

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council are sorry to announce that Mick Sampson has resigned as Chairman of the Parish Council. Mick has been on the Parish Council for many years and became Chairman in 2009. We are all sorry to see him go and thank him for all his hard work and expertise. It has been agreed that Mick will still lay the poppy wreath on Remembrance Sunday on behalf of the Parish Council.

Barbara Brooks who is the current Vice Chairman will be taking over from Mick as Chairman and we wish her every success.

Post Box in the High Street

Many of you may have heard that Royal Mail are removing the post box in the High Street and not replacing it. There is a petition in the Shop on the Cross to save our post box so please could you sign it if you have not already done so. So far there are over 300 signatures and we would like many, many more. Not only does this particular post box have an historic nature as it is a King George VI box it is vital to the centre of the village. The Royal Mail have indicated that the post boxes in West Street and Stonehill are within easy walking distance – not so easy if you live at the top of Ham Hill Road or have limited mobility!

Members of the Parish Council have been in discussions with the Royal Mail where it was indicated by the Royal Mail representative that they might put a free-standing replacement box somewhere on the High Street subject to a ground survey.

ROLL OF HONOUR

L. Cpl.	Frank Boon	Pte.	George Ralph
Pte	Albert Bowden	L.Sgt	Harold Rice
Lieut (M.C.)	Horace Brooks	Mjr.	Sydney Domville Rowland R.A.M.C
Pte	Bert Clarke	Pte.	Gilbert Shoemark
Cpl (M.M.)	George Denman	Pte.	James Shoemark
Pte	Walter Drew	Pte	Fred Sparks
Pte.	William Eglon	Pte	John Stagg
Pte	Benjamin Gaylard	Pte	Edward Taylor
Pte	Henry Ernest Gifford	Pte	Frederick Taylor
Pte	Edward Gilman	Pte.	Reginald Terrell
Rfl (M.M.).	Cyril Gold	L.Sgt	Archibald Thorne
Pte.	Walter Gomm	Pte	James Thorne
Pte.	Hubert Grinter	Corp.	Albert Trotman
Pte.	Joseph Gummer	Pte.	Earnest Trotman
Gnr.	William Hann	Pte	Fred Trott
Pte.	Charles Hawkins	Pte.	Gilbert Trott
Pte.	John Hayward	Pte	Percy Trott
A.M.	Fred Helliard	Sgt.	Harry Turner
Pte.	Courtney Isaacs	Pte	Frank Welch
L.Cpl	Austain Keetch	Pte	Ewart Whitley
Spr	Tom Lang	L.Cpl	Ewart Palmer
Pte	William Male	A.B.	George Palmer
Pte	Albert Minchinton	Pte.	George Ralph
Pte.	George Minchington	L.Sgt	Harold Rice
L.Cpl	Ewart Palmer	Pte	Percy Wines
A.B.	George Palmer	Pte	Albert Wilkinson

WWI COMMEMORATIVE WEEKEND

A commemorative weekend is being held in Stoke Working Men's Club on 8 and 9 November with the History Group hosting an exhibition of Stoke sub Hamdon during WWI. The exhibition will be open from 12pm till late on Saturday and from 12pm till 4pm on

Sunday. In conjunction with this, from 6.30pm on the Saturday evening, there will be music by Stoke Silver Band and some young local singers with a free buffet funding by the Parish Council.

After the Remembrance Service on Ham Hill on the Sunday tea, coffee and cakes will be served in the Working Men's Club giving everyone an opportunity to look around the exhibition. If you would like to assist with the event on Sunday please bake a cake for everyone to enjoy. The raffle tickets will be on sale on both Saturday and Sunday with the draw being held on the Sunday. All proceeds are going to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

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.

HAMDON YOUTH GROUP

Hamdon Youth Group is a great way to meet friends and try new things in both Stoke and Norton. We welcome young people from Year 7 at sessions led by our experienced Youth Worker.

We are celebrating our first new 'graduate' of the Bike Programme and Mia will receive the bike she has renovated under guidance of experienced volunteers and a certificate. Young people who would like to do the same should contact Lou, our Youth Worker. Bikes to renovate are free thanks to generous donations from our supporters.

At our geocaching event earlier in the year a number of tags were placed on Ham Hill by our members. One tag, placed by Bella, has travelled an amazing 13,864 miles so she was presented with a £20 Amazon token at our recent AGM. We hope to run another geocaching event next year - watch this space!

New volunteers to help at our weekly sessions in both villages would be very welcome. Working with our Youth Worker it offers a great way to enable our young people to have a safe place to meet and learn. Our volunteers to date have been great and their work is very much appreciated by young people and the HYG committee. Contact Bruce Wilson on 822669 or brucewilson9@googlemail.com to work out times suitable for you.

Check out latest details of our Wednesday Drop-in in Norton (7.30 @ Village Hall) and Thursday Club (7.30 @ Methodist Hall, Stoke) on our Facebook page, **Hamdons Youth Group**, for the latest info and www.cyp.me.uk for details of other events in the area. Contact our Youth Worker, Lou, on **07402 987921**

VILLAGE ARTISTS

Well known Somerset Artist and teacher Nicky Clarke will be holding a full day Workshop on water colour techniques at the Stoke Memorial Hall on Saturday 15th November from 10am until 3pm. £20 members or £25 non-members. There will be a theme of 'Under the Sea' so come prepared with watercolour paints, spare paper for exercises and ideas for your picture with some references (where possible). It will be fun so do join us you are most welcome. For more information contact Lee Allen 01935 472675

TRIANGLE TRUST CHRISTMAS SALE

The Triangle Trust Christmas Sale is on Saturday, 29 November at 2pm in the Memorial Hall. Come and see Father Christmas and there will be a big draw, cakes and lots more.

GRAND CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Memorial Hall is holding its Grand Christmas Fair on Saturday, 22 November from 10.30am till 4.00pm. All your Christmas present problems will be solved if you come along to see the toys, cakes, jewellery, gifts, cards, glassware, beauty products & lots more that will be on sale. Hot food & snacks, teas, coffees, cakes available all day.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

There will be a 1 minute silent ceremony held at the Memorial Stone in front of the hall at 11.00am on Tuesday, 11 November. All are welcome to attend.

STOKE BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Christmas Concert is on Saturday 13 December in the Memorial Hall. Tickets will cost the same as last year, £6 per person, and will include Christmas pudding and pies. As usual there will be a licensed bar and refreshments. Tickets will be available from Jane & Ralph Herbert on 822402 from 16 November.

STOKE ACTIVE WALKERS

Tuesday, 4 November

Today we start by going down Tunwell Lane and up Cole Lane to the bottom of Great Field and then follow the footpath to Holy Tree, cross the main road and then down to follow the river at Creedy Bridge. We will then cross the road and follow the footpath to cross the Crewkerne road then across the field and back around 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.

ACORN POP-IN PROGRAMME

November 6 Fish & Chips Lunch Outing
13 Mike Bolton
20 Boccia Session
27 Michael Kerr
December 4 To Be Arranged

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

Jo Parker Flowers-Christmas Wreath Workshop will be held on Tuesday, 16 December between 10.30am - 12.30pm in Norton sub Hamdon Village Hall. The cost will be £25 which includes all materials and refreshments. Please join Jo Parker, and learn how to make a beautiful Christmas door wreath or table decoration. Get in the festive spirit with coffee and mince pies. Booking is essential, so please call Jo Parker on 01935 881276 or 07544307035

THE LAST DAMBUSTER

Johnny Johnson, 93, is now the only surviving member of the gallant RAF Team, The Dambusters, and he will be sharing his experiences and memories at The Tithe Barn, Haselbury Mill on Friday, 21 November at 6.30pm. Come and meet and hear a living legend and relive a heroic mission of WWII. Tickets are £16 per person and will include a two course meal plus tea/coffee. All proceeds will jointly benefit the Yeovil Opportunity Group

and the Bomber Command Memorial Fund. For more information please contact 01935 475448, 01935 475770 or 01935 420051.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Please note that the schedule for next autumn has been changed. The van will visit the Memorial Hall Car Park every four weeks on Thursdays from 11.25 to 11.45 a.m. and on the following dates;

6 November and 4 December.

If you haven't used the mobile library before, do give it a try!

DIARY OF EVENTS:

November

4 th	Stoke Active Walkers
6 th	Mobile Library
8 th & 9 th	WWI Commemorative Weekend and Exhibition
15 th	Art Workshop
21 st	The Last Dambuster
22 nd	Grand Christmas Fair
29 th	Triangle Trust Christmas Sale

December

13 th	Stoke Band Christmas Concert
16 th	Christmas Wreath Workshop