
HAMBRIDGE & WESTPORT NEWSLETTER

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The Newsletter

The newsletter came about as part of a “wellbeing Fund” grant obtained in 2016. Thanks to Mike Evans for all his efforts in getting the newsletter off the ground & producing it over the last year. The Parish Council intends to continue funding the Newsletter for the foreseeable future and would welcome any contributions for future issues. Just contact Simon Denley on 01460 281340 or Jenny Ludgate our clerk on 01458 251432 m.ludgate@btinternet.com

The Parish Council

The Parish Council is the first tier of local government and play a vital part in representing the interests of the whole community to improve the quality of life and the local environment.

The Parish Council meets on the second Monday of every month to discuss local issues and to make decisions on behalf of our community. If you would like know more about what we do, please feel free to attend any of the meetings. Copies of previous meeting minutes, agendas and other general information is available to view on our website www.hambridgeandwestport.org.

Below are just a few of the many projects in which the Parish Council is currently involved:

- Installation of a broadband service to the Village Hall
- Provision of a pavement between the Primary School & the Church.
- Operating a Website to publicise Parish Council, community organistaions and events
- Upgrading the electrical supply to the Village Hall
- Addressing loneliness in our community

Hambridge Primary School



Iain Crabtree



It is with great sadness that we say good bye to Iain Crabtree, Headteacher of the primary school, as he begins his well-deserved retirement. Iain has been at the helm of our school for over thirteen years and under him we have seen the school thrive and grow.

Iain has fostered relationships with many of the organizations within the villages and it is for this great community spirit that we on the Parish Council are most grateful. One example is the school's very successful interaction with the Vicarage Nursing Home with children visiting to read and sing to the residents. Iain has been a great instigator & supporter of many community based projects that have benefited our Parish.

Iain, you will be greatly missed, but we wish you a very happy retirement and hope that you will manage to continue to visit our villages, whenever you can – you will always be most welcome.

2021 Census

South Somerset has been specially selected as part of a large scale test of the census run by the Office for National Statistics. This is an exciting opportunity for local residents to help shape the 2021 census. The test day is 9th April. Randomly selected households will be sent a letter beforehand

Village Lunches & Teas

The Village lunches & teas continue to be a success and have been very well attended. Our thanks to all involved in organizing these events. Hazel Blackman on 01460 281615 has kindly taken on the task of co-ordinating the afternoon teas and lunches in the village hall. These events provide an opportunity for a community get-together & to give our young students a chance to meet residents from the village, and for us to have a glimpse of school life.

The afternoon tea is more flexible with numbers, but the lunches have to be booked with the catering team so we need to know your menu selection a couple of days in advance.

Please check the Post Office for information about dates and to register to attend. Thanks to Gill for this.

Community Speedwatch

The speedwatch team do a great job of monitoring the traffic through Westport & have a real impact upon the level of speeding vehicles passing through our villages. Sadly there are not enough volunteers to cover both of our villages, so if you feel that you could spare a little time, perhaps you could join the team of volunteers. Please contact Vic Faulkner on 01460 281458 for details.

Defibrillator (AED) Training

A combined initiative by the Primary School & the Parish Council provided a defibrillator unit last autumn. The unit is located in a cabinet mounted on the Village Hall entrance porch. An initial round of training was kindly provided by Kate Hallett, however we would like to encourage more people within our community to undertake training in the use of the equipment which also includes some basic but essential first aid. Please contact Simon Denley on 01460 281340 if you are interested in taking part.

St Margarets Hospice

Over 1200 volunteers help St Margaret's care for people at the end of their lives. All of the volunteers contribute to help make each day count for over 3200 patients every year across Somerset. There is always a need for more volunteers to help with fundraising with collection tins & collection days in local supermarkets. If you can spare a few hours to help this wonderful organisation, please contact the hospice on 0845 0708910 or email julia.poulton@st-margarets-hospice.org.uk

Hambridge & Westport Youth Cafe

We would like to thank the members of the recently disbanded Bumps & Babes toddler group for their kind donation of £91.00. A successful bid has also been confirmed by the Somerset Youth & Community Group Grant for £2000.00.

What's in store at the Youth Cafe:

- 4th April - Tournament Night
- 2nd May - Wii Night
- 6th June - Chill Night
- 4th July - Independence Day - Burgers/Baseball

The Youth Cafe is open to anyone in School Years 8 to 11 on every first Tuesday of the month 7p.m. to 9p.m. Cost £1.00

St James the Less

Hambridge & Westport Family Service

You are all welcome to join us for our New All Age Worship Service. This is a short interactive service with refreshment afterwards. Services will be held on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Please come and join the fun.

With our best wishes

*Hambridge & Westport
Parish Council*