

# STAPLE DIET

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(The West Quantoxhead Village Newsletter)

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**CHURCH SERVICE SEPTEMBER 5th 10.30am Deanery  
Service at Greatwood Camp, Ramscombe, Over Stowey.  
TA5 1HN. OS ST 178 376**

## SEPTEMBER SERVICES AT ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH

Sept 5th **NO SERVICE** at St.Etheldreda's.

Sept 12th 9.30am Eucharist with Nicky Morgan

Sept 19th 9.30am Eucharist with Stephen Campbell

Sept 26th 10.30am, Benefice Eucharist with Nicky M.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL 3rd OCTOBER

Decorating on October 2nd 9.30am to 1.30pm

Harvest Festival Service, 4pm on Sunday 3rd

followed by Harvest Festival Cream Tea at about 5-15pm in  
the St.Audries Village Hall

**OCTOBER 3rd at 11am.**

**A special Service with the local MORRIS MEN**

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAPLE DIET EDITOR

A big welcome to SUE SHERRY who has volunteered to  
become our New Editor. Sue's NEW EMAIL ADDRESS is  
[wqnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:wqnewsletter@yahoo.com)

*"Although I have "big shoes" to fill I am happy to be taking on  
the editing of our Staple Diet, which I feel is very important to  
our village and keeping everyone up to date with news and  
events taking place. I look forward to working with all  
volunteers who ensure our Villagers are kept informed. Do not  
hesitate to contact me. I am very grateful to Duncan & Jane  
Stafford for all the years dedicated to this cause and guiding  
me into taking over."*

**SWP GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS** will resume on  
Monday September 13th. Subscriptions will be extended for 8  
weeks. Recycle sites take garden waste. FAQs at  
[somersetwaste.gov.uk/gardenwaste-suspension](http://somersetwaste.gov.uk/gardenwaste-suspension). or 01823  
589900 9 - 5 Monday to Friday.

## ST.AUDRIES VILLAGE HALL WANTED

**New Committee Members** - new blood with fresh ideas to  
revive our flagging Post-Covid, but much-loved, village hall.  
We particularly need a lively person to take on the role of  
Secretary, plus at least two more Committee Members -  
males are not exempt! If you have some new ideas to  
contribute that may encourage younger villagers to take an  
interest in their local area we need you.

## FLOWER FESTIVAL IS BEING PLANNED FOR 2022

June 24th Setting up

June 25th and 26th THE FLOWER FESTIVAL

June 27th Removal and clearing up

## FLOWER ARRANGERS AND CLEANERS WANTED !!!

Several of our team have retired or sadly fallen by the  
wayside. New volunteers are urgently needed to keep our  
Church looking spick and span and looked after.  
Please contact Jane on 01984 632268

## KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

### West Quantoxhead for July 2021

Kenn reckons over the last 100 months (about 8 half years)  
the total rainfall is about 6.8 metres or 22.5 feet.

Rainfall recorded at West Quantoxhead for July 2021

Rainfall..... 112 mm

2019 ..... 59 mm

2020 ..... 58.5 mm

Temp. Max 31.4 c on the 19th with several days around 30c .

Wind very gusty from 24th - 30th. Max. 44 Kn on 24th.

## ST AUDRIES CRAFT GROUP

Starts back on Tuesday 7 September in the Village Hall 2pm to  
4.30pm, £2 per session.

I will leave it up to your own discretion as to whether you  
want to wear mask on entering and moving around the hall,  
just want you to feel safe, could you also please try and bring  
the correct money. Looking forward to seeing old or new  
members.

Any questions please phone June on 01984 632410.

## PLATINUM JUBILEE VILLAGE CELEBRATIONS JUNE 2022

The Parish Council sub-committee thanks those who attended  
the meeting on 9th August. They are having two further  
meetings on 4th and 11th October at 7.30pm. They will  
welcome anyone who would like to attend and they are keen  
to hear any inspirational suggestions to mark the occasion.  
[wqnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:wqnewsletter@yahoo.com) Telephone number is 01984  
633255 and Email [wqnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:wqnewsletter@yahoo.com).

## STAPLE DIET DELIVERERS

I am most grateful to those volunteers who have kindly  
delivered the last 100 or so issues of the Staple Diet around  
the Village. Hearty thanks to: Daphne Wheeler, Mike and Sue  
Sanders, Isobel Newton, Julie PR, Sue Cocksedge, Malcom and  
Joyce Baxter, Kenn Everard, Bryan and Sue Slarke, Joy  
Barrett\*, Sue Virden\*, Rev'd Kathryn Flenley\*, retired\* and  
the late Peter Charman. Duncan

## COFFEE MORNING AT ST.AUDRIES VILLAGE HALL

Villagers will be delighted to learn that the monthly Coffee  
Mornings will be resuming on Monday 6th September from  
10.30 am until midday. Coffee & Biscuits £1 per head, but not  
limited to just one cup of course!

**VILLAGE HALL WEBSITE** has had a change of address.  
Please use the following web address;  
[www.villagehall.westquantoxheadpc.co.uk](http://www.villagehall.westquantoxheadpc.co.uk)

The Hall is now fully open for regular activities or one off  
social events. Our hire rates have not changed and remain  
very competitive - £3 per hour for villagers, £5 per hour for  
non-villagers. (Please note there is a minimum two hour hire  
charge for one off events.) Wendy & Mark

## XMAS BAZAAR 2021

Returning to the old format, but without bric-a-brac, the  
Bazaar will be taking place on Saturday 4th December at the  
Village Hall, but more of this and other forthcoming events in  
the October Staple Diet.

## TABLE TENNIS

For recent newcomers to the Village we do have an excellent table available in the Village Hall (with basic bats & balls). For more information contact Mike or Sue Sanders on 632759.

## ST. AUDRIES W.I.

At last! a Meeting on Wednesday September 8<sup>th</sup>, at 2.15 p.m. in St. Audries Village Hall. A warm welcome awaits you.

## HARVEST COFFEE MORNING

Hosted by St. Audries W.I. Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 – 12noon in St Audries Village Hall. All welcome.

## POETRY GROUP **Back in business, we hope!**

Planning to meet at Applegarth, Staple Lane at 2.30 pm. on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Choosing poems reflecting on what helped you through the last eighteen months. Further information Joyce Baxter 01984 633537.

## FIREWORKS AT ST AUDRIES PARK

Date: WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> August - Firing Time: 9.00pm - 5 mins  
Date: TUESDAY 31<sup>st</sup> - August - Firing Time: 9.30pm - 6 minutes

## HOLFORD FLOWER SHOW

SATURDAY AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup> 2 - 4.15

HOLFORD AND DISTRICT VILLAGE HALL

## POP UP COVID 19 VACCINATION CLINICS WILL OPEN AT MINEHEAD HOSPITAL FOR THE "OVER 16s" ON AUGUST 26th & 27th

## EAST QUANTOXHEAD MARKET IS BACK!

BIG welcome back to The EQ "New Look" Village Hall Market - Next is on Saturday 18<sup>st</sup>, September, 10 am till noon.

## IZZY'S BIT, Our Village Agent

Please help us to help others by donating to our Crisis Fund. Find out more by contacting IZZY here: [www.somersetagents.org/somerset-crisis-fund/](http://www.somersetagents.org/somerset-crisis-fund/) website here: [www.somersetagents.org](http://www.somersetagents.org) or the CCS website here: [www.ccslovesomerset.org](http://www.ccslovesomerset.org)

## MARLENE at the FOODBANK

Thank you all so much once again for providing us with the items on our most wanted list - we are FULL! Hence a brief pause please for overstocked items. Our Academy of schools has provided funding of £15 per week per child on FSM for six weeks. However even before the Afghanistan emergency, economists were predicting gloomier times beyond October when demand will soon increase again.  
mason (quantockfoodbank@gmail.com)

## MUSGROVE PARK HOSPITAL

### New dedicated eye theatre suite opens to patients at Musgrove Park Hospital.

The new state-of-the-art suite is the first part in the development of a new eye care unit at the hospital, with a second theatre expected to be in operation at the suite in the autumn.

The development is one part of Musgrove 2030 – an ambitious programme to transform the hospital's facilities and ensure people are cared for in the right place to meet their health needs.

“Our eye unit is the busiest department at Musgrove Park Hospital, carrying out over 3,000 operations every year and providing nearly 50,000 outpatient appointments.

## PARK AND RIDE FOR FREE from both P&R car parks whilst the Toneway Creech Castle is ongoing THE CREECH CASTLE ROAD SCHEME

The scheme at Creech Castle includes road widening and requires very significant works and activities. It is necessary to close Bridgwater Road north of the junction. This will affect vehicles but not pedestrians or cyclists who will have access throughout.

There will also be a permanent no right turn into Bridgwater Road south of the junction. It requires the A38 Bridgwater Road on the north side of the junction to be closed to all traffic for the duration of the works and a diversion will be in place using the new Western Relief Road.

Residents and businesses and those wishing to access the supermarket and other premises will continue to have access to the A38 although this will need to be from the north. Those accessing premises south of the railway bridge such as the Creech Castle Business Centre, including the Taunton Dialysis Centre, will need to do so from Toneway.

## ALL SORTS IN BRIEF (actually 18 pages from SWT!)

**Covid 19** -Those under 18 and those double jabbed are no longer obligated to isolate.

"Veggie" fed pets' waste can be safely composted but not waste from cats and dogs.'

**SCC are responsible for the clearance of noxious weeds**, please give your address, contact number, location of the weeds and if possible identify them.

**Somerset Activity Sports Partnership (SASP)**. If you have your unique Booking Code from school, contact your school or ring 01823 653990 Mon-Wed. 10-2pm. Become an ambassador for "Get Outside in Somerset" and share your experiences. 01823 653990.

**Pay £15 to dedicate a tree on Exmoor's National Park's "CareMoor Scheme" near Winsford.**

**Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service** have vacancies for some support staff.

**Roads are very busy**, parking is difficult, please do not obstruct emergency vehicle exits etc.

**Visit the "Homefinder Somerset" website.**

**Meal or food boxes are available** irrespective of your financial status via your Village Agent or 01823 331222.

**Do you need an emergency supply of heating oil** to tide you over? Ring 01603 881888.

**HPC Community Fund Grants** of up to £5,000 are available for organisations and community groups.

Speak to Peter Stoltze on 01749 344909.

**A new type of lateral flow test** is available, swab both nostrils, results in 15mins. Kits can be delivered call 119 Be wise remember your , hands, face, space and air.

"MY THANKS TO SUE.C for many years' help, Duncan"

**"KEEP WELL EVERYONE! bye!"**

**COPY DATE for the OCTOBER issue is SEPTEMBER 20th**  
**Please send items for future Staple Diets to Sue Sherry at the new new email address (wqnewsletter@yahoo.com)**