

STAPLE DIET

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(The WestQuantoxheadVillage Newsletter)

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Dates for your Diary Next year's **FLOWER FESTIVAL** will be held on June 22nd and 23rd 2024. All gifts will be shared between Croft House and the Food Cupboard.

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

November

12th 10.45 Remembrance with NM
19th 10.30 Benefice Confirmation Service with NS & NM at STOGUMBER
26th 0930 Eucharist with SM

KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

West Quantoxhead Weather report for September

Needless to say, we had some rain.
Recordable Sunshine on 18 days.
Peak Temperature reached 29.5 on the 8th.
Winds nothing special but gusty at times.
Rainfall for month totalled 155mm
BUT of that rainfall,
89mm almost **4 inches** arrived on the 18th.
West Quantoxhead was lucky, there was a lot of flooding in surrounding villages.

COFFEE MORNING AT ST. AUDRIES VILLAGE HALL

The next coffee morning will be held on Monday 6th November from 10.30 until about mid-day. All are welcome, just turn up for a good chat with fellow villagers and for some coffee or tea both at a £1 per cup, the biscuits are free! There are usually a good number but new faces are always welcome. Contact Sue Sanders on 632759 or Isobel Newton on 632774.

CRAFT GROUP

Craft Group meet every Tuesday 2 to 4.30 in the village hall. £2 per session including tea, cake & biscuits. We all have a mixture of crafts, ranging from Patchwork, Quilting, Crochet, Knitting, Stitching & Crystal card making and many more.

New members are always welcome come in and meet us or phone/email me on 01984-632410.

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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 01984 632575 or Pat on 01984 632729.

ST AUDRIES PARK FIREWORKS

Date: FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2023 - Start Time: 10pm - Duration: 5 mins

Date: SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2023 - Start Time: 10.15pm - Duration: 7 mins

Date: SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2023 - Start Time: [10.pm](#) - Duration: 5 mins

Date: SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2023 - Start Time: 9.15pm - Duration: 5 mins

VILLAGE SKITTLES

A friendly get together for a few games is held on the third Wednesday of the month at The Valiant Soldier, Roadwater. Meet at about 11.30 to order lunch and usually a sufficient number turn up for the games to start about 11.45 with lunch at about 1.00pm. Otherwise lunch is earlier! Unless you are a 'regular' contact Sue or Mike Sanders on 632759 if you intend to come.

ST. AUDRIES W.I.

The next Meeting is on November 8th.
at 2.15 pm in St. Audries Village Hall

Speaker:- Michael & Karen

" Silk Scarf Painting "

Competition:- An item beginning with " P "

A warm welcome awaits you.

POETRY GROUP

Thursday 30th November at 2.0 pm at Applegarth, Staple Lane, with readings about Sport etc. The last meeting for 2023 - all welcome.

For further information please contact Joyce Baxter on 01984 633537.

SOMERSET COUNCIL

Could you help get people to crucial medical appointments? Volunteer drivers needed urgently across Somerset. Volunteer Recruitment Manager Transporting Somerset 07855 285464 Volunteering Opportunities | Somerset Council Volunteering

NEW BAG TAG FOR RESIDENTS RECYCLING TO HELP PREVENT FIRES

What is happening:

A new bag tag is going to be added to every household's bright blue recycling bag in a safety campaign being carried out by the Council's collections contractor, Suez. This will start from the week beginning the 9 **October** and will take 3-4 weeks to complete.

Why is this being rolled out?

The tag will warn residents of the dangers of gas canisters in recycling and is hoped that it will cut the amount being found in the blue bag. This follows a rise in small gas canisters being put in recycling over the summer, with 2,000 items found since May. Although extra manual checks are done at the depot, each canister is a potentially explosive fire risk when it gets to the automated sorting process if keen-eyed staff are not able to spot it.

Other warnings will be on the reverse of the tag, including how to properly recycle vapes, batteries and electricals. Small camping gas canisters can be taken to any of Somerset's 16 recycling sites, residents should speak to a member of site staff about where to leave them.

Residents can find their local site online: www.somerset.gov.uk/waste

Frequently asked question:

Why can I put an aerosol in the recycling, but not a gas canister? Aerosols used for personal use, like deodorant, contain a smaller amount of the ignitable gas. These bottles are also less pressurised than camping gas canisters, the risk of a spark is reduced for an empty aerosol.

COFFEE MORNING

East Quantoxhead Village Hall
Saturday November 18th 10-12md
Café/Bric-brac/Books/DVDs

HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

Tuesday November 21st 7.20pm

Holford and District Village Hall

A.G.M. followed by

'ChristmasCracker Fun withFlowers' with Myra Cox
Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

BUS IT FOR 'LESS THAN A LATTE' AND SAFEGUARD SERVICES

Bus It for 'Less than a latte' is the message from Somerset Council as it kicks-off a campaign to drive up passenger numbers on four key bus routes. The campaign is being launched with news that the £2 countywide fare for any single journey is set to continue to December 2024 thanks to continued Government support announced this week. The latest round of the 'Bus It' campaign - supported by bus passenger group the Somerset Bus Partnership, aims to support four at risk First Bus South routes serving Taunton, Yeovil, Minehead, Dulverton and Wincanton. Working with the bus operator, Somerset Council will be targeting communities along the at-risk routes, raising awareness of the services and highlighting the affordability of bus travel and the many other upsides of leaving the car at home. Any single bus fare in the county still costs just £2 thanks to ongoing Government support - less than the price of latte from most high street coffee shops. The Council has stepped in to subsidise the struggling 54, 58/58a, 25 and 28 services until the end of March 2024.

But, in the face of massive budget pressures, it cannot commit to supporting the service from April. Unless passenger numbers rise significantly and the services become financially viable for First Bus South, which operates Buses of Somerset, the at-risk the services may be reduced or stopped completely.



Please note new telephone number

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