

PARISH COUNCIL

Please note: there is no Parish Council meeting in August. The next meeting will take place at the Memorial Hall on 8th September at 7pm

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

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.

STOKE CHARITY SHOP

YOUR SHOP NEEDS YOU! Do you want to make new friends, meet others who live in the village, have fun and support good causes in your community? Yes, then become a volunteer at Stoke Charity Shop. This happy little shop has become a hub of the community where people can come for a chat, a bargain or just to see a friendly face so if you would like to help us just come in and let us know or give us ring, we would love to hear from you. Call Jane 825585 or Penny 822208.

CHILDREN'S PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Children's Photography Workshop at Yeovil Country Park on Friday, 31 July at 10am for children aged 6 – 12 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult. These workshops are free but booking is essential - to reserve your place email countryside@southsomerset.gov.uk or telephone 01935 462282. Limited availability.

FLOWER PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW

Saturday, 1 August

There will be classes for all growers to enter. All the usual Fruit & Vegetable classes plus **NEW** this year; Marrow, Rhubarb & the longest Runner Bean. There are classes for Home Produce: baking, and jam making; Handicrafts: wood/metalwork, needlework, and knitting; also Flower Arranging and Photography.

The photography classes are "Seaside - Flotsam & Jetsam", "Garden Insects", "A Windy Day", "Old Abandoned Farm Implements/Machinery", and don't forget the "Musical Inspiration" class, any photograph with a "musical" theme. Photographs on photographic paper not to exceed 7" x 5" on a white paper mount 8" x 6".

Children under 8 years can enter an animal made of fruit and/or vegetables, 8 - 11 years are asked to decorate 3 fairy cakes & display on a tea plate. Schedules are available from Sue on 01935 823671 and Les on 01935 508656 and, also from the Shop at the Cross, where the collection box will be until Wednesday 29th July.

Please bring your entries to the Hall between 9.45am & 11.30am on 1st August. There will be lots of stalls and other entertainment, including Stoke Band, so do come along at 1.30pm to see who has won a trophy or just to enjoy the day. STROKE SUB HAMDON GARDENING CLUB LOOKS FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

THE BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY

The Blooming Great Tea Party in aid of 'Marie Curie - care and support through terminal illness' is being held at the Lighthouse on Saturday 25 July between 10am and 12 Noon. Everything we raise locally will stay in the area so please join us for 'a nice cup of tea and a piece of cake' to support this very worthwhile cause. More details from Pat 826275 or Maria 824064.

HORTICULTURAL SUCCESS FOR STROKE-SUB-HAMDON GARDENER

Stoke sub Hamdon resident and the senior gardener at Tintinhull Gardens, Jess Evans has won the title of Young Horticulturalist of the Year. Nearly two thousand young horticulturists from the UK and Ireland (and to be classed as such one must be under 30 years of age) entered the competition organised by the Chartered Institute of Horticulturists this year and Jess, who was runner up last year, scooped top place. She also received the £2,500.00 Percy Thrower Travel Bursary. Working for the National Trust, Jess started gardening straight from school and later studied at Kew Garden. She also has two very active and delightful Springer Spaniels.

STROKE SUB HAMDON MAY FAYRE

We would like to thank everyone who came along to our May Fayre again this year and hope you all had a fantastic time. We couldn't have wished for better weather! We raised in the region of £7,000 this year, which was a brilliant result!

We are really grateful to Castle Primary School, Stoke Band, Minster Vets, Little Dragons, Sutton Household, Desert Divas, Andrew Wiggins (Punch and Judy) and Wyvern Morris Men for providing such great entertainment and also to Brendan and Karen Pang (Curry Bar) and the Working Men's Club for keeping us fed and watered. Not to be forgotten are the National Trust for providing use of the Priory grounds, the Parish Council for sponsoring our programme and organising the grass cutting, Dave Stidson for doing such a great job as 'Master of Ceremonies' yet again, and to Rob Hebditch who very kindly gave us the use of his field for parking again this year which proved invaluable.

Of course, we couldn't possibly hold this event without the members of our Committee throughout the year and all of those who come and help out on the day. Our regular volunteers are now experts at locating stallholders, directing traffic and running the kitchen! We so much appreciate your help.

If anyone is interested in joining the May Fayre Committee and becoming involved in helping organise future events, please do contact us. We are always looking for new members!

Denise Burton, May Fayre Committee

WALKING FOR HEALTH

Summer Walking for Health dates for your diary: 10th & 24th August and, 14th & 28th September. "Every Step Counts" starts 9.30am and lasts 30 to 40 minutes. "Health Walk" starts 10.30 am and lasts 1 hour 40minutes. The walks are friendly, social and free, come along and enjoy the beautiful area in and around Stoke sub

Hamdon. For more information please contact Penny on 01935 822208 or Mark on 07974103275

STOKE YOUTH FC SUMMER FAYRE

We are holding our Summer Fayre at Stoke recreation ground on Saturday, 11 July 12 - 5pm. Come along for an afternoon of fun for all the family; stalls, bouncy castle, BBQ, beer tent, games, tug o' war competition with a trophy and barrel of beer for the winning team. All proceeds go back into the football club to provide more equipment for our young players. For more information contact Tim on 01935 822711 or email timothy.brookes@sky.com

ROOF REPAIR FUND

Thank you to the many people who have very generously responded to our appeal to support this work. We have had a very encouraging response - though there is still a way to go overall, and the government has extended the period by which we need to raise the necessary funds. So if you had been thinking about it, and thought it might be too late, you still have a chance to respond! Details on the letter you received last month or from the Rev Peter Thomas 01935 881202 PThomas5@aol.com.

NEW CURATE

Gary Edmunds lives in Stoke - and has been a member of St Mary's, Norton for a number of years. Below he introduces himself. It has recently been decided that his licence will include Stoke as well as Norton, Chiselborough, West & Middle Chinnock.

"Dear all, this is to introduce myself as the new non stipendiary Minister (NSM) for our benefices. For the last three years I have been studying Theology for Christian Ministry at Sarum College, Salisbury and am being ordained deacon on 5 July at Wells Cathedral. I previously studied Theology at Kings College, London, and later trained as a Registered General Nurse. I work part time as a Charge Nurse for NHS Blood and Transplant, travelling around Somerset with the Taunton blood collection team. I live in Stoke sub Hamdon with my wife Sarah and our two boxer dogs. Sarah is also a Nurse and works at Musgrove Park Hospital in Taunton. I am enthusiastically looking forward to my new role within the benefices, particularly at this time of change and development. Following my ordination, I will be available to our benefices as an NSM for two days a week. I look forward to working with everyone and meeting and getting to know the people of our five parishes".

Gary will be welcomed at a service at St Mary's, Norton on July 5 at 6.30pm and on that evening there will be no evening service at St Mary's, Stoke.

HAMDON YOUTH GROUP

Lots of summer fun is planned for our Youth Club, now open from 7 - 9pm on MONDAYS in Stoke Methodist Hall and we're welcoming anyone Year 6 and above so come along and join in!

The programme for July

6th Movie Night

13th Dodgeball

20th Glass Painting

27th BBQ/ Water Fun

Youth Forum on alternate Wednesdays in Norton is the place to go to get your ideas and opinions about your village and its facilities heard by authorities. Don't just complain to your friends - get something done! Ask our Youth Worker, Lou, about this.

Owing to a couple of people having to drop out due to pressure of work, relocation etc., we are in desperate need of VOLUNTEERS, both to assist on Youth Club nights and to help behind the scenes. Please contact John Bailey (881227) or Lou. The AGM of Hamdon Youth Group is on July 15 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room at Norton Village Hall and we'd really welcome any interested member of our community to join our friendly group. For more information please contact Lou Chant on 07402 987921 or email lou.chant@cyp.me.uk or find us on Facebook@[Community Youth Project](#).

ROLL UP! ROLL UP!

The Circus is in town!

The National Festival Circus will be performing at Norton sub Hamdon Primary School on Sunday 20 September, with performances at 1pm, 2.30pm and 4pm. Please see www.nationalfestivalcircus.co.uk for a preview of the event. Tickets are £5 for children, £6 for adults, and will be on sale at Norton Village Stores and participating local schools. Please contact Jo Parker via e-mail nortonicircus@outlook.com for more information. This is a fundraising event, all proceeds going to the Friends of Norton School (registered charity no 1037353) and is kindly supported by Orchards Estates and Walter Wall Carpets, Coombe Farm, Pattermores Dairy Products and Beechwood House Care Home. Printing courtesy of Phillipa Coleman and Sainsbury.

DIARY OF EVENTS:

July

7 th	Stoke Active Walkers
11 th	Stoke Youth FC Summer Fayre
13 th	Walking For Health
16 th	Mobile Library
25 th	Blooming Great Tea Party
27 th	Walking for Health

August

1 st	Garden Club - Flower Produce and Craft Show
4 th	Stoke Active Walkers
10 th	Walking for Health
24 th	Walking for Health

September

5 th	Stoke Band 70 th Anniversary Celebrations
14 th	Walking for Health
20 th	National Festival Circus
28 th	Walking for Health