEXICISE 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)
 Sue Winwood 823671

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.
 Ann or Karon 01935 826832
 Email: hamdonplaygroup@btinternet.com

HISTORY GROUP
 Carol Parker 825393

LADIES CIRCUITS Thursday at 6pm in the Memorial Hall
 Sue Menzies 829632r

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 Uthhorn 829513

PARISH COUNCIL - Monthly First Wednesday 7.15pm (Memorial Hall)
 Barbara Brooks, Chairman 824432 Sarah Moore, Clerk 822455

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER
Malissa Thompson email malissathompson@avonandsomerset.police.uk and Carole Brown email carolebrown@avonandsomerset.police.uk
 Paul Spearpoint 826375

POP-IN - Weekly - Thursday (Oak Tree House)

POST OFFICE COUNTER (INSIDE THE SHOP AT THE CROSS)
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

SONG BUS SINGING GROUP - Weekly Wednesday 9.15am - term time. All Saints Hall
 Jeanette Rumbelow 06749 736886
 Sue Menzies 829632

STOKE AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION
 Derek Coad. 824337

STOKE BABY & TODDLER GROUP - Memorial Hall. Thurs.9.30am to 11.30am in term time
 Facebook: @StokeBabyAndToddlerGroup
 carolyn_levley@hotmail.com

STOKE LUNCH CLUB FOR OLDER PEOPLE. Lighthouse Cafe 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

TAEKWONDO & LITTLE DRAGONS - Mondays 5.00pm - 5.30pm Little Dragons; 5.30pm - 6.15pm Taekwondo beginners;
 6.15pm - 7.00pm Taekwondo Adults (Stanchester)

TAI CHI - Weekly - Thursday 4.00pm - 5.00pm in Memorial Hall
 Jennie Clark 07921 393425

TINY TURRETS (Castle Primary School) - Foundation Stage Unit for children aged 2 - 4 years
 Castle Primary School Office 01935 822342
 Two daily sessions 9.00am - 12 noon and 12 noon - 3pm. Extended provision available from 7.45am - 5.30pm ages 3+

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)

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

Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

January 2020

PARISH COUNCIL

ACTING CHAIR'S UPDATE

Very little to report for December we currently have several large projects on the go, each seems to be reaching a critical point in the planning and decision process. It's hoped we'll have updates on these and some positive news for January's meeting. A rubbish bin at the end of Windros lane has been removed. A slightly larger replacement will be purchased in the next couple of months.

PLANNING

Applications Received.

The Parish Council had no objections to the following:

19/02971/HOU - The erection of a single storey side extension and provision of additional off-road parking - 25 The Avenue, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6QB

19/02973/HOU - Alterations and the erection of a first-floor extension to side of dwelling house - 76 Ham Hill, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6RW

Planning Decisions

19/02459/COU - Change of use of ground floor from residential to café (Use Class A3) - 1 High Street, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6PP - **Approved subject to five Conditions.**

The first 2 conditions are the usual ones about when and how the development is carried out.

Conditions 3-5 state: The first-floor accommodation shall not be occupied at any time other than by an

owner/employee(s), or their dependent family, of the business occupying the ground floor of the property

4. No consent is given for the use of the courtyard to the rear of the premises as an outdoor seating area

5. The A3 use approved on the ground floor shall not operate other than between the hours of 08.00 - 17.00 hours Monday - Saturday and 10.00 - 16.00 Sundays and Bank Holidays as stated in an email from applicant dated 14.11.2019.

19/01927/LBC - The carrying out of internal and external alterations to include changes to layout and double glazing of rear windows of the dwelling - 7 East Stoke, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6RQ - Approved subject to 3 Conditions

Ongoing Applications - Awaiting decision

19/02873/HOU - Formation of a first-floor shower room and construction of new dormer - Tudor, Montacute Road, East Stoke, Stoke sub Hamdon TA14 6UQ

Contact details: *Hugh Donovan*
 - Vice Chair of the Parish Council
 The Old Butchery, 23 West Street.
 Tel: 829181

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.

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.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated to Bradley Welsh's fundraising after his horrific accident through Stoke Working Men's Club, The Prince of Wales and Stoke Football Team. It is amazing what everybody had done! The whole village has come together to be part of this, and I cannot thank you all enough. With the money, we are having a log cabin in the garden and putting a gym in there which Bradley will benefit from and continue his rehabilitation.

Sarah Arscott-Perry & Family

SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST

What a year 2019 has been for the Stoke sub Hamdon Sports and Recreation Trust. As well as attending to our normal objectives of managing the Recreation Ground at West Street for the Parish Council; supporting sports and recreation organisations in the village; raising funds and managing projects to improve education, sports and recreation facilities for the community; we have seen 3 major, long term projects come to fruition. The floodlights for the training area at the Recreation Ground have been replaced, the pavilion has been extended, and the fantastic new adventure play area and outdoor gym was completed in time for the school summer holidays.

2020 will be just as exciting as we embark upon projects set out within our new 5-year strategy. The first to get underway in January will be the installation of CCTV to cover the play area on the Rec to keep children and families safe and secure, and to deter any anti-social behaviour. We will also be working hard to progress phase two of the adventure play area project, which will include improved access and plans to upgrade the skateboard park in the longer term, along with other more general improvements to the Recreation Ground.

The Trust would like to say thanks for all the help and support we have received from the community and to wish everyone a prosperous New Year.

Thanks to everyone who supported the evening of pig racing that took place at the Stoke Working Men's Club on Saturday, 23rd November. Particular thanks to Rachael at the Club for supporting us, Dave for acting as compere for the evening and Ricky, Steve and Jeff for running the tote.

A fun evening was had by all with just over £400 raised for both the May Fayre Committee and the Club.

SOMERSET SIGHT

Happily, the Somerset Sight van is calling at the Memorial Hall car park on the following days in 2020 between 1pm - 3.30pm: 16th January 2020, 16th March 2020, 2nd July 2020, 15th September 2020 and 16th November 2020

HAM HILL VOLUNTEER RANGERS

Come and join our team of Volunteer Rangers at Ham Hill Country Park. Give it a try! It's fun, and no experience is necessary - just turn up. You'll get the chance to carry out a variety of exciting seasonal conservation activities such as scrub clearance, tree planting, hedge-laying, drystone-walling, path maintenance, and coppicing.

We meet at 10.00am every Wednesday at the Ranger Office on Ham Hill (TA14 6RW) and finish at around 3.30pm, with a break for lunch. Stay for the full day or just half a day and come along as often as you like. You will be provided with training, gloves, tools, and refreshments.

Wear old weather-appropriate clothes, stout boots or wellies, and a packed lunch (if required).

For more information contact Paul, the ranger on 07973 887129.

DO SOMETHING AMAZING THIS YEAR

For many, the start of a new year brings an opportunity for reflection, fresh starts and change - but could you change a child's story this year?

For over 500 children in Somerset, spending time at home isn't possible right now, which is why we urgently need more foster carers to offer safe, loving homes to our children in care. Foster carers can make a real difference to children's lives. They help them through tough times and give them the support they need to achieve their full potential.

Fostering is not a one size fits all. There are a variety of different avenues within fostering to match the vast and sometimes complex needs of the children in our care, and the lifestyles of our carers; from the dedication of long term fostering over a period of years, to the flexibility of respite

providing care just one weekend a month. In return our carers receive ongoing support and training, a dedicated social worker and a weekly fee and allowance (amounts vary - please speak to our team or visit the website for details).

If you're aged 21 or over and have a spare room, along with the time and patience to support a Somerset child in care, visit fosteringinsomerset.org.uk or call our team on 0800 587 9900 to find out how you could help change a child's story. There is no upper age limit, and things like your gender, sexual preference or marital status are not important - you just need the right qualities and mindset. Alternatively, come along to our next information evening and find out more about fostering over a coffee and cake. Costa Coffee, 8 Townsend Shopping Park, Shepton Mallet on Tuesday 14th January 2020 from 7-9pm.

STOKE LUNCH CLUB

We had a cracking Christmas Day with games, songs, good food and great company. Santa arrived to hand out some presents, to much jubilation. Thank you to Santa and his helpers for making the day such fun.

Now that Christmas has been and gone, we look forward to a brand New Year. The Lunch Club will continue to meet on the last Wednesday of every month in the Lighthouse Cafe at 12.30pm.

This year I am starting to take a deposit in order to save your space at the table. This will start at the January meal; the deposit will be £3. I hope to see you in January, to book a space please call me on 01935 823051. If you have already booked don't worry you are on my list.

I would like to thank all the volunteer helpers and drivers who have made this club possible without them I would not be able to host the Lunch. I would also like to thank all those that turn up every month so support the event. Wishing you all a happy healthy 2020.

EVERY STEP COUNTS AND HEALTH WALKS

Why not come along and join us on our led walks and enjoy seeing the lovely, ever-changing countryside around Stoke. You will receive a warm welcome, lively conversation and the opportunity

for a cup of tea or lunch at the Lighthouse Café after the walks.

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month and both walks start and end at the Lighthouse Café opposite the Fleur de Lis pub.

'Every Step Counts' walks begin at 9.30am and last approx. 30 to 40 mins, walking on pavements or paths around the village.

Health Walks start at 10.30am and last approx. 90 minutes, walking along tracks, footpaths and occasionally ascending Ham Hill and visiting neighbouring villages.

Just turn up, wearing suitable clothing and shoes for the weather.

If you would like more information, please contact any one of the four trained walk leaders: Mark & Jane 07496148756 Penny 822208 or Anne 826256

POP IN

Pop In meet at the Oak Tree House on Thursday afternoons at 2.30pm. We like to chat over tea and cake and join in games such as board games and Boccia or listen to a speaker from a variety of backgrounds.

We realise that many people are missing out on socialising with us because they need transport. Is there anyone in Stoke sub Hamdon who would have a few hours free on Thursday afternoon to pick up a few older people from the Stoke sub Hamdon area and drive them to and from the group? We will pay 45p a mile for petrol.

If you would be interested, please contact Paul on 07770348767 or Cath on 07968521746.

STOKE COMMUNITY VILLAGE SHOP PROJECT

By the time you read this, Stoke-sub-Hamdon Community Shop will be a registered Community Benefit Society and on course to keep the Shop at the Cross open for local people. As we're run by the community for the community, we'll be offering lifetime membership of our organisation for £5, which gives all members a vote at our AGMs. For more information about becoming a member, or volunteering your time or expertise, contact Lyn Foley, email: lafoley@live.co.uk, tel 823051.