

STAPLE DIET

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(The West Quantoxhead Village Newsletter)

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SERVICES AT ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH

2nd November 9.30am Communion CW Rev Nicky Morgan

9th November 10.45am Remembrance service Rev

Nicky Morgan

16th November 10.30am Communion safeguarding Sunday

Rev Nicky Morgan

23rd November 9.30 am Communion Nigel Stock

30th November 10.30am Advent Carol Service with

Communion **EAST QUANTOXHEAD**

KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

West Quantoxhead weather during September.

With the high winds and floods, one had reports of during September, West Quantoxhead got off lightly!

Rainfall mainly during the first 17 days = 152 mm.

During the same period Taunton recorded 236 mm.

Recordable sunshine on 23 days.

Windy but only Gale/Storm force gusts on 15th and 16th.

Temperature most morning starting with 12c

and at around mid-day 18-20c.

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

The next Coffee Morning will be on Monday, 3rd November at the new time of 10.15 am to 11.45 am. Do join us if you're able, new members of the village are always welcome. Further information can be gleaned from Sue Sanders on 632759.

VILLAGE MONTHLY SKITTLES LUNCH

Our next meeting will be as usual at "The Valiant Soldier" on Wednesday 19th November where, after a fun hour of skittles we enjoy an excellent meal. 🍷 We meet in the Bar at around 11.30 am to order our choice of lunch, have a few rounds of skittles and then back to the Bar for a well-deserved "feast". You don't have to be an expert (or even have played before!) so do join us. 😊. Further info from Sue Sanders on 632759.



PARISH COUNCIL

The next parish council meeting will be 5th November. For more details on all parish council matters, please check our website: <http://www.westquantoxheadpc.co.uk>

POETRY GROUP

For details, please call Joyce Baxter 01984 633537

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group meets every Tuesday 2pm to 4.30pm 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. AUDRIE'S ART GROUP

The Art Group meets 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 07932430103 or Pat on 01984 632729.

PARISH MAGAZINE

"If anyone would like a copy of the church magazine (now benefice magazine as it covers activities going on in surrounding villages too)

It's called Pathways magazine

Price is £12 for the year

please contact me if you want to subscribe to this magazine or would like more information

Julie 01984 632000 or 07866 238086"

EAST QUANTOXHEAD CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saturday November 15th

East Quantoxhead Village Hall

10 til 12 pm If you make crafts, food or Christmas gifts and would like to have a stall at this market please email eqhvillagehall@gmail.com

VILLAGE AGENT

A Village Agent can help you if you are over 18 years old and need help, support and advice on nearly anything! Do you have a problem that can be fixed by accessing the right people, services or agencies, but are unsure of where to begin? •••• Are you struggling to afford food, or would benefit from pre-cooked frozen meals, especially if you aren't able to cook Izzy Silvester Village Agent Tel: 01823 331222 Mobile: 07931 018045 Email: izzy@somersetcc.org.uk

POWER DISRUPTION - LOCAL HELP AVAILABLE

A request went out in the Staple Diet some months ago for a list of people who are able to offer some help in the event of a prolonged power outage – **ie over 12 hours**. Here are their details:

Mark & Wendy Philipson Sunset Gate, Weacombe Road, Tel 01984 631947. Oil fired Rayburn – heat up water, soup etc.

Paul & Wendy Preston East Bank, Staple Lane, Tel 07739 177467, 07878 546231. 2 ring camping stove – heat up water or soup.

Martin & Julia Skidmore Green Acres, Weacombe Road, Tel 01984 639173, 07977 090320, 07811 451549. Generator, Oil fired Aga – heat up water, soup etc.

John Halls Chetsford Cottage, Weacombe Road, Tel 07970 814043. Can offer some freezer space

Steve & Val Pickard Inkberrow, Weacombe Road, Tel 01984 634348. Small generator – heat up water, soup etc.

Maureen Hilditch St Michaels, Weacombe Road, Tel 07932430103. Gas hob - heat up water or soup.

(Please provide your own flasks)

If you would like more information, please contact Mark Philipson (01984 631947).

COAT EXCHANGE

Somerset Council's Libraries service is relaunching its Winter Coat Exchange scheme, designed to support the community by providing access to warm coats for anyone in need.

Now in its third year, the scheme has been increasingly successful with 2,470 coats donated and 2,086 taken last winter. The excess donations were given to the charity RAFT – Refugee Aid From Taunton.

The organisation supports displaced people locally and further afield, and works with other local charities/groups supporting a variety of different causes.

Libraries taking part this year are: Minehead, Yeovil, Street, Glastonbury, Langport, Williton, Burnham-on-Sea, Taunton, Porlock, Shepton Mallet, Wellington, Dulverton, Chard, and Ilminster.

The initiative was launched to help people stretch tight budgets that little bit further. The scheme is simple:

- You can take a coat without making a donation.
- You can donate a coat without taking one.
- All donations must be of good quality and in a clean condition.
- Coats of any shape or size, for adults or children are accepted.

Donors are asked to hand items directly to a member of be challenging for many, especially those who can't afford to stay warm.

For more information or to participate in the coat exchange scheme, please visit your nearest participating library, on www.facebook.com or contact librariesmail@somerset.gov.uk.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

ttro021332W(WS) - Brendon Road, Watchet

Please follow the link to view the above road closure; <https://one.network/?tm=GB144707965> and the link for the Notice 2: https://api-gb.one.network/downloads/tm/1111/03-notice-2_144707965_3988201_7b210e553a.pdf

The order becomes effective on 12th November 2025 and will remain in force for eighteen months.

The works are expected to commence on **23rd November 2025** and last for **16 hours (08:00 - 23:59)** to enable **Wessex Water to carry out new connection works**. 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 **Wessex Water** on **0345 600 4600**, quoting reference: **ttro021332W(WS)**.

Please note that should you require to view a closure which is more than two weeks ahead, please visit <https://one.network/?tm=GB144707965>

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Weacombe Road, Sampford Brett

Please follow the link to view the above road closure; <https://one.network/?tm=GB145026171> and the link for the Notice 2: https://api-gb.one.network/downloads/tm/1111/03-notice-2_145026171_3994055_ca27678489.pdf

The order becomes effective on 29th October 2025 and will remain in force for eighteen months.

The works are expected to commence on **3rd November 2025** and last for **75 days** to enable **Kier to carry out drainage works on behalf of Somerset Highways**.

The contractor has indicated that access for Emergency Services through the site **is permitted** on this occasion. For any further information about this closure please contact **Somerset Highways** on **0300 123 2224**, quoting reference: **ttro611695W**.

Please note that should you require to view a closure which is more than two weeks ahead, please visit <https://one.network/?tm=GB145026171>

