

Village Diary

MARCH	30th	Race Night, SWMC	
6th	Stoke Active Walkers	APRIL	
11th	Every Step Counts	10th	Somerset Sight
23rd	Young People's Music Festival	16th	Memorial Hall AGM
25th	Every Step Counts	27th	Open Day - Hamdon Community Arts Project

Contacts

Church of England at St Mary's. 1st Sunday: 8.00am Communion 11.00am informal "Cafe-style" service (at All Saints Hall);		
2nd Sunday: 11.00am communion, 6.30pm evening worship; Associate Vicar: Rev Annie Gurner 824167, revgurner@btinternet.com		
3rd Sunday: 8.00am Communion 11.00am morning worship Parish Office, 1 Castle St TA14 6RE		
4th Sunday: 11.00am morning worship, 6.30pm communion. website: www.hamhillchurches.org		
AFRICAN DRUMMING - various day and evening classes	Sharon Stone 07966 613724	
BODY CONDITIONING CLASS - Weekly - Monday 6.30pm - 7.30pm (Memorial Hall)	Sue Menzies 01935 829632	
BOWLS CLUB - Weekly - Friday 2.00pm - 4.30pm, 7.00pm - 9.30pm (Memorial Hall)	Sylvia Warry 822044	
BOYS BRIGADE - Weekly - Thursday 6.00pm - 7.30pm (now at Martock Christian Fellowship)	Ian Rumbelow 881712	
BRIDGE CLUB - Weekly - Monday starting at 8.30pm (Working Mens Club)		
"EVERY STEP COUNTS" - 9.30am & "HEALTH WALKS" 10.30am. Meet outside the Lighthouse	Penny on 822208 or Mark 07496 148756	
FITNESS PILATES - Monday 9.30am - 10.30am and Wednesday 9.20am - 10.20am	Stanchester Sports Centre 825261	
FIT STEPS - Weekly - Thursday 7.10pm - 7.55pm	Stanchester Sports Centre 825261	
FLEXERCISE FOR FUN - At Oak Tree House every Monday at 2.30pm	Di Ramsay 0845 6434702	
FOOTBALL - SENIOR TEAMS - Training Tuesday evenings 6.30pm. Matches weekend	Ashleigh Bussell 07969 106205	
FOOTBALL - YOUTH TEAMS - Training weekday evenings. Matches Saturdays & Sundays	Kim Campbell 07973 630121 email kimcam73@me.com	
FOOTPATHS - problems and issues contact the Parish Clerk	Sarah Moore, Clerk 822455	
GARDENING CLUB - Monthly - Fourth Wednesday 7.30pm (Memorial Hall)	Sue Winwood 823671	
GUIDES & BROWNIES - Weekly - Every Tuesday during term time (Memorial Hall)	Jackie Poole 01935 823606	
HAM HILL COUNTRY PARK - VOLUNTEER RANGERS - Weekly Wed. 10.00am - 3.30pm (Ranger's Office)	Paul McNeill 07973 3887129	
HAMDON BRASS BAND	Sonja Hellier 01460 241297 email pipershaunt@hotmail.com	
HAMDON PLAYGROUP - Monday - Friday mornings 9.00am - 3.00pm (term time only)	Ann or Karen 826832	
URC Rooms, North Street. 2 year old places available.		
HISTORY GROUP	Caral Parker 825393	
LADIES CIRCUITS Thursday at 6pm in the Memorial Hall	Sue Menzies 829632r	
LIGHTHOUSE CAFE - Monday & Thursday 10.00am - 1.00pm	Sarah Russell 826355	
LOTO CLUB - 2nd Monday every month 10.00am - 12.30pm in The Lighthouse	Dru Perry 822703	
MAY FAYRE - Annual Event for Sports & Recreation Trust	Denise Burton 827793	
MEMORIAL HALL BOOKING SECRETARY	bookings.stokememorialhall@hotmail.com. Jill Uhlhorn 829513	
PARISH COUNCIL - Monthly First Wednesday 7.00pm (Memorial Hall)	Barbara Brooks, Chairman 824432 Sarah Moore, Clerk 822455	
POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER e-mail: amydouch@avonandsomerset.police.uk Dial 101 for Non-emergencies Dial 999 for Emergencies		
POP-IN - Weekly - Thursday (Oak Tree House)	Paul Spearpoint 826375	
POST OFFICE COUNTER (INSIDE THE SHOP AT THE CROSS)		
OPENING TIMES Monday & Friday 9.00am to 12 noon, Thursday 1.00pm to 4.00pm (excluding Bank Holidays)		
RUNNING CLUB (OUTDOOR ALL ABILITIES) - Weekly - Thursday 7.00pm	Stanchester Sports Centre 825261	
SEATED CHAIR EXERCISES - Friday at 10am in the All Saints Hall	Sue Menzies 829632	
SONG BUS SINGING GROUP - Weekly Wednesday 9.15am - term time. All Saints Hall	Jeanette Rumbelow 06749 733686	
STOKE AND DISTRICT ANGLING ASSOCIATION	Derek Goad. 824337	
STOKE BABY & TODDLER GROUP - Memorial Hall. Thurs.9.30am to 11.30am in term time	John 01935 432471, Carolyn.lefley@hotmail.com	
STOKE SUB HAMDON BAND - Monday & Thursday 8.00pm - 10.00pm Band Room, back of URC	Gill Robins 01935 329904	
Training Band - Thursdays at Band Room, 7.00pm - 7.45pm	Jane Herbert 01460 419317	
TAEKWONDO & LITTLE DRAGONS - Mondays 5.00pm - 5.30pm Little Dragons; 5.30pm - 6.15pm Taekwondo beginners; 6.15pm - 7.00pm Taekwondo Adults (Stanchester)	Jennie Clark 07921 393425	
TAI CHI - Weekly - Thursday 4.00pm - 5.00pm in Memorial Hal	John 07721 060901	
TINY TURRETS (Castle Primary School) - Foundation Stage Unit for children aged 2 - 4 years	Castle Primary School Office 01935 822342	
Two daily sessions 9.00am - 12 noon and 12 noon - 3pm. Extended provision available from 7.45am - 5.30pm ages 3+		
TRIANGLE TRUST - Raising funds for Hamdon Medical Centre	Jennie Harris 881718	
VILLAGE AGENT - Cluster SS2 Cath Holloway	cath@somersetccc.org.uk Tel: 07968 521746	
VILLAGE ARTISTS - Monday 10.00am - 12.30pm, Friday 10.00am - 12 noon (Memorial Hall)	Diana Bailey 01935 881647	
Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm (Memorial Hall)	Diana Bailey 01935 881647	
WORKING MENS CLUB - Daily - Lunch times & evenings	Mark Greaves 01935 823297	
YOUTH CLUB - Weekly - Monday 7.00pm at All Saints Hall	Youth Worker Lou on 07402 987921 or email lou.chant@cyp.me.uk	
ZUMBA - Weekly - Monday 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Stanchester Sports Centre 825261	

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK MRS. SARAH MOORE, 24 HIGH STREET, STOKE SUB HAMDON TA14 6PS
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Stoke sub Hamdon Parish Council

NEWSLETTER

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PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIR'S UPDATE

West Street Development: Following our request in December's newsletter for ideas we've had one suggestion for the naming of the new road planned for the development. It is "Morley Road". Samuel Morley was a Victorian philanthropist and supported the building of a glove factory in Stoke Under Ham (as it was named) in 1847, and so was directly responsible for the creation of thousands of jobs in Stoke. Our village benefited greatly throughout the latter part of the 19th century from Samuel Morley's financial support. From this our housing improved beyond measure and poverty was almost eliminated in this parish.

Unless anyone has any further suggestions, we propose to write to the developers and SSDC with our village's preferred choice of name well before any direction signage goes up! Please drop your written suggestions in to Tamarisk, High Street (opp. the Club) by Tuesday 12th March.

Hamdon Youth Centre: You can see a short film about the creation of the Centre on the Stoke village website home page. This is a "thank you" film on behalf of our young people to all residents for providing this Centre for this and future generations and was generously done free of charge. You can access it on the home page at <http://www.stoke-sub-hamdon.co.uk/> and click on Play YouTube Video. You can also view it on the Centre's new Facebook page which is @hamdonyouthcentre, or on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9pVvXt_6jE

Planning

18/04059/FUL The Dovecote at The Priory, North Street, TA14 6QP: Addition of roof to unroofed dovecote. As a Scheduled Ancient Monument this will require SMC consent which takes precedence

over any Listed Building Consent. Councillors had no observations or objections.

19/00044/PDE 3 Langlands, SSH, TA14 QA: Application for rear extension which does not require consultation with the parish council as the scale is within permitted development rights.

18/02324/REM Land at West Street, Summerfield Homes: Final design etc under Reserved Matters.

Reserved Matters on building materials, landscaping, drainage etc for 27 dwellings and formation of access onto West Street. This has been permitted by the District Council with the usual conditions

Contact details: Barbara Brooks

Chair of the Parish Council

Tel: 824432; Email: chairsshpc@hotmail.com

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

HAMDON YOUTH CENTRE (FORMER METHODIST CHURCH)

The Centre working party have been busy clearing out the building, getting safety checks done, and getting quotes for the refurbishment work so that Listed Building Consent can be obtained. This work is likely to take some months to be completed in full, as it involves getting two halls renovated, and new heating, toilets, office, a kitchen and corridor to be put in etc. In the meantime, our young people are very keen to get into "their" building and start making it their home, even although it will remain undecorated for the present. The Hamdon Youth Group will start using the Centre from 1st April and the Brownies and Guides on 30th April. They've all said that they would like to contribute themselves to the new Centre as part of our community by doing some fundraising for equipment etc. The groups will be joining forces and working together as a Centre "team", so that all the young people from the groups get to know each other more, and they will be contributing their own fundraising

Articles for the Newsletter, or to advertise forthcoming events: please email or post to Sarah Moore by 16th of previous month. Contact information is on the bottom of the back page of this newsletter.

ideas. Big thanks to their leaders for organising this. Watch this space!

By the time you read this, the new Management Committee will have met for the first time, consisting mainly of the service user groups themselves - the Centre is intended to be run by the community for the community. The Centre charity now has a bank account, utility accounts, and basic policies in order to operate. We also have a Facebook page @hamdonyouthcentre, where you can see a short video saying "thank you" to the village for making this Centre happen. (Please "Like" our Facebook page while you are there!) This film is also on the home page of Stoke website at <http://www.stoke-sub-hamdon.co.uk/>. The Centre will also have its own website in due course. We'll hold an Open Morning or Afternoon at the end of March for all residents to come and see what changes we plan to make in our new Centre; watch out for the posters around the village for the date and times! Refreshments will be provided. Once the Centre is completed later on in the year, we'll have a formal Open Launch Day celebration.

VILLAGE ARTIST GROUP

Thank you to everyone who attended the workshop with Alison Mitchell on Saturday 2nd February. What a fantastic day! We all learnt a lot and we created some amazing illustrative drawings.

The Village Artist Group hold several workshop days and demonstration evenings throughout the year so if you would like to join us, are interested in Art or just want to take up a relaxing hobby please feel free to drop in for a chat and a coffee to see what we are all about. We are a small friendly informal group who meet in the Memorial Hall on Monday and Friday mornings between 10am - 12pm, and on Thursday evenings between 7.30 - 9.30pm during term time. You can attend any number of sessions for just £25 per term. Why not call in? New members are always welcome. If you are interested, you can find out more by visiting our website 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.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

As part of the ongoing improvement programme in the Hall, a large combination microwave/convection oven has now been installed in the Hall's kitchen, which will be useful for catered events. Remedial work is also planned to start at the end of March to improve the water pressure. This will involve replacing the old mains water pipe which runs from the stopcock by the Langlands boundary wall across the grounds into the Hall. We're having our AGM on Tuesday 16th April at 7.30 p.m. so please come along and find out about our progress this year.

STOKE SUB HAMDON SPORTS AND RECREATION TRUST

Stoke sub Hamdon Charity Shop: The Stoke sub Hamdon Charity Shop has enjoyed many donations since Christmas. To ensure as many items as possible were sold, a Bargain Bonanza sale was held at the URC on Saturday, 26th January which realised £183.35 over a period of just two hours. This contributed to our total income for January of £3,300.79. The shop continues to utilise a variety of methods to maximise sales, generating more funds for local projects. There will be another Jumble Sale at the Stoke Working Men's Club in April and the shop has eBay and Facebook accounts to advertise items for sale. As well as village projects, the income raised allows the shop to provide grants such as one to a local student towards her 2020 World Challenge trip in exchange for 30 hours service in the shop. Thank you for your donations and to our volunteer and customers who make the Charity Shop such a success.

Stoke Performing Arts Group: Stoke Performing Arts Group members are beginning to organise some exciting entertainment for the village in 2019. Currently our plans include two informal evenings of a selection of short 'Pint-sized' plays which we hope to perform in July at Stoke Working Men's Club and two Murder Mystery Dinner nights which will take place at The Memorial Hall on 8th and 9th November 2019.

We are keen to welcome new members and will be advertising play readings and auditions in the near future. If you would like to know more or get

involved, either on stage or behind the scenes, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Moira at Info@Stokeperformingartsgroup.co.uk or Jeanie on 01935 823012.

May Fayre: Plans are progressing well for this year's May Fayre with a large number of stalls already booked. *If you would like to book a place or would be willing to volunteer either before or on the day, please contact Denise on 01935 827793.*

EVERY STEP COUNTS AND HEALTH WALKS

Why not come along and join us on our led walks and enjoy seeing the lovely, everchanging countryside around Stoke. You will receive a warm welcome, lively conversation and the opportunity for a cup of tea or lunch at the Lighthouse Café after the walks. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month and both walks start and end at the Lighthouse Café opposite the Fleur de Lis pub.

Every Step Counts walks begin at 9.30am and last approx. 30 to 40 mins, walking on pavements or paths around the village.

Health Walks start at 10.30am and last approx. 90 minutes, walking along tracks, footpaths and occasionally ascending Ham Hill and visiting neighbouring villages.

Just turn up, wearing suitable clothing and shoes for the weather.

If you would like more information, please contact any one of the four trained walk leaders: Mark & Jane 07496148756 Penny 822208 or Anne 826256

HAMDON COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT

The Young People's Music Festival will be held on Saturday, 23rd March at 2.30pm. Admission is free but welcome donations. Come and enjoy hearing young people showcasing their musical talent in concert. Refreshments will be available.

Further details from Alan on 01935 579730.

Important date for the diary: Please make a note and come if you can. On Saturday, 27th April at 2.30pm an open event will be held at the Hamdon Community Arts Project for a village update on the project so far. More details in the next newsletter.

RACE NIGHT

Race Night on 30th March at Stoke Working Men's Club in aid of Stoke sub Hamdon Football Club. To book a table including a light buffet and waitress drink service, see Rachel at the club or ring Steve Deane on 07881464280. Costs only £3 per head. The first race starts at 7.30pm so hopefully we'll see all you 'Runners & Riders' at the Club with your race cards at the ready!

POP IN

Pop In meet at the Oak Tree House on Thursday afternoons at 2.30pm. We like to chat over tea and cake and join in games such as board games and Boccia or listen to a speaker from a variety of backgrounds.

We realise that many people are missing out on socialising with us because they need transport. Is there anyone in Stoke sub Hamdon who would have a few hours free on Thursday afternoon to pick up a few older people from the Stoke sub Hamdon area and drive them to and from the group? We will pay 45p a mile for petrol.

If you would be interested, please contact Paul on 07770348767 or Cath on 07968521746.

STOKE ACTIVE WALKERS

Tuesday, 6th March 2019: The walk today will begin by going along Bowey and then along Norton Path, down Sandy Lane, up to Greenham's Cross, then take the footpath up Grintley Lane and follow the track to the Odcombe Road. From there we will go along the road and down into Chiselborough, then down over the footpath which leads past the Cat Head, through the churchyard and back along 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.