

PARISH COUNCIL

Parking Consultation

We had an excellent turnout for the Consultation evening on the 8 July, so many thanks for those of you who came out to tell us what you thought about our proposals. There were some really good and lively discussions! We listened, we really heard what you had to say, and we will take your views into account in our final proposals. We will keep you informed about all the proposals in due course on our website www.stoke-sub-Hamdon.co.uk and on our Noticeboard next to Hamdon Hair. While we progress with getting the final proposals implemented with the District and County Councils, we will start looking at speeding and pedestrian safety issues to see if we can make any improvements.

Barbara Brooks, Vice Chair

Warmer Improved Somerset Homes (WISH) - FREE Energy advice!

Although the sun is shining and summer is here, if you have a damp cold house in winter then now is the time to get prepared for those winter bills and try and save money in the months ahead. Contact project WISH to see what advice they can give to reduce your energy bills! If you think WISH can help and you would like to speak to one of our friendly caseworkers, please contact CSE's Home Energy Team free on **0800 082 2234** or email: **wish@cse.org.uk**

It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention that some dog walkers are putting dog mess in the litter bin at Stonehill. This is not a dog bin so please could owners refrain from putting the mess in this bin but to take it home and dispose of it in the appropriate way. This bin is in the children's play area and is emptied and clean by a resident. Similarly dog mess and rubbish has been put in the grit bin; these bins are not cleared out and the grit will have to be emptied out by residents in the winter.

Somerset County Council have said that at a recent meeting of the Somerset Local Access Forum, members thought it would be useful to inform all parish councils/residents about neospora, a disease affecting cattle, and how it can be carried by dogs and passed on to cattle through dog faeces. A new leaflet entitled 'Enjoy the countryside responsibly with your dog' is available to view on the NFU website. To view or download the leaflet visit www.nfuonline.com/back-british-farming/our-top-content/latest-you-your-dog-and-the-countryside/

P.C.S.O. REPORT

Please be aware that a person is knocking on doors saying that his company are in the area of Stoke and Montacute replacing windows in Yarlington properties and if the properties are privately owned then the cost could be greatly reduced. Yarlington Homes have stated that they are not carrying out any planned works in that area and that this may be a scam. If you are unsure please contact Yarlington Homes for more 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.

HAMDON YOUTH GROUP

Wednesdays 7:00pm-9:00pm at the Meeting Room **Norton** Village Hall

6 August Cafe
13 August Sports on Rec
20 August Cafe
27 August Closed

NB. This may change - check Facebook page.

Thursdays 7:00pm-9:00pm at the Methodist Church Hall **Stoke**

7 August BBQ
14 August Snap Chat Challenge
21 August Brean Leisure Trip
28 August Arts/Crafts

Check our Facebook page **Hamdons Youth Group** for the latest info and www.cyp.me.uk for details of other summer events in the area. All young people Year 7 and above are welcome.

HAMDON PLAYGROUP

Hamdon Playgroup is 40 years old in September!

We would be grateful if anyone has any old photos of the playgroup to make a display. Could you please drop them into the playgroup week commencing 1 September.

We hope to have a playgroup reunion around the end of September. Many thanks in advance.

Karon Anderson

STOKE ACTIVE WALKERS

Tuesday, 5 August

We begin our walk today by going down across the back of Castle Farm to Jubilee Woods, through Jubilee Woods and up Kings Road, past Southcombe's Factory and along the bottom of Great Field. We will then follow the footpath to go past West End Garage, cross over the road and follow the footpath to Norton. In Norton we will go up Higher Street and then double back to go our Norton Church and then follow the footpath which will bring us up to Matts Lane to the Fleur de Lis for lunch.

We meet at 10.30am at Sea Wall, about 50 yards on the Montacute side of Bonnies Lane. Please wear suitable boots or shoes and clothing according to the weather. All our walks are free and we welcome new walkers to our friendly group. Well behaved dogs are also welcome. **ALL WALKS ARE UNDERTAKEN AT THE WALKERS OWN RISK.** For more information please contact Norman on 01935 822792.

ACORN POP-IN PROGRAMME

August

7 Days Gone - Roger Marsh
21 Holiday
28 Board Games & Raffle

Visitors are welcome to any of the above. Contact: Jennifer Kerr 01935 882609

STOKE-SUB-HAMDON COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Many residents will be aware that Stoke-sub-Hamdon supports an active Community Speed Watch (CSW) designed to educate and monitor motorists who, by exceeding the speed limit, place people at risk in our rural community. West Street and East Stoke currently experiences a very high incidence of speeding, often in excess of 45 mph in a 30 mph limit thus exposing our children and others to serious injury or even death. CSW (trained and supported by Avon & Somerset Police) does not seek to persecute or prosecute drivers – but, simply by their presence, remind drivers of the speed limit. West Street, North Street and East Stoke (where our children go to school) are of particular concern at present – around four out of every ten vehicles are in excess of the 30 mph limit and very few of those identified live in our village – they are simply passing through! Can you help in West Street and East Stoke? If you wish to become a CSW volunteer (about an hour each week) please contact the Parish Clerk for further details. We live in a village devoted to our residents and CSW has reduced speeding by over 80% during the last 10 years. Do please consider if you can help.

“FESTIVAL CONCERT” AT URC

On 20 September Stoke sub Hamdon Band, in conjunction with Montacute Village Singers, will be performing a “Festival Concert” at the URC. The concert will start at 7.30pm and tickets will cost £5. There will be more information in next month’s newsletter.

Jane Herbert, 822402

THE STOKE CHARITY SHOP

We are nearly 3!

Already half way through another fantastic year in the life of our very own village Charity Shop and we are still constantly amazed by the kindness and support given so freely by members of our community. We are so excited by the plans for the autumn because we are delighted to announce that due to a very generous gift from a local Stoke person we will be able to re decorate the shop in September - just in time for our third birthday!

As you can imagine there is a lot of feverish activity taking place by our band of volunteers in preparation and to enable the redecoration to take place. Unfortunately, the shop will have to close at 4.45pm on Tuesday, 2 September and will then reopen pristine and sparkly for business as usual at 9 am on Monday, 22 September.

Prior to closing we will be holding a shop clearance event so come along to find some great bargains and fill a bag for just £1 on Saturday, 30 August, Monday, 1 or Tuesday, 2 September.

We are planning to celebrate our anniversary and our exciting 'new' shop with a special Birthday Tea - and would like everyone to come along and join us for the fun. Further details are to be announced in the September newsletter.

Please be aware that we are always happy to accept donations so while the shop is closed we will be able to collect and store goods ready for the grand re-opening. If you have items to donate, please contact Maria on 824064 and leave a message - we will get back to you as soon as possible. Look forward to seeing you all in the shop soon.

The Stoke Charity Shop Management Team

MOBILE LIBRARY

Due to the summer holidays, there will be no August visit by the Mobile Library. Please note that the schedule for next autumn has been changed. The van will visit the Memorial Hall Car Park every four weeks on Thursdays from 11.25 to 11.45 a.m. and on the following dates;

11 September, 9 October, 6 November and 4 December.
If you haven't used the mobile library before, do give it a try!

ST MARY'S CHURCH

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the **Start of the First World War** the evening service at St Mary's, on August 3 at 6.30pm, will be a Vigil Service based on that to be used the next night at Westminster Abbey (when it will be broadcast live at 10 p.m.). This will include readings both from the Bible and from writers of the First World War, and periods of silent reflection and prayer.

DIARY OF EVENTS:

August

2nd Gardening Club Flower, Produce & Craft Show
3rd Vigil Service at St Mary's
5th Stoke Active Walkers
30th Clearance Sale – Charity Shop

September

1st & 2nd Clearance Sale – Charity Shop
11th Mobile Library
20th Festival Concert – Stoke Band