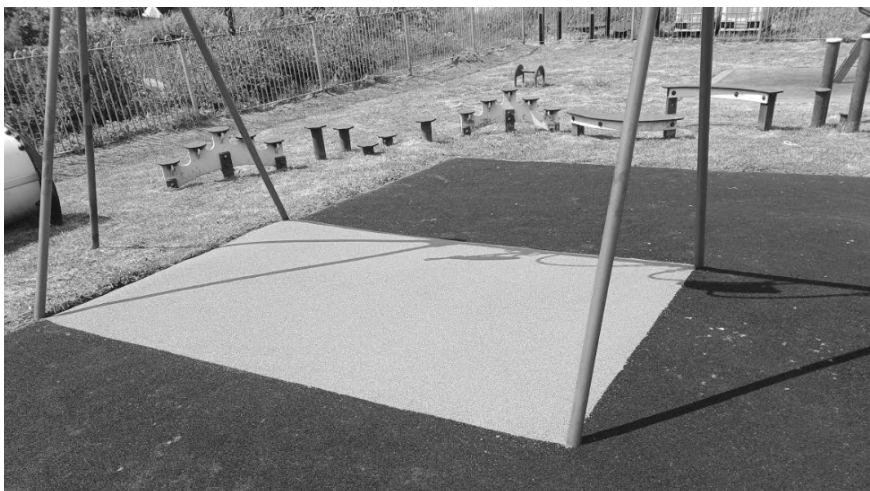




## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

The Parish Council met on Wednesday 2nd July in a rather warm office! Fortunately, the agenda was relatively short, and included an update on the Christmas Lights plans – the working group had met for the first time, and started preparations by ordering a flagpole style lit-up tree to install at the Memorial Hall. Grant applications were considered and members approved a grant to St Mary's Church to help with their grounds maintenance. Some planning applications including the controversial plans for a new service station at the Cartgate roundabout were discussed and members agreed on the council's responses to submit online.

The volunteer editor of this fantastic newsletter attended to discuss the annual report, and members thanked her, together with the team of distributors, for all their hard work. The newsletter is an invaluable source of information for the village, and councillors confirmed that they often hear many positive comments about it.



The surface beneath the swings at the Stonehill play area has been repaired and the swings are again available to use. The seesaw requires a spare part which may no longer be available, so further investigation work is required. The toddler swings at the Memorial Hall play area also need attention, but hopefully by the time the newsletter goes to print they should have been replaced. The basketball court has newly painted lines and a more sturdy chain net for the hoop and our Ranger, Ryan, has also done a great job lifting the branches from the trees and trimming the hedges – with all this fine weather, it is lovely to have all these recreational spaces in our village!

The clerk is making painfully slow progress with the provision of new dog-bins in the village – this hasn't been forgotten, but is proving difficult to organise with Somerset Council. On a brighter note (literally!), the street lamps are again working along the High Street from the working men's club to Bonnie's Lane. Efforts are still being made to sort out the one on the corner of Ham Hill Road and High Street – again not forgotten!

The Youth Club continues to thrive, with an average of 24 children at each weekly session in June. They've enjoyed lots of outdoor play and team building exercises, cooking and arts and crafts together with conversations about moving up to secondary schools, family dynamics and how to cope with exams and stress. Youth Club continues all through the school summer holidays, so if you have a child who may be interested in joining, please contact Janet Richards by email on [janet@cyp.me.uk](mailto:janet@cyp.me.uk) or by mobile 07709 198732.

There is no Parish Council meeting or surgery in August, but the council will meet again on Wednesday 3rd September at 7pm. In the meantime, you can contact our clerk, Gilly, on [clerk@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@stoke-sub-hamdon-pc.gov.uk)

Suzanne, Cllr Suzanne Nelms, Chair of Stoke-sub-Hamdon Parish Council

## STOKE COMMUNITY SHOP: YOUR VILLAGE – YOUR SHOP

We're pleased to celebrate another successful month in the community shop.

### Veggie Boxes – new!

We have just started stocking our fruit and veg from the South Petherton fruit and veg shop. We give them our orders on Saturday and Wednesday mornings they go to the market on Mondays and Thursdays and we get the produce that same day. If you would like a veg box made up for you then ring your order in, bring it in or email it on Saturday or Wednesday before 1pm and we will do the rest.

### Volunteers

Last week we put on a boules match with food and drink for all our volunteers which was very much enjoyed by the 20 people who came along.

Sadly, we are losing one of our volunteers who has taken up an offer of work so we really need volunteers to cover the first shift on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings 7.30-10.30. If you feel it might suit you do come into the shop and see us. We also need to cover the Monday shift from 10.30-13.30.

We have had a number of comments about the window looking very uninspiring. The simple answer is we do not have the manpower to keep the window dressed. Again if that role appeals do let us know.

## STOKE BAND NEWS

This September is the band's 80th anniversary and we will be celebrating with a concert at the Prince of Wales on Saturday 6th September at 2:30. The concert will include a performance by the training section. Following the concert there will be a celebration at the Prince of Wales and we would like to invite all past members of the band to join us.

If you wish to attend, please can you let Gill Robins know on 07814-115763 before 19th August.



## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Your Community Speed Watch Team have been out and about as usual over the course on June and July we have continued to work on your behalf to help reduce the speeding through the community.

We have been talking to colleagues in Castle Cary, Somerton and Ilchester who have all been awarded 20mph through their communities. ALL have reported significant changes in drivers' speed awareness and their communities believe that the reduction has made a difference, helping people feel more positively about where they live.

It is the CSW Teams belief that we could have the same for this community. We have been collecting data now for 9 months and although we have seen a positive reduction in speeding when we are visible, the speeders continue to hammer through our community. The Speed Indicator device has registered speeds in excess of 85 mph!

During April to June (20 x 1 hour sessions) the Team counted 5037 passing vehicles. Of those, 684 drivers were doing over 31 MPH and 141 drivers were travelling in excess 36 mph. So more needs to be done.

Our next step is to approach the Parish Council to present our data in full and ask to work with them and County to move this Community Initiative forward. The team have had some negative feedback from a few but more overwhelmingly we are now getting much more positive feedback. If you would like to join our team please contact me Lyn Foley or visit

[www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/forms/swa](http://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/forms/swa)

## VILLAGE ARTISTS GROUP

We will be having a 'Painting Day' at Tintinhull Garden in the summer holidays. The date hasn't been finalised yet, but if you are interested, whatever your preferred medium and skill level do contact Andrew and join us for the day en plein air!

Our very successful summer term has now drawn to a close, and the autumn term begins on Tuesday 2nd September meeting, as always, at Stoke-sub-Hamdon Memorial Hall - Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9:30 pm and Friday mornings 10.00 to 12.00 noon during school term time. First visit FREE! Please contact Andrew on (01935)823691,

*SSHTheVillageArtistsGroup@gmail.com*  
Facebook: Stoke Sub Hamdon The Village Artists Group.

## VJ-DAY COMMEMORATION

Stoke History Group invite you to join them for an insight into Martin Weedon's wartime experience, a staggering story of his part in the defence of Hong Kong and his survival of the sinking of the Lisbon Maru, told by his son Chris. This is a free event, refreshment will be available. 19:00 on 15th August at the Memorial Hall.



## STOKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB

Wednesday August 27th sees our annual Summer Party for Gardening Club Members and their guests. We have a "bring and share" supper – delicious savouries and scrumptious desserts! There will also be a light-hearted competition entitled "From My Garden".

Sounds tempting? For details of how to join the Club please contact Tricia: [secsshgardeningclub@gmail.com](mailto:secsshgardeningclub@gmail.com)

Watch this space for details of our September talk, open to all. Doors open: 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. start at the Memorial Hall, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, TA14 6PZ.

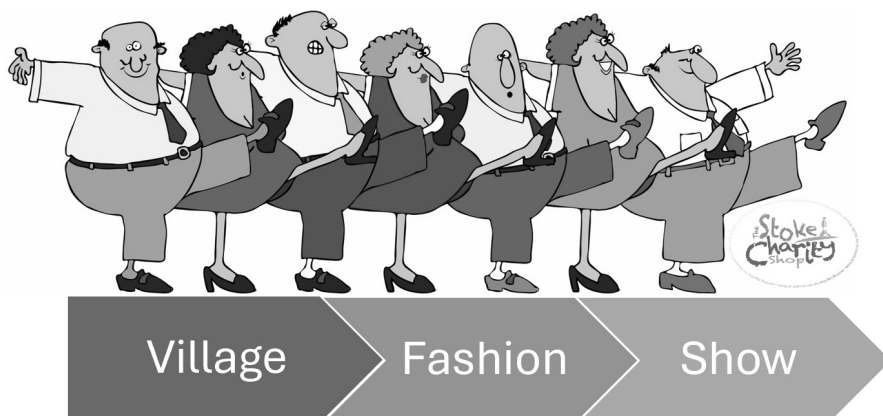
## VILLAGE FASHION SHOW

Many, many thanks to all those who have donated items for The Village Fashion Show to be held on the evening of Saturday 13th September in the Memorial Hall. We now have a wonderful collection of evening wear, hats and gorgeous frocks. This month, we are still collecting items, now focusing on good quality items from designer and high-end labels – Jigsaw, Hollister, Chanel, White Stuff, and many, many others. We're also still looking for your best no-longer-needed accessories – sunglasses, bags, jewellery and shoes.

So, throughout August, we are asking you to look through your wardrobes for those gorgeous garments and must-have accessories – the best items that you never wear – and donate them to this fabulous fund-raising event. If you'd like to donate clothing, shoes or accessories, then please text Helen on 07891183191 and we will arrange to collect your very best unwanted fashion items.

The event is being organised by the Charity Shop, but items selected for the Fashion Show will be from separate stock.

Also - if you'd like to join our happy band of models, then please contact Denise on 07788 900672. All shapes, sizes and ages welcome!



## STOKE HEALTH WALKS

Our usual walks will be running this month, all starting from the Lighthouse Café. Full details are in the Dates for your Diary section. Please note the changes due to the Bank Holiday.

Dress for the weather, stout footwear recommended. Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome. During August, the café in the Lighthouse café will be closed – so we won't be able to relax there after the Monday walks this month, however there is the option of a pub lunch on the Tuesday longer (5-6 mile) walk.

For more information contact Sue 07792311736

## MEMORIAL HALL NEWS

We are sad to announce that Jill Uhlhorn is retiring from the Committee. Jill has been a Trustee for 10 years and within that time has performed the roles as Secretary, Treasurer, Bookings and Chair. Jill was often regarded as the face and voice of the Hall and her attention to detail and passion for the Hall has been outstanding. We wish Jill and Malcolm all the very best for the future.

We are also sad to inform you that Film Nights will no longer be held on a routine basis due to costs involved, however in replacement we are really pleased to report that our Quiz Night hosted by the Fleur was a huge success. We aim to continue Quiz Nights hosted by the Fleur on a monthly basis and it was great to see so much enthusiasm and the two nights booked so far have sold out - fun for all! The next quiz is at 19:30 on 28th August. All profit from the Quiz will go towards our loft insulation project.

Really proud we have such great support in the village with thanks to all our customers and supporters.

## HAMDON YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTRE

You are cordially invited to attend the HYFC AGM on Tuesday 19th August at 7.30pm at the Hamdon Youth and Family centre.

Whether you are a user or just an interested party you are very welcome to attend and find out about the past year and hear what we hope to achieve in the future. Any questions please email

[hamdonyouthcentre@gmail.com](mailto:hamdonyouthcentre@gmail.com)

Thank you, HYFC Chair - Jackie Poole



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### AUGUST

- 1st Football Senior Team training - every Tuesday 18:30
- 5th Longer Health Walk (5-6 miles, option of pub lunch). From Lighthouse café. Meet 09:50
- 7th Stoke Band Training Section every Thursday at Castle School 19:00 – 19:45
- 7th Stoke Band every Thursday at Castle School 20:00 – 22:00
- 11th Make Every Step Count Walk (40 minutes) from Lighthouse café. Meet 09:30
- 11th Medium Health Walk (3-4 miles) from Lighthouse café. Meet 09:50
- 12th Meditation & Shamanic Circle 2nd Tuesday of the month 19:00 at 21, West Street
- 13th Afternoon Tea Club at the Lighthouse Café 14:15 – 16:15
- 15th VJ Day Commemoration at the Memorial Hall 19:00 – 20:30
- 18th Medium Health Walk (3-4 miles) from Lighthouse café. Meet 09:50
- 18th Make Every Step Count Walk (40 minutes) from Lighthouse café. Meet 09:30
- 18th HYFC AGM 19:30 at the Hamdon Youth and Family Centre
- 26th Meditation & Shamanic Circle 4th Tuesday of the month 19:00 at 21, West Street
- 27th Gardening Club Members (and guests) Summer Party at the Memorial Hall 19:30
- 27th Afternoon Tea Club at the Lighthouse Café 14:15 – 16:15
- 28th Memorial Hall Fundraising quiz 19:30 at the Fleur de Lys

### SEPTEMBER

- 3rd Parish Council meeting at North Street Workshops 19:00
- 6th Stoke Band Concert at the Prince of Wales 14:30 start
- 10th Afternoon Tea Club at the Lighthouse café 14:15 – 16:15