

# STAPLE DIET

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(The WestQuantoxheadVillage Newsletter)

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## SERVICES AT ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH

### ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH - MAY

4<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion with NS  
11th 9.30am All Age  
18th 10.30am BENEFICE Communion at Stogumber  
with NM  
25th 9.30am Communion  
1st 9.30am Communion with NM  
June

## KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

Here is my weather report for March. Rain a total of 11 mm.

Temp. light frosts early mornings on 7 days otherwise mild.

Sunshine. Recordable sunshine on 24 days.

Wind. very light winds.

Bar. averaged about 1,000mb.

## COFFEE MORNING IN ST. AUDRIES VILLAGE HALL

The May 2025 get together will be held as usual on the first Monday in the month i.e. the 5th from 10.30am to about mid-day. Coffee and tea are still £1 per cup but the biscuits are free so do come along for a chat with your fellow villagers - new faces are always welcome. For further details contact Sue Sanders on 632759 or Isobel Newton on 632774

## PARISH COUNCIL

**Good News! The defibrillator is on the wall at the farm and ready for use!**

The defibrillator has arrived, thanks to the British Heart Foundation. Please remember it will be available at the entrance to Staple Farm, on Weacombe Road.

If you have not received compensation from National Grid for the outage during storm Darragh, you can phone 08000328301 to ask or go online for a claim form at [national.grid.co.uk/severe-weather-claim-form](http://national.grid.co.uk/severe-weather-claim-form). The Parish Council has raised concerns for the village but it is it down to individuals to claim their own compensation for outages over 48 hours.

## CHURCH - THE BIG SPRING CLEAN!

It's that time of year again and your help is needed to spruce up the Church for another year. Please come and help us on Tuesday 29th April and Wednesday 30th April. Any time you can spare on either day will be greatly appreciated - after all, many hands make light work as they say. Tea/Coffee and biscuits will in plentiful supply. Please contact Jane Stafford on 632268.

## VILLAGE COMMUNITY GROUP

With the closing of the community group a donation of £200 was paid to the Defibrillator fund.

## VILLAGE SKITTLES

Our next match will be held on Wednesday 21st May at The Valiant Soldier, Roadwater, as usual at about 11.30 am when we book lunch, play a few games (the number depending of course on how many villagers turn up) and have our meal at around 1.00 pm. It's great fun, no previous experience is necessary - just turn up and have a go, you will be made very welcome. For further details contact Sue or Mike Sanders on 632759.



## VE DAY COMMEMORATION EVENT - SUNDAY 11TH MAY 2025

Please come to St Etheldreda's Church, West Quantoxhead for 4.00pm and join in some community singing and readings, followed by supper of Fish, Chips & Mushy Peas, or half a Chicken, or one of the following Pies: Steak and Ale, Steak and Kidney, or Chicken and Mushroom (to be pre-ordered) to be served from Van parked close by. (5.0 pm.) Tickets: £15 can be booked with Joyce Baxter 01984 633537 or e-mail: [malnjoy@btinternet.com](mailto:malnjoy@btinternet.com). Bring your own drink. Soft drinks will be available. If you would like to contribute to the entertainment in any way, please contact Joyce as soon as possible.

## POETRY GROUP

29th May 2.30 pm at Larks Rise.

Subject Happiness

New readers welcome - you don't have to come every month! Contact Joyce Baxter 01984 633537 for further information

## LENT LUNCH - THANK YOU

Thank you to all who came and enjoyed the Lent Lunch in the Village Hall. You helped to raise £250 for 'Power for the People' - the Radio 4 Appeal from 26th January for local communities in East Africa to address poverty's root causes. You can listen to this episode via this link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m0027cg>



## V E DAY 80 CELEBRATION

Where: Beacon Hill trig point When 8th May at 9.15pm. Come & join us, if you are able, to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Allied victory & ending of World War 2 in Europe. Should the weather or any other unforeseen circumstances prevent the event from taking place, there will be a sign at the bottom of Hill Lane stating it's cancelled. Hopefully the weather will be kind & we look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it up the hill. We are sorry, but at the time of writing this, there is no provision for transporting those with limited mobility up to the beacon. For any further details please contact Helen Stamp (on behalf of West Quantoxhead Parish council) on 07968 445067

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

We have had a donation towards the defibrillator fund of a valuable magnum of champagne which we are putting up for auction. Details are as follows: A magnum of Maso Martis Extra Brut Rose Riserva 2013, valued at £150-200. Place your bid in a sealed envelope with your name and contact number on it. Deliver it to Penny at Staple Farm. All bids need to be in by 10am, Sunday 1st June, when the bids will be opened in front of 3 independent people and the highest bidder will be informed that day. Good luck! The defibrillator fund stands at £1725 at the moment, thanks to all who have contributed in so many ways, donations, attending fundraising events and working to put on those events. A donation to the British Heart Foundation will be made towards the defibrillator and a bleed kit will be purchased to be available in the same place, on the wall of Staple Farm, in the centre of the village. There are small installation costs to be paid and an ongoing running cost but we now have sufficient funds to meet these for now.

## CRAFT GROUP

Craft Group meets every Tuesday 2 to 4.30 in the village hall it's £2 per session including tea & biscuits. We have a mixture of many craft hobbies including Patchwork, Quilting, Crochet, Knitting, Stitching & Crystal Card making. New members are always welcome. Phone June 01984.632410 email June.Bissell@BTInternet.com or Jenny 01984.633556

## ST. AUDRIES ART GROUP

The Art Group meet every Wednesday in the Village Hall from 10am until 12.30pm and will restart on Wednesday 26th March. New Members are very welcome - if you would like to know more about us, please contact Maureen on 07932430103 or Pat on 01984 632729.

## TABLE TENNIS CLUB

The table tennis club will now hold its weekly sessions every Tuesday from 7.30pm until 9.30pm. Entry is still a very affordable £2. We are always looking for new players so please come along. Enquiries, please call John 07748463421.



## HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

ANNUAL PLANT SALE

AFFORDABLE PLANTS

VEGETABLES, PERENNIALS & ANNUALS

PLUS GARDEN SUNDRIES

Saturday 10th May 10am-12 noon Holford Village Hall

## EAST QUANTOXHEAD VILLAGE HALL

East Quantoxhead Village Hall 'Breakfast and Bric a Brac'  
Saturday 17th May 10 til 12

Come and join us for breakfast sausage and egg bap  
Tea, coffee and conversation!

## TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Luckes Lane, Bicknoller, West Quantoxhead and Sampford Brett.

The order becomes effective on 09th May 2025 and will remain in force for eighteen months.

The works are expected to commence on 12th May 2025 and last for 6 days (07:00 - 19:00) to enable Kiely Bros to carry out pre-surface dressing patching works on behalf of Somerset Highways. Solid diamond symbolization to be used on diversion route and will not clash with any other Kiely Bros works within the area.

Urgent Road Closure: - ttr0210720W(WS) - WW - Minehead To Williton Road, Old Cleeve  
Please be aware that we have received a notification of a TTRN (urgent) road closure at Minehead To Williton Road, Old Cleeve which will commence on 1st May 2025 - 2nd May 2025 (19:00 - 00:00) for a total of 1 evening. This will enable Wessex Water to carry out works to replace frame and cover.

Copy date for June's Newsletter 20<sup>th</sup> May  
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