

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

If you have a issues or complaints regarding waste collection/recycling please do not approach the ground crew whilst they are on their rounds please contact Somerset Waste Partnership either via the South Somerset District Council website [www.southsomerset.gov.uk](http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk) or telephone 01935 462462. More information on Somerset Waste Partnership can be found on their website [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk)

## **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, 3<sup>rd</sup> March*

For our March walk we will be going down Whirligig Lane and up Tunwell Lane, up Cole Lane and along Langlands, down Matts Lane and up Dannings Well, across Norton Path and up through Norton Covert, across the ridge to Batemoor Barn then down across the field, past Montacute Tower and follow the footpath back through Hedgecock Woods and down over Ham Hill to the Fleur de Lis 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.

## **VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP**

After our very happy Christmas meal attended by 19 of our members at the Fleur de Lis in December we are now back to painting regularly in the Memorial Hall and looking forward to the next special event which is to be an all day workshop on Saturday, 21st March at the Hall from 10am - 3.30pm. Professional teacher and artist, Helen Layfield, will be tutoring, encouraging us to enjoy creating colourful and confident images with paint; you don't have to bring special reference just your favourite paints and a supply of paper. Sure to be inspiring and fun so do come and join in. Members £20, non-members £25. Special consideration for benefit claimants -just give me a ring to discuss.

Lee Allen - 01935 472675 or [leallen@madasafish.com](mailto:leallen@madasafish.com)

## **COFFEE & CAKE MORNING**

Come for Coffee & Cake. Saturday 28th March. 10am - 1pm in the Memorial Hall.

The Hall is having Coffee & Cake morning to raise funds for the Hall and for CLIC, the Children's Cancer Charity. Young & old, please join us for a cuppa and a slice of home-made cake. Everyone is welcome. Donations of cakes would be much appreciated.

## **YEOVIL UKULELE CLUB**

Yeovil Ukulele Club gets together on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm at the Red House in Yeovil. If you would like to join us for a strum and sing-a-long please come along; entry is free and we would love to see you there. For more information telephone 07855539028 or visit our Facebook page.

## **ACORN POP-IN PROGRAMME**

March

- 5th My treasure - member's story
- 12th Edwardian Music - David Sutcliffe
- 19th Afternoon - tea and chat  
Evening - King & I at Octagon
- 26<sup>th</sup> To be arranged

For more information contact Jennifer Kerr 01935 882609

### **SOMERSET SIGHT VISITS IN 2015**

For your diaries - the Somerset Sight van will be in the Memorial Hall car park on the following dates:

Thursday 19 March

Thursday 9 July

Monday 21 September

Monday 21 December

Come and see what is on offer and enjoy a coffee at the Lighthouse afterwards

### **THE STOKE CHARITY SHOP**

Sing along to the Sound of Music Movie on Saturday, 14 March at 6pm in the Memorial Hall. Experience this classic movie as you have never seen it before!

With specially prepared sequences by our very own Stoke Charity Shop Theatre Group join in all your favourite songs and even come dressed as your favourite character if you like. There will be refreshments and a bar. Admission - Adults £4 and Children (under 12) £2.50 and tickets are available from the Charity Shop NOW.

### **MOBILE LIBRARY**

The van will visit the Memorial Hall Car Park every four weeks on a Thursday from 11.25am to 11.45am and will be in the car park on 26 March. If you haven't used the mobile library before, do give it a try!

### **COMMUNITY HELP**

My name is Denise Drayton and I am the Community Pioneer at the Co-Op in Stoke. We are looking at ways we can help in the community, not just donating prizes but to come and help out with a project that you might be doing or to 'man' a stall for you.

If you feel we can help out in any way contact me on 01935 824355.

### **SPRING JUMBLE SALE**

A Spring jumble sale will be held at Norton sub Hamdon village hall on Saturday, 7 March at 11am. Admission is 30p and everyone is welcome. There will be loads of bargains and the proceeds will go to the village hall. For more information contact Jennie Harris on 01935 881718.

### **HAMDON YOUTH GROUP**

Hamdon Youth Group has lots of plans for March and beyond! *Far beyond* in fact! as we are expecting the tags in our second **Geocaching race** to go thousands of miles! You will soon be able to adopt a tag which you can track as it is moved from one cache to another and get sponsorship for your tag to raise funds for HYG, which is totally funded by grants and what

money we can raise ourselves. More details will be on the Norton and Stoke websites, Hamdon Youth Group Facebook page and on the CYP website.

At an excellent first meeting of the **Youth Council**; six young people expressed an interest in representing their peers in the two villages to the Parish Councils and others about things that concern them. Further regular meetings will continue in March (see below) and any young people who are interested in finding out more about joining this group should contact Lou, our youth worker.

We still need more **volunteers** to work alongside our youth worker at our regular weekly sessions in both villages. You have to be over 18 and could do as little as one session per month. It looks good on your CV, particularly if you want to work with young people but also showing how you make a meaningful regular contribution to your community. Contact Lou if you'd like to know more.

**Our regular meetings** for March are:

Norton Village Hall Meeting Room Wednesdays 7 – 9pm

March 4 – Café; March 11 - Youth Council; March 18 – Café; March 25 - Youth Council

Stoke Methodist Hall Thursdays 7 – 9pm

Open March 5, 12, 19 & 26.

Details of programme are on Hamdon Youth Group Facebook page and on the CYP website.

Our meetings are open to all young people Year 7 to 18yrs old.

For more information please contact Lou Chant on 07402 987921 or email [lou.chant@cyp.me.uk](mailto:lou.chant@cyp.me.uk). CYP website [www.cyp.me.uk](http://www.cyp.me.uk) - click Communities for local info. Find us on Facebook @ Hamdons Youth Group

## **GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER**

As I type this Lent is about to start with Ash Wednesday (February 18); a journey of 40 days (and 7 Sundays) towards the most momentous celebrations in the Church's Calendar.

This year Good Friday will be on April 3. There will be a short service outside of the Memorial Hall at 10am when a Cross will be erected recalling Jesus' cruel crucifixion. This will be preceded by a procession, starting at 9.30am, from St Mary's Church when the cross will be carried - recalling Jesus walk through the streets of Jerusalem after he had been scourged with a whip.

However his death and burial wasn't the end of the story and on Easter Day (April 5) we shall be gathering at St Mary's at 9.30am (the only service on that day) to rejoice in Jesus' victory over death and celebrate his Resurrection.

All are very welcome to join us as we remember the pain and the glory of these two special days - more information from Peter Thomas 881202

## **WOMAN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

On the first Friday of March each year Christians from 170 countries take part in this event - there will be 5000 services in the UK, including one at All Saints Hall on Friday, March 5 at 10.30am. Although written by the Christian women, this year from 'The Bahamas', all are invited. Increasingly men and children are participating and all are welcome. The theme of 'Jesus said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?"'. More details from Sarah Russell on 826355

## **SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL CARE PROVIDER EVENT**

*Promote your services online*

Do you run a local care and support service? Do you sell care products? Or do you organise a support group in your local area? If the answer is yes to any of these questions then you need to promote your services or products on an exciting new website called Somerset Choices.

Somerset Choices, led by Somerset County Council, will allow people to search for care services, products, support groups and events in their local area.

Somerset Choices is due to launch in Spring 2015 and the Council is encouraging hundreds of local services providers and voluntary agencies to register their details by April.

Don't miss out! Come along to an information event on Thursday 19 March at Somerset College in Taunton to find out more about Somerset Choices, see a demonstration of the new website and to register for free.

There are three one and half hour time slots that you can choose from.

Slot 1	9am - 10.30am
Slot 2	11.30am – 1pm
Slot 3	2.30pm – 4pm

Please sign up to one of the time slots by emailing [infoandadvice@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:infoandadvice@somerset.gov.uk).

Somerset Choices will initially focus on Adults services and support (including social care, physical health, mental health and much more) and those relevant to Children's will be uploaded shortly afterwards.

#### **DIARY OF EVENTS:**

##### **March**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stoke Active Walkers
- 5<sup>th</sup> Woman's World Day of Prayer
- 7<sup>th</sup> Spring Jumble Sale - Norton
- 14<sup>th</sup> Sing Along to the Sound of Music
- 19<sup>th</sup> Somerset Sight Visit
- 19<sup>th</sup> SCC Care Provider Event
- 21<sup>st</sup> Village Artist Workshop
- 28<sup>th</sup> Coffee & Cake Morning
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mobile Library