

# STAPLE DIET

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(The West Quantoxhead Village Newsletter)

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## SERVICES AT ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH

Feb 1st Holy Communion with CW +NS at 09.30hrs

Feb 8th All Age Service with CP at 09.30hrs

Feb 15th, BENEFICE COMMUNION at EAST

QUANTOXHEAD with NM at 10.30hrs

Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Communion Rev N Morgan 9.30am

Mar 1<sup>st</sup> Communion with CW TBC at 0930hrs

## KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

**West Quantoxhead weather recorded during December**

Rain being a regular daily event until the 24th when it was all change.

Rainfall recorded 226 mm. with 44 mm on the 16th.

Sunshine 8 days recordable amount.

Bar. pressure around 1000mb most of the time.

Wind up to gale force on 4 days.

Temp. around 10c at mid-day until 24th.

After the 24th the TEMP. DROPPED TO AROUND '0' with a min temp of -2c on the 31st.

## VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning will be in the village hall on Monday 2nd February at the now usual time of 10.15 am to about 11.45 am. Do join us for a good chat with fellow villagers if you are able, new members to the village are always welcome. Further information from Sue Sanders on 632759.

## POETRY GROUP

For details, please call Joyce Baxter 01984 633537



## HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

Present

**Grow Food You Can't buy**

**A talk by Katherine Crouch**

**Tuesday February 17th 7.30pm**

**Holford Village Hall**

**Club Raffle**

**members 1.00 visitors 2.00**

## VILLAGE MONTHLY SKITTLES LUNCH

Our next meeting will be as usual at 'The Valiant Soldier' on Wednesday 18th February. We meet in the bar at opening time, about 11.30 am, to order our lunch, select the teams for the day, play a few games and then back to the bar for lunch at about 1.00 pm. You don't have to be an expert (or even have played before!), it's great fun so do join us. Further information from Sue Sanders on 632759.



## 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.

## EAST QUANTOXHEAD VILLAGE MARKET

**Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup> 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! It would be lovely to see you.



## 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](mailto:izzy@somersetcc.org.uk)

### TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Revised Dates - ttro575231W(WS) - Weacombe Road, West Quantoxhead

Further to the email below, please be aware that these works are now expected to commence on 2nd February 2026 and last until 6th March 2026 between the hours of 00:00 - 23:59 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>

### TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

**ttro019714W(WS) - Market Street, Watchet**

Please follow the link to view the above road closure; <https://one.network/?tm=GB147431607> and the link for the **Notice 2**: [https://api-gb.one.network/downloads/tm/1111/03-notice-2\\_147431607\\_4053468\\_1e05c28007.pdf](https://api-gb.one.network/downloads/tm/1111/03-notice-2_147431607_4053468_1e05c28007.pdf)

The order becomes effective on 04th February 2026 and will remain in force for eighteen months.

The works are expected to commence on **10th February 2026** and last for **4 days** to enable **Wales & West Utilities to carry out new connection works.**

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 **Wales & West Utilities** on **0292 010 2441**, quoting reference: **ttro019714W(WS)**.

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY MEETING

Items on the agenda included discussion about the various road closures in place affecting our village. As they are too numerous to mention here, for full details search: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-travel-and-parking/roadworks-and-travel/> where you will find all the info you need.

There is a further hold up with Somerset Highways & Kier (the contractors) on the signage for the corner of Luckes Lane & no further progress on the encroaching hedge on the Avenue.

It seems that dog fouling along the roads & verges in the village has increased dramatically. Please clean up after your dog, making walking through the village a pleasure rather than a very unhygienic hazard!

There was a lot of time given to planning the parish council budget. Sadly, as with all things, costs have increased & there are additional mandatory things the parish must now cover that was not so last year e.g. increased election costs & new custom website & email domain for all councillors.

Re: the defibrillator, spare pads will be purchased so the defibrillator will always be available for use. The bleed kit mentioned in previous updates has now arrived & will be installed soon. The parish council is still working on the community emergency plan. With that in mind, please be careful in this cold weather but also keep an eye out for your neighbours, especially the more elderly & vulnerable ones. An elderly parishioner recently fell in their garden & was left outside unable to move for over 10 hours! Please be mindful of others as one day it could be you!

The next parish council meeting will be 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. For more details on all parish council matters, please check our website: <http://www.westquantoxheadpc.co.uk>

### CAN YOU HELP?

Two years on and still no one has had the respect or empathy to own up to what happened to our precious little boy, Aaron who was not just a unique cat he was like a child bringing so much joy and happiness to our lives. We said we would respect their honesty for giving us peace of mind by knowing what happened to him, even tough life will never be the same. I put it in the Staple Diet to reach more people which also contains many interesting articles, like the Free Press which I also appealed to. Whilst I appreciate this was some time ago, I would be grateful for any information. Please reply to Staple Diet Details below. Thank you.

