

STAPLE DIET

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(The WestQuantoxheadVillage Newsletter)

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

January 7th 09.30 Communion with NM
January 14th
January 21st
January 28th

PARISH COUNCIL

Have you considered becoming a Parish Councillor? There is currently one vacancy - please contact Michelle by email for further details and an application form westquantoxheadpc@gmail.com

Next meeting 10th January 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

Like the last few months, November was a very wet month.
Rainfall on the 2nd = 105 mm with local short term flooding.
Total months rain recorded 244 mm.
Sunshine 1hr + recorded on 10 days.
Gale force wind from NW on 2/3rd.
Bar. mainly around 1000mb but higher on 23rd
All in all, a settled month.

ST. AUDRIES W.I.

Thank you to all the ladies in the village and beyond who have been members of our W.I. and made us such a happy group.
Sadly we have had to close, but we have so many happy memories of all the interesting times we have spent together.
Thank you to all of you who were with us to the end.
Thank you for the beautiful plants you gave us and the wonderful cards.
We shall be meeting up as friends.
With our very best wishes for 2024

Isobel and Daphne

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 first coffee morning in 2024 will **NOT** be on the usual first Monday of the month - this day is booked for the New Year's Bacon Butty Event. As a consequence, the coffee morning will be held on the following Monday **8th** January. Usual time- 10.30 am until about mid-day. Just turn up for a friendly chat with fellow villagers and coffee or tea, each at a £1 per cup but 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 (Returns on Tuesday 9 January)

Craft Group meets on Tuesdays 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 June on 01984-632410.
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 ART GROUP

We return on 10th January 2024.

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 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 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 January 20th 10-12md
Café/Bric-brac/Books/DVDs

Please note new telephone number

Copy date for December's Newsletter 20th November
email: wqnewsletter@yahoo.com. Phone 01984 568742

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE: TTRO181139W(WS) - WEACOMBE ROAD, SAMPFORD BRETT

The order becomes effective on 05th January 2024 and will remain in force for eighteen months.

The works are expected to commence on **8th January 2024** and last for **9 days** to enable **National Grid to install a new supply**.

The contractor has indicated that access for Emergency Services through the site **is not permitted** on this occasion.

For any further information about this closure please contact **National Grid** on **01823 348607**, quoting reference: **ttro181139W(WS)**.

Please note that should you require to view a closure which is more than two weeks ahead, you will need to register for free with www.One.Network

CHANGES ARE COMING TO WASTE COLLECTIONS NEXT YEAR

Recycling and rubbish collection days will be changing for more than 120,000 homes in Somerset in February next year. The changes come as new collection routes are introduced by Somerset Council's contractor, SUEZ recycling and recovery UK. The new routes will make rounds more efficient, more manageable for crews whilst reducing mileage and carbon emissions. The changes come at no cost to the council.

In February 2024, recycling and rubbish collection day schedules will change for around 85% of homes in the west of the county, covering the former Sedgemoor and Somerset West and Taunton areas, as well as a small part of South Somerset. Anyone with a change to their collection day schedule will be written to twice before anything changes, first with a letter in January. Roughly, three weeks after the letter arrives, residents will receive a service guide which includes a collection day calendar for the next 18 months. It is important that residents know their new collection days – crews will not be able to come back for either recycling or refuse if you miss your new collection day. Because some towns and villages will be covered by more than one route, days may change for some households but not others.

Residents may have:

- a change to collection day
- a change in week that their rubbish is collected.
- a one-off interim rubbish collection

There will be no changes to:

- collection days for garden waste subscribers
- clinical waste collections
- communal property collections with shared
- collections (such as blocks of flats, houses of multiple occupancy and retirement developments)
- schools waste collections

Changes to routes and collection days for the rest of the county – in the former Mendip and South Somerset areas – are expected to be introduced in June 2024.

