

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 Marrock 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 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 kimcamb73@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 Sonja Hellier 01460 241297 email pipershaun@hotmail.com
HAMDON BRASS BAND	
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 Karen 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 827793
MAY FAYRE - Annual Event for Sports & Recreation Trust	Denise Burton 826793
MEDITATION GROUP - Tuesdays at 8.00pm in the HCAP building (URC)	Emma Herrod 01935 829443
MEMORIAL HALL BOOKING SECRETARY	bookings.stokememorialhall@hotmail.com. Jill Uhlhorn 829513
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 THE SHOP AT THE CROSS)	
OPENING TIMES Monday & Friday 9.00am to 12 noon, Tuesday 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_lejley@hotmail.com Facebook: @StokeBabyAndToddlerGroup
STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP OPENING HOURS - Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm, Saturday 8am - 1pm; Sunday 8.30am - 12.30pm	
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 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 Hams 881718
VILLAGE AGENT - Cluster SS2 Cath Holloway	cath@somerserccc.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@yyp.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 2020

CHAIR'S UPDATE

Wow, what a brilliant VE Day celebration in Stoke this year! We may not have been able to have our planned Hog Roast, music and games at the Memorial Hall, but every road seems to have gone to town with an amazing street party on the Friday! Flags everywhere, teapots and cupcakes, sandwiches and barbeques, wine and beer flowing liberally and a wonderful chance for all of us to catch up with our neighbours and have a laugh and a chat (socially distanced of course!).

On behalf of every single member of this village I would like to thank Keith Robins from the Stoke Band for playing the Last Post and Reveille on his bugle up at the Monument on Ham Hill - a goose-bump moment as the sounds wafted over the village - and for Brian Shaw for walking through Stoke streets in his kilt playing the bagpipes, and to Mike Holroyd, who did 'his bit' down the West Street end of the village. You all made the day really special for us all!

Shout out to teachers

The Government has announced that schools will have the opportunity to re-open (for some years only) from the 1st June. Although schooling for most children has been closed nationwide schools have continued to remain open for children of key workers and those at risk. A big shout out to all our teachers at Castle School for the huge efforts they have made in very difficult circumstances not only to continue to teach those children still attending - and with a smile - but also for putting together and delivering food parcels to those children at risk in our community. Absolutely brilliant and a big thank you from all of us.

Council objects to proposed development

Councillors have submitted a formal Objection to the District Council on an Outline planning application for a major development up at East Stoke (Mason's Lane). (We circulated a flyer with last month's newsletter giving you brief information on this). The application is for up to 30 houses on the Cartgate Link (a 60mph road). Councillors have now had an opportunity to consider the application in detail. Key points are that the development would effectively join Montacute and Stoke together, something that neither village wants. We are each individually special! Stoke is well above target for housing under the SSDC Local Plan with four developments approved already over the past 10 years, and the new estate would cause a significant increase in the amount of traffic through both villages.

Articles for the Newsletter, or to advertise forthcoming events; please email or post to Sarah Moore by 16th of previous month. Contact information is at the bottom of this newsletter.

Councillors also consider that the application does not meet many of the District policies. As at the time of writing (21 May) there have been 47 objections. You can read our detailed objection document on the SSDC Search for a Planning Application page under the reference 20/00991/OUT.

New planning application this month:-

20/01054/HOU Treetops, Montacute Road, East Stoke. (Rear extension in place of existing conservatory). Councillors have no objections or observations

Village playgrounds still CLOSED

We can all now exercise individually as much as we want outdoors but please note that all the children's playgrounds at the Memorial Hall, Stonehill and the Recreation Ground remain CLOSED, neither can the picnic tables be used because of social distancing rules.

Church services

Although church services cannot take place, St Mary's is still open for private prayer daily. You can also access the downloads of Sunday services at St Mary's at <http://hamhillchurches.org/sunday-services-during-covid-19/>. If you would like to speak to someone you can call the Rev. Annie Gurner at the parish office on 01935 824167.

Key contact telephone numbers:

Stoke Community Shop 01935 509100 shopping deliveries, prescriptions etc for those at risk
Somerset Support Helpline 0300 790 6275 financial hardship, advice, emotional support, transport to medical appointments.

SSDC Wellbeing Hub 01935 462462 business grants, free food boxes, advice

Rules will continue to change about what we can and cannot do. If you are unsure what is now allowed there is a simple information guide at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

Look out for one another. Keep washing those hands and practicing social distancing! It will save lives.

Stay safe and well.

Cliff Barbara Brooks, Chair
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SOMERSET WASTE PARTNERSHIP – RECYCLING CENTRES

Recycling sites opened from 11 May:

Bridgwater, Chard, Dulverton, Frome, Highbridge, Street, Taunton, Wellington, Wells, Williton and Yeovil.

All will be open six days a week:

**9am-6pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays,
9am-4pm Saturdays and Sundays; all closed Thursdays.**

Access is "one in, one out", a number plate system will be used:

Odd numbers only Mondays, Wednesdays, Saturdays

Even numbers only Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays

Other restrictions include:

- Maximum two people per household
- No people with COVID-19 symptoms, or who have been asked to shield
- No large vans (3.5 tonne or heavier)
- No trailers
- Gloves to be worn outside vehicles
- Only these materials will be taken:**
- Refuse usually put in your rubbish bin, and bulky items, such as furniture
- Garden waste
- Large electrical items, such as cookers, fridges, TVs etc
- Hazardous chemicals, such as those from garden sheds or garages

Not taken until further notice:

- Anything involving payment, such as charged-for hardcore, soil, tyres, gas bottles or vehicle parts (compost will not be available to buy)
- Commercial waste
- Asbestos or plasterboard

Please do not take unless essential (as it will be landfilled):

- Anything usually recycled kerbside – food, cardboard, paper, cans, glass etc
- Wood, metals, small electrical items
- Plastic pots, tubs, trays, Tetra Paks

Queue cams at Bridgwater, Chard, Taunton, and Yeovil can be viewed via
<https://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling-centre-queue-cams/>



POLICE INFORMATION

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.

STOKE CHARITY SHOP

Stoke Charity Shop has been proud to play its part in helping the Community Shop function safely and efficiently during the Corona Virus pandemic. Although the Charity Shop has not been able to open, some of our volunteers have been working in the Community Shop, helping with deliveries of groceries and medicines to village residents and working in the local Pharmacy, supporting the NHS.

Looking ahead to the opening of our new shop premises, we are delighted to be able to offer villagers what we feel is an improved shopping experience and to our volunteers a more comfortable working environment. We are thankful to those who set up the previous shop and grateful to them for the good will they established in the community. We hope to continue the success in our new home.

The opening of the shop will need to be carefully managed in line with national Covid 19 guidance, including social distancing and hygiene measures. We will also be dependent on the reopening of external organisations to allow us to manage donations. We will therefore not be able to accept donations of clothes and household items until we are sure recycling and waste disposal is reliably available. Keep your eye on the Newsletter for further information on this.

While a definite opening date is still uncertain (at the time of writing), we look forward to a close association with the Community Shop, and with the help of residents, to firmly establish a community hub for Stoke and continue raising funds for local projects important to us all.

STOKE BAND NEWS

The band's 75 celebration concert has been moved hopefully to September. We will confirm details in the August newsletter.

BROCKS MOUNT

Brocks Mount residents are pleased to announce that Somerset County Council have confirmed the adoption of the road as of May 2020.

HAM HILL CHURCHES

Although our buildings remain closed, Sunday services are currently being filmed and distributed by email or to download from our website. Everyone is welcome! www.hamhillchurches.org (Family services also available).

Not on the internet? Daily Hope is available on your phone: 0800 804 8044

The church is still active and available to you and the pastoral care team is available for phone calls and other support.

For all general enquiries, please call:

Rev'd Annie Gurner on 01935 824167
or email revgurner@btinternet.com

*Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.
1 Peter 5 v 7*

SOMERSET SIGHT

Do you have a couple of hours a week to spare? Would you like to help someone in your local Community? Then why not consider Volunteering for Somerset Sight?

We are a long-established local charity covering the whole of Somerset and have visually impaired Service users all over the County just waiting to meet someone like you. Our Volunteer Visiting Service provides an invaluable lifeline to many lonely and isolated people who may otherwise not see anyone from one week's end to another and a friendly face once a week or once a fortnight can make an enormous difference to someone's life. If this is something you would like to do then please contact Avril Johnson, Volunteer Visiting Co-Ordinator on 01823 336143 or email avril@somersetsight.org.uk.
Company No: 8432686. Charity No:1154472



**Somerset
Sight**

Working with people
who lack sight,
not vision



The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service