

STAPLE DIET

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(The WestQuantoxheadVillage Newsletter)

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SERVICES AT ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH

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February 4th 9.30am Eucharist CW with Nigel Stock
February 11th 9.30am All age worship CW lay led.
February 18th 10.30am Benefice Communion with
Nicky Morgan At East Quantoxhead
February 25th 9.30am Eucharist CW with Nigel Stock
March 3rd 9.30am Eucharist CW with Nicky
Morgan.

PARISH COUNCIL

Your Parish Councillors have recently had to set the Precept for the next 12 months and would like to share with you, the parishioners, an indication of the services the Parish Council provides with this. The yearly commitments amount to around £4,000.00 and this includes the following items we have to pay for including Insurance, grass cutting, replacement of damaged grit bins, Parish Clerk wages, maintenance of village furniture such as the notice boards, bus shelters, meeting venue rent (village hall) and a legal requirement to keep a reserve in case of election costs (£1500).

All Parish Councillors are volunteers and are not paid any expenses.

Finally, the Village assembly costs come from the Precept (which each household pays through council tax) and this year it will be on Wednesday 15th May 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Parish Council Meetings : 6th March, 3rd July, 4th September and 6th November 2024 7.30 in the Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend, come and see what we do.

ST. AUDRIES W.I.

Due to the suspension of St. Audries W.I. there will be a Meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday February 14th at 2.15 pm when all Villagers will be welcome to come and discuss plans/ ideas for the future.

Hope to see you there.

KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

December

December was really a repeat of November with a lot of rain.

Rain 142 mm

Sunshine 6 recordable days

Wind up to 60 MPH on 28th

Gales + on the 9th, 21st, 27th, 28th.

Temp. below 0c on the 1-2nd, then 9+c. average.



48. 3 inches of RAIN=

During 2023- 1373 mm of rain fell in West Quantoxhead
8 more wet days than 2022

Temperature about half a degree warmer than 2022.

Number of gales recorded 3 less than 2022.

COFFEE MORNING AT ST. AUDRIES VILLAGE HALL

The next coffee morning will revert to its usual first Monday in the month i.e 5th February from 10.30 am to around mid-day. Just turn up for a friendly chat with fellow villagers and coffee or tea, each at £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 632774.

VILLAGE SKITTLES

The New Year started off with a very successful set of games and lunch - the next one has been booked for the usual third Wednesday in the month i.e 21st, meeting at The Valiant Soldier in Roadwater at about 11.30 am. All are welcome;- for more details contact Sue or Mike Sanders on 632759.

CRAFT GROUP

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

The Village Hall is a valuable asset but it is under used at present, especially on Fridays and at weekends.

If you are looking for a venue for a family celebration or get-together, or thinking of starting up a new activity, then please consider hiring your Hall.

We have an excellent Table Tennis Table and a 6' Snooker/Pool Table.

The hire charges are only £3 per hour for villagers and £5 per hour for non-villagers, but please note there is a minimum hire charge of 2 hours.

Do you have ideas as to events you would like to see held?

Call Sue on 01984 568742

To make a booking please contact Mark Philipson on 01984 631947.

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 if you need free help and confidential advice

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

PLEASE NOTE AMENDED EMAIL ADDRESS

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.

STAPLE DIET

I would like to thank everyone involved in Staple Diet. Our Contributors, Sue Cocksedge and our valuable delivery team. If you have items, you would like included in Staple Diet or there is something you would like to see in Staple Diet please contact Sue Sherry (Details below)

Please note new telephone number

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COFFEE MORNING

East Quantoxhead Village Hall
Saturday February 17th 10-12md
Café/Bric-brac/Books/DVDs

CHANGES ARE COMING TO WASTE COLLECTIONS

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.

SOMERSET COUNTY COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL FOR CLOSURE OF WILLITON RECYCLING CENTRE AND THE FUTURE OF THE NO 28 BUS

A meeting will take place in Williton Pavilion at 7pm on Tuesday 30th January, to provide an opportunity for people to 'express views' on the closure suggestion. All welcome.



If you would like to fill in a survey re the future of the Minehead to Taunton Bus please visit:

<https://www.tivertonandmineheadconservatives.org.uk/let-us-know-your-views-future-no-28-bus-taunton-minehead>