

## **STOKE SUB HAMDON NEWSLETTER JUNE 2014**

### **PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council held its Annual Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May. We currently have a total of ten Councillors with Mick Sampson being re-elected as Chairman and Barbara Brooks as our newly elected Vice-Chairman. Our other Parish Council members are Graham Middleton, Paul Spearpoint, Janet Rose, Wendy Hall, Steve Hay, Bruce Wilson, Rebecca Merrick and Neil Bloomfield.

*Newsletter Volunteers* – A huge thank you to all the volunteers who deliver the newsletters for delivering the May Fayre programmes in with last month's newsletters. Your help was very much appreciated.

*Birthday Wishes* – Happy Birthday and congratulations to Mr Marshall James who celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 7 May.

*Groundsman* – The Parish Council would like to express their thanks to NigeNige Service for all the hard work done over the past couple of years and welcome Somerset Landscapes Ltd. who took over the contract at the beginning of May.

*Kissing Gate* – Thank you to all those who responded to our request in last month's newsletter. It was the view that the kissing gate should be replaced at the bottom on Dannings Well as the main concern was the safety aspect of dogs and children running out into Matts Lane. Hopefully this will be installed in the very near future.

*Bonfires* – If you are thinking of disposing of your garden waste by having a bonfire please consider your neighbours first by checking that no-one has any laundry drying or that there are any windows open (it is often a good idea and polite to let your neighbours know if you are planning to light a bonfire). Please remember your personal safety and never use liquid fuels to get a fire going and only burn dry materials and never burn any household rubbish, plastics, foam, treated wood or similar items. Also please be responsible by never leaving a bonfire unattended and make sure it is completely extinguished before going into the house.

### **P.C.S.O. REPORT**

For any advice and further/up-to-date information on incidents please go to the website: [www.police.uk](http://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 meets on Wednesdays in the Village Hall meeting room in Norton and on Thursdays at the Methodist Church Hall in Stoke, both from 7-9pm. All young people from Year 7 up are welcome.

Join our Facebook page for up-to-date info - Hamdons Youth Group.

Also find lots of info on Youth activities run by CYP in the area on their website - [www.cyp.me.uk/](http://www.cyp.me.uk/)

Look out too for exciting summer activities, and we hope you enjoyed the Geocaching event in May!

### **STOKE ACTIVE WALKERS**

*Tuesday, 3 June*

For our June walk we will begin by going along the bottom of Bowey and along Norton Path, then down over Sandy Lane and up over Norton Cover. We will then go down across the

field and follow the footpath around the back of Bagnell Farm, and then we will come back through the lane and the footpaths 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.

### **ACORN POP-IN PROGRAMME**

June

5th	Tinkers Bubble - Michael Zair
12th	Cream Tea at Judith's
19th	Boccia Session
26th	Quiz & Raffle

July

3rd	Airs and Graces
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Visitors are welcome to any of the above. Contact: Jennifer Kerr on 882609.

### **MEMORIAL HALL**

New members of the Memorial Hall Committee are urgently required. Sadly, without the valuable commitment of the Committee Members the Hall may have to restrict events (or even close). This is not a great time commitment and ask that villagers or representatives of the users of the Hall please consider joining the Committee. For further information please contact Sue on 823671 or Clare on 823669. Thanks.

### **GARDENING CLUB**

In the May Village Newsletter we advised that a copy of the Flower, Produce and Craft Show Schedule and Entry Form for the event on the 2 August would be included with this Newsletter. However, in view of the printing costs involved and mindful of not wasting paper, the decision has been taken this year to send a Schedule and Entry Form to everyone who entered the Show in 2013. If anyone else requires a copy please can they telephone either Sue on 01935 823671 or Les on 09135 508656, alternatively Stoke Charity Shop have kindly agreed to hold a small supply of Schedules and Entry Forms on our behalf.

The next Gardening Club meeting is on Wednesday 25 June when Stephen Fox will be talking about Yeovil in Bloom. Why not come along to the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm – you can be assured of a warm welcome – who knows, you may even want to join our Club!

The Gardening Club meets in the Memorial Hall on the fourth Wednesday of the month and is open to everyone.

### **FUN DAY**

Stoke Youth Football Club will be holding a Fun Day on Saturday 12 July at Stoke Recreation Ground. Why don't you come along and enjoy a traditional day of family fun and entertainment to include stalls, bouncy castle, races, tug-of-war competition, games, raffle, BBQ, picnic area, refreshments & beer tent, plus lots more. For more information contact John at jdplanning@yahoo.co.uk

### **ART STUDIO OPEN DAY**

There will be open day on Saturday 7 June between 10am and 4pm with Painting, Drawing, Fused Glass Jewellery, Prints and Cards by Thomasin Fletcher at The Coach House, 23 Main Street, Ash TA12 6NU. Entry is free and there is parking near the school or at the recreation ground a short walk away. [www.thomasinfletcher.com](http://www.thomasinfletcher.com)

### **STRAWBERRY TEA FOR BREAST CANCER CARE**

Please join us on Saturday 5 July at All Saints Hall (Lighthouse Coffee Shop) between 2.30pm and 4.30pm for a cream tea or coffee and cake. All proceeds go to Breast Cancer Care who is there for anyone affected by breast cancer. They bring people together, provide information and support, and campaign for improved standards of care. Offers of cakes or raffle prizes gratefully received. Please contact June Carty on 01935 823913. See you there!

### **MAY FAYRE COMMITTEE**

Jazz evening – We will be holding a jazz evening on Saturday, 14 June at Stoke sub Hamdon Memorial Hall starting at 7.30 pm so come along and dance the night away. Tickets are £6 and a bar will be available on the evening. Please call Denise on 01935 827793

### **COMPASS CARERS**

Are you a Carer? Compass Carers is a dedicated support service for carers across Somerset. We offer FREE information, advice and guidance as well as emotional support, signposting, training and a telephone support service for un-paid carers. Please call us on 01823 255911

### **DIARY OF EVENTS:**

#### **June**

3rd	Stoke Active Walkers
7 <sup>th</sup>	Art Studio Open Day
14 <sup>th</sup>	Jazz Evening
25 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club Talk with Steve Fox

#### **July**

5 <sup>th</sup>	Breast Cancer Care Strawberry Tea
12 <sup>th</sup>	Stoke Youth Football Club Fun Day

#### **August**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gardening Club Flower, Produce & Craft Show
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