

STAPLE DIET

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(The West Quantoxhead Village Newsletter)

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SERVICES AT ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH

Jan 4th 9-30am Holy Communion with NM
Jan 11 th 9-30 am All Age Worship with Clare Phillips
Jan 18th 1030am Benefice Service
at STOGUMBER with NM
Jan 25th 9-30am Holy Communion with NM
FEB 1st 9-30am Holy Communion with +NS

KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

West Quantoxhead weather recorded during November

November was a month of two halves, the first 16 days very mild. The second half very much cooler.
Average Temp. first half of month 13.9c. Second 14 days 6.3c
Rainfall 147mm with 53mm on the 15th.
Wind very strong on the 11th with gusts up to 50mph.
Otherwise a month of gusty days at times up to 25mph.
Sunshine recordable on 13 days.
Light frosts on morning of 20th and 26th.

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

The first Coffee Morning of the New Year will be held in the village hall on Monday 5th January commencing at 10.15 and finishing at about midday.
We had a good number for our Christmas special fundraiser in December, everybody seemed to enjoy the mince pies and cream (thank you Daphne!), Christmas cake, bread pudding and sausage rolls, as well as the usual biscuits. The raffle (thank you Joyce!) was well supported as was the special local post delivery service. In the end we were able to donate £110 to the Quantock Foodbank for which we had a very nice thank you note. Thanks to everybody for their support. For further details contact Sue Sanders on 632759.

POETRY GROUP

For details, please call Joyce Baxter 01984 633537

VILLAGE MONTHLY SKITTLES LUNCH

VILLAGE SKITTLES

As the regulars know, unfortunately we had to cancel our Christmas skittles meeting at The Valiant Soldier, Roadwater. Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Wednesday 21st January from about 11.30 am with lunch after a few games (depending on numbers) at about 1.00 pm. For further details contact Sue or Mike Sanders on 632759.



CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

The Windmill Inn has very kindly offered to sponsor the Church Floodlights again this year. Since Friday 5th December they have been lit between 5 - 9 pm each evening, which is a very welcome and reassuring sight.
Thank you to James and Michael for this much appreciated gesture.

CRAFT GROUP

Back After Christmas Break Meeting 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.

THANK YOU

A big Thank You to everyone who gives me their greeting cards for recycling and an even bigger Thank you for buying them!

This year I have been able to make two donations of £70 each to

St Peters Life Line - a charity helping children in a rural area of Kenya

St Margaret's Hospice Care Taunton
Happy Christmas
Mary

EAST QUANTOXHEAD VILLAGE MARKET



Saturday Jan 17th 10 till 12

in the village Hall

Come along, have a breakfast bap and coffee or tea, meet with neighbours and friends for a catch up!

HOLFORD GARDENERS

GROUP

Present

The Year Round Bulb Garden

A Talk by Christne

Skelmersdale

Tuesday January 20th

7.30pm

Holford Village Hall, Club Raffle

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

PARISH COUNCIL

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>

IS YOUR HOME ALONE

8 Tips to stay safe this Christmas Tip 1: Fit good quality locks or bolts to outside doors, garages and sheds Tip 2: Ensure doors and windows are in a good state of repair.

Tip 3: Install smart plugs and photosensitive bulbs, to switch on lamps remotely and turn on lights when it gets dark. Tip 4: Find out who's outside using a smart doorbell Tip 5: Check that all access points such as gates and fences are secured. Tip 6: Remove Keys from all windows and doors. Tip 7: Invest in security lighting and alarms. Tip 8: Don't leave gift packaging or garden tools outside

Temporary Road Closure: ttro575231W(WS) - Weacombe Road, West Quantoxhead

Please follow the link to view the above road closure; <https://one.network/?tm=GB145850060> and the link for the **Notice 2**: https://api-gb.one.network/downloads/tm/1111/03-notice-2_145850060_4032429_f9e518b46c.pdf

The order becomes effective on 07th January 2026 and will remain in force for eighteen months.

The works are expected to commence on **12th January 2026** and last for **54 days** to enable **Kier to carry out drainage works on behalf of Somerset Council.**

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: **ttro575231W(WS)**.

Please note that should you require to view a closure which is more than two weeks ahead, please visit <https://one.network/?tm=GB145850060>

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.

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Copy date for February Newsletter 20th January email: wqnewsletter@yahoo.com. Phone 01984 568742