

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)
BOWLS CLUB - Weekly - Friday, 7.00pm - 9.30pm (Memorial Hall)
BOYS BRIGADE - Weekly - Thursday 6.00pm - 7.30pm (now at Marrock Christian Fellowship)
BRIDGE CLUB - Weekly - Monday starting at 8.30pm (Working Mens Club)
BROWNIES - Weekly - Every Tuesday during term time (Hamdon Youth & Family Centre)
CRIME & MYSTERY BOOK GROUP
 Jackie Poole 01935 823606
 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
FOOTBALL - SENIOR TEAMS - Training Tuesday evenings 6.30pm. Matches weekend
FOOTBALL - YOUTH TEAMS - Training weekday evenings. Matches Saturdays & Sundays
 Ashleigh Bussell 07969 106205
 Kim Campbell 07973 650121 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)
HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK - VOLUNTEER RANGERS - Weekly Wed. 10.00am - 3.30pm (Ranger's Office)
 Sonja Hellier 01460 241297 email pipershaunt@hotmail.com
HAMDON BRASS BAND
 Paul McNeill 07973 3887129
HAMDON PLAYGROUP - Monday - Friday term time, 8.30 am - 3.30 pm.
 Ann or Karon 01935 826832
 Email: hamdonplaygroup@btinternet.com
HAMDON COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT -
 Maria Eames 01935 824064
HISTORY GROUP
 Carol Parker 825393
LADIES CIRCLES Thursday at 6pm in the Memorial Hall
 Barbara Brooks, Chairman 824432 Sarah Moore, Clerk 822455
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 Ullthorn 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
POP-IN - Weekly - Thursday (Oak Tree House)
 Paul Spearpoint 826375
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
 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_jeffley@hotmail.com
 Facebook: @StokeBabyAndToddlerGroup
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
 Jeannie 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 Hall
 John 07721 060901
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@yyp.me.uk

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Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council NEWSLETTER March 2020

PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR'S UPDATE

We are pleased to report that the parish council's application for a £500 County Council Improving Lives Grant on behalf of the monthly Lunch Club has been successful. This will help towards the financial sustainability of the project and enable it to grow for the benefit of our older residents. Councillors also agreed to grant £1,000 towards a new defibrillator at Stanchester Academy on condition that it could be easily accessed by members of the public.

We were delighted to hear that 45 people had signed up as volunteers to run the new Community Shop and that arrangements for the handover to the village in March were going well. We also learnt that the money required to purchase the old URC for the Hamdon Community Arts Project was on track and that legal negotiations were now taking place.

A new grit bin is being purchased for the use of residents in Orchid Acre and East Stoke, and the Co-op have given us permission for it to be placed on the verge by their sign. Following a tender process which included a detailed specification on the multiple sites in Stoke to be maintained, a new three year ground maintenance contract has been awarded to a different contractor Evis Ground Maintenance who are a local family firm and have previously worked for the council.

The fibreglass tree supports in Jubilee Wood are no longer required and the council have arranged to donate them to the Ham Hill Rangers for use in the country park. Although Jubilee Wood is technically owned by the Duchy, local volunteers including one of our own councillors have regularly helped with maintenance work.

Speeding as we know is an issue in Stoke. Following a detailed scoping exercise along the main roads in Stoke councillors have identified possible locations for the new portable Speed Indicator Device (SID) that we have agreed to purchase. We will now ask Highways for permission for these specific locations.

County Councillor Neil Bloomfield who is Chair of Martock Parish Council has offered the hire of their own SID for four weeks so that we can trial one out before purchasing. The SID has to be regularly moved around the village and provides data on average speeds at each location.

The NHS has asked us to tell you about a new consultation they have until 12th April on health and care services in Somerset. They want to gather feedback about providing care closer to home and to support people to live independent healthier lives. You can find out more on the website www.fitformyfuture.org.uk.

Contact details:

Barbara Brooks, Chair of the Parish Council
 Tel: 824432; Email: chairss@stokeparishcouncil.co.uk
 Tamarisk, High St (opp. Working Men's Club)

REPORTING CRIME

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.

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WALKERS

Tuesday, 3rd March 2020

This will be our first walk of 2020 to Pitt Pond by kind permission of Jack Parker. We begin by going along Bowey, then along Norton Path and down over Sandy Lane, up through Norton Woods and follow the footpath which will take us to Pitt Pond. We will spend time going around Pitt Pond and then back up across the field to Batemore Barn and along the path to The Prince of Wales for lunch.

We meet at 10.30am at Sea Wall, about 50 yards on the Montacute side of Bonnies Lane. Please wear suitable boots or shoes and clothing according to the weather. All our walks are free, and we welcome new walkers to our friendly group. Well behaved dogs are also welcome. ALL WALKS ARE UNDERTAKEN AT THE WALKERS OWN RISK.

For more information please contact Norman on 01935 822792.

BOYS BREAKFAST CLUB

Sick of staring at the same four walls? Arguing with the T.V./radio? Fancy talking with your fellow man (or just enjoying the company)? then you will be more than welcome to do this over a cooked breakfast and a cuppa! The cost is £8.00 to cover non-profit.

There is no hidden agenda, only to talk sport, catch up with old/new friends, laugh etc. As men, we are rubbish at this!

Where and when do we meet? We meet in the Fleur de Lis between 9am and 11am on a monthly basis. The first meeting was on 29th February and the next dates for your diary are 4th April and 9th May. If there is a good 'take up' further dates will be set up - This is driven by you!

For further information please contact Tim Brooks or John Pollock on 07400 277998 or email . Looking forward to seeing you there.

STOKE CHARITY SHOP

Moving on Up!

Stoke Charity Shop is moving to new premises next to the Community Shop in March. This move provides an opportunity to build on the 8-year success of the Charity Shop within the village and offer volunteers and customers a light, comfortable

working and shopping experience. You are invited to browse when the new shop officially opens on Monday 23rd March. Come in between 2 to 4 pm to share tea and cake and tell us what you think of the new shop.

While the new shop is being prepared, our North Street premises will remain open to accept your good quality donations and continue to offer you exceptional bargains. We look forward to this next phase in the history of the Charity Shop and appreciate your continued support in raising funds for local projects.

Jumble Sale

Date for your Diary: Stoke Charity Shop's Spring Jumble Sale takes place on Saturday 4th April 2 - 4 pm at the Stoke Working Men's Club function room. Admission is 50p. Come and grab a bargain on clothes, books, games, toys, bric-a-brac and more. Refreshments are available. Hope to see you there!

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 March 2020 - 2nd July 2020
15th September 2020 - 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.

EVERY STEP COUNTS AND HEALTH WALKS

Why not come along and join us on our led walks and enjoy seeing the lovely, everchanging 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 SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE - YOUR SHOP

You'll be pleased to hear that your village-run convenience store - **Stoke Community Shop** - is now open in the former Shop at the Cross premises. We sell a wide range of groceries, fresh and frozen foods, newspapers and magazines, and much more. Plus, we have a Post Office service three times a week.

For more information about volunteering, membership and other ways you can support the shop, contact Lyn Foley, email: lafoley@live.co.uk tel: 823051 or visit www.stokeshop.co.uk.

Stoke Community Shop opening hours:

Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm
Saturday 8am - 1pm
Sunday 8.30am - 12.30pm



Post Office Counter (Inside Stoke Community Shop)

Monday - 9.00am to 12 noon,
Thursday - 1.00pm to 4.00pm
Friday - 9.00am to 12 noon,
(excluding Bank Holidays)

DIARY OF EVENTS

MARCH

2nd Stoke Community Shop Opening
3rd Stoke Active Walkers
3rd Sports & Recreation Trust AGM
9th Every Step Counts
16th Somerset Sight
23rd Every Step Counts
23rd New Charity Shop Opening

APRIL

4th Boys Breakfast Club
4th Charity Shop Jumble Sale

MAY

9th Boys Breakfast Club