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# The Wall

**Stoke Performing Arts Group** presents 'Death before Dessert' a Murder Mystery, at the Memorial Hall, Stoke -sub-Hamdon, on Fri 15<sup>th</sup> and Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 24 @ 7.30pm. Tickets £20.00 each, includes a 3 course meal. Bar available.

Box Office: Stoke Community Shop / Enquiries: Text 07967184952.

We will get back to you.

#### On 23rd November at 7.30pm

the **Wessex Big Band** is giving a concert in Stoke-sub-Hamdon Memorial Hall.

The revitalised band under a new musical director features vocalist Roxy fresh from the West End stage.

Come and enjoy an evening of swing music & dancing, a licenced bar is available. Tickets £12 from the Community Shop or reserve by email to Catherine Fraser

at **helivet@msn.com**, or at the door if not already sold out.

## Stoke sub Hamdon Gardening Club

Wednesday 27th November 2024
Angie, proprietor of Cottage Flowers,
Ilminster, demonstrates how you can
make your own Christmas wreath/garland.
Do come and see what we have to offer
and stay for a chat over a free tea or
coffee after the demonstration.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Free refreshments; plant sales; raffle.
Visitors very welcome - £3.

At The Memorial Hall, Stoke-sub-Hamdon. 7.15 for 7.30 p.m.

#### Zumba Classes at Stoke Sub Hamdon Memorial Hall

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@ Zumba with Lauren or on
Whatsapp 07775252128

Arran Hendry, Stanchester student, is raising money to go on a world challenge expedition to Norway in July 2026. To raise money for this, he is holding a

Christmas prize bingo

evening at the All Saints Hall in Stoke sub Hamdon, on the

**30th November**, doors open 7pm, eyes down at 7:30pm. £5 per book for five games. Cash only.

Refreshments provided, bring your own alcohol if you wish.

# ODCOMBE MOVIE NIGHT Wilding (PG) 1h 15m

the door

Monday 11th November at 7:30pm Village Hall doors open at 7:00pm **Tickets: £5.00** in advance, **£6.00** on

Email: odcombemovies@gmail.com or phone Denise: 07843 973561 for tickets and payment details. Refreshments / Bar will be available. **The Triangle Trust Christmas Bazaar** will be held at Stoke sub Hamdon Memorial Hall. on November 30th from 11am - 2pm. The hall will be packed with stalls and it is a sell out. Everyone welcome.

Refreshments, and our grand draw to raise funds for the Triangle Trust, for equipment to support Patients at Hamdon Medical Centre.

#### Health Walks in Stoke-sub-Hamdon:

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Mondays 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November **Make Every Step Count** Contact Penny 822208 Start 9.30. 40 mins on pavements.

Medium and longer walks Contact Doug 07778946508 Meet at 9.50 start walking at 10am. 11th and 25th November **Medium 3-4 miles** 90 minutes, mixture of pavements / footpaths. Tuesday 5th November **Longer 5-6 miles**, option of a pub lunch.

#### Stoke sub Hamdon, Memorial Hall, TA14 6PZ.

Film Night Saturday, 9th November 2024

Our film this month is **Fly me to the Moon** cert. 12A A sharp, stylish romantic comedy drama set against the tense backdrop of NASA's historic Apollo 11 moon landing, starring Scarlett Johansson and Channing Tatum. NASA's public image needs some attention but when the White House deems the mission too important to fail, the countdown truly begins....Doors open at 6pm. for a 6:30pm start. Cash or cards £5. Refreshments available. Look forward to seeing you!

# Stoke sub Hamdon Band

present

Christmas Concert
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December
Memorial Hall
Stoke sub Hamdon
at 7:30pm then

Carols on the Hill
Prince of Wales at 2pm
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

The VILLAGE ART GROUP has been s serving the Hamstone villages since 1996 and will be celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year in 2025. There have been many changes but the group goes from strength to strength. Meeting at Stoke Memorial Hall, Tuesday evenings 7.30 to 9:30pm and Friday mornings 10.00 to 12.00 noon during school term time. First visit FREE!

Contact Andrew 01935 823691 SSHTheVillageArtistsGroup@gmail.com FB: Stoke Sub Hamdon The Village Artists Group. Our next WORKSHOP is with PASTELS artist RICHARD TURNER on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> November 10am - 3pm.

#### **Norton Christmas Market**

We are holding a Christmas Market at Norton Sub Hamdon Village Hall. TA146SF on Saturday November 23rd from 11- 3pm. Please come and support all our stallholders.... they'd love to see you. Christmas items and childrens room. Variety of amazing stalls. Raffles. Bagnell Farm Burgers and much more. In aid of Norton Community matters...For More info. contact Jennie Harris 01935 881718.



Founded over 30 years ago, The Triangle Trust is a small charity that supports the patients of **Hamdon Medical Centre** by raising funds to provide equipment and services not readily available on the NHS.

In the last 20 months we have purchased the following for the surgery: Bariatric Couch, Electric Examination Couch, Examination Couch, Digital Floor Scales, Digital Chair Scales, ECG Machine, Bariatric Waiting Room Chair, Magifying Lamp, Blood Pressure Monitors, Peak Flow Meters as well as a bike rack and bench for outside the surgery.

The charity is run by volunteers, who meet up approximately 5 times per year to consider surgery requests and to plan fundraising events. Due to several long-standing members stepping down we are looking for new volunteers to join our small but dedicated committee. Medical knowledge is not essential, just your willingness to attend the meetings and help with fundraising and the general running of the charity.



To hear more about the The Triangle Trust and meet our committee please come along to one of our Wine and Cheese Information Evenings

14th November, 7-8pm at the Lighthouse Cafe, Stoke Sub Hamdon and

19th November, 8-9pm, at Montacute Village Hall



Our next fundraising event is our annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 30th November, 11am to 2pm at the Memorial Hall. Stoke Sub Hamdon.











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**Lost Lady Society presents** 

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**NOVEMBER EVENTS at The David Hall** 

d month we have very limited space here, please see website for more de

#### 3 Daft Monkeys - A chance to dance event + guests Saturday November 9th at 8.00pm £17.50 no £16.50 concs.



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**Katie Spencer** 

Friday November 15th at 8.00pm £16 -£15 concs. A multi-talented singer songwriter Katie is without doubt one of the most exciting young folk performers.



#### The Phil Beer Trio

Saturday November 23rd at 8.00pm £22.50 no concs.

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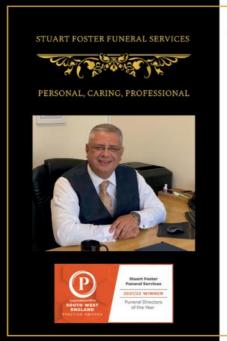
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# And Finally... in this series all about using small spaces to grow food to eat...

Outdoor spaces can look pretty bleak now, but November is the start of the bare root planting season.

Bare root plants are often cheaper than potted and thought to have a better chance of settling in as their roots are never pot-bound.

Fruit and nut trees and fruit bushes offer multiseasonal interest, flowering before they set fruit and then autumnal leaf drop. There are options for all sizes of spaces from patio/dwarf varieties to full size.

Firstly, yes bare root plants are supposed to look like that! They are dormant, presenting bare stems and roots. Pale green growth shoots may indicate poor storage, so avoid.

Many varieties do well in pots, but if you're planting in the ground, select your site carefully as these are not plants you want to be moving and most do better in full sun.

Pop the roots in a bucket of water for a few hours whilst you prepare your planting area.

Dig a wide hole and add enriched compost into the surrounding soil. Where needed, position support stakes now.

Then carefully spread the roots in the hole, visually checking the way the plant may "lean" and ensure the plant sits at the correct soil level before you fill the hole back in.

Really firm in the surrounding soil to avoid wind rock, attach the trunk to the stake with a rubber band (or pair of tights!) and water well.

Keep the area weed free so the plant can establish without competition and by spring you should see new growth, leaves and beautiful blossom!







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# It's a Puzzle

# Spot the Difference

Find the 10 differences between the 2 pictures.





# **Word Mix Up**

1) teckrop

Can you rearrange the following jumbled letters into words that are to do with space?

Each one has an extra letter: Identify these to find the name of something you find

in space.

4) nonom

5) leagyax

6) clakb theol

Extra Letter Answer:

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## Rangers Update

The rangers have been hosting a variety of team days for a range of corporate groups over the last month. The Environment Agency has helped to clear back an old quarry face, whilst RNAS Yeovilton have tried their hand at dry stone walling. If you have a group of colleagues that would like to join the rangers for a day carrying out similar tasks, get in touch with the rangers by emailing countryside@somerset.gov.uk or call 01935 823617.



#### Wildlife

The warm wet weather that we have been having throughout October provides the perfect conditions for fungi to flourish. Take a stroll through the woodlands and see how many different types you can spot. Can you spot Honey Fungus at the base of a tree? Or Turkey Tail on a Dead Log? King Alfred's Cakes are a sure sign that you are looking at an Ash tree, whilst Jelly Ear indicates an Elder. Fungi is important to all ecosystems, not only do they help to rot down decaying plants, but they also help to transfer nutrients to other plants. Our woodland and meadow ecosystems would collapse if fungi were removed from them. Orchids depend on fungi at all different life stages, and the number of orchids that grow in our meadows shows that they are a good functioning ecosystem.









Jelly Ear

King Alfred's Cakes

#### 'Uncovering Ham Hill's past for its future' project update

The rangers have been working under the instruction of an external ecologist to carry out 'destructive searches' for reptiles in the area next to the road. This method involves carefully using a digger to remove areas of earth which the rangers check for any slow worms. This process ensures that the area is cleared of reptiles so that they are out of harms way when work begins on site. It is anticipated that contractors will start to connect services (digital, electricity and water) to the new Visitor Centre site over the next few months, ready for when the main contractors start to build in 2025.

The volunteers have been busy working on steep rampart slopes to clear scrub in the Northern Spur area of site (towards the war memorial). Ramparts are archaeological features that were dug by hand to create a fort, when the hill was occupied during the Iron Age. Scrub and tree roots can damage these features, causing them to degrade, so scrub control is an important task to ensure these heritage features are protected and conserved for many more years.



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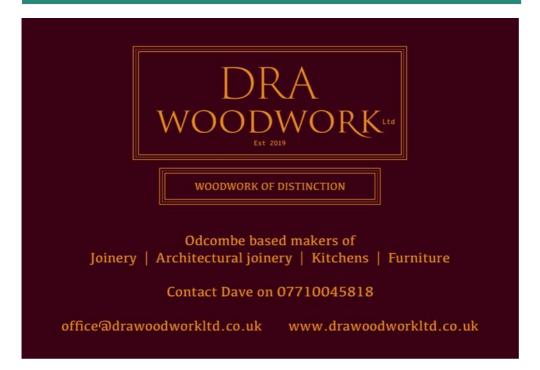
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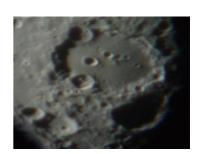
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# Crewkerne And District Astronomical Society

#### Next CADAS Meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> November Norton-Sub-Hamdon village Hall 7.30pm www.cadas.net

CADAS is the local astronomical society. We cover the area from Taunton across Somerset to the Ham villages and Yeovil. We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm. The meetings are open to everyone.



#### Mr. Brian Fraser - Unmanned Lunar Landings

Brian Fraser will be presenting information about the unmanned lunar landings. No Neil Armstrong or Buzz Aldrin of Apollo fame bur plenty of fascinating detail on the missions that go to the Moon without astronauts.

**December Meeting -** Dec 18th Members short talks & Social evening.

November Sky guide - Moon Phases

| New Moon                 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter  | Full Moon                 | Last Quarter              |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> November | 9 <sup>th</sup> November | 15 <sup>th</sup> November | 23 <sup>rd</sup> November |

#### **Conjunctions**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> November the Moon and Venus will very low in the South West. If you look for them before 5.00pm you may catch a glimpse of the Venus and a 16.1% lit Moon. Please wait until the Sun has set for your own safety.

On the 10th November the Moon is close to Saturn. They will be visible all evening.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> November the Moon is between Jupiter and the bright star Elnath in Taurus.

On the 19<sup>th</sup> November the Moon is close to the right orange star Pollux in the constellation Gemini . The best time to view is after 8pm.

On the 20th November the Moon is close to Mars. The best time to view is after 9pm.

The Milky Way is still well positioned in the West at the start of the Month. Using binoculars many star clusters are visible.

In the East at the end of the Month the bright constellation Orion will be rising.





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## **Spot the Difference**



## Word Mix-Up















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