



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Chair of Council, Paul Gould reports a busy time for the Parish Council. "Residents continue to make good use of our Parish Council surgeries, and we are aware of ongoing issues in the village with dog-fouling and overgrown paths. Everyone living in and visiting the village can help by doing their bit – keeping an eye on dogs in public areas, and making sure that any foliage overhanging public footpaths is cut back regularly."

As a Council, regular concerns include Play Areas, Allotments, Footpaths and Speeding, and the following arrangements were agreed in August:

- A 'task and finish' group will consider the future inspection and management for the play areas at East Stoke and the Memorial Hall.
- Improved management of allotments is being discussed.
- Cllr Martin Dullaghan will be the lead for all public footpath-related matters.
- A review of speeding is underway – see the separate article on page 2.

The Council is also in the early stages of preparing for annual budget setting, gathering information from Somerset Council, predicting changes to service requirements and consulting with local people. More information on this will follow in the autumn. For more information on these or other PC matters, please contact the clerk at clerk@stokesubhamdoncouncil-pc.gov.uk or visit the Council's website: www.stokesubhamdoncouncil.com

STOKE YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

On Saturday 6th July we held our annual Presentation Day at the Recreation Ground. This was well attended by the families of around 100 young people. Thank you to the Sports & Recreation Trust for allowing the use of the Rec.

It was also the day on which we said thank you and goodbye to Tim & Alex Brookes. Both have been involved with the club for 15 years, with Tim instrumental in starting the Minis, taking that team all the way through to u16's. Tim has also helped with other teams even when his own son stopped playing, just to ensure that the football club continued. Tim has been a Coach, a Chairman, and a Mentor to all the young footballers that have been lucky to cross his path. He will be a hard act to follow.

Tim & Alex were presented with a trophy – the Brookes Volunteer Cup which is presented each year to a parent or helper who continues to go above and beyond supporting Stoke Youth, continuing the ethos on which the club is built - Tim & Alex have displayed their commitment in spades!

If anyone would like more details about joining Stoke Youth FC please email Kim at welfarestokefc@gmail.com



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

- 3rd Longer Health Walk**
from Lighthouse café (5-6 miles, option of pub lunch). Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start
- 8th Litter Pick –**
meet 09:00 at All Saint's Hall
- 9th Make Every Step Count Walk**
(40 minutes) from Lighthouse café. Meet 09:30
- 9th Medium Health Walk** from Lighthouse café. Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start
- 11th Afternoon Tea Club** at the Lighthouse café 14:15 – 16:15
- 19th Parish Councillor Surgeries** at 7, North Street 10:00 – 12:00 & 18:00 – 20:00
- 19th Charity Shop AGM –**
Lighthouse at 19:00
- 21st Official Opening of the new Skate Park** 12:00 - 16:00
- 21st Film Night** at The Memorial Hall from 18:00
- 23rd Medium Health Walk** from Lighthouse café. Meet 09:50 for 10:00 start
- 23rd Make Every Step Count Walk**
(40 minutes) from Lighthouse café. Meet 09:30
- 25th Gardening Club** at the Memorial Hall 19:15
- 25th Afternoon Tea Club** at the Lighthouse café 14:15 – 16:15

OCTOBER

- 9th Afternoon Tea Club** at the Lighthouse café 14:15 – 16:15
- 10th Stoke Band AGM**

HELP DELIVER THIS

NEWSLETTER

We are currently looking for volunteers willing to offer half an hour of their time to deliver the monthly village newsletter to the following areas:

1. South side of High Street
2. East Stoke from Windsor lane to Tayberry

If you can help, please contact Denise Burton on 0778 890 0672

LITTER PICKING

September's litter pick will be Sunday 8th September at 9 am outside All Saints' Hall. Wear stout shoes or boots and gardening gloves, we will provide hi-vis, litter pickers and bags. Coffee at the Priory is free afterwards, thanks to Paul, Mandy and the community shop. Hope to see you there. Further details if needed from Catherine Fraser via email: helivet@msn.com

STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

The future of our shop

We now have three new directors – Alan Brimecombe, Gary Findlay and Catherine Fraser – who were accepted on to the shop's Board of Directors in August. Many thanks to them for joining and bringing with them lots of new ideas, the results of which you'll get to see over the next few months.

Thank you also to all those who attended our follow-up meeting in August and to the others who have contributed ideas and have expressed an interest in helping out. We do still need extra hands to help us implement these ideas as well more people to get involved in running the company that operates the shop, so if you're interested, please drop in to the store for a chat or email us at shop@stokeshop.co.uk

We'll report back on our progress in the October newsletter. For more information about the shop and volunteer opportunities, visit stokeshop.co.uk or www.facebook.com/stokecommunityshop

STOKE BAND NEWS

Stoke Band's AGM will be held on October 10th at 20:00 and is open to everyone. The band has had a busy summer, with some new engagements. In the Training Section, there's good news too – Sessions have resumed at 19:00 on Thursdays in Castle School, and now have a number of enthusiastic learners. Always room for more though, and if you'd like learn to play, then please contact Jane Herbert for information about joining. 01460 351123

HAMDON YOUTH & FAMILY CENTRE TRUST

Thank you to everyone who came to support the AGM in August. Thank you cards and gifts were given by the Chair to Barbara, Hugh and Sarah, who have been there since its inception 9 years ago.

The new committee has 5 user groups represented, and 2 members of the Parish Council. We have a lot to learn and work to do to continue the good work of the previous committee and take this wonderful community asset forward. We are very much looking forward to the challenge and hope to give you more details as and when we know them ourselves! During this transitional period please contact Jackie Poole on 07779354320 for any enquiries. Thank you.

VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP

Are you looking for a new challenge and have a little spare time? The Village Artists Group's Autumn term commences on Tuesday 3rd September at Stoke-sub-Hamdon Memorial Hall.

Come and join a very friendly self-guided group of artists for painting, drawing etc. on Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9:30 pm and Friday mornings 10.00 to 12.00 noon during school term time. FREE first visit to see how you get on!

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

FILM NIGHT AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

We are happy to let you know that the first film in our new season will be Fall Guy PG-13, starring Ryan Gosling, Emily Blunt and Aaron Taylor-Johnson. An action comedy film, it looks like a lot of fun! September 21st, doors open at 6pm. Cash or card, no need to book. See you there!



SPEED WATCH FOR STOKE-SUB-HAMDON

The issue of traffic speeding in the village has been of particular concern for some time. Many of you have raised this with friends, neighbours, the Parish Council, and commented on social media platforms. Consequently a small number of volunteers has stepped up and agreed to form a Speed Watch group for the village. Its early days but there is an energy and sense of purpose within the group to do something about the problem. As with any volunteer team it's all about people and it would be great to have more members. If you would like to help in any way please contact Lyn Foley on 07714 005265 or Anita Moores on 07771 866478



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



SKATEPARK

We are pleased to let everyone know that the rebuilding of the Stoke sub Hamdon skatepark has now been finished and open for use, which is absolutely fabulous news!

There will be a grand official opening, with refreshments, on Saturday, 21 September between 12 noon and 4 pm during which demonstrations and competitions will take place. We do hope you will be able to come along, join in the fun and try out this great facility - you are sure to have a fabulous time. Sports and Recreation Trust.

CHARITY SHOP

In July, shop sales amounted to £3,414.77 which is amazing. We would like to thank everyone who supports us by either providing donations or coming in to purchase items. We couldn't possibly be this successful without your support.

Our AGM will be held at 19:00 on 19th September at The Lighthouse. This is your opportunity to find out more about the achievements of our shop over the last year, and current volunteers will also elect a new Committee for the next 12 months. Contact Denise Burton to find out more about joining the committee. deniseburton@btinternet.com 0778 890 0672

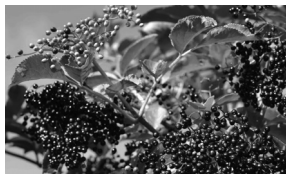
MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

We are really pleased to report that our spacious stage area and the meeting room behind it has been redecorated. We would like to say a big Thank You! to the Sports and Recreation Trust for a grant of £1000 towards the new stage curtains. The Millenium Quilt will be rehung soon. Look out for a diary date to come and have a close look at it with a cup of coffee. It's fascinating!

Would you be interested in helping to organise the hall bookings? This is a voluntary role and involves dealing with enquiries, meeting clients and working closely with the Treasurer. There are no set hours, but it would take up about 2 hours of your time a week. Interested? Contact Jill 0789 629 9340 for more information

SIGNS OF AUTUMN ON HAM HILL

September is a transition month between seasons and can sometimes leave you wondering where all the wildlife has gone. As the stunning pinks and yellows of the flowers fade to seedheads, and the gentle hum of insects fades, the changes in nature remind us that winter is on the way. But Ham Hill is still full life. Why not take a woodland walk and challenge yourself to look for 3 signs of autumn this September – one type of berry, one type of nut and some fungi? Share your photos and tag us on Facebook and Instagram @HamHillCountryPark



STOKE WALKING GROUP

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.

Make Every Step Count (40 mins on pavements around the village) and Medium Health Walk (3-4 miles; 90 minutes on a mixture of pavements and footpaths) are both held on the 2nd & 4th Monday in the month. Stay on for a drink at the café afterwards to continue talking. The Longer (5-6 mile) Health Walk with the option of a pub lunch at the end is on the first Tuesday of September – See Dates for Your Diary for full information.

Contacts: Penny (822208) or Mark (07496148756) for the Make Every Step Count walks, or Contact Sue (07792311736) or Doug (07778946508) for the medium and longer walks.

STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB

Our first meeting of the Autumn promises to give us some insights into one of the most prestigious of Dorset's stately homes. On Sept 25th, Andrew Hunt will be speaking on "Kingston Lacey Through the Ages".

This lavish family home, re-imagined as a Venetian Palace, boasts a classic English garden with fernery, herbaceous borders, formal parterre and kitchen garden, surrounded by Japanese-inspired planting and colourful woodland.

Free refreshments; plant sales; raffle. Visitors very welcome.

Venue: The Memorial Hall, Stoke-sub-Hamdon. 7.15 for 7.30 p.m.



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) Secretary: sec.sshgardeningsclub@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
Jackie Poole, poolemikeandjackie@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,
Council Office, North Street Workshops
Chair Paul Gould clr.gould@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk
Terry Heath, 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

Thursdays 20:00 – 22:00 at Castle School –
Gill Robins 07814 115763

STOKE SUB HAMDON BAND 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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