



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council would like to welcome Terry Heath as its Interim Clerk. Terry brings knowledge and experience of local government administration and financial management from his work with Odcombe Parish Council. Terry will be assisting the Council up to the 30th of September 2024, while the Council recruits a permanent Clerk.

In June, Denise Burton and Rebecca Merrick were co-opted as Councillors. Both have a huge knowledge of the village, and are warmly welcomed onto the Parish Council. One vacant Councillor position remains.

The Parish Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month, members of the public are more than welcome to attend. Contact the clerk for more information; [clerk@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk) or visit the Council's website: [www.stokesubhamdoncouncil.com](http://www.stokesubhamdoncouncil.com)

## SKATEPARK

Work on the skateboard park is progressing really well, and they are planning to start pouring the concrete mid to late July. Everything is looking good for the project to complete before the end of



August. We would like to thank everyone for the help and consideration shown in making this project work – from respecting the no parking request opposite the Medical Centre to talking with us about access for harvesting. It is all going very well.

## STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB

In August we are having our members' Summer Party, but we would be happy to welcome you when meetings start up again in September. We meet at 19:30 at The Memorial Hall on the fourth Wednesday of the month for a talk on any aspect of gardening – plus: free refreshments; plant Sales; raffle.

Visitors very welcome – first visit free!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### AUGUST

- 6th Longer Health Walk**  
from Lighthouse café (5-6 miles, option of pub lunch). Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start
  - 6th Mosaic Workshop**  
on Ham Hill
  - 12th Make Every Step Count Walk**  
(40 minutes) from Lighthouse café. Meet 09:30
  - 12th Medium Health Walk**  
from Lighthouse café. Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start
  - 14th Hamdon Youth & Family Centre Trust AGM**  
at 19:00, HYFC, West Street
  - 14th Afternoon Tea Club**  
at the Lighthouse café  
14:15 – 16:15
  - 18th Parish Councillor Surgeries**  
at 7, North Street  
10:00 – 12:00 & 18:00 – 20:00
  - 19th Medium Health Walk**  
from Lighthouse café.  
Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start
  - 19th Make Every Step Count Walk**  
(40 minutes) from Lighthouse café. Meet 09:30
  - 21st Stoke Working Men's Club AGM – 19:00**
  - 22nd Hamdon Youth Group AGM**  
19:30 in the Reading Room,  
Norton sub Hamdon
  - 28th Afternoon Tea Club**  
at the Lighthouse café  
14:15 – 16:15
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- 11th Afternoon Tea Club**  
at the Lighthouse café  
14:15 – 16:15

## STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

### August Bank Holiday opening times

We're open from **8am to 12 noon** on Bank Holiday Monday, 26th August. There will be no Post Office counter services on this day.

### The future of our shop

Many thanks to all those who attended our meeting on 10th July and to those who have contacted us expressing an interest in getting involved in running the company that operates the shop.

We'll be inviting all those who expressed an interest to an informal get-together to discuss what's required and people's preferences.

Venue and date to be confirmed. We'll report back on our progress in the September newsletter and also post updates in the shop window.

For more information about the shop and volunteer opportunities, visit [stokeshop.co.uk](http://stokeshop.co.uk) or [www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop](http://www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop)

## VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP

Would you like to take up painting? Develop your artistic skills? Then the Village Artists Group is for you! We enjoy all types of visual art but particularly 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 a very friendly group of local artists once or twice a week for a couple of hours. FREE first visit to see how you get on!

For more information on the group or workshop contact Andrew on (01935) 823691 [SSHTheVillageArtistsGroup@gmail.com](mailto:SSHTheVillageArtistsGroup@gmail.com) Facebook: Stoke Sub Hamdon The Village Artists Group

## THANK YOU

In August, Barbara Brooks, Hugh Donovan & Sarah Moore will be stepping down from the HYFC Committee, having clocked up many years of fantastic work between them. Warm thanks and appreciation for all your efforts from the Parish Council.

## SUMMER JAMBOREE IN SIDMOUTH

The Afternoon T-Club had its annual day out to Sidmouth last month. A lovely day was had by all and the weather was perfect. Following a lovely lunch at the Hare & Hounds pub, lots of ice-cream was consumed in Sidmouth.

Terry, who was 90 the day before the trip, generally asks at T-club for a Knickerbocker Glory, so the team arranged for the pub to make him one up and sing Happy Birthday.



## HAMDON YOUTH & FAMILY CENTRE TRUST

Our Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th August at 7 p.m. at the Centre in West Street at which the Accounts and Trustees Report for the financial year 2023-2024 will be presented. All are very welcome to attend.

## HAMDON YOUTH GROUP AGM

Hamdon Youth Group will hold its AGM on Thursday 22nd August, 7.30–9pm, in the Reading Room, Great Street, Norton (almost opposite Church Lane). Hamdon Youth Group is an important and popular resource for young people in Norton and Stoke. You are welcome to come along and see how things are run, and what is planned for the future. John Bailey and HYG committee.

## STOKE WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 21st August 7.00pm. All members welcome.



### 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**

## TRANSFORMING LIVES FOOD BANK

This article covers three issues.

Firstly, the food bank is all about transforming lives, helping local people who are struggling to make ends meet. Sometimes it is difficult to admit there is a problem, but the food bank is here for you. The first step is to leave a message at [mcfoffice@martockchristianfellowship.org](mailto:mcfoffice@martockchristianfellowship.org), and we will contact you, probably on a Monday prior to a food parcel being ready on a Wednesday. Your details will be treated in confidence and your needs will be treated with the utmost importance.

Secondly, the Food Bank is looking for someone in Stoke sub Hamdon who has their ear to the ground and can help guide people struggling locally to the Food Bank and help us fulfil that person's needs. They would be the point of contact in Stoke that the Food Bank can look to for local advice. email us at [mcfoffice@martockchristianfellowship.org](mailto:mcfoffice@martockchristianfellowship.org) to find out more. This would be so much appreciated.

Thirdly, if you want to give to the Food Bank, you can donate food at our very own Community Shop and this food will go directly to help anyone struggling to get by. If you want to give a financial donation, this can be done by standing order and this will enable us to purchase fresh produce locally, package it and have the parcel ready to be picked up. You can set up a standing order with your bank for MCF Transforming Liv, Sort code: 60-24-37 account number: 22670823, reference: Transforming Lives. Even better, if you are a tax payer, you can fill out the gift aid form so we can reclaim the tax of 25p for every £1 you give. To get a gift aid form, simply email: [mcfoffice@martockchristianfellowship.org](mailto:mcfoffice@martockchristianfellowship.org).

This food bank is run by the Martock Christian Fellowship, charity number 1168712, out of Martock. Many thanks for reading this, we hope you can help us.

## HAM HILL EVENTS

### ROMAN MOSAICS AT HAM HILL

Thank you to everyone who joined us in July for our mosaics workshop led by local artist Dawn Handy. We had a fantastic morning using recycled materials, incorporating stained glass, tiles, beads and crockery to create beautiful unique mosaics. Each mosaic was completely unique to the individual creator and the process was truly mindful. Dawn will be leading a family-friendly mosaic workshop on 6th August. Head to [www.visitsouthsomerset.com](http://www.visitsouthsomerset.com) for further details and booking info.



## HAMDON YOUTH GROUP

Stoke sessions are now on the third Wednesday of the month from 6.30 to 8.30 at the Hamdon Youth & Family Centre. The next one is on 21st August and, as well as lots of games, will include making rainbow bread. All young people from 10 to 18 are also very welcome to attend the Norton sessions which are held on the other Wednesdays in the month at Norton Village Hall from 6.30 to 8.30. Just a £1 a session. For more information, please contact Janet Goad on [janet@cyp.me.uk](mailto:janet@cyp.me.uk)

## STOKE WALKING GROUP

### AUGUST HEALTH WALKS

Would you like to join a health walk to meet more people and to get fitter? Three levels are available, all start from the Lighthouse Café, and have trained leaders as guides. Dress for the weather, stout footwear recommended. Well behaved dogs on leads are also welcome. Note one Monday has changed to 19th, to avoid Bank Holiday Monday.

Make Every Step Count (40 mins on pavements around the village) Monday 12th and 19th August. Meet at 9.30. Stay on for a drink at the café afterwards to continue talking. Contact Penny on 822208 or Mark on 07496148756

Medium Health Walk 3-4 miles 90 minutes on a mixture of pavements and footpaths Monday 12th and 19th August. Stay on for refreshments in the cafe afterwards.

Longer 5-6 mile health walk on a mixture of pavements and footpaths, with the option of a pub lunch at the end. Tuesday 6th August

For the medium and longer walks, meet at 9.50 to start walking at 10.00.

Contact Sue  
07792311736

or Doug 07778946508.



## 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) stokefchair@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) Secretary: 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 dragonsgymnastics472@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

### HAMDON YOUTH GROUP

Young people aged 10 -18 welcome on Wednesdays 6.30 - 8.30. £1 a session. Third Wednesday of each month at Hamdon Youth & Family Centre, West St & remaining Wednesdays at Norton Village Hall  
Contact Janet Goad at janet@cyp.me.uk

### 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 clr.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

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)

SSHthevillageartistsgroup@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

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