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STAPLE DIET

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SERVICES AT ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH JANUARY

1st 10.30am Benefice Eucharist with NM
8th 9.30am Eucharist
15th 9.30am Family Service with DB
22nd 10.30am Benefice Eucharist with SC at EAST QUANTOXHEAD
29th 10.30am Benefice Eucharist with NM at FIDDINGTON

KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

West Quantoxhead Weather report for November Wet, Wet, Wet Rain fall a record. 239 mm. Gales on the 15th, with an extra strong one on the 22nd. Recordable sunshine on 11 days. Temp very mild throughout the month



ST AUDRIES WI

The next Meeting will be an OPEN Meeting on January 11th 2023 at 2.15 pm in The Village Hall Speaker: - Martyn Snell A view of the West Somerset Railway Competition: An item beginning with "G". All Welcome

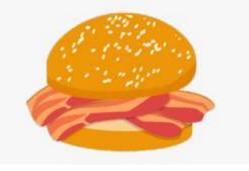
COFFEE MORNING AT ST. AUDRIES VILLAGE HALL

Please note that there will be **NO** coffee morning on Monday 2^{nd} January. As these are held on the first Monday of each month the next one will be on **6th February** from 10.30 am to about mid day. Coffee is £1 per cup, biscuits are free so come along for a chat with fellow villagers - you will be very welcome.

Contact Sue Sanders 632759 or Isobel Newton 632274.

NEW YEAR'S DAY 'BACON BUTTY EVENT'

After a two year 'covid' break this very popular event will return on Sunday 1st January 2023 in St' Audries Village Hall from 12 noon to about 2.00 pm. No booking is required so just turn up - it's a great way to start the New Year with friends, family or neighbours. We will be serving our usual bacon filled baps (or egg if preferred) and coffee. Tea and orange drinks will also be available or BYOB if you wish. The butty price will be £2.50 each and all drinks will be 50p each. A gluten free option will also be available. We look forward to welcoming you all contacts are Mike Sanders 632759, Ken Rowland 633612 or Richard Hughes 634714.



WEST QUANTOXHEAD PARISH COUNCIL

A big thank you to the Women's Institute for the new Rowan tree planted at the entrance to Bracken Edge in recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a plaque will be fitted at a later date.

I am sure it will grow and mature into a lovely tree. Also thanks to Joshua Peters (JP Countryside) for his work planting the tree.

Next Parish Council Meeting 11th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome

CRAFT GROUP

First Craft meeting is on Tuesday 10thJanuary. £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 632410.

LOCAL BANKING AT THE POST OFFICE

With the closure of Lloyds Bank in Williton, please do not think that you must travel to Taunton, Minehead or Bridgwater for banking. At the Post Office you can, pay in cash and cheques, withdraw money, check your balance. All you need is your debit card, paying in book, and a branded envelope to pay in cheques – supplied free by the Post Office. You can do all this during Post Office opening hours - which are far more convenient than the banks! Finally, this applies to **all** the main banks - not just Lloyds. If in doubt, please ask - they will be happy to help you.

ST. AUDRIES ART GROUP

Meets every Wednesday in the Village Hall from 10 am until 12.30. 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.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The committee would like to thank everyone for their support at our Christmas Bazaar. We raised £458 which is being donated to The Quantock Food Cupboard. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this such a successful event all your work is much appreciated.

Your Village Hall needs you. We only have five committee members and desperately need more. We only meet 3 or 4 times a year and feel it is important to have as many ideas put forward as possible. You will not be asked to take on a major roll on the committee, but we do need to hear your views. We need a minute secretary, but you will not be "bullied" into doing anything unless you would like to, I stress we need your views more than anything. I feel the Village Hall is vital to our Village life and so many Villagers enjoy the various events held at the Hall. If you are new to the Village, you are welcome to come along to our next meeting (I will post the date next month) and just see what is involved. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on 01984 568742 Sue Sherry Chairman

EAST QUANTOXHEAD COFFEE MORNING

E.Q. VILLAGE HALL January 21st 10-12md CAFÉ – Bacon/Sausage baps – mince pies TOMBOLA Books / DVDs / CDs

HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

TUESDAY JANUARY 17th 7.30pm Holford and District Village hall *'Gardening for Birds'* a talk by Greg Glendell Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00



WEST QUANTOXHEAD CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

The PCC have decided that it is too costly to keep the Church floodlit all year round, so the floodlights have been switched off; although the Church will still be floodlit over Christmas and Easter. However, if you would like to sponsor or make a donation to the Church to be lit up on a specific date or for a period of time, then this can easily be arranged. If wished the reasons for this could be displayed in the Church eg "In Memory of...." or "To Celebrate the Golden Wedding of..." etc. For more information please contact Mark or Wendy Philipson on 01984 631947.

RIDDLER'S FREE BUS SERVICE TO SAINSBURYS

Riddlers provide a free bus service to Sainsbury's Bridgwater every Thursday. Departs from bus stop by Village Hall at 10.38am, arrives Sainsbury's at 11.25am and departs from Sainsbury's at 13.25. If you plan to use this service they suggest you call a few days before 01398 323398 to ensure the driver stops at the bus stop.

Please note new telephone number Copy date for February's Newsletter 20thJanuary email: wqnewsletter@yahoo.com. Phone 01984 568742