

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council had an uncontested election and your Parish Councillors are:

Hamdon Ward: Barbara Brooks, Paul Spearpoint, Graham Middleton, Wendy Hall, Bruce Wilson and Rebecca Merrick, and; Stanchester Ward: Roger Bevan.

Also, the Parish Council held its Annual Meeting on 12 May with Barbara Brooks being re-elected as Chairman and Paul Spearpoint as Vice-Chairman.

*Litter Pick:* The Parish Council would like to thank everyone who gave up their time on Saturday 16 May to help with the parish litter pick. It is good to see our village has great community spirit especially when we all have such busy lives. All the volunteers worked so hard and we managed to clear most of the village of litter within the designated couple of hours. Well done and thank you once again, your help was very much appreciated.

## **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.

## **STOKE ACTIVE WALKERS**

*Tuesday 2 June*

For our June walk we begin by going along the bottom of Bowey and up to the top of Ham Hill; we will then go along the ridge past the Prince of Wales to follow the footpath along the top of Hedgecock Woods and then up to Batemoor Barn. From there we will go down over Witcombe to the lane that will take us to the back of Bagnell Farm; we will then follow the footpath back through Little Norton 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.

## **TAI CHI**

Tai Chi is an Eastern Asia exercise that involves slow controlled movements with controlled breathing. Tai Chi will improve your balance, lower stress and make you more agile. The class is for all abilities and lasts for roughly one hour. Come along to the memorial hall at Stoke sub Hamdon on Wednesdays at 5.30pm, first session is free and £4 there afters

## **BUNTING**

The Village bunting is always available to borrow for any event, fairs, weddings, parties etc. Contact Clare on 01935 823669

## **FASHION ON A SUMMER EVENING**

The Stoke Charity Shop will be holding the summer collection fashion show on Saturday 20 June at 7.30pm in the Stoke Working Men's Club. Come and join us for strawberries and Prosecco whilst viewing some gorgeous summer clothes that have not been available in the shop. Tickets, £5 for adults and £3 for children (to include refreshments), are available in the shop.

## **FLOWER, PRODUCE & CRAFT SHOW**

The Flower, Produce & Craft Show will be on 1st August this year. Schedules to enter all classes are available from Sue on 01935 823671 & Les on 01935 508656. There are classes for all; Flowers, Fruit, Veg, Flower Arranging, Home Produce, Handicrafts, Photography & special classes for Children. Please enter & then come along on the day to see if you have won.

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

June	4	'Summertime Poems by Group Members and Trade Table
	11	Talk - Glimpse at the Galapagos
	18	Talk - Taunton Gardens
	25	Outing - Broad Winsor -Cream Tea
July	2	to be arranged. Raffle

For more information contact Jennifer Kerr 01935 882609

### **HAMDON YOUTH GROUP**

Summer days and lots of fun to be had at our weekly meetings. We're going to try having our Stoke meetings on MONDAYS and hope fewer of you will be tied up elsewhere. Come along and join in the fun! Young people from both villages continue to enjoy sessions in Stoke Mondays 7:00pm-9:00pm @ Methodist Church Hall Stoke, Years 6 and above

#### Programme

#### **June**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Open Session/ Planning
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sports on Rec
15 <sup>th</sup>	Cooking
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Games
29 <sup>th</sup>	Closed

Your representatives, Youth Voice meet in Norton on Wednesdays and have brought issues that concern young people to Parish Councils and the Sports and Recreation Trust. Ask Lou, our youth worker about making your voice heard.

For more information please contact Lou Chant on 07402 987921 or email [lou.chant@cyp.me.uk](mailto:lou.chant@cyp.me.uk). Find us on Facebook @ Community Youth Project

### MOBILE LIBRARY TO BE AXED

It is such a huge disappointment but Somerset Council has decided to discontinue the visits of the mobile library to our village. It seems that as we are less than three miles (as the crow flies!) from the nearest fixed library (at Martock) we are no longer eligible. The fact that there is no regular bus service to Martock from Stoke sub Hamdon has not been recognised. The last two visits of the mobile library will be on 18 June and 16<sup>h</sup> July.

However, if you are interested, the W.R.V.S. can kindly offer a service to those of us who cannot easily reach a library. They will make a visit to our homes, finding out which books interest us most and will fetch such books from Martock Library for us. Forms will be available to fill in from the mobile van on its last two visits and should you have problems with this please contact Rosemary Thomas on 01935 829542

### **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](http://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 [joeccott@yahoo.com](mailto:joeccott@yahoo.com) for more information. This is a fundraising event with all proceeds going to the Friends of Norton School (registered charity no **1037353**) and is kindly supported by Orchards Estates and Walter Wall Carpets.

### **ST MARY'S ROOF APPEAL**

Our parish church has secured a grant of over £56,000 from the Roof Repair Fund (you may remember it being announced by the chancellor in his Autumn statement last year). St Mary's was amongst the 25% of successful applicants.

However the total cost will be in the region of £85,000. We will be able to reclaim the VAT - so that leaves a balance in the region of £15,000. We are approaching a number of grant giving bodies - but the government are, rightly, requiring that there should be local support as well. We probably need to raise at least £5000 from the community. Church members are, of course, making their contributions - but St Mary's doesn't have any reserves.

We do hope you will want to share in this project that will enable us to continue to use the church without the prospect of substantially more water coming in through the roof.

Included in this newsletter is a letter that explains the situation and a note about ways in which you can donate to this project, (and enable St Mary's to claim back the income tax you have already paid on your gift) - including a Gift Day on June 13th.

Please help us maintain this building that has already served our community for over 900 years.

Peter Thomas

### **DIARY OF EVENTS:**

#### **June**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stoke Active Walkers
- 14<sup>th</sup> St Margaret's Hospice Great Somerset Colour Run
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library
- 20<sup>th</sup> Charity Shop Fashion Show

#### **July**

- 16<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library

#### **August**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Garden Club - Flower Produce and Craft Show
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stoke Active Walkers

#### **September**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Stoke Band 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations
- 20<sup>th</sup> National Festival Circus