

## CONTACTS

Church of England at St Mary's, Church Services:	The Rector Rev. Nick Clarke. Tel 07842 192402, revnickclarke@gmail.com
1st Sunday 11.00am Cafe church in All Saints Hall	
2nd Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion	The Vicarage, 1 Castle Street TA14 6RE
3rd Sunday 11.00am Morning Praise	website: www.hamhillchurches.org
4th Sunday 11.00am CW Holy Communion	
2nd and 4th Wednesdays 9.00am BCP Holy Communion	
ALL SAINTS HALL BOOKING SECRETARY	Ann Davison 07709 609488
BOYS BRIGADE - Weekly - Thursday 6.00pm - 7.30pm (now at Martock Christian Fellowship)	Ian Rumbelow 01935 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	Steve Deane 07881 464280 email: stevekatherine@hotmail.co.uk
FOOTBALL - YOUTH TEAMS - Training weekday evenings. Matches Saturdays & Sundays	Steve Arnold: stokefcchair@hotmail.com & John Elliott: stokefcsec@gmail.com 07775 562122
FOOTPATHS - problems and issues contact the Parish Clerk	Sarah Moore, Clerk 01935 822455
GARDENING CLUB - Monthly - Fourth Wednesday 7.30pm (Memorial Hall)	Secretary: sec.sshgardeningclub@gmail.com. Tel : 01935 823691
HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK - VOLUNTEER RANGERS - Weekly Weds 9.50am-3.30pm (Ranger's Office)	Paul McNeill 07973 887129
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
HISTORY GROUP	Carol Parker 825393
LIGHTHOUSE CAFE - Monday 10.00am - 1.00pm	Sarah Russell 826355
MAY FAYRE - Annual Event for Sports & Recreation Trust	Denise Burton 827793
MEDITATION GROUP -	Emma Herrod 01935 829443
MEMORIAL HALL BOOKING SECRETARY	bookings.stokememorialhall@hotmail.com. Mary Steel 01935 508996
PARISH COUNCIL - Monthly First Wednesday 7.00pm, The Hamdon Youth & Family Centre Website: stokesubhamdoncouncil.com	Lyn Foley, Chairman 01935 83051 Sarah Moore, Clerk 01935 822455
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER	Abby Linaker email: abby.linaker@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)	
STOKE AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION	Derek Goad 01935 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 - 4.30pm; 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 Castle School Training Band - To be arranged	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
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 01935 881718
VILLAGE AGENT - Cluster SS2 Cath Holloway	cath@somerstrcc.org.uk Tel: 07968 521746
VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP - Tuesdays 7.45pm - 9.45pm & Friday 10.00am - 12 Noon (Memorial Hall) (during school term times only)	Ali Dunford 01935 823394
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  
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## Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council

# NEWSLETTER

June 2022

## CHAIR'S UPDATE

As you may be aware there was an election for the Stoke sub Hamdon Ward on 5th May to elect new Parish Councillors. The results of which were as follows:

- **Lyn Foley**
- **Barbara Brooks**
- **Moira Hulett**
- **Graham Middleton**
- **Owen Setter**
- **Hugh Donovan**
- **Denise Burton**
- **Paul Jeffery**
- **Rebecca Merrick**
- **Paul Goulder**

The results of which have allowed four new councillors to be elected. The election for the Stanchester Ward was uncontested with Suzanne Nelms being elected. At the Annual Parish Council meeting on 18th May, a new Chair, Lyn Foley, and Vice Chair, Owen Setter, were elected.

The newly formed Council would like to thank the outgoing Chair, Barbara Brooks, and Vice-Chair, Hugh Donovan, for their service to the community over the past nine years and seven years, respectively. They will continue as valued members of the Parish Council.

The Parish Council look forward to working with the community, and the organisations within it; to help make the community a vibrant and welcoming place to live. Our aims are to engage with the community; to listen, support and enable, where possible, people, projects and ideas that help to develop and enhance our Community.

Please feel free to contact the Clerk, Sarah Moore, or any member of the Council to start those conversations. It is important that you know we are listening.

**Lyn Foley**

**Chair of Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council**



**JUBILEE SERVICE**

There will be a service to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on  
Sunday, 5th June at 11am at the Memorial Hall.  
Stoke Band will be playing. All are invited.

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.

## STOKE SUB HAMDON SUMMER FETE

Don't miss Stoke sub Hamdon's Summer Fete which will be held on Saturday, 2nd July 2022 from 11am to 4.30pm in the Memorial Hall and its grounds. There will be a variety of stalls, refreshments (including a bar) and much more. If you would like to volunteer to have a stall, please contact Denise Burton on 07788 900672 or by email at denisesburton@btinternet.com. Otherwise just come along and enjoy the day.

## THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

The Friends of Castle School are bringing a HUGE big top circus to Stoke Memorial Hall Ground on Saturday 12th June. It will be here for one day only. There will also be lots of sideshows and food stalls to accompany it.

The event starts at 12.00pm with the big top tent opening at 1.30pm with an amazing show starting at 2.00pm.

Tickets are available now from [www.pta-events.co.uk/focsevents](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/focsevents). A family ticket is £34, individual tickets are £9.50 and under 2s are free.

**This is an amazing show not to be missed!**

## STOKE SUB HAMDON 'VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP'

The Village Artist Group is a small, friendly, supportive group of people, of all ages and abilities, who meet weekly – Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.30pm and Fridays 10.00- 12 midday during term time at the Memorial Hall, Stoke sub Hamdon to practice all forms of visual arts in a relaxed atmosphere. We have a pool of incredibly talented and sociable people here who would always welcome new members to join in the fun.

If you are interested in venturing out once or twice a week and are looking forward to a very rewarding and affordable pastime, please contact me on 01935 829513 or [malcolmuhlhorn99@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmuhlhorn99@gmail.com) for a free introductory session or a chat.

## CONCERT TRIP

On 30th July, there is a concert of classical music including Mozart's Mass in C minor at Wells Cathedral. I am looking at organizing a minibus from Stoke and if that would interest you, would you please contact me by email at [helivet.msn.com](mailto:helivet.msn.com). The cost of the concert tickets is £15, £25 or £30 and I anticipate the minibus would add another £12 per person.

Catherine Fraser

## AFTERNOON TEA CLUB

### Bus Trip to Sidmouth

After much organisation, I am pleased to announce that the Afternoon Tea Club are putting on a bus trip to Sidmouth on Wednesday, 13th July 2022. We have a 52-seater coach to fill. Many of the seats have already been allocated to club members but I still have 15 left. If you would like to come with us then please ring me, Lyn Foley, on 01935 823051. It will be on a first come, first serve basis. If you need help with your mobility or need equipment taking, please let me know. For those of you who may need a wheelchair, then please make sure you can bring someone along who can help you.

This will be the first bus trip in many years from the village and it is the first one we have organised, so bear with us.

**The Afternoon Tea Club Team:  
Jill, Kay, Lisa, Sue and Lyn**

## 40TH ANNIVERSARY FALKLANDS CONFLICT

On Saturday, 11th June 2022 from 7pm there will be an evening to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Falklands Conflict in Stoke Working Men's Club. There will be a period of reflection during the evening with the Keith Robins playing Last Post and the Reveille, and Brian Shaw will be playing the bagpipes.

Come and join us for a hog roast and 80's disco. Donations will be much appreciated and there will be a raffle for a luxury hamper with all proceeds going to the Royal British Legion.

**Jon Moore and Shaun Pitt-Kerby**

## A RIGHT ROYAL PLATINUM DO

The organising committee of the Platinum Jubilee event would like to thank all the sponsors for their financial support. Those being: Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council, Stoke Community Shop, Stoke Sports and Recreation Trust, Greenslade Taylor Hunt, Stokes Partners, Priory Coffee and a Couple of Kooks.

We would also like to put a big shout out to EVERYONE who volunteered their time and personal resources to make this event a memorable and fun occasion. None of this would happen without your help and support.

We have all worked hard to bring this event together so that our Community can celebrate this auspicious occasion.

**A very BIG THANK YOU from all of us.  
Moir, Sue, Paul, John, Denise, Rebecca,  
Leanne and Lyn**

## STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

**Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday Opening Times:** We're closing earlier on the two bank holidays because of the celebrations being held in the village for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We'll be open from **8am to 12 Noon on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June**. There will be **no Post Office counter services** on these days. Back to normal opening hours on Saturday, 4th June.

**Get Ready For Summer:** We've been stocking up on our range of ice creams and frozen desserts, so pop in for some of your favourite summer treats.

**Why Volunteer?** We invited Community Shop and Charity Shop volunteers to tell us what attracted them to volunteering with Stoke sub Hamdon's two community-run stores and what they get out of being part of the teams. You can find out what they told us in the June issue of the HamBook.

**... and Why Not Become a Volunteer?** If you've a few hours to spare and fancy getting involved in the Community Shop, we'd love you to join our friendly volunteer team. Pop into the shop for a chat about what's involved, or email [volunteer@stokeshop.co.uk](mailto:volunteer@stokeshop.co.uk). You can also find out more at [stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering](http://stokeshop.co.uk/volunteering) and download an application form.

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

## STOKE CHARITY SHOP

**Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Stoke:** Stoke Charity Shop along with Stoke Sports and Recreation Trust are proud to contribute funding for this grand occasion. What a great way to bring the village together!

**AGM:** There will be several executive positions on the committee up for election at the next AGM on Monday, 5th September. The Charity Shop needs your new ideas and enthusiasm to take it forward and continue our success. A brief outline of committee members' roles and responsibilities is available to view in the Volunteer Manual located in the Charity Shop. Nomination papers will be provided to all volunteers in advance. Outgoing members of the current committee are happy to answer any questions you may have and to provide ongoing support on request.

## HAMDON YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTRE

Stoke sub Hamdon Brownies and Blackrock School of Irish Dance wanted to thank everyone who supported them in whatever capacity on 23rd April for the coffee morning in aid of the Disaster Emergency Committee Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. We are pleased to inform you that £364.50 was raised in total. We loved seeing so many people and hope you enjoyed the Irish dancing entertainment and refreshed by a coffee and cake.

**Jackie Poole**

## STOKE SUB HAMDON HEALTH WALK

**Guided Health Walk:** These walks take place every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 10:30am. The walks are approximately 90 minutes, on fields, tracks and hills in the local area. Dress to suit the conditions on the day. Stout footwear is a necessity. Meet at the Lighthouse Café on the High Street, opposite the Fleur pub. Next walk dates: Monday 13th June & 27th June.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>June</b>	
3rd	'A Right Royal Platinum Do'
5th	Jubilee Service
11th	40th Anniversary Falklands Conflict
12th	Friends of Castle School Circus
13th	Health Walks
22nd	Summer Fete
27th	Health Walks
<b>July</b>	
2nd	Summer Fete
9th	Book Signing – Montacute
13th	Afternoon Tea Club – Trip to Sidmouth
30th	Concert Trip to Wells Cathedral
<b>September</b>	
5th	Charity Shop AGM