

PARISH COUNCIL

Village Improvements

The Parish Council have been discussing ways on how we can improve our village. We would also like the community of Stoke sub Hamdon to give us their thoughts on this matter. If there is something that you would like to see improved in the village then please contact the Clerk with your ideas.

Gardens

As autumn approaches and we are tidying up our gardens before the winter sets in, can we ask if you have any hedges or plants that are growing over your boundaries to make sure that they are cut back so that they do not obstruct the public footpaths.

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.

VILLAGE ARTISTS

We will be holding our main Annual Exhibition in the Memorial Hall on Saturday, October 18 offering paintings for sale at affordable prices.

TRIANGLE TRUST CHRISTMAS SALE

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

STOKE BAND AGM

Stoke Band's AGM takes place on Thursday, 2 October in the band room at the back of the URC at 8pm. This is an open meeting, everyone is welcome. Hope to see some of you there. Jane Herbert.

HAMDON MEDICAL CENTRE 'FLU SESSIONS 2014

We are holding the following 'flu sessions for patients that are in an 'At Risk' group including all patients aged 65 years and over and those with a chronic disease (such as heart, lung, liver or neurological disease). Patients who have diabetes, a weak immune system, that are pregnant or are carers who are also entitled to a 'flu vaccination.

Thursday, 2 October 2.00pm - 4.00pm

Saturday, 11 October 9.00am - 11.00am

Thursday, 16 October 5.00pm - 6.30pm

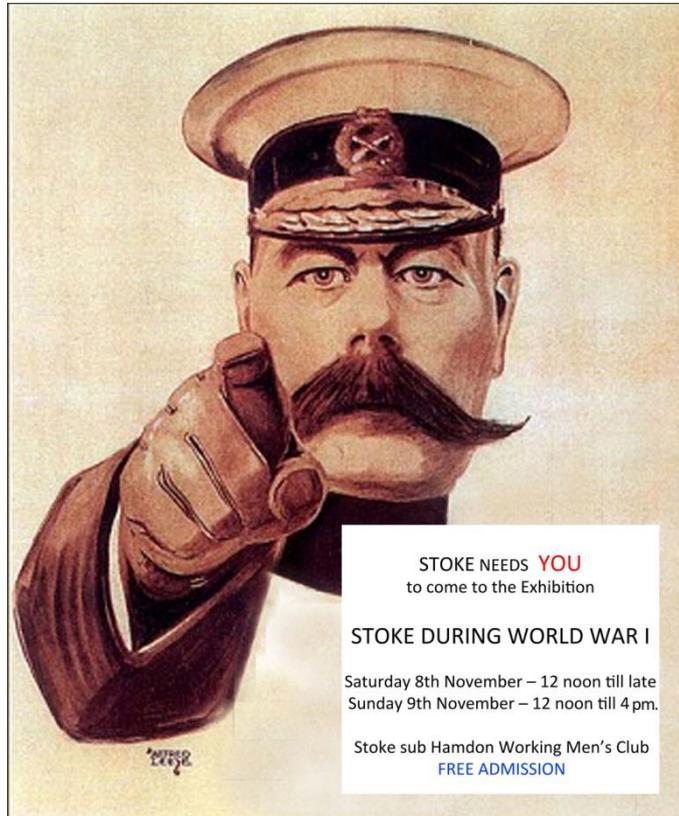
No appointment is needed; just attend within the times stated. If you have a disability or are housebound and cannot attend a clinic, please contact the surgery. Please note the car park will only be available for drop off/collection during the clinic times.

WWI COMMEMORATIVE WEEKEND & REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The History Group are holding an exhibition of Stoke sub Hamdon during WWI on 8 and 9 November at the Working Men's Club. In conjunction with this on the Saturday, there will be an evening of music by Stoke Silver Band and some young local singers to commemorate the start of the Great War. The evening will start at 6.30pm with a free buffet and some tasty

treats from that era. A raffle will be held during the evening with all proceeds going to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

The Remembrance Service will be held on Ham Hill by the Monument at 10.45am. If anyone with mobility difficulties would like a lift please contact Jon Moore on 822455 in plenty of time. After the Service tea, coffee and cake will be served in the Working Men's Club giving everyone an opportunity to look around the exhibition.



HAMDON YOUTH GROUP

Our autumn programme is in full swing. The Bike Project, where young people work with volunteers to learn to strip and care for a bike donated to the project, which they will own at the end of the sessions is at the Thursday Youth Club in Stoke. They are also planning cooking, arts, street art project on canvas and safety around Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Young people Year 7 and above are welcome to our weekly sessions in Stoke, Thursdays 7:00pm - 9:00pm at the Methodist Church Hall and at the Drop-in Cafe in Norton, on Wednesdays 7:00pm - 9:00pm in the Meeting Room **in the** Village Hall.

Check our Facebook page, **Hamdons Youth Group**, for the latest info and www.cyp.me.uk for details of other events in the area.

We'd like to invite any adults who have an interest in young people to **join our team of volunteers**. Volunteers help our Youth Worker to run the two weekly sessions plus other special projects.

Please contact Bruce Wilson on 822669 or brucewilson9@googlemail.com for more information.

STOKE ACTIVE WALKERS

Tuesday, 7 October

Our walk today begins by going down Windsor Lane and through Lower East Stoke Farm, by kind permission of Mr Rex Hill. We will then follow the footpath to the Link Road and go

into Montacute, around the back of The Ice House and Montacute House to Yeovil Road. We will cross the road and go up into Ladies Walk, then down to Abbey Farm and around St Michaels Tower and up to the footpath along the top of Hatchcroft Woods to the Prince of Wales 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

October	2	Fleet Air Arm Museum - B Gilbert
	9	Board Games
	16	Reminiscences of a Black & White Minstrel - by Raymond Budd
	23	Airs & Graces with Helen Rose & Group
	30	Members Readings, Poems & Trade Table
November	6	Fish & Chips Lunch Outing by coach

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; 9 October, 6 November and 4 December. If you haven't used the mobile library before, do give it a try!

HAMDON PLAYGROUP 40TH BIRTHDAY YEAR CELEBRATIONS

We would like to invite anyone who has had an association with Hamdon Playgroup over the last 40 years to join us at Hamdon Playgroup for afternoon tea on Saturday, 8 November at 3pm to celebrate with us. Please bring any photos that you may have as we would love to see them or drop them into playgroup to add to our display for everyone to see.

We would like to thank all the parents and carers who have given us the privilege of looking after their children and the village for its continued support over the 40 years in fundraising and events held; also for all the kind donations made to us, we thank you very much.

We would very much like to give something back to the village, for its continued support, so would like to ask if you would all support us in a collection to raise money for a defibrillator that will be placed in a prominent place in the village to be available 24 hours a day for the use of all within our community in an emergency, all other village business, groups and clubs are invited to join with us to raise the money needed.

Please contact Hamdon Playgroup on 01935 826832 to donate or for more information; looking forward to your continued support. Ann, Karon, Louisa, Joella, Hayley & Committee

A FASHION SHOW WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Stoke Charity Shop and All About Hats are working in partnership on a Fashion Show to be held at Stoke Working Men's Club on Saturday, 18 October at 7pm. The entrance ticket is £3.50 which includes nibbles and a glass of wine are on sale from the Charity Shop or Rosemary (All About Hats) on 07817182779. Clothes will be on sale and the hats are there as a promotion for All About Hats (Hat Hire Company). All proceeds from the evening will go to Stoke Charity Shop

SPOOKY WALK 30TH OCTOBER 2014

After last year's success, we are going to do the Spooky Walk again this October. This is a guided walk around Stoke sub Hamdon, which will visit various sites around the village and your guide will regale you with historic and spooky tales of the village, its residents and some strange happenings, some of which may still be happening to this very day!

We will gather at the Priory (NT) on North Street, please wear clothes for outdoors and please feel free to dress for the occasion if you wish - the spookier the better. There may even be prizes for the 'spookiest' outfit. Bring torches or lanterns; the village by candle light is even spookier. After our tour taking in the sights, sounds and stories of this historic and unusual village, we will return to the Priory (NT) for a snack of "spooky fingers in buns", washed down with a glass of wine for adults and squash for youngsters. **It is essential that you book in advance** - no bookings will be taken on the evening of the walk. The price of the Spooky Walk is £1.50 for a child (under 14), £4.00 per adult, or £10.00 for a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children). Children must be accompanied by an adult for this exciting event. The ticket price includes the guided walk, with some very interesting and informative stories, the snack and drink afterwards. There will be four separate groups and you will be given a start time for your tour. Contact Moira Hulett on 01935 824784 for your booking. Do come along and enjoy finding out some very interesting stories about the village you live in - remember, nothing is what it seems on a dark night.

1ST MONTACUTE BROWNIES

At the end of last term the girls asked if they could do some litter picking around the village and so their wish to help their community became our demand... With the support of SSDC Streetscene and the loan of their equipment it allowed the unit and 6 helpers to pick up 3 big bags of rubbish from the paths, minor roads, memorial hall field around Stoke sub Hamdon. Well done everyone! The best part is we had fun along the way!

This term we have found a lovely new 2nd leader, Claire Kelly, (Tawny Owl) and helping hands as and when needed. Thank you.

On Saturday 20 September, 10 girls will have a sleepover "NIGHT AT DORCHESTER MUSEUM" which I am sure will provide much fun but not a lot of sleep!

On Saturday 4 October from 10am – 1pm we will be fund raising bag packing for shoppers at Morrison's, please come and say hello! For more information contact Jackie Poole AKA Snowy Owl 01935 823606

ALL SOULS' DAY

There is a very special service in St Mary's at 6.30 pm – please note the change from the usual time – on Sunday, 2 November to mark All Souls' Day. We invite you to come to this evening service and within it we will remember with thanksgiving your family members/friends who have died. If you would like someone in particular to be remembered, or have any questions, please let Rosemary Egerton know on 07817 182779 or Lesley Strutt on lesley.strutt@btinternet.com or 2 Hamdon Close (in Matts Lane) by Thursday, 30 October.

Anyone wishing to attend a service at St Mary's, and needs transport please contact Sam Lewis a ring on 01935 881925.

DIARY OF EVENTS:

October

7th Stoke Active Walkers
8th Route 60

9th Mobile Library
18th Village Artists Exhibition
18th Fashion Show
30th Spooky Walk

November

6th Mobile Library
8th Hamdon Playgroup 40th Birthday Celebrations
8th & 9th WWI Commemorative Weekend and Exhibition
29th Triangle Trust Christmas Sale