

# STAPLE DIET

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(The WestQuantoxheadVillage Newsletter)

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

### December

3rd 09-30 Communion with NM  
10th 09-30 All age Worship IN  
17th 10-30 BENEFICE COMMUNION with NM  
20th 16-00 CAROL SERVICE with NM  
25th 10-00 CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNION with NM  
(January 7th 09-30 Communion with NM)

### CAROL SERVICE WEDNESDAY DEC 20th AT 16-00 (4pm)

Please come and join us at St. Etheldreda's for an informal short Carol service, followed by Mince pies and Mulled wine. We look forward to seeing you. Donations will be given to the Motor Neurone Disease Association in memory of Richard Hughes.

### KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

Summary of October weather in West Quantoxhead. With the 155 mm of rain in September, we hoped for a drier October.....but....? Temperature showed it was warmer round about the 9th (22.2c) the whole month was warmer, than last year. Averaging 19.4c at 1pm for the first half of the month. Rainfall was again high, with 146 mm . Wind was a bit gusty, all directions (no really high winds) Sunshine on 17 days.

### ST. AUDRIES W.I.

The next Meeting is on December 13th  
at 2.15 pm in  
St. Audries Village Hall  
This is our 60th Birthday Meeting  
Presents on a string, bring Christmas Cards  
Entertainment, no competition.  
Come and enjoy.



### NEW YEAR'S DAY BACON BUTTY EVENT

Except for the COVID lockdown this very popular annual event has been held in the village hall each year for at least the last ten years. Naturally with the passage of time the team has become depleted and older with much less stamina. Therefore a new team is taking over the running of 2024 New Year's Day Butty event The Village would like to thank all those who have held this wonderful event in the past. A new team has now been formed by Joyce Baxter to carry on this event which is always enjoyed by the village.

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Do come and have a chat and purchase a Bacon Butty plus tea, coffee or fruit juice, between 12.00 - 2.00 pm in your Village Hall. Perhaps you will make new friends for 2024? A modest entry charge of £3, second helpings welcome (but extra), vegetarians and those on a gluten free diet catered for. You can, of course, bring your own bottle if you prefer. New cooks this year who need your support! We look forward to seeing you on January 1st.



### COFFEE MORNING AT ST. AUDRIES VILLAGE HALL

The last coffee morning of 2023 will be held on Monday 4th December 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 £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. "In fond memory of our good friend and loyal supporter, Richard Hughes, it was decided that excess funds collected over the past year should be divided equally between Richard's own nominated charities, i.e. Back Up Trust (supporting young people with life changing spinal injuries) and MND Association, (each receiving £75)."

Thank you to all those who attended this year. I know the various charities who benefit each December/January do appreciate it.

### 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 us on 01984-632410.

[June.Bissell@BTInternet.com](mailto:June.Bissell@BTInternet.com) or Jenny 01984-633556

### VILLAGE HALL

With so many other local events throughout the month of December, the Committee have decided that instead of having a Christmas Bazaar/Coffee Morning we will hold a different event in the Spring. Details will appear in the Staple Diet.

### VILLAGE SKITTLES

As mid-December is socially a very busy period for many (and The Valiant Soldier) it has been decided to cancel the December session but we hope to start again in the New Year. Contact Sue or Mike Sanders 632759.

### ST AUDRIES PARK FIREWORKS

- 1) Date: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023- Start Time: 9.25PM- Duration: 5 minutes
- 2) Date: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023 - Start Time: 7.15pm - Duration: 5 minutes

### 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.

### VILLAGE AGENT

Your nearest Talking Café is: Williton Pavilion every Tuesday 1-3 pm. Please contact your local Village Agent Izzy Silvester on 07931 018045 or email [izzy@somersetccc.org.uk](mailto:izzy@somersetccc.org.uk) if you need free help and confidential advice



### PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

Phil and Mike Keenan from Keepers Find in Staple Lane 01984 634731 [mikejkeenan@btinternet.com](mailto: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 .

### COFFEE MORNING

East Quantoxhead Village Hall  
Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> 10-12md  
Café/Bric-brac/Books/DVDs

### CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP

#### With flowers by Wendy

Come along and enjoy one of Wendy's workshops to make your own door/table wreath along with festive mulled wine and refreshments

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ST AUDRIES VILLAGE HALL Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm

STOGUMBER VILLAGE HALL Thursday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm

TAUNTON SCHOOL Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> 6.30 pm

DONIFORD FARM PARK Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> 1.30 pm

#### TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Contact Wendy on T: 01984 656843 / 07929 577329  
E: [flowersbywendy@btinternet.com](mailto:flowersbywendy@btinternet.com)

£40 includes a mossed frame, mixed Christmas foliage, sundries and luxury bow.

Also includes refreshments of mulled wine, tea or coffee and mince pies.

Just bring along your apron and Christmas spirit to enjoy a fun afternoon or evening making your own for family and guests to admire.

Look forward to seeing you soon.

### ROADWORKS 8TH DECEMBER 2023

Temporary 30mph Speed Limit A39 Williton to Bridgwater Road, Nether Stowey from the junction with Western Lane in an easterly direction for a distance of 1000 metres. Statement of reasons for making the Order a) because works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near the road or b) because of the likelihood of danger to the public, or of serious damage to the road, which is not attributable to such works

#### Please note new telephone number

Copy date for December's Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> November  
email: [wqnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:wqnewsletter@yahoo.com). Phone 01984 568742