

STAPLE DIET

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(The WestQuantoxheadVillage Newsletter)

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SERVICES AT ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH

December

Dec 1st 9-30am Communion with Rev Nicky Morgan

Dec 8th 9-30am All Age Worship with Clare Philips

Dec 22nd 4-00pm Carols by Candlelight



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Christmas Carols at West Quantoxhead Church on Sunday 22nd December at 4 pm. A torch will be useful as we will be singing by candlelight followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. Donations towards 'Save the Children' Gaza Appeal.



KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

October weather West Quantoxhead

After a dry start for the first 5 days: The rain started and it rained for 17 days with a total of 170 mm. Sunshine of a recordable amount on 13 days. No high winds but a bit gusty on the 20th. Aurora seen 7/8th and 10/11 in the NW.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We are raising funds through voluntary donations and events to buy a defibrillator for the village. It will be placed on the wall at Staple Farm, where there is electricity to maintain it and parking for any user in need of the device. The cream tea held in the summer started the fund, but we have a long way to go to buy a defibrillator. If anyone would like to suggest fund raisers or make a donation, please get in touch. The PC notice boards in the village, by the shop and on the triangle at the bottom of Hill Road, have been repaired and are available for use. The bus shelters have been repaired, the roofs are now secure and weatherproof. Grit bins in and around the village belong to the PC and a new one has been purchased this year to replace one that was beyond repair. Minutes of PC meetings are available on the website. Next meeting 8th January 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

COFFEE MORNING AT ST AUDRIES VILLAGE HALL

This will be held on the first Monday of the month as usual i.e. 2nd December from 10.30 am until about mid-day. Coffee and tea are still £1 per cup, the biscuits are free and as this is the last coffee morning before Christmas and the New Year, we expect there will be some seasonal treats as well. So come along for a chat with your fellow villagers - new faces are always welcome. As previously announced, we will have a Christmas card 'drop' so bring along any cards you wish to send to friends and neighbours in the village and we will arrange delivery in good time for Christmas. We hope there will be a number of volunteer 'posties' for each road! Contact Isobel Newton on 632774 or Sue Sanders on 632759.

CRAFT GROUP

No group in December we return on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

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VILLAGE SKITTLES

Unfortunately, our meeting planned for the 20th November had to be postponed until the 27th (which should have happened by the time you read this), as Wessex Water closed the road for a week in front of The Valiant Soldier! Our December match will be held on the third Wednesday as usual i.e. the 18th. We meet at about 11.30, book a meal, play a few games - the number depends on how many turn up to make two teams - and have lunch at about 1.00 pm. On this occasion we have been asked to let Sarah know how many will attend as they will be busy with Christmas lunches so please call Sue or Mike Sanders on 632759 by the 11th. There is the option to have the Christmas Special lunch or choose from the regular menu - just let us know, but the general consensus so far is the Christmas Lunch, which is, of course slightly dearer. Contact Sue or Mike Sanders on 632759.

ST. AUDRIES ART GROUP

The Art Group meet every Wednesday in the Village Hall from 10am until 12.30pm. New Members are very welcome - if you would like to know more about us please contact Maureen on 07932430103 or Pat on 01984 632729.

POETRY GROUP FOR NOVEMBER

We will be meeting on Thursday 28th November at 2pm at Beulah, The Avenue, when we will use "Weather" as our topic. A warm welcome will be given to new readers. For further information please contact Joyce Baxter on 01984 633537.

VILLAGE COMMUNITY GROUP

The meeting held on 20th November in the Village Hall was attended by twelve villagers and three topics were discussed:-

1) The Stoggy men evening of 26th October - 42 tickets were sold and along with 7 Stoggy men the hall was essentially full. Proceeds from the Raffle amounted to £120 which has been donated to Williton Hospital League of Friends. Our thanks to all who attended and particularly those who helped to make the event so successful.

2) A 'pre-Christmas' afternoon tea will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 11th December from 3.00 pm to which all villagers are invited. In addition to the usual seasonal refreshments i.e. cake, mince pies etc. we shall have an unused/new Bring & Buy table (useful for Christmas presents?). Donations will be appreciated and any profits will be donated to the village de-fibrillation fund. No need to book but a contribution towards costs would be appreciated. Please note this will be the final date for the "Christmas card drop".

3) James (at The Windmill) is keen to encourage better relations with the village and a 'Special' Group Lunch has been arranged for Wednesday 8th January 2025 at 12.30 pm for 1.00 pm. Please make a note in your brand new diary and give us a call if you intend to come. We anticipate two or three fix priced options for a two course lunch with optional dessert. More details to come in the January 2025 "Staple Diet."

Saturday 21st Dec at 4pm

in East Quantoxhead Church

Everyone very welcome

Come and enjoy Carols, the Christmas story, mince pies and hot spiced apple juice



The very popular Western Area Rock Choir are returning to sing in East Quantoxhead Church on Saturday 14th Dec at 3.15 pm Come and hear them sing and enjoy some festive refreshments Donations for East Quantoxhead Church

EAST QUANTOXHEAD CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday December 14th East Quantoxhead Village Hall 10 til 12 pm

VILLAGE HALL

On 23rd October we held our AGM and the committee were very disappointed that no villagers attended. This shows a disregard for the work our very small committee carry out throughout the year. It also wasted valuable funds as refreshments were purchased and many copies of reports were printed. I have said many times your Village Hall needs you, whilst we do need additional committee members, we also need the input of villagers and users for the future including ideas for future functions. If you join the committee, you will not be pressured to take on any duties you do not want to do. Also, any villagers can attend committee meetings without being a member. We only meet three times a year. We have worked very hard to ensure the smooth running of the hall whilst keeping hire charges the same for the last 12 years, which in the current economic climate and covid is quite an achievement. I also appreciate many in the Village have worked hard in previous years. Next year we will hold our AGM on a Saturday morning followed by refreshments in the hope of attracting more interest and input from villagers and hall users. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark & Wendy Philipson for all their hard work, apart from other duties they maintain the grounds of the village hall at no charge which goes a long way in us being able to keep the hire charges the same for so many years. We had hoped to discuss the "Bacon Butty" on New Year's Day at the AGM to try and enlist some help. Sadly A as we do not have the manpower this event will not be able to take place, a great shame as it is usually such a popular event. Our Village Hall is very much an asset to the village, please help us to keep it that way. Thank you, Sue Sherry Chairman,