

STAPLE DIET

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(The West Quantoxhead Village Newsletter)

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SERVICES AT ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH

Christmas/New Year services 2021 and 2022 DECEMBER

5th 0930 hrs Eucharist with NM

12th 1600 hrs Village Carols with NM and mulled wine

19th 0930 hrs Family Service with SC

24th 2300hrs Midnight Mass with NM, Come and sing the beautiful words "O come all ye faithful -"

(26th 1000hrs Benefice Eucharist from the Rectory ZOOM only with NM)

JANUARY

(1st 1000hrs Benefice Eucharist with NM at STOGURSEY tbc)

(2nd 1000 hrs Benefice Eucharist with NM at STOGURSEY tbc)

9th 0930 hrs Eucharist with SC

16th 0930 hrs Family Service with DB

(23rd 1030 hrs Benefice Eucharist with NM at EAST QUANTOXHEAD)

(30th 1030 hrs Benefice Eucharist with SC at FIDDINGTON)

NEW YEARS DAY 'BACON BUTTY' EVENT

As you know this now traditional event will be held in the Village Hall on 1st January 2022 from 12 noon until about 2.00pm - COVID permitting. We will be serving our usual super bacon filled baps (or egg if preferred) and coffee. Tea and orange drinks will also be available or BYOB if you wish. Unfortunately owing to recent significant cost increases we have to raise the price of the butty to £2.50 each; sorry about this but it is the first increase since the event was first held in 2014. All drinks will remain at 50p each. Entrance is free and no booking is required so do bring friends and family along to welcome in the New Year. Contacts are Mike Sanders 632759, Richard Hughes 634714 and Ken Rowland 633612.

JUBILEE VILLAGE CELEBRATIONS JUNE 2022

Planning meeting and flower making to be held on 8th December and 4th January 7.30pm at the Village Hall, everyone welcome. Further information from Annabel Cottrell 0771 5664 799 or Penny Gibbons 632495

KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

West Quantoxhead for October

The month was a matter of arriving damp and ending Very Wet and Windy. Rain fell on and off for first 5 days, then a dry spell. Heavy rain fell during the last 10 days making a total 105 mm. Sunshine= More than 1 hour on 17 days. Wind. Starting the month in the SW. Later in the month. The wind returned to the same quarter giving gusts of 44 Knt on the 29/ 30th. The barometric readings fell through the floor on 29th to 979 mb.

CHRISTMAS WREATH & TABLE ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP

Wendy's Christmas workshop to make your own festive Christmas Wreath and Christmas table arrangement £40. Price includes everything to make two designs in the workshop, mince pies and tea. Tuesday December 7th St Audries Village Hall AT 6.30 pm. Call to book or inquire on

T:01984 656843 OR E:flowersbywendy@btinternet.com



JUBILEE VILLAGE DISPLAY

As part of the Village Celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, it is hoped to show how the Village has changed during the Queen's Reign in photographs and maps in the Village Hall. Although we already have many photographs kindly loaned by Duncan Stafford, there are still numerous gaps around the Village. To help complete the picture, if you have any photographs – especially aerial ones, plans or maps of your house dated from 1952 onwards please consider loaning them to us or to be scanned. Wendy Philipson 01984 631947

ST AUDRIES CRAFT GROUP

NO CRAFT on 7 DECEMBER (Christmas Meal).

LAST CRAFT before Christmas is 14th DECEMBER and we return on JANUARY 4th 2022. The group meet every Tuesday 2pm to 4.30pm in the village hall. £2 per session. We have a mixture of crafts in the group eg patchwork, quilting, crochet, knitting, mosaic, cross stitch and many more. Please phone if you have any questions or just turn up. June 632410

this service they suggest you call a few days before 01398 323398 to ensure the driver stops at the bus stop.

ST. AUDRIES ART GROUP

Meets every Wednesday in the Village Hall from 10 am until 12.30. We are currently observing Covid social distancing guidelines and asking everyone to wear a mask when moving around the Hall. New Members are very welcome - if you would like to know more about us please contact Maureen on 01984 632575 or Pat on 01984 632729.

COFFEE MORNING AT ST. AUDRIES VILLAGE HALL

Village Coffee morning (last before Christmas), Monday 6th December, 10.30am to noon. Look forward to seeing you all.

VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

We are having a Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 4th December 10am to noon. Books and jigsaws will be on sale. There will be two raffles a general raffle and a Luncheon raffle. Entrance £2 which includes Tea, coffee and mince pie. We would be grateful to receive any donations for the raffle and books and jigsaws for resale. All proceeds are going towards the Village Jubilee Celebrations next year. We will be meeting at the hall 2.30pm Friday 3rd to decorate the hall for Christmas. Would be good to see you there. Please bring donations for books and jigsaws to the Village Hall on Friday 3rd after 2.30pm. Cakes for the Cake Stall can be left at the Village Hall on the Friday or at 9.30am on the Saturday 4th.

ST. AUDRIES W.I.

The next Meeting on December 8th is our Birthday Meeting. Present on a String/Entertainment. Photograph of yourself under 5 years old to Sue Sanders or Daphne Wheeler by December 30th please. Tea hostesses:- The Committee.

VILLAGE AGENTS NEWS

Please help us to help others by donating to our Crisis Fund. Find out more here:

www.somersetagents.org/somerset-crisis-fund/

You can donate to our Somerset wide fundraising pot here or to a West Somerset specific Crisis Fund here Check out the CCS Village & Community Agents website here: www.somersetagents.org or the CCS website here: www.ccslovesomerset.org

RIDLERS FREE BUS SERVICE TO SAINSBURY'S

Ridlers provide a free bus service to Sainsbury's Bridgwater every Thursday which departs from bus stop by Village Hall at 10.38am, arrives Sainsburys at 11.25am and departs from Sainsbury's at 13.25. If you plan to use

WASTE SERVICES

Keep services moving - how you can help:

Given the continuing LGV driver shortage and ongoing Covid threat to services, every resident can help maintain collections:

- Use only the official boxes, bins and bags - order them via My Waste Services at somersetwaste.gov.uk.

- Check what is collected kerbside:

somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycling-collections.

- Take any extra rubbish or excess recycling, especially cardboard, to any recycle site.

- Live in Sedgemoor or West Somerset? Get ready for Recycle More collections:

somersetwaste.gov.uk/recycle-more.

- Help others to recycle, especially those older or vulnerable. Report any missed collection after 7pm on the due day using My Waste Service at somersetwaste.gov.uk. We aim to return for any reported missed collection within two working days.

FESTIVE WASTE COLLECTIONS

Friday 24 December No change

Friday 31 December – Sunday 2 January

Friday 7 January -Saturday 8 January



AVIAN INFLUENZA PREVENTION ZONE

(AIPZ Heart of the South West Trading Standards Service have advised us that as of 5pm on the 3 November 2021 an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone was declared across Great Britain. This means that all bird keepers in Great Britain (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard are required by law to take a range of bio-security precautions <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-birdflu#biosecurityautions>:

NEWSLETTER TO SWT COUNCILLORS AND PARISH COUNCILS

Free Car Parking in run up to Christmas. To help with festive trading, the council is offering free car parking in its car parks on the Saturdays of 4, 11 and 18 of December in Dulverton, Dunster, Minehead, Porlock, Watchet, Wellington and Williton, and in Dulverton again on Sunday 5 December for the annual Dulverton by Starlight event. With the exception of Kilkenny car park, free parking will also be available after 3pm on the same Saturdays in SWT-owned car parks in Taunton.

HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

Christmas Social Tuesday December 21st at Holford and District Hall 7.30pm Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00 A Warm Welcome to all

EAST QUANTOXHEAD CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday December 11th at E.Q. Hall 10-12 Market Café/Mince Pies/Tombola

Copy date for January Newsletter 20th Dec. email:

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