

PARISH COUNCIL

Chair's Update

At our meeting on 3 May we were pleased to once again support the May Fayre Committee by awarding them a grant of £500 towards the printing of the official programme for May 29.

Keeping our village tidier

A massive 'thank you' to the 25 people who turned up to help us on our litterpick on Saturday 13 May! Thanks to them, all the streets in our village are now much cleaner and tidier ready to welcome our summer visitors. This year, as well as the usual group of helpers, there were a lot of new volunteers with a wider range of ages, from under 10s to over 70s! A welcome cup of tea and cakes was provided at the end.

One of the suggestions that came from some residents at the Annual Parish Meeting was that all of us take more personal responsibility for ensuring the fronts of our houses are weed-free, particularly those buildings which front straight on to the pavement. Also for all of us to keep our doors, doorsteps and windows clean. Sounds a great way to keep our village looking smart and cared for (I am on to my weeds and front door right now!).

New litter bin

We have been given permission by Streetscene to install an extra litter bin on the corner of Stonehill, which we hope will be used by Stanchester pupils as they come and go to school. We are looking into the possibility of putting in a round hamstone bin instead of the usual metal one.

Planning Decisions:

Final permission has now been given for the Arc Homes development at Stanchester. Some minor improvements to building materials have been made to the houses fronting East Stoke so they are now stone based, but the rest of the development is still somewhat out of character for our village, and different in design from other developments over recent years. Disappointing, but the Parish Council (and neighbouring residents) tried our very best for you in the circumstances, and it certainly won't stop us banging the drum in the future!

Memorial Hall Car park

There are an increasing number of very big events now being held at the Hall where Hall users require exclusive use of the car park. One example is the General Election on June 8. Could we ask you please not to park there on that day, or the night before. The Hall will be in use from 6.30am on the morning of June 8. We will in future be publishing forward dates for your information in this newsletter when it is essential that the car park is used exclusively for Hall events.

Contact details: Barbara Brooks, Chair of the Parish Council

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Tamarisk, High St (opp Working Men's Club)

ALLOTMENTS

Are you interested in growing your own vegetables? Do you not have enough space in your garden to grow vegetables? Then an allotment could be the answer. We have allotments available at our sites in Furlands and Stonehill with plots to suit your needs and gardening experience. If you would like some more information please contact Sarah Moore, Parish Clerk on 01935 822455 or email clerksshpc@hotmail.co.uk

HIGHWAYS

Take Notice that in pursuance of Section 13(1) of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984, as amended by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991, the County Council of Somerset propose to make an Order **PROHIBITING ALL TRAFFIC** from proceeding along **(B3165) North Street, Martock from the junction with Church Street and East Street, north-westwards a distance of 780 metres from 9 June for 8 days**, excluding the weekend.

The alternative route is either along the A303, through Ash to Stapleton Cross or via Martock Lane through Ash to Stapleton Cross.

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

Tuesday, 6 June 2017

Today's walk will take us around the back of Castle Farm and down to Jubilee Woods. We will then go up King's Road and take the track past the back of Percombe and follow the footpath which will lead us to West End Garage. From there we will cross the road and follow the footpath to Norton. We will then go along the road to Creedy, turn left and follow the footpath to cross the Crewkerne road, over the stile which takes us to the back of Higher Street and follow the footpath 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.

SOMERSET PERFORMING ARTS LIBRARY

If you sing in a choir, play in an orchestra or are part of a drama group, subscribing to Somerset Performing Arts library will gain your group access to our vast collection of music scores and play scripts. Based in Yeovil we have dedicated specialist staff available to advise and assist with the loan of materials for your next performance or play reading. For details see www.somerset.gov.uk/pal. Email: muslib@somerset.gov.uk or telephone: 01935 472020

POP IN PROGRAMME AT OAK TREE HOUSE

June 1 QUIZ by John
8 Readings and Poems
15 First Responder - talk Mark Norbury
22 Fish and Chips
29 School in a Bag - talk by Liz
July 6 Music with Terry Whithead

Contact: Jennifer (01935 882609)

THE VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP

The Village Artists are hosting a demonstration with Alison C. Board, a local watercolour artist, on Wednesday 14th June, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Non-members very welcome. Entry is £5 per person.

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.

POP UP BREAKFAST

A pop up breakfast to raise awareness and funds for Parkinson's UK was held at Penny and Ron Master's home on Easter Sunday. Through the generosity of people who donated bacon, raffle prizes and money, and to the 40+ who turned up for breakfast and all those who helped, we would like to say a huge thank you. A total of £400 was raised.

SOMERSET SIGHT

Happily, the Somerset Sight van is calling at the Memorial Hall car park between 1.30pm – 3.30pm on the following days in 2017:

Tuesday 13 June, Wednesday 6 September and Thursday 16 November.

MEMORIAL HALL - DAMAGE

Your child may be a world class footballer one day, but while they are practising in the Memorial Hall grounds please could you make sure that they don't use the side of the building, as one of the down pipes has again been damaged in 3 places. We have roofing repair work underway at the moment and any additional costs stretch our limited budget. Thank you.

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 29 July. The Schedule and Entry Form is enclosed with this edition of the Village Newsletter and it is hoped that as a précis of the schedule has been published for the last couple of months, this will encourage 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.

The Garden Club meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month and visitors can be assured of a warm welcome. At our June 28 meeting, Neil Lovesey will talk about 'A year at Picket Lane Nursery' 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.

HAMDON YOUTH GROUP

Our Monday meetings have been really popular lately with around 40 young people enjoying activities, mainly outside due to the numbers and the fine evenings. This would be difficult in winter in the Lighthouse but by that time we hope to be back in the Methodist Hall. A smaller group meet on Wednesdays in the Meeting Room at Norton Village Hall for chats and activities. Both meetings run from 7pm.

The Monday programme (at the Lighthouse in Stoke) for June:

5th Karaoke
12th Sport on rec/meditation
19th Games on rec
26th Walk up Ham Hill/BBQ

For more information please contact Lou Chant on 07402 987921 or email lou.chant@cyp.me.uk. Find us on Facebook @ Stoke & Norton Youth Groups

DIARY OF EVENTS:

June

6th Stoke Active Walkers
13th Somerset Sight
14th Village Artist Group - Watercolour Demonstration
28th Garden Club Talk

July

29th Flower, Produce and Craft Show