

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.	Associate Vicar: Rev Annie Gurner, 824167, revgurner@btinternet.com Parish Office, 1 Castle Street TA14 6RE website: www.hamhillchurches.org
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 Marock Christian Fellowship)	Ian Rumbelow 881712
BRIDGE CLUB - Weekly - Monday starting at 8.30pm (Working Mens Club)	
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)	Sue Winwood 823671
GUIDES & BROWNIES - Weekly - Every Tuesday during term time (Hamdon Youth & Family Centre)	Jackie Poole 01935 823606
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 pipershaun@hotmail.com
HAMDON PLAYGROUP - Monday - Friday term time, 8.30 am - 3.30 pm. 2 years old, 3/4 years and 30 hours funding available.	Ann or Karen 01935 826832 Email: hamdonplaygroup@btinternet.com
HISTORY GROUP	Caral 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
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	John 01935 432471, Carolyn.lefley@hotmail.com
STOKE LUNCH CLUB FOR OLDER PEOPLE - Lighthouse Cafe last Wednesday of the month.	Lyn Foley 01935 823051/07714 008265
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)	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 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@cpp.me.uk

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK: MRS. SARAH MOORE, 24 HIGH STREET, STOKE SUB HAMDON TA14 6PS
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Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council NEWSLETTER November 2019

PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR'S UPDATE

The Hamdon Community Arts Project came to our October meeting to present their Business Plan for the purchase of the former URC church. The building will be independently owned and run by HCAP and will mean that the existing users, the Hamdon Playgroup, Charity Shop and Stoke Band will be able to use the building for the foreseeable future. The charity is applying for a £12,500 Community Grant from the District Council towards the £100,000 purchase price, and therefore requires matched funding from this parish council. We understand that HCAP are considering taking out a £50,000 mortgage with the URC Synod on preferential terms.

Following their presentation, councillors were very pleased to be able to support the project in the form of a one-off grant of £12,500 to HCAP, to match the District Council grant, payable on the successful purchase of the church in 2020. We understand that HCAP hope to be in a position to make a "subject to contract" offer letter to the church Synod sometime before Christmas, so exciting news! The parish council has already committed in principle to a £1,000 operational grant for up to 5 years if the purchase is successful, but we will not be able to finance grants for major repairs in the future as the total amount of council tax coming in each year from us all will not support this. The charity will be therefore be applying for funding from well-known grant foundations for any modifications and repairs to the building. We wish them every success in developing their project, which will provide a lovely new facility for all of us in the village. Well done to all those involved and their hard work over the past couple of years.

We were very sorry to hear of the passing of Dave Phillips recently. Dave was a councillor and Chair of the Parish Council in the early 1990s and was able to achieve a lot for our village. A much-loved man, he will be much missed.

PLANNING

The Parish Council have no objections to the following planning applications: -

19/02395/NMA Summerfield - West St Development
Application for a non-material amendment to planning approval 18/02324/REM relating to render, windows, tiles and canopy changes to front elevations including window/general porch styles as well as increase in ceiling heights to plots 11,15 and 16 to improve visual appearance and quality of the development.

19/02523/TCA East Stoke House, East Stoke TA14 6UF
Fell one tree in Conservation Area.

19/02459/COU, 1 High Street Stoke Sub Hamdon TA14 6PP
Change of use from residential to a café A3 use.

19/02203/HOU 34 Norton Road TA14 6QW
Erection of two storey rear extension to house.
The three parking spaces must remain permanently.

19/01873/TCA North Street Farmhouse, North Street
Work to trees in Conservation Area.

Contact details:

Barbara Brooks, Chair of the Parish Council
Tel: 824432 Email: chairshpc@hotmail.com
Tamarisk, High St (opp. Working Men's Club)

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The annual Remembrance Service will take place around the Monument on Ham Hill on Sunday, 10th 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

STOKE ACTIVE WALKERS

Tuesday, 5th November 2019

We begin our walk today by going along to East-Stoke and up Wambury (Lake) and across the field below The Prince of Wales. We will follow the track which will take us to Fairyland and then across the ridge to Batemore Barn. From there we will cross the Odcombe road and then down across the field to the footpath which will go along the top of Hedgecock Woods 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 WALKERS ARE UNDERTAKEN AT THE WALKERS OWN RISK.

For more information please contact Norman on 01935 822792.

MESSIAH CHRISTMAS MUSIC

On 2nd November from 10 am until 4.30 pm there will be a 'Come and Sing' Messiah Christmas music at the old URC in Stoke in aid of the Hamdon Community Arts Centre. The cost is £15 which includes refreshments. This will be followed by a concert at 5.30 pm. Tickets cost: £8. For further details please email Catherine Fraser at helivet@msn.com

STOKE SUB HAMDON MAY FAYRE COMMITTEE/STOKE WORKING MEN'S CLUB

A reminder that there will be an evening of pig racing in the Stoke Working Men's Club on Saturday, 23rd November starting at 7.30 pm. This promises to be a really fun evening so please come and join us. For further information or to book a place, please contact Denise on 827793 or by email at denisesburton@btinternet.com

HAMDON COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT

Come along to HCAP's Christmas Craft Fayre in the Stoke Working Men's Club on Saturday, 16 November 2019 from 11 am to 4 pm. There will be a variety of stalls, plus refreshments on offer throughout the day, and don't forget that Santa will be there with presents for the children! For further details or to book a stall, please contact Denise on 827793 or by email at denisesburton@btinternet.com

A concert by Parnham Voices. An 'A Capella' choir from Beaminster on Saturday 7th December at 3pm. Tickets £8 to include festive refreshments. Call the ticket hotline on 01935 824064 to book a ticket. (Answering machine - please leave a message and we will get back to you).

Our THIRD Christmas Tree Festival starts on Sunday the 8th of December for one week and will be open daily from 6-8pm. Free event, come along to see this magical wonderland and add a personal wish to our village tree. If you would like to include a tree in the event, please contact Ann Goad at Hamdon Preschool Playgroup (Hamdonplaygroup@btinternet.com)

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.

TRIANGLE TRUST

The Triangle Trust will be holding its Christmas Bazaar at Stoke Memorial Hall on Saturday, 30th November from 2pm - 4.30pm. All the usual stalls: Christmas Gifts, Crafts, Cakes, refreshments and our grand raffle. There will also be a visit from Father Christmas with a free present for each child. Please come and help us support Hamdon Medical centre.

Stall holders please be at the hall to set up at Midday. £10 per table. Booking and enquiries to Jennie Harris 01935 887178 or Dave Warry on 01935 822271.

STOKE BOWLS CLUB

The Stoke sub Hamdon Short Mat Bowls Club is in dire need of new members. The club has been running since 1994 when it was first formed with about 40 members + the membership has now dwindled to 15 so much so that we have to reduce our club activities to one session on a Friday evening from 6.30 - 9.30 p.m. this allows for 2hrs playing time from 7 - 9 p.m.

Short mat bowling is a great way to improve fitness while at the same time enjoy the fellowship of fellow bowlers. New members are always welcome and can be assured of a friendly atmosphere, initially there is no need to be concerned that you do not have the necessary equipment as the club holds a selection of woods etc to help getting new members started. So just turn up on a Friday evening at 7p.m. and we will have you playing in no time.

Norman Warry, Chairman. 01935 822044.
Contact details. Norman Patch. 01935 822792;
Sylvia Warry. 01935 822044

STOKE LUNCH CLUB

The date of the next lunch club is November 27th. 12.30pm in the lighthouse cafe. If you would like to put your name down to attend there is still room. I am also still taking names for Christmas Day Lunch. If you would like to attend either or both of these events, please contact Lyn Foley 01935 823051.

EVERY STEP COUNTS & 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 07496 148756 Penny 822208 or Anne 826256

STOKE BAND NEWS

We are looking forward to seeing you in Sunday 10th November, when a small number of the band will be joining the service on Ham Hill to accompany the hymns. In the afternoon the band will be at the British Legion Service in Ilminster.

Christmas is coming fast, and our Christmas Concert will be on Saturday 7th December at the Memorial Hall, tickets will be £6 and Christmas puddings and pies will be served as usual.

On Saturday 14th December, we will once again be playing carols outside at the Prince of Wales but this year from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. Please come and sing along with us. This is an event for all the family to enjoy. Let's hope the weather is better than last year's storm. As usual and weather permitting, we will be around Stoke on Christmas Eve.

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 07770 348767 or Cath on 07968 521746.

STOKE COMMUNITY VILLAGE SHOP PROJECT

We would like to thank all of you who completed the questionnaire we had over 190 responses. Through the analysis of these responses we have decided that it is well worth trying to keep the shop open. So, a small group of people have formed a steering group committee to try and move this project forward.

We have had to try and navigate the complexities of developing the shop into a Community run venture, but with your support we hope to manage the process. We are in discussions with lots of people and agencies to help us. But the bottom line is we can only do this with your support. We will have held 2

Open Meetings on the 23rd October 3.30pm and 7.30 pm to keep our community informed of our development. There has been a Facebook page, open where we hope to report our progress so if you are able to please like and follow us, this will help you keep abreast of events.

On 2nd November we are hosting a fundraising afternoon tea from 2-5 pm the Lighthouse Café where we will serve sandwiches, scones and cake plus tea and coffee. This will cost £5 per person. To pre-book a table please contact Lyn Foley on 01935 823051.

Please, please lend us your support. You will find, around the village, where we are putting up posters of events, keep your eyes peeled. It's really hard work but we are working for you and our community so lend a hand if you can. Please contact Lyn Foley on 01935 823051.

Our committee members are Lyn Foley, Katherine Rahe, Emma Herrod, Sue Menzies, Clive White, Sue Wright and George Poulson who is working at arm's length doing our IT info and Facebook page. We need help with fundraising locally so if you can offer us a couple of hours, we would be grateful. Telephone 823051 or email me at lfoley@live.co.uk Thank you. Your Stoke Community Shop Steering Committee

ST MARGARET'S HOSPICE SANTA DASH – Sunday 8 December

Come and join in the festive fun at St Margaret's Hospice Annual Santa Dash organised by Yeovil Town Running Club. This 4km run goes through the scenic Yeovil Country Park and is always a spectacular sight as hundreds of Santas dash to raise cash. So, whether you want to race seriously, have a festive day out with the family or just want a giggle with friends, the Santa Dash is the perfect event for everyone! You can sign up to take part online on the St Margaret's Hospice Website. Entry fees: £10 for adults, £5 for children (aged 5-16), Under 5's free - (If you are running with an under 5 please get in touch by emailing victoria.poole@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk), £7 for England Athletics Affiliated

Even if you aren't up to running – some along a see the festive fun as a flurry of Santas dash around Yeovil Country park – they set off at 11.00am. For more details contact Victoria Poole on 01935 709157.

DIARY OF EVENTS:

NOVEMBER

2nd Messiah Christmas Music
2nd Stoke Community Village Shop Fundraising Afternoon Tea

5th Stoke Active Walkers

10th Remembrance Service - Ham Hill

11th Every Step Counts

16th HCAP Christmas Craft Fayre

23rd Pig Racing Night

25th Every Step Counts

27th Stoke Lunch Club

30th Triangle Trust Christmas Bazaar

DECEMBER

7th HCAP - Parnham Voices

8th Stoke Band Christmas Concert

9th Every Step Counts

14th Stoke Band – Christmas Carols at Prince of Wales

16th Every Step Counts