

PARISH COUNCIL

Vice Chair's Update

Memorial Hall: At our meeting in July Councillors were pleased to agree a grant to the Memorial Hall of £2,705.00. This was for Stage 1 of the refurbishment work and involves the main floor and stage floor areas.

Methodist Church: The legal process of purchasing the Church has been a complex and slow process; we're now finally beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. As Vice Chair I've seen the amount of work that's gone on in the background to expediate the purchase; we have to thank our chair Barbara for the time and effort she has given to this project, it really is appreciated. The Charitable Trust set up to manage the building, is now in place, this will be the springboard to open up new grant and funding projects and should help to secure the projects future. We hope to bring you all the best of news in the next Newsletter!

Village Environment: If there are particular areas of the village where you think the Parish Council would be wise to invest more time on maintenance and or projects of renovation please let your Clerk or a member of your Parish Council know, we can then review these to see what we can do.

Planning: In June our District Councillor, Silvia Seal, organised a meeting between our Planning Working Party and Mr David Norris (Development Manager at SSDC). As a consultee regarding Parish planning issues, the Parish Council wanted to understand and evaluate the pressures and process of development from the planners' perspective. This was particularly pertinent regarding the recent application by Arc Homes Ltd to amend its original planning obligations at its Stanchester site. The application would be to avoid building affordable homes and pay S106 Money (£110,213.65) toward community projects. The Parish Council has now submitted its consultation document, it is hoped the decision to allow this application to progress will be referred to committee.

Contact details: Barbara Brooks, Chair of the Parish Council

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Tamarisk, High St (opp Working Men's Club)

P.C.S.O. REPORT

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.

STOKE ACTIVE WALKERS

Tuesday, 1st August 2017

Today we begin our walk by going along Bowey to Norton Path and down over Jack O'Beard. From there we will head out down Broadmead Lane, across the playing field and follow the footpath which will take us past Chiselborough church, up past the Cat Head. We will follow the road towards Middle Chinnock, turn left back towards Chiselborough and take the footpath to the right, through the woods then follow the road back into Chiselborough. We will go back through Manor Farm and follow the footpath across the fields to the Lord Nelson 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.

Memorial Hall

Your Hall is available to hire for all residents - you don't have to belong to a club to use it. The Hall has a number of free weekends and days in August - so is ideal for one off

events like kids parties etc. Rates are not expensive either! Just contact Sue on 01935 829632 or email her on bookings.stokememorialhall@hotmail.com for more information.

THE VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP

Are you interested in Art or just wanting to take up a relaxing hobby? We are a small friendly group who meet in the Memorial Hall on Monday and Friday mornings between 10am – 12pm and Thursday evenings between 7 - 9pm. You can attend any number of sessions for just £20 per term. Why not call in? All abilities are welcome.

If you are interested you can find out more by visiting our website www.yeovilarts.co.uk/villageartists/index.html, or visit our new Facebook page - The Village Artists Group Stoke-sub-Hamdon or just come along for a trial session.

For more information please contact Diana on 01935 881647.

WALKING FOR HEALTH

The Every Step Counts walk is a 30 to 40 minute, pavement walk and the Health Walk is a one and a half hour walk on footpaths around the local area. The walks are free and everyone is welcome. The dates for your diary for the next few months are:

- 14th and 21st August
- 11th and 25th September
- 9th and 23rd October
- 13th and 27th November
- 11th and 18th December

If you would like further information please contact walk leaders, Penny on 822208, Mark and Jane on 07496 148756 or Anne on 826256.

JAIME JEFFERY WORLD CHALLENGE 2018 – MALAWI – 22ND AUGUST

Jaime Jeffery is a current year 9 student at Stanchester Academy and is participating in the World Challenge event in July 2018. She has to raise just under £3,000 between now and then to fund the trip to Malawi in which she will be participating in a community project and a 7 day trek. The challenge is designed to help teenagers become more independent and learn important new life skills. To assist in the fundraising Jaime is hosting a family prize bingo evening on 22nd August at the Stoke Working Men's Club with eyes down at 6.30pm. Please come along and support Jaime in her World Challenge Fundraiser. Lots of fabulous prizes to be won!

CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA

I am holding a Charity Afternoon Tea with all proceeds going to Breast Cancer Care. Please join me on Friday, 4th August between 14.00 – 17.30 at Heron House, 58 North Street, Stoke sub Hamdon. All are welcome.

Sue Menzies

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS CONCERT

The Rotary Club of Yeovil presents a Last Night of the Proms Concert with the British Philharmonic Concert Orchestra on Friday, 8th September at 7.30pm at the Octagon Theatre, Yeovil. Tickets: £25.50/£23.00 and are available from either the Rotary Club of Yeovil – 01460 240984 or the Octagon Theatre – 01935 422884.

This year's concert will benefit Children's Hospice South West, a very worthy local charity close to the heart of many and always in need of added finances to help provide hospice care for children with life-limiting conditions. From humble beginnings Children's Hospice S. W. now operates three hospices across the South West and accepts patients from a wide-ranging area including of course where we are all fortunate enough to live.

2017 sees the eighth consecutive Last Night of the Proms Charity Concert presented and organised by Yeovil Rotary Club. The event always benefits local causes and, St Margaret's Hospice & Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance each received in excess of £3,000 as a result of last year's concert.

Yeovil Rotary Club again acknowledges some fantastic support received from Old Mill, Accountants & Financial Advisors, for this important and highly enjoyable fundraising event.

ST MARY'S CHURCH

Pensioners Cream Tea

St Mary's Church invites you to 'A Pensioners Cream Tea' on Tuesday 8th August at 3pm in the Lighthouse Café. We look forward to seeing you there. R.S.V.P. to Sarah Russell on 01935 826355

Worship at St Mary's

We are always pleased to welcome visitors to St Mary's. Each Sunday there are two church services - one is a Holy Communion service and the other will be a more informal service.

Not only is there a wide variety of forms to worship, but a large number of different people are involved in leading worship and preaching (including clergy and lay leaders).

From August the pattern of services is changing (all services at St Mary's in East Stoke except where mentioned)

1st Sunday of the month: 8.00 Prayer Book Communion; 11.00 Cafe-style worship at All Saints Hall (sitting at tables with opportunities from craft, coffee and conversation).

2nd Sunday: 11.00 Common Worship Communion; 6.30 Evening Worship

3rd Sunday: 8.00 Prayer Book Communion; 11.00 Morning Worship

4th Sunday: 11.00 Morning Worship; 6.30 Common Worship Communion

5th Sunday - a single service in one of the Ham Hill Villages Churches

The churches website www.hamhillchurches.org has details of services across the 7 villages that make up the Ham Hill Benefice.

Countryside Events

For more details and bookings please visit:

www.southsomersetcountryside.com

Enquiries: countryside@southsomerset.gov.uk or telephone 01935 462282.

August

<i>Ham Hill Country Park</i>		<i>Yeovil Country Park</i>		<i>Chard Reservoir</i>	
<i>Friday 4th</i>	<i>Firestarters</i>	<i>Thursday 3rd</i>	<i>Woodland Storytelling</i>	<i>Monday 7th</i>	<i>Crafty Chard Day</i>
<i>Friday 11th</i>	<i>Capture the Fort</i>	<i>Wednesday 9th</i>	<i>Dazzling Dragonflies</i>		
<i>Sunday 13th</i>	<i>Ham Hill Dog Show</i>	<i>Wednesday 16th</i>	<i>Bat Walk</i>		
<i>Friday 18th</i>	<i>Grand Designs</i>	<i>Tuesday 22nd</i>	<i>Children's Photography</i>		
<i>Wednesday 23rd</i>	<i>Bat Walk</i>	<i>Wednesday 30th</i>	<i>Night Time at Ninesprings</i>		
<i>Friday 25th</i>	<i>The Wild Café</i>				

DIARY OF EVENTS:

August

- 1st Stoke Active Walkers
- 4th Charity Afternoon Tea
- 8th Pensioner's Cream Tea
- 14th Walking for Health
- 21st Walking for Health
- 22nd Fundraising Family Prize Bingo Evening

September

8th Last Night of the Proms Concert
11th Walking for Health
25th Walking for Health