

STAPLE DIET

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(The West Quantoxhead Village Newsletter)

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SERVICES AT ST ETHELDREDA'S CHURCH

April 5th Communion Rev David Burrell 9.30am
April 12th All Age Worship Clare Phillips 9.30am
April 26th Communion CW Nigel Stock 9.30am
May 3rd Communion CW followed by Vestry meeting
Rev Nicky Morgan 9.30am

KENN'S WEATHER REPORT

West Quantoxhead weather recorded during February

Rainfall the main topic with rainfall on 26 days.

Rainfall for month 144 mm

Temp. 12.7 C + on 4 days

No Frosts.

Wind Gale force gusts on the 20th.

Sunshine, Recordable Sunshine on 5 days

VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

April 6th (Easter Monday) is the date to put on your calendar for our next coffee morning, and I hope to see some smiley faces for our Easter Egg Raffle (one FREE Ticket with each cup/mug purchased) - usual plates of biscuits too! 10.15am to 11.45am is the time - village hall the venue.

POETRY GROUP

For details, please call Joyce Baxter 01984 633537



HOLFORD GARDENERS GROUP

Present

Hestercombe Gardens
A talk by Claire Greenslade



Tuesday 21st April 7.30pm

Holford Village Hall

Club Raffle

Members 1.00 visitors 2.00

VILLAGE MONTHLY SKITTLES LUNCH

Our next get-together at The Valiant Soldier, Roadwater, will be on Wednesday, 15th April and we are now approaching our maximum capacity for this event. If you would not like to miss out on this highly successful social occasion please join us at 11.30 am for pre-action beverages in the bar when orders are taken for lunch (or not, if you have a tight schedule) followed at midday by a few games of skittles until 1.00 pm when we return to the bar for lunch and post-match chatter for an hour - if you wish. Our last meeting was particularly animated and thoroughly enjoyable. A real opportunity to get to know fellow villagers if you feel as though you are still an "outsider". For further info. please call Sue or Mike 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



East Quantoxhead Village Hall

'Breakfast and Bric a Brac'

Saturday 18th April 10 til 12

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

SCHEDULED FIREWORK DISPLAYS FOR ST AUDRIES PARK

Please note that we have TWO(2) displays at St Audries Park for the month of MARCH 2026 as follows:

1. DATE: SATURDAY 21st MARCH 2026 - Firing Time: 9.15pm - Duration: 7 mins.
2. DATE: FRIDAY 27th MARCH 2026 - Firing Time: 8.45pm - Duration: 5 mins.

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? Izzy Silvester Village Agent Tel: 01823 331222 Mobile: 07931 018045 Email: izzy@somersettrcc.org.uk

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Temporary Road Closure: Williton To Bridgwater Road, Holford

Reference: WA41/0326-SD001415-Williton To Bridgwater Rd

Please be aware that we have received notification of a temporary road closure at Williton To Bridgwater Road, Holford for approximately 640 metres, which will commence on 31st March 2026 and is expected to last until 04th April 2026 (between 19:00 to 05.00hrs). These works are for Kiely Bros to carry out phased work including surface dressing, application of Kiely Lock and associated works such as stud removal/renewal and lining works on behalf of Somerset Highways. Solid diamond symbolization will be used on the diversion route, their works reference is LG018SD001415-STUD-01.

The road will be reopened when no works are taking place. Signage will be placed on site. There may be a need for additional closures at a later date and if so, a notification will be sent for these.

For any further information about this closure please contact Kiely Bros on 0121 772 3800 quoting reference: WA41/0326-SD001415-Williton To Bridgwater Rd.

A map of the affected area (in red), together with the recommended diversion route (in purple) is shown below, along with the link to One. Network.

<https://one.network/?tm=GB148164421>

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

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

It was noted that Weacombe Road is now open again. Luckes Lane however, is in a poor state of repair following the heavy rains this winter. Parishioners are encouraged to report problems to highways, as the PC has no direct influence over the management of road related issues.

<https://service.somerset.gov.uk/report-a-problem-on-the-road>

Signage at the top of Luckes Lane is due to be completed shortly.

PC have confirmed with highways that they own the hedge in the Avenue and it has now been cut back.

There is £1819 ring-fenced in the budget for ongoing costs of maintaining the defibrillator. We would remind you all that it is placed in the centre of the village for ease of access and the availability of mains power. There is a light in the box to see where to open and access the unit. A bleed kit is to be installed adjacent to the defibrillator. The Parish Assembly will be held in the village hall on Wednesday 10th June, 7.30pm. Steve Pickard will address the audience regarding the plans for the West Somerset Lagoon. Everyone welcome. Parishioners are welcome to attend all parish meetings, the next one is Wednesday 6th May, 7.30pm. Village Hall.

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

Welcome back to

The Somerset Coast Rock Choir

Led by Mike Amis

East Quantoxhead Village Hall

April 25th at 2pm

not to be missed

£5 refreshments served

Proceeds to East Quantoxhead Church