

STAPLE DIET

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(The West Quantoxhead Village Newsletter)

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SERVICES AT ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH

7TH December 9.30am Communion Rev Steve Morley
14TH December 9.30am All Age Worship CW Clare Phillips
21ST December 4pm Carols by Candlelight Rev N Morgan
25TH December 10am East Quantoxhead. We have had Christmas Service at St Audries for 2 years This year it is the turn of East Quantoxhead Please come along.
28TH December 10.30 Monksilver Benefice Communion Rev Nicky Morgan
4TH January 9.30am Communion CW Rev Nicky Morgan.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

We will be decorating the Church on Wednesday December 17th between 9am and noon. Assistance and contributions will be most welcome and gratefully received. If you are able to help in any way please contact Jane on 01984 632268

KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

West Quantoxhead weather during OCTOBER.

A typical October but certainly very mild.

Rainfall 88mm

Wind gale force gusts on 3rd, 4th and 30/31st.

Otherwise, light warm winds.

Temperature 14/15c at mid-day.

VILLAGE HALL COFFEE MORNING

Our last Coffee Morning of 2025 will be on Monday 1st December commencing at 10.15 am and finishing at around midday. What will be slightly different is that any donations taken on the day will go to a local foodbank to help out the less fortunate at Christmas time. We shall be gathering the "local" post (to be delivered to friends around the village at a single cost of £1.00 for all cards you may wish us to deliver). There will be a raffle £1 per ticket and the sale of any unconsumed goodies not eaten during the event i.e. mince pies, bread pudding before finishing at noon. Our usual charge for coffee and biscuits still applies. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to help with this special fundraiser. 😊😊



VILLAGE MONTHLY SKITTLES LUNCH

Our final skittles meeting at The Valiant Soldier, Roadwater, will be on Wednesday 17th December and coincides, this year, with the first day of their Christmas menu being available. Those who were at the last skittles meeting (19th Nov.) expressed their preference for either a normal lunch or the "Special" and we do have the minimum number to make it worthwhile for the V.S. to offer it as one of the usual choices. (3 Courses £29.95: 2 Courses £26.95). Should you wish to join us for skittles etc. on the 19th and require more information regarding the content of the Special Lunch, please contact Sue or Mike Sanders on 632759. We will need to provide the pub with details of the Christmas lunch choices by 10th December please. We do hope you will take this opportunity of enjoying a game of skittles AND a hearty lunch whether normal or special. 🍴🍷



CHURCH LETTER - THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who responded so generously to the Church Fundraising Letter which was sent out last month. Your donations will enable us to maintain your Parish Church for future generations. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH again from the Parochial Church Council.

POETRY GROUP

For details, please call Joyce Baxter 01984 633537

CRAFT GROUP

We break up on the 9th December & return on the 6th January.

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.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Christmas Carols at West Quantoxhead Church
on Sunday 21st December at 4 pm

A torch will be useful as we will be singing by
candlelight

Also the Barrel Organ, Handbells and Trumpet playing
Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

EAST QUANTOXHEAD CHRISTMAS MARKET FEATURING OUR GRAND TOMBOLA

Saturday 13th December 10 til 12

Come and try your luck with our grand Christmas tombola

You can also enjoy our usual breakfast baps and tea or a
coffee and a catch up with friends and neighbours

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@somersetccc.org.uk

EAST QUANTOXHEAD CHURCH

Tuesday 23rd Dec at 4pm
in East Quantoxhead Church

Everyone very welcome

Come and enjoy Carols, the Christmas story,
mince pies and hot spiced apple juice, all in our cosy
candle lit church



HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

Present

Join In Make your own Christmas Wreath

A Practical Demonstration

By Myra Cox

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

Tuesday 9th December 7.30pm

Holford Village Hall

Club Raffle

All Welcome, Members £1.00 Visitors £2.00

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"

PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

The Parish Council met on 5th November. The issue of
speeding through the Village has been raised by several
residents over recent months, especially along Weacombe
Road. Sadly, there is little that the Parish Council can do
although this has been raised at a recent Area Highways
Committee Meeting. However, there have been two
Speed Indicator Devices erected by the police at both
ends of the Village on the A39 which seem to be effective
in reducing speed on the main road. We are not sure if
these will be permanent or temporary.

The Budget for the next financial year was also discussed,
and **ALL** parish councils are being mandated by the
Government to upgrade their websites and provide
specific e-mail addresses for all Parish Councillors. This
will come at a cost which will, unfortunately, result in an
increase on the Council Tax Precept.

During next year the Parish Council will be working to
produce an Emergency Plan for the Village to cover such
eventualities as prolonged power outages or major
incidents. If anyone has any thoughts or ideas, they would
like to contribute towards this please consider coming to
the next Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall on
Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 7:30 pm. If you would
like to speak at the meeting, please contact the Parish
Clerk. Details can be found on the current
website: <http://westquantoxheadpc.co.uk>

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

It was so very nice to see so many at our recent AGM.
It is important that we hear your views and suggestions.
Whilst we may not be able to offer an immediate
resolution, we do work in the background. For example, I
found three alternatives to the heating issue, however I
did not get as far as costing as our insurance company
would not cover them. We will continue our search for
results to all matters raised. But once again thank you all
for attending.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!

Copy date for January Newsletter 20th December email:
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