

PARISH COUNCIL

Chair's Update

At our meeting in June we were pleased to agree our annual grant of £3,250 to the Hamdon Youth Group towards their running costs. With the amalgamation of the younger Youth Club, there are now some 45 members, which is a fantastic result. All thanks to Lou Grant, their Youth Worker, and the other volunteers who help to make this a great place for our young people.

Methodist Church update

Progress is still slow because of all the technical issues, but we are now at the draft contract stage! We have had a very positive meeting with the Conservation Officer from the District Council on the modifications we need to make to the building in order to bring it up to modern accessibility standards. We are also intending to provide new toilets and kitchen easily accessible from both halls. We commissioned an Accessibility Audit (provided free by the District) and we have noted that we will need to re-do the pathway ramp up to the door to comply with regulations, and widen some doors. We will be applying for a Community Grant from SSDC towards this cost. We are now in the middle of creating a Charitable Trust, made up of service users and residents, who will run the Youth Centre for the village. We'll continue to keep you up to date with progress as it happens.

May Fayre

Finally on behalf of the parish council and all Stoke residents, a massive "thank you" to those of you who helped out at the annual May Fayre on Bank Holiday Monday. It was a brilliant day as usual, with something for everyone to take part in, and you really did our village proud! A brilliant community event for Stoke.

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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.

FREE NHS HEALTH CHECKS

Age 40-74?

Find out about the free NHS Health Checks.

You are eligible for a free NHS Health Check if:

- You are Aged between 40 and 74
- Should not have received an NHS health check elsewhere in the last 5 years.
- You live in Somerset or you live outside of Somerset but are registered with a Somerset GP
- You have not been diagnosed with or are not taking medication for heart condition (including blood pressure medication), stroke, diabetes, chronic kidney disease or dementia or, are on Statin

Even though you might be feeling great, if you're over forty you may be at risk of heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, diabetes or dementia.

A **FREE NHS Health Check** can help you reduce these risks and make sure that you stay healthy

You can find out more by calling 01823 261 794 or visit our Somerset Health Check Website: **www.somersethealthchecks.co.uk**

STOKE ACTIVE WALKERS

Tuesday, 4th July 2017

Today we start our walk by going along East Stoke and up Church Lane to Hedgecock Woods. We will then follow the track towards Montacute, then go across Montacute recreation field, across the road and around the back of Montacute House through the Park. From Back Lane we will then cross Yeovil Road to the bottom of Ladies Walk and take the footpath to Abbey Farm. We will go around St Michaels Tower then follow the footpath which will take us up to Batemore Barn, then follow the ridge to Fairy Land and across the hill 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.

POLITE REMINDER

May I remind residents that we walk our blackcurrant fields and sometimes work our land on foot. Whilst you are more than welcome to walk across our land please remember that if walking with a dog could you walk around the perimeter and not through the main parts of the fields where the currant bushes are planted.

More importantly, if you are walking with your dog(s) please make sure you pick up their poo. If you are unable or unwilling to do so then please refrain from walk across our land. Thank you.

Derek and Tanya Morris

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AND NEW FAMILIES WELCOME AT LITTLE FISHES

Little Fishes is a weekly stay and play baby and toddler group held at Stoke sub Hamdon Memorial Hall, every Thursday morning (term time). We are a friendly and welcoming group of local parents and guardians who run the group together for our pre-school aged little ones. We are looking for local volunteers who might like to come and help once or twice a month (or every week if you find you enjoy it!). The kind of things we would like help with are making hot drinks or helping setup and clear up the play equipment. If you are interested in helping out please come along to one of our sessions. We meet each Thursday from 10am - 12 Noon. If you are a local parent who would like to come with your child to Little Fishes, please give us a try. The first session is free and there after £2.

KING GEORGE V SILVER JUBILEE MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

The Friends of Ham Hill need your help. Would anyone be able to tell us who owns the King George V Silver Jubilee Memorial Fountain or does anyone have any information about it. The fountain is situated at the top of Ham Hill Road at the turn off to the Prince of Wales and the Rangers Centre.

Please could you contact Brian Evans on 826125 or email brianevans64@live.co.uk

POP IN PROGRAMME AT OAK TREE HOUSE

July 6 Music with Terry Whithead

Contact: Jennifer (01935 882609)

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

STOKE CHARITY SHOP

Have you ever thought of becoming involved in the running of our local community charity shop? Perhaps volunteering to help for a couple of hours? If you are, we would like to speak to you! Call in when you like for a chat with a volunteer and pick up an application form. It's good fun and we promise you won't regret it! Remember, everything we make stays locally so you will be able to see the benefits of what you do in our community.

STOKE SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST

Is there anyone out there with green fingers and a few hours to spend per month? There is a small garden around the pavilion in the Recreation field which has become very overgrown and is in need of TLC. It will take time to get rid of all of the weeds but once this has been achieved then it just needs regular low maintenance. All expenses will be paid. If you are interested please email patfjenkins@hotmail.co.uk (Secretary to the Trust).

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Gardening Club will stage its annual Flower, Produce and Craft Show at the Memorial Hall and Grounds. This year, the Show is a week earlier than usual and will be held on Saturday, 29th July. Everyone should have received the Schedule and Entry Form with the June edition of the Village Newsletter and it is hoped that as many people as possible to enter the event. You do not have to be the BBC Gardener of the Year, just enthusiastic about growing flowers and vegetables, sewing, crafting and photography.

It is hoped that this year we will have many more children's entries, the classes are designed for both the under 8 year olds and the 8-11 year olds creativity and imagination.

Please support our event, a lot of hard work goes into staging the Flower Show and we would like to see as many of you as possible on the day.

Should you wish to have a stall at our event, please contact Sylvie Bates on 07877 943362 and she will be happy to send you the relevant booking form.

If you have not received a copy of the Schedule and Entry Form and would like one, please contact Sue Winwood on 01935 823671.

The Garden Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month and visitors can be assured of a warm welcome. At our July 26th meeting, Dawn Lawrence will give a talk on 2 steps behind and you are all welcome. For further information on the Gardening Club please contact either our Secretary Tricia Toosey on 01935 823691 or our Chairman Sue Winwood on 01935 823671.

SERVICES AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

From August the pattern of services at St Mary's is being modified. The church will have two services each Sunday - one of which will be at 11.00am and the other either at 8.00am or 6.30pm.

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month there will be Prayer Book communion services at 8.00am (similar services are held on the 2nd Sunday at Montacute at 9.30am and on the 4th Sunday at Norton at 8.00 am).

The 11.00am service on the 1st Sunday is at All Saints Hall and is "cafe style" (very informal). Other 11.00am services at St Mary's: - 2nd Sunday Communion service; 3rd and 4th Sundays Morning Worship.

Evening worship is on the 2nd Sunday at 6:30pm and Communion on the 4th (with an ecumenical service on the 3rd Sunday shared across 3 churches)

Details of each month's services across the 7 parishes of the Ham Hill Benefice, together with profiles of the parishes and a "who's who", are on the new website HamHillChurches.org

Countryside Events

For more details and bookings please visit:

www.southsomersetcountryside.com

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

July

<i>Ham Hill Country Park</i>		<i>Yeovil Country Park</i>		<i>Chard Reservoir</i>	
		<i>Monday 3rd</i>	<i>Woodland Storytelling for pre-school children</i>	<i>Saturday 8th</i>	<i>Countryside Day</i>
		<i>Friday 7th</i>	<i>Woodland Storytelling</i>		
		<i>Thursday 26th</i>	<i>Creepy Crawly Creatures</i>		
		<i>Friday 28th</i>	<i>Wonderful Woodlands</i>		

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:

July

4th Stoke Active Walkers
 26th Garden Club Talk with Dawn Lawrence
 29th Flower, Produce and Craft Show