

PARISH COUNCIL

Chair's Update

Health and Safety:

We are purchasing two defibrillators for the village, together with training for users at a cost of just under £3,400. The first one, which arrived a couple of weeks ago, is to be placed at The Prince of Wales and will assist anybody walking on the hill who suffers heart problems. Three of the pub's permanent staff will be trained on its use. The second one, to be purchased in a couple of months' time, will be placed down in the village outside the Memorial Hall. We are currently liaising with various organisations and clubs round the village to ask for 13 other volunteers to be trained up. If you would like to get involved, please let me know (my details below). We are grateful for a £1000 legacy given to the Parish Council by the niece of Bernadette Danielle Hutchings which will go towards the cost of training, and the £400 Health and Wellbeing grant from the County Council which will go towards the cost of the defibrillator for Ham Hill.

Noticeboard:

We started the process last month of putting in a planning application for the erection of a much larger Village Noticeboard outside the Memorial Hall. We want to be able to share more information with you, and the noticeboard will have a nice large dedicated space for community posters for events and groups. The existing noticeboard next to Tomasz the Hairdressers will go to East Stoke, outside the Co-op, as a second village noticeboard. The planning process will probably take about a couple of months.

Stonehill Play Area

The Council have been working with play area specialists and SSDC over the past few weeks to design a new and exciting play area for the Stonehill younger children. This will be quite a significant but overdue investment for the village, and one the Council is keen to get under way. The proposed schemes and costs will be discussed in the coming Parish Council meeting for decision.

Join Us!

Would you be interested in joining us on the Parish Council? We have four vacancies, and we'd love them all to be filled! It doesn't matter whether you are new to the village or have been here for years, young or not so young, all are welcome to share ideas and make a difference to the village. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Memorial Hall and we are a really friendly group who want to, and will make sure we improve facilities in our village. If you would like more information on what it's all about, please contact either myself on 823894 or Sarah Moore, our Parish Clerk on 822455.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 87 of the Local Government Act 1972 that one vacancy has occurred on the Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council. Unless a request for an election to be held is submitted in writing to the Proper Officer of the South Somerset District Council, at the Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 2HT by no later than 30th September by ten electors for the Parish of Stoke sub Hamdon, the Parish Council will proceed to fill this vacancy by co-option

Barbara Brooks, Chair of Parish Council

01935 823894 or Tamarisk, High St (opp. Working Men's Club)

Do you share a car to get to work?

The Transport group in the Parish Council are currently looking at all forms of public and private transport in the village. We'd like to know how many people share a car into their workplace. Is this something you do? Is it a private arrangement between workmates or friends, or are you signed up to one of the Somerset car sharing

websites? Does the system work well? Info please to Barbara Brooks at chairsshpc@hotmail.com or Tamarisk, High Street (opp. Working Men's Club)

Parking in the village

Just a plea for every car driver in the village, whatever road you park in, that you ensure that you are not blocking access for other road users. We had a situation recently where the waste collection lorries were not able to get to houses to pick up bins.

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, 1 September

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 then go into Montacute, around the back of the Ice House and Montacute House to Yeovil Road where we will cross the road into Ladies Walk, down to Abbey Farm and around St Michaels Tower. From there we will go up to the footpath along the top of Hedgecock Hill Woods and along to Double Ditch, then back 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.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all the local villagers who gave support, donations and kind wishes for Bernhard (Bernie) Goad. He is now home on the road to recovery but still has a very long way to go. We, as a family, were very humbled by the amount of kindness and support. Many thanks from all the family.

'AND GRANDSIRE WENT WRONG' - A HISTORICAL VILLAGE MYSTERY.....

An open meeting is being held on Tuesday 22 September at 7.30pm at Stoke Working Men's Club.

'And Grandsire Went Wrong' is a play written by local author Angela Hodges, originally devised for radio but currently being updated for the stage. The play's plot centres on a group of present day bell ringers who meet weekly in the church at Stoke -sub-Hamdon for bell ringing practice and the discovery by one of their members, of a set of initials 'GR', carved into the stone of the bell tower. This discovery sparks an investigation by 'Tricia' who manages to find out that mystery initials belonged to a local resident, George Ralph who lived in the village in the early twentieth century. The story then unfolds into one that through the telling of George's story of growing up in Stoke, then going off to the Battle of the Somme in

the Great War as a young man, cleverly links the present day bell ringers to the ghosts of the past, in more ways than they had ever imagined!

A small group of local residents wish to bring a proposal to the wider village community, to stage a production of 'And Grandsire Went Wrong' in the summer of 2016, using The Priory tithe barn and grounds as the performance venue. Ideally this event would take place on the first weekend of July, to coincide 100th anniversary of the start of the Battle of the Somme.

So, if you are already intrigued by the story line and want to get involved, come along to the Working Men's club on 22 September at 7.30 pm. We will need performers, backstage helpers, set designers, a director, costume and prop makers, tea servers, ticket sellers, lighting and sound technicians and well, the list is endless! All we really need is your enthusiasm and willingness to get involved.

We recognise that this is an ambitious proposal, but also strongly believe that with the many talents and skills we have in our village 'And Grandsire Went Wrong' could provide a real focus to bring the whole community together to create a very special and memorable event.

TAI CHI

Shibashi Tai Chi Class at the Stoke Sub Hamdon Memorial Hall, Wednesdays 5.30-6.30 pm £4 per person. Call Martyn Powell 07717 893 749.

BARN DANCE WITH CROOKED FURROW

Come along and dance to Crooked Furrow at the May Fayre Committee's Barn Dance on Saturday, 12 September 2015. This event will be held in the Stoke sub Hamdon Memorial Hall from 7.45 pm.

Tickets are available from the Stoke Charity Shop or can be booked by calling Denise on 01935 827793 or Maria on 01935 824064 and cost £7.50 per adult and £5.00 per child (under the age of 12). The price includes a Ploughman's supper. Bar will be available on the night. Please do not delay in buying your ticket!

BOXERCISE CLASS

A new Boxercise class is starting on Wednesday, 2 September between 6.30 - 7.30pm at Stoke sub Hamdon Memorial Hall. The first session is free.

Boxercise is a class using boxing pads and gloves (No Body Contact) to do exercise. The class will be a great workout for those who want to get fit fast at a fun and sociable class. For more details contact Martyn on 07717 893 749.

POP IN PROGRAMME

- September 3 Music Group by Helen
- 10 Life at the Vet - talk by Lizzie
- 17 John's Quiz
- 24 Cream Tea - Belmont Sidmouth
- October 1 Film on Chard Canals

An invitation to join us at 2.15 is extended to those interested.

For more information contact Jennifer Kerr 01935 882609

'GATHER-ING'

Somerset Art Weeks Exhibition at The Priory Stoke sub Hamdon 3 - 4 and 10 - 11 October. The large tithe barn within The Priory complex, a rare and unique group of

medieval domestic and agricultural buildings, is the focus of this contemporary craft project. The title 'Gather-ing' references the function of a barn as a space to collect/bring/gather people, animals and crops, as well as a symbolic meeting place to gather for ritual celebration. Curated by Craftspace, artists Stewart Easton and music associates, Jacky Oliver, Helen Snell and Gillian Widden will showcase new work made in response to the site. Poet technologist Chris Jelley has been commissioned to interact with the artists and the site.

Saturday 3 October, 11am until 3pm. The installations will be presented with the artists during a 'live' celebration in the barn. Also the installation will be open for viewing and lead artist Stewart Easton will be available to talk about his work and the project on Sunday 4, Saturday 10, and Sunday 11 October, 11am until 3pm.

As part of Somerset Art Works' creative programme Momentum, funded by Arts Council England Lottery Funding.

VILLAGE ARTISTS

After our group days 'out and about' painting, we are returning for the new term on Monday 14 September. Why not try a new venture - come along and join in for a free session, we are a very friendly lot and would be so pleased to meet you - all abilities including beginners are welcome. It is Fun! We meet every Monday and Friday Morning at 10am plus Thursday evenings from 7pm.

We will be hosting another of our popular Professional Artists, Ian Prangley- who will demonstrate and show how he tackles painting Boats and Harbours in Watercolour. It is sure to be a fascinating evening and all are welcome whether or not you actually paint! It starts at 7pm on Tuesday, 29 September at the Memorial Hall Stoke-Sub-Hamdon and the entrance fee on the door is only £5.

On Saturday, 28 October we will be holding our Annual Group Exhibition where we will be showing and selling our pictures at very affordable prices. For any further information call Lee Allen 01935 472675.

PATCHWORK

Come along to Patchwork at Martock Church on Friday 4 and Saturday 5 September from 10am until 4pm. Admission is free. Quilts by Stanchester and Ash Quilters. There will be dozens of quilts on display; sales tables, including quilts for sale; a Needlework Lucky Dip; Quilt Raffle and Bag Tombola. Enjoy a lunch with tea or coffee, the proceeds of which are in aid of Church funds.

The profits will be split equally between The Martock Charity Shop and The Stoke Charity Shop so that all the proceeds go to local causes.

MARIE CURIE BLOOMING GREAT TEA PARTY

Many thanks to those of you who were able to support our event on Saturday, 25 July, everyone was very generous and we made a whopping £232.85! All money raised will stay locally to provide support for people with terminal illness so it is greatly appreciated and will go to very good use. Thanks again - Pat & Maria

WALKING FOR HEALTH

Summer Walking for Health dates for your diary: 14th & 28th September. "Every Step Counts" starts 9.30am and lasts 30 to 40 minutes. "Health Walk" starts 10.30 am and lasts 1 hour 40minutes. The walks are friendly, social and free, come along and enjoy the beautiful area in and around Stoke sub Hamdon. For more information please contact Penny on 01935 822208 or Mark on 07974103275

STOKE BAND 70TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Stoke Band will be celebrating their 70th Anniversary on 5 September with a concert at the United Reformed Church. It will be a free concert with a retiring collection. Doors will open at 7pm and the concert will start at 7.30pm. Teas and coffees will be available. There will be display of photographs depicting the history of the band including the previous Stoke Military Band. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jane Herbert

CHRISTMAS LUNCH IN STOKE SUB HAMDON MEMORIAL HALL

Christmas is not so very far away! What are you planning to do? A few of us in the village thought it might be a good idea to get together for Christmas lunch in the Memorial Hall. If you would be interested in coming along for a three-course meal with some light-hearted entertainment in the afternoon, this might be for you! There may even be a visit from Santa!

Places will be limited and booking will be essential. Although we do not have a price for the lunch at this stage, we can assure you that the cost will be an affordable amount.

If you feel this is something that you might like to participate in, please contact either Maria on 01935 824064 or Denise on 01935 827793 to express your interest. We do need to get an idea of numbers so that we can get plans underway. If no-one expresses an interest, then sadly it will not be possible to hold this event.

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 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 nortoncircus@outlook.com for more information. This is a fundraising event, all proceeds going to the Friends of Norton School (registered charity no 1037353) and is kindly supported by Orchards Estates and Walter Wall Carpets, Coombe Farm, Pattermores Dairy Products and Beechwood House Care Home. Printing courtesy of Phillipa Coleman and Sainsbury.

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

The Rotary Club of Yeovil presents 'Last Night of the Proms' concert with the British Philharmonic Concert Orchestra on Friday, 4 September at 7.30pm at the Octagon Theatre. The programme will include popular classics, light orchestral pieces, music from the movies and theatre and the big finale complete with pomp and flag waving. Proceeds will benefit Yeovil Hospital Charity CT Scanner Appeal. Tickets cost £24.50/£22.00 and are available from The Rotary Club of Yeovil – 01460 240984, Old Mill – 01935 426181 or the Octagon Theatre – 01935 422884. Please book early.

DIARY OF EVENTS:

September

1st

Stoke Active Walkers

4 th	Last Night at the Proms
4 th & 5 th	Patchwork
5 th	Stoke Band 70 th Anniversary Celebrations
12 th	May Fayre Committee's Barn Dance
14 th	Walking for Health
20 th	National Festival Circus
22 nd	And Grandsire Went Wrong' Open Evening
25 th	Somerset Choices Event
28 th	Walking for Health
29 th	Village Artists Demonstration

October

3 rd – 4 th	'Gather-ing'
10 th – 11 th	'Gather-ing'
28 th	Village Artist Annual Group Exhibition