

PARISH COUNCIL

Parking - Consultation Evening

The Transport Group's recommendations for parking improvements have now been discussed at the last Parish Council and with County Council officers. We'd like your feedback now on what we are proposing, before we submit it formally to the Council for their formal consideration.

You are all invited to come to a drop-in Consultation Evening on Tuesday 8 July before the usual Parish Council meeting in the Memorial Hall. The Group's proposals, and the background data on which the proposals have been made, will be on display from 6 - 8 p.m., and feedback forms will be available for you to complete. Members of the Council will also be available to answer any questions you may have. You'll also find all the information on the website www.stoke-sub-hamdon.co.uk with an email address for responses. We need your responses back by Tuesday 22 July, so please come along!

Barbara Brooks

Bikeability – Somerset Road Safety are offering two-day cycling courses which involve on and off-road cycle tuition for children aged nine and over. The following courses are taking place at these venues:

Rospa Cycle Awareness Course

Stanchester Sports Centre 9.30am to 3.30 p.m. on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 August.
Phone 825261 to book

Crewkerne Sports Centre from 9.30am to 3.30pm on Thursday 26 and Friday 27 July, and Wednesday 15 and 16 August. Phone 01460 271683 to book.

Please note: there is no Parish Council meeting in August. The next meeting will take place at the Memorial Hall on 9th September at 7pm

P.C.S.O. REPORT

It was reported at the Parish Council meeting in June that during the month of May there were no anti-social behaviour incidents and that a handbag was stolen from a car which was parked on Ham Hill.

As of 28 July there will be a restructuring of the policing beats and PSCO Mal Thompson, who has been on the Hamdon beat for about 2 ½ years, and has become a familiar and friendly face around the village will be responsible for the Martock beat. We would like to welcome our new PCSOs to the village and they are Ian Ross and Ceara Stuart.

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

Hamdon Youth Group had a great **Geocaching day** on Ham Hill with eleven young people. There was keen competition between the groups to see who could collect the most litter to help the Rangers before the serious part of the day began. Aided by a group of wonderful volunteer experts led by Chris Warren, small groups equipped with GPRS and geocaching

information on smartphones discovered a number of caches already hidden on the hill. After a barbeque lunch for all, the volunteers helped the youngsters hide a new cache and the token in it is being traced around the world as it is carried by other enthusiasts.

Everyone really enjoyed the whole event and received lovely emails from volunteers who were really happy to have passed on their hobby to such an enthusiastic group of youngsters. Thanks go to them and all who helped.

Youth Group members also helped set-up at Stoke May Fair and helped on a cake stall where they raised around £100 - a great help and a great result!

During July the Drop-in is at Norton Village Hall from 7 - 9pm every Wednesday. Youth Club at the Methodist Church Hall on Thursdays (7 - 9pm) has a great programme of activities:

July

- 3rd Snap Chat Challenge
- 10th Open Session
- 17th Arts/Crafts
- 24th Thorpe Park Trip?
- 31st Cooking

Special events over the summer around the area can be found on www.cyp.me.uk/ Keep up with HYG on the Hamdons Youth Group page on Facebook.

For more information please contact Lou Chant on 07402 987921 or email lou.chant@cyp.me.uk

STOKE ACTIVE WALKERS

Tuesday, 1st July

This will be our annual walk to Pitt Pond by kind permission of Jack and Carol Parker. We start by going along Bowey and up to the Monument and follow the footpath to Fairy Land and down to Pit Pond. We will spend time having a good look around Pitt Pond and then follow the footpath to Batemoor Barn and then back to The Prince of Wales 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

July

- 3rd Tea and Chat
- 10th Patchwork & Quilting - Dru Perry
- 17th BBQ at the Kerr's
- 24th Boccia Session
- 31st Salisbury Dog Trust - Jo Raffle

August

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

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

GARDENING CLUB

Our annual Flower, Produce & Craft Show will be on Saturday 2 August this year. We will not be enclosing Schedules & Entry Forms with the Newsletter. Everyone who entered the show in 2013 will be sent a Schedule & Entry Form. If anyone else requires a copy please contact Sue on 01935 823671 or Les on 01935 508656, or call in to the Charity Shop.

The Gardening Club meets every 4th Wednesday at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. Everyone welcome.

EVERY STEP COUNTS

Stoke Walks 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month.

The 'Every Step Counts' walks start at 9.45am and last 30 to 35 minutes and the 'Health Walks' begin at 10.30am and last 90 minutes. These walks are continuing throughout the summer, so do come along and join us. The walks are free and friendly and start and end at the Lighthouse Café in Stoke for refreshments. Please wear suitable shoes as some walks are on uneven ground. Dates for your diary: July 14 and 28, August 11 and 18 (due to the Bank Holiday). For more information please contact Penny 01935 822208 or Mark 07974103275

MAY FAYRE COMMITTEE

Stoke Sub Hamdon May Fayre

We would like to thank everyone who supported this year's May Fayre and hope you all had a great time. Other than the odd slight shower, thankfully we were lucky with the weather again!

We could not hold this event without our group of volunteers who help us both throughout the year and on the day itself – as always, your help is so greatly appreciated. This year we would particularly like to thank Rob Hebditch who very kindly allowed us the use of one of his fields for parking on the day which was invaluable, Brendan and Karen Pang for making so much delicious curry, plus the Working Men's Club for running the bar for us. As always, we are very grateful to those who put so much effort and time into entertaining everyone: the children from Castle Primary School, Stoke Band, Klick Dog Training, Minster Vets and Sutton Household and friends.

The May Fayre raised just over £6000 – a great achievement.

If anyone is interested in joining the May Fayre Committee or becoming involved in helping organise future events, please contact us.

Other Events – Ceilidh and Jazz Night

The May Fayre Committee would also like to thank everyone who came along to our ceilidh and/or jazz evening. These were both great events and will undoubtedly be repeated at some time in the future!

Denise Burton, Chair of May Fayre Committee – 01935 827793

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:

July

1st

Stoke Active Walkers

5th

Breast Cancer Care Strawberry Tea

12th

Stoke Youth Football Club Fun Day

August

2nd

Gardening Club Flower, Produce & Craft Show