

STAPLE DIET

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(The West Quantoxhead Village Newsletter)

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

- 2nd Feb 9.30am Communion with Rev Nicky Morgan
9th Feb 9.30am All Age Worship with Clare Philips
16th Feb 10.30am BENEFICE COMMUNION and Baptism
with Rev Nicky Morgan
23rd Feb 9.30am Communion with Rev Steve Morley
(tbc)
2nd Mar 9.30am Communion with +Nigel Stock

KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

December Weather in West Quantoxhead

This month it's the wind that makes the news!

Rainfall for December 72 mm

Average 8am temp. 7.2c

Recordable Sunshine on only 5 days

Wind made the news with Storm Darragh resulting in a Red Warning and lots of gusts of wind one at 0455 on the 7th making 80.2 mph. Again another gale on the 22/23 brought down yet more trees in local woods.



COFFEE MORNING IN ST. AUDRIES VILLAGE HALL

The February 2025 get together will be held as usual on the first Monday of the month i.e. the 3rd from 10.30 to about mid-day. Coffee and tea are still £1 per cup but the biscuits are free so do come for a chat with your fellow villagers - new faces are always welcome. For further details contact Isobel Newton on 632774 or Sue Sanders on 632759.

CRAFT GROUP

Craft Group meets every Tuesday 2 to 4.30 in the village hall it's £2 per session including tea & biscuits. We have a mixture of many craft hobbies including Patchwork, Quilting, Crochet, Knitting, Stitching & Crystal Card making. New members are always welcome. Phone June 01984.632410 email June.Bissell@BTInternet.com or Jenny 01984.633556

POETRY GROUP

January 30th at 2.0 pm. meeting at Applegarth, Staple Lane, with the topic of "Animals".

February 27th at 2.0 pm. meeting at Quarry Gate (Isobel Newton) East side of The Avenue: topic "Comic Verse".

VILLAGE SKITTLES

Our next match will be held on Wednesday 19th February meeting as usual at The Valiant Soldier, Roadwater at around 11.30 am when we book lunch, play a few games (the number depends of course on how many turn up) and have our meal at about 1.00pm. It's great fun, no previous experience is necessary - just turn up and give it a go, you will be made very welcome. For further details 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. However, until the weather is warmer we are putting our meetings on hold. New Members are very welcome - if you would like to know more about us please contact Maureen on 07932430103 or Pat on 01984 632729.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

As of Tuesday 14th January the table tennis club will now hold it's weekly sessions every Tuesday from 7.30pm until 9.30pm. Entry is still a very affordable £2. We are always looking for new players so if Tuesday is a better fit, please come along.





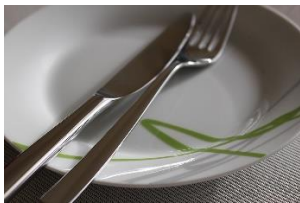
Holford Gardeners Group Present A Talk by Dr Andy King
Fossils and Geology of our Coastline



Tuesday February 18th 7.30pm Holford Village Hall Raffle.
All Welcome. Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS AND SUNDAY LUNCH EVENT

The defibrillator fund has received a £50 donation, but we still have a long way to go. Sunday Lunch on 16th February to raise funds for the village Defibrillator. Two course lunch served at 1pm, arrivals at the village hall from 12.30. Bring your own drink. Tickets £10, from Penny on 07595071680 or from Staple Farm. Please advise dietary requirements at time of booking. Profits will go towards the defibrillator fund. At the January meeting the PC discussed the budget and approved a small rise in the village precept to cover the rise in costs for ground maintenance, clerk wages and the website. It was decided not to undertake more statutory responsibilities currently organised by county council. Following the storm in December that left much of the village with no power for a few days, it was agreed that most vulnerable households were checked on by neighbours. The next meeting is Wednesday 5th March, 7.30pm. All welcome.



EAST QUANTOXHEAD VILLAGE HALL

Breakfast and Bric a Brac Saturday 15th Feb 10 til 12.
Come along for breakfast, tea and coffee and conversation!



CAROL SERVICE - AID TO THE CHILDREN OF GAZA

The 'Carols by Candlelight' in the Church last month raised £190 which has been sent to the 'Save the Children Gaza Appeal'. The Church was very atmospheric being lit only by candlelight, and the 50 plus who came really enjoyed singing the well-known carols - including the accompaniment to 'O Come all Ye Faithful' by the Barrel Organ. Thank you to all who came for your support and generosity.

VISIT THE LIBRARY IN YOUR OWN HOME

Residents are being given a winter reminder of the benefits of Somerset Council's Home Library Service. Winter can be a lonely time for people who find themselves housebound. But they can venture into a whole new world of reading thanks to the Home Library Service (HLS). The free service is run by the Council with the support of a team of willing volunteers. It delivers books to people who are unable to get to their local library, such as those who are housebound, living in long term care, carers, or people who are vulnerable due to long term conditions or disabilities. The service is open to people of all ages. To find out more about this service or volunteering opportunities please contact Home Library Service manager Lauren Davis –email lauren.davis@somerset.gov.uk or phone 07814079831. For more information, visit: Home Library Service (somerset.gov.uk).

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

Phil and Mike Keenan from Keepers Find in Staple Lane 01984 634731 mikejkeenan@btinternet.com are both members of the PPG at the Medical Centre in Williton. Their role is to be the conduit for all of us in West Quantoxhead, who for whatever reason, possibly a complaint or a suggestion for improvement of medical services or to bring to notice an outstanding contribution from any of the medical staff. Do let them know and they will not only address any issue you want to raise but ensure you receive some feedback.

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