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**THE LYCHGATE**



## FEBRUARY ISSUE 2019

### **The Millennium Wood**

Over the past few months some of you will have noticed a small amount of work being undertaken in the Millennium Wood. A Parish Council Working Party has been set up and has been busy dealing with some safety and access issues and the construction of a management plan before opening projects to the wider community. Some basic footpath clearance work is almost complete, as is an initial tree survey. The draft management plan will be available on the village website later in the spring and we would very much value any thoughts, feedback or comments.

Going forward, the plan is to organise a full programme of conservation tasks over the autumn and winter of 2019/2020. This will be advertised later in the year and will be open to everyone to be involved. One task is already planned in conjunction with the Stoke St Michael Community Events Group - to dig over an area of grassland to sow poppy seeds as part of the Armistice commemoration project. In the meantime if you have any questions please contact any of your Parish Councillors.

**Memorial Hall:** March 5<sup>th</sup> 7.15 for 7.30pm Mendip Belles are making **pancakes**. Talk on how to deal with phobias, anxiety and panic attacks.

March 9<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm **Quiz Night**, £5 for a team of 4. Mind boggling, brain twisters and lots of trivia. Prizes to be won.

Note from the Hall Committee: do you have any spare **plants** to give us? We are tidying up the back of the hall and would like ground covering, bird and bee loving plants. If you have anything that could do with dividing or splitting, all would be well received.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Easter Bonnet making and Easter Cake competition. Doors open at 7.15pm £5 per person, includes drink, raffle ticket, bits and bobs.

**Lent lunches:** Memorial Hall Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon to 2pm.

Also Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon to 2pm.

Stoke St. Michael **Primary School Stay and Play Sessions** - Free play sessions open to all pre-school children and their families

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2-3pm, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2-3pm

Date for your diary - **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Litter Pick**. Please be at the Memorial Hall at 2pm for safety briefing, we return there at 4pm for refreshments. Will have some equipment but please bring your own high viz outer wear and litter pickers if you have them. Contact Sarah Stewart with any questions: 840275/07868 648 208.

### **Brief notes from the Parish Council Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019**

**The Lychgate is not an official record of parish council meetings. The minutes of these are posted on the village website:**

<http://www.stokestmichael.org.uk/>

1. The appointment process is now underway for a new Parish Clerk. The post will be advertised shortly with details of how to apply
2. The Parish Council recommended approval of the planning application for the addition of a conservatory at 7 Tower Close
3. Issues with blocked drains around the village and in particular on Stoke Hill have been raised with Somerset Highways and are being followed up by our ward councillor
4. The speed of traffic along Tower Hill and Coalpit Lane continues to cause concern. Measures to address this are being discussed with our local Police Community Support Officer
5. Repairs to the wooden bridge on the Millennium Green have been agreed and will commence in the next few weeks.
6. Funding was approved for the urgent work recommended by the Millennium Wood Working Party (see separate update).
7. The date of the next meeting is 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 in the War Memorial Hall

Notes compiled by Cllr Keith Hambly