



VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

JULY 2024

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Annual Meeting

Thanks to everyone who turned out for the Parish Council Annual Meeting at the end of May and for taking part in discussions about village plans over the next 12 months. New chair of the Parish Council, Paul Gould, welcomed speakers from a range of village organisations (Sports & Recreation Trust, the Skateboard Project, Hamdon Youth & Family Centre Trust, the Brownies, the Village Art Group, the Memorial Hall, the Community Shop, Gardening Club, Stoke Performing Arts Group and the May Fayre) All were invited to give updates on their activities, and a summary is available in the minutes of this meeting on the Parish Council. website www.stokesubhamdoncouncil.com/-search under council minutes.

SKATEPARK

We're delighted to let you know that work on the new Skatepark will start sooner than expected – work is now scheduled to begin on July 1st.



VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP

We, the Village Artists Group are a very friendly group of local artists at all levels of talent with a keen interest in painting and drawing. We meet at Stoke-sub-Hamdon Memorial Hall on Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9:30 pm and Friday mornings 10.00 to 12.00 noon during school term time.

Come and join us once or twice a week for a most enjoyable couple of hours of self-development and enjoyment. FREE first visit to see how you get on!

We are delighted to announce that, with a helpful grant from the Charity Shop, we will be purchasing new display boards that will significantly enhance the presentation of our work and will be a significant asset for the benefit of the village.

For more information contact Andrew on (01935) 823691, SSHTheVillageArtistsGroup@gmail.com Facebook: Stoke Sub Hamdon The Village Artists Group

Stoke Community Shop

Your Village – Your Shop

THE FUTURE OF OUR SHOP COMMUNITY MEETING

Wednesday 10th July -
6.30pm

Memorial Hall
Stoke sub Hamdon
All Welcome

For the past year, we've been looking for more people to join our Management Committee, which runs the company that operates the shop. Without new Management Committee members, the shop will close. Please come along to this meeting to hear how you can get involved and help keep Stoke Community Shop open for the community. There is also a box in the shop where you can post any operational ideas.

For more information about the shop and volunteer opportunities, visit stokeshop.co.uk or www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop

LITTER PICK

July's litter pick will be Sunday 7th July, meeting at All Saints' Hall at 9am. Enjoy two hours of furckling in hedgerows, then coffee at the Priory Coffee Shop. Hope to see you there. Further info from me at helivet@msn.com if needed – Catherine Fraser

STOKE MEMORIAL HALL

The Memorial Hall Team is looking for a Bookings Administrator volunteer. Tasks involve monitoring Bookings email account, helping potential customers with hall enquiries and liaison with the Treasurer for invoicing purposes. Whilst hours vary, average time totals a couple of hours per week. Availability to meet and greet customers would also be welcome, but can be a shared responsibility. If you are interested in this role or perhaps helping out with the Memorial Hall in general, our very small friendly team would love to hear from you. Please contact Rebecca on R27Merrick@Outlook.com.

STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB

We are delighted to welcome Laura Batt from Prickles Hedgehog Rescue Centre, Cheddar as our guest speaker on 24th July at 19:15 for a 19:30 start. Do come along to the Memorial Hall and learn more about these delightful prickly natives!

£3 visitor fee, refundable if you join the Club. Accompanied children welcome - under 16s free. Free refreshments; stall (bring or buy) for home grown plants/produce; monthly raffle. All Welcome!



STOKE WALKING GROUP – EVERY STEP COUNTS

Medium Health Walk Monday 8th and 22nd July

Ready for a longer walk? Please join us, a friendly walking group. We meet outside the Lighthouse Cafe at 9.50 to start walking at 10.00. There is a trained leader and the walk is free. Expect a mixture of pavements and footpaths around Stoke. Dress for the weather, stout footwear recommended. Stay on for refreshments in the cafe afterwards. Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome too.

More information on these and Longer Health Walks from Sue 07792311736 or Doug 07778946508

For information on the Make Every Step Count walks Contact Penny on 822208 or Mark on 07496 148 756 See dates for your diary page for all July walks.

SKITTLES IN STOKE

A big thank you to the Rose and Crown at Bower Hinton for hosting the end of season Martock and District Ladies Skittles League presentations on Friday, 15 June 2024.

Congratulations to both our village teams - the Golden Girls for winning the league this year and the Rolling Stokes for winning the wooden spoons. The Fleusies were not happy losing their wooden spoons after so many years, but thanks to Suzie for creating such beautiful personal ones for us so that we didn't miss out!

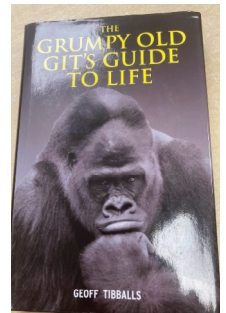
Denise Burton

CHARITY SHOP

Does anyone recall donating the book photographed below to us during April / May? There is a dedication written inside the front of the book.

If you did give us this book, please could you contact Denise on

07788900672. We would really like to hear from you.



FOOTBALL CLUB

Many thanks to all who supported the Race Night at the end of April. A fantastic evening, and we'd like to thank to everyone who helped us raise an amazing £2,400 for the Club, plus an additional £385 for Cancer Research. Steve Deane (Chair) & the Men's Football Committee.

HAMDON FAMILY & YOUTH CENTRE

We are very proud to announce that this year we have again qualified for a Quality Mark from the renowned Charity Excellence Network, which has over 50,000 members in the UK. Our achievement demonstrates to funders and other stakeholders our commitment to excellence and recognises that the Centre is well managed. Health and safety, good financial management and governance and the wellbeing of the children who use our Centre are all at the heart of what we do. The Centre is run solely by a small group of village volunteers.

STOKE SUB HAMDON MAY FAYRE



We were really grateful to be able to hold our May Fayre at Stanchester Academy again this year and would like to extend a

huge thank you to Gregg Mockeridge, Head Teacher, and to Andy Burr and his fantastic team for working so closely with us in setting up in advance and for their contribution on the day.

A big thank you also to our dedicated teams of volunteers, without whom it would not be possible to bring about such an event; to the Stoke Working Men's Club for running the bar; Isle Valley Vets for sponsoring the dog show; Humberts and one of the Stoke businesses for their kind sponsorship; the Parish Council for sponsoring our May Fayre programme and all the local businesses who placed adverts; everyone who kindly made cakes, including Sharon Purnell for the beautiful cake for the raffle; all our stallholders, both regular and new to the event; Brian Shaw for piping in the dancers, and the dancers themselves for dancing in the rain; Bill Moores for photography; Dave Stidson for running the PA; Harry Hebditch for providing transportation for the bar. Also all the teams for running the bbq, kitchen, raffles and tombolas and generally running around on the day! There are too many of you to thank individually but we are so very grateful to you for everything you do to make the May Fayre the success it is. Last but not least, we would really like to thank everyone who came out to enjoy the day, particularly as the weather was not so kind to us this year, and hope you all had a great day.

We are still finalising the amount raised which should hopefully be in the region of £6,500, a fantastic result considering the heavy showers, and all the money goes back into our fabulous village.

Denise Burton - Stoke sub Hamdon Sports & Recreation Trust.

HAM HILL VOLUNTEERS

Ham Hill is lucky to have a brilliant team of volunteer rangers who join us on a Wednesday to keep the site looking as wonderful as it does. During the winter months, most of the work involves cutting back scrub using loppers and saws, and burning it. When bird nesting season begins in the spring, the team get involved with site maintenance, including painting benches, repairing fences and trimming back overhanging vegetation from paths, keeping them clear for visitors. Over lunch, the volunteers can be found catching up over a well-deserved cup of tea and a biscuit (chocolate, of course). We're grateful for any time that our volunteers can give. The team make such a difference and we wouldn't be able to do it without them!

jasmine.ely@somerset.gov.uk

**Job vacancy:
Parish Clerk /
Responsible Financial
Officer** (salary scale SCP21)
for Stoke-sub-Hamdon Parish Council



15 hours per week (flexible hours)

Full details available at

www.stokesubhamdoncouncil.com

To apply for this position, please email your

CV to [cllr.gould@stoke-sub-hamdon-](mailto:cllr.gould@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk)

[pc.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.gould@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk)

Closing date: 31 July 2024

The Council Office, 7, North Street

Workshops, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, TA14 6QR

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

- 10th 2nd Longer Health Walk from Lighthouse café (5-6 miles, option of pub lunch). Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start
- 3rd Afternoon Tea Club at the Lighthouse café 14:15 – 16:15
- 7th Village Litter Pick starting at All Saints' Hall at 09:00
- 8th Make Every Step Count Walk (40 minutes) from Lighthouse café. Meet 09:30
- 8th Medium Health Walk from Lighthouse café. Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start
- 10th Stoke Community Shop meeting, Memorial Hall at 18:30
- 11th The Art of Recycled Mosaics – Workshop on Ham Hill 10:00 – 12:00. Booking essential – see Facebook for details.
- 18th Parish Councillor Surgeries at 7, North Street 10:00 – 12:00 & 18:00 – 20:00
- 22nd Medium Health Walk from Lighthouse café. Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start
- 22nd Make Every Step Count Walk (40 minutes) from Lighthouse café. Meet 09:30
- 24th Gardening Club talk on Hedgehogs at the Memorial Hall 19:15 for 19:30
- 31st Afternoon Tea Club at the Lighthouse café 14:15 – 16:15

CONTACTS

Church of England at St Mary's, Church Services:

1st Sunday 11am Cafe church in All Saints Hall
2nd Sunday 11am CW Holy Communion
3rd Sunday 11am Morning Praise
4th Sunday 11am CW Holy Communion
1st and 3rd Wednesday 9am BCP Holy Communion
Rev. Nick Clarke. Tel 07842 192402, revnickclarke@gmail.com
The Vicarage, 1 Castle Street TA14 6RE www.hamhillchurches.org

ALL SAINTS HALL BOOKING SECRETARY - Ann Davison 07709 609488

BOYS BRIGADE

Meets weekly at Martock Christian Fellowship on Thursdays: Juniors 6pm - 7:30pm. Older members 7:30-9pm. Ian Rumbelow 07851817927

BRIDGE CLUB - Weekly - Monday, 8.30pm (Working Mens Club)

BROWNIES - Weekly - Every Tuesday during term time
(Hamdon Youth & Family Centre) Jackie Poole 01935 823606

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: stevekatharine@hotmail.co.uk

FOOTBALL - YOUTH TEAMS - Training weekday evenings.
Matches Saturdays & Sundays Contact Tim Brooks (Chair)
stokefcchair@gmail.com 07788 654231
or Tammy Cooney - Secretarystokeyouthfc@gmail.com

FOOTPATHS - Problems and issues contact:
cllr.hulett@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk

GARDENING CLUB - Monthly - Fourth Wednesday 7.30pm (Memorial Hall) Sec-
retary: sec.sshgardeningclub@gmail.com. Tel : 01935 823691

GYMNASTICS CLASS - Ages 5-10. Wednesdays 17:00 - 18:00 at the Hamdon
Youth & Family Centre. Georgia Holder 07790189809 email dragonsym-
nastics472@gmail.com

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 YOUTH & FAMILY CENTRE - West Street
Contact: www.hamdonyouthcentre.co.uk email:
hamdonyouthcentre@gmail.com

HISTORY GROUP - Carol Parker 825393

MEDITATION GROUP - Tuesdays at 7.30pm at Priory Coffee
Emma Herrod 01935 829443

MEMORIAL HALL BOOKING SECRETARY - Jill Uhlhorn: 01935 829513

PARISH COUNCIL

Monthly First Wednesday 7.00pm, Unit 7, North Street Workshops
Chair Mike Phillips cllr.phillips@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk
Neil Bloomfield, Clerk clerk@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk
www: stokesubhamdoncouncil.com

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 email: goadfish02@gmail.com

STOKE BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Memorial Hall. Thurs. 9.30am to 11.30am, 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 AFTERNOON TEA CLUB FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Lighthouse Café, every other Wednesday at 2.15pm
Lisa Wenborn 07515 489587 or Kay Clamp: 07717 453523

STOKE SUB HAMDON BAND

Monday & Thursday 8.00pm - 10.00pm Castle School.
Gill Robins 01935 329904 Training Section Thursdays 19:00 - 19:45 at Castle
School Jane Herbert 01460 351123

STOKE SUB HAMDON SPORTS & RECREATION TRUST

Contacts: Chairman - John Allen, email info@stoke-rec-trust.co.uk,
Secretary - Peter Hulett 01935 824784,
Fundraising Co-Ordinator - Denise Burton 01935 827793
www.stoke-rec-trust.co.uk

STOKE PERFORMING ARTS GROUP

Contact Jeannie 07967 184952 or info@stokeperformingartsgroup.co.uk

STOKE WALKING GROUP

- every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month

Penny on 822208 or Mark 07496 148756

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 01935 881718

VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP

- Andrew Toosey (chair) SSHthevillagear-
tistsgroup@gmail.com 07484 142880
(Tuesdays 19.30- 21.30 & Friday 10.00am - 12 Noon
(Memorial Hall) during school term times only)

WORKING MENS CLUB

- Daily - Lunch times & evenings
secretary@stoke.club and www.facebook.com/stokeworkingmensclub
Mark Greaves 01935 823297

YOUTH CLUB

- Weekly - Monday 6.15 - 8.15 Ages 10-13
at Hamdon Youth & Family Centre. Youth Worker Lou on 07402 987921
or email lou.chant@cyp.me.uk



The Parish Council Office

Unit 7, North Street Workshops, Stoke sub Hamdon

PARISH SURGERY

held on the 3rd Thursday monthly

**10am until 12 noon
6pm until 8pm**

**A parish surgery for parishioners to raise and or
highlight issues concerning them within the village.**

**Councillors will report issues, within the remit
of the council, for discussion by councillors
and if required bring before full council.**

EVERYONE WELCOME

Please send information for the Village Newsletter to helenfrances.one@gmail.com by 16th of the month before publication.
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