

## CONTACTS

Church of England at St Mary's. OCTOBER SERVICES Sunday 11th October 8.00am Holy Communion Sunday 25th October Morning Praise plus A.P.C.M. ALL SAINTS HALL BOOKING SECRETARY	Associate Vicar: Rev Annie Gurner, 824167, revgurner@btinternet.com Parish Office, 1 Castle Street TA14 6RE website: www.hamhillchurches.org Ann Davison 07709 609488
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 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
FLEXERISE 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
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. 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 -	Maria Eames 01935 824064
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
POP-IN - Weekly - Thursday (Oak Tree House)	Paul Spearpoint 826375
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 - 1pm; 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 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 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 ARTISTS - Monday 10.00am - 12.30pm, Friday 10.00am - 12 noon (Memorial Hall) Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm (Memorial Hall)	Diana Bailey 01935 881647
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

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## Parish council

### Chairs update

At our September's meeting we were very happy to co-opt and welcome Mrs Alex Schellenberg onto the Council. There are still two more councillor positions to fill so if anyone is interested please contact either our Clerk, Sarah, or myself for details. Councillors were very pleased at their Zoom meeting in September to award a grant of £1,000 to Stoke Band for the insurance of their instruments. The Band has had no income since the lockdown started and their concerts have been much missed. Their music brings a lot of pleasure to all the village events run throughout the year and we all look forward to the time when they are able to do so again.

For some time now, some of the jobs that County Highways and the District Council have responsibility for like keeping our roads and pavements weed-free, drains clear etc have not been carried out due to their staff shortages and budget cuts. The parish council has now made a decision to employ a SSDC Parish Ranger (lengthsman) ourselves for a minimum one day each month to carry out these sorts of jobs and to do other small repairs to village assets around the village and when required. This means that we have more control over keeping our village clean and tidy. The Ranger's first job has been to mend the broken gate at Dannings Well in Matts Lane to prevent dogs running through into the road. The next priority is to ensure that all the village road drains are unblocked before the bad weather begins, starting with those in North Street and Ham Hill Road. This Ranger service is a paid service and will come out of our council budget each year. We'll review it quarterly to see how well it's working and to ensure we are addressing the right issues. If there are things that need repairing please get in touch with the Parish Clerk in the normal way.

We've been asked to remind you about the 'Rule of 6'. The new restrictions on social interaction announced on the 14<sup>th</sup> September mean that all social gatherings indoors and outdoors should be restricted to groups of no more than 6 people. This is to try to slow/reduce the impact of a second wave of COVID-19 before the winter by limiting the number of people we socially meet at any one time. It really makes sense and though it might be a bit frustrating, it's for everyone's benefit in the end.

There are some exemptions to this rule for COVID-19 Secure community facilities like the Working Men's Club, Memorial Hall, Youth Centre and HCAP where more than one group of 6 can meet indoors, providing the separate groups are socially distanced. Certain activities involving children are also exempt.



# Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council NEWSLETTER

October 2020

All Stoke community venues that are now open are COVID-19 Secure with proper cleaning and structured social distancing measures in place, so it's ok and safe to use these. Finally stay safe and well. Remember - Hands, Face, Space!

*Cllr Barbara Brooks, Chair*  
01935 824432, chairshpc@hotmail.com

### Planning Applications

The following application has been lodged on the SSDC Planning site over the past month.

#### 20/02359/HOU 39 High Street

Erection of single storey extension to rear of house

### Planning Decisions

The following planning decisions have been made by the District Council over the past month.

#### 20/01704/HOU Old Smithy, North Street

Replacement of two greenhouses by a log cabin. Permitted with conditions.

#### 20/01622/FUL Land rear of Suntreat, Montacute Road, East Stoke

Building of "lifetime" home (disabled access). The access would open onto the new Co-Op drive leading to Orchid Acre Close as the new house is directly behind the last house on Montacute Road. Permitted with conditions.

## Join Us

Would you be interested in joining the Parish Council and helping us to support and protect our village facilities and activities? We meet once on the first Wednesday evening monthly. We have 2 vacancies at present. If you would like to know more about it all, please contact Sarah Moore, our Parish Clerk on 822455 for an informal chat.



### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### PARISH OF STOKE SUB HAMDON

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 87 of the Local Government Act 1972 that 2 vacancies have occurred on the Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council. Unless a request for an election to be held is submitted in writing to the Proper Officer of the South Somerset District Council, at the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 2HT by no later than 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 by ten electors for the Parish of Stoke sub Hamdon, the Parish Council will proceed to fill the vacancies by co-option.

*Mrs S Moore*  
Parish Clerk, 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

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 at the bottom of this newsletter.

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020 AT 7PM

The Parish Council are now holding their meetings via the virtual meeting platform Zoom. The basic package is free to use and can be accessed at <https://zoom.us/>. If you would like to attend our virtual parish council meeting please contact me at [clerksshpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clerksshpc@hotmail.co.uk) for the ID link by 3pm on the day of the meeting. If you do not have access to the internet but would still like to listen in on the meeting please telephone me on 01935 822455 for the telephone conferencing number so that you can dial in.

If you would like to participate in the public session, please email/phone through the subject/question you wish to raise with the council when you asked for the ID link/telephone number.

If you are accessing the meeting via the internet:

- Click on the link given to you in the email
- Download the Zoom app, if not already done so
- Test your speakers and microphone on your device (you will be prompted to do this)
- You will then be put in a 'Waiting Room' until you are invited to join.
- Once connected, you must click on the video camera icon at the bottom left hand side of the screen to enable the video. This is so that councillors can see who is attending the meeting.

If you are accessing the meeting by telephone:

- Dial the number given to you by the Clerk.
- Once connected you will be prompted to type in the meeting ID plus #, then #, then the password plus #. You will be placed in a 'Waiting Room' until invited to join.

All microphones will be automatically muted from the start of the meeting. If you wish to participate in the public session your microphone will be unmuted when you are invited to speak.

*Sarah Moore  
Parish Clerk*

We were so very sorry to hear the sad news that Paul Spearpoint passed away last month, and we would like to express our condolences to his family. Paul was a long serving councillor; he joined the parish council in July 2001 where he worked proactively for our community for fifteen years until May 2016. He was chairman twice during his time on the council and he enjoyed a variety of roles especially looking after the allotment sites, the ground maintenance and, making sure the play areas were safe and well equipped for our children.

## 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.

## STOKE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP

### 'Lockdown Reflections 2020'

As everyone will understand, the members of SPAG were very disappointed when we took the decision to cancel our planned production of 'Chicken House Chicks' earlier this year, due to the Coronavirus pandemic. However, as Lockdown progressed it became increasingly evident that the impact of the restrictions placed on us all due to Covid-19, meant we were living through an extraordinary time in our history. As a response to this, the SPAG team came up with the idea of inviting its group members and the wider community to contribute their 'Lockdown Reflections' by making short video clips about their personal Lockdown experiences. These would be shared initially through Facebook with the plan to eventually create a film to help provide a record for the future, of living through the pandemic of 2020 in our village.

A SPAG Facebook request invited people to record their reflections using their smart phone or iPad, with the general idea, that they could talk about any or many subjects related to Lockdown and how this has affected them personally. The 'Lockdown Reflections' posted so far have widely varied in length, content and style, but all have been recognised for their own merit and value.

As life begins to return to some kind of 'new normal' we have continued to gather further Lockdown Reflections for our record by encouraging representatives from village groups and individuals of different age and walks of life, to share their thoughts about the impact of the pandemic.

SPAG would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the 'Lockdown Reflections' project so far and to offer the opportunity to contribute a 'Lockdown Reflection' to any individual or group in our community who would like to.

If you would like to take part then please visit our Stoke Performing Arts Group Facebook page for further details or email Moira at [info@stokeperformingarts.co.uk](mailto:info@stokeperformingarts.co.uk) or phone Jeanie on 01935 579592

Do also take a look at the 'Lockdown Reflections' that have been posted already. We think you will find a great mix of interesting, humorous, informative and at times very personal film clips to watch.

The project will continue to run until the end of November this year, after which we will be aiming to make a film for You Tube that brings together all the contributions. By doing this we hope to capture and create a picture of what 2020 has meant for the villagers of Stoke sub Hamdon.

*Jeanie Augarde (on behalf of Stoke Performing Arts Group)*

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



This year there will be a short Remembrance Service at the Monument on Ham Hill on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> 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. The Government's rules and guidelines on social distancing will be adhered to.

*Jon Moore,  
Poppy Appeal Organiser*

## Stoke Community Shop

### YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

**How we're doing:** We've been open for just over six months now and we're pleased to tell you that our half-year trading figures are looking very promising. Thank you to everyone for your help. With your continued support we can ensure the store is sustainable in the long term as well as realising our long-term aim of providing a support and information hub for villagers.

**Have your say:** We've delivered a questionnaire to every household in Stoke to find out more about how you use the shop, and what we do well... and not so well. Please fill it in and bring it back to the shop or complete it online at: <https://zfrmz.eu/8KQTNKMI8dyVHJwiCR4m>

**Good luck:** Thank you to Dru Perry, who has done so much for us – from deliveries to providing us with handmade cards, bags

and not forgetting the all-time best-selling face masks, with proceeds donated to the store. She's moving from the village so we'd just like to say, good luck Dru and hope you're very happy in your new home.

**Lord's Larder:** Our customers are a generous lot! We estimate that from March-August you donated at least £800 to the food bank. Donations were distributed through Martock Christian Fellowship to those in need in the local area. Distribution has now moved to the Lord's Larder in Yeovil. A big thank you to you all.

**New in:** We're continuing to stock new goods and now offer gluten-free baking products, goats milk, a wide range of plant milks, vegan and cruelty free toiletries, Bio-D natural cleaning products and refills, and dried herbs and spices, as well as the usual essentials.

**Raffle winner:** Congratulations to Joan Oakford who won the beautiful wooden bowl full of shop goodies which was crafted and donated by Les Ledger.

**Opening hours:** We'd like to open Saturday afternoons and would welcome volunteer support to do so. Pick up a Volunteering form from the shop, download it from [stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering](http://stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering) or email [volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@stokeshop.co.uk)

**Home deliveries:** Our home delivery service is here for you if you're unable to get out and about. Call us with your order on 01935 509100 between 9am and 4pm on week days and we'll arrange same day or next-day delivery.

*For more information about the shop and how you can get involved, visit [stokeshop.co.uk](http://stokeshop.co.uk).*

## MEMORIAL HALL

### We are open again!

We are pleased to say that the Memorial Hall is now open again for hire and some of our regular hirers are already back. The Hall is a Covid-19 secure venue following a formal Risk Assessment, with regular cleaning and social distancing measures in place, and hand sanitisers and anti-bac sprays available at all times. During the lockdown period some pre-planned improvements were carried out – new ladies and gents toilets, a new baby-changing unit in the disabled toilet and a new front door. An improved CCTV system is now in place which covers all the car park and grounds to help deter anti-social behaviour. Want to help us run the Hall and have a couple of hours free every month? We are a relaxed friendly bunch and would love you to join us! Contact Barbara on 824432 or Jill on 829513

## STOKE LUNCH CLUB

As you are all aware due to lock down I had to cancel the Lunch Club, which has been really difficult for some of our elderly residents. However there may be a small shining glimmer, at the time of writing this article the lunch club can go ahead all be it in a new format. It will now take place in the Memorial Hall in the afternoon starting at 2pm. I am unable to produce a 3 course cooked meal so I am thinking of alternative things to eat, so in September it was a high tea. In October it will be fish and chips and in November Soup and a sandwich.

I am intending to cook Christmas Day Lunch for those who want it providing I am allowed to through the ever changing Covid rules. However if you would like to express an interest in any of these activities please contact me on 01935 823051 or pop in to the Community shop I am in most afternoons.

Please take care and I look forward to seeing you soon.

## TAKING CARE OF HEDGEHOGS

I have for a while had a massive passion for Hedgehogs. I've rescued and released many of these gorgeous animals and have a substantial number in my garden that I feed every night and it is a pleasure to sit and watch them snuffling around.

Unfortunately, Hedgehogs are now on the red list as Vulnerable to Extinction and if the numbers keep declining like they are they could be extinct by 2025 so I'm asking everyone to try and help them if you can. The easiest way is to make a small hole in a fence - 13cm x 13cm - so they can move around from garden to garden instead of going onto roads as they can go 2 miles foraging for food each night.

Milk should not be given to Hedgehogs as they are lactose intolerant. If you would like to feed them dog/cat food and cat biscuits are best, also leave out a shallow dish of water for them. Also, leave a small patch of garden to over grow as that would also be beneficial for them.

If we all did these small things it would help them to build their numbers back up. Please look out for Hedgehogs and help them if you can. Thank you.

*Suzanne Nelms*

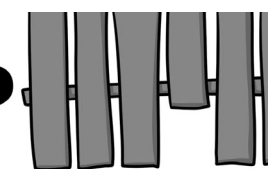
## WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR HEDGEHOGS?



@DOOLEBETH  
@BETH WILSON ZDA



FRESH WATER IN A SHALLOW DISH



HEDGEHOG HIGHWAYS – MAKE HOLES IN YOUR GARDEN FENCE SO HEDGEHOGS CAN GET IN AND OUT.



MEATY FOOD (CAT, DOG OR HEDGEHOG FOOD)