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The Lychgate



Brief notes from the parish council October '17

Defibrillator: The fundraising to set up a defibrillator has been successful. Training is available for first responders and it is hoped that the unit will be sited in the porch of the village hall. The parish council will be asked to pay the £480 for the secure housing plus the installation costs.

County council reports: The debate over bin collections being every three weeks is ongoing.

Mendip Council reports: the MDC campus in Shepton Mallet should be the site of a new library. MDC continue to buy into the property market as part of the investment portfolio. The Mendip lottery scheme is to be re-launched. Two Syrian refugee families have been housed in the district. The opposition to the sale of the county farms appears to be a losing battle.

New Dog waste bin. A new bin, to replace the one by the playground on the community field, is now in place close to the Field Close path.

The village stream water quality is still closely monitored by Steven Massey. Somerset County Council's water management office could help with silting concerns. The Bristol and Avon River Trust is an expensive option, should the parish council wish for further advice. Wainwrights are happy that a working party may visit and learn about water discharge management.

Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Scheme: The Stoke St Michael trial scheme is number one in the queue for a small improvement scheme grant application. It is fully supported by our County Councillor, Philip Ham, however other local bids are in competition for this funding.

Mill Lane: The bid to have a traffic regulation order for Mill lane continues. Proposals for adequate signage and restrictions are essential. Somerset highways must visit the lane to see for themselves why vehicles setting off down the lane get stuck and then damage themselves and adjoining property.

Playing field: Remedial work on the play area is still required. New swing seats and chains, repairs to the slide and the gates are planned. The picnic benches will have paved bases and the old litterbin is to be replaced.

New Parish councillor: We are pleased to welcome Keith Hamby to the parish council. He is to take over from John Sainsbury who resigned recently.

Village hall: there is a new committee in place. Chair - Vikki Parfitt, Vice chair - Rachel Watts, Bookings - Rachel Watts, Secretary Tanya Squire, treasurer - Geoff O'Sullivan, Caretaker - Barry Maggs. Please contact Rachael Watts on 01749 840017 or by email: rachaelwatts@aol.com.

Cheques for authorisation: Cheques were signed for website management, Primrose Garden Maintenance, EDF electricity, the annual poppy wreath and Phil Colborne for work on the renovation of the pavilion.

Quarry liaison meeting: There has been little or no progress with complex application for three new tips. SCC has a new case officer in place. Complaints received since the March meeting have been aired and Wainwrights are happy that parishioners can call at the reception office with any enquiries.

Date of the next meeting: 30th Nov.

Weekend of **4th and 5th November**, Art Exhibition in **Leigh on Mendip**, 11am to 4pm, St Giles Church, BA3 5QJ. Entry £1, in aid of Friends of Leigh Church.

Works for sale by local artists. Refreshments and light lunches available.

Please call Eve on 01373 813246 for further details.

Friday 3rd November is music night at **The Knatchbull Arms**, featuring vocalist Lauren Male, from 8.30 onwards. Bring and share every Sunday lunch till further notice. **Hours changing** from 1st November, will be Monday to Friday 4-11pm, Saturday and Sunday 12 noon till 11pm.

Memorial Hall Breakfasts will be on Saturday 18th November, from 8 am to 12 noon. Contact Janet Gilham on 01749 840671 to book a time.

MENDIP ROCKS from **Wednesday 25th Oct** 10am-3pm Somerset Earth Science Centre, Moons Hill Quarry, Stoke St Michael, BA3 5JU.

Painting fossils, making clay fossils, explore the Mendip Rocks and tour inside a working Mendip quarry to see the oldest Mendip Rocks. Discover the "Step back in time geological trail" in the woods. Refreshments available, bring own lunch.

Boots/waterproofs for quarry tours. No need to book. Info available from: gill@earthsciencecentre.org.uk 01749 840156.

Thursday 26th Oct "Fun at Fairy Cave Quarry" Children's Outdoor Art workshop 10am-12.30pm Fairy Cave Quarry, Limekiln Lane, Stoke St Michael. Rocky themed art workshop, painting with soils and make clay creatures. Fairy Cave quarry is disused, not often open to the public. Parking at entrance to quarry. £5 per family. Please book: gill@earthsciencecentre.org.uk 01749 840156.

Fun Fossil Friday on **27th October** Burnham Library 10.30am-12 noon and Cheddar Library 2pm-3.30pm. Family fun session, stories and learn about rocks and fossils with SESC team. Free. Booking recommended: Burnham:

bhmlib@somerset.gov.uk Cheddar: chelib@somerset.gov.uk 0300 123 2224 All

Festival Events listed on: www.mendiphillsaonb.org.uk/our-work/mendip-rocks.