

STAPLE DIET

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(The West Quantoxhead Village Newsletter)

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SERVICES AT ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH

Mar 1st Communion with CW TBC at 0930hrs
Mar 8th All age worship CW Claire Phillips 9.30am
March 22nd CW Communion Rev N Morgan 9.30am
April 3rd Good Friday Tenebrae NM 7pm

KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

West Quantoxhead weather recorded during January

Rain made the news with record amounts making a total for the Month of 267 mm with a record of 49mm during the 24hr from 0800 on the 27th till 0800 on the 28th. Only 2 days at the start of the month with very little or no rain.

Very low Bar Pressure on 27th 965mb.

Recordable Sunshine 7 days with 5hrs on the 31st.

Temp. averaged about +6 c

Gales on the 21st.

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning will be in the village hall on Monday 2nd March at the 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

Durleigh Flower Farm

A Talk by Charlotte Ellicott

Tuesday March 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' in Roadwater on Wednesday 18th March. 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



'Coffee and Breakfast Bap'

Saturday 21st March

10 till 12

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

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

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Revised Dates - ttr0575231W(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: ttr0575231W(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>

NATURE OF THE QUANTOCKS CONFERENCE

Date – March 21st **Time**- 10am to 4.30pm

Location– Stogursey, Victory Hall

Eventbrite link

- <https://NatureoftheQuantocksConference.eventbrite.co.uk> to book your place.

The Nature of the Quantocks Conference brings together a team of people involved in the conservation and protection of the Quantocks and the wildlife you can find on it. The conference is free to all and is brought to you by the Friends of the Quantocks charity who own 400 acres of the Common and will share about their own conservation work over the last year, including the project that led to the re-discovery of the rare and elusive **White-letter Hairstreak butterfly**, after a gap of 18 years and the planting of over 400 disease resistant elm. They will also be sharing a number of ways in which you can get personally involved in conservation work, could you be a species champion?

copy date for April Newsletter 20th March email: wqnewsletter@yahoo.com. Phone 01984 568742

LENT LUNCH

13th March 12 till 2pm



Please come and join us for a soup lunch in East Quantoxhead Village Hall.

All proceeds will be donated to the 2026 Deanery Missionary Project
The Salvation Army

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS WITH DEVON AND SOMERSET FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

Our first Community Conversations event of the year will focus on our Community Risk Management Plan.

Join our friendly experts to hear about the process and ask any questions you may have. The event takes place on 6 March 2026, 12-1pm, online, and is free to attend for everyone who lives and works in Devon and Somerset.

More information can be found on our [website](#).

RSV VACCINATIONS FOR OVER 75'S.

To keep this quick and easy, we would be grateful if you could:

- **forward this email to your councillors** so they're aware of the current NHS RSV vaccination offer and can share with their networks and contacts
- **Share the attached poster** on your parish noticeboards and/or on your social media channels or website
- **Include the attached information in your parish newsletter** – or let us know the best contact so we can send a short item directly to them

Why this matters: RSV can be serious for older adults, and the NHS is encouraging everyone aged 75+ to come forward for vaccination. Local sharing helps us reach people who may not see NHS updates elsewhere.

Website: www.nhssomerset.nhs.uk